**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 | **Development Finance Lender of the Year** | | |
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**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 realm of property development, where dreams take shape and possibilities come to life, the role of development finance lenders is paramount. SME builders and developers, be it in residential or commercial domains, seek the essential infusion of credit to bring their visionary projects to fruition.

The Development Finance Lender of the Year award seeks to commend and honour those distinguished Patrons who provide the vital foundations for ground-up construction ventures and expertly navigate their clients through challenges, from supply chain intricacies to labour shortages and planning complexities, ultimately culminating in successful project completion and an effective exit strategy.

This esteemed award category beckons an array of lending organisations to participate. Whether established industry leaders or dynamic newcomers, the judges will be on the lookout for lenders who have demonstrated an unwavering dedication to supporting property development ventures and empowering SME builders to thrive. Outstanding contenders will have proven their competence in recognising and financing the potential of ambitious development projects, facilitating the transformation of blueprints into concrete realities. Their financial acumen will be evident in bespoke lending solutions tailored to the unique requirements of diverse projects, spanning residential and commercial landscapes.

Moreover, the judges will seek lenders who have exhibited resourcefulness and adaptability in overcoming the challenges that often arise during the development journey. A strong award submission will illustrate how the lender has facilitated seamless progress in the face of supply chain disruptions, labour market fluctuations, and intricate planning hurdles. Evidence of successful large-scale refurbishments, executed with finesse and precision, will undoubtedly resonate with the discerning panel of judges.

The winning lender should also demonstrate a deep understanding of the industry's intricacies and display a keen eye for sustainable and ethical development practices. Responsible lending that considers environmental and social impact will be regarded with high esteem.

Furthermore, the judges will value lenders who foster enduring partnerships with their clients, offering continuous support throughout the entire development process. Testimonials and case studies that highlight successful collaborations and satisfied clients will be instrumental in securing recognition in this competitive category.

**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.