

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Gambling bosses at Ladbrokes signed off each other's share sales: The Chairman and Chief Executive of Ladbrokes owner GVC Holdings signed off each other's mammoth share sales last month.

Asos founder Quentin Griffiths accuses BDO of bungling move offshore: One of the founders of the online fashion retailer Asos is suing accountancy firm BDO, claiming it gave him incorrect advice on how to avoid tax.

Lloyds hit by new row on pensions over deal for Juan Colombas: Lloyds Bank has sparked a new pensions row, with investors warning over a director's generous deal just weeks after Chief Executive Antonio Horta-Osorio gave up his final salary retirement perk.

Tesco boss Dave Lewis trials price cuts for loyalty card members: Tesco is experimenting with giving its Clubcard holders lower prices at the till, as Chief Executive Dave Lewis steps up plans to create an Amazon-like loyalty scheme.

Crowdfunders attack regulator over LCF scandal: Bosses of the biggest crowdfunding websites have blasted the City watchdog for being slow to take action against high-risk bond seller London Capital & Finance (LCF), which went bust.

Amey offers Birmingham city council £300 million to get out of PFI deal: Struggling outsourcer Amey is offering Birmingham city council £300 million to wriggle out of a troublesome 25-year roadrepair contract.

Deutsche Bank's DWS arm to cut its stake in Peel Ports: Deutsche Bank is considering selling part of its stake in Britain's second-biggest port operator, in a deal that could value the company at £4 billion.

BT bid to win hearts and minds in split from Openreach: BT hired a group of "culture experts" to quiz managers about their attitudes towards its legal split from Openreach.

Three urges Ofcom to dump rural mobile plan: Mobile operator Three has called on the telecoms regulator to ditch its plans to tackle bad reception in the countryside.

INDICES THIS MORNING

	Current Value	(%) Change*	1W% Change
FTSE 100	7,434.2	-0.04%	-0.1%
DAX 30	12,000.6	0.01%	-0.1%
CAC 40	5,506.9	0.1%	■ 0.5%
DJIA**	26,412.3	-	-0.05%
S&P 500**	2,907.4	-	■ 0.5%
NASDAQ Comp.**	7,984.2	-	■ 0.6%
Nikkei 225	22,169.1	1.4%	■ 0.3%
Hang Seng 40	29,810.7	-0.3%	-0.1%
Shanghai Comp	3,177.8	-0.3%	-1.8% ■
Kospi	2,242.9	0.4%	■ 1.1%
BSE Sensex	38,905.4	0.4%	-0.2%
S&P/ASX 200	6,251.4	0.00%	■ 1.1%

Current Values as at 10:15 BST, *%Chg from Friday Close, ** As on Friday Close

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Search is on for Taylor Wimpey Chairman to replace Kevin Beeston: The FTSE 100 housebuilder Taylor Wimpey has begun searching for a successor to long-serving Chairman Kevin Beeston, whose tenure is set to end this year.

Gatwick lures top mandarin Lucy Chadwick: A top civil servant overseeing the expansion of Heathrow has been hired by the infrastructure giant that part-owns Gatwick.

BAT Boss Richard Burrows gets coded message to go: British American Tobacco is under pressure to replace its long-serving Chairman to comply with new corporate governance rules.

Edward Bramson's bid for Barclays seat dismissed by investor group Glass Lewis: Edward Bramson has been dealt a blow after a leading shareholder advisory group told Barclays' shareholders to oppose the activist investor's bid for a seat on the bank's board.

Beijing turns to London for advice on world aid: China has asked Britain to help it to improve the way in which Beijing lends to poor countries to avoid crushing them under unaffordable levels of debt.

Brewin Dolphin in talks for Investec's Irish unit: Brewin Dolphin is in talks over the acquisition of Investec's wealth management business in Ireland in a deal worth an estimated €60 million.

Pop-up shops step into the breach to give high streets a boost: A record number of shops disappeared last year, but one British start-up is trying to dispel high street gloom by helping retail entrepreneurs and famous brands alike to open thousands of "pop-up" stores.

THE FINANCIAL TIMES

GE agrees to \$1.5 billion settlement with DoJ to resolve mortgage claims: General Electric confirmed it is paying \$1.5 billion in a settlement with the U.S. government to resolve claims over mortgages originated by one of its subsidiaries in the mid-2000s, marking another step in its efforts to clean up the troubled legacy of its financial services operations.

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M&G gains two board seats at Methanex: The British fund manager M&G Investments has settled its first foray into activism, gaining two board seats at the Canadian chemicals company Methanex, just under two weeks before a fight over board Directors was scheduled to go to a vote.

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Fisher-Price recalls baby sleeper linked to more than 30 deaths: Fisher-Price is recalling about 4.7 million baby sleepers in the U.S. after more than 30 infants were found to have died in them.

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Global asset managers eye hordes of Chinese investors: Asset managers are increasingly looking to China and other Asian markets to boost their client base, with more than a third of inflows coming from the region.

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Regulators press Deutsche Bank to shrink U.S. investment unit: Regulators are calling on Deutsche Bank to further shrink its U.S. investment bank, increasing the pressure on Chief Executive Christian Sewing to take more decisive action at the failing unit.

