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Inflexion has taken a minority stake in the Solihull-based company which works with the self-employment sector

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A Solihull tech firm founded two years ago has sold a stake to private equity house Infexion.

Wise, which specialises in services for the self-employment sector and particularly the UK logistics and courier industry, has agreed the sale of a minority share with the London-based mid-market investor.

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Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The Wise platform is currently used by more than 250 logistics firms and over 14,000 self-employed drivers to manage issues such as document storage and compliance.

The company said this new backing from Infexion would support the firm as it grew its technology to serve additional sectors such as construction and private-hire.

Birmingham BusinessLive Awards 2022

The Birmingham BusinessLive Awards in association with Birmingham Post 2022 [are open for entries](#).

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Wise, which also has a base in London, was formed two years ago and [in September moved to a new head office](#) in Solihull town centre after growing from just 15 staff to 50 over the previous 12 months.

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Last month, it was crowned **Digital Start Up of the Year at our West Midlands Tech Awards.**

Chief executive Simon Hills said: "Since founding Wise, we've been on a truly incredible journey.

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"We've brought together a team of 50 talented individuals and built a business we're all proud of.

"Now, with this investment from Inflexion, we're excited to move on to the next stage of the Wise journey.

"We'll continue to improve the technology for our existing clients while we roll out our intuitive platform to a variety of new sectors."

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COMPANY SIZE

73 UK-based Employees
(Medium)

INDUSTRY

Information Technology

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■ <2 years - 56% ■ 2-5 years - 44%

Company Culture at Wise

The employee experience below at Wise, compared to a typical company.

88% of employees at **Wise** say it is a great place to work*, compared to 54% of employees at a typical company.

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A horizontal bar chart comparing employee satisfaction. The chart has a red bar for 'Wise' and a grey bar for 'Typical Company'. A vertical yellow line is positioned between the two bars. The 'Wise' bar extends to the 88% mark, and the 'Typical Company' bar extends to the 54% mark. The bars are set against a light grey background with small tick marks along the horizontal axis.

88%
54%

*Responses to the statement "Taking everything into account, I would say this is a great place to work." vs. a typical UK company.

Statement	Wise (%)	Typical Company (%)
This is a physically safe place to work.	100%	100%
People here are treated fairly regardless of their sexual orientation.	98%	98%
People here are treated fairly regardless of their race.	98%	98%
People here are treated fairly regardless of their age.	97%	97%

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Our annual pool tournament creates intense competition! Here's James, our CPO, reveling in his glory!

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The image shows four women standing in front of a Watford FC bus. They are posing behind a yellow and blue banner that reads "GAME ON! LET'S PLAY". The bus has "WATFORD" and "FOOTBALL MANAGER" written on it, along with "MR.Q" branding. The women are dressed casually, and one is holding a soccer ball.

Watford FC - our employees vs clients football match went down very well this year!

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Socials play a big factor in making our culture - they allow employees across teams to socialise and bond.

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A leading Solihull-based technology firm is celebrating after it received recognition of its status as an excellent employer by securing Great Place To Work™ accreditation following a rigorous testing process.

Wise (<https://withwise.com/>), a technology company that specialises in the self-employment sector received official confirmation of its Great Place To Work™ status on Thursday 9th September after the business met a series of strict criteria set out by the accreditation body, including an in-depth staff satisfaction survey which came in at 89%.

With a current headcount of 47 based across London and Solihull offices, Wise has grown rapidly over the last twelve months, working with local digital skills bootcamp, School of Code, as well as local universities to provide a diverse and inclusive pathway for the Midlands' brightest tech talent.

This new award comes at an exciting time for the Birmingham-based firm as it has just relocated to a brand new expanded office space in the heart of Solihull to provide a central hub for its expanding team of technology, design and logistics experts.

Simon Hills, CEO of Wise, said:

"Over the last year, as we launched the new Wise platform we've grown the company with exciting new talent coming into the business we've been keen to ensure that our positive culture of inclusivity and compassion remained unchanged. This new certification is something that we've worked hard towards and to have this kind of third-party verification for how we treat our incredible staff is something we can all be proud of."

To find out more about Wise and the latest news on upcoming vacancies within the Solihull office, head to www.withwise.com (<http://www.withwise.com>)



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Company has relocated to a new office in the town centre following a rapid period of growth

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Wise chief executive Simon Hills (left) with staff Dan Richards, Darryl Oung, James Orton, Mark Cummins and Tom Hills

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A fast-growing technology firm has relocated to a new office in Solihull following a string of hires which has trebled the size of its payroll.

Wise, which specialises in services for the self-employment sector, has moved to a new base in Radcliffe House in the town centre from the BizSpace complex in Highlands Road after growing from just 15 staff to 47 over the past year.

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The West Midlands Tech Awards is back for 2021 and [is now open for entries](#).

The event will be held at the ICC in Birmingham on **Monday November 15** and will celebrate businesses and individuals across a broad range of categories including a new award for tech collaboration.

[Click through here for all the details and to enter](#) before our deadline of **Thursday October 7**.

Sponsorship opportunities are also now available - please email paige.jackson@reachplc.com for details and follow the hashtag **#WMTechAwards** for updates on social media.

