

# Top 15 Best Accounting Firms in London (2016 Ranking)

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## 2016 RANKING OF TOP ACCOUNTING FIRMS

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### Finding the Top Accounting Firms in London

As a busy professional, many things require your daily attention, and managing your financial resources likely ranks high on that list. As such, you, like many other individuals and businesses, may benefit from utilizing the services of a trusted London-based accounting firm.

Whether we are talking about personal wealth or professional wealth, knowing how to navigate finances, keep appropriate records, and utilise expert knowledge to comply with tax regulations is imperative.

However, finding a reliable accountancy firm in London may not be as easy as it seems. There are hundreds of accountancy firms in London alone, and not all of them offer services with your best interest in mind.

With such a vast sea of accountants in London to choose from, how does one know which is the best? What criteria should one consider when making their selections? Lastly, how does one even find this information?

At AdvisoryHQ, we have created a breakthrough, top-down methodology that we utilised in narrowing down a plethora of accounting firms in London to the selected 15 top accounting firms in London presented below.



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## AdvisoryHQ's List of the Best Accounting Firms in London

*This list is sorted alphabetically (click any of the names below to go directly to the detailed review section for that advisor):*

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## Top 15 Best Accounting Firms in London

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Location</b>
Arnold Hill & Co., LLP	London
Arram Berlyn Gardner	London
Barnes & Scott	London

BKL	London
Blick Rothenberg	London
Buzzacott	London
Cameron Baum	Central London
Carter Backer Winter, LLP	London
Dixon Wilson	Central London
Glazers Chartered Accountants	London
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## **Methodology for Selecting the Top Accounting Firms – London**

What methodology did we use in selecting this list of the best accounting firms in London and top accountants in the UK?

Using publicly available sources, AdvisoryHQ identified a wide range of accounting firms and accountants that provide services in London.

We then applied AdvisoryHQ's [Breakthrough Selection Methodology](#) to identify the final list of top accountants and accountancy firms that provide services to communities throughout London.

## **Detailed Review – Top Ranking Accounting Firms in London**

The following is a detailed review of each London accounting firm that made it through our stringent selection methodology to be included on our list of the top 15 accounting firms in London.

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## **Arnold Hill & Co, LLP Review**

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**Arnold Hill & Co, LLP** is a chartered accounting firm conveniently nestled in the WC2 area of London. The firm proudly boasts over **100 years** of professional and dependable service.

They serve a variety of clients ranging from individuals and small businesses to large international groups, charitable foundations, and family trusts.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Listed below are key factors that allowed Arnold Hill & Co, LLP to rank as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### The Corporate Social Responsibility Model:

Arnold Hill is rooted in values. Their success is driven by the value that is added through each client relationship.

For this reason, they have created a Corporate Social Responsibility model which outlines their four most intrinsic values. They are:

- **People:** The firm is built on a strong foundation of quality that starts within. The large team at Arnold Hill brings with them a breadth of experience, a variety of interests, and above all, a commitment to their clients.
- **Community:** When faced with success, there is no better way to celebrate than to give back to those who need it.

Arnold Hill not only offers pro-bono and reduced services within their community; they have also created an event called 'Volunteering Days' which encourages the employees of the firm to volunteer their time and effort on a yearly basis.

- **Training:** Employees of Arnold Hill participate in thousands of hours of training courses which helps them attain professional development skills through a holistic approach.
- **Environment:** Lessening their impact on the environment is extremely important to Arnold Hill.

With a commitment to continually reducing their impact, they proudly recycle all waste office paper, 25% of their general waste, reduce overall energy consumption, plant trees, and utilise 30% of electricity from renewable sources.

### Key Services:

As a well-rounded accountancy firm, Arnold Hill has a large variety of key services that are offered to clients on an as-needed basis. They include:

- Accounts preparation
- Probate services
- Inheritance tax planning
- Audit
- Company secretarial services
- Trust
- Personal tax
- Partnership taxation
- Company valuations & due diligence
- Transaction services
- Non-domicile taxpayer issues
- Support for entrepreneurs
- Bookkeeping services in London
- Corporation tax
- Payroll services

### In-Office Training:

Arnold Hill is an approved training office by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Each year, they take on 3-4 students who train under the direction of the firm.

