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UK businesses to watch this year



BorrowMyDoggy

BorrowMyDoggy was founded in 2012 by Rikke Rosenlund. It's a community platform that matches dog owners with volunteer borrowers who are happy to take care of dogs on a temporary basis.

Financial Stats:

- 300k users
- Revenues of more than £1m in under 2 years



WeSwap

WeSwap was founded in 2013 by Jared Jesner and Simon Sacerdoti. It's an online, person-to-person travel money exchange service, which travellers can use to swap their currency for a rate of just 1%, without using banks or expensive retail outlets.

Financial Stats:

- In total, the company raised £4.5m to date



Pink Lining

Pink Lining was founded in 2001 by Charlotte Pearl and her husband Rufus. It's a family lifestyle accessories business specialising in the mother and baby market.

Financial Stats:

- Successfully raised £400k in 2013



Metropolis Digital Media

Metropolis Digital Media is a DOOH (digital out of home) advertising media owner specialising in the Taxi market.

Financial Stats:

- The UK advertising market reached £18bn in 2014
- Out Of Home sector continues to enjoy c. 5% growth per annum



Square Pie

Square Pie was founded in summer 2001 by Martin Dewey. It's the UK's first gourmet pie business.

Financial Stats:

- Raised £2.6m in the 2014 financial year
- Sales were up 34% in the first 6 months of 2015



Hassle.com

Hassle.com was founded in 2013 by Alex Depledge. It's an online platform offering home cleaners for a fixed fee of £10 an hour across the UK, France and Ireland.

Financial Stats:

- Raised \$6.81m in 4 rounds from 4 investors so far
- Has been acquired by German rival *Helping* for €32m



Bizzby

Bizzby was founded in 2013, and launched in 2014, by Rohan Sinclair Luvaglio. It's an on-demand services marketplace allowing users to book and receive what they want within 60 minutes.

Financial Stats:

- Bizzby's revenue in 2015 reached £5m
- Recently raised \$10m investment from a US-based hedge fund
- More than £1.3m worth of jobs have been processed through the app



Zeven Media

Zeven Media was formed by brothers Josh and Hyrum Cook in March 2013. It's a contemporary photo booth hire company based in Manchester, UK.

Financial Stats:

- Company turnover hit £600k for 2014
- Secured £50k backing from Deborah Meaden on *Dragons' Den* in 2014



what3words

what3words was founded in July 2013 by Chris Sheldrick and Jack Waley-Cohen. It's a global addressing system that enables users to locate a 3mx3m square anywhere on the planet using just 3 words.

Financial Stats:

- Closed a \$3.5m Series A funding round
- Has consumers in 170 countries
- Available in 9 languages



Sendmybag.com

Sendmybag.com was founded in 2006 by Adam Ewart. It offers an international door-to-door luggage service and enables plane travellers to skip the check-in desk.

Financial Stats:

- Raised £100k in 2012
- Was launched in the US in 2014



TickX

TickX was founded in 2014 by Steve Pearce and Sam Coley. TickX is a game-changing search engine and comparison app for event tickets.

Financial Stats:

- Compares prices across 15 ticketing outlets for over 36k events
- Has received £175k of funding to date



Lyst

Lyst was founded in 2010 by Chris Morton. It's a fashion aggregation and discovery app and universal checkout cart. It offers a personalised fashion marketplace where users can create a customised shopping feed of products.

Financial Stats:

- Raised more than \$20.5m in three rounds of funding since 2010
- Its customer target spends \$500 to \$1k a month on fashion items



Bloom&Wild

Bloom&Wild was launched in 2013 by Aron Gelbard and Ben Stanway. It's an online florist that delivers bouquets within 2 hours of the order being placed across the UK.

Financial Stats:

- Has raised £2.5m from VC firm MMC ventures
- Annual turnover for 2015 reached £1.5m



Bio-Bean

Bio-Bean was founded by Arthur Kay in 2014. It collects used coffee grounds from coffee shops and wholesale producers, and converts them into high-value biodiesel and biomass pellets.

Financial Stats:

- Received \$500k from the Postcode Lottery Green Challenge 2014



Landbay

Landbay was founded by John Goodall and Gray Stern in 2014. It enables retail and institutional investors to invest in the UK's buy-to-let mortgage market via its online peer-to-peer lending platform.

Financial Stats:

- Lends approximately £2m per month



Dressipi

Dressipi was founded by Sarah McVittie and Donna Kelly in 2010. It gives an instant edit of the styles most suitable for the customer.

Financial Stats:

- Over 250k existing profiles
- Basket value across all brands reaches £109