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Lisa is a trusted adviser to FTSE 100 and 250 boards across all sectors, partnership boards in professional services, and many others, as part of Independent Board Evaluation, a specialist independent provider of bespoke high-quality board performance reviews.

Previously a City and in-house lawyer, Lisa specialises in guiding boards to reach their optimal performance potential. She works closely with her clients, focusing on identifying and tackling obstacles to best-practice board performance, supporting the Chair and Company Secretary, and providing practical and effective recommendations. IBE's methodology is rigorous and supported by objective data, overlaid with IBE insight, gleaned over 20 years of advising boards at the top level.

Born in Wales and a native Welsh speaker, Lisa grew up in Cambridge and graduated from Oxford University in Modern Languages. She qualified as a solicitor, practising at Frere Cholmeley Bischoff, and Nabarro, before taking a senior inhouse legal role at Penguin Books, part of the Pearson Group. She later worked with a consultancy providing strategic advice to advisory firms and has over 20 years' experience of advisory work at senior level. She moved to focus on corporate governance in 2011 when she joined Ffion Hague, founder of Independent Board Evaluation.

Lisa is an experienced fundraiser and charity event organiser, and a former member of the London Advisory Board of Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres. She is the co-founder of Cylch, a networking organisation for Welsh professionals in London and a former vice president of the London Welsh Centre Trust.