

Saffron Walden

2011 half year business confidence report



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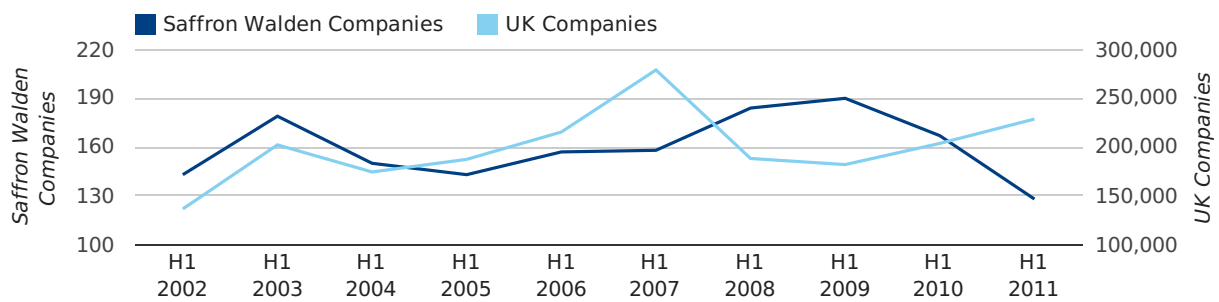
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 128 companies were formed in Saffron Walden. This figure is 23.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Saffron Walden occurred in 2009 when a total of 190 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	128	228,735
2010	167	203,749
% CHANGE	-23.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (190)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



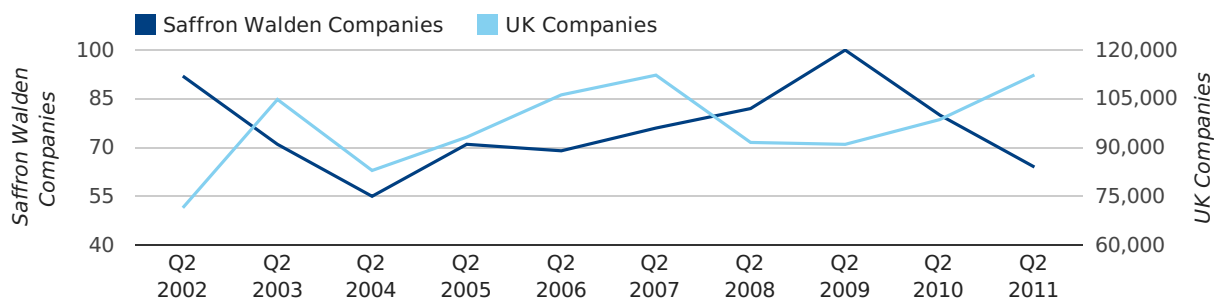
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 64 companies were registered in Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 20.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

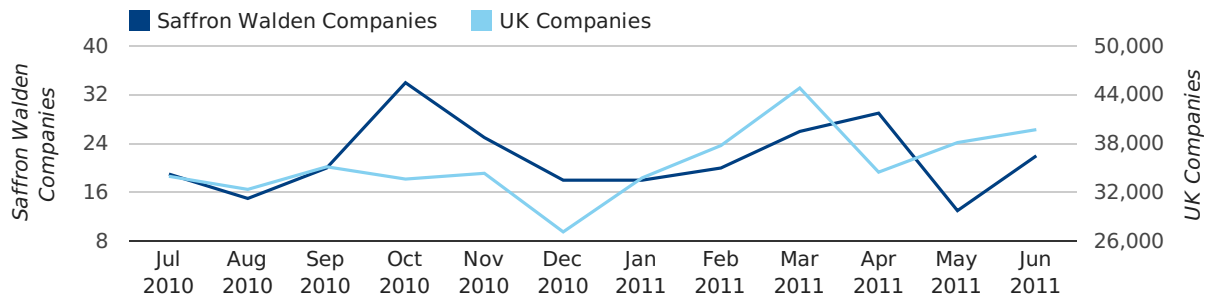
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	64	112,344
2010	80	98,612
% CHANGE	-20.0%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (100)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	29	13	22
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	30	26	24
% CHANGE	-3.3%	-50.0%	-8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (47)	2009 (38)	2008 (27)

