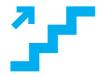
# £370m\* Barclays Midlands Growth Fund

To show our commitment to economic and business growth in the Midlands region, we're making £370m\* available to SMEs for investment, alongside the government's £250m Midlands Engine Investment Fund.

### Helping business flourish

At Barclays, we've been helping and inspiring entrepreneurs and business owners that rely on local connections, insight and know-how to move forward and flourish for over 327 years. As part of this commitment, we're proud to be offering a £370m\* investment fund to SMEs in the Midlands, to help generate sustainable economic growth across the region.





£250m Midlands Engine Investment Fund

We're doing this to boost the government's Midlands Engine Investment Fund (MEIF) targets of supporting over 1,400 smaller businesses and creating around 3,800 new jobs. And we're not just offering funding¹, we'll also give SMEs access to our business expertise, support and our wide-reaching networks as we look to help create even more support for business growth at all stages of the supply chain, and to realise the region's potential to achieve economic growth through enterprise.







'It's very exciting to see the recognition the Midlands is getting, and the MEIF £250 million investment fund demonstrates how important this area is to the UK economy. We're so pleased to be able to not only support it, but add to it with our fund and the dedicated advice, knowledge and expertise of our Business Banking Managers. I sincerely hope you'll be in touch with us to understand how we can help deliver your business ambitions."

Chris Forrest Head of SME UK, Business Banking

# What services are we offering?

The Barclays Midlands Growth Fund consists of a variety of lending services aimed to support the growth plans of SMEs including:

- Up to £250,000 Overdraft Limit for working capital<sup>2</sup>
- Cashflow funding for investment in growth, management buy-outs and business acquisition
- Debt support for innovative businesses looking for growth funding or capital investment
- Support with funding from the Barclays Midlands Growth Fund, the MEIF or both.

As part of the Barclays Midlands Growth Fund you'll also be supported by one of our 320 dedicated Relationship Management experts in the region.

#### Who's it for?

Our fund is intended for SMEs as with the MEIF, including but not limited to:

- Established businesses with ambitious growth plans
- · Start-ups with high growth potential
- · Companies with early-stage equity funding
- Businesses focusing on innovation, R&D and technology (subject to application and status).

# The Midlands area

As with the MEIF, our fund will be available for businesses based in the area shown here:



Source: MEIF

### Find out more

To find out more or to apply, contact your local Relationship Manager or call us on  $0800\,515\,4622^3$ 

## Let's go forward

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All Lending products are subject to status and application and must be used for business purposes. Security may be required. Early settlement fees may apply.

- 1. Our fund is a five-year investment commitment, which is aligned to the same investment period and geography as MEIF. Further details can be found at melf.co.uk.
- 2. For manufacturing businesses only. To fund eligible UK debtors, secured by a Debenture and Personal Guarantees for limited companies/LLP's (or a Legal assignment of book debts for sole traders and partnerships).

  3. Lines open Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm, and Saturday, 9am to 1pm. To maintain a quality service, we may monitor or record phone calls.
- \* The £370m Barclays Midlands Growth Fund is made up of £250m from Barclays Bank UK PLC and £120m from Barclays Bank PLC.

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