

# Member Awards and Appointments

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Kreston International is a global network of innovative, like-minded accounting firms that puts trusted relationships and exceptional care at the heart of everything it does. Kreston members across over 110 countries offer quality compliance and advisory services, and build lasting partnerships based on trust, integrity and collaboration. So, wherever in the world your ambition takes you, our combination of expertise and empathy will help your business to meet the demands of the future.

The *Member Awards and Appointments* document that you have in front of you has been created to illustrate the high quality of Kreston member firms and reflects some of our members' most significant achievements throughout the period of 2018-2020.

Australia – **McLean Delmo Bentleys**  
**‘Commercial Broker Group of the Year’**

*Australian Finance Group, 2017–19*

The award recognises the team’s efforts in achieving the highest commercial loans volumes on a national basis. The firm has won the award for three consecutive years.

More info [here](#)

**‘Professional Services Awards’ Finalist**

*National Australia Bank, December 2018*

This award reflects the firm’s quality ranking by clients via an online survey. The criteria included expertise, value, communication, reliability and understanding of client needs.

Colombia – **Kreston RM**

**First audit firm in Colombia certified under ISO 9001:2015 standard**

*International Organization for Standardization, 2003–22*

In 2003, Kreston RM became the first audit firm in Colombia to be certified under ISO 9001 standard for the full scope of its services – a certification it still holds and which has been renewed until 2022, based on a full review and analysis of the firm’s processes, activities, quality management system and knowledge by Colombian Institute of Technical Standards and Certification. The Institute has also issued an IQnet recognised certificate to the firm which Kreston RM has implemented as part of its quality management system.

More info [here](#)

Germany – **Kreston Bansbach**

**One of ‘Top Tax Consulting Firms’ in Germany in three categories**

*FOCUS Spezial Magazin, April 2020*

*FOCUS Spezial Magazin* identifies the top tax experts nationwide. The ranking includes more than 1000 entries, and firms were awarded according to fields of activities and industries. The award represents firm’s professionalism and expertise in the following categories: ‘Financial Services’, ‘Tax Planning’ and ‘Tax Declaration’.

**Ranked 10th among ‘Leading Tax Consulting Companies’ of Southern Germany**

*JUVE Tax Market Special Edition: Handbook 2020 Top Tax Consultants, April 2020*

The publication covers the important transactions and procedures in daily practice as well as training and career topics. The ranking reflects the status of highly recommended firms within each region.

More info [here](#)

**Ranked 8th in ‘Other Assurance Services’ category in Germany**

*Manager Magazin, April 2020*

Assessing top-quality assurance businesses in Germany, *Manager Magazin* includes the Big Four as well as medium-sized firms. Kreston Bansbach’s high ranking position reflects the firm’s strength in assurance services.

**Taking leadership in supporting start-ups in Freiburg**

*Council of the City of Freiburg, April 2020*

Freiburg, located in southwest Germany, is known for its established innovation centres to welcome start-ups in this field. The City Council commends Kreston Bansbach as the only accounting firm in Freiburg to support start-ups.

Germany – **Westerfelhaus**

**Partner Bernd Jelen appointed Assistant Professor at University of Bielefeld**

*Westerfelhaus Foundation, 2017–20*

Established in 2015, Westerfelhaus Foundation is a non-profit, independent foundation with the purpose of promoting science and research, primarily interdisciplinary research in the fields of economics and tax law, at three German universities (Bielefeld, Paderborn and Erlangen-Nuremberg). Supporting the foundation, Bernd Jelen’s seminars introduce practice-relevant topics from the fields of auditing and tax law to advanced Masters students, and demonstrate the firm’s diverse and challenging fields of activity.

