



Franchisee of the Year

European Franchise Awards 2026



Kevi Akreyi, Alina

Kevi Akreyi is a dedicated and inspiring franchisee whose strong commitment to quality, customer care, and team leadership has been a key driver of her business success. She has received multiple awards within the Alina franchise network in recognition of her outstanding achievements and is a role model for many fellow franchisees. Kevi exemplifies the values and excellence of the Alina network.





Alain Lemay, Cavavin

After my initial professional experience in the retail sector, I joined the CAVAVIN franchise in 2000. Since then, I have consistently and loyally supported the brand's growth.

My long tenure within the network now allows me to contribute my experience and expertise to its development. For many years, I have also assisted the development team at the Franchise Expo, where I share my insights with interested candidates.





LE GOÛT DU SERVICE



**Augustin Poul, Les
Menus Services**





Isabelle Hessel, Club Pilates

Club Pilates Germany calls Isabelle Hessel the partner every system hopes for. Within two years, she built Club Pilates Kaiserslautern into a beloved local studio with 469 members, running 123% above its business plan and inspiring real loyalty in her community. That achievement earned her the German Franchise Association's Founder of the Year 2026.





MINI[®]
FIRST
AID 



Marlene Meyer, Mini First Aid

Founded by Kate Ball at her kitchen table in 2014, Mini First Aid has grown into a nationwide network united by one shared mission - to make lifesaving first aid accessible to everyone. Marlene Meyer and her team proudly bring that mission to life every day, reaching families, children, schools, workplaces and communities across London.



Laurence Falcone & Cristina Cardaci, Mail Boxes Etc.

Laurence Marie Falcone and Cristina Cardaci, multi-unit franchisees within the Mail Boxes Etc. network in Pisa, lead two Business Solutions Centers with an 11 person team, including Fabiana Grossi, a key contributor to their growth and training activities. A great example of female entrepreneurship, innovation, teamwork and shared growth.





Krisztina Joo, Otthon Centrum

Krisztina is owner and manager of three Otthon Centrum offices located in the South Pest agglomeration. She joined the network in 2014, and for her, Otthon Centrum is a way of life, a profession and a hobby at the same time.





Azael A Patiño, Dia Group

After 15 years at Dia, Azael launched his first successful franchise two years ago, later expanding to a second store alongside his wife. Known for his strong work ethic, he enjoys the in-store environment and serving customers, taking great pride in running a trusted local business in Alicante, providing employment for 20 families.





Groep Cretskens



Groupe Cretskens, Carrefour

Managing 18 Carrefour Market supermarkets, this family owned entrepreneurial group is driven by passion, innovation and long term value creation. Combining food production, retail and construction and services, it empowers local communities through its operational excellence and strong customer focus.



Franchisor of the Year

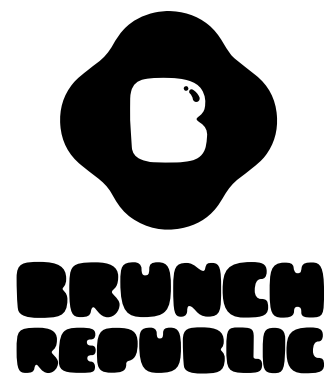
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Brunch Republic

Brunch Republic was born from a simple idea: to free brunch from the constraints of a set time and turn it into an all-day experience. Carefully selected products, distinctive spaces, and a rhythm that carries people from breakfast through the afternoon.

An Italian concept that combines pleasure with practicality: consistent quality, a clear identity, and venues that stay lively from morning to evening.





Caremark. The Mark of EXCELLENT Care.



Caremark

Since 2005, we have helped people live well at home and helped owners build businesses they are proud to run. Today, we are the UK's largest privately owned home care franchisor, with more than 150 offices across the UK and Ireland and over 135,000 care hours delivered each week in the UK. We are wholly UK-owned, the winner of the BFA Franchisor of the Year 2025 and ranked 5th in the Elite Franchise Top 100.



