



Sandwell's Fastest Growing Companies Index 2025

A vibrant, colorful illustration of a cityscape with various buildings, a clock tower, a bridge, and a large bird. The word 'SANDWELL' is written in large, bold, red capital letters with a white outline, superimposed over the illustration.

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Welcome to Sandwell’s Fastest Growing Companies Index 2025
This year, we celebrate the brilliant and resilient businesses across Sandwell that continue to innovate, adapt and grow in a rapidly changing world. These companies are not only achieving impressive revenue gains; they are shaping the future of our borough through technology, strategic expansion and a shared commitment to excellence.

Sandwell’s business community is the heartbeat of our local economy. When our businesses grow, they create jobs, inspire ambition and strengthen the skills that power our region. That’s why Sandwell Council remains committed to supporting you, championing your journey from start-up to scale-up and beyond.

‘Grow in Sandwell’ remains a cornerstone of our Economic Priorities. Through the Sandwell Business Growth Plan, we provide tailored guidance, funding opportunities and access to networks that help businesses unlock new markets, boost productivity and drive innovation. Whether you’re a growing SME, advancing manufacturing with new technologies, driving innovation in engineering, logistics or food production, or expanding into regional and global supply chains, our team is here to help you thrive.

In 2025, Sandwell has seen a surge of investment, collaboration and ambition. From advanced engineering to digital transformation, local businesses are showing that growth can be sustainable and rooted in innovation.

This report is both a celebration of your achievements and an inspiration for others. Together, we can continue building a future where Sandwell leads the way in enterprise, ingenuity and economic success.

If you are inspired by our Top 50 index, do visit sandwellbusinessgrowth.com to see how our Business Growth Team is ready to help you realise your own business growth ambitions

An important note
Growth is just one of several measures of business success. Absence from this list does not suggest any business is in decline or standing still. We know many companies are investing in their growth plans – perhaps through training, recruitment, innovation or infrastructure – with rewards to be reaped in the future.

Disclaimer: how we compiled the data

The companies included in the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies 2023 were selected in partnership with The Economic Intelligence Unit (The EIU) by conducting an initial search of relevant business databases (FAME, DueDil and The Data City) for companies with registered offices in Sandwell. The fastest growing 50 companies by turnover were listed based on the most recent filed accounts and utilising the turnover growth rate in the latest year of individual company accounts. The current year’s financial information is based on the most recent filed accounts from the listed business databases, with the previous year comparatives based on the previous year’s financial results for 50 companies. Companies were excluded from the development lists for the following reasons (while some adjustments were also made to reflect financial volatility around the years of Covid-19 restrictions):

- No ‘real’ turnover data available since 30 June 2020/21
- Negative growth recorded over the last two available years
- Last annual turnover available less than £1m
- No ‘real’ current employment data
- Last available number of employees less than ten
- A parent company based in Sandwell – that is: only the largest company in a group would be included
- Registered charities
- Holding companies
- Quangos (quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisations).

Depending on the accounts filed, some of our figures will be based on consolidated accounts and some on entity-only accounts. In addition, some of the financial information will be based on UK generally accepted accounting principles accounts and others will be based on International Financial Reporting Standards accounts. The financial information in this report has been compiled exclusively from publicly available information under the key assumptions and limitations outlined in the first paragraph. It has been designed solely to illustrate trends in revenue growth of the top 50 fastest growing companies in Sandwell. Sandwell Council or The EIU have not carried out any verification work on the financial information in this report and give no opinion on the financial information. Sandwell Council and the The EIU make no claims, promises or guarantees about the accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the contents of this report. No reliance should be placed on the information contained in this report and, to the fullest extent permitted by law; Sandwell Council and The EIU do not accept or assume any responsibility or liability to anyone for the information contained in this report. Sandwell Council and The EIU do not, and cannot, warrant the completeness or accuracy of the adjustments made during the aggregation.



Foreword

from Councillor Kerrie Carmichael, Leader of Sandwell Council and Councillor Syeda Khatun, Cabinet Member for Business and Skills

Congratulations to every business listed in Sandwell’s Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies Index for 2025



Kerrie Carmichael

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Congratulations to every business recognised in Sandwell’s Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies Index for 2025.

On behalf of Sandwell Council, we want to thank you for continuing to invest, innovate and create opportunity in our borough. Your success helps sustain jobs, strengthens local supply chains and inspires the next generation of entrepreneurs, makers and engineers.

