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Corporate Governance—A New Paradigm from the U.K.

Key points in a speech delivered today by incoming Prime Minister Theresa May:

1. Stakeholder, not shareholder, governance.
2. Board diversity: consumers and workers to be added.
3. Protection from takeover for national champions like Cadbury and AstraZeneca.
4. Binding, not advisory, say-on-pay.
5. Long-term, not short-term, business strategy.
6. Greater corporate transparency.
7. Stricter antitrust.
8. Higher taxes and crack down on tax avoidance and evasion.
9. “It is not anti-business to suggest that big business needs to change. Better governance will help these companies to take better decisions, for their own long-term benefit and that of the economy overall.”

The full speech is attached.

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