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TOP

100

COMPANIES 2024/25



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Celebrating Wakefield's

TOP 100 COMPANIES

Aiming to strengthen bonds within the Wakefield District business community, the Wakefield Top 100 Companies is a joint venture between Wakefield First as part of Wakefield Council, the University of Huddersfield and the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre (3M BIC).

It will help to raise the profile of businesses within the Wakefield District and promote the district as an attractive destination for inward investment, business start-up, development and growth.

Inspired by previous Top 100 models, the Wakefield Top 100 has launched for the first time this year. The list has been determined by a set of consistent metrics, using a combination of turnover, profit, employee numbers and growth, all derived from published information in company accounts.

The Wakefield Top 100 businesses for 2024/25 were unveiled at the official launch event in May 2024, held at Tileyard North, Wakefield. Hosted by the three partner organisations, the top 100 businesses were invited to celebrate the success of businesses across the Wakefield District.

Councillor Denise Jeffery, Leader of Wakefield Council, said: "The Wakefield Top 100 Companies celebrates the success of Wakefield businesses and is a great way to highlight and recognise those who are leading the way.

"With our new Economic Wellbeing Strategy, we will maintain a clear focus on helping to create a fair, sustainable and future focussed economy, with the wellbeing of all our residents at its heart."

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Huddersfield, Bob Cryan, said: "The Wakefield Top 100 Companies provides a fantastic platform to highlight the successes of local businesses and encourage collaboration and knowledge transfer.

"Shining a spotlight on the calibre of organisations in the district also promotes impactful career opportunities for our graduates, helping to nurture and retain talent that benefits both businesses and the community."

3M BIC CEO, Sue Cooke, believes that the Wakefield Top 100 is an opportunity to highlight innovation taking place across Wakefield. "Wakefield has a strong, innovative business community and we want to use this initiative to celebrate the innovators across the district and encourage and support others to embrace innovation to drive forward change across Wakefield and beyond."

Supported by Wakefield First as part of Wakefield Council, the University of Huddersfield and 3M BIC, the Wakefield Top 100 List we hope will be produced annually every Spring and shared at a networking event, to celebrate the achievements of the District's thriving business community.

Congratulations to all those companies featured in the Wakefield Top 100 Companies List 2024/25.



**Cllr Denise Jeffery,
Leader, Wakefield Council**



**Professor Bob Cryan CBE DL
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Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive,
University of Huddersfield**



**Sue Cooke
Chief Executive,
3M Buckley Innovation Centre**

Please note: Inclusion in the Wakefield Top 100 Companies listing is based on objective criteria using company accounts published in the FAME BVD database prior to January 2024 and does not imply the endorsement of the partner organisations listed above.

The Wakefield Top 100 2024

HOW THE LIST WAS COMPILED

Background

The Wakefield Top 100 was compiled using as its source the FAME BVD database that contains a variety of information on more than 11 million companies in the UK and Ireland. The information in the database includes financial data, information on directors, and company structure including shareholders, subsidiaries and branches, and industry descriptions and SIC codes; much of the information derives from accounts and documents filed at Companies House (in the UK). The FAME BVD database is the only source used for the listing.

Strict parameters were used to derive the set of companies from which the Top 100

were ultimately drawn. The first parameter concerned the geographical location of companies in the Wakefield Top 100. Thus, we selected from the FAME BVD database all active companies with a registered office address within the Wakefield District defined as having a postcode in Wakefield (as per the NUTS 3 level region definition). Huddersfield Business School researchers downloaded the relevant data on 1 January 2024, and any data available in the FAME BVD database after this date was not included in this particular edition of the Top 100 list. In order to ensure a Wakefield focus, we added a further check: any company whose website presents as its only contact an address outside of Wakefield was removed even though their registered office was recorded in FAME as in Wakefield. This affected only a very small number of companies.



Professor Jill Johnes, Emeritus Professor of Production Economics, University of Huddersfield

Methodology

This is the first compilation of the Wakefield Top 100 Companies Listing and it is based on the methodological approach of the Kirklees Top 100 for which there have now been 4 annual publications.

Specifically, the ranking is derived from the following indicators: staff head count (i.e. number of employees); turnover; growth in turnover between the latest and previous years; profit before tax; and shareholders' funds. Each of these indicators is ranked (best to lowest performing), and then these rankings are summed. The final position is determined by ranking the sum of ranks. In effect, each of the five metrics carries equal weight in determining the final ranking.

The period over which the ranking applies is determined by the latest information held in FAME BVD and filed by each company in the Wakefield list. Where we identify subsidiaries and sister companies we applied a consistent approach to ensure that the highest or largest company (in terms of revenue) in the hierarchy was retained, so long (of course) as the registered office was in the defined Wakefield area. Companies deemed to be charities or in the education sector, or with turnover less than £1000 or with non-numeric data were removed from the data set. No businesses were offered the option of being included (or not).

ECONOMIC CONTEXT

Companies continue to face external challenges. While the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic are a thing of the past, the lingering impact of the pandemic, as well as Brexit, continue to challenge businesses.

More recently there are new challenges to add to the old ones: the wars in Ukraine and Middle East, the ongoing impacts on

supply chains as well as on supply of energy and grain in particular, and the consequent inflationary pressures which have led to interest rates at a 15-year high. In terms of this list, it should be remembered that each company's data is a specific snapshot (indicated by the date in the "Latest Account Date" column) and so the extent of the impact of precise external factors on businesses in this list will vary by company.

LIMITATIONS

This list does not claim to indicate each business's economic importance to the Wakefield geographical area.

It is based on five specific metrics which are deemed to be indicators of success. All metrics contribute equally to the final ranking. The list can therefore be seen as a means of showcasing and celebrating

business activity in the Wakefield District. Unfortunately, not all companies' complete set of data are included in FAME BVD, and some (significant) businesses located in Wakefield do not have a registered primary office in the district. Such businesses which therefore might expect to be in the list do not appear for that reason, yet their contributions to Wakefield may well also be substantial.

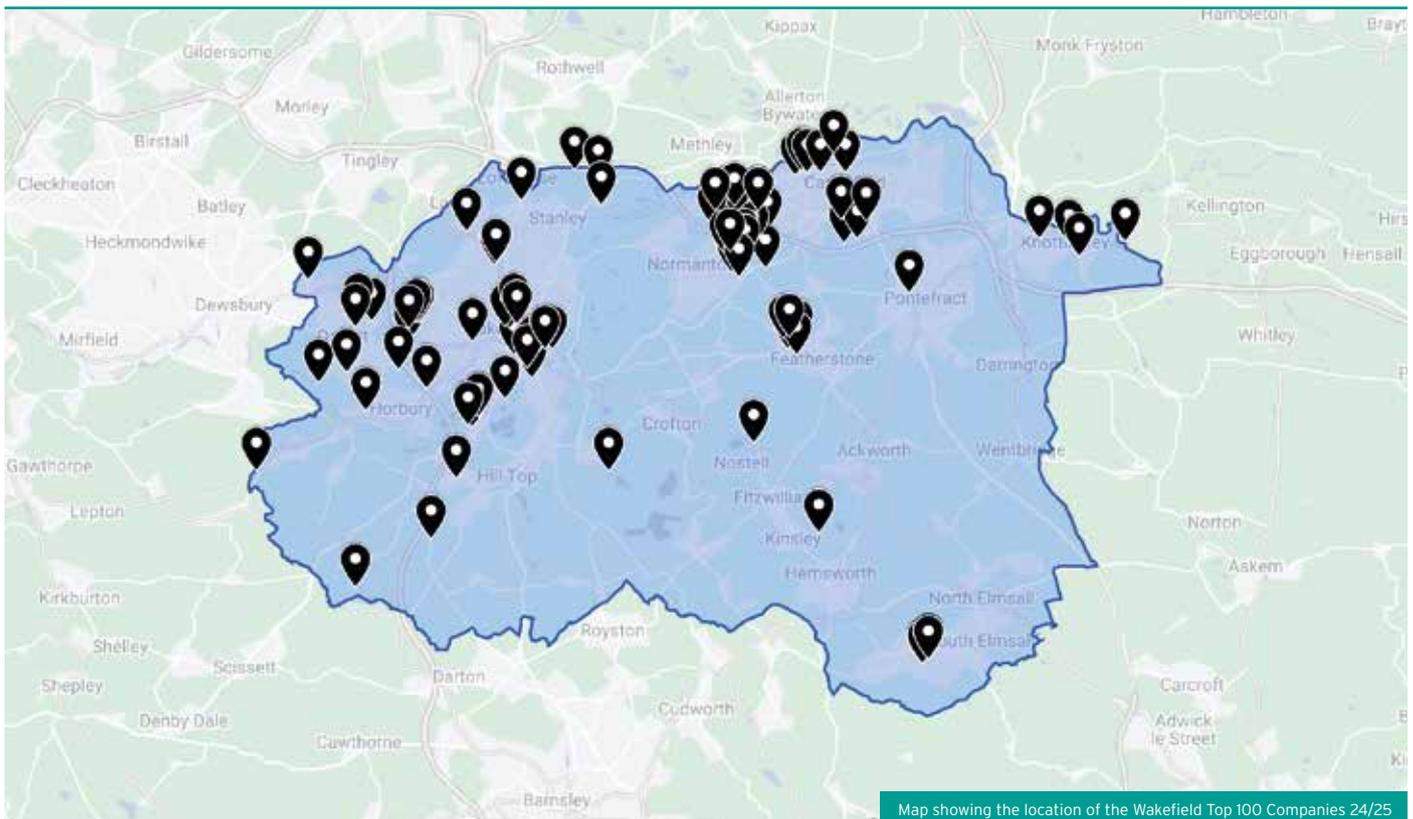
THE WAKEFIELD CONTEXT

Since this is the first publication of the Wakefield Top 100, we have plotted the 100 companies (see map below). The Wakefield District is outlined in dark blue and shaded in light blue. What is clear is that a substantial portion of companies are located in and around Wakefield itself and close to the Leeds side of the district. The remaining portion of companies are located close

to key road arteries such as the M62. Very few are in the South and East of the District.

Wakefield companies span a diverse range of sectors as is shown in the figure below. While manufacturing - particularly of metal, machinery, electricals, food, textiles and furniture - is the sector comprising the highest number of Wakefield Top

100 companies, financial and insurance activities are also well represented. Indeed, when support services more generally (financial plus administrative and other support services) are considered, they actually exceed the number of manufacturing companies. The diversity seen across all 100 companies is replicated in the top 10 with no single sector particularly dominating.