More info [here](#)

## Malaysia – **Kreston John & Gan**

### **Appointed independent auditor for prestigious Platinum Business Awards**

**SME Association of Malaysia, 2018–19**

The Platinum Business Awards is an annual award programme organised by SME Association of Malaysia to honour small and medium industries, enterprises and businesses for their outstanding achievements in the respective fields. Kreston John & Gan's role, as a reputable independent auditor, was to assess, evaluate and shortlist the potential award winners for final judging by a top-class selection committee of leading business personalities.

More info [here](#)

## Mexico – **Kreston BSG**

### **One of top 25 best places to work in Mexico**

**Great Place to Work, April 2020**

Certified by Great Place to Work since 2011, the firm is currently ranked 23rd in a list of 100 Mexican companies with 50-500 staff. The firm's latest position in the listing represents a significant advance from the 50th place it held in 2018. The firm entered the 'Hall of Fame' for 9 consecutive years and also obtained first place in the video contest 'We Are a Great Place to Work'.

More info [here](#)

## Mozambique – **Kreston Mozambique**

### **Appointed Fiscal Council Member**

**United Bank for Africa, May 2020**

This high-profile assignment confirms the firm's quality and expertise. As a prerequisite, Kreston Mozambique had to be authorised by the Reserve Bank of Mozambique and is now enjoying the status of an accredited audit firm.

## Poland – **Exco A<sup>2</sup>A Polska**

### **Partner Laurent Le Pajolec appointed Country Coordinator for Poland**

**INSOL Europe, January 2020**

INSOL Europe is a European organisation of professionals who specialise in insolvency, bankruptcy and business reconstruction and recovery. Laurent Le Pajolec, Partner of Exco A<sup>2</sup>A Polska, will lead the liaison with Polish Council members for encouragement, advice and support.

More info [here](#)

## **Founder Raphael Vieuxmaire appointed as Honoured Member**

**French–Polish Chamber of Commerce, 2019**

The Chamber is an organisation of local commercial enterprises in Warsaw that aims to develop and further the interests of Polish companies and businesses. Raphael Vieuxmaire, Founder and Partner of Exco A<sup>2</sup>A Polska, was honoured as a Member of the Chamber in recognition of the firm's contributions.

## **Partner Laurent Le Pajolec appointed Co-chair of Insolvency Tech & Digital Assets Wing**

**INSOL Europe, April 2019**

In April 2019, INSOL Europe established the Insolvency Tech & Digital Assets Wing to share knowledge, expertise and solid interests in legal technology and digital assets. Laurent Le Pajolec, Partner of Exco A<sup>2</sup>A Polska, was elected as one of three Co-chairs of this Wing to help create an active network for European insolvency practitioners and professionals.

More info [here](#)

## Spain – **Kreston Iberaudit**

### **CEO Mercè Martí honoured as 'Distinguished Auditor'**

**Institute of Chartered Accountants of Spain, October 2018**

The Spanish Institute represents individual firms authorised to carry out statutory audits in Spain. It also monitors the ongoing development and operation of audit activities and protects members' interests. Mercè Martí, Chair and CEO of Kreston Iberaudit, received recognition for her professional career at the Institute of Chartered Accountants 2018 National Audit Congress, held in Toledo.

More info [here](#)

## **'Professional Career Award' for CEO Mercè Martí**

**Catalan Association of Accounting and Management, June 2018**

Presented to individuals or entities who are distinguished by their professional careers in the field of accounting and management, the Professional Career Award honours Mercè Martí's exceptional career achievements. Chair and CEO of Kreston Iberaudit, she is also President of Grupo20, which unites the main medium-sized audit firms in Spain, and a member of Spain's Permanent Commission of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

More info [here](#)

## United Arab Emirates – **Kreston Menon**

### **‘Dubai Partner Award’**

**Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), 2020**

As part of the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Dubai, FDI provides essential information and invaluable support to foreign businesses looking to invest in Dubai’s thriving economy, and take advantage of its global strategic importance. This award was given to Kreston Menon for its role in promoting investments in Dubai via their ‘Partners Forum’. The Forum was organised to highlight DED’s partnerships for growth as well as the role of such partnerships in promoting excellence and sustainable development in Dubai and across the UAE.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Superbrand’**

**Superbrands Council of UAE, 2014–20**

For 7 years running, the Superbrands Council of UAE has bestowed this accolade in recognition of Kreston Menon’s market acceptance and branding excellence. Superbrands is the world’s largest independent arbiter of branding, and pays tribute to the strongest and most valuable brands in the world. This award strengthens the brand’s position, adds prestige to the firm and reassures its clients. Furthermore, Kreston Menon is the first professional services firm to be awarded in the region.