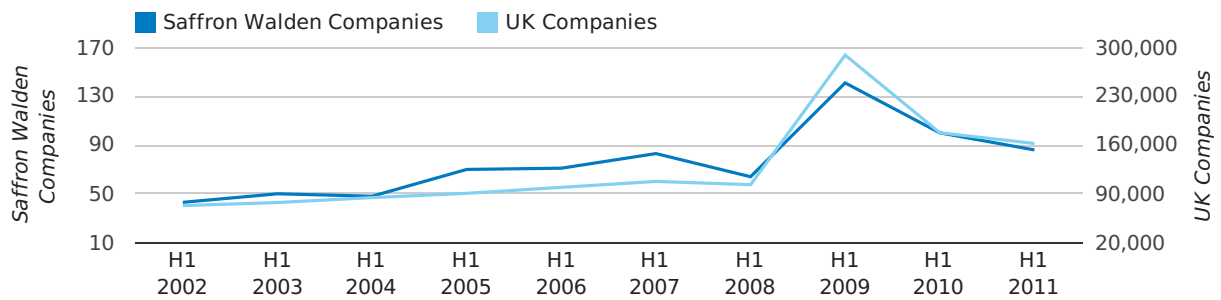
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 86 companies were dissolved in Saffron Walden. This figure is 14.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Saffron Walden occurred in 2009 when a total of 141 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	86	162,310
2010	100	177,631
% CHANGE	-14.0%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (141)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



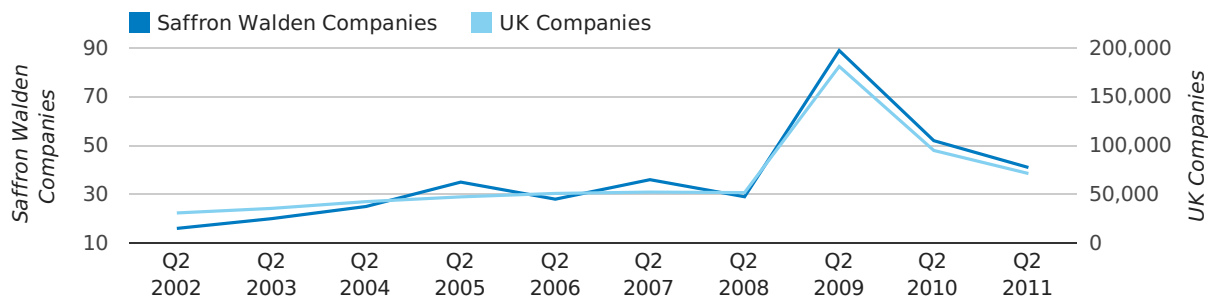
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 41 companies were dissolved in Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

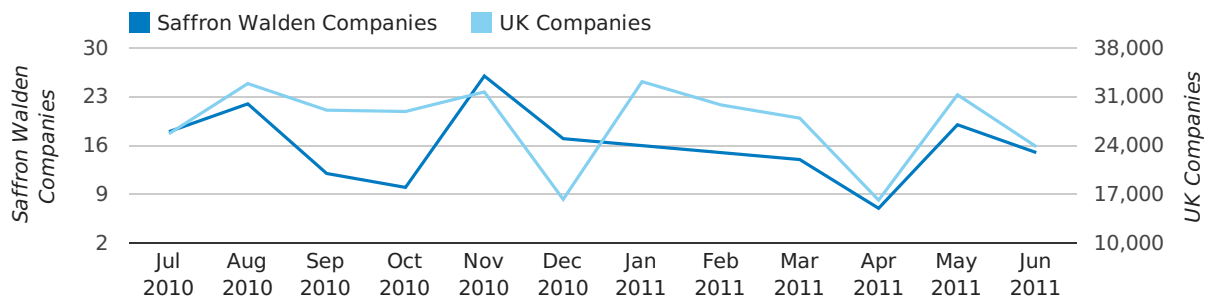
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	41	71,324
2010	52	94,954
% CHANGE	-21.2%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



