

2 BUYOUT TRACK 100

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Private equity backed firms With fastest growing profits

Rank 2009	Rank 2008	Company	Activity	Location of HQ	Financial year end	Annual profit growth	Latest profit, £000s	Base-year profit, £000s	Latest sales, £000s	Staff	Main shareholders	Page
1	35	Foster + Partners	Architectural consultancy	SW London	Apr 08	147.41%	49,165	8,032	142,432	1,163	31 (40%), management (60%)	3
2		Lowell Group	Loan recovery agency	Leeds	Apr 08	120.14%	120,625	4,256	140,249	320	Exponent Private Equity (81%), management (19%)	3
3		Giles Insurance	Insurance broker	Central London	Aug 07	115.59%	6,298	1,355	30,724	402	Charterhouse (60%), C Giles (20%), other management (20%)	3
4		LK Bennett	Shoe designer and retailer	Central London	Jul 08	114.81%	12,115	2,626	57,493	545	Phoenix Equity (51%), Sirius Equity (10%), L Bennett (29%), management (10%)	3
5		Codemasters	Computer game publisher	Warrwickshire	Jun 08	95.57%	34,870	9,117	104,856	590	Balderton Capital, management	3
6	64	GHD	Hair products supplier	Leeds	Dec 07	95.03%	128,178	7,408	119,312	268	Montagu Private Equity (40%), M Penny (40%), management (20%)	3
7	55	London City Airport	Airport operator	East London	Dec 07	94.16%	*33,414	8,864	*66,426	346	Global Infrastructure Partners (75%)	3
8		Tensator Group	Contract specialist	Milton Keynes	Dec 07	89.20%	3,889	1,078	21,928	206	The Riverside Company (90%), management (10%)	3
9	18	MTL Group	Concord manufacturer	Sheffield	Mar 08	86.21%	5,451	1,572	32,900	182	Bank of Scotland Corporate (15%), management (80%), Dow Schofield Waits (5%)	3
10		Viking Moonings	Mooring equipment supplier	Aberdeen	Dec 07	82.06%	17,212	5,193	36,517	76	Inflexion Private Equity (80%), management (20%)	3
11	9	Aston Carter	Recruitment agency	Central London	Mar 08	78.39%	*8,105	2,847	*15,434	191	Baird Capital Partners Europe (51%), management (49%)	3
12		JDR Cable Systems	Cable manufacturer	Cardiffshire	Mar 08	77.00%	8,559	2,732	52,605	330	Vision Capital (60%), management (20%)	4
13		On the Beach	Online travel agency	Manchester	Sep 08	76.89%	14,856	1,592	115,057	97	Isis Equity Partners (51%), management and family (49%)	4
14		EIC	Electrical contractor	Warrwickshire	Dec 07	75.95%	4,625	1,494	74,280	568	MML Capital Partners (65%), management (34%)	4
15	57	Fiveten Group	Business software developer	Central London	Jun 08	75.69%	18,405	2,223	115,633	510	Englefield Capital (70%), management (30%)	4
16	21	Hris Software	Human resources provider	Berkshire	Apr 08	75.61%	*40,855	12,273	*114,816	1,127	Hellman & Friedman, Hg Capital, management	4
17	41	Dinolis	Hotel operator	Leeds	Dec 07	73.31%	73,314	11,061	123,035	2,034	ACHerry Partners (87%), management (13%)	4
18	44	Healthcare at Home	Home healthcare provider	Burton-on-Trent	Oct 07	73.27%	18,180	6,049	458,953	869	Hutton Collins (35%), management (65%)	4
19	46	Precise Media Group	Media intelligence provider	Central London	Sep 07	73.02%	16,059	*2,824	121,092	298	Phoenix Equity Partners (67%), management (33%)	4
20	91	Gaucha	Argentine steak restaurant operator	SW London	Dec 07	71.28%	8,845	3,015	35,650	599	Intermediate Capital Group, management	4
21		Stone Computers	Computer manufacturer	Staffordshire	Dec 07	68.48%	3,661	1,250	52,826	182	RLD Partners (51%), J Bird (21%), other management (24%)	4
22		Eve Trakway	Temporary railway provider	Cheshire	Mar 08	67.97%	4,028	1,428	16,421	135	ECI Partners (79%), management and staff (21%)	4
23		Avell Wireless	Wireless communications provider	Buckinghamshire	Dec 07	67.57%	7,070	2,318	28,962	253	ECI Partners (79%), management and staff (21%)	4
24		Dramas	Bed retailer	High Wycombe	Dec 07	64.74%	16,849	6,208	166,772	1,303	Exponent Private Equity, management	4