More info [here](#)

### **Founder Raju Menon one of *Indian Super 100***

**Gray Matter’s *Indian Super 100: Business Leaders, Professionals & Corporates in Middle East & Africa*, 2019**

Founded in June 2006, Gray Matter is a 360° media solutions company. Their *Indian Super 100* is conceived as a benchmark coffee-table book profiling remarkable and inspirational success stories. The inclusion of Raju Menon is testament to his excellent leadership skills.

More info [here](#)

### **‘World’s Greatest Brands’ award**

**United Research Services International and *AsiaOne* magazine, 2016–19**

Part of the United World Group, *AsiaOne* has emerged as an influential voice dominating the Asian media. For 4 years running, it has designated Kreston Menon one of the ‘World’s Greatest Brands’ following close review and careful deliberation by a panel of global experts.

More info [here](#)

### **‘World’s Greatest Leaders’ award for Raju Menon**

**United Research Services International and *AsiaOne* magazine, 2016–19**

Recognised as one of the global leaders who has made the most positive impact in a year, Raju Menon has been nominated for ‘Global Indian of the Year’.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Bharat Samman Award’ for Raju Menon**

**Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Institute, October 2018**

Bestowed at the House of Lords, London, Bharat Samman is an NRI Institute award that celebrates Raju Menon’s outstanding contributions to promoting business links and FDI in the UK, India and throughout the UAE and Gulf Cooperation Council.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Business Forum Leadership Award’**

**Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Alliance, May 2018**

BRICS Alliance Business Forum aims to bring together business leaders, business facilitators, investors, entrepreneurs and professionals from around the world. With this award, the Alliance has honoured Raju Menon’s worldwide efforts to promote FDI in India.

More info [here](#)

### **Raju Menon one of ‘Top 100 Indian Business Owners in the Arab World’**

***Forbes* magazine, 2015–18**

*Forbes Middle East* is a licensed edition of Forbes Media, a global media company with a focus on information covering business, investing, technology, entrepreneurship, leadership and affluent lifestyles. The selection criteria for their top Indian business owners examine financial impact (company revenues, regardless of ownership stake as long as the owner is controlling the company), employment impact (number of employees), age of the company, and transparency (quality and reliability of the information provided).

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **BHP**

## One of 'Top 100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK

*The Sunday Times*, February 2020

*The Sunday Times* 'Top 100' ranks Britain's best companies to work for based on various criteria around staff satisfaction. A robust workforce survey includes 70 statements about staff well-being, pay and benefits, personal growth, their team, and company leadership. The firm has been featured in the survey for two years running, achieving '2 out of 3 star' accreditation status.

More info [here](#)

## 'Audit Team of the Year'

*British Accountancy Awards*, 2019

The British Accountancy Awards are truly representative of end-user and end-business achievements across the entire ecosystem, and highlight and reward the hard work that mobilises continued growth within the sector. BHP won 'Audit Team of the Year' and was also shortlisted for 'Tax Team of the Year'.

More info [here](#)

## 'Professional Services Firm of the Year' in North Derbyshire

*Derbyshire Times Business Awards*, 2019

This business award is a way of honouring the cream of north Derbyshire's commerce and industry, raising the profile of companies, celebrating achievement and recognising the sheer hard work their staff put in to make them what they are today.

