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## South African takes out one of the City's biggest beasts

 SOUTH Africans are known for their big-game hunting but going after zebra is ambitious even for a springbok — except if you are fund management chief Hendrik du Toit. The boss of Investec Asset Management — soon to be rebranded Ninety-One after the year the firm was formed (1991) — has been forced to kill off the stripy mammal used to brand the company. Du Toit, who unveiled plans to list Ninety-One last week, tells Citywire: “We’ll be very sad without the zebra.” A strong float debut should banish the blues of losing this City stalwart.



 PING! City Spy receives a “study” from furniture-website-trying-to-be-cool Pooky which claims musicians in London are paid 14% above the UK average, at £46,259. The best UK city to be a strummer is Sheffield, where musicians earn £46,890. Better to be Yorkshiremen Arctic Monkeys, right, than The Clash, it would seem.



 BORIS Johnson’s task of “levelling up” Britain extends beyond polishing up a few old rail lines, it would appear. A survey of attitudes to pay by legal blog Roll On Friday reveals something of a spat between workers at Britain’s law firms over a disparity in salaries between London and the regions. One regional lawyer, presumably wearing wellies

and a Topman suit, sums it up, saying he gets a “decent wedge for the regions” but it was “demoralising when you realise that a clueless [newly qualified] in London takes home more than a 5yr+ Senior Associate”. Extra benefits of regional life like clean air and not commuting under fellow passengers’ armpits are not appreciated, Spy assumes.

 AFTER landlord Shaftesbury’s annual meeting on Friday (aka Brexit Day), boss Brian Bickell bid London a brief au revoir. Rather than stick around to watch the crowing of Farage and friends, the ardent Remainer headed off to Lille on the 3pm Eurostar. Says Bickell: “I always said I’d be in Europe when we leave.”

 NO such words from Trevor Abrahmsohn, managing director of upmarket north London estate agent Glentree International. He hoped Brits toasted “the great escape” of Brexit, saying: “Crack open a bottle of Remainer tears, feast on a side of non-vegan, un-fair trade British beef and celebrate our release from the Euro-federalist prison that has held us captive for the last 47 years”. Let’s hope he had a stonking hangover come Saturday.



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