Among the roles it has recruited for are software developers after partnering with the [Birmingham-based School of Code](#) which runs free coding courses for people wishing to start a new career.

Wise chief executive Simon Hills said: "We're delighted to have finally moved into our brand new office in the heart of Solihull which will act as a central tech hub for Wise as we continue to revolutionise self-employment through innovation."

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A West Midlands-based self-employment tech specialist is celebrating after picking up an award at the prestigious UK Business Tech Awards 2022.

Wise, based in the heart of Solihull, was named Tech Company of The Year (small) at the glamorous awards ceremony. This award, coming less than three years after the company was founded, acts as a major milestone for the business which now employs over 75 people.

The UK Business Tech Awards, held every year in London, are designed to recognise the UK's finest tech businesses and reward the innovative and exceptional applications of technology to transform and grow businesses.

Sifting through hundreds of entries, the judging panel noted that Wise had 'demonstrated innovative thought in solving an important issue' whilst also receiving 'excellent funding results, clearly giving confidence in the company's long-term future'.

Dan Richards, Chief Commercial Officer at Wise, said: "We were absolutely thrilled to be a winner at this year's UK Business Tech Awards, especially considering the incredible businesses we were competing alongside."

"As a business, we've been on an incredible journey over the last few years, bringing together some of the UK's best technology talent under one roof in Solihull. Being recognised with this prestigious award is a great testament to the technology we have created over the past couple of years and the real impact this is having on self-employment across the UK."

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Wise, who specialise in creating software for the self-employment sector, picked up the award at a ceremony held by BirminghamLive and CoventryLive at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

Founded in 2019, the firm which is based at Radcliffe House in Solihull, has gone through dramatic growth through the last eighteen months with the Wise platform now supporting over 250 UK logistics firms and 11,000 self-employed subcontractors.

Dan Richards (**pictured centre**), chief commercial officer at Wise, said: "Our business has been on an incredible journey over the last year or two as we've dramatically expanded the team, bringing in the very best tech talent from across the region to create a platform that is genuinely revolutionary.

"We're delighted to have won this West Midlands Tech Award and this is testament to the hard work and dedication shown by the entire Wise team."

This West Midlands Tech Award rounds off a busy few months for the firm following its move to a large new office space at Radcliffe House as well as its landmark sponsorship deal with community football club, Solihull Moors FC.



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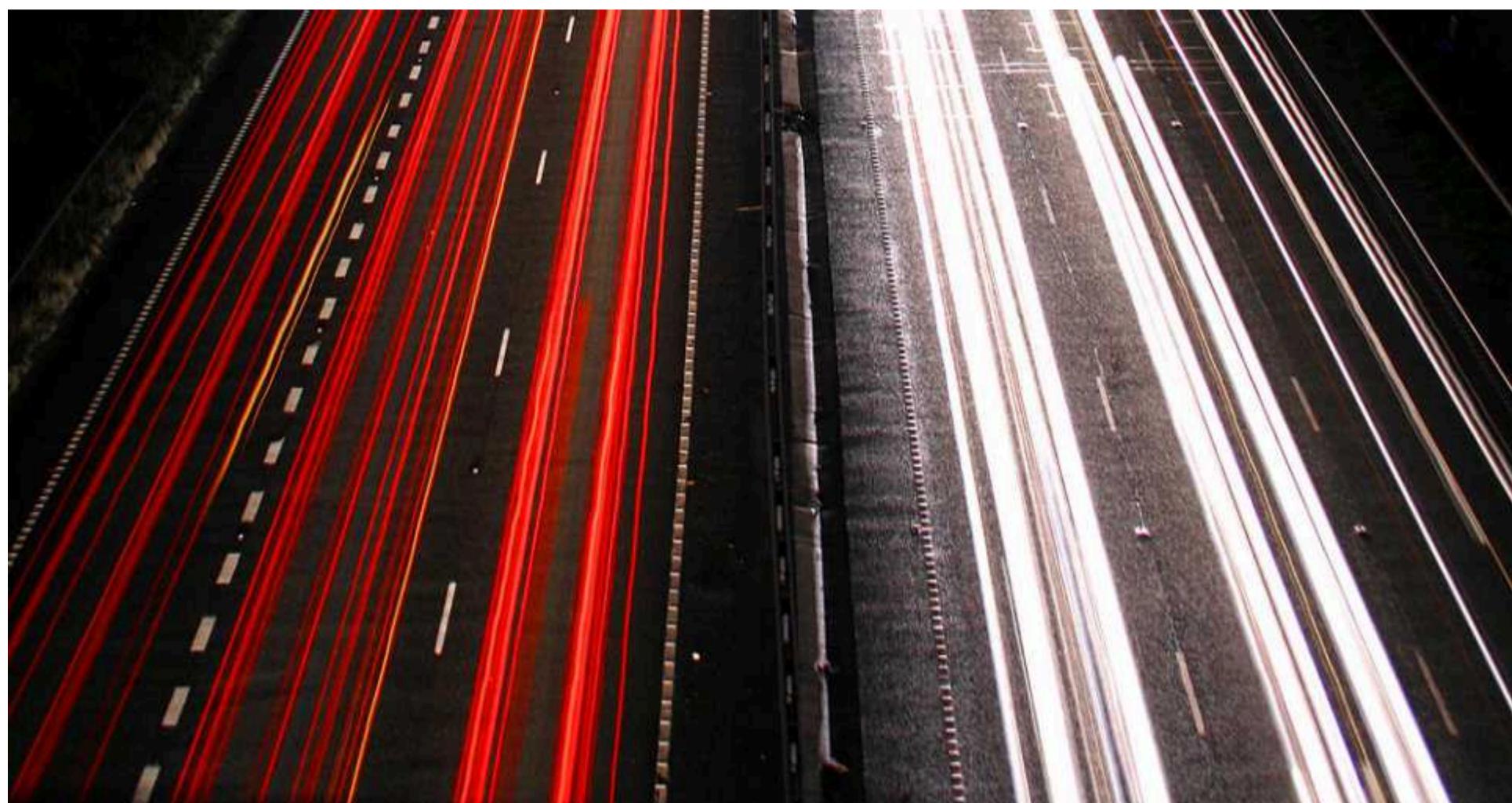
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Logistics UK has revealed the shortlist for its Logistics Awards 2024 which recognise the achievement of businesses and individuals from across the sector which powers all parts of the economy.