Map showing the location of the Wakefield Top 100 Companies 24/25

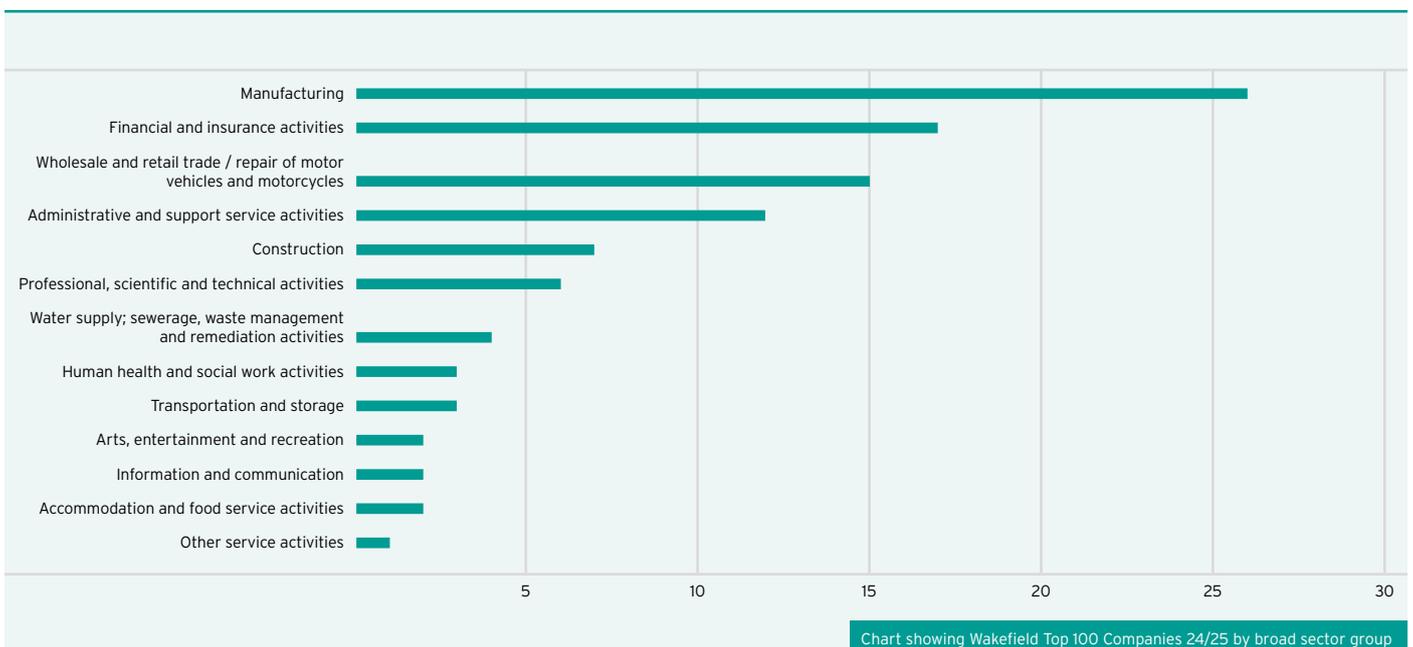


Chart showing Wakefield Top 100 Companies 24/25 by broad sector group

1. CARD FACTORY PLC

Since its inception in 1997, Card Factory has etched its name as a prominent player in the UK retail industry, specialising in greeting cards, gifts and party supplies. The company's journey is one marked by innovation, resilience and an unwavering commitment to providing customers with quality products at unbeatable value.

Card Factory's story began in Wakefield, where it was founded by Dean Hoyle and his wife Janet. The couple recognised a gap in the market for affordable, high-quality greeting cards and set out to fill it. Armed with a vision and a modest investment, they opened their first store in Teall Street, laying the foundation for what would become a retail empire.

In its early years, Card Factory focused on refining its product offerings and honing its business model. The company quickly gained traction, attracting customers with its diverse range of cards for every

occasion, from birthdays and weddings to anniversaries and graduations. By prioritising affordability without compromising on quality, Card Factory carved a niche for itself in an industry dominated by high-end retailers.

As demand for its products grew, Card Factory embarked on a period of expansion, opening new stores across the UK. This rapid growth was accompanied by strategic investments in infrastructure and technology, enabling the company to streamline its operations and enhance the customer experience. By embracing innovation and staying ahead of the curve, Card Factory cemented its position as a leader in the retail sector.

In 2014, Card Factory made its debut on the London Stock Exchange, marking a significant milestone in its history. The



successful IPO underscored investor confidence in the company's growth prospects and solidified its status as a publicly traded entity. Buoyed by this vote of confidence, Card Factory continued its expansion efforts, both domestically and internationally, further strengthening its foothold in the market.

Throughout its journey, Card Factory has remained true to its core values, placing a premium on customer satisfaction and integrity. The company's commitment to affordability, quality and innovation has earned it a loyal following of customers.



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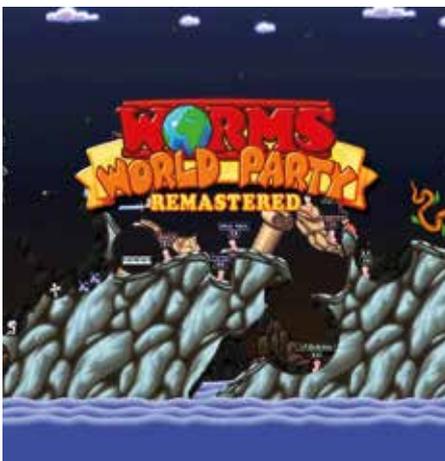
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2. TEAM17 GROUP PLC (TEAM 17 DIGITAL)



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the imagination of gamers worldwide and propelled Team17 into the spotlight. With its quirky humour, addictive gameplay and innovative mechanics, ‘Worms’ became a cultural phenomenon, spawning numerous sequels and spin-offs over the years.

Buoyed by the success of “Worms,” Team17 diversified its portfolio with a wide range of titles spanning various genres and platforms showcasing its versatility and willingness to take risks. Along the way, Team17 forged partnerships with talented developers from around the world, collaborating on projects that pushed the medium forward and captivated audiences with their unique vision.

marking a new chapter in its history. This fuelled the company’s growth prospects and provided resources for further expansion and innovation.

Team17 stands as a global leader in the video game industry, with a presence in over 100 countries and a diverse portfolio of titles enjoyed by millions of players worldwide. Despite its success, the company remains true to its roots, fostering a culture of creativity, collaboration and passion for gaming, and inspiring the next generation of gamers.

Founded in 1990 by industry veterans Martyn Brown, Debbie Bestwick and Rico Holmes, Team17 has risen from humble beginnings to become a powerhouse in the global video game industry. With a focus on innovation, creativity and collaboration, the company has left an indelible mark on the gaming landscape, captivating audiences with its diverse portfolio of titles.

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In its early years, Team17 gained recognition for its pioneering approach to game development, particularly with the release of ‘Worms’ in 1995. This iconic title, featuring anthropomorphic worms engaged in strategic warfare, captured



3. DUNHILLS (PONTEFRACT) PLC



Haribo Production Facility, Castleford

The company's roots trace back to Pontefract, where the Dunhill family rented land in Pontefract Castle for growing liquorice. By the 1760s George Dunhill, who became a chemist, is reputed to have added sugar to medicinal recipes to make the first liquorice sweet or 'Pontefract Cake'.

These distinctive treats, made from a blend of liquorice extract and sugar, have become a beloved symbol of Yorkshire's culinary heritage and have captured the hearts of confectionery enthusiasts both locally and abroad.

As the demand for Dunhill's confections grew, the company expanded its product range, introducing a diverse array of sweets to cater to evolving consumer tastes. From fruit pastilles to toffees and beyond, Dunhill's commitment to using only the finest ingredients and time-honoured recipes set it apart from its competitors.

In 1972, the German company HARIBO acquired a major stake in Dunhills and in 1994, HARIBO took the final step to fully acquire Dunhills, which became HARIBO UK.

The company set about revolutionising the UK's sweets market and went on to create new, unique mixes, bringing family favourites together in one bag to create what have become the UK's most popular sweets. Starmix was launched in 1995, followed in 1996 by Supermix, a combination of squishy and soft textures, and in 1997 the HARIBO 'tang' was introduced with Tangfastics.

HARIBO opened a brand-new manufacturing site in Castleford in 2015,

in addition to its world-famous Pontefract site. Around 80% of HARIBO sweets bought in the UK are produced at factories in Castleford and Pontefract. It is estimated the Castleford factory alone has the capacity to produce 48,000 tonnes of sweets every year. HARIBO recently announced plans for a new purpose-built warehouse at its Castleford site.

HARIBO continues to innovate and adapt to changing market dynamics. Recognising the growing demand for healthier alternatives, it expanded its product range to include sugar-free and low-calorie options, ensuring that its confections remain accessible to a diverse range of consumers.

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chain. From sourcing ethically sourced ingredients to reducing packaging waste, the company is committed to minimising its environmental footprint while maintaining the highest standards of quality and integrity.



4. NEWLY WEDS FOODS ACQUISITION LIMITED



Newly Weds Foods European HQ, Ossett

Newly Weds Foods boasts a rich history that spans over several decades. From its humble beginnings to a global leader in food manufacturing, the company's journey is testament to its unwavering commitment to quality, creativity and customer satisfaction.

Founded in 1932 in Chicago, by Arthur T. Parker, Newly Weds Foods initially began as a small family-owned business specialising in the production of seasonings and coatings for the foodservice industry. With a passion for flavour, Parker set out to create products that would enhance the taste and texture of a wide range of food products.

As Newly Weds Foods expanded its operations, it quickly gained a reputation for its innovative approach to food seasoning and coating. In 1974, the company established its presence in the UK. This strategic move allowed the

company to tap into the European market and cater to the growing demand for high-quality food solutions. The Newly Weds Foods European HQ is located at its manufacturing and R&D site in Ossett, with its two other UK sites in Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.

Over the years, Newly Weds Foods has remained at the forefront of culinary innovation, continuously pushing the boundaries of flavour and texture. The company's team of expert chefs, food scientists and flavourists collaborate closely with clients to develop bespoke solutions tailored to meet their specific needs and preferences.

One of Newly Weds Foods' key strengths lies in its ability to anticipate and adapt to changing consumer trends. Whether it's creating healthier alternatives, incorporating ethnic flavours, or embracing plant-based ingredients, the company remains agile and responsive to evolving market demands.

The company also places a strong emphasis on sustainability and responsible sourcing practices, from sourcing ingredients from ethical suppliers to reducing waste and energy consumption in its manufacturing processes.

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5. TEVA UK LIMITED

Teva UK, a subsidiary of the global pharmaceutical giant Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, has been an integral part of the UK healthcare landscape for over two decades. Established in 1996, Teva UK has played a pivotal role in providing affordable and high-quality generic medicines to patients across the country.

The company's roots can be traced back to its parent company, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, founded in Israel in 1901. Teva's commitment to innovation and accessibility has propelled it to become one of the world's largest generic pharmaceutical companies, with a presence in over 60 countries.

Teva UK has built a reputation for excellence in generic drug manufacturing, with a diverse portfolio of medicines spanning a wide range of therapeutic areas, including cardiovascular, central nervous system, respiratory, and more. Its commitment to quality and affordability has made Teva UK a trusted partner for healthcare professionals and patients alike.

Teva UK has continued to expand its presence in the UK market through strategic acquisitions and partnerships. In 2016, the company acquired Actavis UK, further strengthening its position as a leading provider of generic medicines in the country.

In addition to its focus on generic pharmaceuticals, Teva UK is also dedicated to research and development, developing innovative treatments for diseases and conditions that impact millions of people

worldwide. Through its investments in R&D and strategic collaborations with academic institutions and biotech companies, Teva UK remains at the forefront of medical innovation in the UK.

Teva UK is committed to improving patient outcomes and enhancing access to affordable healthcare. With a legacy of excellence and a dedication to innovation, it continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients across the UK.



6. ULTIMA FURNITURE SYSTEMS LIMITED

After searching the market and failing to find a high-quality kitchen at a competitive price, husband-and-wife Alf and Clare Ellis made the decision to design and install their own. Through word of mouth and personal recommendations, requests soon started to come, and in 1982 they opened their first 1490 sq ft showroom and factory facility in Barnsley town centre.

In 1985 Ultima became a limited company and continued to grow. It acquired the first of two purpose-built manufacturing facilities in South Kirkby in 1992 and opened a further manufacturing facility just 100m from its first South Kirkby site in 2009. DIY Kitchens was its first online

offering back in 2003, initially supplying kitchen doors, handles, and accessories direct to the public online. The business has continued to increase its profile through the opening of a free-standing showroom which it re-fits and develops each year to demonstrate industry trends and innovations.

Continually investing in the latest state-of-the-art production equipment has ensured it remains at the forefront of the industry. Investment in automation has resulted in efficient and increased production and an improved range on offer to customers. This has also contributed to increasing the speed of packaging and the dispatch of all kitchen units. Following the further

investment of £3.5m into automatic paint spraying lines in 2018, there are six lines in operation, giving it more paint spray capacity than any other UK kitchen manufacturer.

