# **Potters Bar**

2012 half year business confidence report



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In the first half of 2012 a total of 522 companies were formed in Potters Bar. This figure is 243.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Potters Bar occurred in 2007 when a total of 535 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | POTTERS BAR | UK             |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012                | 522         | 253,150        |
| 2011                | 152         | 228,735        |
| % CHANGE            | 243.4%      | 10.7%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (535)  | 2007 (279,097) |

#### new companies by half year



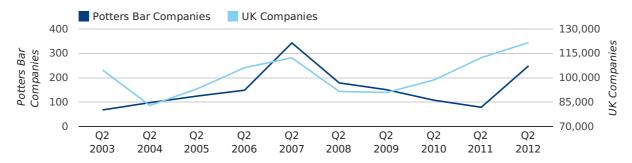
#### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 249 companies were registered in Potters Bar during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

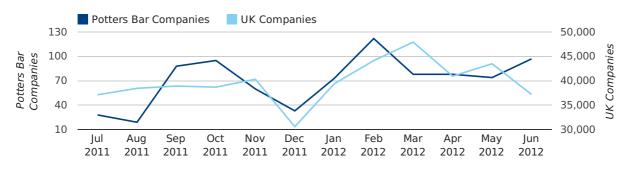
This figure is an increase of 215.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | POTTERS BAR | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012                                 | 249         | 121,659        |
| 2011                                 | 79          | 112,344        |
| % CHANGE                             | 215.2%      | 8.3%           |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2007 (343)  | 2012 (121,659) |

#### new companies by quarter



#### new companies by month



|                       | APRIL      | MAY        | JUNE       |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 78         | 74         | 97         |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 19         | 26         | 34         |
| % CHANGE              | 310.5%     | 184.6%     | 185.3%     |
| RECORD YEAR           | 2007 (132) | 2007 (103) | 2007 (108) |

In the first half of 2012 a total of 179 companies were dissolved in Potters Bar. This figure is 39.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Potters Bar occurred in 2009 when a total of 546 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | POTTERS BAR | UK             |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012                | 179         | 147,793        |
| 2011                | 296         | 162,310        |
| % CHANGE            | -39.5%      | -8.9%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2009 (546)  | 2009 (289,236) |

#### dissolved companies by half year



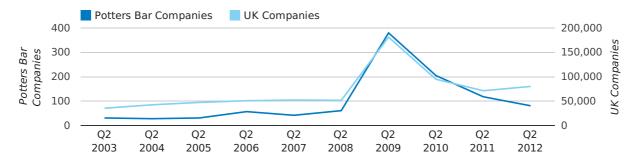
#### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 81 companies were dissolved in Potters Bar during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

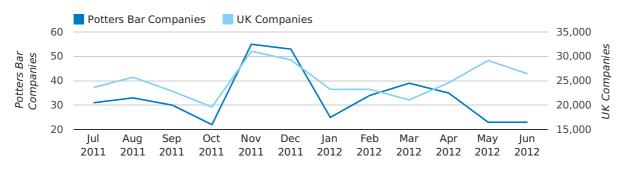
This figure is a decrease of 31.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | POTTERS BAR | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012                                 | 81          | 80,217         |
| 2011                                 | 118         | 71,324         |
| % CHANGE                             | -31.4%      | 12.5%          |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2009 (380)  | 2009 (181,176) |

#### dissolved companies by quarter



#### dissolved companies by month

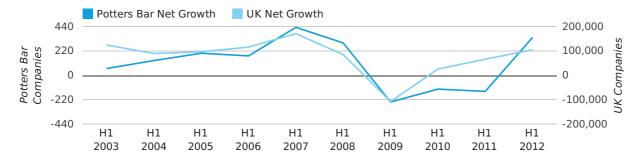


|                          | APRIL     | MAY        | JUNE       |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 35        | 23         | 23         |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 33        | 47         | 38         |
| % CHANGE                 | 6.1%      | -51.1%     | -39%       |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2009 (53) | 2009 (157) | 2009 (170) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Potters Bar increased by 343 companies. This figure is 338.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | POTTERS BAR | UK             |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2012                | 343         | 105,357        |
| 2011                | -144        | 66,425         |
| % CHANGE            | -338.2%     | 58.6%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (434)  | 2007 (171,296) |