Logistics UK's Board – consisting of representatives from some of the country's most influential logistics businesses – will now complete the final round of independent judging before winners are announced at this year's awards presentation event. This will take place at a gala celebration at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge on the evening of Thursday 12 December 2024.

Highlighting the achievements of companies and individuals that have made a significant contribution to the logistics and supply industry in the past 12 months, the awards event – headline sponsored by Unipart Logistics – will include a glittering champagne reception and three course meal, with top quality entertainment and dancing to celebrate the industry's achievements during the previous 12 months.

David Wells, Chief Executive of Logistics UK, comments: "The entries for our 2024 Logistics Awards demonstrate the excellence and diversity of our sector, with organisations and individuals from across the industry recognised for their high standards and commitment to delivering for customers. I know that our board is going to have a very tough challenge in deciding on the eventual winners, and everyone shortlisted should be incredibly proud of their achievement in making it thus far – to do so is testament to their excellence and the work which they deliver for customers. We are set for an exciting evening celebrating the achievements of the industry at the Park Plaza – the perfect way to set up the festive season!"

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Inflexion announces investment into Wise

December 2021

Inflexion is pleased to announce it has made an investment in [Wise](#), a software provider for logistics delivery firms serving the e-commerce sector. The investment is being made by Inflexion Enterprise Fund V.

Wise was founded in 2019 to cater to the fast-growing e-commerce market by providing software to support a network of last-mile delivery providers who work with carriers such as Amazon, DPD and Hermes. The Wise platform is currently used by over 250 UK logistics firms and 14,000 self-employed drivers to manage everything from onboarding to document storage and compliance.

The investment and expertise from Inflexion will support Wise as it continues to grow rapidly, offer more services to existing customers and expand into new sectors.

In a short space of time Wise has established itself as an emerging champion within this high growth, specialist software niche. A explosive e-commerce market combined with Wise's market-leading offering make the business extremely well placed to continue its impressive growth.

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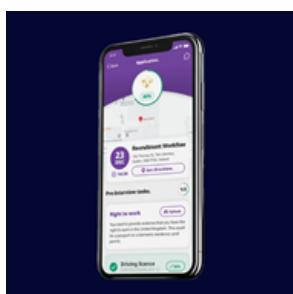
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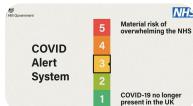
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"As a business, we've been on an incredible journey over the last few years, bringing together some of the UK's best technology talent under one roof in Solihull. Being recognised with this prestigious award is a great testament to the technology we have created over the past couple of years and the real impact this is having on self-employment within the logistics and last-mile delivery industry."

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Thursday 22 August 2024

Logistics UK has today (22 August 2024) revealed the shortlist for its prestigious Logistics Awards 2024, the industry's blue riband event that recognises the achievement of businesses and individuals from across the sector which powers all parts of the economy. Logistics UK's Board – consisting of representatives from some of the country's most influential logistics businesses – will now complete the final round of independent judging before winners are announced at this year's awards presentation event. This will take place at a gala celebration at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge on the evening of Thursday 12 December 2024.

Highlighting the achievements of companies and individuals that have made a significant contribution to the logistics and supply industry in the past 12 months, the awards event – headline sponsored by Unipart Logistics – will include a glittering champagne reception and three course meal, with top quality entertainment and dancing to celebrate the industry's achievements during the previous 12 months.

David Wells, Chief Executive of Logistics UK, comments: "The entries for our 2024 Logistics Awards demonstrate the excellence and diversity of our sector, with organisations and individuals from across the industry recognised for their high standards and commitment to delivering for customers. I know that our board is going to have a very tough challenge in deciding on the eventual winners, and everyone shortlisted should be incredibly proud of their achievement in making it thus far – to do so is testament to their excellence and the work which they deliver for customers. We are set for an exciting evening celebrating the achievements of the industry at the Park Plaza – the perfect way to set up the festive season!"

The shortlisted entrants for Logistics UK's Logistics Awards 2024 are:

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A fast-growing technology company that specialises in providing software to the logistics sector is celebrating after being named as an outstanding employer by the UK's leading evaluator of employer cultures.

