

# Company information

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## 1. Introduction

This guide lists some key sources of information to enable University of Nottingham staff and students to research a company and the markets and regions in which the company operates. It lists electronic sources, print directories, and other libraries which you may wish to visit. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

## 2. Electronic resources

The electronic resources mentioned in this guide are available through the eLibrary Gateway. You may need your University of Nottingham username and password to access some of these databases. For further details, please consult the full *eLibrary Gateway* guide.

When researching an organisation, the company's own website is a good starting point. There are many more sources of business and company information available on the Internet. You must critically evaluate the information that you find to ensure that it is from a reliable source.

### **Please Note:**

1. To find full text journal articles, you should consult ABI/INFORM Global, Business Source Premier, Emerald and ScienceDirect.
2. University of Nottingham staff and students may use the subscription databases (identified by the \* character below) for personal educational purposes only. You must comply with the publisher's terms and conditions. Use for any other purposes, such as commercial activity or consultancy, is strictly prohibited.

### **\* ABI/INFORM Global (ProQuest)**

Global content from over 3,500 business publications covering business and economic conditions, management techniques, theory, and practice of business, advertising, marketing, economics, human resources, finance, taxation, computers, and more. Information on 60,000+ companies with business and executive profiles.

### **AnnualReports.com**

America's largest annual report service.

### **\* Bankscope**

Financial statements, ratings and intelligence on 30,000 public and private banks and financial institutions.

### **Bloomberg.com**

Delivers business and financial data, news and analytics.

**\* Business Source Premier (EBSCO)**

Search the full text of more than 2,300 journals in all disciplines of business, including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics. The database also includes: company profiles for the world's 10,000 largest companies, country economic reports, market research reports, and industry reports.

**\* Datamonitor 360: Business Insights**

Full-text access to global market research reports covering 11 industries, including: pharmaceuticals and healthcare; consumer packaged goods; and technology and services.

**\* Factiva.com**

News, business and financial information from over 31,000 international sources, including continuously updated newswires.

**\* FAME**

Financial and business intelligence for UK and Irish companies with a turnover of more than £1.5 million.

**Fast Track**

Seven annual private company league tables.

**\* Key Note Market Intelligence Reports**

Over 1000 market analysis reports covering every major sector and a database of 7 million UK companies.

**\* Mintel**

Source of UK, European and US consumer market research reports. Areas covered include Food & Drink and Tourism.

**\* Nexis UK**

Global news, company, people, industry, regulatory and legal content from 35,000 sources, covering all the world's major and emerging markets. Sources include: ICC reports; Mergent's Private Chinese Companies; Worldscope; Hoover's; Extel cards; country risk guides; and biographies.

**Northcote.co.uk**

A gateway to UK companies' annual reports.

**\* Passport GMID (Euromonitor)**

Global market analysis and business intelligence. Includes: 8 million internationally comparable statistics; 18,000 market reports; comment on emerging industry, country and consumer trends.

**SCoRe**

"Search **Company Reports**" is a catalogue of printed company reports held in UK libraries.

### 3. Print resources

#### **Asia's 10,000 Largest Companies**

(Business Library Ref HG4234.85.A7)

Marketing and financial information on Asia's top companies, ranked by turnover and profits/losses.

#### **D&B Business Register**

(Business Library Ref HF5158.D8)

Information on local (Midlands) businesses with more than 5 employees or an annual sales turnover in excess of 250,000.

#### **Europe's 15,000 Largest Companies**

(Business Library Ref HG4132.Z65.E8)

Top companies in Europe ranked by turnover, profits and employees.

#### **Kelly's Industrial Directory**

(Business Library Ref HF54.G7.K4)

Business-to-business tool for company information, products and services. Over 85,000 UK companies listed under more than 18,000 product headings.

#### **Key British Enterprises**

(Business Library Ref HC252.2.K4)

The financial, operational and contact details of Britain's top 50,000 companies. Includes a ranking of the 5,000 largest employers.

#### **Kompass Register**

(Business Library Ref HC256.5.K6)

Details of over 47,000 products and services. Corporate and financial information on over 37,000 leading companies in British industry. Industrial trade names.

#### **The Marketing Manager's Yearbook**

(Business Library Ref HF5415.13.M2)

Over 10,500 UK companies with a marketing function.

#### **The Personnel Manager's Yearbook**

(Business Library Ref HF5549.2.G7.P4)

Over 10,500 UK companies with a HR function.

#### **Principal International Businesses**

(Business Library Ref HF54.U6.P7)

Marketing directory of the largest employers worldwide, covering 50,000 leading enterprises.

#### **United Kingdom's 5000 Largest Companies**

(Business Library Ref HD2356.G7.U6)

Financial and marketing data on public and private companies.

#### **The Waterlow Stock Exchange Yearbook (incorporating Crawford's Directory of City Connections)**

(Business Library Ref HG4579.S7)

UK and overseas main market companies listed on the London Stock Market. Alternative Investment Market. Unquoted Companies.

### **Who Owns Whom (UK, Ireland, Europe)**

(Business Library Ref HD2713.W4)

Corporate family trees with an index showing subsidiary-ultimate parent relationships.

### **World Directory of Business Information Sources**

(Business Library Ref HF5030.W6)

Professional Associations, organisations and bodies. Publications and websites.

## **4. Other Libraries**

Having identified print sources which interest you - perhaps through the COPAC catalogue (<http://www.copac.ac.uk/>) or ScoRe mentioned above - you may be able to visit the holding institution through the University of Nottingham's membership of the SCONUL Access scheme. Alternatively, if the holding institution is willing to lend material from its collection, you can request it via the interlibrary loans (ILL) service. More information on both the SCONUL Access scheme and the ILL services is available at:

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/is/libraries/other-libraries.aspx>

Some libraries and information centres are open to the public. Please check the websites below for access arrangements and up-to-date sources.

#### **British Library - Business and Intellectual Property Centre**

<http://www.bl.uk/bipc/>

Access to market reports, trade literature, patent specifications and directories, along with more than 20 high-value subscription databases.

#### **City Business Library**

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/citybusinesslibrary>

Specialist collections cover: City sectors; annual reports; directories; EU policy; and market information. Access to 11 subscription databases.

#### **Companies House**

<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/>

Offers a range of options for obtaining company information for a fee. The WebCheck service offers a free searchable Company Names and Address Index.

## **5. Further information**

If you need any further information or support, please speak to library staff or email: [library-business-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:library-business-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk)