

As lockdown continues to ease, the economy reopens and we focus on recovery in Greater Manchester, this presents the opportunity to re-shape the future and 'Build Back Better.'

In support of the **Build Back Better** campaign now is the time to leverage the city region's sector strengths across advanced materials and manufacturing, clean growth, digital technologies and health innovation, to ensure Greater Manchester can build back a stronger, greener and more successful economy.

Greater Manchester is a responsive and resilient city region pioneering innovation, collaboration and it's our ambition for the the city region to be an exemplar in economic growth and productivity and to retain its status as a leading destination for high-value inward investment.

With that in mind, MIDAS is working with the Department for International Trade and Ipsos Mori on a Northern Powerhouse research project to better understand inward investment decision making. If you're an SME that invested in Manchester in the last three years and willing to participate in a 20-30 minute interview please [click here](#) to register your interest.

Manchester-Liverpool has ranked in the [top 10 emerging global centres for start ups](#), in the 2020 Global Startup Ecosystem Report by Startup Genome. This is a testament to city region's global connectivity, pipeline of talent and concentration of incubators. As we build back better it will be the entrepreneurs and startups grown and attracted here who will also play a key role in shaping the future of Greater Manchester.

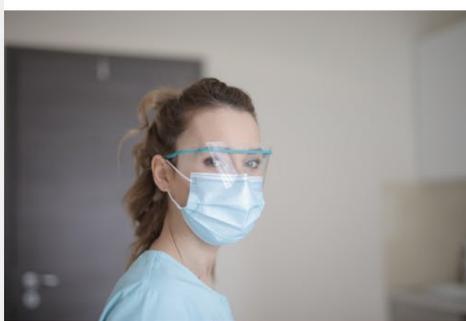
Should you wish to hear more good news, [here](#) are some of the city region's recent success stories.

Get in touch if you need us, we're here to help.

Kind regards

**Tim Newns**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Build Back Better

To support businesses during the recovery of COVID-19 we will continue to provide the latest updates on guidance, support and opportunities available to Build Back Better.



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## Service Spotlight: Finance and Funding

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Manchester is a city committed to entrepreneurship and there are several organisations, initiatives and funding programmes designed to **help your business grow and thrive**. Other areas of support include; angel investment; accelerators; enterprise zones; knowledge transfer partnerships; and tax relief.

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## Property Spotlight: Trafford Waters

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Outline planning permission has been granted to create Trafford Waters, **a new sustainable residential and business community** on the banks of the Manchester Ship Canal within the heart of TraffordCity. With 3,000 new homes, a school, health centre and 800,000 sq ft of commercial workspace and retail set in attractive public spaces - Trafford Waters is set to be one of Greater Manchester's largest mixed-use developments.

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