



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 2019-2020.

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](#)

China – **Zhonghui** **Ranked 4th in 'Top 100 Tax Agents' in China**

The China Certified Tax Agents Association (CCTAA), 2019

As the leader in the tax sector in China, CCTAA's ranking has played a positive role in enhancing and promoting the brand image of tax firms and pushing the development momentum of tax firms. The steady increase in attention is of great significance in promoting the continued development of the tax accountant industry. Since being ranked 1st in 2012, Zhonghui has been on the 'Top 100 Tax Agents' list for the past 7 years.

More info [here](#)

One of 'Top 20 Accounting Firms' in China

The Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CICPA), 2019

CICPA is a professional accounting organisation under the guidance of the Ministry of Finance and the State Council with oversight responsibility for accountants in China. This annual ranking recognises the top accounting firms in China, promotes the accounting firm's brand, and celebrates leaders in the sector.

More info [here](#)

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](#)

Cyprus – **Kreston Ioannou & Theodoulou** **Certified 'Great Place to Work'**

Great Place to Work (GPTW), November 2020

GPTW works with more than 6000 organisations worldwide representing over 10 million employees. The certification programme offers an opportunity for the best of those achieving certification to be recognised, to celebrate their achievements, enhance their employer brand, and inspire others to take action. Kreston Ioannou & Theodoulou's employees completed a trust index survey consisting of more than 60 core statements giving deep insight into their experience and highlighting core business areas that help to proactively drive engagement.

More info [here](#)

Georgia – **Kreston Papiashvili**

'Audit Innovation of the Year' and 'Thought Leadership Initiative of the Year'

Digital Accountancy Forum and Awards by International Accounting Bulletin, 2020

The Digital Accountancy Forum and Awards identify and honour efforts of the most important and memorable accounting practices and professionals in the past year. The 'Audit Innovation of the Year' award recognises the business practice or association that has made a significant constructive change in ameliorating audit quality and reliability. The 'Thought Leadership Initiative of the Year' honours a notable contribution to raising a specific issue that has added value to clients and made a lasting impact on the accounting industry.

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'.

Germany – **Kreston Bansbach** continued

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](#)

Jersey – **Alex Picot Trust**

Director Hannah Roynon-Jones awarded ‘GOLD winner in the Trustee of the Year – Director’

Citywealth Future Leaders Awards, 2020

These Awards champion young (under age 40) professionals in the UK wealth sector, highlighting the leaders of today and tomorrow. The philosophy of the contest is to support future leaders who excel at work and also make an important contribution to society.

Hannah was also listed in the 2020 ‘Citywealth’s Future Leaders Top 100’ which represents the best advisers and managers in the wealth management and private client industries, all aged under 40.

More info [here](#)

Directors Hannah Roynon-Jones and Sarah McBrearty listed as ‘Top 35 Under 35’ in the Channel Islands

EPrivate Client, June 2020

EPrivate client is a leading UK-based news service for private client practitioners, including lawyers, accountants, trustees and fee-based independent financial advisors. The Channel Islands ‘Top 35 Under 35’ is an annual listing designed to identify, recognise, promote and introduce individuals in the Channel Islands who work within the private client sphere.

More info [here](#)

Malaysia – **Kreston John & Gan**

Appointed independent auditor for prestigious Platinum Business Awards

SME Association of Malaysia, 2019–20

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](#)

Mauritania – **Exco GHA Mauritania**

'Auditing and Accounting Services Firm of the Year' in Mauritania

Corporate INTL Awards, 2020

Corporate INTL's annual awards mark excellence for the world's leading advisers and financiers in an array of countries and continents around the globe. Over the past 12 months, the research department has conducted in-depth reviews, drawing on insights from business leaders, advisors and investors around the world, to elect the best companies for each category. Winning this award demonstrates the firm's in-depth knowledge of the local and regional economic fabric.

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 A²A 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 A²A 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 A²A 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 A²A 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](#)

Romania – **Kreston Romania**

One of the 'Best Accounting Company with Local Partnership' in Romania

Expert and Licensed Accountants of Romania (CECCAR), July 2020

Established in 1921, CECCAR is the representative body of the accountancy profession in Romania. A non-profit public body that has grown dramatically across the country, it now has local branches throughout all 42 counties. This award identifies and encourages the leading companies in the field, based on their values, corporate culture, quality of service and reputation.

