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Foreword

We are delighted to present the first Kent LTD. report, providing a comprehensive insight into Kent's largest privately owned businesses and the vital role they play in the county's economy.

Kent combines the scale of one of England's largest counties with a unique strategic position as the UK's gateway to international trade. With a population of over 1.8 million people and close integration with the London and South East economy, Kent supports a diverse and resilient business environment spanning logistics, manufacturing, consumer markets, healthcare and professional services.

The Kent LTD. 2026 report provides a timely and data-led insight into the performance of the county's largest privately owned businesses – organisations that collectively form the backbone of the regional economy. The Top 100 companies generated £12.5bn in turnover and employed over 51,700 people, illustrating the scale of the mid-market and privately owned sector's contribution to economic output, employment and local communities.

The results reflect a year of both progress and pressure. Overall turnover increased by 4.9%, demonstrating continued demand across many sectors, while employment rose by 8.5%, highlighting ongoing business confidence and investment in people. Overall EBITDA declined by 9.8%, mirroring the wider economic environment as businesses contend with rising input costs, wage inflation and persistent margin pressure. Average wages across the Top 100 increased by 4.1%, broadly aligning with county-wide trends driven by skills shortages in logistics, construction, healthcare and professional services.

Consumer-facing businesses, supported by Kent's large population base and visitor economy, delivered strong 10.2% turnover growth, while Business Support Services expanded employment at pace, reflecting increased demand for specialist and outsourced services. In contrast, Manufacturing & Industrial and Real Estate & Construction businesses experienced EBITDA pressure despite solid revenue growth, highlighting the capital-intensive nature of these sectors and ongoing cost volatility.

Kent's international footprint remains a key strength. The report highlights 25 internationally owned businesses operating within the county, generating a combined £16.8bn in turnover. These organisations play a vital role in employment, innovation and infrastructure investment, further reinforcing Kent's position as a globally connected business hub.

We offer our sincere congratulations to all the businesses featured in this year's Kent LTD report. Their performance, resilience and continued investment underline the vital role privately owned companies play in driving employment, innovation and prosperity across the county. Each organisation showcased here contributes to Kent's reputation as a dynamic, ambitious and strategically important region for the UK economy, and we are proud to recognise their achievements.



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About

Kent LTD. is part of an annual series of business analysis by UK county which seeks to highlight and celebrate some of the county's most successful, privately owned businesses, and provide them with the recognition they deserve for their contribution to the region and wider UK economy.

We begin this report by reviewing the county's 100 largest privately owned companies, based upon turnover, providing an insight into the scale of Kent's privately owned and PE backed business community. In analysing the financial performance of the region, we have also looked at two core metrics over 3 years:

- growth in turnover; and
- average EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) margin.

We have chosen to look at these two metrics as they provide an indication of scale of the businesses in the region as well as the contribution to the economy. The report highlights the top 25 within each category, providing a yardstick against which the county can assess its economic performance, and businesses can benchmark themselves against their peers. Finally, we look at Kent's largest international businesses who are significant contributors to the local economy.

Our methodology explained

Kent LTD. 2026 is compiled using the most recent publicly available accounts (as of 4th February 2026) of Kent's private businesses.

The report excludes companies that are listed, owned by listed businesses, schools, trusts, charities, and businesses that are subsidiaries of overseas companies. We have also compared our data with prior year results to provide an insight into economic trends across sectors.

Inevitably, there is an unavoidable time delay between the availability of data utilised and the ultimate presentation of this report, alongside differing year-ends to consider.