Wise, a technology firm that has created a platform to help logistics companies engage their self-employed workforce, recently undertook a rigorous testing process and staff satisfaction survey in collaboration with Great Place To Work™.

The Wise platform is currently used by over 250 logistics firms to help engage their self-employed subcontractor workforce across a variety of areas including: recruitment, onboarding, finance and importantly, compliance.

Following this staff satisfaction survey, the Solihull-based firm was awarded Great Place To Work™ certification, with an overall staff satisfaction level of 89%. This news comes as the technology company has, earlier this September, moved into a brand new large office space in Solihull town centre, bringing together the entire workforce.

Simon Hills, Chief Executive Officer of Wise, said: "Over the last eighteen months, the business has gone through a tremendous amount of change and growth with the headcount going from 15 to 47.

"Throughout all this time, everyone within Wise was determined to not only retain but enhance our culture of compassion and inclusivity and to have this kind of positive feedback and Great Place To Work™ certification confirmed in the week we move into our new home is wonderful."

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CELEBRATIONS were in order as a Solihull technology company has been handed a prestigious award.

Wise was named Digital Startup of the Year at the prestigious 2021 West Midlands Tech Awards at a glittering ceremony held at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham.

The firm which is based at Radcliffe House supports over 250 UK logistics firms and 11,000 self-employed subcontractors.

Dan Richards, chief commercial officer at Wise, said: "Our business has been on an incredible journey over the last year or two as we've dramatically expanded the team, bringing in the very best tech talent from across the region to create a platform that is genuinely revolutionary."



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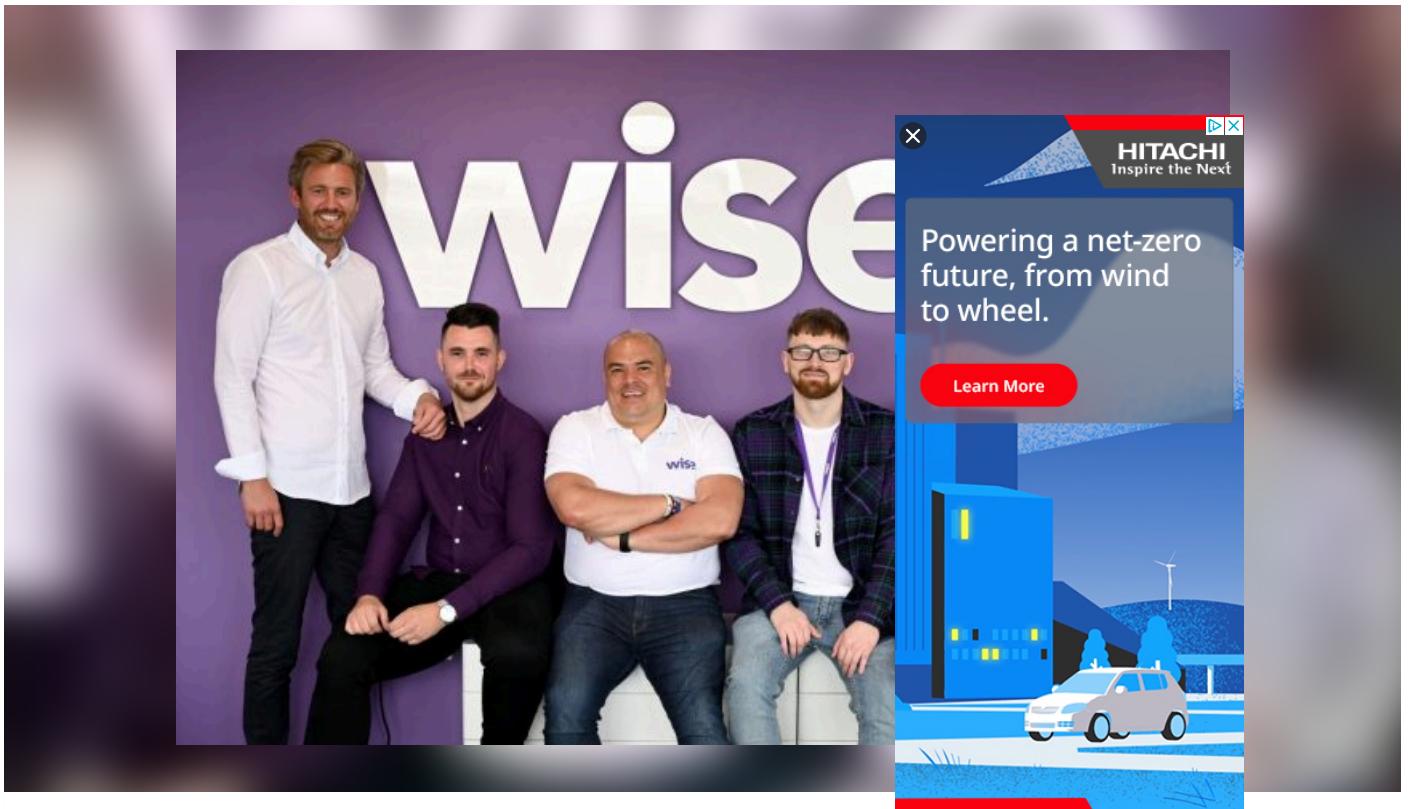
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Wise, based in the heart of Solihull, was named Tech Company of The Year (small) at the glamorous awards ceremony.

