

Not enough exclamation marks!

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Carol Bartz's tenure at Yahoo! may have come to an abrupt end but the "f-bombs" that livened up her press conferences continue to delight. *Fortune* bagged the first interview since she was sacked over the phone and her response was typically abrasive. "They f***ed me over," she said of her former colleagues and was scathing over how news of her dismissal was delivered by Roy Bostock, chairman of struggling Yahoo!. "I said, 'Roy, I think that's a script. Why don't you have the balls to tell me yourself?'" after he read out a statement prepared by lawyers. She then called her fellow board members "doofuses" and had a strong opinion on who should replace her. "They should bring me in," she said. No such thing as going quietly for Ms Bartz.

- *When Nineties deal-doer Greg Hutchings returned to the stock market after his defenestration at Tomkins, he called his new vehicle Lupus Capital to flag its wolf-like appetite for deals. However, the business is now focused on being a dull but worthy doors and windows company after, once again, Hutchings has been ousted. Chief executive Louis Eperjesi admits the company needs to change its name as some people think it is in the pharmaceutical trade or, worse, that it may be a hedge fund. "It is on our to-do list," he said.*

- **London has Soho and Noho and now Manchester has Noma, the £800 million Co-operative Group development pictured**

above, in the north of the city. Hence the name Noma, rather than the pragmatic ‘The Co-operative Quarter’, right? Wrong. Noma is just a funky name befitting of its new eco-friendly edifice, argues the Co-op. Let’s hope the inspiration was the Danish restaurant and not the gangrenous disease.

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- An intriguing debut tweet from Standard Chartered chief economist Gerard Lyons, one of the City’s best-known number-crunchers, who reports that he testified to the Treasury Select Committee on Tuesday, along with Jim O’Neill of Goldman Sachs, and that the committee looks set to make a visit to Asia later this year, with the focus on China. More insights can be found at [@DrGerardLyons](#)

In the blue corner: Jim Herbert

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There was much sadness in the Square Mile as news that Jim Herbert, one of the City’s grand old men, who spent a staggering

74 years on the trading floor, passed away this week. Mr Herbert began his career at 15, three years before the Wall Street crash, and retired at the age of 89. He spent 30 years as senior partner at his own firm. He celebrated his 100th birthday in January and recalled the big company flotations of the early 1980s and the subsequent impact of technology. “We retreated to our offices, losing the eyeball-to-eyeball contact we all thoroughly enjoyed,” he said of the ‘Big Bang’ in 1986.

Mr Herbert travelled into London from Bristol every day after moving west in 1974. A keen Arsenal fan for 83 years, he never lost his passion for the City and kept up with the goings-on.

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