

WHY JOIN THE IFB?

Owning a family business has many benefits, but we know from experience that there are challenges too. Whether you are trying to engage your children, preparing to pass the business on, wondering how you could improve your family's relationship with the business, or dealing with family disputes, we are here to help.

Whatever your reason for joining, there are many benefits to working with our expert team and being part of our growing community of business families.

About the IFB

The IFB was founded in 2001 by a group of family business owners to create a safe and non-solicitous environment where they could get together to talk openly about their challenges and share their experiences to help others. Those founding principles are still core to how we operate today.

As a not-for-profit organisation we put the needs of our members at the heart of everything we do.

Connections

No matter the size, sector or generation of your business, other family firms have been through the same challenges.

This is why we offer a **safe environment** where families can talk freely about these issues with others who understand, **share experiences and insights** on what has and has not worked for them and help each other. Because there is no one-size-fits-all answer, our members benefit invaluable from the opportunity to explore well-travelled paths, learn about common family business issues, find practical ways to solve current challenges and address future ones up front.

As an IFB member, you get:

- **Access to our growing network** of business families and family business experts through our lively programme of events;
- **Tailored connections with the families and leading experts and advisors** that are best suited to help you with the questions that keep you awake at night. Thanks to our long standing experience and personalised approach, we are able to understand your challenges, identify your needs and connect you with the right people to give you the best possible support.
- As a new IFB member you benefit from a **free consultation**. This is a great chance to get introduced to the organisation, find out more about our services, share your challenges and identify the best way we can support you and your family firm.
- **At any time you can get in touch** with the IFB team, who will be happy to support you in your family business journey.
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Expertise

Resources

Joining the IFB, you will have access to our extensive knowledge hub of advice and research for business families:

- **Expert Knowledge**
Advice and insights on all aspects that are relevant to your family business, including managing communication, roles and responsibilities, passing your business on, attracting and retaining the best talent, relations with shareholders, and much more.
- **Publications**
Receive the latest reports published by our sister organisation, the IFB Research Foundation, and have online access to the full back catalogue.
- **Case Studies**
Exclusive access to interesting and inspiring family business case studies.
- **Webinars**
Attend our webinars and access online recordings and material via our website.
- **Newsletter**
Receive our monthly e-newsletter, including IFB news and updates, upcoming events and expert advice

Events

Whether you have questions on family governance, how to engage the next generation, managing shares, the role of non-executive directors, or family councils, our programme of members' events brings you relevant insights from the latest family business thinking and best practice.

- You will have free access to a wide range of expert panels, innovative workshops, masterclasses and insightful discussions throughout the year and across the country;
- You will get special Member rates to attend IFB National Conference, the UK's largest family business gathering which takes place every year in the second week of June;
- Discounted rates to attend a series of international events organised by the Family Business Network (FBN) and European Family Businesses (EFB); these are unique opportunities to connect with international family firms and understand how families do business abroad;
- Discounted rates to a series of events with leading speakers from all over the world, organised in partnership with leading institutions.

Advocacy

We are the **voice of UK family business**, representing you, your fellow members and the family business sector at the highest levels of Government. We provide a united voice for the family business sector, and promote its contribution to the UK economy.



Our understanding of family business needs and contribution to the economy, and our strong links with policy-makers are crucial to help shape a regulatory environment that ensures family businesses are able to thrive.

Our work includes championing the importance of **Business Property Relief** in ensuring the successful transfer of thriving family businesses; working to ensure that the new **Industrial Strategy** takes account of the needs of family businesses across the whole country; and promoting a **corporate governance** system which supports growth.

As an IFB member you can support us in making the family business voice heard in Government. You will be consulted on issues that affect your family business and receive regular advocacy updates.

Next Generation

We provide a trusted space for younger family members to connect, learn, share experiences and develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

Whether they are currently involved in the business or not, younger members of your family (18-40) are part of a dynamic and social group of peers who regularly meet to explore important questions and the challenges they face.

Members of the IFB Next Generation also have exclusive access to the international Next Generation Summit, held annually by FBN.

How Membership Works

Membership is open to any UK family business, regardless of your size, location or stage of the journey you are at. You must have an operating family owned business or family office to be eligible for membership.

IFB membership is company and family wide, which means there is no limit on the number of family members or senior managers who can engage with the IFB.

Membership is not open to professional service providers, as the IFB provides a non-solicitous environment for family business owners to meet and talk openly.

IFB Membership Benefits

- A safe space to connect with other family businesses and share experiences
- Tailored connections with leading business families and experts
- Access to our extensive family business resources
- Free access to our events and discounted rates for IFB National Conference, international and partner events
- Representation in Government and access to key advocacy updates that are relevant to your business
- A safe space for your next generation to meet peers, share questions and develop into the leaders of tomorrow

To find out more about IFB membership and how we can support you and your family business, contact William Pedder, Membership Director at william.pedder@ifb.org.uk.