Today, Ultima continues to follow its founding principles of offering high quality products at competitive prices with over 30 kitchen styles available in a range of colours.

As Ultima celebrates over 30 years of success, its commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction remains strong. Built on quality, integrity and innovation, the company continues to shape the future of the UK kitchen industry.



7. REUSE GLASSUK LIMITED (URM (UK) LIMITED)

Founded nearly 100 years ago, URM UK has established itself as the UK's largest purchaser and recycler of waste glass, with collection depots across England and glass cullet treatment plants in South Kirkby, Doncaster, Tilbury and Knottingley. The company started life as Berryman, until it was acquired by Australian business United Resource Management in 2006.

URM UK offers several collection services including bottle banks. It has been managing collection services since the 1980s, working with over 130 district and parish councils as well as over 450 commercial sites. It also manages and operates a bulk transport fleet around the UK which hauls raw and processed glass - on a normal day each vehicle will move up to 170 tons worth of product.

URM remains at the forefront of new methods of glass treatment, pioneering a circular closed loop recycling system within glass packaging. Using the most up to date and groundbreaking technology, the business operates within a model which ensures that as much as possible of the glass and other recyclable material is recovered from the waste system and can be retained in the supply chain. URM



works to a policy of not sending anything to landfill or aggregate if value can still be extracted from it. URM continues to invest in projects across all sites to ensure that the company is well positioned to face the changing needs of the glass recycling market and maximise the efficiencies with which they collect glass.

As URM UK continues to grow and expand its presence in the UK, it remains committed to its core values of integrity, reliability and environmental stewardship. With its dedication to sustainability, the company is poised to lead the way towards a cleaner, greener future for generations.

8. CARS 2 LIMITED (CARS2)

Established in 2006, Cars2 is a motor dealer group situated in West and South Yorkshire, with several retail sales and aftersales sites in Wakefield, Bradford, Barnsley and Huddersfield. The company's journey began with a vision to provide quality cars and exceptional service to drivers across the country.

Starting out as an independent, family-run business with a branch on Pontefract Road in Barnsley, Cars2 has experienced significant growth in recent years and now represents some of the world's leading brands including Hyundai, SEAT, Renault, Dacia, MG and Nissan. Its Wakefield location also houses its dedicated sports and prestige brand, Pure Cars.

Cars2 has adapted to changing market trends and technological advancements,

embracing digital platforms to enhance the car-buying experience for customers. With an easy-to-navigate website and innovative online tools, such as virtual showroom tours and financing calculators, Cars2 ensures that customers can explore their inventory and make informed decisions from the comfort of their own homes.

Cars2 also places a strong emphasis on quality and reliability in its vehicle offerings.

The company carefully selects each car for its inventory, conducting thorough inspections and providing detailed vehicle histories to give customers peace of mind.

As the company celebrates 18 years of success, its dedicated team of professionals and passion for helping customers find their perfect vehicle, has made Cars2 a trusted destination for automotive needs in the UK.



9. CUBICO GROUP LIMITED (EASY BATHROOMS)

Easy Bathrooms, a prominent UK-based retailer, offers a comprehensive range of bathroom products and accessories to cater to various tastes and budgets. It was established in 2017, with a commitment to providing high-quality products and exceptional customer service.

Easy Bathrooms has grown into a leading retailer with 137 showrooms across the UK. The company's commitment to customer satisfaction and innovation has been integral to its success, earning it a loyal customer base and a reputation for excellence in the industry.

Over the years, the company has expanded its product range to include a wide variety of bathroom essentials, from baths, showers, toilets, sinks, taps, tiles and bathroom furniture. With a focus on both style and functionality, Easy Bathrooms offers a diverse selection of designs, from contemporary and minimalist to traditional and luxurious, ensuring that customers can find the perfect fit for their preferences and requirements.

In 2021, the group moved to a purpose-built 330,000 sq ft facility at Calder Park in Wakefield, in which the group invested £8.3m during the period to ensure it became the state-of-the-art HQ and distribution centre needed to support further growth. Alongside its showrooms across the UK, the group's physical footprint exceeds 1,000,000 sq ft, making Easy Bathrooms the largest retailer within the UK bathroom market.

Easy Bathrooms sets itself apart by prioritising affordability and accessibility. Convenience and efficiency are key priorities for Easy Bathrooms and it takes pride in offering competitive prices without compromising on quality, making

premium bathroom solutions accessible to customers throughout the UK.

Easy Bathrooms is renowned for its reliability and customer-centric approach. Whether customers are renovating a single bathroom or undertaking larger projects, they can rely on Easy Bathrooms to provide stylish and practical solutions tailored to their needs, backed by excellent service and competitive pricing.

Cubico Group is also the parent company of Cubico UK (Cubico Bathrooms), a bathroom wholesaler supplying over a 1,000 high-spec, own brand products, including baths, showers, taps and toilets, to the UK's bathroom trade industry.



10. FORZA FOODS LIMITED

Forza Kober, formerly known as Forza Foods, operates as a leading producer of high-quality cooked meats, gammon and bacon products. Formed in 2007, the company initially focused on supplying ASDA, one of the UK's largest supermarket chains, from its slicing factory in Cleckheaton. As demand grew, Forza Kober expanded its operations, opening a new cooked meats factory in Normanton in 2011.

This expansion marked a significant milestone, as Normanton became the new headquarters for Forza Kober, while the Cleckheaton facility was repurposed to specialise in gammon and bacon production under the name Kober Foods. This strategic move allowed Forza Kober to streamline its operations, optimise production processes, and enhance its product offerings to meet the evolving needs of its customers.

In 2016, Forza Kober underwent a pivotal transformation when it was acquired by

ASDA and integrated into the International Procurement & Logistics (IPL) division. This acquisition provided Forza Kober with access to additional resources, expertise and market opportunities, enabling the company to further expand its presence and strengthen its position in the industry.

Today, Forza Kober continues to uphold its reputation for delivering premium-quality cooked meats, gammon and bacon products to retailers, foodservice providers

and consumers worldwide. The company's commitment to excellence is evident in its state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, stringent quality control standards and dedication to innovation.

By leveraging cutting-edge technology, research and development, the company remains at the forefront of the industry, continually introducing new products and flavours to meet the diverse tastes and preferences of its customers.



HIGHEST PLACED SME



Hague Print Media Supplies Limited (Hague Group)

Hague Print Media Supplies Limited, trading as Hague Group, is a prominent player in the realm of security printing and brand protection, serving clients worldwide with innovative solutions designed to combat counterfeiting and fraud. With a head office in Normanton and operating across the UK, Hague Group has carved a niche for itself as a trusted provider of secure documents, including passports, banknotes, and identification cards, for governments, financial institutions, and organisations across the globe.

At the heart of Hague Group's operations is a steadfast commitment to security and innovation. Established in 1980, the company has continuously invested in research and development to stay ahead of evolving security threats. This dedication has enabled Hague Group to develop advanced security features and printing technologies that make its documents virtually impossible to replicate, safeguarding the integrity and authenticity of their products.

One of Hague Group's key strengths lies in its ability to provide tailored solutions to meet the unique needs of its clients. Whether it is designing highly secure passports for governments or implementing brand protection measures for corporations, Hague Group works closely with its clients to understand their requirements and develop customised solutions that address their specific challenges.

In addition to secure document printing, Hague Group offers a comprehensive suite of brand protection services aimed at safeguarding products and assets from counterfeiters. Through the integration of covert and overt security features, such as holograms, microtext, and UV inks, it helps companies protect their brand reputation and revenue streams, ensuring that consumers can trust the authenticity of its products.

Furthermore, Hague Group provides secure logistic services for the distribution of sensitive documents and products. With a network of secure facilities and

transportation systems, it ensures the safe and confidential delivery of valuable items to their intended recipients, providing clients with peace of mind throughout the supply chain.

Beyond its commitment to security, Hague Group places a strong emphasis on sustainability and corporate responsibility. It strives to minimise their environmental footprint through eco-friendly printing practices and the use of sustainable materials wherever possible.

In the past 10 years, Hague Group has continued to expand launching Hague Australia in 2016. More recently it acquired PSL Print Management in 2022 and DCB Group in 2023. These acquisitions have enhanced the Group's offerings, increasing benefits to all its customers across the whole Group, and opened up opportunities for further growth and innovation. Hague Group now operates from 11 locations across the UK and recently moved its head office and warehouse to a new 37,500 sq ft development.



Wakefield District Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2029

The recent launch of our Wakefield District Economic Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2029, underscores a vision aimed at enhancing the welfare of individuals and communities in the Wakefield District. This vision entails nurturing a fair economy that leverages successful practices and courageously addresses areas needing improvement.

There are many businesses in the Wakefield District from across a range of sectors which are already working in a way which supports the strategy. The working practices of these businesses are in alignment with the three core ambitions which underpin the strategy and just a few examples are highlighted below.

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Nurturing a fair economy through successful practices and addressing areas of improvement.



FIRST AMBITION

The first ambition within the strategy is to ensure a fair transition for Wakefield’s carbon-intensive businesses by supporting their move to Net Zero.

Our strategy will ensure a fair transition for Wakefield’s carbon-intensive businesses by supporting their move to Net Zero. We will also focus on growing our pivotal key sectors within health and social care, digital, and low carbon industries, whilst also driving improved employment prospects for residents.

Wakefield’s large businesses within transportation, warehousing and manufacturing will remain resilient, evolving, and investing in the area, providing quality jobs and training for those in the district. Additionally, stimulating community-led economic development and ownership is key to our strategy, as well as enticing additional employers to establish roots in our district.

SPECTRUM COMMUNITY HEALTH CIC



Spectrum Community Health CIC provides quality healthcare for people in vulnerable circumstances within the community and in secure environments, including prisons and hospitals. As a not-for-profit social business, it is committed to addressing health inequalities and investing in the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve.

The business places a high value on its approach to equality, diversity and inclusion, and is committed to becoming a lived experience inclusive employer. Providing high quality care is its passion, ensuring its employees have development opportunities and the chance to progress. It offers clear career pathways to ensure a quality service is delivered.



ESSECO UK

Esseco UK, based in Wakefield, manufactures a wide range of high-quality sodium, ammonium and potassium derivatives for global supply into a broad range of different industries including waste treatment, offshore oil drilling, food processing, pharmaceutical manufacture, specialised de-icing and agriculture.

The manufacturing of chemicals is an energy intensive operation and Esseco

UK is currently running two key projects aimed at achieving its sustainability objectives. The business has made significant investment in the design and installation of a new burner, which features an energy recovery system for steam and electricity production. The business is also introducing a new solar panel system to reduce electricity usage from the grid by 65MWh per annum. Esseco UK has set an ambitious target to reduce its carbon

footprint by 68% and slash fossil fuel consumption at the Wakefield site by 95% by the end of 2024.



6B

6B is a digital business that is passionate about technology, digital transformation and making user engagement a reality. It focuses in the health care technology arena with clients including Patients Know Best, UK Health Security Agency, several NHS Integrated Care Bodies and Trusts, digital health start-ups and scale-ups.

The Covid-19 pandemic springboarded the mass adoption of telemedicine and the business embraced the challenge. By promoting the positive changes technology can bring to the healthcare sector, 6B has created software which enables better population health management and ensures that the patient is central to the design and the end product.

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SECOND AMBITION

Our second ambition is to create high-quality and rewarding employment opportunities for Wakefield's growing population.

With a focus on preparing the next generation for employment, we will support employers to nurture careers in health and social care, digital, and low carbon sectors. We aim to collaborate with providers to ensure they are equipped to impart the necessary skills to young people for these industries. We will work with education providers to empower them to help shape the future careers and aspirations of young people within the district. This will ensure improved skills provision and career prospects for local residents and increase the involvement of young people in Wakefield's business landscape.

