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Theresa May The UK prime minister

Theresa May swept into power following the resignation

of David Cameron in the aftermath of the EU referendum. Despite voting against leaving the EU, the new PM is focused on delivering on the outcome of the referendum. IN HER OWN WORDS:

"I want [Brexit] to give British companies the

maximum freedom to trade with and operate

in the single market."

- "Our laws will be made not in "Brexit means Brexit." Brussels but in Westminster."
- "It is time for Britain to get out into the world and rediscover its role as a great, global trading nation.

"We will decide for ourselves how

we control immigration."

David Davis

UK Conservative party MP & secretary of state for exiting the European Union

UK Conservative MP David Davis was appointed secretary of state for exiting the EU soon after Theresa May took over as prime minister. Popularly known as the Brexit

secretary, Mr Davis has published a white paper on exiting the EU and said an implementation period to phase in Brexit would "not be too long IN HIS OWN WORDS: "This negotiation "We will not be bound by the EU's will succeed." common external tariff."



- "At the end of two years we will have our deals. What may take longer is implementation."
- do it. It's going to be back under our control – that's the point."
- would only consider one to 'be kind' to the EU."

 $^{\prime\prime}$ [I am] 'not really interested' in a transitional deal and

UK first secretary of state

The United Kindgom

for international trade

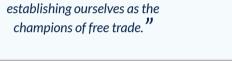
Liam Fox

Liam Fox is the first secretary of state for international trade and president of the Board of Trade. Mr Fox twice stood unsuccessfully for the leadership of the Conservative

party in 2005 and 2016 and voted 'leave' in the EU referendum last year. IN HIS OWN WORDS: "This government will never

compromise on the prosperity

of the United Kingdom."



we're talking about." "I remain a free trader instinctively. But, we can't go for a quick result; we have to get the right result."

"I hear people talking

about hard Brexit and soft

Brexit, as if it's a boiled egg



"We have taken our first steps to

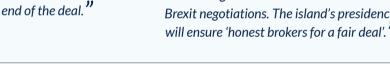


and chair for Brexit negotiations Joseph Muscat of Malta (a former British colony) took over the EU's rotating six-month presidency in January.

divorce from the EU. IN HIS OWN WORDS:

Mr Muscat may find himself playing a vital role in Britain's

"There is absolutely no bluffing from the European side.""Malta is 'geared to handle' the initiation of Brexit negotiations. The island's presidency



Joseph Muscat

Malta prime minister

Former vice president of the European People's Party, Michel Barnier is expected to lead tough negotiations

than 18 months to negotiate."

The European Union

The European Union

French politician and chief negotiator in

for the preparation and conduct of

charge of leading the commission taskforce

negotiations with the UK under Article 50

Michel Barnier

"The UK should not be allowed to cherry-pick the bits of the EU it likes." "The UK-EU relations have entered uncharted waters... there will be less

Jean-Claude Juncker

took over at the helm of the European Commission having been selected by 26 of the 28 EU states in 2014. He is not expected to seek a second term as president of the

European Commission when his five-year term ends in 2019.

"Our British friends know there will be no negotiation before notification of their farewell letter." "There will be a special/specific relationship. There will need to be work outside of the negotiation box... in order to avoid financial instability."

"Has the time come for when the European Union of

the 27 [member states] must show unity, cohesion and coherence? Yes, I say yes... but I have some justified doubts that it will really happen."



free movement.

IN HER OWN WORDS:

"The be-all and end-all is that Europe doesn't let itself be divided, and we cherry picking." will ensure this."

have to respect freedom of movement and the single market."

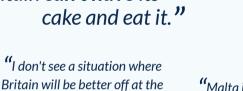
"Theresa May's government would

"The four basic freedoms must be

safeguarded – freedom of movement for

people, goods, services and financial

market products."



against the UK. He has, however, recently shown signs of backing away from his hardline stance. The former French minister is a keen supporter of the single market. IN HIS OWN WORDS:

President of the European Commission Former Luxembourg prime minister Jean-Claude Juncker

IN HIS OWN WORDS: **"**The Brits will manage "EU negotiators are **not in a** without big effort to divide hostile mood toward Britain." the 27 member states.





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