

Diamond wants to screw you

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The [FT reports](#):

Bob Diamond has decided Barclays must increase its risk appetite amid internal expectations at the bank that a key measure of its profitability will fall or stay stagnant this year.

Barclay's new chief executive is considering increasing the bank's risk profile, in order to hit profitability targets over the next three years, according to people familiar with the bank's thinking.

What does this mean?

In plain language it means Bob Diamond is planning to screw us all.

Risk in banking terms means, quite simply either charging us more or pushing the whole banking edifice nearer the precipice of another global crash knowing that governments underwrite their upside.

If ever there was reason why the UK's Banking Commission should demand the break-up of banks such a message from Bob Diamond provides all the justification needed.