More info [here](#)

## 'Best Employer of the Year' and 'Mid-Tier Firm of the Year' in Yorkshire

*Yorkshire Accountancy Awards*, 2019

The Yorkshire Accountancy Awards represent accountancy firms of all sizes, working with both local and international clients, and recognise both team and individual efforts within the Yorkshire industry. In 2019, the firm was winner of 'Mid-Tier Firm of the Year' and 'Employer of the Year', and was also shortlisted for 'Rising Star' and 'Managing Partner of the Year'.

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **Bishop Fleming**

## 'Excellence' award

*Chartered Institute of Public Relations*, May 2020

The firm won the 'Best Employee Experience or Engagement Campaign Excellence Award' with the slogan 'It's what we bring together that sets us apart', which illustrates how Bishop Fleming empowers its employees to bring a whole company together, delivering impressive results.

More info [here](#)

## Ranked high in 'Best 75 Companies to Work for in the South West and Midlands'

*Best Companies*, February 2020

For three years running, the firm has been listed by Best Companies, ranking 33rd (South West) and 32nd (Midlands) in the latest edition. These rankings pay tribute to employers that achieve great workplace engagement.

More info [here](#) (South West) and [here](#) (Midlands)

## One of 'Best 100 Mid Companies to Work For' in the UK

*The Sunday Times*, February 2020

The firm has been ranked for the 5th year running, and achieved 82nd place. *The Sunday Times* recognises the best and most rewarding work environments for employees throughout the UK. This distinction provides tremendous value for companies, their employees and jobseekers looking to join the best and brightest.

More info [here](#)

## 'Health & Wellbeing' and national 'Business of the Year'

*British Chambers of Commerce Business Awards*, November 2019

The British Chambers of Commerce sits at the heart of a unique network of businesses across the UK, helping businesses of every size and sector to thrive. Bishop Fleming was awarded for its workplace well-being, and consequently went on to win the highly prized overall national 'Business of the Year' award.

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **Bishop Fleming** *continued*

### **Partner Caroline Smale appointed Chair of Institute Practice Committee (IPC)**

**Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW),  
September 2019**

The IPC is the representative voice for practice within the ICAEW. It works to influence ICAEW policy on issues affecting practitioners by challenging positions and sharing the insights and opinions of practising members.

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **Clive Owen**

### **Most active financial adviser in northeast England**

**Insider Media, April 2020**

On both annual and quarterly basis for the last two years, the corporate finance team of the firm has been ranked 1st (based on number of deals completed) in the Northeast by Experian – reflecting the significant activity of its specialist team.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Accountancy Firm of the Year’ in northeast England**

**North East Accountancy Awards, 2018**

The award (within the ‘51–200 employees’ category) recognised the growth of the firm and expansion into new service lines – in particular, its cloud accounting offering and grants. The firm has helped clients to access over £200 million of grants over the last 6 years, helping to create or safeguard over 10,000 jobs, and has also assisted with the investment of over £1 billion.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Bringing Success to Darlington’ award**

**One Darlington, May 2018**

Clive Owen is strongly represented in Darlington, northeast England. As a winner in the Best of Darlington 2018 Awards, the firm’s extraordinary achievement has been recognised at regional, national and international levels, enhancing Darlington’s local and global reputation.

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **Duncan & Toplis**

### **‘Accountancy Large Practice of the Year’**

**IRIS Customer Awards, February 2020**

The awards recognise the leading individuals, managers, businesses, schools and organisations that deliver outstanding services and results for their customers. Duncan & Toplis was recognised for its commitment to supporting businesses and individuals across a range of sectors.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Best Large Practice’ in East Midlands**

**ICAEW East Midlands, March 2019**

The ICAEW East Midlands awards celebrate the outstanding work and excellence within the local finance sector. It is the second consecutive year that Duncan & Toplis has won this title, having won the ICAEW East Midlands award for ‘Best Medium Practice’ for three years previously.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Outstanding Advisory or Client Project of the Year’**

**British Accountancy Awards, September 2018**

The British Accountancy Awards recognise professional development and highlight the firms that have demonstrated excellence in their profession. The client project was the firm’s involvement from inception to the opening of the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln.