More info [here](#)

Spain – **Kreston Iberaudit**

CEO Mercè Martí received 'Honorary Prize' in recognition of female business talent

Association of Female Entrepreneurs, Directors and Professionals (ADE Vallès), November 2020

The ADE Vallès awards have placed a special emphasis on the promotion of workplace equality and recognised the entrepreneurship, creativity and perseverance of women in business throughout the year. This award

Spain – **Kreston Iberaudit** continued

motivates and creates an awareness around the deserved recognition of women in director positions. Since 2012, the organisation has also worked to promote the presence of females on administrative councils, and to develop specialist training for female professionals. Among its next objectives is the acknowledgement of female leaders in start-up projects.

More info [here](#)

Switzerland – **a&o kreston**

One of 'Top Tax Experts & Trustees 2021' in Switzerland

BILANZ and Le Temps, November 2020

Over 7000 individuals including professionals, experts, employees and clients in the field of tax consulting and fiduciary services participated in the survey. The lists of top tax experts and fiduciaries were compiled based on the number of recommendations made. The award honours a&o kreston's consistent improvement and efforts to position themselves on the Swiss market.

More info [here](#)

Taiwan – **Top New**

Partner Yashu Hung re-appointed to 'Public Procurement Review Committee of the Ministry of Defense Taiwan'

Taipei CPAs Association, 2019-20

Having reviewed the quality of bids for providing auditing services to the Ministry of Defense of Taiwan, the Public Procurement Review Committee has re-appointed Yashu Hung as an independent auditor. Yashu Hung has already served 2 years in this role and this high-profile assignment again confirms the firm's consistent quality and expertise.

Ukraine – **Kreston GCG**

'ACCA Approved Employer – Trainee Development, GOLD' award

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), January 2020

The ACCA Approved Employer Programme recognises employers' high standards of staff training and development. This award is in recognition of the support provided to ACCA trainees working towards the ACCA

Qualification. Achieving this status provides many benefits that allow organisations to get the most out of their cooperation with ACCA. Awarded with this honour, Kreston GCG could assist in attracting and retaining staff with ACCA Careers, offering preferential rates on additional qualifications and access to the professional insights work.

More info [here](#)

Appointed General Auditor of the 11th Odesa International Film Festival

Odesa International Film Festival (OIFF), December 2020

The Odesa International Film Festival has one of the largest film-festival audiences in Eastern Europe. For the third consecutive year, the OIFF has demonstrated its confidence in Kreston GCG. As appointed auditor, Kreston GCG's professionals controlled the counting of votes for the winners and officially confirmed the transparency of the event.

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](#)

United Arab Emirates – **Kreston Menon** continued

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](#)

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 2 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](#)

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

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](#)

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](#)

United Kingdom – **Duncan & Toplis**

One of the ‘Best Rural Professional Services Business’ in the UK

National Rural Business Awards 2020–21

The Rural Business Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of businesses operating across the rural sector. The nomination is for the firm’s services to the agriculture sector, helping rural clients and businesses to achieve their goals.

More info [here](#)

‘Community Impact’ Award

Leicestershire Business Awards, 2020

The Leicestershire Business Awards, organised by the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, celebrate success, recognise achievements and highlight individuals and businesses throughout Leicestershire who are making a positive contribution to the community. The ‘Community Impact’ nomination honours the support the firm offered to businesses and clients during the pandemic.

More info [here](#)

‘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](#)

United Kingdom – **Duncan & Toplis** *continued*

'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](#)

United Kingdom – **Kreston Reeves**

'Large Firm of the Year' award

Accounting Excellence Awards, December 2020

Accounting Excellence recognises and rewards brilliance in the accounting profession in the UK. Kreston Reeves has won this award for two consecutive years successfully growing the breadth and depth of their services, keeping a clear focus on the challenge of rebuilding post-COVID while posting very strong growth figures.

More info [here](#)

One of 'Top 25 Accountancy Firms' in the UK

EPrivateClient magazine, May 2019 & September 2020

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](#)

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](#)

United States – **CBIZ & MHM**

Ranked 10th largest accounting firm in the US

INSIDE Public Accounting (IPA), 2020

The one-of-a-kind IPA 400, recognising the top US-based accounting firms, is the most comprehensive list of North American public accounting firms available. IPA annually ranks the largest public accounting firms in the United States based on participating firms' net revenues – from the multibillion-dollar US-based Big 4 to the \$5 million firms. This ranking recognises the organic growth of CBIZ & MHM, underlining the high status of this Kreston member firm in the US market.

More info [here](#)

Ranked 10th in 'Top 50 Construction Accounting Firms'

Construction Executive, 2020

Hundreds of US accounting firms with a dedicated construction practice were included in the ranking to demonstrate how they were guiding their clients amid ongoing economic uncertainty. This ranking demonstrates CBIZ & MHM's professionalism in the construction industry.

More info [here](#)

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

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](#)

United States – **CBIZ MHM** continued

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](#)

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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