



Prime Minister appoints Kavita Puri, and re-appoints Mark Sebba and Carolina Silver to the Board of Trustees of the V&A

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Theresa May has appointed Kavita Puri from 2 July 2018, and re-appointed Mark Sebba and Caroline Silver as Trustees at the V&A, from 1 July 2018 for four years

Kavita Puri

Kavita Puri is an award-winning journalist and radio broadcaster. In her landmark three-part series *Partition Voices* for BBC Radio 4, she documented the untold stories of Colonial British and British Asians who lived through the Partition of India 70 years ago, and assessed its legacy in Britain today. The programmes won the Royal Historical Society's Radio and Podcast Award and its overall Public History Prize. The testimonies are being archived by the British Library Sound Archive. Her book based on the BBC series is due out in 2019 (Bloomsbury). Her two critically-acclaimed Radio 4 series, *Three Pounds in My Pocket*, charted the migration of South Asians to post-war Britain, and she writes and lectures on these subjects. Kavita works for BBC Current Affairs as the editor of *Our World*, a foreign affairs documentary programme. Recent awards for its coverage include the Royal Television Society and the Foreign Press Association and she was named Journalist of the Year by the Asian Media Awards. Prior to this, Kavita worked at *Newsnight* as a political producer, film producer and assistant editor. She studied Law at Cambridge University.

Caroline Silver

Caroline Silver is Non-Executive Chairman of FTSE-250 consumer products group, PZ Cussons plc, a role that she has held since January 2017. She is also a Non-Executive Director of BUPA, the global healthcare company, where she serves on the audit and risk committees. In her executive capacity, Caroline is a Senior Managing Director at Moelis & Company, a leading global independent investment bank. She has been in the investment banking industry for over 30 years, holding senior positions at Morgan Grenfell/Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley,

Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and for the last eight years at Moelis. She started her career as a Chartered Accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers

Mark Sebba

Mark Sebba was appointed a Trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum in 2014 and Chairman of its commercial arm, V and A Enterprises in 2013. He was also appointed Chair of Hyde Housing Association and a non-executive director of GP Bullhound in 2014. Mark was Chief Executive of The Net-a-Porter Group from 2003 to 2014 and stepped down from the Board in 2015. He is also non-executive Chairman of Flowerbx Ltd and a non-executive director of Eloquii Designs Inc. Since 1993, he has been a Trustee of the JCA Charitable Foundation. Prior to his time at NAPG, Mark worked as an investment banker in London and New York before moving as Finance Director into early stage media and new technology businesses.

These roles are not remunerated. These appointments have been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. Kavita, Caroline and Mark have declared no such political activity.

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