Zusje



Zusje

From one restaurant in 2009 to 44 locations across the Netherlands and Germany, welcoming over 1.8 million guests a year. Built on partnership, intensive support, the Zusje Academy and a culture where happy employees create happy guests. True to its promise: Taste, Cheer, Enjoy.





Attila

ATTILA is a French network specializing in roof maintenance for commercial and industrial buildings.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, ATTILA provides businesses, local authorities and property managers with expert solutions to extend the lifespan of their roofs through inspections, maintenance, repairs and roof upgrades.

Today, the network has 135 agencies across France.





Garageport Experten

Sweden's leading specialist franchise for garage doors, industrial doors, gates and access solutions. Built on strong local entrepreneurship and the power of a nationwide brand, we combine expert knowledge, high service levels and close customer relationships.



**GARAGEPORT
EXPERTEN**



CareYourWay

CareYourWay is an award-winning home care franchise, named the BFA's Emerging Franchisor of the Year 2025 and ranked the UK's No.1 Home Care Group by [homecare.co.uk](https://www.homecare.co.uk). Built on over 20 years of care experience, CareYourWay empowers ambitious franchise partners to build successful businesses delivering exceptional care in their local communities.



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yourway** 
Our family caring for yours



LAHJA  LAPSUDELLE
Kultapalat



Kultapalat

Kultapalat is Finland's first and only franchise chain dedicated to family daycare. We combine the warmth and intimacy of small-group home-based childcare with the structure, support, and entrepreneurial opportunities of a professional franchise network. By empowering educators to become successful entrepreneurs.



Santa Gloria

A popular Spanish chain of artisanal coffee shops and bakeries combining traditional baking with a modern café experience. It has grown to over 120 locations across Spain and Portugal.



SANTAGLORIA®
Coffee & Bakery





Sunkost

Sunkost was established in 1985. Today, the company operates 127 stores, as well as an online store focusing on driving traffic to the stores. 102 stores are franchise-operated and 25 stores are company-owned. Their stores offer a comprehensive range of health and wellness products.



Eli die Fee

Eli die Fee took a human mission, helping elderly people live independently and with dignity at home and scaled it into one of Germany's fastest-growing franchises: from 15 to 51 partners and turnover reaching €24 million. In 2026, the German Franchise Association named it Franchise System of the Year.



Eli die Fee 
Franchise



Avenir Renovations

Avenir Rénovations is a franchise network specializing in all-trades renovation, with more than 190 franchisees across Europe. The concept combines a steady flow of qualified leads, a structured sales process, and a subcontracting model, allowing franchisees to focus on customer relations, project management, and growing their business.



Avenir[®]
RENOVATIONS





Anne&Max
Fresh Food Coffee Café



Anne&Max

Since 2005, Anne&Max has proven that sustainability and commercial success can go hand in hand. With at least 75% certified organic purchasing, direct-trade speciality coffee and planet friendly entrepreneurship embedded across 32 locations.



L'Osteria

Across 240 restaurants in ten European countries, L'Osteria applies one consistent standard for environmental responsibility, employee wellbeing, ethical sourcing and good governance, led by a dedicated Board-level team, earning recognition as Europe's Best Employer 2025. In 2026, the

German Franchise Association named it the country's most sustainable franchise system.





Land&Monkeys

Land&Monkeys is the world's first 100% plant-based bakery concept founded in France in 2020 with one ambition : make plant-based food irresistible ! We reinvent bakery classics with no animal ingredients ... but with the commitment that our recipes must taste even better !

With 13 locations in Paris, Bordeaux and Aix en Provence Land&Monkeys aims to make delicious plant-based food accessible to the largest amount of people by opening 100 locations across France & Europe.





Alina

Alina is Finland's first and leading home care franchise network, providing high quality care and support services across the country through local entrepreneurs.