PRODUCTION PARK



Based in South Kirkby, Production Park is the UK's leading facility for the live events industry, combining a community of studios, businesses and educational facilities which work together to create live events technology, produce live experiences and share live industry best practice.

Production Park is home to the Academy of Live Technology, an industry-integrated higher education institution offering undergraduate degrees and short courses for the live events industry with unrivalled work opportunities. As well as its higher education offer, the business also supports community outreach initiatives. The Academy of Live Technology recently ran a 5-week Live Event Production course to help people in West Yorkshire train for a career in the live events industry. The course was aimed at graduates and people looking to up-skill or change careers, learners were offered a guaranteed job interview with some of the industry's

leading organisations including Production Park, the Academy of Live Technology, XPLOR, TAIT, 4Wall, Usual Suspects, and National Event Service.

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OMEXOM

Omexom, the VINCI Energies brand dedicated to infrastructure solutions in the generation, transmission and distribution of energy, opened a new branch of its Omexom Institute in 2023 in Castleford.

The centre will provide classroom, virtual reality and practical training on overhead lines, substations and underground cabling. Up to 100 newcomers to the energy industry each year, including apprentices from the Castleford and Wakefield area will be offered a place. The opening of this state-of-the-art training facility is a testament to Omexom's commitment to providing opportunities for people, especially young people, in the Wakefield District and to building the next generation of industry experts.

As well as supporting apprentices, the facility will offer ongoing refresher training for over 450 staff within Omexom UK & Rol annually, underscoring the company's ongoing dedication to the skills of its existing workforce. The investment will help Omexom UK & Rol to meet the increasing demand for skilled people on the many infrastructure projects required to deliver the transition to renewable energy.





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MID YORKSHIRE TEACHING NHS TRUST

The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust provides work experience opportunities for young people aged between 15 and 19 to gain insight into careers in healthcare. A work placement can also be a valuable way of gaining experience of working in a team and caring for people. Opportunities are available across the Trust in a variety of specialisms and departments, both clinical and non-clinical.

During each placement students will spend two days on personal development, exploring NHS careers and receiving support for college and university applications. Students will also spend three days shadowing Trust staff. The Trust will also do their best to match students to any specific areas of interest.

The Trust also offer apprenticeships which are open to people of all ages, running from school entry level to master’s degree. They provide the ideal opportunity to recruit new staff alongside upskilling and developing existing staff. Vacancies are advertised on the NHS jobs website as they

become available. An apprenticeship is a great pathway into a long standing and rewarding career and combines practical training with study.

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THIRD AMBITION

Under ambition three, our aspiration is to drive more Wakefield businesses to work for the benefit of Wakefield. This will create more local business supply chain opportunities between organisations within the district and redirect more spend from Wakefield businesses back into the local economy.

We aim to connect more local people to quality jobs by promoting the use of active travel opportunities and the improvement of transport connections across the district. We will also seek to secure more investment to finance the regeneration of our Places through the introduction of priority projects to investors to promote business in the Wakefield District.

HOPWOOD CREATIVE

Hopwood Creative is a design, web and marketing agency based in Wakefield with a real passion for seeing their clients succeed. The business was previously approached by the marketing team at Wakefield Trinity RLFC to assist with its advertising and promotion using social media. Working alongside the club, Hopwood Creative came up with a comic book style theme that would give a bit of a unique approach compared to that of other clubs competing in rugby league's Super League.

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This comic book style approach had the added advantage of appealing to a younger audience, engaging the club with its next generation of fans whilst also being eye catching and an obvious difference to the norm for the more traditional fan.

It devised a mixture of editable templates to enable scores to be amended on matchdays and announcements, alongside Facebook cover images and social media tiles suitable for Instagram and Twitter to announce upcoming games.

Templates were devised using both home and away colours to enable the club to stick to a theme revolving around each match day.



HEART OF YORKSHIRE EDUCATION GROUP

The Heart of Yorkshire Education Group serves the education and skills needs of the Yorkshire region from its campuses in Castleford, Selby and Wakefield. Offering an expansive range of post-16 provision including apprenticeships, higher education, adult qualifications and distance learning. It works closely with employers to deliver work-based training programmes to meet existing and future skills shortages. Alongside its offer to students, the business is committed to continuous learning and staff are supported to undertake a minimum of 30 hours CPD per year.

As an employer to more than 800 teaching and support staff, it promotes several green travel initiatives to employees which align to its commitment to sustainability. Employees can access cycle to work schemes and discounted travel cards for use on public transport. Staff are also encouraged to lift share where possible or use the park and ride scheme which operates at Wakefield College.



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Heart of Yorkshire
Education Group

Wakefield Council is committed to working with key partners from across the district to realise these ambitions for the benefit of local people, businesses, and places. For further information and regular updates visit: www.wakefieldfirst.com/economic-strategy/

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE – THE CARING KITCHEN

The Prince of Wales Hospice has been providing care to people with a life-limiting illness since 1989. The team expanded its catering services to offer a professional catering experience to the public under the name The Caring Kitchen. Its mission is to provide exceptional catering while generating additional income to support patient care at the Hospice. When choosing The Caring Kitchen Catering, you are not only treating guests to delicious food but also contributing to a noble cause.

This year The Caring Kitchen has partnered with Castleford Tigers to deliver catering services for match day hospitality throughout the 2024 season. The team will provide food which is high-quality,

made from locally sourced ingredients, and freshly cooked in their kitchen. Castleford Tigers are able to continue their 16 year partnership with the Hospice and maintain their commitment to “give back”.

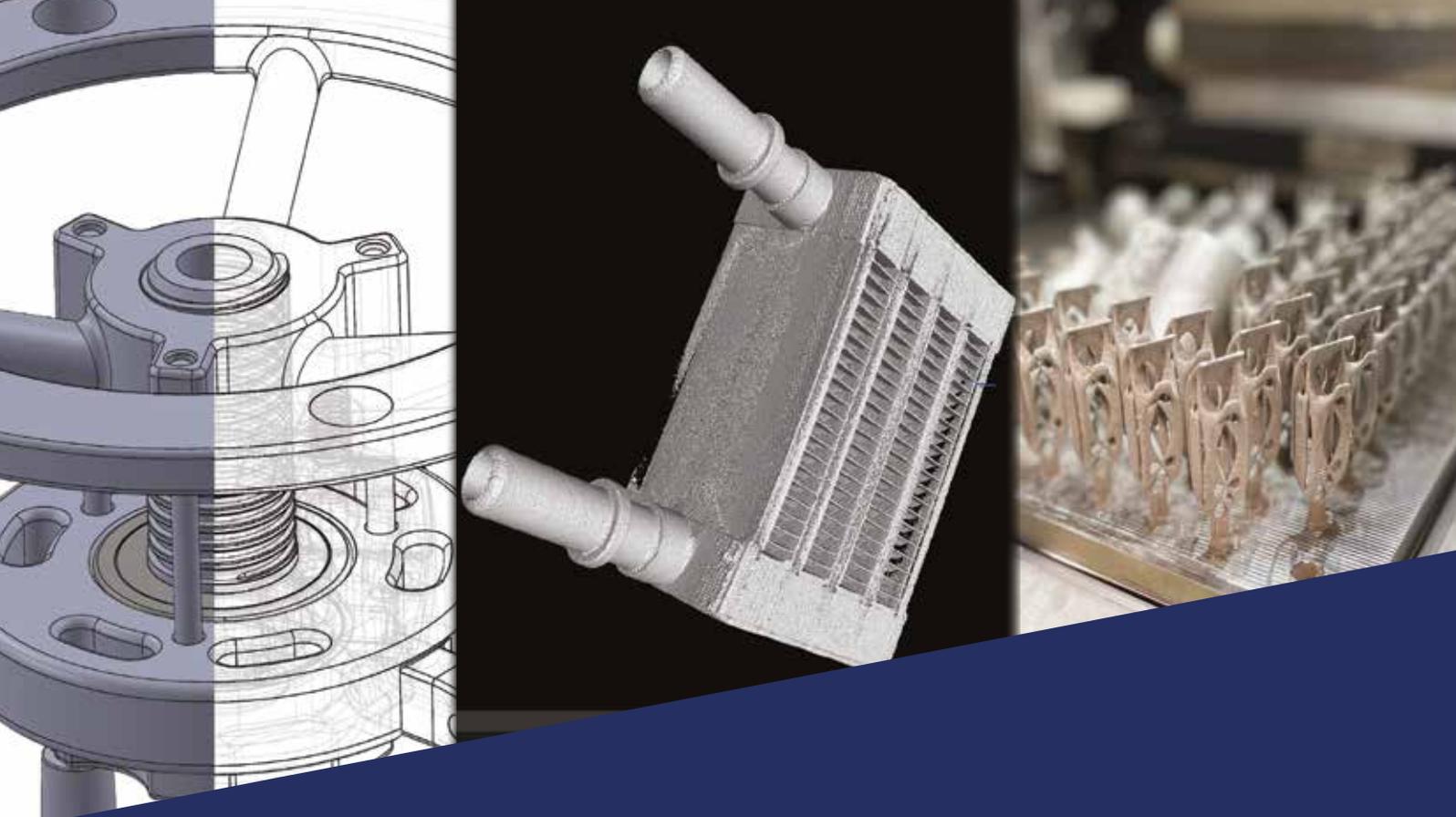
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THE TOP 100 LIST

