

Vacant chairs

Sir,

- 1 So disheartened to read that your article addressing the lack of board room diversity in the City uses the term “chairmen” (“A financial whitewash”, Eye 1524). Your very valid criticism of the lack of diversity in City firms 5 your use of gender-biased language.
- 2 I started work in the City in the 1990s and have sat on several boards in an executive and a non-executive capacity, but have still never sat on a board with a female chair. It can be a lonely struggle for women to get to board level and then even harder to ensure that half of the UK population is adequately represented.
- 3 A sloppy use of terminology only helps to superglue women to the floor. If you are serious about playing your part in making boards more representative, and less white male dominant, please help us by using gender-neutral language.

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