#### net growth by half year



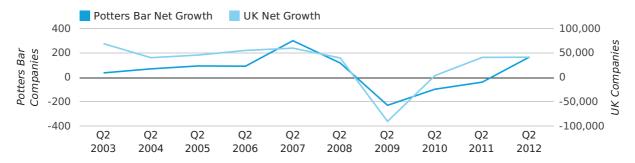
#### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Potters Bar during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 168 companies.

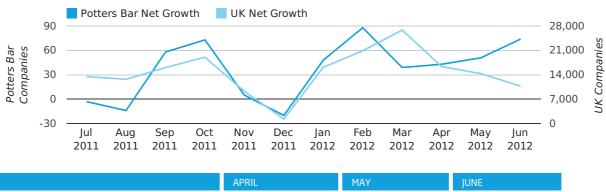
This represents an increase of 530.8% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | POTTERS BAR | UK            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2012                                 | 168         | 41,442        |
| 2011                                 | -39         | 41,020        |
| % CHANGE                             | -530.8%     | 1.0%          |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2007 (301)  | 2003 (69,274) |

#### net growth by quarter



#### net growth by month

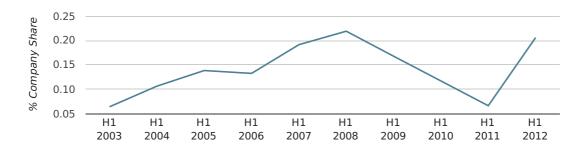


|                    | APRIL      | MAY       | JUNE      |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 43         | 51        | 74        |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | -14        | -21       | -4        |
| % CHANGE           | -407.1%    | -342.9%   | -1,950.0% |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2007 (121) | 2007 (83) | 2007 (97) |

In the first half of 2012 Potters Bar formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)      | POTTERS BAR |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012                     | 0.2%        |
| 2011                     | 0.1%        |
| 2010                     | 0.1%        |
| 2009                     | 0.2%        |
| 2008                     | 0.2%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2008 (0.2%) |

## company share by half year

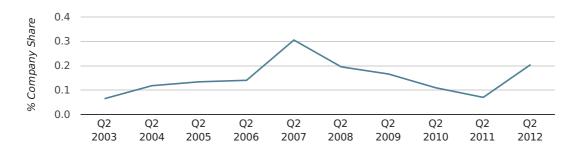


## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

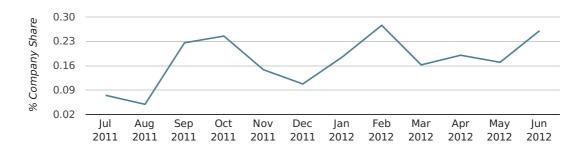
In the second quarter of 2012, Potters Bar formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | POTTERS BAR |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2012                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2011                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2010                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2009                                 | 0.2%        |
| 2008                                 | 0.2%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)             | 2007 (0.3%) |

#### company share by quarter



## company share by month



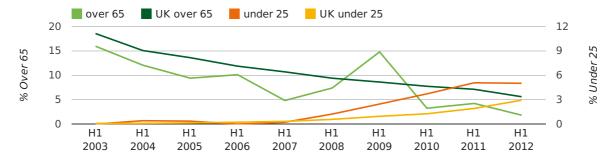
|                            | APRIL       | MAY         | JUNE        |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.2%        | 0.2%        | 0.3%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1%        | 0.1%        | 0.1%        |
| % CHANGE                   | 245.6%      | 149.4%      | 204.6%      |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1960 (0.5%) | 1966 (0.4%) | 2007 (0.3%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



