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## **FROM ZERO TO HERO IN A YEAR: FORWARD COMES 2<sup>ND</sup> IN SUNDAY TIMES HSBC INTERNATIONAL TRACK 100**

Forward, the fast-growing internet group which owns Forward 3D, uSwitch.com, JustShops and InvisibleHand, has been ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in a league table of the 100 private British companies with the fastest growing international sales.

The company, owned by young entrepreneur, Neil Hutchinson, has rocketed up the league and into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The achievement is even more outstanding as last year Forward wasn't even in the top 100.

The list is published annually by the Sunday Times, sponsored by heavy weights HSBC and Grant Thornton and compiled by research company Fast Track. It is based on companies' compound annual growth rate in international sales over two years, taken from latest available accounts. To be ranked, companies have to be registered in the UK and be independent, unquoted and ultimate holding companies.

**Neil Hutchinson, founder and Managing Director of Forward, says:** "To go from zero to hero in a year is an astonishing achievement, but reflects the hard work, innovation and dedication of the Forward team. This is becoming a year of 'firsts' for Forward as we were also recently recognised as one of the best places to work in the UK. These are great achievements for a company that has only been around for 7 years and gives us everything to aim for in the future."

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### **About Forward**

Forward is a privately funded collection of internet-based businesses focused on consumer engagement and innovation. The group includes Forward 3D, the 3D search agency (formerly known as Traffic Broker), and consumer brands such as uSwitch.com, InvisibleHand and JustShops.

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