**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 | **Underwriting Team 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**

Within the intricate realm of commercial finance, underwriting teams stand as the guardians of prudent lending, undertaking risk analyses and due diligence that demand an exceptional depth of understanding. Beyond assessing loan security and exit strategies, underwriters delve into the very essence of each business, comprehending its unique operations and aspirations.

The Underwriting Team of the Year award celebrates and recognises these exceptional teams whose expertise and dedication fuel the success of commercial lending. This prestigious accolade invites applications from underwriting teams that have demonstrated unparalleled skill in risk assessment, clear communication, and a commitment to empowering brokers and borrowers alike.

The Underwriting Team of the Year award welcomes submissions from lenders of all sizes, be they well-established industry leaders or ambitious newcomers. The judges seek teams that have consistently demonstrated their ability to strike the delicate balance between responsible lending and enabling businesses to thrive.

Outstanding contenders will have proven their adeptness in navigating the complexities of various commercial finance applications, showcasing their ability to understand the nuances of different industries and business models.

The judges will be keenly interested in teams that have streamlined their underwriting processes, ensuring swift and efficient turnaround times for brokers and borrowers. Moreover, the winning Underwriting Team should exhibit a proactive approach to clear communication, providing brokers with straightforward articulation of lending criteria and a dedicated point of contact.

In their award submission, teams should highlight successful case studies, illustrating how their underwriting expertise has facilitated business growth and economic prosperity. Furthermore, the judges will value teams that demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement, embracing emerging technologies and data-driven approaches to enhance their underwriting capabilities.

**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.