This award, coming less than three years after the company was founded, acts as a major milestone for the business which now employs over 75 people.

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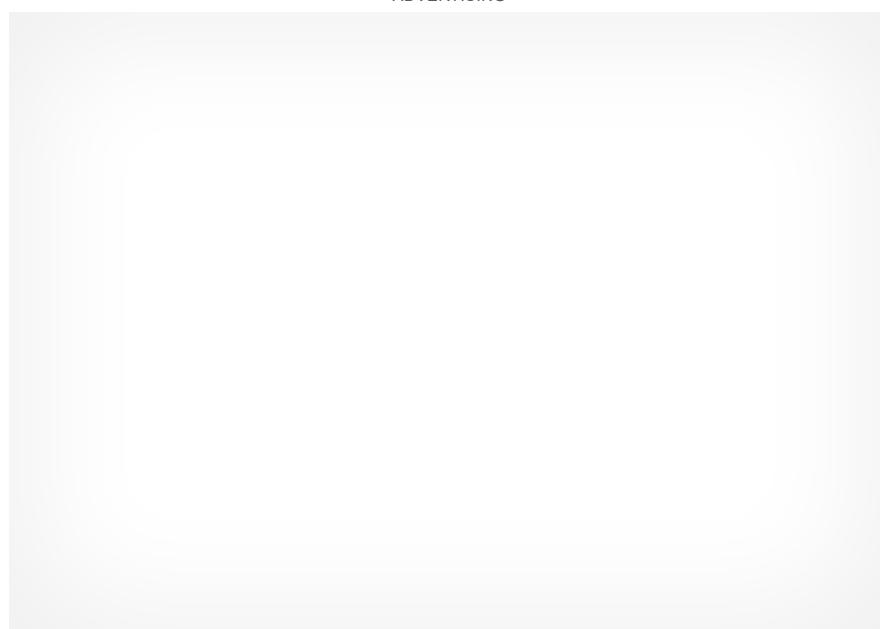
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A fast-growing technology business based in the heart of Solihull is celebrating after being named as one of the UK's Best Tech Employers.

Self-employment technology specialist Wise, based in Solihull town centre, has been named on the prestigious list of the UK's Best Tech Employers by Great Place To Work™, following a rigorous testing process surveying staff satisfaction and overall culture.

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Following the anonymous staff survey, the technology firm scored an overall 91% for staff satisfaction, with its highest scoring areas covering: atmosphere, diversity and inclusion and teamwork.

Hannah Jarrad, Head of People and Culture at Wise, said: "We're over the moon to have been listed as one of the UK's Best Tech Workplaces for the first time in our company's history.

"Since we launched in 2019, we've been on an incredible journey, bringing together some of the Midlands' best technology talent and growing our culture along the way. We've reached some amazing milestones already – and this certification is testament to the hard work and attitude of each and every one of the Wise team.

"It really feels like we're building something special right here in Solihull, and we can't wait to see what the next few years have in store for us."

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Simon Hills, chief executive of Wise

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Technology business Wise has secured an eight-figure investment from private equity firm Inflexion to accelerate the expansion of the Solihull start-up.

Wise was launched in 2019 and already employs 50 people deploying its technology that works with companies that have a self-employed workforce.

Its platform is used by 250 UK logistics firms and 14,000 self-employed drivers to manage everything from onboarding to document storage and compliance.

Mid-market specialist Inflexion has taken a minority stake and its significant investment will fuel the ambitions of the fast-growing business.

Simon Hills, chief executive of Wise, said: "Since founding Wise, we've been on a truly incredible journey. We've brought together a team of 50 talented individuals and built a business we're all proud of."

"Now, with this investment from Inflexion, we're excited to move on to the next stage of the Wise journey. We'll continue to improve the technology for our existing clients while we roll out our intuitive platform to a variety of new sectors."

Wise's self-employment platform is mainly focused on the UK logistics and courier industry, supporting a network of last-mile delivery providers who work with carriers including Amazon, DPD, and Hermes.

It plans to grow into new sectors such as construction and private hire after securing the multimillion-pound investment from Inflexion.

Simon Turner, managing partner at Inflexion, said: "In a short space of time Wise has established itself as an emerging champion catering to the growing demand from the intersection of self-employment and last-mile logistics."

"An explosive e-commerce market combined with Wise's market-leading offering make the business extremely well placed to continue its impressive growth."

Wise was advised on the deal by Titan Partners Group and its founder, [Niall O'Brien](#). The technology firm was also supported on the deal by law firm Fieldfisher [Eduardo Gómez](#) and Andy Lawton-Smith.

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"The scale of this investment is testament to the quality of Wise's business and its people, whom we congratulate on the completion of this deal and wish every success with taking their transformative technology to the next level."



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Solihull-based self-employed technology specialist, [Wise](#), has appointed former Domino's Pizza and Tesco Mobile chief, Lance Batchelor, as Chairman.

Lance joins the tech firm following recent investment from a leading private equity firm.