Final Rank	Company Name (Trading Name/ Known As)	Accounts Date	Employees		Turnover Year Y		Increase in Turnover			Profit Before Tax		Shareholder Funds		Total
			No.	Rank	Y £000s	Rank	Y-1 £000s	% Increase	Rank	£000s	Rank	£000s	Rank	
1	CARD FACTORY PLC	31/01/2023	9849	2	463,400	3	364,400	27.17%	51	52,400	1	268,200	3	60
2	TEAM7 GROUP PLC	31/12/2022	351	32	137,444	13	90,509	51.86%	32	28,665	4	252,460	4	85
3	DUNHILLS (PONTEFRAC) P L C	31/12/2022	655	10	218,173	7	186,223	17.16%	69	35,024	3	136,729	5	94
4	NEWLY WEDS FOODS ACQUISITION LIMITED	31/12/2022	960	7	223,553	6	191,161	16.94%	70	17,121	9	89,375	6	98
5	TEVA UK LIMITED	31/12/2022	450	20	491,748	2	440,826	11.55%	85	47,176	2	332,924	2	111
6	ULTIMA FURNITURE SYSTEMS LIMITED	31/12/2022	464	17	92,168	21	74,596	23.56%	56	25,860	6	48,780	13	113
7	REUSE GLASS UK LIMITED (URM UK)	30/09/2022	176	52	82,896	23	51,419	61.22%	27	27,559	5	36,215	18	125
8	CARS 2 LIMITED	31/12/2022	221	40	168,021	9	124,199	35.28%	45	7,597	16	21,382	28	138
9	CUBICO GROUP LIMITED (EASY BATHROOMS)	30/11/2021	519	14	62,298	31	46,548	33.84%	46	5,852	19	11,422	45	155
10	FORZA FOODS LIMITED	31/12/2022	1221	5	289,536	5	284,256	1.86%	115	4,525	22	53,330	11	158
11	WASTECARE GROUP LIMITED	31/03/2023	466	16	61,196	32	48,380	26.49%	52	3,004	38	31,969	21	159
12	CCL LABEL LIMITED	31/12/2022	551	12	97,308	19	94,650	2.81%	113	10,234	14	64,983	8	166
13	BRAVESHIRE LIMITED	30/06/2022	369	29	90,098	22	79,337	13.56%	78	3,475	32	60,320	9	170
14	SEW-EURODRIVE LIMITED	31/12/2022	152	57	54,541	35	43,542	25.26%	54	13,799	10	39,861	17	173
15	NIMBUS BUILDING PRODUCTS LIMITED (LAMBSON BUILDING PRODUCTS)	31/12/2022	121	69	54,799	34	32,986	66.13%	22	7,099	18	17,833	34	177
16	GENERATOR POWER LIMITED	31/10/2022	286	35	70,839	25	49,861	42.07%	36	2,907	39	12,109	43	178
17	STOELZLE FLACONNAGE LIMITED	31/12/2022	373	28	65,123	28	54,624	19.22%	64	3,679	28	17,256	35	183
18	HAGUE PRINT MEDIA SUPPLIES LIMITED (HAGUE GROUP)	31/12/2022	157	55	42,068	42	26,075	61.34%	26	3,226	36	21,760	26	185
19	PELICAN ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED	31/03/2023	158	54	96,741	20	72,576	33.30%	48	3,070	37	20,474	29	188
20	PLASMOR (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	31/08/2022	426	25	98,873	18	98,873	0.00%	120	5,098	20	73,937	7	190
21	ESSECO UK LIMITED	31/12/2022	93	81	44,325	40	29,897	48.26%	34	11,465	13	22,743	25	193
21	LINPAC PACKAGING LIMITED	31/12/2021	299	34	68,593	27	67,723	1.28%	116	8,807	15	413,216	1	193
23	STORELOGS HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE ICE CO STORAGE & LOGISTICS)	01/01/2023	207	43	22,784	75	18,461	23.41%	57	19,704	7	24,433	23	205
24	SNF (UK) LIMITED	31/12/2022	51	117	99,628	17	70,732	40.85%	39	4,414	23	56,548	10	206
25	LEEDS COMMERCIAL LIMITED (LEEDS COMMERCIAL VEHICLE HIRE)	30/09/2022	140	60	39,564	44	34,994	13.06%	79	13,007	12	40,560	16	211
26	SWITALSKIS SOLICITORS LIMITED	31/03/2022	441	21	27,828	57	15,629	78.05%	18	4,941	21	2,829	99	216
27	LYNX CONCRETE HOLDINGS LIMITED (LYNX PRECAST)	31/08/2022	104	77	29,848	51	21,714	37.46%	41	4,399	24	10,924	47	240
28	THURSTON GROUP LIMITED	31/10/2022	323	33	47,898	39	46,186	3.71%	109	4,085	26	14,305	41	248
29	J MARR HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE ICE CO)	01/01/2023	139	62	25,333	66	22,511	12.54%	81	17,893	8	16,927	37	254
30	PETER DUFFY HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/05/2022	166	53	29,666	53	16,929	75.24%	20	459	98	19,055	32	256
31	MCLEAN & APPLETON (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (HATFIELDS)	31/01/2023	382	27	325,231	4	343,011	-5.18%	201	13,266	11	47,742	14	257
32	KILLGERM GROUP LIMITED	31/12/2022	216	41	51,118	38	46,615	9.66%	94	1,404	63	20,337	30	266
33	ADL PLC (ADL CARE)	31/03/2022	474	15	14,529	102	13,575	7.03%	102	3,814	27	22,773	24	270
34	GRAVITY FITNESS LIMITED (GRAVITY ACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT)	31/12/2022	628	11	25,024	67	14,274	75.31%	19	383	104	6,691	71	272
35	YORKSHIRE PREMIER MEAT LIMITED	31/12/2022	155	56	63,776	29	54,328	17.39%	67	3,569	30	3,621	94	276
36	PACKO INOX LIMITED	31/12/2022	123	67	30,904	50	27,212	13.57%	77	7,179	17	7,617	68	279
37	KEY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS & STOREFITTERS LIMITED (KEY GROUP)	30/04/2023	125	65	52,988	36	46,222	14.64%	74	3,418	33	6,557	73	281
38	CADDICK CONSTRUCTION (NW) LIMITED	31/08/2022	91	83	133,124	14	92,735	43.55%	35	1,690	58	3,799	92	282
39	POWELL ENGINEERING UK LIMITED (OMEXOM POWER SOLUTIONS)	31/12/2022	63	106	36,655	46	21,864	67.65%	21	2,886	40	5,253	79	292
40	BRITISH ELECTRIC LAMPS LIMITED (BELL LIGHTING)	31/03/2023	93	81	33,267	48	30,681	8.43%	98	3,359	34	18,499	33	294
41	ONWARD HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/12/2022	37	133	13,159	113	5,048	160.68%	9	4,370	25	44,814	15	295
42	DUYNIE LIMITED	31/12/2022	57	109	39,566	43	26,176	51.16%	33	3,321	35	4,892	80	300
43	AVTO HOLDINGS LIMITED (ASHLEIGH SIGNS)	31/03/2022	138	63	19,319	87	16,064	20.26%	62	2,008	53	10,962	46	311
44	BANWAIT GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/03/2022	200	45	7,830	133	6,249	25.30%	53	3,557	31	9,674	50	312
45	OSSETT BREWERY GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/03/2022	369	29	19,742	86	7,071	179.18%	8	923	82	2,088	109	314
46	SPECTRUM COMMUNITY HEALTH C.I.C.	31/03/2022	784	9	68,647	26	65,968	4.06%	108	840	87	3,876	90	320
47	PRODUCTION PARK HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/12/2022	79	90	14,059	107	4,112	241.87%	7	1,750	57	7,952	67	328
48	VIAMASTER TRANSPORT LIMITED	30/09/2022	123	67	16,377	94	13,915	17.69%	65	2,741	42	8,186	65	333
48	FINDPATH LIMITED (SANDAL MOTOR GROUP)	31/12/2022	225	39	117,419	16	127,689	-8.04%	207	3,596	29	12,900	42	333

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50	BRILLIANT STAGES LIMITED (TAIT)	31/12/2022	124	66	20,011	85	8,280	141.67%	13	2,800	41	753	130	335
51	AIREA PLC	31/12/2022	105	76	18,483	91	15,865	16.50%	72	1,433	61	16,444	38	338
52	KOLORCRAFT HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/12/2022	194	47	26,177	64	21,588	21.25%	60	1,064	74	3,130	96	341
53	ACUMEN WASTE SERVICES LIMITED	31/03/2022	79	90	19,314	88	13,673	41.26%	38	1,658	59	6,276	74	349
53	WNF GROUP LIMITED (MILLENNIUM SUPPORT)	31/03/2022	438	22	13,312	110	10,989	21.14%	61	391	103	9,489	53	349
55	KAYE'S HOTELS LIMITED	31/03/2022	106	75	4,466	147	694	543.19%	4	1,308	65	8,508	61	352
56	ERNEST COOPER LIMITED	30/04/2023	84	88	22,046	80	19,287	14.31%	76	2,292	49	8,024	66	359
57	PREMIER TECHNICAL SERVICES GROUP LIMITED (PTSG)	02/04/2022	1760	3	184,532	8	168,175	9.73%	93	-12,139	250	33,454	20	374
58	HORBURY BRIDGE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	31/12/2022	56	111	14,333	105	8,960	59.95%	29	1,214	68	8,242	63	376
59	LOSCOE INVESTMENTS LTD (ACORN WEB OFFSET)	30/09/2022	114	71	22,545	76	13,870	62.54%	25	565	93	1,333	120	385
60	WILKES VENDING SERVICES LIMITED	31/03/2022	66	101	5,049	143	3,150	60.28%	28	1,396	64	8,906	56	392
61	CARCLO PLC	31/03/2023	1116	6	143,445	12	128,576	11.56%	84	-2,520	248	11,606	44	394
62	F.S.H (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	28/02/2023	227	38	21,115	83	19,186	10.05%	92	905	83	1,643	117	413
63	WAKEFIELD SHIRT COMPANY LIMITED (THE) (DOUBLE TWO)	30/12/2022	85	86	13,275	111	8,034	65.23%	23	264	109	3,923	88	417
64	APELSON APPLIANCES UK LTD (MYAPPLIANCES)	31/12/2021	39	128	22,005	81	18,752	17.35%	68	2,155	51	3,865	91	419
65	G3 REMARKETING LIMITED	31/12/2022	85	86	15,324	98	15,324	0.00%	120	2,399	45	5,837	75	424
65	PARKSIDE FLEXIBLES (EUROPE) LIMITED	31/12/2022	177	51	37,773	45	28,332	33.33%	47	-95	229	9,567	52	424
67	BRIAN YEARDLEY CONTINENTAL LIMITED	31/12/2022	65	102	14,912	99	10,938	36.33%	42	957	80	2,271	105	428
68	SCS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED	28/02/2023	44	123	22,456	78	19,259	16.60%	71	2,265	50	1,686	116	438
69	SEWTEC AUTOMATION LIMITED	30/06/2022	120	70	15,766	97	17,252	-8.61%	211	2,531	43	24,450	22	443
69	NEWTON HOLDINGS YORKSHIRE LIMITED (HYGIENE SUPPLIES DIRECT)	31/01/2023	39	128	24,647	69	24,647	0.00%	120	2,320	48	5,416	78	443
71	ADE POWER LIMITED	31/12/2022	240	37	43,140	41	53,955	-20.05%	229	870	86	9,190	54	447
72	CONSERVATORY OUTLET LIMITED	31/08/2022	190	48	27,692	58	29,099	-4.84%	198	1,156	69	5,428	77	450
73	HI-WIRE LIMITED	31/12/2022	28	135	14,546	101	11,828	22.98%	59	318	107	9,695	49	451
73	ASKERN HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/03/2022	75	95	10,129	129	7,482	35.38%	44	553	94	3,886	89	451
75	NATIONWIDE STRUCTURES HOLDINGS LIMITED	30/09/2022	46	121	29,750	52	29,750	0.00%	120	1,803	56	2,378	103	452
76	YSP TRADING LIMITED	31/03/2022	104	77	2,802	150	803	249.10%	5	545	95	714	132	459
77	WILLIAM LAMB (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	31/12/2022	107	74	33,183	49	37,550	-11.63%	217	1,070	73	10,042	48	461
78	CONCEPT RECRUITMENT GROUP LIMITED	30/06/2023	1531	4	24,062	71	32,299	-25.50%	234	649	91	8,483	62	462
79	THOMAS FAWCETT & SONS, LIMITED	30/09/2022	65	102	12,701	116	11,801	7.62%	101	338	106	14,752	40	465
80	H H CIVILS HOLDINGS LIMITED	28/02/2023	42	125	29,177	54	29,505	-1.11%	191	2,358	46	9,609	51	467
81	GENERGYONE LTD.	30/06/2022	91	83	14,509	104	13,367	8.54%	97	887	85	2,627	100	469
82	D NOBLE HOLDING CASTLEFORD LIMITED (NOBLE HOMES)	29/04/2022	79	90	10,296	127	10,296	0.00%	120	519	97	17,140	36	470
82	PREMIER QUALITY FOODS LIMITED	28/02/2023	52	116	22,171	79	18,849	17.62%	66	953	81	954	128	470
84	ATTENDS LIMITED	31/12/2022	25	139	26,286	63	24,329	8.04%	100	451	99	7,303	70	471
85	DAKIN-FLATHERS LIMITED	31/03/2023	65	102	11,863	121	11,863	0.00%	120	2,340	47	4,540	84	474
86	TOTAL RECRUIT LTD	30/03/2022	521	13	13,224	112	12,671	4.36%	106	254	110	272	142	483
87	TYTO LEASING LIMITED (BLUESTONE)	31/12/2022	46	121	16,186	95	10,233	58.17%	31	245	111	981	127	485
88	NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM FOR ENGLAND TRUST LTD	31/03/2022	89	85	4,470	146	4,134	8.12%	99	664	89	7,510	69	488
89	LPW GROUP LTD	31/12/2022	203	44	22,903	73	24,617	-6.96%	204	2,147	52	1,627	118	491
90	HESSLE PLANT LIMITED	31/12/2022	51	117	22,792	74	22,984	-0.83%	189	1,883	55	8,197	64	499
91	HANSON BUILDINGS HOLDINGS LIMITED	31/12/2022	69	100	10,925	125	10,925	0.00%	120	1,124	71	4,311	85	501
92	OSSETT HOLDINGS LIMITED (ZEINA FOODS)	31/03/2022	38	132	27,006	61	29,525	-8.53%	209	2,484	44	8,666	59	505
93	ORION DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (ORION HOMES)	31/05/2023	56	111	14,520	103	14,620	-0.68%	188	1,236	67	15,405	39	508
94	TEI LIMITED	30/09/2022	198	46	23,190	72	24,191	-4.14%	197	396	102	2,903	97	514
95	NEXANS POWER ACCESSORIES (UK) LTD	31/12/2022	10	153	5,628	140	4,262	32.07%	49	1,247	66	2,023	110	518
96	TOILETRY SALES LIMITED (TSL HEALTHCARE)	31/12/2021	41	126	28,562	55	35,110	-18.65%	228	1,896	54	8,697	58	521
96	MINSTER LAW LIMITED	30/06/2022	453	18	28,300	56	28,609	-1.08%	190	-1,949	245	49,059	12	521
96	IMEXPART LIMITED (IMEX)	31/12/2022	73	99	9,998	130	9,481	5.46%	104	417	101	4,032	87	521
99	TOTAL RACKING SOLUTIONS LIMITED (RACKING SOLUTIONS)	31/12/2022	14	148	24,676	68	24,676	0.00%	120	1,013	78	2,125	108	522
100	STROMA BUILDING CONTROL LIMITED	31/12/2022	144	59	9,657	131	11,655	-17.14%	222	1,588	60	9,186	55	527