Their goals are to pass along the strong values of the firm, which include dependability, meticulous care, and above all else, constant improvement to best meet the needs of the client.

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## **Arram Beryl Gardner Review**

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**Arram Berlyn Gardner** (ABG) is a firm staffed with knowledgeable chartered accountants, auditors, tax advisers, and business advisers. They are located in London and have just celebrated **50 years** of proactive service.

Services are best suited for individuals, families, businesses, SMEs, and entrepreneurs.

## **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Arram Beryl Gardner to be rated as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### Specialist Sectors:

ABG has long served a vast number of specialist accounts. Their professional, real-world experience allows them insight into accountancy, tax, audit, and VAT issues with a keen eye for each client's specific needs.

Here's a look at just some of ABG's large specialty sectors, and they offer many, many more:

- Manufacturing Accountants
- Actors & Agents Accountants
- Architects & Surveyors Accountants
- Charity Accountants
- Childcare & Education Accountants
- Retail Accountants
- Dentists & Optometrists Accountants
- Doctors, Locums, Consultants & Surgeons Accountants
- TV, Film, & Animation Accountants
- Marketing & Advertising Accountants
- Precious Metals & Jewelry Accountants
- Property Accountants
- Care Homes & Social Care Accountants

### Accountancy, Audit, & Tax Services:

Often viewed as a 'necessary evil,' annual audit, tax compliance, and preparation of accounts typically becomes a cost centre. ABG strives to change this way of thinking, and they aim to change the system into a profit centre.

Accountancy, tax, and audit services include:

- Trusts & executorships
- Audits
- Personal tax planning
- Corporate tax compliance & planning
- Specialist & advanced tax planning
- Research & development tax
- New business startup & entrepreneurs
- VAT compliance & advice

### Company Secretarial:

ABG has an in-house, ICSA-qualified company secretarial team that can deal with all of your secretarial needs and advise you of your compliance requirements.

With a high level of expertise, services offered include:

- Prepare and maintain statutory records
- Complete and submit your annual return
- File accounts and financial statements
- Advise for, prepare, and file necessary documentation
- Purchase own shares
- Capital reductions
- Name, office, or shareholder changes

Outsourced Accounting:

In order to guarantee the highest level of support and customer satisfaction, ABG has partnered with several outside firms in order to provide comprehensive management, budget forecasts, payroll services, bookkeeping, VAT returns, and more.

Not only does ABG employ a dedicated team of professionals, they specialise in assisting overseas companies in setting up operations in the UK through outsourced accounting services.

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# Barnes & Scott Review

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As an ICAEW Chartered Accountant, [Barnes & Scott](#) is a leading accounting and tax advisory firm located in the heart of London. They work with a focus in digital, media, and technological companies, as well as specializing services for freelancers, contractors, and sole traders.

## **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

The following is a listing of key factors that allowed Barnes & Scott to rank as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### Individual Services:

Individual clients such as entrepreneurs, professionals, and freelancers can utilise services to help overcome their unique financial challenges.

These services usually include:

- Property accounts
- VAT returns
- HMRC tax returns
- IR35 assessment
- Sole trader accounts

### Services for Businesses:

Financial services for businesses and corporations have many facets. Through the use of accurate and custom tailored business packages, Barnes & Scott offers:

- Corporation tax
- Bookkeeping
- Payroll services
- Company accounts
- VAT returns
- Management accounts
- Company secretarial

### Specialised Tax Services:

Barnes & Scott offers 3 specialised tax strategy services. They are as follows:



- **SEIS (Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme):** A great approach for start-up companies. This government scheme allows investors tax leniency and the opportunity for capital gains.
- **R & D (Research and Development) Tax Credits:** A unique tax credit for innovative companies.
- **EMI (Enterprise Management Incentives):** Rapidly growing companies can benefit from this tax efficient strategy.

#### A Free Consultation:

To help you assess if their services are right for you, Barnes & Scott offers a free quote and initial consultation to show you how they can create a concise financial strategy for your future.

#### A Technological Edge:

Through an integration of cutting edge cloud accounting software, online account services, and strategic partnerships, Barnes & Scott offers their clients technologically advanced access to their information and services.

