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Flight from Easyjet

Does Easyjet chairman John Barton really think he'll get ousted by 34 per cent investor Sir Stelios Haji-ioannou? Or is he just trying to wind up the volcanic dividend snaffler?

What other explanation for him taking the chairman's job at Ted Baker: the togs outfit fresh from its own meltdown over the neck-stroking antics of axed founder Ray Kelvin. The timing looks iffy when Mr Barton's got his hands full with Stelios. And "forced hugging" won't work at Easyjet either.

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