More info [here](#)

### **‘Gold Award’ for exceptional customer service**

**Investor in Customers (IIC), February 2018**

The Gold Award is given to companies that offer customer service of exceptional standard. The assessment involved in-depth interviews and surveys conducted among the Duncan & Toplis’ clients, whose exceptionally high satisfaction demonstrated the firm’s true commitment to providing an excellent service.

More info [here](#)

United Kingdom – **Kreston Reeves**

## One of 'Top 100 Financial Planning Firms' in the UK

*Citywire's New Model Adviser, December 2019*

Citywire's *New Model Adviser* identifies the 100 financial planning and advisory firms that are 'at the top of their game'. For the sixth consecutive year, the firm's dedicated financial planning team has been dealing with vulnerable clients and has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to training and developing the next generation of financial planners.

More info [here](#)

## 'Event Marketing' award

*British Accounting Marketing Awards, May 2019*

The British Accounting Marketing Awards were founded to celebrate marketing and the positive impact that it is having on firms and suppliers throughout the UK. The firm won this award for its 'Going for Growth' campaign.

More info [here](#)

## One of 'Top 25 Accountancy Firms' in the UK

*EPrivateClient magazine, May 2019*

The list of the top 25 firms is compiled from a survey of 100 private client accountancy firms across the UK and is based not only on the size of a firm but also on its reputation in the private wealth sector for providing services to wealthy clients and their families. The firm uses in-depth knowledge and expertise to deliver a comprehensive range of services to its private clients.

More info [here](#)

United States – **CBIZ & MHM**

## One of US' top 25 'Best Workplaces in Consulting & Professional Services'™

*Great Place to Work, 2020*

This survey, by Great Place to Work, represents more than 357,000 employees working in the consulting or professional services industries in the United States. For the third consecutive year, the firm has been ranked 23rd among large firms.

More info [here](#)

## One of '20 Best Accounting Internships' and '100 Best Internships' in the US

*Vault, 2020*

For the third consecutive year, Vault recognised CBIZ & MHM as having one of the best accounting internship programmes. The firm also came 81st in the ranking of the top 100 best internships across all industries in the United States.

More info [here](#) ('20 Best Accounting Internships') and [here](#) ('100 Best Internships')

## 'Workplace Excellence', 'Health and Wellness' and 'Best Practices Supporting Workers 50+' awards

*Alliance for Workplace Excellence, 2019*

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence is a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping companies become great places to work. CBIZ & MHM was given these awards in recognition of its supportive environment for employees.

More info [here](#) ('Workplace Excellence') and [here](#) ('Health and Wellness')

## One of US' top 35 'Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in the Nation'® and 'Best and Brightest in Wellness'

*National Association of Business Resource, December 2019*

For the 4th consecutive year, CBIZ & MHM was honoured as a 'Best and Brightest Company' by the National Association of Business Resource, based on its commitment to human resource practices and employee enrichment. The firm was also honoured as an organisation that promotes a culture of wellness.

More info [here](#)

## One of 'Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America'

*Springbuk, November 2019*

Sticking to its core values ('We do the right thing' and 'Our people matter'), CBIZ & MHM was recognised for its exceptional achievement and leadership in building a healthy and productive workplace, committed to employee and community health and wellbeing.

More info [here](#)



United States – **CBIZ & MHM** continued

## One of top 10 'America's Best Mid-size Employers' in professional services industry

*Forbes* magazine, April 2019

In its annual ranking of America's best employers, *Forbes* partnered with market research company Statista to identify the companies liked best by employees. In their list of the top 200 best mid-size employers, CBIZ & MHM is ranked 10th among professional service industries and 195th across all industries in the US.

More info [here](#)

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