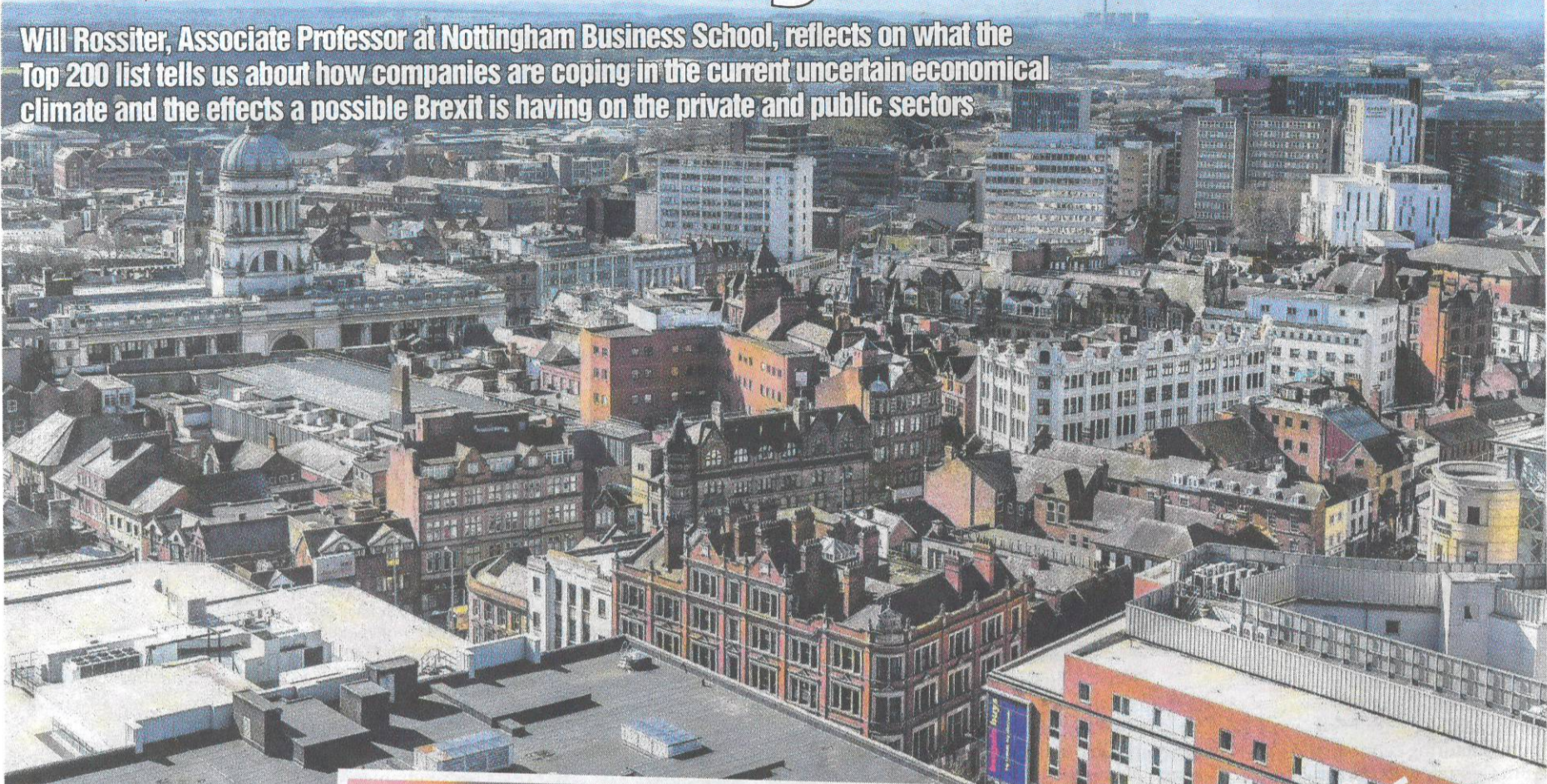




OVERVIEW OF TOP 200

# What does the Top 200 tell us about Nottingham?

Will Rossiter, Associate Professor at Nottingham Business School, reflects on what the Top 200 list tells us about how companies are coping in the current uncertain economical climate and the effects a possible Brexit is having on the private and public sectors



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**P**UBLISHING the Top 200 list of companies in Nottinghamshire once again provides an opportunity to reflect on what the list tells us about our local economy.

This year the list is published against the looming backdrop of a possible Brexit - with or without a deal.

The fundamental uncertainty that this has created has certainly impacted on the businesses that make it into the list this year, just as it has affected many of the public organisations that figure in the Top 20 Employers list.

In the private sector, we know that firms vary in the nature and level of their preparedness for Brexit. In the public sector organisations such as the NHS Trusts who figure prominently among our largest employers have also been making preparations.

At this point in time the nature and extent of the impact that Brexit could have on our local economy is essentially unknowable. It is for this reason that I am going to concentrate

on some of the other stories to emerge from the preparation of the Top 200 this year.

Last year we focussed on two main stories to emerge from the Top 200 in 2018; firstly, the

continuation of the long-term shift from manufacturing to services; and secondly, the increasing importance of private sector providers in the provision of public services.

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This year we see plenty of evidence of the continuation of these trends.

Academy school trusts remain prominent in the list, but this year also sees the entry in to the Top 200 of publicly-owned Robin Hood Energy.

Robin Hood Energy are a not-for-profit energy supplier owned by Nottingham City Council with a mission to reduce energy poverty. They aim to

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Operating under Buckles Lyndales, the London office will be the Lyndales team at 40 Furnival Street October 2019.

The acquisition p firm up the ranking turnover of £12m+ at than 90 lawyers.