



Ruth Cairnie

Ruth Cairnie is chairwoman at Babcock International Group Plc and non executive director at Associated British Foods plc. She also chairs the POWERful Women initiative, sits on the Finance Committee of Cambridge University and is a trustee of Windsor Leadership.

Ruth left Royal Dutch Shell in 2014 after a 37 year career spanning Research, B2B businesses, Strategy, Supply Chain and M&A. Her roles included EVP for Strategy and Planning, responsible for the development of global Group strategy, and chief executive of Shell's global Commercial Fuels business. Her previous roles include Non-Executive Director of Rolls-Royce Holdings and Contour Global plc, SID at ABF and chaired the remuneration committees at ABF and Rolls-Royce.

During her career in Shell, Ruth has mainly been based in London but has also lived in Stockholm, Hamburg, Singapore and The Hague.