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Ashley House plc is one of the Telegraph 1000: Britain's Brightest Businesses

A celebration of the 1,000 mid-sized companies which have weathered the economic storm and are set to be the foundation of the UK's recovery

Against an uncertain economic backdrop it has come as welcoming news that Ashley House plc is rubbing shoulders amongst a selected 1,000 Private and Alternative Investment Market-listed companies who are part of a vital section of the economy helping the UK in developing further growth.

The research was compiled with the help of NESTA, the innovation agency, which identified fast growing companies, and business information specialist Dun & Bradstreet (D&B), which verified the information. The Telegraph also polled more than a dozen membership organisations, such as the Institution of Chemical Engineers, the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Institute of Physics and the Royal Academy of Engineering as well as taking nominations from readers and conducting research of companies receiving peer acclaim.

The result is a snapshot of companies with sales of between £5m and £500m, that have operations across the UK and that have all shown resilience during the recession and stuttering recovery.

Some of the companies featured alongside Ashley House include:

- Cheshire-based **Bryom**, whose software systems manage ticketing and accommodation for the FIFA World Cup and the Ryder Cup
- Jasminder Singh's **Edwardian Group**, which manages Radisson Hotels in London and Manchester
- Fast growing out-of-hours social enterprise, **Devon Doctors**, owned by GP practices across the county.
- Luxury online clothing and household accessories firm **The White Company**,

"It is often too easy to concentrate on the negatives ... and forget that many companies in the UK have faced up to the challenges, and with nimble and brave thinking have put their businesses in a great position to seize the opportunities that exist out there." **Roger Hodson, UK MD at D&B**

"The need to focus really rigorously on where jobs will come from, both nationally and locally, is more important than it was five years ago." **Geoff Mulgan, chief executive of NESTA**

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