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**THE TOP 50**

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# Championing Ambition

The LDC Top 50 Most Ambitious  
Business Leaders



# About The LDC Top 50

The LDC Top 50 is an award-winning national awards programme, created by LDC, in partnership with The Times and celebrated at BAFTA.

Since 2018, The LDC Top 50 has championed hundreds of Founders, CEO and Managing Directors who are demonstrating remarkable ambition and driving the UK economy forward.

The business leaders selected for inclusion will be featured in The Times and invited to a celebratory event at BAFTA in London.

## The Top 50 Alumni

Hear from our Top 50 business leaders from previous years on why you should enter.



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Being part of The LDC Top 50 gave Orian a lot of free publicity, especially on platforms such as LinkedIn. We also won new business as a result, with brands approaching us saying they had seen the coverage.”

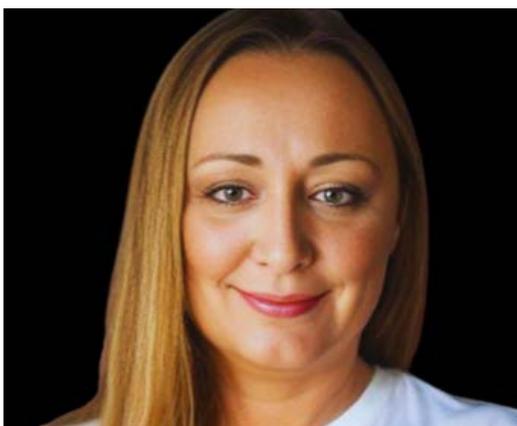
Dan Williams, [Orian](#)



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I was so impressed by the calibre of the leaders and businesses in The Top 50 and it was great to achieve recognition in such a high-profile peer group. We never apply for personal awards; in fact, we didn't apply for The Top 50. Our bank manager nominated us. It's a real boost.”

Mo Hussain, [Moasure](#)



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Since featuring in The LDC Top 50, I've been really impressed at the way LDC has stayed in touch, connecting me with other founders and inviting me to interesting events. I didn't have an entrepreneurial network before - but I do now.”

Katrina Hutchinson-O'Neill, [Join Talent](#)



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Being named in The Top 50 gave the business real credibility and opened doors to major global corporates and investors. My mum was thrilled to see me in the paper and the plaque still takes pride of place in my office.”

Robin Modak, **GENMED**



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The LDC Top 50 has a lot of credibility and is respected as an independent ranking that is judged by an impressive peer group. We have mentioned the award in our pitches and have even done business with some of our fellow alumni. It's a great network to be a part of.”

Dale Parmenter, **DRPG**



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Being part of The LDC Top 50 was very special for us. It was very motivating for both of us, showing that we are going in the right direction. Since then, we have started thinking really seriously about the legacy we want this business to leave behind.”

Nima Beni, **Prima Cheese**



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The award has given me this incredible platform and opened up so many amazing opportunities. It gave me the confidence to think big and I now have a network to help me scale. I can't tell you how much I appreciate The Top 50 and the impact it's made on my business and in my life.”

Emma O'Brien, **Embridge Consulting**



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Featuring in The Top 50 was a significant milestone for the business and there's no doubt that the exposure raised our profile. But the biggest impact was internal. It gave the team a massive sense of pride and validated the culture we have built here.”

Barney Kent, **Touch Medical Media**

# How to Enter

Shortlisted leaders will be invited to meet with one of our Top 50 team to find out more about your ambition.

Leaders selected for The Top 50 will be invited for an interview with our Top 50 Editor to inform the profile published in The Times.

Leaders selected as a One to Watch will be asked for some additional information via email to include in The Times.

You will have the opportunity to review all content before it is published.

In addition, The Top 50 judging panel will select category award winners including The UK's Most Ambitious Business Leader, The Highly Commended: One to Watch and celebrate areas such as Sustainability, People and International Ambition.

The Top 50, Ones to Watch and category award winners will be revealed at a celebratory event at BAFTA in London and in The Times the following day.

There is no cost to be a part of The LDC Top 50 or attend the celebratory events.

## To qualify, leaders need to:

- > Be the CEO, Founder or Managing Director of a UK-headquartered, privately-owned business
- > Demonstrate a clear vision for their business and a deliverable plan for achieving their goals
- > Lead a profitable, growing business with an annual turnover of up to £50m
- > Evidence a strong track record of revenue growth (no financial data will be published without the business' consent)

## Timeline for the 2026 programme

- > **March to May:** nominations window open
- > **March to May:** research meetings
- > **June, July and August:** shortlisting and interviews
- > **September:** regional events
- > **7th October:** National Celebratory Event at BAFTA
- > **8th October:** The LDC Top 50 supplement appears in The Times

To enter, please complete the form here: [ldc.co.uk/top50nominate](https://ldc.co.uk/top50nominate)

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