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INNOVATION IN WAKEFIELD



Sue Cooke, 3M BIC CEO

Sue Cooke, CEO of the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre (3M BIC) in Huddersfield, shares why innovation is important and showcases a selection of innovative companies from across Wakefield.

The Wakefield Top 100 Companies initiative recognises the importance of innovation and acknowledges businesses that stand out across the region as top innovators and leaders in their field.

Innovation is the catalyst of progress, new ideas, solutions and approaches that addresses challenges and enhances human

experiences and is crucial if businesses want to grow and remain competitive.

We have chosen a selection of the most innovative companies in the district, that are making waves across their diverse industries, based on their demonstrable investment in innovation and consistent commitment to product development.

Those chosen include Group Rhodes, Parkside Flexibles, Assyst Bulmer, Rotajet Systems, OE Electrics and Sewtec Automation. All are disruptive leaders in their own markets and helping to fly the flag for innovation across Wakefield.

Having businesses of this calibre on our doorstep is remarkable and there are countless more across the district that didn't make it to the shortlist, that are revolutionising their industries, many of which operate on a global scale.

As a community, we want to celebrate the achievements of these businesses, as well as encourage and support others to embrace innovation to drive forward change across the region.

INNOVATION AT THE 3M BIC

The 3M BIC is a subsidiary of the University of Huddersfield designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. We actively promote collaborations between the University and industry to create value, business growth and R&D opportunities.

We have a range of advanced technologies and expertise, supporting businesses to get to the next level in their growth journey.

Providing access to technology, such as 3D printing, X-ray and microscopy for product development and testing, as well as academic collaborations, we can help turn ideas into tangible, marketable products or enhance existing products to become more efficient and sustainable.

Over the last 10 years we have worked across a range of industries including, aerospace, automotive, manufacturing, engineering, MedTech, creative and heritage from across West Yorkshire and beyond.

COLLABORATION IN WAKEFIELD

Here's how organisations in Wakefield have been working with the 3M BIC to innovate.

THE POURED PROJECT

The Poured Project is a bespoke concrete goods design company, based in Knottingley, that creates handcrafted basins and baths, combining industrial raw materials with traditional manufacturing techniques to create a unique look for bathrooms.



Concrete bath, The Poured Project

The 3M BIC's design team worked with the company to generate CAD models, 3D models and technical drawings of a bespoke bath concept using scanning technology. The process captured overall dimensions for fitting purposes and the texture and geometry of the bath that would be demonstrated on product specification sheets and on architectural models.

CONNECT VM

Connect VM, based in Wakefield, approached the 3M BIC's technology team to support the concept development of a ceiling rose adaptor. A 3D rendered design and 3D printed prototype were created that offered both a practical and cost-effective way of obtaining a simulated product.

After determining that a plastic version of the product wasn't commercially viable, the 3M BIC team 3D printed a metal version, alongside CAD drawing, that were used for further testing.



O-Kit, ceiling rose adaptor

The final product, The O-Kit, enables easy and secure fitting of a new pendant light to a ceiling without complicated wiring - making it quick for electricians and easy for DIY enthusiasts.

Innovation Spotlight

SHOWCASING SOME OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE COMPANIES IN WAKEFIELD.

GROUP RHODES

Specialising in bespoke machinery and equipment for over 200 years.

Group Rhodes is one of Europe's largest Original Equipment Manufacturers in its field. Boasting a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, it specialises in the design and manufacture of bespoke machinery and equipment.

Offering innovative engineering solutions, from initial concept design and engineering to manufacturing, installation and ongoing support, it caters for industries worldwide, from aerospace and automotive, to defence and metal forming.

As well as its two Wakefield sites, which offer over 18,500 sqm of production capability, Group Rhodes also operates a division in Sheffield and Manchester, and in 2014 completed its new facility in Bangalore, India.

In 2012, it won a Queen's Award for developing Super Plastic Forming/Diffusion Bonding Presses for aerospace and automotive industries and was listed on the London Stock Exchange Group '1000 Companies to inspire Britain' the same year.

In 2015, it was ranked 29th in the Sunday Times top 100 SME exporters in the UK. It also secured worldwide patents in 2023.



PARKSIDE FLEXIBLES

Developing sustainable, cutting-edge, flexible packaging solutions.

Since 1953, Parkside Flexibles have designed and created award-winning packaging solutions for markets such as food and drink, tobacco, personal care, household and pet care. The company's expertise lies in delivering tailored packaging solutions such as pouches, sachets, wrappers and films designed to enhance product freshness and shelf life while minimising environmental impact.



Committed to sustainability, quality and innovation, the company utilises recyclable materials and implements eco-friendly practices throughout its operations and has over 180 employees across two locations in Wakefield and Malaysia.

In 2022, the company joined the HiBarFilm2 project, an Innovate UK-funded consortium, to develop a ground-breaking new mono-material film for food contact packaging applications to increase the recyclability of these materials and add value.

Parkside Flexibles sits at number 65 on this year's Wakefield Top 100 Companies list.



ASSYST BULLMER

Revolutionising how industries design, develop and produce products.

Assyst Bullmer is one of the UK's leading provider of Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) software and material cutting machines for composite industries such as F1, aerospace, graphics, apparel and fashion, upholstery, gaskets and more.

For almost four decades, Assyst Bullmer has helped businesses streamline their manufacturing processes, optimise production efficiency and stay ahead in a competitive market. Its aim is to develop fully automated production lines using robotics.

From pattern making, marker making and automated cutting, the firm offers competitively priced, tailored solutions, with a focus on innovation and customer satisfaction. It revolutionises the way industries design, develop and produce their products and sets new standards for precision, speed and quality.

It recently joined the UK industry consortium, ASCEND (Aerospace and Automotive Supply Chain Enabled Development) led by GKN Aerospace, to develop automated robotic composites production using its high precision cutting machine synchronised with robotic arm unloading.

ROTAJET SYSTEMS



Building machines and solutions for sustainable recycling and cleaning.

RotaJet Systems specialises in innovative industrial cleaning and surface treatment solutions, building machines from its 40,000 sq ft factory in Wakefield, enabling others to recycle all over the world.

Its state-of-the-art technology combines high-pressure water jets with advanced automation to deliver superior cleaning performance for a wide range of industries, including automotive, aerospace and manufacturing.

Working with smaller local manufacturers to larger blue-chip companies, RotaJet's

innovative approach not only ensures exceptional cleanliness but also maximises efficiency and minimises environmental impact by reducing water and chemical usage.

With a commitment to continuous improvement, RotaJet Systems constantly innovates its products and processes, staying at the forefront of the industry, providing clients with reliable, sustainable, and cost-effective cleaning solutions.

In 2018, the company received €465k through the EU's Horizon 2020 grant to support its R&D into the recycling of polypropylene in carpets that is notoriously difficult to recycle.

OE ELECTRICS

Selling innovative, aesthetic and functional power solutions across the globe.

OE Electrics designs and manufactures a wide range of electrical products, including power sockets, USB charging outlets and data ports, engineered to blend seamlessly into modern interiors while offering cutting-edge functionality.

Its commitment to innovation is evident in its emphasis on user-centric design, integration of advanced technologies and sustainable manufacturing practices.

By continuously exploring new materials and technologies, it stays ahead of industry trends, providing customers with reliable, efficient and aesthetically pleasing electrical solutions that meet the evolving demands of today's digital world.

It supplies to a range of markets, from commercial office interiors to airport lounges, schools and universities, laboratories, AV studios and the hospitality sector and employs 170 people.

OE Electrics exports to more than 60 countries and in 2019 won the Queen's Award for International Trade which



acknowledged its export achievements. International markets account for over 30 per cent of the company's £14.3m turnover.



SEWTEC AUTOMATION

Customising automation solutions for manufacturers worldwide.

Multi-award winning Sewtec Automation is a pioneering company specialising in bespoke automation solutions for manufacturing industries worldwide. With a focus on innovation, it designs and builds custom automation systems tailored to meet the unique needs of each client.

Its cutting-edge technology incorporates robotics, vision system and advanced control software to enhance production efficiency, quality and flexibility.

Its innovative approach to automation includes rapid prototyping, modular design,

and collaborative partnerships, allowing them to deliver agile and adaptable solutions that address the evolving challenges of modern manufacturing.

Based at its 75,000 sq ft state-of-the-art design and manufacturing facility in Wakefield, it continues to push the boundaries of automation, driving industry advancements and empowering businesses to thrive in an increasingly competitive market.

Last year it was nominated in the Sedex Sustainability Awards in the Tech & Innovation category and is placed joint 69th in this year's Wakefield Top 100 Companies list.



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HELP TO GROW WITH HUDDERSFIELD BUSINESS SCHOOL

Wakefield businesses complete successful Growth Programme



For the past two years, businesses in our region have been taking part in a groundbreaking, funded, growth programme. This year, 60 more Wakefield companies will have the opportunity to take part in the highly successful Help to Grow: Management programme.

Shellie O Connor, Chief Operating Officer of Actiform, Wakefield, is a graduate of the programme. Joining the family business whilst it was in a significant development phase, and coming from a different career path, meant that Help to Grow came at a daunting but exciting time, as she says: *"I decided to join the Help to Grow Management programme at Huddersfield Business School because it was the right opportunity for me... I'd joined a business that was developing rapidly, and I needed the knowledge to play catch up and jump in and support my team."*

At a time when businesses face unprecedented pressures, it's not easy for leaders to take time out for training and development, but it's never been more vital. Shelley's experience reflected this, and after completing the programme she commented:

"One thing in particular that was highlighted was how to adopt different leadership styles to get the best out of your team. The programme taught me that depending on which colleague you are leading in your team will depend on what leadership style is needed to get the best outcome."

"Having access to a mentor on the Help to Grow Management programme was a really valuable experience for me... having that help from outside was really beneficial."

Fellow Wakefield business leader, Rachel Hudson, director of Amo Home Solutions, completed the course in 2023 and says: *"Anyone looking to grow their business, then please consider the course delivered by Huddersfield Business School. Highly recommended."*

Help to Grow is designed and delivered to meet the pressures business leaders are facing, provide them with the headspace to develop new ideas, and hear from other leading industry experts on the challenges they have faced, and how they overcame them.