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## **Blick Rothenberg, LLP Review**

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**Blick Rothenberg, LLP** is one of London's largest independent chartered accountancy firms. They offer assurance and business advisory services, as well as personal and corporate tax advice.

Located in London's Covent Gardens, they serve a variety of individual, business, and global corporate client accounts.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Blick Rothenberg, LLP to rank as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### Comprehensive Services:

Due to the variety of clients served by Blick Rothenberg, the company offers a diverse and comprehensive list of services. Some of these services include:

- Personal tax
- Corporate tax
- Audit & assurance
- Tax dispute resolution

- Financial planning
- Outsourced business services
- Advisory
- VAT
- Expatriate tax
- Trust & estate planning

### UK Investing:

With over **70 years** of expertise in aiding overseas companies in establishing their businesses in the UK and earning the 2015 Best International and Expatriate Tax Team award, it's fair to say that the people at Blick Rothenberg, LLP know what they're doing.

Through a unique blend of services, Blick Rothenberg takes a holistic approach in setting up large scale expansions. Their associates work in over **70 countries** worldwide, coordinating efforts to create the best case scenario possible.

### Services for Charitable Organisations:

Blick Rothenberg knows charitable and not-for-profit organisations require the same careful and diligent financial services as profit-making corporations.

In addition to traditional accounting and auditing services, the following is an overview of special considerations for these entities:

- Business planning
- Commercial operations
- Governance issues
- Strategic development
- Employment issues
- City aid claims
- VAT advice and planning

### The Private Client:

Private clients usually fill one or more of the following roles:

- Personal tax
- Financial planning
- Trusts and estates

Through a collaborative effort among the team, Blick Rothenberg serves clients with a pro-active mindset and technically outstanding service.

Objective advice and service is paramount, and the team's international focus means a market-leading level of expertise.

### The Business Advantage:

Business of all sizes can benefit from an innovative, technologically advanced approach. Blick Rothenberg, along with their partners, have acted as non-executive directors within a variety of corporations, bringing much experience to the table.

Additionally, the firm offers transactional support in terms of valuations, investigations, due diligence services, and more.

Here is a simple overview of the types of businesses the firm has worked with extensively:

- Owner-managed businesses
- Entrepreneurial businesses
- Large UK companies
- International businesses

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## **BKL Review**

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With offices in London and Cambridge, **BKL** is a leading chartered accounting firm, tax specialist, and audit adviser. They proudly serve families, business owners, and self-employed individuals.

For specialty tax services, **BKL Tax** is a specialised consultancy division of BKL. Both divisions offer a free consultation to help you understand how their services can benefit your specific situation.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below you will find some of the key factors that enabled BKL to rank as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### Services to Meet Your Needs:

At BKL, their mission is to help you achieve your personal and professional goals. Through a wide-range of knowledge and expertise backed by an exceptional team, the firm stands ready to make sound, evidence-based recommendations that will lead you to success.

Here is an overview of services BKL specialises in:

- Audit
- Outsourcing
- HR
- Tax
- Wealth
- Litigation support
- Corporate finance
- Accounts preparation and assurance
- Consultancy services

### Core Values:

‘Delivering. Challenging. Thinking.’ It’s what BKL does best and what they’re all about. These are the values that shape their everyday practices:

- **Deliver:** ‘Never make a promise you can’t keep.’ If they say they’ll do it, you can consider it done.
- **Find a Way:** Perfectly said by the team itself, they don’t just answer questions: they question answers. If one path leads to a dead end, BKL doesn’t stop until they find the alternate route.
- **Keep It Simple:** There is no need for impulse accounting or fancy language. Back to basics is the rule.
- **Make a Difference:** BKL supports and encourages those who think and contribute to the cause. They strive to mentor and be mentored. This networking mentality drives the team to make every contribution count.
- **Work Together:** No one can do it all, and no one has all the answers. Teamwork creates an optimal environment for success.
- **Maintain Respect and Integrity:** Never compromise quality for quantity. BKL realizes their own worth as well as the worth of their clients, which leads them to give and expect fairness, inclusivity, honesty, and professionalism in all they do.

