

**January 2012**

### **British Museum appointments**

The Prime Minister has appointed Nigel Boardman to the Board of the British Museum for a period of four years from 1 January 2013.

#### **Biographical details**

##### Nigel Boardman

Nigel Boardman is a partner at the law firm Slaughter and May. Nigel's broad practice includes domestic and international corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, IPOs, demergers, private acquisitions and disposals, private equity, public takeovers, issues of compliance and corporate governance, investigations and insolvency, restructurings, investigations and sports law. Nigel has received a number of accolades including the 2012 winner of the *Financial Times' Special Achievement Award (FT Innovative Lawyers 2012)* and was named as the City's most influential lawyer in *City AM's 'Power Hundred 2011'* and was also a judge of the 2012 *City AM Awards*, listed as a leading individual for Mergers and Acquisitions in *The Legal 500, 2012*. Nigel is a contributor to the 'Prospectus for the Public Offering of Securities in Europe', to 'The European Company' and to 'Modern Company Law for a Competitive South African Economy' and is a consulting editor of the *Oxford University Press' 'Annotated Companies Acts*'. He also led the team which produced the Slaughter and May Review of Corporate Governance at the Rugby Football Union.

#### **Background**

The British Museum was founded by Parliament in 1753 with the purpose of enabling citizens, of both Britain and the world, to understand the world. Since its foundation, the Museum has been governed by a Board of Trustees who hold for the benefit of humanity, present and future, a collection representative of all the world's cultures. They are responsible for ensuring that the collection is housed in safety and used for worldwide public benefit. The Trustees embody and represent the public interest within the Museum.

The posts are not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.

The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years to be made public. No political activity has been declared.