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Raid leader: Barbara Mills, new head of the SFO

SFO raids Nadir family trust HQ

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THE raid by the Serious Fraud Office on South Audley Management's Berkeley Square offices on Wednesday, was led by Barbara Mills, the SFO's new director.

Just two days earlier Mrs Mills, one of the two prosecuting silks in the recent Guinness trial, had said that she would be adopting "a much more hands on approach" than her predecessor, John Wood. Armed with a search warrant, she and seven

fellow SFO investigators were waiting on the steps of South Audley's offices at 8.30am.

As the 15 or so individuals employed there arrived for work, they were refused entry and asked to supply their names and home addresses.

One director of South Audley arrived during the search and she was taken away for interrogation by the SFO with a lawyer present. The investigators searched through files and showed in-

terest in the office occupied by Elizabeth Forsyth, who runs South Audley Management, a private company with responsibility for managing properties owned by family trusts associated with Asil Nadir, the chairman of Polly Peck. Among the properties managed by South Audley is Baggrave Hall, Leicestershire.

When the SFO investigators eventually left they took with them computers and numerous documents and files.

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