

Lord Mervyn Davies speaks on the 21st Century Boardroom for the 30% Club HK

It is inconceivable that Hong Kong is not leading the way on gender diversity – that was Lord Mervyn Davies' message to a packed room at yesterday's 30% Club Lunch at the Asia Society Hong Kong Center. In his entertaining address, Lord Davies spoke about the trends that are defining the boardroom of the 21st century including the rapid pace of digital advancement and the rise of female consumer power. According to Lord Davies, the world is going through a phase in the world where women have more influence generally and boardrooms can no longer be all male.

Lord Davies is currently Vice Chairman of Corsair Capital and prior to that was Chairman and CEO of Standard Chartered Bank having served on the board for over 12 years. Lord Davies chaired the Davies Inquiry into Women on Boards at the invitation of the UK Government. For more on the lunch, read today's [Lai See](#) in the South China Morning Post.

The Women's Foundation would like to express their sincere gratitude to Lord Davies and Standard Chartered Bank for their ongoing and generous support for our women on boards initiatives.

Going forward, our other key initiatives this year include:

- partnering with Linklaters on research into **best practice nomination committee processes**
- meeting with **institutional investors** to discuss their approach to gender diversity within the management ranks of their portfolio companies
- expanding our profiling of **women directors**
- continuing our work with **executive search firms** to promote more diverse board slates.

We are also delighted to be a supporting organisation for the upcoming Intelligence Squared debate featuring 30% Club founder Helena Morrissey on the motion '**The hand that rocks the cradle cannot rock the boardroom**' and the new '**In the Boardroom**' series organised by EY, Egon Zehnder, Goldman Sachs and Linklaters.

If you are a Chairman or CEO, we welcome you to join our stellar list of [members](#) by contacting Sally Hasler at sally@thewomensfoundationhk.org. You can also find out more about the 30% Club [here](#), including latest Hong Kong statistics on women on boards on our new [infographics page](#).