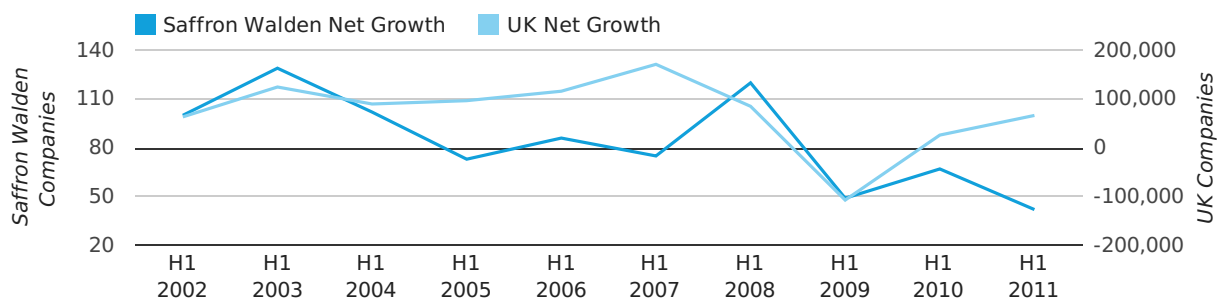
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	19	15
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	14	29
% CHANGE	-22.2%	35.7%	-48%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (22)	2009 (47)	2010 (29)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Saffron Walden increased by 42 companies. This figure is 37.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	42	66,425
2010	67	26,118
% CHANGE	-37.3%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (129)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



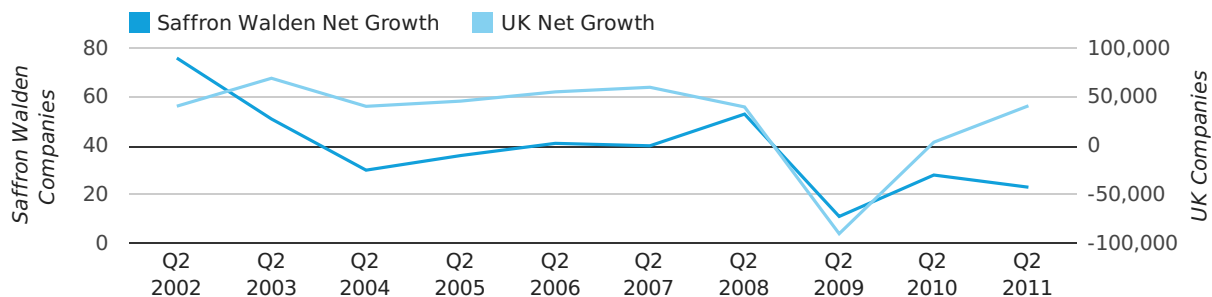
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Saffron Walden during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 23 companies.

This represents a decrease of 17.9% on the same period last year.

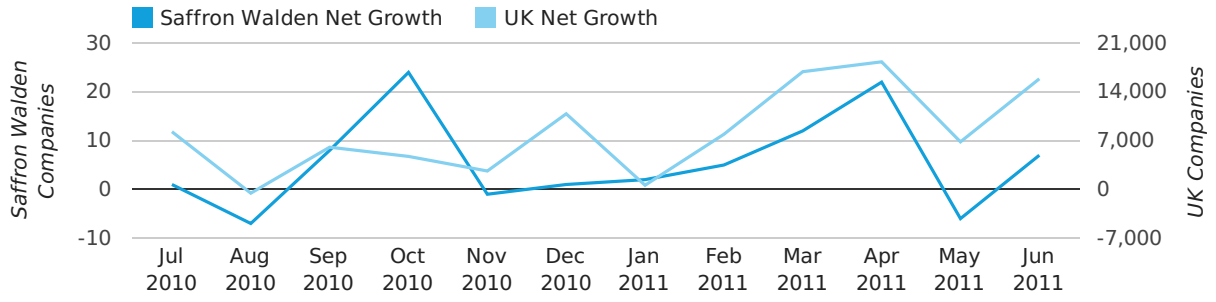
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SAFFRON WALDEN	UK
2011	23	41,020
2010	28	3,658
% CHANGE	-17.9%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (76)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



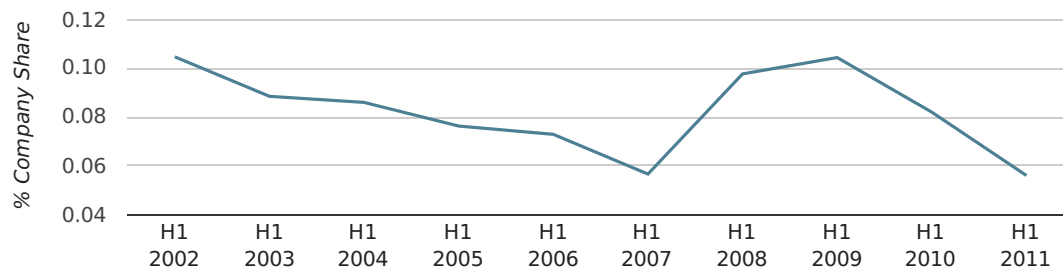
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	22	-6	7
NET GROWTH IN 2010	21	12	-5
% CHANGE	4.8%	-150.0%	-240.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (43)	2008 (26)	2008 (25)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Saffron Walden formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SAFFRON WALDEN
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by half year