### Custom-Tailored Specialties:

In order to offer the most comprehensive accounting, tax, and auditory services, BKL has taken an all-inclusive approach to a variety of financial specifications. They include, but are not limited to:

- Food and catering
- Inward investment
- Contractors and freelancers

- Construction
- Healthcare and dentists
- Property and real estate
- Film, TV, music, and creative
- Charities

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## Buzzacott Review

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Buzzacott is a modern accounting firm which serves businesses, individual clients, charities & not-for-profit organisations, and start-ups.

With over 270 staff members working with 33 partnering specialist teams, they are proudly closing in on the 100 year mark of service excellence.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Buzzacott to rank as a top 2016 accounting firm in London.

#### The Specialised Approach:

Buzzacott provides niched services designed around the specialised needs of individual groups of clients. In their own words, needs range from those of nuns to those of hedge fund managers.

Let's take a look at just some of their specialised categories of service:

- Expatriate tax services
- Charity & not for profit
- Private clients
- Technology & media
- Giving solutions
- FCA regulated firms
- Corporate & business services
- VAT services
- U.S. tax
- Financial planning
- HR consultancy

#### Comprehensive Services:

With hundreds of individuals on staff, it's easy to see why Buzzacott is able to deliver a significant variety of services to meet the specific needs of every client.

Below, we will cover some of these offerings:

- Bookkeeping & management accounts
- Audit & assurance
- HR support
- FCA compliance
- Employee solutions
- Company secretarial
- Payroll services
- Consultancy & advisory
- Corporate finance
- UK & US personal tax & estate planning
- Services for dual-qualified charitable structures
- Pensions, reward packages, & employee benefits
- Valuations
- Trust planning & advisory
- VAT services
- Cash management services

#### The Buzzacott Difference:

The team at Buzzacott believes strongly in their values, as well as consistently delivering on them. Trust, client focus, exceptional service, and approachability stand at the forefront of everything they do.

You can take a look at Buzzacott's [Beyond the Numbers](#) publication, their first edition ever, for an inside look at their year and how they've gotten to where they are.

#### Shared Responsibility:

Buzzacott believes in looking beyond their own needs and taking part in philanthropic, community and environmental causes.

In 2003, they established the Buzzacott Stuart Defries Memorial Fund, a fund which aids underprivileged children and young adults within the community.

Additionally, Buzzacott employees volunteer thousands of hours of their time and effort giving back to the community every single year. Even better, the firm participates in staff-matched giving, matching every dollar contributed by its employees.

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## **Cameron Baum Review**

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The accountancy firm at [Cameron Baum](#) stands as an ICAEW Chartered Accountant, registered auditor, and business & tax adviser. Their mission is to be an integral part of a client's advisory team.

Located in Central London, they serve individuals and business clients alike.

## **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Wealth Advisory Company**

Below are key factors that enabled Cameron Baum to be rated as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### A Successful Team:

With a small team of **15**, Cameron Baum was a finalist for the 2015 Independent Firm of the Year award, as well as a four-time runner-up for Small Firm of the Year.

The varied expertise and cumulative knowledge of the team serves as a benefit for the diverse and ever-changing financial needs of their clients.

### Personal Advice:

Through the creation of personal relationships and one-on-one services, Cameron Baum can help individuals improve their financial lives. Advisory services include the following areas:

- Trust and executorships
- Self-assessments
- Personal tax planning
- Estate planning
- Retirement strategies

### Business Advice & Services:

A successful business owner knows that in order to achieve ultimate success, they will need to surround themselves with the right kind of support.

Cameron Baum offers their expert knowledge to business owners of all sizes with the following services:

- Business planning
- Bookkeeping & accounting
- Payroll
- VAT
- Tax compliance

- Company secretarial
- Business startup
- Outsourcing
- Corporate tax planning

### Specialised Expertise:

Through the development of several industry specialisations, Cameron Baum offers proactive, finely tuned and exceptionally focused services in the following sectors:

- Audit, accounts, & tax
- Tax investigations
- Credit analysis
- Outsourced finance director

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## **Carter Backer Winter, LLP Review**

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With a wide-range of specialised services, yet only 18 partners, [Carter Backer Winter, LLP](#) (CBW) is an award-winning city accountancy, tax, and financial planning firm located in London.

