**NACFB Commercial Lender Awards 2023**

Please use this form as a template to collate your submission information. To enter this category please submit all information [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/submit).

**The deadline for all entries is 17.00 on Friday 8th September 2023**

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| Submission category | **Asset Finance Provider of the Year** | | |
| NACFB Patron name |  | | |
| Primary contact first name |  | Surname |  |
| Primary contact email |  | | |
| Job title |  | | |
| Company website |  | | |
| Company LinkedIn |  | | |
| Company Twitter handle |  | | |
| Contact telephone |  | | |

**Award submission (max 300-words)**

Please draft your award submission below. Further guidance and overview of judging criteria can be found overleaf.

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| All entrants have a **maximum of 300-words** in which to convince the judges that they are worthy of winning this award  The NACFB have compiled ten top tips for an award-winning entry [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/submission-tips)  Information regarding this year’s judging process can be found [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/process) |
| Secure a table for this year’s event on **Thursday 30th November 2023** online [here](https://commerciallenderawards.co.uk/book) |

**Submission guidance**

In the ever-evolving landscape of UK SMEs, the wheels of progress are undoubtedly set in motion by the vital engines, machinery, equipment, intellectual property, and software that fuel the creation of a diverse array of goods and services. Whether these assets are tangible or intangible, they form the backbone of entrepreneurial endeavours, propelling growth, and innovation across industries.

The NACFB’s Asset Finance Provider of the Year award seeks to celebrate those exceptional financial entities that harness the power of asset finance, catalysing the aspirations of countless businesses. This prestigious accolade is destined for the crème de la crème of financial institutions, that being banking stalwarts, fintech visionaries, or specialised lending houses. Regardless of your size, the judges will be fervently seeking those Patrons who have impeccably demonstrated their unwavering commitment to nurturing and sustaining the beating heart of British industry.

The deserving recipient of this award will be an organisation that has displayed an unyielding dedication to understanding the diverse and unique needs of SMEs. They should have showcased their financial acumen by offering bespoke asset finance solutions tailored to fuel the growth ambitions of businesses across the nation. From the provision of flexible leasing options to strategic refinancing solutions, and from innovative hire-purchase agreements to cutting-edge intellectual property financing, the judges will be on the lookout for industry pioneers who have consistently gone the extra mile.

A passion for collaboration and the ability to forge enduring partnerships with SMEs should be at the core of the contender's ethos. The award submission should reflect an unwavering commitment to supporting businesses on their journey toward success. Evidence of tangible impact on the growth trajectory of client businesses, as well as the facilitation of employment opportunities and community development, will resonate strongly with the discerning panel of judges.

Furthermore, the judges will be attuned to how effectively the nominees have navigated the ever-changing financial landscape, staying abreast of regulatory developments and economic challenges. A keen eye for sustainability and ethical practices will earn extra commendations, as the judges seek pioneers who can guide businesses toward a brighter, more responsible future.

If your organisation has the vision, passion, and prowess to uplift SMEs, the NACFB invites you to stake your claim for this year’s Asset Finance Provider of the Year award.

**Entry criteria**

* Entry to the Commercial Lender Awards is only open to NACFB lender Patrons, supplier Partners, and any personnel therein.
* Winners are selected based on the combined insight and votes from the judging panel and NACFB Members. The judging panel is made up of representatives from recognised industry stakeholders and includes an NACFB representative. NACFB Members will be invited to vote on the shortlist to select final winners. Winners for each category will be awarded based on a combined view of both the submission and Member voting.
* Entries can be for any event, campaign or initiative which has taken place between September 2022 and present.
* The deadline for all entries is **17.00** on **Friday 8th September 2023.**
* Shortlisted entrants will be notified by email no later than **Monday 9th October 2023.**
* The winners will be announced at the NACFB’s Commercial Lender Awards ceremony on **Thursday 30th November 2023** at the **Westminster Park Plaza, London**.
* An activity may be entered in more than one category, but each entry must be accompanied by an entry form. There is no limit to the number of entries one organisation can make.
* Judges reserve the right, without prior consent of the entrant, to move entries to different categories if they feel it is more appropriate.
* The judges’ and Members’ decision are final, no correspondence will be entered into, and no reasons given for decisions.
* All information provided to judges will be used solely for the purposes of assessing the entries. Any potentially sensitive information will not be made public.
* Winners may state in advertising and promotional material that they have won, but they must state the year the award was won.