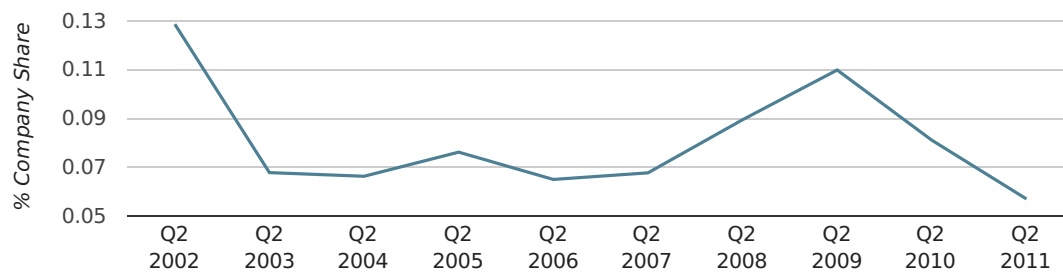


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Saffron Walden formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

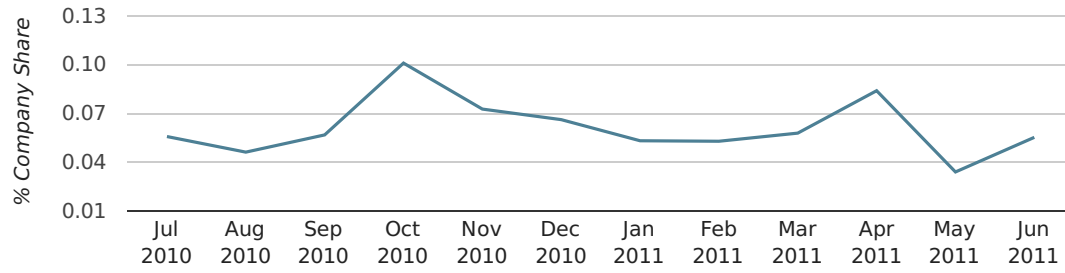
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SAFFRON WALDEN
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-6.5%	-60.6%	-18.8%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (0.2%)	1977 (0.3%)	1961 (0.2%)

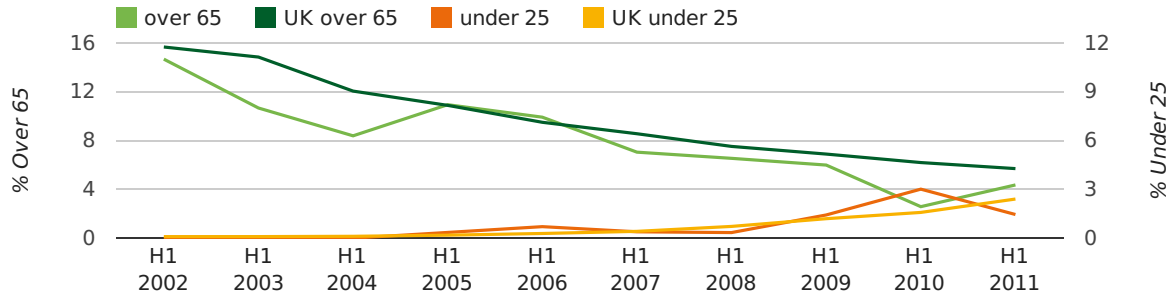
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 46.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



