



Lester Aldridge backs Dorset Business Festival

Leading law firm Lester Aldridge is pleased to announce its support of The Dorset Business Festival, a brand new major business festival run by [Dorset Chamber](#).

The Dorset Business Festival – the first event of its kind in the chamber’s 74-year history – is being held from October 10-12 2023.

Delegates from across the region are expected to attend the three-day extravaganza, which will include a conference, expo and the long-awaited return of the Dorset Business Awards.

Lester Aldridge has pledged its support as Premier Festival Partner for the summit at the Hilton Hotel in Bournemouth town centre.

Dorset Chamber chief executive Ian Girling said: “We are thrilled to welcome Lester Aldridge as our Premier Festival Partner for the Dorset Business Festival.

“It is the first event of its kind in Dorset Chamber’s history as a celebration of success and a consideration of the major issues facing businesses today as well as the long awaited return of the Dorset Business Awards following the Covid pandemic.

“As a longstanding chamber supporter and leading local business, Lester Aldridge is the perfect Premier Festival Partner for the festival whose enthusiasm for the event matches our own. It promises to be a superb showcase for Dorset and our business community.”

Full-service law firm Lester Aldridge is headquartered in Bournemouth with offices in Southampton and London. It is a Dorset Chamber Premier Partner and the first business to commit to the Business Festival.

Partner and head of Corporate & Commercial at LA, [Grant Esterhuizen](#), said: “We can’t wait for the Dorset Business Festival to begin.

“We’re looking forward to working closely with Dorset Chamber over the coming months as Premier Festival Partner for this prestigious event.

“It will be a tremendous way to bring the business community together after the turbulence of recent times and I hope many other of our fantastic Dorset businesses, organisations and individuals will also get involved.”

Further details of the Dorset Business Festival have also been announced with a topic-based business conference on October 10th, the expo on October 11th and the revamped Dorset Business Awards on October 12th.

The conference will be hosted by presenter and former BBC Breakfast business correspondent Declan Curry. It will also feature a keynote speaker as well as discussions with expert panels.

Topics are likely to include technology and the environmental, social and governance agenda. There will also be networking opportunities.

The expo will include stands, presentations and networking while the Dorset Business Awards – returning after four years – will be presented in 10 categories following judging by an independent panel of business leaders and experts.

Photo left to right: Kat Tegg (DCCI), Kurt Lee (LA), Caron Khan (DCCI President), Grant Esterhuizen (LA), Ian Girling (DCCI), Kate Stewart (LA), Mark Benham (LA), Theresa Higgins (DCCI CEO), Tony Brown (DCCI Vice-President).