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Eviction law reform plan greeted by housing campaigners: Landlords will no longer be able to evict tenants at short notice without giving a reason, under reforms proposed by the government.

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TP ICAP calls time on troubled Executive incentive scheme: TP ICAP plans to end a contentious incentive scheme for senior executives, with the interdealer broker's departing Chairman calling it "no longer fit for purpose".

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Dianrong aims to raise \$100 million to cope with peer-to-peer crackdown: Dianrong, one of China's biggest peer-to-peer lenders, is attempting to raise \$100 million as it tries to weather a regulatory clampdown which has also prompted it to cut up to 2,000 jobs.

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Purdue tried to buy Reckitt Benckiser's addiction business: Purdue Pharma, the drugmaker that multiple US states accuse of fuelling the opioid epidemic, attempted to profit from the crisis by making a takeover approach for Reckitt Benckiser's addiction treatment business.

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Backlash at Vivendi buyback vote that could boost Bolloré's stake: Vivendi shareholders will vote on a massive buyback plan that could allow Vincent Bolloré's family holding company to take greater control of the media conglomerate, angering some investors.

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Publicis makes biggest purchase with \$4.4 billion Epsilon cash deal: Publicis, the world's third-largest advertising group by revenues, said that it had acquired Epsilon, a digital marketing agency, from Alliance Data Systems for \$4.4 billion in cash, as it seeks to accelerate a push into data analytics.

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Online dating app expands in Asia hiring spree: Match Group, which owns dating apps such as Tinder and Hinge, is planning to expand headcount in Asia by 40% this year and overhaul its Executive team, as part of a push into the region's flourishing online dating market.

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Facebook suffers fresh outage weeks after server's glitch: Facebook has suffered another outage of its services a month after a server upgrade left users unable to use its apps for almost a day.

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Apple takes on Qualcomm in \$30 billion legal battle: About \$30 billion will be at stake in what could be one of the biggest U.S. corporate lawsuits as Apple and Qualcomm, the chip company, Head to court in San Diego.

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Chevron's Andarko bid heralds further consolidation: With share prices similarly weak across the US exploration and production sector, Anadarko's decision to accept a bid from Chevron, valuing its business at about \$50 billion, looks like a signal that the industry is about to enter another wave of consolidation.

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THE MAIL ON SUNDAY

Plan to restructure Debenhams could take up to two years as 50 stores face the axe: A massive reorganisation at department store chain Debenhams could take up to two years after it spiralled into administration last week. The £2.3 billion turnover company plans to close as many as 50 of its 165 stores in a sweeping change that will see it cast off debts and scrap leases.

Struggling travel firm Thomas Cook flies into turbulence over the sale its £1.6 billion debt pile: Struggling Thomas Cook has suffered a new blow after the value of the company's debt dropped to less than two thirds of its original value.

Edward Bramson's stalking of Barclays bank reaps him £7 million in fees: The corporate raider stalking Barclays bank has made himself an estimated £7 million in fees since securing support from investors.

Ocado admirers deliver a near £10 billion valuation following its supply agreement with M&S: Online delivery success story Ocado came within a whisker of reaching a milestone £10 billion valuation last week after investors snapped up shares in the weeks following its supply agreement with Marks & Spencer.

Potash miner Emmerson is close to inking a supply deal that could be worth as much as £4.4 billion: Potash miner Emmerson is close to inking a supply deal that could be worth as much as £4.4 billion over the next 20 years.

Stagecoach ups the ante with a legal threat to the Government as it's disqualified from bidding on three rail contracts: Stagecoach has upped the ante in its battle with the Government after it was disqualified at the 11th hour from bidding for three rail contracts over a row about pensions liabilities.

Debenhams Chief is forced to quit by new owners after the department store's collapse: Debenhams' chief executive will exit the firm within days after being forced out by the department store chain's new owners.

Miner BHP's U.K. dividends look set to break the £100 billion barrier following record shareholder payouts: A bumper one-off dividend from BHP helped shareholder payouts leap to a record £19.7 billion in the first quarter of this year. The amount paid surged by almost 16%, helped by FTSE 100 miner BHP's £1.7 billion special dividend from the more than £8 billion sale of its U.S. shale oil assets to BP.

Activist investor Oasis Management throws its support behind Superdry founder Julian Dunkerton as he seizes back control: Activist investor Oasis Management has thrown its support behind Superdry founder Julian Dunkerton who seized back control of the business just 12 days ago. Oasis Management, which recently forced the Chief Executive at Mr Kipling-to-Bisto owner Premier Foods to resign, has bought 3.3% of the fashion firm's shares.

Mike Ashley ally Crispin Odey 'made £30 million after shorting Debenhams stock' before chain's crash: City sources said Crispin Odey, who has previously backed the Sports Direct Boss in boardroom disputes, made £30 million after shorting Debenhams stock before the chain crashed.

Corporate raider Melrose has cut nearly 900 jobs at engineer GKN since its controversial takeover: Corporate raider Melrose has cut nearly 900 jobs at GKN since its highly controversial takeover of the historic British engineer, The Mail on Sunday can reveal.

Ford told to 'come clean' over factory closures and the future of its British operations as it faces pressure to cut costs in Europe: Unions are calling on Ford to 'come clean' over the future of its British operations amid fears that factories could be closed.

Life after Sir Martin Sorrell sees WPP seek buyer for its £3 billion market research firm Kantar: The advertising giant has brought in bankers from Goldman Sachs to find a buyer for Kantar, its market research firm.

THE INDEPENDENT

Ted Baker harassment investigation finds 'several areas for improvement': Ted Baker has finished an investigation into harassment allegations and found "several areas for improvement".

Asos profits plummet 87% after difficult year: Asos has seen half-year profits tumble due to expansion costs and heavy discounting.

Uber warns it may 'never make a profit' as it prepares for \$100 billion stock market listing: Uber has warned it "may not achieve profitability" as it unveiled billions of dollars of losses ahead of a planned stock market floatation.

Tesla halts online sales of \$35,000 Model 3 weeks after launching it: Tesla has removed its entry-level \$35,000 Model 3 from online sale just weeks after launch. Chief Executive Elon Musk has long touted the standard Model 3 as a watershed for the electric car industry that will bring the technology to the mass market.

THE GUARDIAN

Salisbury named best place to live in U.K. over novichok recovery: The city where a former Russian spy and his daughter were poisoned in a nerve agent attack has been named the best place to live in the U.K.

Netflix to pass 150 million global subscriber mark as domination goes on: Netflix will have passed the 150 million global subscriber mark when it reports its latest results this week, as new releases such as the comedy Sex Education and grittier fare including Marvel's The Punisher lure viewers to sign up.

RSPCA faces fraud investigation at south-east London branch: The RSPCA is facing renewed scrutiny of its governance after it emerged police are investigating suspected fraud involving hundreds of thousands of pounds at its south-east London branch.

Diageo to remove plastic from Guinness multipacks: Plastic can holders and shrinkwrap are to be removed from multipacks of Guinness, its owner, Diageo, will announce.

TSB to unveil refund guarantee for fraud victims: TSB is poised to unveil a "fraud refund guarantee" to ensure its 5.2 million customers are reimbursed in full if they are an innocent victim of a scam.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Key Economy Releases

Key Corporate Releases

<p>Monday, 15 April 2019</p>	<p>UK: Rightmove House Price Index (YoY), BoE's Haskel speech</p> <p>US: NY Empire State Manufacturing Index</p> <p>EU: ECB's Villeroy Speaks in New York</p>	<p>Final Results: Crossword Cybersecurity, Filta Group Holdings, Mobile Tornado Group</p> <p>Interim Results: Carr's Group</p> <p>Trading Announcements: Petra Diamonds Ltd.(DI), Rio Tinto</p>
<p>Tuesday, 16 April 2019</p>	<p>UK: Claimant Count Rate s.a., Employment Change (3M/3M), Average Earnings Excluding Bonus (3Mo/Yr), Average Earnings Including Bonus (3Mo/Yr), ILO Unemployment Rate (3M)</p> <p>US: Capacity Utilisation, Industrial Production (MoM), Manufacturing (SIC) Production (MoM), ECB's Nowotny Speaks at Event in New York City, NAHB Housing Market Index, Fed's Kaplan Speaks at Community Forum in New Mexico</p> <p>EU: Construction Output s.a. (MoM), Construction Output w.d.a. (YoY), ZEW Survey Economic Sentiment</p>	<p>Final Results: Card Factory, Flowtech Fluidpower, JD Sports Fashion, Parity Group, Telit Communications</p> <p>Trading Announcements: BHP Group, Hays, Mediclinic International</p>
<p>Wednesday, 17 April 2019</p>	<p>UK: Consumer Price Index (YoY), Retail Price Index (MoM), Producer Price Index - Input n.s.a. (YoY), Producer Price Index - Output n.s.a. (YoY)</p> <p>US: MBA Mortgage Applications, Wholesale Inventories (MoM), Exports (MoM), Trade Balance</p> <p>EU: Current Account s.a, Consumer Price Index Core (YoY), Trade Balance s.a., ECB Balance sheet</p>	<p>Final Results: AFI Development, Serica Energy</p> <p>Trading Announcements: SEGRO, Moneysupermarket.com Group, PZ Cussons, Reckitt Benckiser Group, Rentokil Initial, Unilever</p> <p>Quarterly Results: Etalon Group GDR (Reg S)</p>
<p>Thursday, 18 April 2019</p>	<p>UK: Retail Sales (YoY)</p> <p>US: Initial Jobless Claims, Advance Retail Sales (MoM), Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Survey, Markit Manufacturing PMI, Markit Services PMI, Business Inventories</p> <p>EU: Markit Manufacturing PMI, Markit Services PMI</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Friday, 19 April 2019</p>	<p>UK: CBI Business Optimism, CBI Distributive Trades Survey - Realised</p> <p>US: Building Permits (MoM), Housing Starts (MoM)</p>	<p>-</p>

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