Together, this year’s Top 50 employ more than 6,100 people, representing the full breadth of Sandwell’s economy, from advanced manufacturing to retail, wholesale and beyond. Half of the companies are in advanced manufacturing, including twelve specialising in metals and materials, which speaks to our area’s long-standing strength in engineering and production.

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We’re delighted to see 20 new entrants joining the index this year, alongside ten businesses that have now featured for at least three years running. This mix of fresh talent and consistent high performance shows how deeply ambition runs through Sandwell’s business community.

The average growth rate across the Top 50 stands at a strong 18 per cent, led by Tokai Carbon Europe Limited at 54.3 per cent and The Pallet Company Limited at 48.6 per cent. Their achievements capture the drive and determination that define so many of our local firms.

Our Business Growth Team continues to work hand in hand with companies across the borough, providing advice, funding guidance and practical support to help them grow. Whether you’re a start-up finding your feet or one of the 46 SMEs on this year’s list, our goal is the same: to help your business thrive right here in Sandwell.

This year’s index again shows strength across all six towns, with Oldbury and Wednesbury leading the way. It’s proof that enterprise and opportunity are alive in every corner of our borough.

To all the businesses featured, thank you for your vision, leadership and commitment to Sandwell. Your success is our success, and we look forward to seeing what you achieve next.



Top 50 case studies



"GB Tyres is committed to the Sandwell area, and our continued success has been significantly supported by Sandwell Council"

Name: GB Tyres

Where in Sandwell: West Bromwich

Position in Top 50: 44

Attributes growth to: A strategic acquisition streamlined operations, and strong national and European Market Expansion

GB Tyres (UK) Limited is the UK's largest independent wholesaler of commercial tyres. Over the past year, the company has achieved exceptional revenue growth, driven by a bold acquisition and a focus on operational excellence.

In September 2024, GB Tyres acquired a small Scottish competitor operating in the agricultural tyre sector. Following the purchase, the business was restructured, supplier terms renegotiated, and new cross-selling opportunities created between commercial and agricultural customers.

As a result, the acquired business was transformed from underperformance to sustained profitability, while significantly boosting group revenue. GB Tyres' continued success is underpinned by its national customer base, application of lean management principles, and the purchasing power gained through economies of scale. Together, these strengths have reinforced the company's position as a leading distributor in the UK tyre industry.



Looking ahead, GB Tyres plans to double sales within the next 18–24 months, supported by growth in the European market. Already exporting £7 million of tyres into the EU, the company believes there is significant potential for expansion as post-Brexit trade stabilises.

Sandwell remains the company's launchpad for growth. With excellent transport connectivity and a skilled local workforce steeped in automotive expertise, GB Tyres continues to invest in the borough. Support from Sandwell Business Growth has provided valuable local knowledge and encouragement as the company pursues its next phase of expansion.



Top 50 case studies



"A&M is proud to make the Sandwell Top 50; we've had key funding support from Sandwell Council at crucial stages which has accelerated our growth"

Name: A&M

Where in Sandwell: Smethwick

Position in Top 50: 24

Attributes growth to: A strategic diversification continuous investment in innovation and a commitment to developing skilled talent

A&M EDM provides precision-engineered solutions by combining EDM spark and wire erosion, CNC milling and turning, and toolmaking. Its agility and innovation enable it to design and manufacture components for customers in aerospace, automotive, Formula 1, food production, marine, production assembly and space sectors.

The company's turnover has risen from £4.4m in 2021 to a projected £10m by the end of September 2025. This sustained growth reflects a clear three-year business plan and consistent investment in people, technology, and customer relationships.

Over the past five years, A&M has upgraded 20 EDM machines and invested over £4 million in advanced CNC equipment, solar panels and digital production systems. Its new QuickWorks MRP system allows real-time monitoring and workflow optimisation, increasing efficiency across its 85-strong workforce, which includes 11 apprentices.

In 2023, the company completed a Midlands Aerospace R&D project, supported by a £103,000 grant, to design a concept 20hp engine. This innovation evolved into the Ranger propulsion system, featuring a class-leading power-to-weight ratio for UAV applications. The project has positioned A&M as a serious player in emerging defence technologies.



A&M's growth has also been driven by expanding into new sectors, including supplying four Formula 1 teams, developing long-term aerospace contracts worth over £1m annually, and entering the fastener tooling market to serve global manufacturers.