25	25	Drive Assist	Car lessor	Staffordshire	May 08	64.63%	41,472	15,301	136,260	1,458	Charterhouse (78%), management (22%)	4
26		TieCo	The distributor and retailer	Leeds	Dec 07	63.92%	3,033	1,239	20,771	113	Graphic Capital (51%), management (40%), other institutional investors (9%)	4
27	100	Radley + Co	Handbag and accessories retailer	Leeds	Apr 08	63.75%	112,700	4,736	158,300	295	Exponent Private Equity (51%), Phoenix Equity Partners (13%), management (36%)	4
28		Pononax	Industrial support services provider	Warrwickshire	Sep 08	62.24%	13,069	1,166	180,449	1,150	NMA Private Equity (63%), management (37%)	4
29		Bulcock	Social housing refurbisher	West Midlands	Sep 07	60.78%	14,508	5,612	130,600	522	LDC (40%), management (60%)	4
30	23	Sunseeker International	Yacht builder	Poole	Jul 08	59.66%	24,933	9,781	293,375	2,230	Bank of Scotland Corporate (20%), R Bratwaite (55%), management (25%)	5
31		Halmark Industries	Carpart services provider	SW London	Dec 07	58.98%	3,828	3,822	49,315	341	MML Capital Partners (100%)	5
32	59	Noble Denton	Offshore and marine consultancy	Central London	Dec 07	58.32%	8,228	3,522	42,315	341	Bank of Scotland Corporate (20%), R Bratwaite (55%), management (25%)	5
33	15	James Hill Associates	Dental practice operator	Central London	Apr 08	58.06%	16,926	2,772	140,400	630	Hutton Collins (40%), management (60%)	5
34	36	Invisio Media	Magazine publisher	Central London	Dec 07	56.27%	*36,690	15,026	*61,062	1,971	Axax Partners (62%), management and staff (16%), others (22%)	5
35		Dunlop Aircraft Tyres	Aircraft tyre manufacturer	Birmingham	Dec 07	54.71%	4,495	1,876	25,353	281	Axax Capital Partners (78%), management (23%)	5
36		Thomas Vale	Building and engineering contractor	Worcestershire	Mar 08	53.56%	3,885	1,951	19,102	731	31 (45%), management (55%)	5
37	43	Eat	Sandwich shop operator	Wentley	Jun 08	53.05%	7,075	*3,020	68,142	1,492	Penta Capital (45%), M Macdonald and F Macdonald (50%), management (5%)	5
38		Tripolis	Film and television producer	South Wales	Sep 07	52.46%	3,327	1,431	65,961	404	Vivitan Partners (70%), management (30%)	5
39	82	Calder Group	Non-ferrous metals processor	Cheshire	May 08	51.65%	115,146	6,566	113,837	509	German Capital (35%), Cognis Capital Partners (55%), management (30%)	5
40		Tangerine Confectionery	Confectionery maker	Blackpool	Dec 07	51.51%	4,807	2,094	63,499	662	Cose Growth Capital (41%), management (40%), Applyby Trust (13%)	5
41	42	AFI-Uplift	Construction equipment supplier	Walsfield	Dec 07	51.15%	*13,868	5,991	*31,766	238	Bardays Private Equity (40%), management (60%)	5
42		Premier Research	Pharmaceutical researcher	Berkshire	Jan 08	50.80%	110,589	4,661	164,437	1,159	ECI Partners (70%), management (30%)	5
43		Bliza Signs	Electronic sign manufacturer	Kent	Mar 08	50.52%	3,607	1,592	22,214	284	Matrix Group (45%), management (41%), Trivest (14%)	5
44	1	Reservoir Group	Oilfield services provider	Aberebere	Dec 07	50.49%	*8,157	3,302	*22,948	113	SCF Partners (75%), management (24%)	5
45		Integrated Dental Holdings	Dental practice operator	Boston	Apr 08	50.19%	24,205	10,730	124,411	1,674	Merrill Lynch Global Private Equity (80%), management (20%)	5
46	85	Amscough Crane Hire	Crane hire	Wigan	May 08	48.99%	43,442	19,570	132,742	1,072	Bank of Scotland Corporate, management	5
47		Eligona Holders	Managed tour operator	Hampshire	Apr 07	48.92%	*3,328	1,591	*44,886	405	Isis Equity Partners (48%), management (50%), Loyds TSB (2%)	5
48		Mato	Motorway services operator	Bedfordshire	Dec 07	48.86%	48,865	19,555	797,754	4,337	Macquarie Bank (34%), other consortium pension funds (65%), management (1%)	5
49		Montague L Meyer	Wood panel distributor	Birmingham	Mar 08	48.54%	8,364	3,291	163,269	484	Achery Partners (81%), management and others (19%)	5