Founded in 2019 and with a current headcount of more than 50 members of staff, Wise has created a digital platform that improves the self-employment experience for both main companies and their individual subcontractors, with the platform currently used by more than 250 UK logistics firms and 14,000 self-employed people.

The firm recently agreed to sell a minority stake to a leading private investment firm, Inflexion, which will support the business as it expands into new sectors throughout the coming years.

Simon Hills, Chief Executive of Wise, said: "I'm thrilled that we've been able to bring in Lance as Chairman and his track record for delivering growth in technology companies will be invaluable to Wise. His appointment highlights our commitment to deliver best-in-class products and services to our clients; we're excited for 2022 and beyond."

Lance Batchelor, Chairman of Wise, said: "I feel highly privileged to join this business at such an exciting time. The team has an incredible passion for what they do, and it shines through in the products & services they deliver. I'm really looking forward to helping the team achieve its short and long-term objectives."

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It's great working at Solihull based tech recruitment company Wise



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A Solihull technology firm is celebrating after it received recognition of its status as an excellent employer by securing Great Place To Work™ accreditation following a rigorous testing process.

Wise, a technology company that specialises in the self-employment sector received official confirmation of its Great Place To Work™ status after the business met a series of strict criteria set out by the accreditation body, including an in-depth staff satisfaction survey which came in at 89%.

With a current headcount of 47 based across London and Solihull offices, Wise has grown rapidly over the last twelve months, working with local digital skills bootcamp, School of Code, as well as local universities to provide a diverse and inclusive pathway for the Midlands' brightest tech talent.

This new award comes at an exciting time for the firm as it has just relocated to bigger office space in Solihull to provide a central hub for its expanding team of technology, design and logistics experts.

Simon Hills, CEO of Wise, said: "Over the last year, as we launched the new Wise platform we've grown the company with exciting new talent coming into the business we've been keen to ensure that our positive culture of inclusivity and compassion remained unchanged. This new certification is something that we've worked hard towards and to have this kind of third-party verification for how we treat our incredible staff is something we can all be proud of."

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Solihull tech firm Wise scoops national business award



By Peter Davison

7 November 2022

West Midlands-based self-employment tech specialist **Wise** is celebrating after picking up an award at the prestigious [UK Business Tech Awards 2022](#).

Wise was named Tech Company of The Year (Small) at the glamorous awards ceremony. This award, coming less than three years after the company was founded, acts as a major milestone for the business which now employs over 75 people.

The UK Business Tech Awards, held every year in London, are designed to recognise the UK's finest tech businesses and reward the innovative and exceptional applications of technology to transform and grow businesses.

Sifting through hundreds of entries, the judging panel noted that Wise had 'demonstrated innovative thought in solving an important issue' whilst also receiving 'excellent funding results, clearly giving confidence in the company's long-term future'.

Dan Richards, Chief Commercial Officer at Wise, said: "We were absolutely thrilled to be a winner at this year's UK Business Tech Awards, especially considering the incredible businesses we were competing alongside."

"As a business, we've been on an incredible journey over the last few years, bringing together some of the UK's best technology talent under one roof in Solihull. Being recognised with this prestigious award is a great testament to the technology we have created over the past couple of years and the real impact this is having on self-employment across the UK."

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Peter Davison is deputy editor of The Business Magazine. He has spent his life in journalism – doing work experience in newsrooms in and around Bristol while still at school, and landing his first job on a local newspaper aged 19. By 28 he was the youngest newspaper editor in the country.

An early advocate of online news, he spent the first years of the 2000s telling his bosses that the internet posed both the biggest opportunity and greatest threat to the newspaper industry and the art of journalism. He was right on both counts.

Since 2006 he has enjoyed a career as a freelance journalist. He lives in rural Wiltshire with one wife, two children, and three cats.

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This mesmerising video features the most scenic delivery route in Britain - including a picturesque road and verdant mountain peaks. Delivery business owner, Gary McFadden, captured some of the most breath-taking views he takes in every day as he travels the Kirkstone Pass in the Lake District in his van.

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NORWICH has been revealed as the "bad boss capital" of the UK.

A poll found 42% of the city's workers claim to have a manager from hell.

The national average is 29% and a third of people say a bad boss has made them perform poorly.

Self-employment technology specialist Wise said half of those aged 18 to 25 want to be their own boss. Top six locations for worst bosses: Norwich (42%), Leeds (39%), Bristol (36%), Cambridge (31%), Cardiff and Liverpool (both 30%).

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NEARLY half of workers say they've had horrible bosses - with the worst ones in Alan Partridge's Norwich.

A fed-up 42% in the Steve Coogan character's home city moaned about their managers - way above the national average of 29%.

But half of 18 to 25-yearolds now reckon the traditional office is out-dated.

And 42% of them believe the only way to be happy in a job is to work for yourself.

The study was by selfemployment technology specialist Wise and its chief commercial officer Dan Richards said: "This research indicates that more young people than ever before are choosing to work for themselves.

"They are turning their back on a traditional office job and instead being their own boss. Being self-employed can be hugely rewarding.

"But sorting out your taxes, doing accounts, raising invoices and dealing with the legal side can put people off."

A massive 49% of workers in Norwich say they had quit jobs because of unbearable managers.

