



Baroness Jo Valentine

Chief Executive, London First

Baroness Valentine joined London First in 1997 as Managing Director, becoming Chief Executive in 2003. Her role centres on representing to national and local government the most pressing issues affecting London's leading businesses. London First's mission is to make London the best place in the world in which to do business. Its members include leading retailers, investment banks and property companies.

Prior to London First, Jo Valentine worked in corporate finance and planning at Barings and BOC Group. She established and ran 'The Blackburn Partnership' a public-private regeneration partnership in 1988 and the Central London Partnership (CLP) in 1995.

Baroness Valentine is an Honorary Fellow of St Hugh's College Oxford, a board member of the inward investment agency Think London and a trustee of Teach First. She was a National Lottery Commissioner from 2000 to 2005.

She became a Crossbench Peer in October 2005.

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