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[Government Officially Launches Industrial Strategy](#)

Greg Clark officially launched the government's ambitious Industrial Strategy last month. With the aim of making the UK the world's most innovative nation by 2030, the government has committed to investing a further £725 million over the next 3 years in the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund to respond to some of the greatest global opportunities faced by the UK.

Please click [here](#) to read the Industrial Strategy White Paper and [here](#) to read the Black Country Chamber's reaction.

[British Chambers of Commerce, CBI and IoD United in Urging for Clarity](#)

Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce has urged the government to clarify what leaving the EU will mean for business in terms of 'regulation, customs, hiring, standards, tariffs and taxes'. Adam was joined in calling for greater clarity from Stephen Martin of the Institute of Directors, the CBI's Mr Drechsler as well as EEF Chief Executive, Stephen Phipson.



Please click [here](#) to read the full article.



[Currency Volatility Continues to Compound Cost Pressures for Many Businesses](#)

UK industrial production is increasing more than expected and the trade deficit is narrowing, official figures showcased this month. In particular, production for the third quarter was estimated to have increased by 1.1% quarter-on-quarter, up from 1.0% as September's production was revised up from the 0.3% expansion pencilled in by the ONS in its preliminary estimate of GDP.

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[EY Regional Forecast Identifies West Midlands Strength](#)

According to EY's UK Regional Economic Forecast, the West Midlands will see growth of 1.8% in its Gross Value Added (GVA) each year until 2020. The region's performance will be in line with UK average growth (1.8%) but is ahead of the East Midlands (1.7%), North West (1.5%) and Scotland (1.5%).

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