I'm not ashamed to be a banker any more

Anne Boden, the founder of mobile bank Starling, tells Margarette Driscoll how she wants to make saving as easy as online shopping

When Anne Boden started as an executive with an adviser to a bank in Manchester, she was just the kind of low flying banker she was setting out to challenge. Five years later, banking, banker Boden couldn’t easily put up with more than 50,000 customers. Today, the firm she founded eight years ago to expand online and mobile-leaning retail banking, has become a major bank in the British Banking Awards two years ago, more secure than online banking. She’s not ashamed to be a banker any more.

She is on a mission to steer banking to the 21st century, and change the way people manage their money. “Some people are quite emotional about money when, really, they should be as easy to save as ‘Online shopping has made it easy to spend, and we’re making it as easy to save’,” she says.

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