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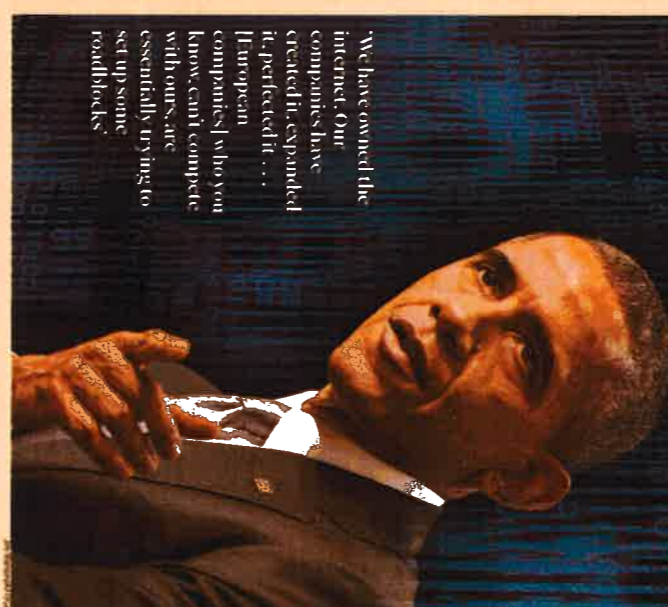
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Rupert Rose has concluded that medicine managers are allowed to move from job to job without being held to account and that success is ineffectively rewarded, people familiar with the contents of his report say. One individual who has seen the report said the retail chief, who is credited with turning round the fortunes of Marks and Spencer, had found the overall standard of much NHS management to be "totally abysmal". Lord Rose is concerned that NHS managers, lacking the same control over

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FTSE 100	7008.59	7008.49	0.14	5746.1	5746.1	0.00
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Dow Jones Ind	18011.35	18011.35	0.28	17972.36	17972.36	0.26
FTSE MIB	1007.18	1007.18	0.16	992.87	992.87	0.16
Hang Seng 50	2412.39	2412.39	0.41	2347.89	2347.89	0.33
FTSE All Share	6862.76	6862.76	0.24	6807.52	6807.52	0.24
CAC 40	3961.26	3961.26	0.17	3908.47	3908.47	0.17
Hong Kong	19922.22	19922.22	0.18	19792.36	19792.36	0.18
Shanghai	16000.77	16000.77	0.27	15715.38	15715.38	0.27
Hong Kong	24728.53	24728.53	0.18	24262.54	24262.54	0.18
FTSE All World	207.87	207.87	0.02	207.87	207.87	0.02

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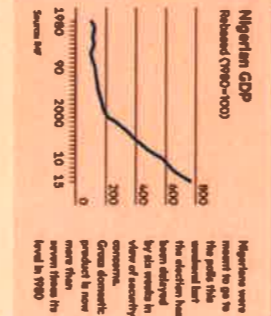
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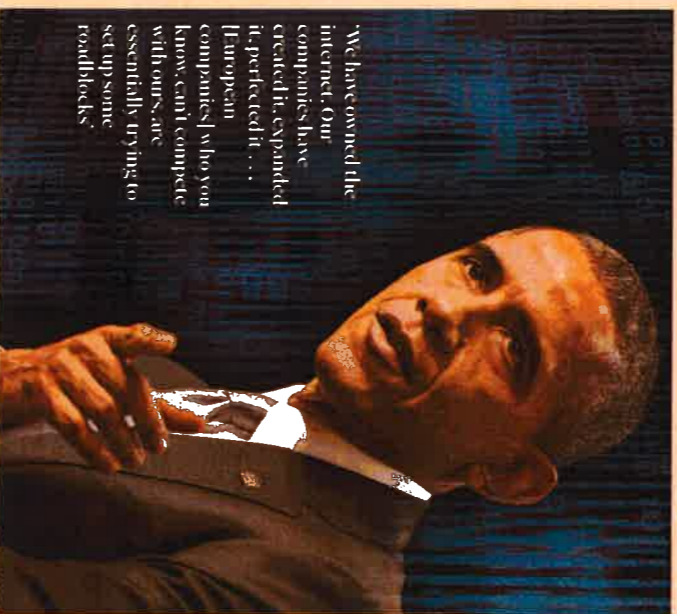
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CAC 40	4717.96	4719.38	-0.14	4697.8	4697.8	0.00
Korea Kospi	10822.22	10803.40	0.17	10711.3	10711.3	0.00
Hong Kong	19300.71	17913.39	6.13	17913.39	17913.39	0.00
FTSE All World	287.87	287.87	0.00	287.87	287.87	0.00

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### Briefing

► Egyptian planes hit Libya jihadist targets  
Egyptian planes pounded jihadist targets in Libya as European leaders raised the alarm about a militant threat on their doorstep. Cairo and Paris urged the UN Security Council to meet and an Italian minister talked of "the future of the western world". — PAGE 4

► HSBC faces regulators' questions  
HSBC faces questions from regulators, who are likely to examine the case of a suspected whistleblower after the FCA said it was looking into revelations its Swiss private bank helped clients evade tax. — PAGE 2

► Sony assesses robot car opportunity  
Sony hopes to capitalise on its lead in image sensors — the eyes of a smartphone's camera — and propel the group into the world of driverless cars by investing 1000m in a Japanese robotics start-up. — PAGE 11

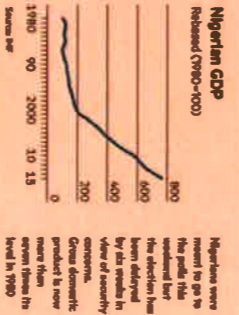
► Buyout groups in talks over Birt, Apollo and CVC, the private equity backers of Birt, are in detailed talks to sell the insurance group less than a year after it launched on the stock exchange, any people familiar with the matter. — PAGE 7

► Japan limps out of recession  
April's sales-tax-free dip dragged on the economy as Japan emerged from recession in the fourth quarter, but momentum remained a struggle even after two years of Abenomics. — PAGE 9; PAGE 17

► Ukraine brace on verge of collapse  
The trust in eastern Ukraine was on the verge of collapse after less than 48 hours, with Kiev refusing to give up a strategic rail hub at Debaltsevo where government troops were surrounded. — PAGE 4

► Volatility oils the market's wheels  
High volatility, low finance costs and higher prices in the future than for today are among the factors providing oil traders with the most profitable conditions since the global financial crisis. — PAGE 11

### Datawatch



Nigerians were reported to be the world's most indebted but the decision has been delayed by its needs in view of security concerns. Overall economic growth is now more than its level in 1999.



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