



Dame Clara Furse DBE

Current Positions

Dame Clara Furse is Chairman of HSBC UK and a Non-Executive Director of Vodafone Group plc and Amadeus IT Group SA.

She is also a member of the Panel of Senior Advisors to Chatham House, and a member of Bocconi University's International Advisory Council.

Background Information

Dame Clara began her career in 1979 as a broker, moving to UBS Phillips and Drew Limited in 1983. This was followed by 15 years at UBS Investment Bank, where she became a Managing Director in 1995 and Global Head of Futures in 1996. Dame Clara then moved to Credit Lyonnais Rouse where she was Group Chief Executive from 1998 to 2000. From January 2001 to May 2009 she was Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange Group Plc.

She was a Non-Executive Director of Nomura Holdings Inc from June 2010 to March 2017, and a Director, latterly the Lead Independent Director, of the UK's Department for Work and Pensions for 6 years until April 2017.

She has also held Non-Executive Director positions at Euroclear plc, LCH Clearnet Group Limited, Fortis SA, Legal & General Group plc and was a member of the Shanghai International Financial Advisory Council (SIFAC). In 2012 she chaired the Lead Expert Group of the UK Government's Office for Science Foresight Project on the future of computer trading in financial markets.

Dame Clara was also an External Member of the Bank of England's Financial Policy Committee, joining the new statutory body and macroprudential regulator in April 2013.

Other Notable Interests

In 2005 Dame Clara was listed as one of the 50 most Powerful Women in Business by Fortune magazine and in 2007, Times magazine ranked Dame Clara among the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Dame Clara was made a Dame of the British Empire in 2008 for her contribution to the Financial Services industry. She also served as a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of LIFFE.

Dame Clara Furse is based in London.