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• It was champagne all round last night as Liberty chief executive Geoffroy de la Bourdonnaye was honoured at the Français of the Year Awards. The retail boss was voted best businessman by the UK's French expat community. The man charged with turning around the iconic London store was up against some stiff competition, beating Xavier Rolet, the London Stock Exchange's chief executive, and Tidjane Thiam, the Prudential boss, to grasp the prize. Other category winners were Nicolas Anelka, the Chelsea footballer, and Raymond Blanc, the chef. In its third year, the awards "celebrates the most talented French people who live and work in the UK", which sounds, well, like a very French thing to do.
