

# Former Pru chair: I would reach out to city's young if I were mayor for the day

## Q&A



Sir Harvey McGrath was chair of the Man Group from 2000 to 2007 and the Pru from 2009 to 2011

### HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN BUSINESS?

In 1974 after university I joined what was then Chase Manhattan Bank as a graduate trainee. Their training course was excellent, after which I joined a division of the bank that specialised in trade and commodity finance

### WERE THERE ANY BARRIERS TO YOUR SUCCESS, IF SO, HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?

I came to the City with no real business experience, and a degree in geography. So the first months of management accounting, balance sheets and cash flow were a steep learning curve! But like everything else, if you apply yourself and work hard you can deal with these challenges.

### HOW DO YOU MANAGE A GOOD WORK-LIFE BALANCE?

At various times in my career this has been difficult - long days, frequent long haul trips - but I've learnt that it

pays to pace yourself and to programme in time for family, friends and non-business activities.

### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A GOOD LEADER?

You must have a vision; a willingness to take risk; an ability to listen to people; and the humility to know when you are wrong.

### YOU GREW UP IN BELFAST, AND HAVE NOW MADE LONDON YOUR HOME; TELL US WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT THIS CITY?

I love London's diversity, energy, and

creativity; its ability to reinvent itself; and the opportunities it offers.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENABLE MORE YOUNG LONDONERS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THIS CITY HAS TO OFFER?

We need to do much better at helping young people to understand the world of work and to have the opportunity to spend time with and around businesses, social sector organisations and government. But above all we need to instill in our young people an aspiration to succeed - the belief that with

hard work and persistence, anything is possible

### WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GROWING UP IN LONDON WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Whoever you are, and wherever you are, find opportunities to help those who are less fortunate than you are.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE 'MAYOR OF LONDON FOR THE DAY'?

I would redouble efforts to make sure that there were no young people who were not in education, employment or training.

Sir Harvey McGrath is a trustee of a number of charities including the Mayor's Fund for London whose City Pitch programme and London Children's Festival, themed 'Mayor for the Day', encourages young people to step up as leaders and make a difference in their community.



## Deliveroo has taste for lunch with City menu

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DELIVEROO may have dinner delivery wrapped up, but now it's eyeing up your lunch too.

The startup will start offering a new lunchtime deal service called Lunchbox, with delivery to workers in the City and Canary Wharf initially, and parts of East London.

Part of Deliveroo Editions (the startup's so-called "dark kitchens" where food is made especially for delivery), Lunchbox will do specific lunch menus from Monday to Friday from midday until 3pm.

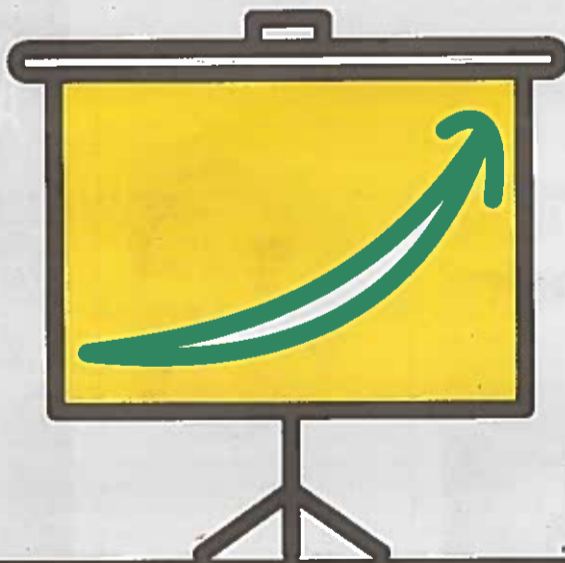
Priced at £6, including delivery, it will have food from Motu, Yoobi Sushi, Franca Manca, BabaBoom, Texas Joe's BBQ & Mother Clucker and a rotating menu updated on Mondays.

"Lunchbox brings office workers freshly made lunches, delivered to their desk from our restaurant partners, at compelling grab-and-go prices," said vice president of Deliveroo Editions Rohan Pradhan.

It is estimated that the "food-to-go" sector will be worth £23.5bn by 2022, according to retail analysts IDG.

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