Leeds wasn't far behind Norfolk's only city in the "bad bosses" league on 39%, followed by Bristol (36%), Stoke-on-Trent (35%), Cambridge (31%), and Cardiff (30%).

A third of workers polled (33%) said a toxic boss has a knockon effect on how they perform at work, while 31% said people usually quit their positions because of their bosses and not the quality of their jobs.

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The findings also revealed that over half (51%) admitted they are stuck in a rut when it comes to their work life – with those polled having been in their current role for an average of six years.

It emerged three-quarters (75%) often look out the window from their desk and wish they were able to work outside.

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The main aspects workers don't enjoy about their current role include looking at a screen (41%), a lack of time spent outdoors (28%), and too much admin (22%).



Drivers are treated to stunning views of the region's famous lakes (Image: Wise)

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But 40% like the idea of being a delivery driver, and specifically think they'd enjoy being on their own schedule (26%).

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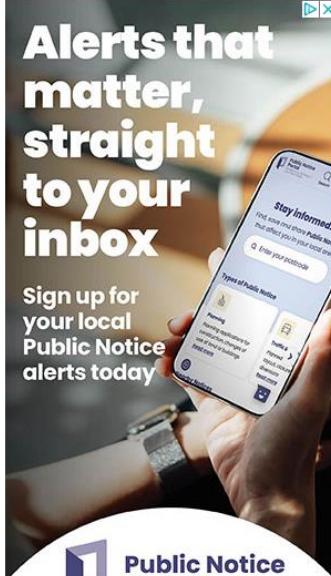
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Seeing new places (24%), and having their own workspace (19%), also featured high on the list.

And of those who wouldn't mind becoming a self-employed delivery driver, 51% have even previously looked into getting a job as one.

The dream routes would include a coastal scene (24%), city centre (17%), and scenic hills (16%), according to the OnePoll study.

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It also found the typical adult receives an average of eight deliveries a month – and nearly two-thirds (63%) admitted the pandemic gave them a new appreciation for delivery drivers.

Dan Richards added: "The research shows how many desk-based workers want to be outdoors, rather than spending all day cooped up inside – which we're not surprised about at all, especially given the glorious weather we've been enjoying for the past few weeks."

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Is this Britain's most picturesque delivery route?

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Delivery driver 'never gets tired of views' despite driving same route 365 days a year



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One lucky delivery driver may have the most picturesque route in the country, including lakeside views and verdant mountainsides.

Business owner Gary McFadden takes in the classic scenery every day as he travels the Kirkstone Pass in the [Lake District](#).

The road ambles along a route with an altitude of 1,489ft and is the district's highest pass open to traffic.

The video was put together to accompany a poll of 2,000 desk-based workers, which found 44 per cent would like to find a job that involved being outside.

Some 85 per cent said they wished they could spend less time at their desk.

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Dan Richards, from technology company Wise, which commissioned the survey, said: “The UK has some of the most spectacular scenery in the whole world – and many lucky self-employed delivery drivers know this better than anyone else.

“It’s important everyone enjoys their job and often the location of work can have a big impact on moods.

“This eye-catching video shows the array of views delivery drivers can see in one day alone – all while playing a vital role in the UK’s supply chain, getting parcels to customers.”

Half of those surveyed admitted to being in a rut at work, having held their current job for an average of six years. More than two-fifths (46 per cent) thought they had a nice view outside their office but when 28 per cent looked up from their desk they only saw a plain wall – and 27 per cent just saw their colleagues.

The main aspects workers least enjoyed about their current roles included looking at a screen (41 per cent), a lack of time spent outdoors (28 per cent) and too much administration (22 per cent).

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Aha! Alan isn't the only bad boss in city

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ALAN Partridge viewers won't be surprised, but Norwich is home to Britain's worst bosses, researchers claim.

The fictional North Norfolk DJ famously puts his personal assistant Lynn through hell.

Now 42 per cent of staff in the city say they too have had a boss from hell. The national average is just 29 per cent.

Leeds was the next worst city for managers (39 per cent), then Bristol (36 per cent).

Dan Richards, of selfemployment specialist Wise, which published the poll, said: "More young people than ever are choosing to work for themselves and being their own boss."

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VAN TASTIC 'Britain's best delivery route' shown in mesmerising video as van drives over Lake District's highest pass

Jane Matthews

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THIS mesmerising video features the most scenic delivery route in Britain - including a picturesque road and verdant mountain peaks.

Delivery business owner, Gary McFadden, captured some of the most breathtaking views he takes in every day as he travels the Kirkstone Pass, in the Lake District, in his van.

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Gary McFadden travels the Kirkstone Pass, in the Lake District, every day as a delivery driver Credit: SWNS



Now, he's captured footage for everyone to see Credit: SWNS

The road ambles along a route with an altitude of 1,489 feet and is the district's highest pass open to traffic.

It comes after research of 2,000 desk-based workers found 44 per cent would love to find a job that involved being behind the wheel.

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The findings also found 51 per cent admitted they are stuck in rut when it comes to their work life, with those polled having been in their current role for an average of six years.

It emerged 75 per cent often look out the window from their desk and wish they were able to work outside.

Nearly half (46 per cent) think they have a nice view outside their office but when 28 per cent look up from their desk they only see a plain wall - and 27 per cent just see their colleagues.