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At a glance

Turnover range

£44.3m - £900m



Fixed assets
£6.8bn

↑ **+26%**
from PY



Employees
51,717

↑ **+8.5%**
from PY



Long-term debt
£4.2bn

↑ **+18.5%**
from PY



Average wages
£34k

↑ **+4.1%**
from PY



Turnover
£12.5bn

↑ **+4.9%**
from PY



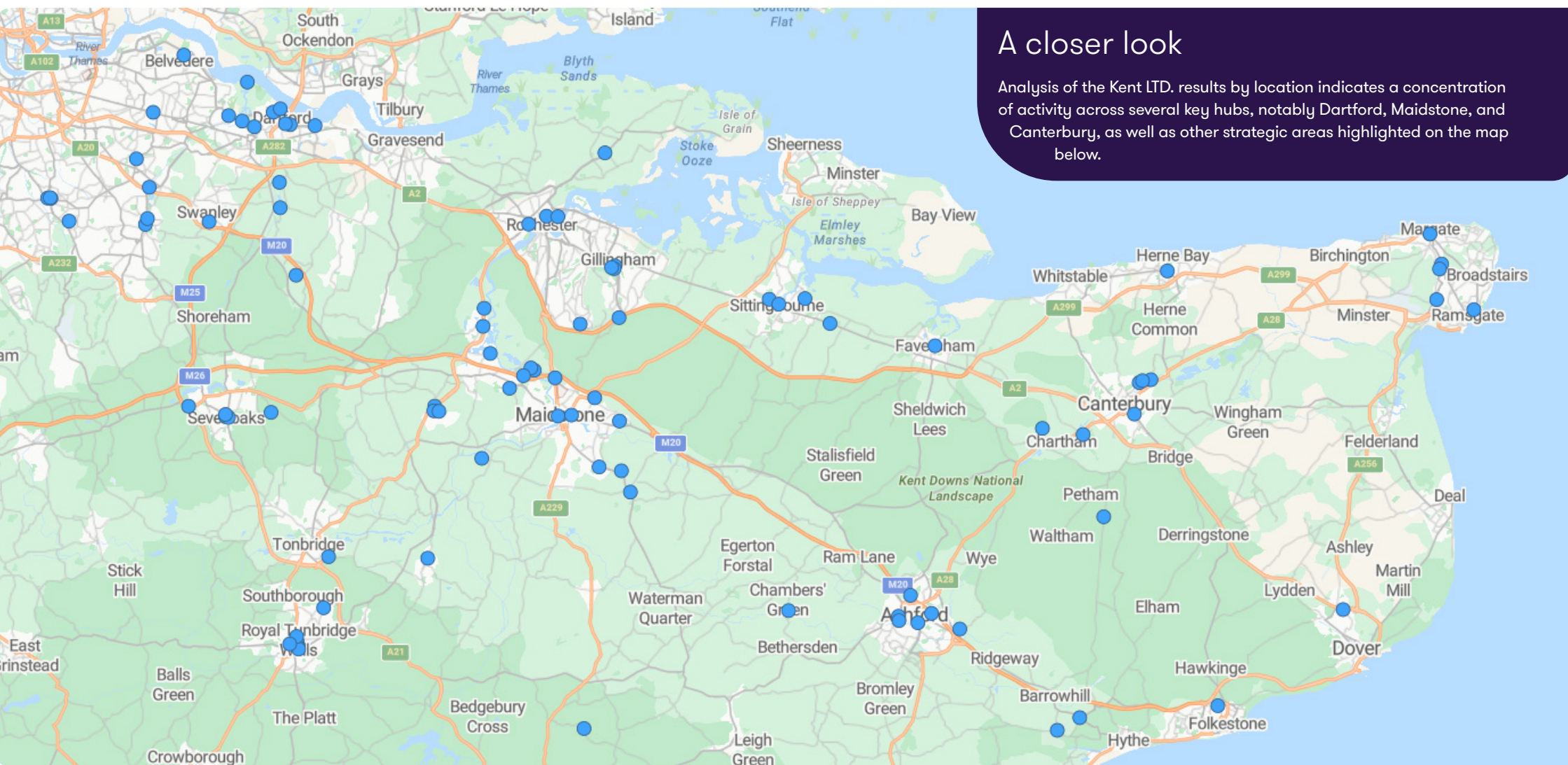
EBITDA
£667m

↓ **-9.8%**
from PY



Shareholder funds
£3bn

↑ **+31.4%**
from PY



A closer look

Analysis of the Kent LTD. results by location indicates a concentration of activity across several key hubs, notably Dartford, Maidstone, and Canterbury, as well as other strategic areas highlighted on the map below.

