

Dyson to move company HQ to Singapore

Sir James Dyson, the British billionaire inventor and **outspoken** Brexiter who called on the government to walk away from the EU without a deal, is moving the headquarters of his vacuum cleaner and hair dryer technology company to Singapore.

Sir 爵士

outspoken 坦率的; 直言不讳的

The Dyson chief executive, Jim Rowan, said the move from **Wiltshire** to Singapore had “nothing to do with Brexit” but was about “future-proofing” the business. The move of Dyson’s legal entity from the UK to Singapore “will happen over the coming months”, meaning it could take place before Brexit. The company said the decision to move to Singapore was not made for tax reasons. The corporate tax rate in Singapore is 17%, compared with 19% in the UK.

Liberal Democrat MP Layla Moran said: “This is **staggering** hypocrisy for Brexit-backing businessman James Dyson. James Dyson can say whatever he wants but he is **ditching** Britain. This can only be seen as a **vote of no confidence** in the idea of Brexit Britain.”

Wiltshire 威尔特郡

staggering 惊人的

ditch 丢弃

vote of no confidence 不信任投票

Dyson’s announcement comes shortly after Singapore and the EU agreed a landmark free trade agreement. Singapore’s prime minister, Lee Hsien Loong, said the deal, signed in October, was: “an ambitious trade deal, it is a high-quality arrangement, and it is one which will fly the flag and encourage others, I hope, to do the same.”

He is not the first Brexit-backing billionaire to pull back from the UK since the Brexit vote. Sir Jim Ratcliffe, the UK’s richest person with a £21bn fortune, was revealed last year to be planning to leave Britain for tax-free **Monaco**.

Monaco 摩纳哥