

Sapphire Capital Partners is a multi-award-winning venture capital firm with £300m+ under management in over 40 funds. We back visionaries to launch sector-leading early-stage venture capital funds. We then provide the funds with the management, tools and resources to excel within their chosen VC ecosystem. Sapphire specialises in tax-efficient schemes in order to grow companies and alternative investment funds.

In addition to fund incubation & management, Sapphire also offers a range of start-up company services. We've helped hundreds of entrepreneurs apply for the SEIS & EIS schemes and can assist with obtaining R&D Tax Credits.

Sapphire offers a diverse range of services, including fund investment management, SEIS and EIS support, property funds, R&D tax credit application advisory, investor documentation and business planning.

Why we wanted to sponsor the report

At Sapphire, we know that diversity, inclusivity and sustainability yield the best results for our funds, investors, and clients. Our culture at Sapphire seeks to enable open and honest interaction and we aim to align all actions, initiatives, and goals with the ESG Report.

ESG and Sustainability

Sapphire has recently become B-Corp certified. The B-Corp certification exists to “promote and join causes that inspire positive change in employees, customers, communities, shareholders and other stakeholders. Act with social responsibility to be a force for good for people and the planet”. At Sapphire we align our goals closely with this and the B-Corp certification is important to us.

We have invested over £11m in sustainable business and through this we support the growth and access to capital for the Greentech and Cleantech industries.

Sapphire actively contributes to Ecologi, who help teams to become and remain climate positive by planting trees & funding the world's best climate crisis solutions. To date, Sapphire's contribution helped the plantation of 1500 trees and offset 114 tons of CO2 over a 17-month period.

In April 2021, Sapphire became a signatory supporter of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures.

In 2018, we made a formal pledge of support to improve gender diversity in the financial services sector by becoming signatories to HM Treasury's Women in Finance Charter. We strive to enable women's talent to be optimised for the greater good of our colleagues, clients and for the communities we live in. The Charter requires us to report our targets and progress towards supporting women in finance. We also have our own inclusion goals and are excited to report our progress in them as well, in order to keep evolving.

The Investing in Women Code is a commitment to support the advancement of female entrepreneurship in the United Kingdom by improving female entrepreneurs' access to tools, resources and finance from the financial services sector. As a signatory to the Investing in Women Code, Sapphire is committed to a culture of inclusion and to advancing access to capital for female entrepreneurs.