Programme Director, Stella Bowdell, commented: *"This programme has been transformational for so many of our participants. Since its launch two years ago, we've celebrated participants increasing growth by 362%, improving employee engagement, winning new contracts, awards, and so much more."*

So far, our Senior Practitioner Katey Curtis has worked with c.130 SMEs across

all sectors. She works alongside leading industry experts to deliver the programme and our participants love the upbeat, interactive environment that she creates.

Katey adds:

"We're so proud of what our participants have achieved on the programme - it's hard to believe that we're coming up towards our 6th graduation ceremony and our 7th cohort launch."

"One of the most exciting things about the programme is the bond that we see created between the businesses. It creates peer support, widens networks and of course opens up opportunities. We regularly host Help to Grow business networking events, at wonderful regional venues like Yorkshire Sculpture Park."

The first ever Help to Grow Awards for the Kirklees regions were held in December 23, with over 200 nominations received. Nic Stenberg, Director of Executive Education, said:

"We see such outstanding business leaders and organisations coming through this programme, that it felt only right to celebrate their achievements with an awards ceremony. We are excited to be launching the 2024 awards later this year and hope to see lots of Wakefield businesses amongst the nominees and winners!"

If you employ between 5 and 249 employees, and would like to find out more about the Help to Grow 2024 programme, please visit HTG Wakefield 2024 or contact helptogrow@hud.ac.uk.



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1



Card Factory is a prominent retailer based in Wakefield and is known for its wide range of greeting cards, gifts, and party supplies. Established in 1997, Card Factory prides itself on offering high-quality products at affordable prices and has over 1,000 stores across the UK.

2



Established in Wakefield in 1990, Team17 has gathered acclaim for its diverse portfolio of video games, including the iconic Worms franchise. Team17 collaborates with independent developers worldwide to bring unique and engaging gaming experiences to players across multiple platforms.

3

HARIBO

In 1972, German company HARIBO acquired a majority stake in the company before fully acquiring Dunhills in 1994. Today, it has two manufacturing sites in Pontefract and Castleford which produce more than 80% of all HARIBO sweets consumed in the UK.

4



Dating back to 1932, Newly-Weds Foods Europe is the leading supplier of customised breads, batters, seasonings, and functional ingredients to the food industry. With headquarters in Ossett, the site houses a factory and technical centre with specialist staff dedicated to various sectors of the product market.

5



As a subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, a global leader in generic medicines, Teva UK offers a diverse portfolio of high-quality and affordable medications. Based in Castleford, it is a prominent pharmaceutical company dedicated to improving healthcare outcomes for all.

6



Since 1982, Ultima has manufactured high quality kitchens. It now has two specially built state-of-the-art production facilities in South Kirkby, offering high quality products at competitive prices with over 30 kitchen styles available in a range of colours.

7



URM UK is a leading glass recycling company with a head office in South Kirkby. It works with over 130 district and parish councils and over 450 commercial sites, as well as operating a bulk transport fleet around the UK to haul raw and processed glass.

8



Established in 2006, Cars2 is a motor dealer group headquartered in Wakefield with retail sales and aftersales sites across the region. It sells leading brands including Hyundai, SEAT, Renault, Dacia, MG and Nissan, and has a sports and prestige brand, Pure Cars.

9



Easy Bathrooms has been offering affordable, high quality and stylish bathroom solutions and exceptional customer service since 2013. From its humble beginnings, the company has grown into a leading retailer with 137 showrooms across the UK

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forza

Forza Foods was founded in 2007 as an independent cooked meats supplier to ASDA. In 2011, it moved to a new factory in Normanton and in 2016 ASDA acquired Forza Foods, enhancing its supply chain and product quality.

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11



Established in 1980, WasteCare specialises in providing comprehensive waste collection, recycling and disposal services to businesses and communities. It utilises innovative technologies and practices to minimise waste and maximise resource recovery.

12



Based in Castleford, CCL Label is a leading provider of innovative labelling and packaging solutions. It uses cutting-edge technology and industry expertise to deliver products for various industries, including food and beverage, pharmaceuticals and consumer goods.

13



Since 1865, W.E. Rawson Ltd, a Wakefield-based family business, has pioneered non-woven industrial textiles. Its innovative manufacturing of quality fabrics, including recycled fibres, serves global industries through its Rawson Fillings, Rawson Carpet Solutions and Applied Felts divisions.

14



SEW-EURODRIVE in Normanton produces drive technology used in industries such as conveyor belts, filling systems and container cranes. With over 90 years' experience, it offers a global portfolio of gearmotors, industrial gear units, servo drive technology and automation solutions.

15



Established over 50 years ago, Lambson Building Products is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of plywood, MDF and timber-based products and components. It supplies to some of the world's largest leisure, marine, modular & off-site construction manufacturers.

16



Generator Power is the leading provider of temporary power solutions in the UK, based in Normanton. Committed to reliability and efficiency, it specialises in supplying generators for various applications, including events, construction sites and emergency situations.

17



Established in 1871 in Knottingley, Stoelzle Flaconnage joined the Stoelzle Glass Group in 1994. It specialises in producing premium glass bottles for the fragrance and cosmetics industry. Recent investments have transformed it into a top-tier producer for prestige spirits.

18



Operating since the 1980s Hague Group specialises in designing and manufacturing secure documents for governments and organisations. Employing state-of-the-art technology and stringent security measures to safeguard sensitive information and prevent counterfeiting.

19



Established in 1919 and based in Castleford, Pelican Engineering Co. is a third-generation, family-run company. It partners with the biggest manufacturers in the world to bring the latest commercial vehicle technology and innovation to market.

20



Established in 1959, privately-owned Plasmor has grown to be one of Britain's largest independent concrete products manufacturers. It supplies a comprehensive range of concrete block and concrete block paving to the building industry throughout the UK.

WAKEFIELD TOP 100 – THE LIST

21



Esseco UK is a leading supplier of chemical products based in Wakefield. With a history dating back to 1878, it specialises in providing a wide range of chemicals for various industries, including food and beverage, agriculture and water treatment.

21



For over 40 years, Lincac Packaging has supplied an extensive range of innovative, sustainable packaging solutions to the retail and foodservice sectors. In 2017, Lincac was bought by Klöckner Pentaplast Group, a global company that specialises in sustainable packaging solutions.

23



The Ice Co Storage & Logistics offers an efficient nationwide cold storage and logistics solution for wholesale, retail, food service. It has four sites with over 51,000 pallets spaces, along with a modern fleet of temperature-controlled vehicles.

24



SNF UK is a supplier of water-soluble polymers and acrylamide monomer, with a head office in Wakefield. It provides polyacrylamide and associated products to the municipal, oil & gas, and industrial markets.

25



Leeds Commercial Vehicle Hire is a trusted provider of vehicle rental solutions, headquartered in Stanley. It offers efficient and cost-effective transportation solutions, including a wide range of commercial vehicles for short-term and long-term hire, catering to businesses of all sizes.

26



Switalskis, established by Stephen Switalski in 1993, began with a focus on childcare law and criminal law from a single office in Wakefield. It now has 12 locations and employs more than 380 staff that provide a wide range of specialist legal services.

27



Established in 2014, Lynx Precast are specialists in the design, manufacture, and installation of precast concrete products. The product range includes beam and block flooring, warm floor insulated flooring, hollow core slab, stairs, landings and lift shafts.

28



Formed in 1970, Thurston Group is one of the longest-standing and highest performing modular construction and portable manufacturers in the country. It designs, manufactures, and delivers high quality temporary and permanent modular buildings.

29



The Ice Co is a family-run business that manufactures and sells a range of ice-based products to trade customers. Founded in 1860 by Joseph Marr, it now boasts Europe's largest ice factory, manufacturing over six billion ice cubes a year.

30



Peter Duffy Limited is a civil engineering, utility and construction company based in Wakefield. Formed in 1972, it has grown into a multi-disciplined organisation specialising in groundworks and civil and utilities infrastructure.

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31

Hatfields

McLean and Appleton is the parent company of the Hatfields car dealerships brand. Hatfields is headquartered in Wakefield and has various dealerships across the country.

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KILLGERM® Group Limited

Based in Ossett, Killgerm Group manufactures and distributes public health pest control products through operating companies across the globe. It is also the major pest control distributor for global companies such as ENVU, BASF, Bell Laboratories and Syngenta.

33



ADLcare operates high quality residential care homes for elderly and vulnerable people, with sixteen homes around the UK, from long or short-term care to regular respite. It also offers a unique 'open house' policy where there are no rules or restrictions other than those for safety or best interest.

34



GRAVITY® ACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gravity Active Entertainment is a leading provider of entertainment and leisure experiences in the UK and headquartered in Wakefield. With a diverse portfolio of attractions including trampoline parks, climbing walls, and adventure courses, the company offers fun and thrilling activities for individuals and families.

35



Based in South Kirkby, Yorkshire Premier Meat is a meat processor that specialises in supplying pre-prepared meat products to the food manufacturing industry. Its production facilities produce a wide range of sliced, diced, marinated, minced or fixed weight products.

36



Packo Inox is a leading manufacturer of stainless-steel equipment for the food, pharmaceutical and industrial sectors. With a heritage dating back to 1912, the company specialises in designing and producing hygienic pumps, heat exchangers and mixing systems.

37



Based in Ossett, Key Group has over 25 years of experience providing building solutions across both commercial and retail sectors. Key Group provides a complete range of MEP, retail fit-out and asset maintenance services.

38



Part of the Caddick Group, Caddick Construction (NW) delivers high quality new build, refurbishment and civil construction schemes based on a 44-year heritage. It provides in-house design and technical expertise and design and build specialists across all property sectors.

39



OMEXOM

Established in 1978 and rebranded as Omexom Power Solutions in 2016, Omexom provides the electrical generation, transmission & distribution industry with specialist design, installation and commissioning from 11kV to 400kV. In 2023, it opened a new multi-million-pound training facility in Castleford offering training to existing staff as well as up to 100 apprentices a year.

40



BELL Lighting is a renowned manufacturer and supplier of lighting solutions based in Normanton. With a history spanning over 100 years, it specialises in offering a comprehensive range of lighting products to the electrical wholesaler industry.

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41



Onward is a third-generation family business, founded over 80 years ago, that provides several types of warehouses and retail park storage. Headquartered in Featherstone the company has a further five sites in the UK.

42



Duynie Feed UK was formed in 2014 after a merger between Soltens, Moist Feed Supplies and James & Son. Duynie produces sustainable feed solutions for cattle and pigs and boasts a logistics fleet of 16 lorries, 8 tankers and 8 bulkers.

43



Ashleigh Signs is a leading provider of signage solutions in the UK. With a history dating back several decades, the company specialises in offering a comprehensive range of signage products and services for businesses and organisations across various industries.

44



Banwait Group Holdings is a privately owned family investment office, with interests in the healthcare, commercial and residential property sectors. It acquires development, opportunistic and value-add investment opportunities which require its specialist expertise to unlock underlying value.

45



Established over 25 years, Ossett Brewery Group specialises in brewing a diverse range of craft beers and ales, using traditional brewing techniques combined with modern ingredients. It operates 25 pubs across North and West Yorkshire.

46



Spectrum Community Health CIC provides healthcare services for vulnerable individuals. This includes primary care, sexual health services and substance misuse services in community and secure environments such as prisons, hospitals and immigration centres.

47



Production Park in South Kirkby is Europe's largest purpose-built rehearsal studio for large scale arena concert tours. It has the capacity for major film, TV & commercial productions, as well as product launches, corporate events and state-of-the-art LED virtual production.

48



For over 40 years, Viamaster has provided transport and warehousing solutions and is now one of the UK's largest leading logistics providers. Its fleet operates a UK-wide service from its distribution, warehousing and training facility in Castleford, which opened in 2012.