They are also a member of DFK International, a leading association of independent accounting firms and business advisers.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Carter Backer Winter, LLP to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### The CSR Commitment:

A successful business goes hand-in-hand with social responsibility. CBW has incorporated a system of reducing their impact on the environment through the following ways:

- Double-sided printing
- Bike to work scheme
- Online accounting systems
- Hot water boilers instead of kettles
- Penalty system for leaving electrical equipment on
- Give as you earn scheme
- Recycling of waste



- Partnership with planet positive

### The CBW Way:

The team at CBW lives by a code of values, founded on a foundation of openness, principles, and mutual respect. The following details the five key values held by the CBW team:

- **Integrity:** The team strives to remain honest, straightforward, and accountable for their actions.
- **Care:** CBW values the importance of creating lasting and mutually respectful relationships with all. This includes their in-house staff, their clients, and those within their community.
- **Pride:** The team stands proudly in all they do, always striving to make a difference.
- **Innovative and Quality Service:** CBW finds importance in always improving upon what they've created. This is true both personally and professionally.
- **Loyalty:** Standing together through the storm is always a priority.

### A Unique Blend of Specialist Sectors:

'Understanding is at the basis of any good relationship.' At CBW, this is inherently true as they have formed a small group of specialty services in which they truly excel:

- Property
- FCA-regulated
- International
- Technology
- China desk

### Full-Scale Services:

CBW is an expert in large business operations. However, they extend the same principled business services to small businesses as well.

Companies of any size can take advantage of the following services:

- Payroll
- Creditor services
- Forensic & investigation
- Audit & accounts
- Focus on small businesses
- Corporate finance services

- CBW tax
  - International
  - Advisory & consultancy
  - Creditor services
  - Financial planning
  - HR consultancy
  - Dynamic outsourced accounts
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## Dixon Wilson Review

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Dixon Wilson is a chartered accountancy firm with offices in London and Paris.

Founded in 1888, they pride themselves as a leader in the industry, with an unwavering dedication to serving clients through generations.

Services are tailored to high-net-worth individuals, families, and their associated businesses.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

The following is a list of key factors that enabled Dixon Wilson to rank as one of 2016's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### Professional Recognition:

Dixon Wilson has been listed in 2 categories for the 2016 Citywealth Magic Circle Awards. Through this prestigious nomination, the firm is under consideration for Accountancy Firm of the Year.

Also, staff member David Nelson is under consideration for Outstanding Individual of the Year.

Simply being nominated is a great honor and testament to the hard work and dedication of the firm and its employees.

#### Key Specialties:

Through their relationships with a variety of partners, Dixon Wilson is able to offer a comprehensive suite of services in the following specialised areas:

- Family office
- Landed estates

- Non-UK domiciles
- Entrepreneurs
- Corporate
- Charities
- Art advisory
- Renewable energy

#### Services to Meet Your Needs:

Dixon Wilson is able to offer tailored solutions within a wide range of taxation, accounting, and financial expertise. Below, we highlight some of the key issues dealt with on a regular basis:

- Registering with HM revenue & customs
- Prepare and submit annual returns
- Liaising on your behalf
- Advising on tax payment positions
- Setting up and maintaining payroll
- Day-to-day bookkeeping
- Registration for VAT services
- Day-to-day cash management
- Business valuation services
- Preparation of trust accounts
- Providing UK trust services
- Full-range of accounting services
- Preparation of annual reports
- Preparation of pension scheme accounts
- Undertaking statutory audits

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## **Glazers Chartered Accountants Review**

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Glazers Chartered Accountants is an ICAEW Chartered Accountancy firm located in Northwest London.

They are staffed with accountants, tax and financial advisers, and business consultants.

Services are extended to individuals and small-to-medium sized businesses as well as UK subsidiaries of foreign parent companies.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Glazers Chartered Accountants to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### Personal Client Services:

Glazers' focus is solely centered on you, the client. Through a friendly and prompt approach, they seek to relieve you of your financial and administrative burdens.