Top 100 companies

Our Top 100 list is compiled using the most recent publicly available accounts as at 4th February 2026 and is based on those businesses which are both owned and managed within the county.

01 - 20

- 01 BLUEBELL CARS TOPCO LIMITED
- 02 MARKERSTUDY GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 03 FRESCA GROUP LIMITED
- 04 HOLIDAY EXTRAS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
- 05 SPRITESTORE LIMITED
- 06 BISCHOFF (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
- 07 SOUTH EAST WATER LIMITED
- 08 DORMOLE LIMITED
- 09 SYMMETRY LOGISTICS HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 10 BRETT GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 11 BARRETTS TOP CO LIMITED
- 12 GREOSN LTD
- 13 VINE MEATS LTD
- 14 W B C F HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 15 TRANS GLOBAL LIMITED
- 16 SHEPHERD NEAME LIMITED
- 17 LIND GROUP HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED
- 18 2GETHER SUPPORT SOLUTIONS LIMITED
- 19 HEATHCOTE HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 20 W.J.KING(GARAGES)LIMITED

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- 21 PAYDENS GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 22 ERSG HOLDINGS LTD
- 23 TRANS GLOBAL PROJECTS GROUP LIMITED
- 24 MTS CLEANSING GROUP LIMITED
- 25 TAWIN HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 26 CHARTWAY PARTNERSHIPS GROUP LIMITED
- 27 MCG (HOLDINGS) LTD
- 28 PRIORITY FREIGHT HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 29 TYROLESE (751) LIMITED
- 30 COOK TRADING LIMITED
- 31 HAYNES BROTHERS,LIMITED
- 32 EAGLECLIFF LIMITED
- 33 P A CROCKER LIMITED
- 34 GALLAGHER GROUP HOLDINGS LTD
- 35 BLU3 (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
- 36 AGROFERTRANS LTD.
- 37 RUMWOOD GREEN FARM LTD
- 38 CITIPOST HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 39 CHILDRENSALON GROUP LIMITED
- 40 FAITHDEAN PLC

41 - 60

- 41 BECKET HOLDINGS LTD
- 42 FAIRCLOTH HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 43 CHANNEL COMMERCIALS KENT LTD
- 44 INTEGRATED SERVICE SOLUTIONS LIMITED
- 45 MAGROCK GROUP LIMITED
- 46 FRIDAYS LIMITED
- 47 BRIGADE HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 48 R.SWAIN & SONS LIMITED
- 49 BATHROOM BRANDS LIMITED
- 50 CAPITAL CONCRETE LIMITED
- 51 [REDACTED]
- 52 FERNS SURFACING LIMITED
- 53 CMT EQUIPMENT LIMITED
- 54 HALSION HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 55 GALAMAST LIMITED
- 56 PARKERSTEEL LIMITED
- 57 VIDAFRESH LIMITED
- 58 THAMES MOTOR GROUP LIMITED
- 59 THE CHANGE ORGANISATION LIMITED
- 60 MULTI SERVICES HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Top 100 companies

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- 61 JENNER GROUP LIMITED
- 62 A.C. GOATHAM AND SON LIMITED
- 63 ARACHNE HOLDCO (UK) LIMITED
- 64 BJF GROUP LIMITED
- 65 ACR UK HOLDINGS LTD
- 66 MSV GROUP LIMITED
- 67 SUNSPOT TOURS LIMITED
- 68 LIPSCOMB HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 69 GRIFFIN & BRAND (EUROPEAN) LIMITED
- 70 LIME GROVES (SITTINGBOURNE) LTD
- 71 WW MARTIN LTD
- 72 SOLSTOR HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 73 NLA MEDIA ACCESS LIMITED
- 74 FUEL OILS ENTERPRISES LIMITED
- 75 HAND PICKED HOTELS LIMITED
- 76 SWAN MILL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
- 77 TTG TOPCO LIMITED
- 78 MOTE HALL LTD
- 79 HORNBY LIMITED
- 80 MUST HAVE IDEAS LTD

