



About Family Business UK

Founded in 2001 as the Institute for Family Business (IFB), Family Business UK (FBUK) is a not-for-profit organisation advocating for the model of family business and celebrating the positive impact the sector has on the UK. Family Business UK advocates for sensible and sustainable business governance and leadership and provides a united voice for the sector.

Family Business UK currently supports nearly 200 members across the UK ranging from small scale family firms to multinational organisations, with notable brands such as Warburtons, and Timpson being supported as members of the organisation. Family Business UK is now the largest organisation in the UK dedicated solely to supporting, representing and championing the family business sector.

The Importance of the Family Business Sector

The family business sector in the UK makes up 90 per cent of all private sector firms and employs almost 14 million people. In 2020, family businesses contributed an estimated £575 billion to GVA; equivalent to 51% of all private sector employment in the UK. From micro startups to worldwide brands, the innovation, agility and resourcefulness of family-owned firms is second-to-none.

By their very nature, family businesses take a long term view, building on long-term stewardship of people and resources. Their commitment to passing a healthy business on to the next generation is embedded within their corporate DNA. As the owners and stewards of their business, they have greater freedom to experiment, innovate, and invest in their people and communities.

The Family Business Manifesto

Family Business UK and its members support and endorse Taking a Long Term View – [the manifesto](#) and offer to policymakers, informed by the UK's family business community and their experience of doing business. This covers what the family business community see as the big challenges of today and tomorrow.

If implemented, these recommendations will unleash the enormous potential of the family business sector to support economic growth through responsible business practices that benefit the family business, their workforce, and society at large.

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