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H. E. Ambassador Wegger Chr. Strømmen, The Royal Norwegian Embassy in London

H.E. Wegger Chr. Strømmen took up the post as Norwegian Ambassador to the United Kingdom in January 2019. Prior to that he held the position of Secretary General in the Norwegian Foreign Ministry and from 2007 to 2013 he was also ambassador to the United States of America.

From 2005 to 2007 he was Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Genève. Between 2000 and 2005 he was the Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

He graduated from Oslo University, School of Law in 1984, and between 1984 and 1986 he worked in the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Legal department. In 1988 he was appointed Second Secretary for the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Tel Aviv and in 1991 moved to Genève to take the position of First Secretary for the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN.

Between 1993 and 1995 he travelled between Genève, Brussels and Zagreb as the Legal Adviser for the International Conference for the Former Yugoslavia.

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*Sir Philip Hampton, Chair
Hampton - Alexander Review*

Sir Philip Hampton is the former Chair of GlaxoSmithKline. His previous positions include Chair of RBS and Sainsbury's and Group Finance Director at Lloyd's Banking Group, BT and BG. He also led the Hampton Review into regulatory inspection and enforcement in 2005. He has extensive FTSE experience as an Executive and Non-Executive Director and has shown clear commitment to increasing women's representation in his own organisations and championing greater cause with others.

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Vibeke Rysst-Jensen, Minister Counsellor, The Royal Norwegian Embassy in London

Ms Rysst-Jensen is Minister Counsellor/Deputy Head of Mission at the Norwegian Embassy in London since August 2019.

Ms Rysst-Jensen entered into the Norwegian Foreign Service as a Foreign Service trainee in 1998. She has primarily been working on European Affairs and within HR. She has held various management positions since 2008.

Before she came to London she was Acting Director General in the Human and Financial Resources Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has previously been posted to Norwegian embassies in West-Africa and Paris.

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Turid Elisabeth Solvang
Founder and CEO FutureBoards

Turid Elisabeth Solvang is an international corporate governance expert, working with investors, board directors and top managers, as well as academics, politicians and regulators in the Nordics, in Europe, Middle East and North Africa and in the South-East Asia region. Ms Solvang is founder and CEO of [FutureBoards AS](https://www.futureboards.com), a project-driven company and a global network of corporate governance experts and practitioners.

Ms. Solvang co-founded the Norwegian Institute of Directors (www.styreinstitutt.no) in 2009, and she headed the organisation until October 2016. She has also held the position as chair of the European Confederation of Directors' Associations (www.ecoda.org), which represents 55,000 board directors from 20 European countries. As Chair, she represented ecoDa on the board of the Global Network of Director Institutes (www.gndi.org).

Ms. Solvang co-founded and is currently a member of the Advisory Board of European Women on Boards (www.europeanwomenonboards.eu), where she served as vice co-chair until April 2017.

Ms Solvang is a seasoned international speaker and writer on corporate governance topics, including women on boards.

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*Tove Selnes, Chief People Officer,
Storebrand ASA*

Tove Selnes is Chief People Officer in Storebrand and board member in Skagen and SPP Fonder. Selnes is an experienced HR Executive and has a Master's Degree in Law. She has experience working with leadership and human resources in the Tech and Finance industry.

Selnes held senior positions at Opera Software, Eltel and Avinor, before joining Storebrand as Chief HR Officer in 2015.

She has extensive board experience, and is currently Chairman of the board at HR Norge.

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Jonas Ström, Group CEO, ABG Sundal Collier

Jonas Ström joined the ABG Sundal Collier in 2011 and is currently CEO of ABGSC and The ABGSC “Women in Finance Foundation”.

Prior to his position in ABGSC, he was head of debt capital markets with Öhman and he has also worked as portfolio manager at Swedbank Robur.

Ström has a MSc in Economics from Gothenburg School of Economics.

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Alexandra Morris, Investment Director, Skagen Funds

Alexandra Morris has been Investment Director at SKAGEN Funds since September 2016 and leads a 22-person strong investment team. Within this role, Alexandra has ultimate responsibility for all SKAGEN's fund teams' investment decisions and results.

Alexandra has over 20 years' experience within the investment industry from all sides of the investment table – as portfolio manager, broker, investor relations director as well as investment director. Alexandra previously worked at DNB Asset Management where she was the CIO. From 2004-2015, she was senior portfolio manager of two of Odin's European mutual funds.

Alexandra has served on several boards, including Nordic Nanovector, a listed biotech company and as chairman of the nomination committee of Kongsberg Gruppen, a large defence company.

Alexandra is a Certified Financial Analyst and has a business degree from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. She also attended Nycomed's International Management School.

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Maggie McGhee, Executive Director, Governance, ACCA

Maggie McGhee is the Executive Director, Governance at ACCA. She has responsibility for both ACCA's corporate governance arrangements and the governance of ACCA members and students. Prior to this, Maggie was the Director of Professional Insights at ACCA, where she led a team of technical experts to support ACCA's global thought leadership agenda and input on the key issues relating to a wide range of policy and technical areas to influence other technical and policy experts in governments, regulators, professional bodies and employers across the globe.

Previously, Maggie worked for PwC in Advanced Regulatory and Compliance Analytics applying specialist analytics tool to clients in the banking and capital markets sector. A chartered accountant with a degree in law, Maggie trained with the UK National Audit Office where she was Director General of Audit Quality.

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*Leyla Boulton, Executive Editor
and Editor of the Financial Times
Special Reports*

Leyla Boulton is an Executive Editor at the Financial Times and the Editor of Special Reports. She joined the FT as a correspondent in Moscow in 1990-4, covering the fall of the Soviet Union and the birth of 15 independent states. As the global environment correspondent, she reported on the Kyoto protocol negotiations, the world's first attempt to limit carbon emissions.

Posted to Turkey from 1998-2003, Leyla witnessed the rise of Recep Tayyip Erdogan as well as Turkish economy and business. Leyla's roles since 2003 have included international economy news editor; web pioneer driving the integration of online and print news at the FT, a champion of diversity.

She won a scholarship to study Modern Languages at Cambridge university, before gaining an MA in international journalism at London's City university. In 1992 she was part of the team that won a UK press award for the Financial Times' investigation into Robert Maxwell. A US-UK national of Turkish origin, Leyla was highly commended in the Asian Women of Achievement awards UK 2019. Last summer she completed Stanford business school's Ignite programme on how to turn ideas into fundable ventures.

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