Leonardo recognised as a UK Business Hero

- The accolade from the British Chambers of Commerce recognises companies which have gone the extra mile to support their local community during the Coronavirus outbreak
- Leonardo has been there for the UK Armed Forces throughout the pandemic, including providing support for its Wildcat and Merlin helicopters as they operated in Covid-19-relief roles
- A host of employee-led initiatives has included the production of thousands of units of PPE for the NHS


Working alongside all of the UK’s local Chambers of Commerce, the British Chambers of Commerce chose to recognise a number of UK businesses across the country who had gone beyond expectations in their response to the pandemic. Leonardo employs over 7,500 employees across the UK at its sites which include Edinburgh, Basildon, Luton, Southampton and Yeovil. The company was named as a UK Business Hero due to its continued work to deliver key capability to the Armed Forces’ current and future programmes, as well as supporting their transportation of personnel and supplies around the country by helicopter in response to the pandemic. Employees were also commended for their dedicated production of PPE for the NHS, which they completed in their own time in addition to their daily duties.

The initiative has been supported by HRH The Countess of Wessex who, in a letter to the recognised Business Heroes wrote: “It has been a particular pleasure to hear stories of how you have supported your local communities throughout the outbreak and to see you nominated as UK Business Heroes by your local Chamber of Commerce.”

Norman Bone, Chair and Managing Director of Leonardo UK said: “During these exceptional times our employees have repeatedly stepped up in the face of challenges. We’ve adapted quickly to dramatically changing circumstances in order to continue to provide the technology and capability that our Armed Forces have relied on in their tireless efforts throughout this crisis. I am intensely proud of our people’s dedication and commitment: not just to our customers, but to those in the communities in which they live and work across the country.”

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy’s main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and is named as sustainability global leader in the Aerospace & Defence sector for the second year in a row of DJSI in 2020.