48

SANDAL MOTOR GROUP

Findpath Limited is a group within the motor industry, operating authorised BMW and Mini centres, including the sale of new and used vehicles, parts and undertaking servicing and body shop crash repairs.

50



Brilliant Stages, based in South Kirkby, has been designing, producing, and delivering advanced staging technologies and entertainment structures to live events for 40 years around the globe. It recently became part of the TAIT Group.

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51

AIREA

Airea is an Ossett-based flooring company specialising in the design, manufacture and distribution of high-quality carpet tiles and commercial flooring solutions. It offers a diverse range of flooring options tailored to meet the needs of various industries and applications.

52



Kolorcraft Group is a leading provider of print and marketing solutions based in Ossett. Specialising in large format printing, bespoke packaging and point-of-sale displays, it offers a comprehensive range of services to meet the diverse needs of businesses and brands.

53



Acumen are leaders in waste management, providing tailored and cost-effective waste management, treatment and transfer and industrial site services solutions. It works with both the public and private sector and has a head office in Knottingley.

53



Millennium Support provides a range of care services for individuals with learning disabilities and mental health issues. It operates several residential homes and community-based services across Yorkshire and beyond.

55



Kaye's Hotels Limited operates Waterton Park Hotel & Spa and Walton Hall. Located in Walton, the 4-star property boasts a parkland setting with its own lake, a backdrop of ancient woodland and is surrounded by a championship golf course.

56



Ernest Cooper is a family-run national bulk haulage company with over 100 years' experience, located in South Kirkby. It transports over 2.75 million tonnes of bulk materials per year and has two additional centres in the UK.

57



With its head office based in Castleford, Premier Technical Services Group (PTSG) supplies access, maintenance and testing systems for high-level cleaning and electrical device installation. It supplies highly engineered industrial products and quality services with a substantial presence in several focused niche markets.

58

**HORBURY BRIDGE
(HOLDINGS)
LIMITED**

Horbury Bridge (Holdings) is the holding company of Horbury Bridge (Properties) Limited, Machenair Limited and Map Ventilation Limited. Machenair is a UK leading heating, ventilation and air conditioning company and MAP Ventilation specialises in semi-automated ductwork, fabrication and installation.

59

**LOSCOE
INVESTMENTS
LTD**

Based in Normanton, Loscoe Investments is the holding company of Acorn Web Offset Limited, Aberdeen Industry Investments Limited and Investment in Media Limited. Acorn Web Offset is a specialist magazine printer of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, bi-monthly and quarterly periodicals.

60



Founded in Wakefield in 1946 by Mr Gerald Wilkes, Wilkes Group provides vending, cleaning, and catering supplies services with purpose-built facilities across Yorkshire and Lancashire. The business remains family-owned and employs over 300 staff.

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61



Carclo is a global leader in the manufacture of precision components in high-tech industries such as life sciences and aerospace. Carclo has 13 sites across the world selling in markets around the globe, whilst striving for innovation, quality and customer satisfaction.

62



Based in Castleford, FSH is a full-service construction company offering building, renovation and maintenance services to customers in the North of England. FSH provides its expertise across multiple industries including insurance, social housing, education, residential and healthcare.

63

DOUBLETWO
— Since 1940 —

DoubleTwo is a renowned British menswear brand known for its high-quality shirts and accessories. With a heritage in Wakefield dating back to 1940, the company specialises in producing classic and contemporary shirts crafted from premium fabrics.

64



Based in Normanton, MyAppliances is a leading kitchen appliance retailer and manufacturer offering a wide range of high-quality, stylish and functional appliances at affordable prices. Products in the range cover everything from cooking and refrigeration to laundry and dishwashing.

65



Established in 2009 and based in Castleford, G3 Remarketing is one of the UK's leading independent vehicle auction houses. Its service is a unique blend of auctioneer-led sale events with both physical and digital customers bidding simultaneously across two lanes within the auction hall.

65



Since 1953, Parkside Flexibles has designed and created award-winning packaging solutions across markets including food and drink, tobacco, personal care, household and pet care. It has over 180 employees across two locations in Normanton and Malaysia.

67



For over 45 years, Brian Yeardley Continental has been offering driver accompanied export and import full load and groupage services across the globe for a wide range of industries. Operating from its Head Office in Featherstone, this is the operational centre of one of the most advanced fleets of international mega trucks and trailers in Europe.

68



From its head office in Stanley, SCS provides a range of services to the construction industry. Founded in 1994, SCS offers design, installation and maintenance of steel framing systems, ceilings and health and safety solutions.

69



Sewtec Automation is a leading Wakefield based engineering company specialising in designing and manufacturing bespoke automation solutions. With a vast international customer base, it provides services to a variety of sectors including food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, and automotive.

69



Hygiene Supplies Direct is an online retailer based in Castleford who provide cleaning and hygiene products for both commercial and domestic use. The product range offers cleaning chemicals and janitorial supplies to pest control products and personal protective equipment.

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71



Acquired by the PBE Group in 2021, ADE Power in South Kirkby excels in power generation systems, noise control solutions and custom containers. Since the acquisition, it has doubled capacity and expanded to ADE Australia, offering tailored solutions to meet acoustic and environmental needs.

72



Conservatory Outlet is a leading manufacturer and installer of high-quality conservatories, orangeries, and other home improvement products. With a network of accredited dealers across the UK and its head office in Wakefield, it offers a wide range of customisable designs to suit different styles and preferences.

73



Hi-Wire Ltd is the UK's largest stockist and supplier of enamelled copper wire, enamelled copper flat wire, and motor repair related ancillary products. As enamelled copper wire is the key component in the motor and transformer manufacture and repair industry, it works closely to provide bespoke solutions to the industry as it evolves.

73

Askern UK Ltd

From its head office in South Kirkby, Askern UK Ltd is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of cable reels and drums made from plywood and softwood. It supplies to some of the largest producers in the global cable, extrusion, wire and rope industries.

75



Established in 2000, Nationwide Structures is a construction company specialising in design, fabrication and erection of steel structures. From its head office in Wakefield, it provides comprehensive building and civil engineering solutions across various sectors, including residential, commercial, and industrial.

76



YSP Trading is the trading arm of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in West Bretton. Spread across 500 acres of parkland, the park showcases contemporary and modern sculptures and offers visitors a unique blend of art, nature and heritage.

77



Originally established in 1887, William Lamb Group is a third-generation family business based in Wakefield which distributes footwear and accessories to retailers. The range includes licensed products from popular media including Bluey, Pokémon and Sonic.

78



Founded in 2006, Concept Recruitment Group provides both permanent and temporary recruitment solutions and services including on-site, high street, technical, and professional recruitment, as well as outsourced services and training across the North of England.

79



Thomas Fawcett & Sons Ltd is a seventh-generation family business which has been manufacturing quality malts for over 200 years. It manufactures over 30 different malts at its Castleford site and can supply small quantities of other key brewing ingredients.

80



Founded in 2008, H&H Construction are a family-run business based in Castleford. It has established a reputation as one of Yorkshire's most respected groundwork contractors, with expertise in several areas including drainage, surfacing and reinforced concrete.

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81



The GenergyOne Group specialises in heating and climate-control related services and products. It operates under three entities JBC Industrial Services, Stokvis Industrial Boilers and Smart Control Systems. JBC Industrial Services in Normanton provides service and maintenance to industrial boilers and burners.

82



Founded in 1961 by Denis Noble and headquartered in Castleford, Noble Homes design and build new homes, from one-bedroom apartments to five-bedroom detached homes. The company is currently developing sites across Yorkshire, with more in the pipeline.

82



Located near Pontefract, Premier Quality Foods is a wholesale food supplier for the catering industry, providing a range of frozen, chilled and ambient foods, beverages, packaging, disposables and more. It provides products and services across Yorkshire and the UK.

84



Attends has over 40 years' experience in providing incontinence protection to consumers, care workers and health care professionals worldwide. It offers a wide range of products for all levels and types of incontinence such as pants and pads, along with additional products such as surface protection and specially developed skin care products.

85



Featherstone-based Dakin-Flathers is a leading manufacturer of specialised bandsaw and band knife blades for wood, metalworking, meat, and foam cutting industries. With over 125 years of experience, its blades are used over 100 countries.

86



Total Recruit is an independent recruitment agency founded in 2020, specialising in bespoke solutions for the industrial sector. Supported industries include food production, warehousing, distribution, manufacturing, technical and chilled environments.

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Based in Durkar, Bluestone is an independent and award-winning team of finance professionals. With over 25 years' experience, it provides commercial finance brokerage, asset finance, management, insurance, and vehicle leasing services for businesses.

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The National Coal Mining Museum for England highlights over 180 years of coal mining history. The site features interactive activities for visitors to learn more about the industry.

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Established in 1972 and based in Ossett, the family operated LPW Group provides truck washing, internal tank washing and mobile fleet cleaning services nationwide. It also provides a range of vehicle and warehouse cleaning products.

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Founded in 1968, Hesse Fork Trucks specialises in the sale and hire of fork trucks. With over 50 years' experience, it is an industry leader in providing innovation materials handling and access solutions.

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With over 40 years' experience, Hanson Buildings are a leading supplier of domestic and industrial buildings. Brands include Hanson Garages, Hanson Steel Buildings, Hanson Industrial, Hanson Refurbishments and Hanson Battery Garages.

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With a heritage spanning over 30 years, Zeina Foods is a prominent UK-based supplier of premium nuts, seeds and dried fruits. It specialises in sourcing, processing and distributing a wide range of high-quality products to retail and wholesale customers.

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Founded in 1978, Orion Homes is a property development company based in Ossett. With a focus on creating high-quality homes in desirable locations, it specialises in building new residential developments to the highest standards of design, quality and sustainability across Yorkshire.

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With a head office in Wakefield, TEI is a leading UK engineering construction organisation. It specialises in design, supply, repair, maintenance and site installation in the power generation and petrochemical industries.

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Nexans Power Accessories (UK) headquartered in Castleford, is a part of the global Nexans Group. It is a world leader in the design and manufacturing of cable systems and services across building & territories, high voltage & projects, industry & solutions, and telecom & data.

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TSL Healthcare has over 35 years' experience in manufacturing and selling healthcare products including PPE, first aid and period care. It supplies major retailers and institutions such as the NHS offering exemplary quality and ethical compliance.

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Based in Wakefield, Minster Law offers help and advice in a range of legal areas. Services include personal injury, employment, wills, probate and conveyancing and is also the UK's largest RTA personal injury practice.

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IMEX is a leading UK-based supplier of truck parts and accessories for commercial vehicles. With a history spanning over 35 years, it provides a wide range of products, including engine components, braking systems, and electrical parts to customers worldwide.

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Based in Normanton, Racking Solutions is a family-run business that specialises in industrial shelving and racking solutions for various applications. This includes heavy duty racking, garage shelving and pallet racking kits.

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Stroma Building Control is a leading Approved Inspector with the experience of over 100 building control surveyors. It provides professional and reliable Building Control solutions for both commercial and residential clients.



Thank You

As we come to the close of the first Wakefield Top 100 Companies we are filled with a sense of pride and excitement for the future. Following the success of this year's list, it is encouraging to see the diverse range of businesses who call the Wakefield District their home.

Positioned at the heart of the UK, the Wakefield District is an attractive location for businesses due to its proximity to major motorways and its appealing landscape which is made up of almost 70% of green space and rural communities.

We are proud to support opportunities for business growth within the district, and with 627 hectares of employment land approved in the new Wakefield Local Plan 2024-2029, the business case for Wakefield is obvious.

Looking ahead, we cannot wait to see how the Wakefield Top 100 Companies initiative evolves and how the business community in the district continues to thrive.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has been involved in bringing the Wakefield Top 100 Companies 2024/25 to life and we look forward to 2025/26.

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