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- 81 THE AD CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED
- 82 ENNOGEN HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 83 VALOUR BIDCO LIMITED
- 84 SYLVAGEN LIMITED
- 85 CRIPPS LLP
- 86 A.P.M. HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 87 WALKER CONSTRUCTION (U.K.) LIMITED
- 88 LSP RENEWABLES LIMITED
- 89 BENNETT OPIE, LIMITED
- 90 LAWTECH GROUP LIMITED
- 91 KINGSHEATH CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
- 92 WATKINS M & E GROUP LTD
- 93 WATTS FARMS FRESH PRODUCE HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 94 KIMS HOSPITAL LIMITED
- 95 ALLTASK LIMITED
- 96 JAYAR COMPONENTS LIMITED
- 97 NRLB LIMITED
- 98 RELIABLE CONTRACTORS LIMITED
- 99 CROWN PRODUCTS (KENT) LIMITED
- 100 ALLEN INVESTMENT GROUP LTD

Sector breakdown^{*}

Manufacturing and industrial

Turnover range

£45m - £859m


Turnover

£2.9bn
Change
from PY
+18.9%


EBITDA

£213m
-12.1%


Employees

7,094
+16.8%
Average
wages
£35k
+0.5%
21
Total
companies

12

Automotive

3

Energy and
environment

3

Manufacturing

3

Other

Business support services

Turnover range

£53m - £173m


Turnover

£1.4bn
Change
from PY
+6.2%


EBITDA

£47m
+8.4%


Employees

4,174
+23.8%
Average
wages
£39k
+11.9%
13
Total
companies

6

Transport
and Logistics

4

Recruitment

2

Professional
Practices

1

Facilities

^{*}where 2 or more businesses featured.

Sector breakdown

Consumer

Turnover range

£50m - £526m


Turnover

£3.3bn
Change
from PY
+10.2%


EBITDA

£170m
+23.9%


Employees

23,142
-0.7%
Average
wages
£29k
+17.9%
24
Total
companies

10

Food and
beverage

8

Other

4

Retail

2

Leisure

Real estate and construction

Turnover range

£46m - £313m


Turnover

£1.8bn
Change
from PY
+16.8%


EBITDA

£42m
-48.8%


Employees

3,533
+7.7%
Average
wages
£62k
+6.7%
21
Total
companies

18

Construction

3

Real estate

Sector breakdown

Technology, media and telecomms

Turnover range

£72m - £80m


Turnover

£152m
Change
from PY
+11.1%


EBITDA

£9m
+7.8%


Employees

360
+2.9%
Average
wages
£55k
+11.8%
2
Total
companies

2

Technology

Private healthcare

Turnover range

£49m - £64m


Turnover

£170m
Change
from PY
+25.6%


EBITDA

£32m
+130.2%


Employees

679
+15.3%
Average
wages
£31k
-1.0%
3
Total
companies

2

Pharma
and biotech

1

Healthcare
services

Fastest growing businesses by turnover growth

We review the top 25 businesses in the region based on turnover growth over a 3-year period.

