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Best Practice Awards Dinner - Save the date!

Don't forget to mark **Tuesday 22 November** in your diaries, for our [Best Practice Awards dinner](#), which is taking place at The Tower of London when we announce this year's winners. Last year we welcomed over 520 IR professionals at this premier event in the IR calendar, and to see a full list of 2015 winners [click here](#)

The deadline for entries closed last week but if you haven't submitted your entries to this year's Best Practice Awards, don't despair! We will accommodate any late or missing entries provided you get in touch by Monday, July 11 and let us know which categories you wish to enter, and when we can expect your entries, which must be with us soon.

[Click here](#) for more information, or for any further enquiries please contact [Alison Hamilton](#)

Summer IR Society courses - there's still time to register

We still have a few places left on our July and August courses:

Club IR – IR Board Reporting – Monday 18 July

Lunchtime workshops for senior IR professionals on a range of themes such as: Key elements of the IR calendar, Managing C-suite issues, Improving investor engagement and Updating your IR toolkit. [Book online](#)

Best practice in IR – Thursday 21 July

A discussion-based course exploring 'best practice IR' and the most current tools and techniques available to IROs to help them achieve this. [Book online](#)

EVENTS

[Club 22 Dinner \(12 Jul\)](#)

COURSES

[Introduction to IR and the financial markets \(13 Jul\)](#)

[IR script writing for management presentations \(14 Jul\)](#)

[Club IR Workshops \(18 Jul\)](#)

[Best practice in IR \(21 Jul\)](#)

[Managing stakeholder audiences - understanding investors, analysts and the media \(26 Jul\)](#)

[Demystifying company accounts and valuations - Module One and Module Two \(1 Aug\)](#)

[Beyond the traditional investor base - hedge funds and sovereign wealth funds \(3 Aug\)](#)

NEWS

[Brexit: Championing excellence in IR](#)

[John Dawson and Janet Dignan awarded IR Society Fellowships](#)

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Managing stakeholder audiences - understanding investors, analysts and the media - Tuesday 26 July

Explore practitioner's day-to-day roles within fund management firms, sell-side, advisory firms and the media. [Book online](#)

Demystifying company accounts and valuations – Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd August

Understand financial statements and be able to answer questions from analysts, investors and the financial press. [Book online](#)

Beyond the traditional investor base – Wednesday 3rd August

This course provides an overview of how hedge funds and sovereign wealth funds operate in today's global financial market place. [Book online](#)

Further information on all upcoming courses can be found [here](#) or please contact Nicole Solomon at nicole.solomon@irs.org.uk / +44 (0)20 7379 1763.

Autumn events programme - full steam ahead

Just when you thought it was time to relax after this year's conference, we have a full events programme lined up for the Autumn. To book your place at any of our events and for more details [click here](#)

IR Networking: Cyber security - Thursday 8 September

Club 22 Dinner - Tuesday 13 September

Club 11 Lunch - Friday 16 September

IR Lunch: Meet the fund managers - Wednesday 21 September

IR Webinar: How to prepare for the year ahead - changing corporate access - Wednesday 21 September

IR Seminar: The governance of governance - Thursday 6 October

Market abuse regulation comes into force

The EU Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) came into force on 3 July and is directly applicable in all EU Member States. MAR replaces the Market Abuse Directive, and as an EU Regulation has direct effect in the UK. For listed companies the key elements of MAR include new rules on disclosure of inside information, insider lists and restrictions on dealings by persons discharging managerial responsibilities. For more information and the resulting changes to the FCA Handbook [click here](#)

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Black Sun research: FTSE 100 Ticking the boxes, but missing the point?

Black Sun's annual analysis of FTSE 100 annual reports shows that companies are ticking all of the right boxes and covering off all of the regulatory requirements. However, while companies are using the right words, what's missing is a convincing story for shareholders and stakeholders. [Read more and request the report here](#)

The 2016 Female FTSE Report

The *2016 Female FTSE Report* by Cranfield School of Management, City University London and Queen Mary University London shows that the overall percentage of women on FTSE boards has increased compared to March 2015. Yet while the percentage of women on FTSE 100 boards has increased to 26% and to 20.4% on the FTSE 250 boards this year, the rate of progress has slowed since the Davies closing report in October 2015. The percentage of new appointments going to women over the past six months is only 24.7%, the lowest since September 2011. This is short of the increase required to meet the 33% board target by 2020 as set out in the Davies report. [Read more](#)



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The *Informed* IR Service Providers Directory features those organisations who offer key services to the IR community and shows the categories in which they have chosen to appear.

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