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### The days of Bacchanalian excess return to the City

The good times are back — or did they ever go away? — for four City lawyers. They were at High Timber, a new City restaurant on the north side of the Thames, near the Millennium Bridge, and decided to end with a half bottle of the world's best dessert wine, Château d'Yquem. They couldn't decide on the best vintage — 1989, 1990, 1995 or 1996? So they went for one of each, priced between £400 and £800 a bottle.

By a weird coincidence, the story reaches me the day after an excellent lunch at High Timber — the steak is the best I've had in the City. Founder Neleen Strauss, who used to run Vivat Bacchus on Farringdon Street, is too discreet to say which of the big City law firms they worked for.