01 - 15

- 01 SUNSPOT TOURS LIMITED
- 02 MERVYN MAYES LTD
- 03 CORBENS PLACE LIMITED
- 04 THE HARRY LEVY GROUP LIMITED
- 05 TRADIS LTD
- 06 MARKERSTUDY GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 07 BROMCOM COMPUTERS PLC
- 08 ALBATROSS GROUP LIMITED
- 09 KUFLINK GROUP LIMITED
- 10 RELIABLE CONTRACTORS LIMITED
- 11 MAISON MAURICE LIMITED
- 12 BJF GROUP LIMITED
- 13 LAWTECH GROUP LIMITED
- 14 ENNOGEN HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 15 GENCO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD

16 - 25

- 16 RVT GROUP LIMITED
- 17 OPUS CARE HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 18 THORLEY TAVERNS LIMITED
- 19 OVENDEN EARTHMOVING CO LTD
- 20 SPRITESTORE LIMITED
- 21 MID KENT ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED
- 22 SHEPHERD NEAME LIMITED
- 23 FAIRCLOTH HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 24 CENTURY CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED
- 25 LINDEN (MANSE FARM) LLP

Fastest growing by average EBITDA margin

We also look at the 25 fastest growing businesses with the highest EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) CAGR growth percentage as per their latest accounts (over a 3-year period), whereby the latest year EBITDA is greater than £1m.

01 - 15

- 01 COLLINS LADYWELL LIMITED
- 02 L'ARTISAN DU CHOCOLAT LIMITED
- 03 HOLIDAY EXTRAS INVESTMENTS LIMITED
- 04 MAISON MAURICE LIMITED
- 05 GENCO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD
- 06 M.J. ALLEN CASTINGS AND MACHINING LTD
- 07 VALOUR BIDCO LIMITED
- 08 ERSG HOLDINGS LTD
- 09 SUNSPOT TOURS LIMITED
- 10 IDSH LIMITED
- 11 CAPITAL CONCRETE LIMITED
- 12 FRIDAYS LIMITED
- 13 HARRIS VENTURES LIMITED
- 14 RELIABLE CONTRACTORS LIMITED
- 15 ALLTASK LIMITED

16 - 25

- 16 ENNOGEN HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 17 MERVYN MAYES LTD
- 18 THE HARRY LEVY GROUP LIMITED
- 19 BRONZESHIELD LIFTING LIMITED
- 20 CORBENS PLACE LIMITED
- 21 CENTURY CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED
- 22 TRANS GLOBAL PROJECTS GROUP LIMITED
- 23 HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED
- 24 LAWTECH GROUP LIMITED
- 25 INTEGRA CONTRACTS LIMITED

International contributors

International companies are significant contributors to the overall health of Kent's economy. This year we're shining a spotlight on the 25 largest subsidiaries of internationally owned companies by turnover in the county.

01 - 15

- 01 SYSCO GB LIMITED
- 02 GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE UK LIMITED
- 03 LAING O'ROURKE PLC.
- 04 MAZDA MOTORS UK LIMITED
- 05 F M CONWAY LIMITED
- 06 PFIZER LIMITED
- 07 CHANNEL TUNNEL GROUP LIMITED(THE)
- 08 FL CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 09 JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS OPERATIONS UK LIMITED
- 10 BERRY GARDENS LIMITED
- 11 MEGGER GROUP LIMITED
- 12 WESTFALIA FRUIT UK LIMITED
- 13 S.C.A. - SHIPPING CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATED LTD.
- 14 HENRY SCHEIN UK HOLDINGS LIMITED
- 15 P&O SHORT SEA FERRIES LIMITED

16 - 25

- 16 CHURCH & DWIGHT UK LIMITED
- 17 SINCH UK LTD.
- 18 ICU MEDICAL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
- 19 TYSON FOODS UK HOLDING LTD
- 20 AFRICA EXPRESS LINE LIMITED
- 21 BEL UK LIMITED
- 22 FERDINAND BILSTEIN UK LIMITED
- 23 MANZANA BIDCO LIMITED
- 24 EUROPEAN PRESTIGE UK LIMITED
- 25 CABOT FINANCIAL (EUROPE) LIMITED

Total turnover

£16.8bn



USA



Switzerland



Ireland



South Africa



Japan



Italy



France



Sweden



UAE



Germany

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UK employees

200+

UK partners

£759m

Turnover

23

UK offices

76,000

People worldwide

61%

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