



## Virginia Bottomley



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Virginia Bottomley chairs the Odgers Berndtson Board & CEO Practice. The practice conducts searches for Chairs, CEOs and Non-Executive Directors for plcs and private companies.

Virginia is an NED at FTSE100 listed Smith & Nephew and a member of the International Advisory Council of Chugai Pharmaceutical Co (Japan). She was previously a member of the Supervisory Board of Akzo Nobel NV, and an NED at BUPA. She is a Trustee of The Economist Newspaper. She joined Odgers Berndtson in 2000.

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Virginia was a member of the House of Commons from 1984 to 2005 serving successively as Secretary of State for Health and National Heritage (now Culture, Media and Sport) serving in both John Major and Margaret Thatcher's Governments. Virginia was appointed a Life Peer in 2005.

Following her first degree, Virginia gained an MSc in Social Administration from the London School of Economics.