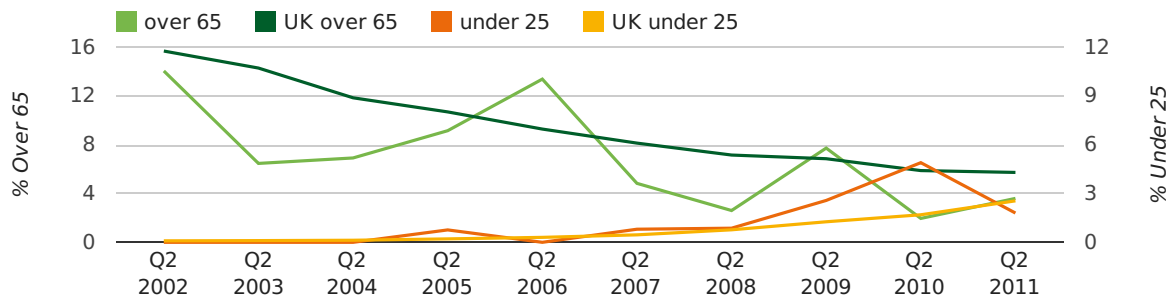
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

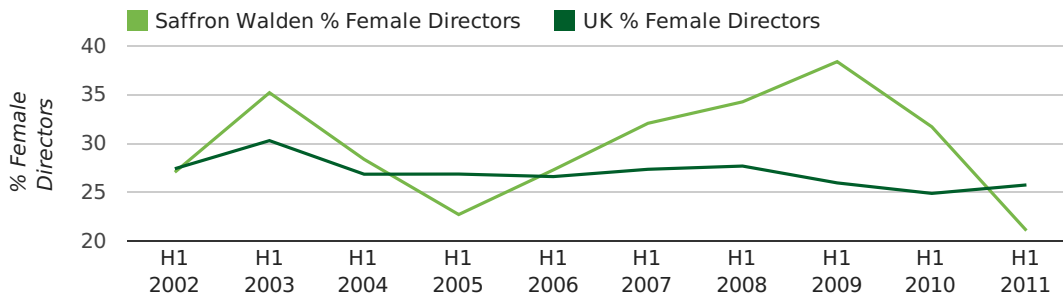


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

21.1% of all director appointments in Saffron Walden in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

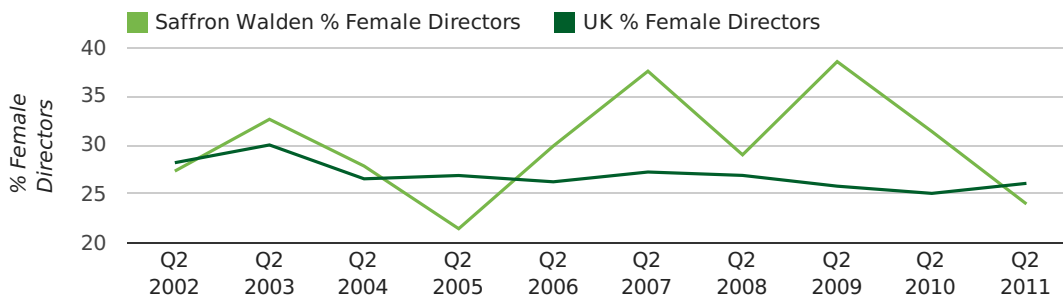


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

24.0% of all director appointments in Saffron Walden in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.15%	CONSULTING	5.09%
NO.	1.51%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CO.	1.51%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CAMB	1.51%	PROPERTY	2.43%
MANAGEMENT	1.51%	TRADING	2.05%
SCHOOL	1.08%	DESIGN	1.94%
GREEN	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTY	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PARTNERS	0.65%	MEDIA	1.73%
LINE	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
LONDON	0.65%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSTRUCTION	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTANTS	0.65%	J	1.44%
IT	0.65%	CARE	1.44%
SAFFRON	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ELECTRICAL	0.43%	IT	1.39%
ROAD	0.43%	BUILDING	1.32%
EUROPE	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CAFE	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
18	0.43%	M	1.27%
ARCHITECT	0.43%	S	1.23%
JEUNESSE	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
10	0.43%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
99999 - Dormant Company	97	18,918
None Supplied	87	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	83	60,758
9999 - Dormant Company	49	20,111
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	35	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	16,419
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	7,095
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	13,053
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	10,545
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	8	3,095
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	7,835
7011 - Development & sell real estate	7	2,491
5530 - Restaurants	7	5,086
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	7	1,826
7260 - Other computer related activities	7	7,849
41100 - Development of building projects	6	3,852
74100 - specialised design activities	6	1,335
85100 - Pre-primary education	5	514
74990 - Non-trading company	5	8,481
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	10,322