They work completely in-house and don't outsource work. The personal client services they offer are numerous, and the following is an overview of just some:

- Accounting
- Cash flow & profit forecasting
- Bookkeeping
- Audit
- Estate & inheritance tax planning
- Financial planning
- Life assurance
- Pensions
- Retirement planning
- Tax planning
- Trust taxation

### Business Services:

As business owners themselves, Glazers is an expert in working with owner-managed businesses and offers sound advice that will help your business increase its growth and profitability.

Here are some of the areas they most commonly offer guidance in:

- Business tax
- Financial services
- Audit & accounting
- Business consultancy
- Payroll
- Corporate finance
- VAT consultancy
- Company formation

### International Services:

Glazers is an experienced firm that has helped many international companies looking to do business in the UK.

You can get a free copy of their *Guide to Setting Up a UK Company* on their website, or give them a call to gain insight into some of the following areas:

- Business consultancy

- UK business acquisitions and disposals
- Accounting & bookkeeping
- Comprehensive VAT services
- UK payroll services
- Due diligence
- UK personal tax services
- Company valuations
- UK company secretarial
- UK business start-up advice
- Management accounts

#### Free Consultation:

To help you get started without paying out of pocket or facing obligation, Glazers offers a free, non-obligatory consultation. This is a great way to get answers to your questions and make sure the firm is a good fit for you.

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## **Howlander & Co Review**

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**Howlander & Co** is an award-winning, chartered accounting and tax advisory firm. They serve business clients of all sizes and have **50 years** of expert knowledge.

Located in the heart of London's financial centre, they are fast, reliable, and friendly.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Howlander & Co to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### Industry Specifications:

Howlander & Co works with a wide-range of industries, and they have decades of experience in doing so. The following is a listing of areas the team specialises in:

- Private equity, real estate, & funds
- Contractors & self-employed
- Education sector
- Health sector
- Legal
- Small business accounts
- Franchises
- Retail & wholesale

### Professional Services:

Howlander & Co looks at the whole picture, not just the parts that seem obvious.

As a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser, they're highly experienced in assessing your personal and financial information in order to create a suitable solution for your needs.

Here is a look at their most commonly utilised services:

- Payroll services
- Business plan writing
- Annual accounts & taxation compliance
- Onsite & offsite bookkeeping
- Tax calculation
- Start-up companies & LLP formations
- Visa application services
- Enterprise investment scheme

### The Cycle to Work Scheme:

Howlander's Cycle to Work Scheme is an impressive nod to people's ever increasing need to be better and do better, both for their health and the world around them.

It is a programme that allows employers to rent cycles for their employees for a fixed period of time, and they can do so tax-free. What's so great about that?

Well, one of the most common mechanisms of the Cycle to Work scheme is that an employer offers the cycle to their employees, and in return the employee gives up a small portion of their salary.

This benefits both the employee, as tax savings negate the reduction in salary, and the employer can use the cycles and safety equipment as a capital expenditure, thus claiming capital allowances.

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## **HW Fisher & Company Review**

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Operating offices in both London and Watford, [HW Fisher & Company](#) serves clients locally, regionally, and overseas.

They have been rated as one of the UK's top 30 chartered accountancy firms, and their broad-range of custom-tailored services is geared towards high net-worth individuals, small and medium-sized businesses, as well as large corporations.

## **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that allowed HW Fisher & Company to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### A Long-Standing, Experienced Firm:

With roots dating back to 1933, HW Fisher has a mission to serve clients with creativity, energy, enthusiasm, and vision. They employ approximately **260 staff members**, with an additional **30 partnering relationships**.

Each individual associated with the firm participates in a specialised sector of service to serve each client in the best way possible.

### Award-Winning Excellence:

The awards bestowed upon HW Fisher over the years serve as further confirmation of their high standards and cutting-edge service. The following is an example of just some of their recognition:

- Private Client Practitioner's Top 25 Accountancy Firms 2015
- The British Accountancy Award for Mid-Tier Firm of the Year Finalist 2011-2014
- Sustainable City Awards 2013 – Highly Commended
- Finance for the Future 2012 – Highly Commended
- Citywealth Leaders List 2012
- New Frontiers Innovation Award 2012

### Specialised Sectors:

Through an integrated approach, HW Fisher understands key issues facing businesses large and small alike. The following is a sampling of their specialised sectors:

