Finding Company Information on FAME

1 Introduction

FAME is a database that contains information for companies in the UK and Ireland. FAME contains information on 7 million companies, 2.8 million of which are in a detailed format.

FAME allows you to search by any combination of over 300 criteria, including: geographic location, SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) code or activity description, number of employees, statement items, ratios, credit score/rating, legal form, year of incorporation, holding company/subsidiary, merger and acquisition deals.

Information on the selected companies may then be displayed or printed in a variety of customised formats or exported to other applications such as Microsoft Excel. Company comparisons can be achieved using the Peer Analysis option.

2 Searching FAME – Quick search

A quick search option is available on FAME. It allows you to search by:
- Company name, registered number or ticker.
- Postcode.
- Director name

Searching for companies by name

1. In the search box, enter a company name, or part of it
2. Open the drop down menu by clicking on the arrow.
3. Select ‘Company name, registered number or ticker’.
4. Click on the magnifier button.
5. A list of companies is displayed.

Information can be displayed as a detailed report by clicking on the company name.

The list is sorted initially by turnover; it can be changed to other options by clicking on the sort button.

Additional criteria can be added at a later stage by clicking on the ‘Modify current search’ link on the search menu which may be on the left or right side of the screen. To start a completely new search, click on the ‘New search’ link located on the search menu. An example of part of a report is given below.

List returns you to the list of companies.

Set up an e-mail alert to a specified address as new reports are available.

Export, e-mail, or print the report.

The search menu on the right hand side allows you to:

- Navigate through the report.
- Change the report format.
- Access peer reports.
- Produce graphs.
- Download the report.
3 Searching FAME – Detailed search.

FAME allows a sophisticated search to be built up using a wide range of criteria. Search options are listed down the left-hand side of the screen.

The criteria listed below can be broken down into precise categories allowing very specific searching. Options include:

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<td>Credit data &amp; CCJs</td>
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After specifying each search criterion, you will see your search strategy displayed the bottom of the screen. To view the results, click on ‘View list of results’ button.

4 Outputting company information

Data from FAME can be printed or exported into a variety of spreadsheet, word processing, and ASCII formats. To print or export data, select the appropriate option from the blue menu bar at the top of the screen.

Help

FAME offers detailed help screens. Click on Help icon at the top of the screen and select FAME Help. If you have problems, please ask at the Library Help Zone or contact the FBL Librarians via the ‘Ask a Librarian’ Service.