

## CITY PEOPLE

*The feuds, the faces and the farcical*  
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### GREEN TURNS THE LIGHT OUT ON HER BUSY CAREER, FOR NOW

Fittingly, given her track record in the field of technology, Harriet Green turned to Twitter and LinkedIn to announce her resignation as chairwoman and chief executive of IBM Asia Pacific yesterday. The famously sleep-shy former Thomas Cook chief executive, below, said that after four and a half years at the software giant, she had “made the hard decision to take some time out of my career to be with my family”.

Praising IBM for its “compassion in supporting people through the lifetime of their personal needs”, she added: “For me, right now, that means shifting my focus and spending more time caring for those people closest to me.” Perhaps without all those work emails to deal with during the dead of night, she’ll also allow herself more than her usual four hours’ sleep.

### EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW

Another day, another legal victory for Sir **Stelios** Haji-Ioannou in his never-ending battle against so-called “brand thieves”. Just before Christmas, a High Court judge granted his Easygroup an



### Business big shot

NAME CAROLINE ROXBURGH  
AGE 60  
POSITION NON-EXEC, EDINBURGH WORLDWIDE INVESTMENT TRUST



**A** Scottish accountant has joined the board of a second investment trust (Greig Cameron writes). Caroline Roxburgh left PWC in 2016 after more than three decades with the firm. That has allowed her to indulge her passions for dance and the arts, and she sits on the board of Scottish Ballet and of the Edinburgh International Festival, as well as Visit Scotland, the publicly funded tourism agency.

She joined the board of the Montanaro European Smaller Companies Trust in 2017.

Yesterday she added a position at the Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust to her roster. The £637 million trust is run from Edinburgh, where Ms Roxburgh lives, by Baillie Gifford, the investment firm. Ms Roxburgh will take up her position on the board next month.

injunction ordering an Italian law firm to stop using the Easyrimborso brand and awarded him damages (still to be determined) and legal costs of £35,000. To add insult to injury, it turned out that the Italian company had been pursuing compensation claims for clients against airlines under European Union delay and cancellation rules — including Easyjet.

### KEEPING THE JOB IN-HOUSE

If you want a job done well, do it yourself. That seems to be the approach adopted by Cenkos Securities, the stockbroker. Whitman Howard had been Cenkos’s sole house broker until yesterday, when Cenkos appointed itself to the role with immediate effect. This may sound a little cozy, but in practice broking firms tend not to entrust the job to rivals, in part because of the conflicts of interest that are likely to exist.

### HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Keith Hann, head of corporate affairs at Iceland and a man noted for his dry wit, has tweeted a photo of the house where he grew up in Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, which is up for sale on Rightmove. “If I had a spare £230k I’d buy it for the sole purpose of sticking up a blue plaque,” he quips.