Supported by Sandwell Council through a £62,000 SME grant for new machinery and environmental guidance, A&M continues to champion local growth and sustainability. The company also invests heavily in staff wellbeing, introducing private health insurance, mental health support and a new staff gym and golf simulator opened in June 2025 by Smethwick MP Gurinder Josan.

Managing Director Mark Wingfield said: "A&M is proud to make the Sandwell Top 50; we've had key funding support from Sandwell Council at crucial stages which has accelerated our growth from start-up to £10m sales."



Sandwell's stars for 2025 have
a combined revenue of
OVER £1.9 BN

Collectively they employ over
6400 PEOPLE



35 of the companies have at least 10% growth

The average growth is 18%



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**Companies have made it
into the top 50 for third time
in a row**



**The Top 50 are spread
across Sandwell's six towns
with Oldbury and
Wednesbury joint top with
12 each followed by West
Bromwich with 10.**

50%

**of companies are in the
advanced manufacturing
sector, followed by 20% in
retail and wholesale**



**Of the 25 advanced
manufacturing
companies – 12 are in
metals &
materials sub sector**



20 are first time entries

46

**of the companies are
SMEs**

**Tokai Carbon Europe Limited – the
company topping the index has grown by**

54.3%

This is followed by The Pallet Company Limited at

48.6%

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Sandwell Business Ambassadors

#DoingBusinessBetter



Since its launch in 2016, the Sandwell Business Ambassadors (SBA) programme has grown into a dynamic network of local business leaders working together to champion Sandwell's economic future. The Ambassadors are a strong, independent alliance of volunteers who share their time, expertise and experience to make a difference.

The Ambassadors collaborate with Sandwell Council, neighbouring authorities, MPs and community partners to amplify the voice of business and drive meaningful change. Their mission is simple: to lift aspirations, unlock opportunities and ensure Sandwell remains a great place to live, work and do business.

A shared vision for Sandwell

The SBA's work focuses on four key priorities:

- **Lifting Aspirations:** Inspiring ambition and resilience among local people and businesses
- **Local Employment and Skills:** Creating sustainable jobs and training pathways through investment in local talent
- **Championing Local Spend:** Encouraging procurement practices that prioritise Sandwell suppliers and services
- **Constructive Lobbying:** Representing the collective interests of businesses in local decision-making



Their work extends beyond strategy, they have helped to influenced local procurement policies, they have promoted the King's Award for Enterprise and through they work on the Towns Funds' Boards, they have supported the development of the Midland Met Learning Centre, opening up new career routes in healthcare.

Real people, real impact

SBA members are accomplished business leaders who have built successful companies, created employment and mentored others. Their collective experience and community focus make them powerful advocates for Sandwell's growth. Their efforts embody the borough's values of collaboration and forward thinking.

Ambassadors sit on committees, lead working groups and contribute to major regeneration and business initiatives, including both the Smethwick Towns Fund and West Bromwich Towns Fund, the Sandwell Plan, Vision 2030 and the Sandwell Story Board, now Sandwell Together Partnership. Their work is a clear example of how partnership between business, Local Authority and community can deliver real results. Together, the Ambassadors and Sandwell's business community are helping to build a stronger, fairer and more prosperous borough.

Find out more, suggest a topic or express your interest in joining at:
sandwellbusinessambassadors.com



Sandwell Start-Up Hub



Sandwell Start-Up Hub: Two Years On and Thriving

Just over two years since opening its doors in Oldbury, the Sandwell Start-Up Hub has quickly become a vibrant launchpad for the borough's next generation of entrepreneurs.

Backed by Sandwell Council's Business Growth Team, the Hub is more than a workspace, it's a community. It brings together ambition, innovation and local pride in an environment designed to help new businesses succeed. Any Sandwell-based company trading for less than two years can use the space free of charge until March 2026.

A space designed for success

Located in Jack Judge House (B69 2AJ), opposite Sandwell Council House, the Hub is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. It offers:

- 60 hot desks in a modern, open-plan office
- Collaborative areas for networking and idea sharing
- Quiet zones for focused work
- Meeting rooms and kitchen facilities
- Free Wi-Fi and nearby parking (three hours free at Sainsbury's)

Whether you're meeting investors, building your brand or simply need a professional base, the Hub provides everything you need to get started.



Collaboration, events and energy

Over the past year, the Hub has hosted dozens of events, from marketing masterclasses to funding clinics, bringing together expert partners and support organisations. The Event Zone has become a regular meeting place for learning and networking, while the Collaboration Zone has sparked new partnerships and ventures. It's a space where ideas grow into sustainable businesses.

