

GSK names Emma Walmsley as CEO - here are the only six female FTSE 100 CEOs

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In 2011, women made up 12.5% of board members

GlaxoSmithKline has named Emma Walmsley (pictured above) as its new chief executive, making her one of only six female FTSE bosses to lead a company.

Walmsley, who joined the drug giant in 2010, will replace Sir Andrew Witty when he retires in March.

Before GSK, she was at L'Oreal for 17 years in various senior roles.

Sir Philip Hampton, GSK's chairman, said: "Emma is an outstanding leader with highly valuable experience of building and running major global businesses and a strong track record of delivering growth and driving performance in healthcare."

Here are the other 5 female FTSE CEOs:

1. Alison Brittain, CEO, Whitbread



Appointed: 2016

Salary: Brittain receives a base salary of **£775,000**. With pension contributions and bonus, she earns up to £2.8m.

Previous roles: Brittain has held senior roles at Lloyds Banking Group, Santander UK and Barclays. She is a non-executive director of Marks & Spencer.

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2. Veronique Laury, CEO, Kingfisher



Appointed: 2014

Salary: Laury receives base salary of **£700,000** per annum and an annual bonus of a maximum of 200% of base salary, with 50% paid in cash and 50% deferred in Kingfisher shares for three years.

Previous roles: She has been head of Kingfisher's French business, Castorama and has worked at the company for 11 years. She also served as commercial director for B&Q and for the wider group.

B&Q came top in a survey of best places to work around the time that this appointment was made.

3. Moya Greene, CEO, Royal Mail



Appointed: 2010

Salary: Her basic salary this financial year will be **£547,800**.

In June, Greene was awarded a bonus package taking her overall annual earnings to £1.52m.

Previous roles: Greene has held senior roles at Canada Post, Bombardier and TD Bank.

CEO of Royal Mail cannot be easy, but the package must help.

4. Alison Cooper, CEO, Imperial Tobacco



Appointed: 2010

Salary: £1,905,000, annual package

Previous roles: Cooper worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers before joining Imperial Tobacco in 1999. By 2003 she had been appointed director of finance of the company.

5. Carolyn McCall, CEO, easyJet



Appointed: 2010

Salary: McCall was paid a salary of **£665,000** and an annual bonus of £1.15m for 2013-2014, with a share award worth £5.9m

Previous roles: Prior to joining easyJet, Carolyn was Chief Executive of Guardian Media Group plc. She has also been a non-executive director of Lloyds TSB (from 2008–2009), Tesco Plc (2005-2008) and of New Look plc (1999-2005).

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