- Financial services
- Media
- Property
- Retail
- Energy and agriculture
- Medical and healthcare
- Technology and communications
- Manufacturing and distribution
- Leisure and hospitality
- Public sector
- Not-for-profit
- Professional practices

- Pensions

Comprehensive Client Services:

Remaining closely involved with their clients' needs and being committed to excellent service allows HW Fisher to offer a comprehensive suite of services, including the following:

- VAT
- Internal audit
- Forensic accounting
- Audit
- Accounting outsourcing services
- Sustainability
- Wealth management
- Performance improvement
- Company secretarial
- Corporate tax
- Software asset management
- Private client
- Internal audit
- MyPowerCFO
- Trusts
- Business recovery & insolvency
- Corporate finance
- Insurance services
- Inward investment

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## **James Cowper Kreston Review**

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James Cowper Kreston is a UK-based accounting and business advisory firm with six regional offices. Locations include London, Henley, Newbury, Oxford, Reading, and Southampton.

Their self-proclaimed 'fresh thinking' approach continually adapts to meet the current needs of their clients, whether they be private individuals or larger business owners.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled James Cowper Kreston to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

A Firm on a Mission:



Cowper Kreston's mission is 'to be recognized as the natural choice for exceptional and innovative business and advisory services.'

To assure that this mission remains an achievable one, they've outlined a set of values, and they are as follows:

- They practice teamwork
- They are fresh thinking
- They value their people
- They value their clients
- They value professionalism
- They excite and enthuse people

#### Comprehensive Sectors:

Years of experience and real results have driven Cowper Kreston to hone in on a variety of industry specialties, each with its own set of unique attributes.

Let's take a look at a listing of some of their specialties:

- Academies
- Leisure
- Listed companies
- Bloodstock
- Environmental
- Technology
- Charities & education
- Equine & sports horses
- Film & entertainment
- Farms & estates
- Property & construction
- Professional services
- Manufacturing
- Owner managed businesses

#### International Expansion:

Cowper Kreston is expertly trained and experienced in making a transition or expansion into Europe or the UK easy and free of unnecessary complications. They work with a team of strategically selected overseas partners, bringing you the best of all worlds.

Furthermore, Cowper Kreston is registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in the United States.

Authority from PCAOB is a requirement when working with auditors seeking to do business with UK subsidiaries of listed US-based corporations.

### Wide-Range of Services:

Cowper Kreston desires to enhance every aspect of the performance of your business.

Due to their flexibility in thinking, they are able to holistically view each client's process and identify all areas that can save you money, time, and most importantly, help you succeed.

The following is just a sampling of service offerings:

- Outsourcing
- Private client tax
- Audit & assurance
- Payroll
- Business tax
- Business direction
- Tax investigation insurance
- Business restructuring and insolvency
- Corporate finance

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## **Jeffreys Henry, LLP Review**

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The accountancy firm of [Jeffreys Henry, LLP](#) has a rich history dating back to 1880, when Alfred Henry not only first opened his doors, but also when he was chosen as one of the first members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, which was founded the same year.

They serve a variety of business, corporate, and entrepreneurial clients.

### **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Jeffreys Henry, LLP to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

#### Personal Client Services:

Jeffreys Henry has nearly 130 years of professional experience and a diverse team on board to allow a comprehensive look into accounting, tax, and auditory services.

The list of services offered is extensive; here, we outline just some of these services:

- International services
- International tax

- Corporate tax
- Outsourced accounting function
- Audit & accounts
- Personal tax
- Payroll services
- Charity accounts
- Independent financial advice
- Corporate financial advisors
- HMRC tax investigations

### Great Expectations:

Jeffreys Henry wants to surpass your expectations when working with them. For this reason, they have created a client-driven approach. Let's take a look at what this entails:

- **Your Trusted Adviser:** Reaching a professionally intimate level with each client through a hands-on approach and good communication is of utmost importance.
- **Value Added:** Services go above and beyond average standards. Each partner at the firm has a complete focus on enhancing the value of your business by listening to your needs and making recommendations in your best interest.
- **Sector Specific Experience:** A client-specific experience allows for the UK's most prolific individuals to receive customized services specifically niched for their businesses.