Why it matters

The Start-Up Hub is part of Sandwell Council's commitment to help local enterprise thrive. It supports entrepreneurship, encourages job creation and strengthens the borough's economy. It's a place where ambition meets opportunity and where Sandwell's business story continues to unfold.

Find out more and book your desk at:
sandwellbusinessgrowth.com/start-up-/sandwell-start-up-hub/



Social Value in Sandwell

Giving back to Sandwell

When council buyers award contracts they have an opportunity to consider more than the financial transaction. They can look for suppliers who will go beyond their basic contract terms to secure wider benefits for the local community. We call this delivering 'social value'.

Social value can mean boosting people's health and/or happiness, building community wealth, nurturing safe, resilient communities, and bringing about sustainable change and improvement for all.

The benefits of social value can accrue for people, communities and organisations in different ways and so it is not always an easy concept to define.

For Sandwell we have designed four pillars of social value, through which outcomes can be defined, unlocked and delivered:



The four pillars of Social Value in Sandwell

1. Employment and skills

Creating employment opportunities for local people through jobs, work experience, trials, apprenticeships and T-Levels

2. Local spend

Investing money in the area – by subcontracting locally or using local suppliers; by investing in buildings and spaces

3. Community benefit and engagement

Giving support, guidance, time or resources to non-corporate organisations such as schools, colleges, community groups and charities in the borough

4. Environmental impact

Bringing environmental benefits by reducing, reusing or recycling physical resources; reducing carbon output; reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill; reducing energy consumption.

When a business is awarded a contract with Sandwell Council, our Social Value Team supports that business to create a Social Value Delivery Plan. We celebrate the positive outcomes, publishing case studies and good news stories on our website.

sandwellbusinessgrowth.com/run-your-business/responsible-business/csr-and-social-value



Sandwell Story

Businesses Are Making Sandwell's Story

Made 50 years ago from six proud towns, Sandwell is a place built on making things happen. It's where industry met innovation, and where strong communities still shape the future.

If it can be made, it's been made here. From the glass in Big Ben, to Wembley's arch, Sandwell has long been making and manufacturing for the world. Now, we're making the workforce of tomorrow, fostering advanced logistics and emerging technologies, and supporting businesses big and small.

The Sandwell Story is a campaign and programme of work that will celebrate and champion Sandwell as a place to live, learn, work and visit. It has been built on insights gathered from across the borough and outside of it, to understand how individuals and organisations perceive Sandwell and supported by a steering group from representatives across the borough.

Now the work is supported by the Together Partnership Board, which includes representatives from several businesses in Sandwell and is connecting to existing groups and networks as it establishes its priorities going forward.

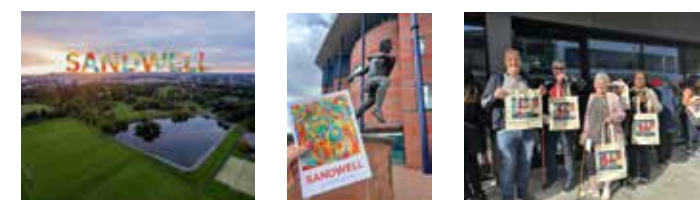
Business, of course, is a key chapter within the Sandwell Story and there's plenty of ways you can engage with the campaign and use it to amplify your own story too.

- Sign up for updates, including ways to get involved and events

- Download the toolkit so you can use the branding on your own channels

- Register interest in being a Sandwell Story Ambassador

You can do all of this and read about some of the stories celebrating Sandwell, watch the campaign film 'Making It Sandwell' and find out more about the project at SandwellStory.com



Hall of fame

Since 2015, over 219 outstanding businesses have earned their place in the Sandwell Top 50 report, a powerful testament to the depth, resilience and ambition of our local economy. Leading the Hall of Fame is Voestalpine Metsec, appearing an incredible eight times, followed closely by Ash & Lacy, Newby Foundries, Stanford Industrial Concrete Flooring, and Steel & Alloy, each recognised seven times for their sustained growth and excellence.

In total, 118 companies have featured more than once, and 74 businesses have appeared three or more times, demonstrating long-term strength across Sandwell's diverse sectors.

This year, Doorkit Solutions and RS Recovery celebrate their third consecutive appearance, while GB Tyres marks an impressive fourth year in a row.