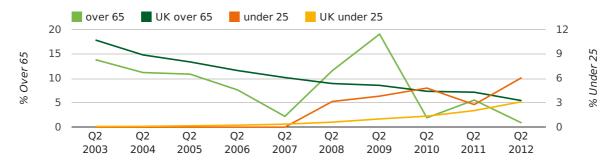
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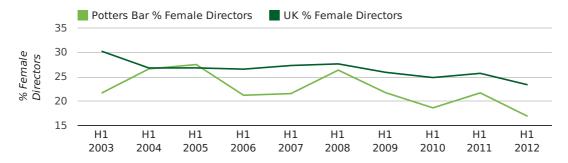
#### director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Potters Bar was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

16.9% of all director appointments in Potters Bar in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

#### director gender by half year

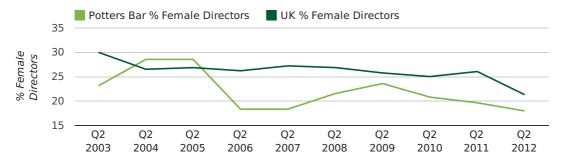


## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Potters Bar was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

18.0% of all director appointments in Potters Bar in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter



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## Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD         | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD      | UK PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| SALES        | 6.15%      | CONSULTING   | 5.07%         |
| ALLIANCE     | 2.34%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.74%         |
| PROJECTS     | 2.17%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.28%         |
| UNIVERSAL    | 1.82%      | PROPERTY     | 2.35%         |
| MANAGEMENT   | 1.82%      | TRADING      | 2.10%         |
| TRADE        | 1.73%      | DESIGN       | 1.89%         |
| ENERGY       | 1.30%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.87%         |
| SYSTEMS      | 1.30%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.82%         |
| EXPRESS      | 1.21%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.78%         |
| EXPORT       | 1.21%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71%         |
| IMPORT       | 1.04%      | BUSINESS     | 1.70%         |
| TRADING      | 1.04%      | MEDIA        | 1.69%         |
| CAPITAL      | 1.04%      | LONDON       | 1.68%         |
| PRODUCTS     | 1.04%      | J            | 1.57%         |
| INDUSTRIES   | 0.95%      | GLOBAL       | 1.51%         |
| BUSINESS     | 0.95%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.48%         |
| COMPLEX      | 0.95%      | IT           | 1.42%         |
| INDUSTRIAL   | 0.95%      | CARE         | 1.31%         |
| IMPEX        | 0.87%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.31%         |
| ORGANIZATION | 0.78%      | М            | 1.26%         |
| CONTRACTS    | 0.78%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.23%         |
| TECHNICS     | 0.78%      | BUILDING     | 1.23%         |
| TRANSIT      | 0.69%      | SECURITY     | 1.19%         |
| ENTERPRISES  | 0.69%      | S            | 1.18%         |
| COMMERCE     | 0.69%      | ENTERPRISES  | 1.17%         |

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## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied  | 329                 | 244,457      |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 84                  | 47,029       |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 39                  | 35,447       |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified                  | 23                  | 14,220       |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities                                   | 16                  | 6,456        |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                      | 13                  | 15,280       |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 13                  | 26,088       |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management  | 12                  | 20,390       |
| 74990 - Non-trading company  | 11                  | 9,706        |
| 68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate                              | 10                  | 3,143        |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities                    | 9                   | 8,258        |
| 7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult                                   | 9                   | 2,170        |
| 8532 - Social work without accommodation                                   | 8                   | 1,025        |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy                                   | 8                   | 10,978       |
| 5530 - Restaurants   | 7                   | 4,037        |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing                            | 5                   | 3,241        |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply                               | 5                   | 6,356        |
| 86900 - Other human health activities                                      | 5                   | 5,222        |
| 43210 - Electrical installation  | 5                   | 3,557        |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 5                   | 7,926        |
|  |                     |              |