These include successful entrepreneurs, Michelin-starred restaurants, tech/digital businesses, and the creative industry. These specialties are not limited to just those listed here.

- **Cost Effective:** With a transparent fee structure, you only pay for the services you truly need, and there are no hidden fees.
- **Excellence:** High standards in all they do keep Jeffreys Henry at the top of their game. Issues big and small deserve the same prompt attention.
- **Cutting Edge Tax Advice:** As a leading chartered accountancy firm, Jeffreys Henry is expertly trained in taxation issues in relation to all specialty sectors within the firm.

### A Global Network:

As a flourishing global network, Jeffreys Henry has over **150 expert independent accountants**, tax specialists, and corporate advisers in over **55 countries**.

They stand ready and expertly equipped to handle even your most pressing concerns when moving operations from another country to the UK.

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# Kingston Smith, LLP Review

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Kingston Smith, LLP is a top 20 UK audit and accountancy firm with six London and Southeast England locations.

Two offices are in Central London, and the remainder are positioned conveniently throughout the M25 area.

They offer auditory and accountancy services to business owners, private clients, and charities alike.

## **Key Factors that Enabled This Firm to Rank as a Top 2016 Accounting Firm**

Below are key factors that enabled Kingston Smith, LLP to be rated one of this year's top 15 accounting firms in London.

### Expertly Created Sectors:

Applying their knowledge to several industry sectors allows Kingston Smith to draw upon their unrivaled experience to bring a comprehensive approach to each unique client's needs.

Here's a look at their defined sector list:

- Education
- Not-for-profit
- Marketing services
- Automotive
- Healthcare
- Trade associations and membership bodies
- Professional firms
- Leisure, hospitality, & travel
- Charities
- Entrepreneurial businesses
- Manufacturing, transport, & logistics
- Property
- Technology
- Financial services
- Sports

### Service Offerings:

From individuals to charities to larger organisations, Kingston Smith offers completely customized services that can be applied individually or as part of a comprehensive plan.

Here's a look at just a few:

- Accountancy & audit
- Financial planning
- Corporate recovery & insolvency
- Auto-enrolment
- Corporate finance
- Charity fundraising & management
- Business outsourced solutions
- VAT & duty planning
- Tax & legal services
- Controls assurance, risk management, & technology advisory
- Forensic accounting
- Recruitment

#### A Simple Philosophy:

In lieu of a complicated approach, Kingston Smith applies a simple philosophy that has allowed their clients to reach ultimate success. This philosophy includes:

- **Helping Clients Succeed:** This is achieved through matching each client with a dedicated team led by a partner and a manager.
- **A Full-Range of Services:** Specialised advice coupled with tried-and-true practices helps clients reach their goals.
- **Focused on Diversity:** Kingston Smith offers a wide variety of services for every type of client and every unique situation.
- **Synergy:** Working hard at choosing the right service when you need it most.
- **The Right Place:** With global links all over the world and 6 UK offices, your team is where you need them, when you need them.

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## Conclusion – Top 15 Accounting Firms in London

As you have read over our list of the top 15 accountancy firms in London, you should no doubt feel like the future has just become a little clearer.

Any one of the 15 London accountants we've reviewed for you are sure to offer expert service coupled with moral obligation as they guide you to a bright financial future.

Trusting someone with your finances is a big step, and one that should not be made hastily. As you narrow down your selections, it's important to understand what you would like to gain out of a relationship with a London-based accountant.

Do you simply need tax services at the end of the year? Are you interested in basic bookkeeping services? Perhaps you are on the opposite end of the spectrum and require comprehensive audit, accounting, and advisory services?

Knowing what you need will make it easier to apply those needs to the services offered by each London accountancy firm.

Once you've selected one or two firms that you believe stand out from the rest, take a look and see if they offer a no-cost consultation.

If they do, this is a great way to start a conversation and know for sure if their services are right for you. However, even those who don't offer this complimentary service should be willing to take a call and answer your questions.

If they're not, that might be a telling sign to look elsewhere.

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We hope you have found this 'Top 15 Accounting Firms in London' article useful.

If you have questions, comments, or tips about this review of the top 15 accountants and accounting firms, click below to send us an email.

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Cheers,

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