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Brintons enters League Table of Britain's Fastest Growing Profit Stars

Brintons is delighted to announce that it has entered the 18th annual Sunday Times BDO Profit Track 100 league table, the much-respected business performance indicator which was published in the newspaper early this April. The league table, which ranks Britain's private companies with the fastest growing profits over three years, places premium carpet manufacturer Brintons in 67th position.



The Principal York Hotel

New entrant Brintons Carpets, which was founded more than 230 years ago in Kidderminster, ran into financial difficulties in 2011 but has returned to strength in its key markets of Britain, US, Australia and Poland, and won commercial projects such as the P&O Britannia, Britain's biggest ship. Profits grew by an average of 72% a year to £9m in 2016.

Commenting on the Company's inclusion in the listing, Chief Executive Duccio Baldi said, "It is excellent to be recognised in this prestigious league table – and is a testament to the turnaround in the performance of the company since its new ownership five years ago."



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Above from left: Champagne Bar and Penthouse on RMS Queen Mary 2

Richard Rose, partner and head of the Midlands region at BDO, the title sponsor of the league table, commented: “High-growth, mid-sized businesses played a leading role in the UK economic recovery after the global financial crisis. With Brexit and more uncertainty looming, it is companies like these with their natural energy, ambition and entrepreneurial spirit that will help the UK economy thrive. By supporting their growth, government would also be helping to achieve a more regionally balanced economy that ‘works for all’.”

The league table and awards programme is sponsored by BDO and UBS Wealth Management, and is compiled by Fast Track, the Oxford-based research and networking events firm.

The national picture

This year’s profit Track 100 companies achieved, on average, profit growth of 83% a year over three years, to a total of £1bn in 2015/16. Together they employ 47,700 staff, having added 17,300 employees to their combined workforce over the period, some as a result of acquisitions.

London is the most popular location for company HQs with 25, followed by the southeast (15). Of the remainder, 13 are based in the northwest, eight in Scotland, seven in the West Midlands, seven in Yorkshire, seven in the southwest, five in Wales, four in the East Midlands, four in the East, four in Northern Ireland, and one in the northeast.

The full league table will be published as a six-page broadsheet supplement with the business section of The Sunday Times on 2 April, both in print and in the digital edition, and on www.fasttrack.co.uk.

For more information on Brintons and its range of products and services for the commercial sector, visit www.brintons.net or call 01562 635665.



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Editors Notes

About Brintons

- Brintons is a world-leading supplier of premium quality custom-designed and stocked carpet to the residential and commercial sectors (hospitality, public spaces, marine, leisure and gaming).
- With over 230 years of heritage creating beautiful bespoke woven carpet for some of the world's most prestigious buildings including Royal palaces, historic houses and luxury hotels, Brintons is today the trusted partner of choice for designers looking for expert design input in addition to exceptional quality products.
- A global network of design studios and a unique pattern archive offer clients a powerful creative resource that inspires people to think differently about colour and pattern.
- Brintons' team of leading designers works closely with client project teams to create designs that meet the needs of individual projects of every size, specification and level of design complexity – be they classic, traditional or contemporary in style.
- In addition to custom-designed carpet, Brintons offers stock collections of premium woven Axminster and Wilton broadloom carpets, tiles and tufted broadloom. A regularly updated portfolio of designs created specifically for the commercial market by trend-leading expert designers including Timorous Beasties and Stacey Garcia offers designers, specifiers and architects an unusually wide collection of contemporary patterns and palette.
- Brintons offers a total project management service to its commercial clients.
- Axminster and Wilton carpets manufactured by Brintons contain a blend of 80% wool and 20% nylon, an innovation developed by Brintons and now considered the global standard of the industry.



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About Fast Track

Fast Track has published league tables of top-performing private companies with The Sunday Times for the past 20 years. The company was founded and is run by Dr Hamish Stevenson, who also holds an associate fellowship at Green Templeton College, Oxford University.

Previous Profit Track 100 success stories include mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse, which featured in 2000 with profits of £15m, floated in the same year and is now valued at £3.6bn, following its merger with Dixons in 2014. Appliance manufacturer Dyson also featured in 2000, with profits of £24m, which it grew to £386m in 2015.

League table criteria:

Companies had to be registered in the UK and be independent, unquoted and ultimate holding companies. Profit growth was measured by compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the latest three financial years.

Profits are defined as operating profit, which consists of a company's profit before taxation, interest, dividends and exceptional items. Profits had to exceed £3m in the latest available accounts and £500,000 in the base year. Firms had to show a rise in profits from penultimate to latest year.

The research was carried out by Fast Track between October 2016 and March 2017. The majority of companies were interviewed by telephone or in person by the Fast Track research team.

About BDO

BDO is the title sponsor of Profit Track 100 for a fourth successive year.

BDO is an accountancy and business advisory firm who provide integrated advice and solutions to organisations across a number of sectors throughout the UK. Our clients are Britain's economic engine – ambitious, entrepreneurially-spirited and high growth businesses that fuel the economy. We pride ourselves on our collaborative approach and are delighted that for the third year running, have the highest proportion of clients who would recommend BDO as advisers among its peer group*.

*Independent research undertaken by Meridian West (Mid-Market Monitor 2013-2016)

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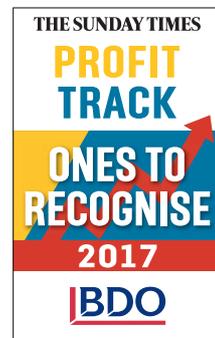
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About UBS Wealth Management

UBS Wealth Management is a main sponsor of the Profit Track 100 for a 15th year.



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