Also returning for their second consecutive year are: Latham Security Steel Doorsets, Tokyo Fabrics, Robert Hopkins Environmental, Enablelink, Metal Assemblies, and Rem3dy Health, all outstanding examples of the innovation and capability thriving within our borough.

Together, these remarkable companies showcase the diversity, talent and unstoppable momentum of Sandwell's business community.



Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies

Rank	Company	Town	Sector	Sub Sector	Latest Growth
1	Tokai Carbon Europe Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	54.3%
2	The Pallet Company Limited	Tipton	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	48.6%
3	Apic UK Limited	Smethwick	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	47.1%
4	Door-Kit Solutions Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	45.9%
5	Rem3Dy Health Limited	Smethwick	Advanced Manufacturing	Food & Drink Manufacturing	44.4%
6	Titgemeyer (U.K.) Limited	Wednesbury	Retail	Retail	36.8%
7	West Midlands Home Improvements Limited	West Bromwich	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	33.3%
8	Sheco Engineering Services Limited	Tipton	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	31.2%
9	Essentia Protein Solutions Limited	Tipton	Advanced Manufacturing	Food & Drink Manufacturing	28.4%
10	Medmin Group Ltd	Oldbury	Business Services	Financial Services	27.1%
11	Buse Gases Limited	West Bromwich	Business Services	Other Service Activities	24.0%
12	Jacopa Limited	West Bromwich	Environmental Technologies	Environmental Technologies	22.3%
13	Skillcraft Products Ltd	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	20.0%
14	R.S. Recovery Limited	Tipton	Business Services	Other Service Activities	19.7%
15	Olympus Distribution Limited	Tipton	Retail	Retail	19.7%
16	Borg Automotive UK Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Automotive	17.9%
17	Select Lifestyles Limited	West Bromwich	Health & Wellbeing	Health & Wellbeing	17.6%
18	Adler Pelzer Washington Ltd	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Automotive	17.4%
19	Premier Fr. Ltd	Wednesbury	Retail	Retail	17.2%
20	Ads & Sons Glazing Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	17.2%
21	Enablelink Limited	Wednesbury	Environmental Technologies	Environmental Technologies	17.0%
22	Robert Hopkins And Son Limited	West Bromwich	Environmental Technologies	Environmental Technologies	16.8%
23	UK Access Solutions Limited	Wednesbury	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	16.7%
24	A & M Pure Precision Limited (A & M EDM)	Smethwick	Advanced Manufacturing	Advanced Manufacturing	16.6%
25	William King Limited	West Bromwich	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	15.1%
26	Newby Foundries Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	14.5%
27	Joseph And Jesse Siddons Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	14.2%
28	Fred Smith & Sons (Motor Bodies) Limited	West Bromwich	Advanced Manufacturing	Automotive	13.9%
29	Strut Direct Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	13.8%
30	M & A Doocey Civil Engineering Limited	Tipton	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	13.8%
31	Lathams Security Doorsets Limited	Oldbury	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	13.4%
32	Altech Global Trade Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	12.5%
33	Steel & Alloy Processing Limited	West Bromwich	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	11.8%
34	Hermeg UK Limited	West Bromwich	Retail	Retail	11.5%
35	Purity Soft Drinks Limited	Wednesbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Food & Drink Manufacturing	10.7%
36	Lift Craft Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	9.5%
37	Voestalpine Bohler Welding UK LTD	Oldbury	Retail	Retail	9.5%
38	Metal Assemblies LTD	West Bromwich	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	9.1%
39	James Lister & Sons Limited	Smethwick	Retail	Retail	8.0%
40	Generation (UK) Limited	Oldbury	Business Services	Other Service Activities	7.9%
41	Tokyo Fabric Int Limited	Wednesbury	Retail	Retail	7.9%
42	Briggs Amasco Limited	Rowley Regis	Building Technologies	Building Technologies	7.1%
43	Cuxson Gerrard & Company Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	6.0%
44	GB Tyres (UK) LTD	Tipton	Retail	Retail	5.9%
45	B.B. Price Limited	Rowley Regis	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	5.4%
46	Hallcraft LTD	Rowley Regis	Retail	Retail	5.3%
47	Trench Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	4.9%
48	Westley Group Limited	Rowley Regis	Advanced Manufacturing	Metals & Materials	4.9%
49	M. Barnwell Services Limited	Smethwick	Retail	Retail	3.8%
50	Eriks Industrial Services Limited	Oldbury	Advanced Manufacturing	Wider Advanced Manufacturing	3.0%