The main aspects workers don't enjoy about their current role include looking at a screen (41 per cent), a lack of time spent outdoors (28 per cent) and too much admin (22 per cent).

Yet 40 per cent like the idea of being a delivery driver and specifically think they'd enjoy being on their own schedule (26 per cent).

Seeing new places (24 per cent) and having their own workspace (19 per cent) also featured high on the list.

OnePoll study.

It also found adults receive an average of eight deliveries a month each and 63 per cent admitted the pandemic gave them a new appreciation for delivery drivers.

Dan Richards, of Wise, added: "The research shows how many desk-based workers want to be outdoors rather than spending all day cooped up inside – which we're not surprised about at all, especially given the glorious weather we've been enjoying for the past few weeks."

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"We'd like to encourage Brits in search for more freedom in their working life to consider it as a career."



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A study of 2,000 desk-based workers found almost half - 44 per cent - would prefer a job behind the wheel, like McFadden's Credit: SWNS



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Of those who wouldn't mind being a delivery driver, 51 per cent said they'd looked into jobs on offer Credit: SWNS



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THE worst bosses in the UK are found in Norwich, a survey shows.

More than four in ten workers polled in the city said they had a boss from hell who treated them with contempt.

And almost half the Norwich workers said they had left a job solely because they could no longer stand working for their manager.

The city is the home of Steve Coogan's cringeworthy creation Alan Partridge - who regularly put his personal assistant, Lynn, through hell.

Leeds had the next highest proportion of horrible bosses, followed by Bristol, Stoke-on-Trent Cambridge and Cardiff.

The poll, for selfemployment tech specialist Wise, also found a third of staff felt a bad boss affected work performance. More than four in ten said they had a boss who was bad at their job.

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Van operators including Speedy Hire and Dundee City Council have been shortlisted for Logistics UK's Van Awards 2024.

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Almost 25 van businesses have been announced as finalists across five categories that recognise advancements across areas such as Diversity and Inclusion and Decarbonisation.

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David Wells, chief executive at Logistics UK, said: "Vans are the workhorses of the UK economy with 3.4 million people employed across industries ranging from engineering and construction to emergency and rescue services relying on a van for their job. It is only right that the sector is recognised for what it achieves and the contribution it makes to UK plc, which is why we are proud to be celebrating Logistics UK's Van Awards again this year."

"Being selected as a finalist is recognition itself, and I would like to congratulate all our shortlisted entrants and wish them the best of luck."

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Daniel Rudkin, Logistics Sales Manager Europe
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Cognex is a global leader in machine vision, having shipped more than 2 million products since the company's founding in 1981.

Cognex products include machine vision systems, sensors and barcode readers that are used in factories and distribution centers around the world to eliminate production and shipping errors.

Daniel Rudkin, Logistics Sales Manager Europe at Cognex Ltd
speaks to Warehouse & Logistics News.

What are your best-known products/solutions/services?

Cognex machine vision and barcode reading solutions deliver high accuracy and robust performance which helps improve traceability.

What are the major trends and developments affecting your category and your customers, and how are you responding?

Higher throughput and expectations regarding delivery times and product quality result in a growing need for powerful automation technology. Read rates need to be maximised even when the code quality is poor or codes are barely visible. Space on conveyors or in trucks needs to be used as efficiently as possible to keep up with increased throughput. Cognex knows about these challenges and provides cutting-edge vision technology that supports our customers in improving traceability, and automating and optimising their processes even under the most challenging conditions.

At the same time, operators

game changer for a wide range of applications. It automates and scales complex part location, assembly verification, defect detection, classification, and character reading inspection applications that, until now, were too challenging for traditional machine vision alone. The great news is that deep learning is now easier to use than ever before: Applications that previously required vision expertise are now solvable by non-vision experts. Cognex is now incorporating deep learning technology into their smart cameras to make it more operator-friendly, and developing more tools that can be used to automate logistics applications such as item categorisation and parcel inspection.

Achievement

Logistics technology firm ranked as one of UK's Best Tech Employers

A fast-growing logistics technology business is celebrating after being named as one of the UK's Best Tech Employers by the leading workplace accreditation body.

Wise, who have created a revolutionary workforce management platform used by over 250 UK delivery companies, has been named on the prestigious list of the UK's Best Tech Employers by Great Place To Work™.

The announcement of this achievement was made on Wednesday 28th September, with Wise being placed alongside some of the UK's most well-known and innovative technology firms following a lengthy process.

Following an anonymous staff satisfaction survey and rigorous external testing, the technology firm scored an overall 91% for staff

satisfaction, with its highest scoring areas covering: atmosphere, diversity and inclusion and teamwork.

Based in Solihull, Wise's free platform is used by last-mile delivery firms to save time, stress and money when managing a self-employed workforce and its app has already been used by over 50,000 delivery drivers.

Hannah Jarrad, Head of People and Culture at Wise, said: "Throughout the last couple of years we've been on an incredible journey, bringing together some of the Midlands' best technology talent and growing our culture along the way. We're over the moon to have been listed as one of the UK's Best Tech Workplaces and this certification is testament to the hard work and attitude of each and every one of the Wise team."