International Brand of the Year

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5àSEC

5àsec is a global leader in textile care, dedicated to extending the life of clothing. Part of the KlinCare Group, we operate 1,500 stores across 20 countries, through both franchised and company-owned locations, serving individual customers as well as businesses.

We combine textile care expertise with high service standards, while providing more responsible garment care solutions.



Friendly Fire

Friendly Fire is a Croatian franchise company building one of the largest networks of social gaming cafes in the world. By providing physical spaces which rest on the foundations of 90s authenticity, it nourishes the most valuable gamers' experience - building local communities gathered around the same passion.



FRIENDLY  **FIRE**



Fortidia



Fortidia

Fortidia is a global commerce enabler for MSMEs and consumers thanks to its platform including brands providing ecommerce fulfillment, shipping, logistics, marketing and print solutions: Mail Boxes Etc. (outside the U.S. and Canada.)

In 2025, its platform - including 3,200+ Business Solutions Centers in 56 countries with over 14,000 associates - served 900,000 business customers worldwide generating €1.4 bln (US\$1.6 bln) of system-wide gross revenue.



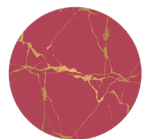
Reitan Retail

Reitan Retail is a leading retail company in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Our goal is to create the best customer experiences in people's everyday lives and contribute positively to a more sustainable future.

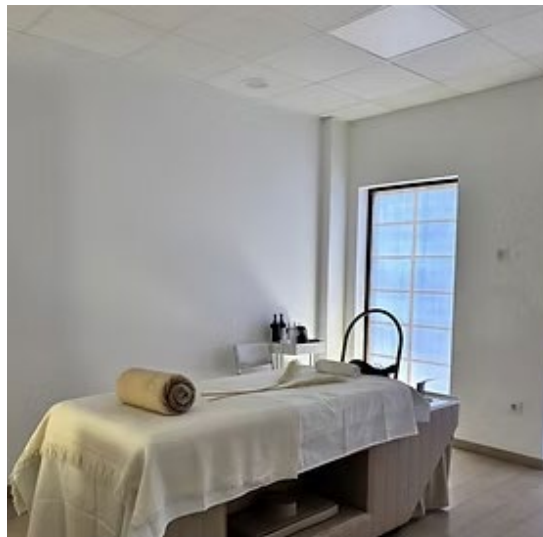


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JAPANESE HEAD SPA



Inspired by Japanese culture



Multisensory experiences



Professional products and cosmetics



Japanese Head Spa

The first hair spa in Spain specialized in treatments inspired by Japanese culture, where you can enjoy the famous Head Spa.

A multisensory experience combining traditional Japanese techniques with a modern urban approach.



Outstanding Industry Expert

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Cavaleiro Machado

Portuguese lawyer with 30 years experience in franchising. A long standing advocate of ethical and sustainable franchising, who has contributed to the development of franchise law and best practice in Portugal, Europe and internationally, through legal practice, industry associations and publications.





Banco Sabadell

Banco Sabadell is the fourth-largest private banking group in Spain, founded in 1881 and headquartered in Alicante.



Joost Bos

Has championed ethical franchising for over three decades as partner at Koelewijn & Partners, advising franchisors on strategy, formula development and recruitment through its sister company Franchise+. A trusted bridge builder who solves conflicts without resort to the courtroom.



Koelewijn & Partners

Formule & Franchise Consultancy



Natalia Shvarts

Natalia is an experienced franchised solicitor over 15 years experience, supporting franchisors with all aspects of the franchise network management. Including; drafting and updating franchise agreements, assisting with overseas expansion, managing franchisee exits, assisting with trademark and copyright infringement and data protection.





Sylvie Gaudy

Sylvie is the Director of the Franchise Expo Paris and is a passionate advocate for franchising and entrepreneurship. Through one of the world's leading franchise events, she connects people, ideas and opportunities across borders, working alongside the franchise community to support development and collaboration, while being a source of inspiration for entrepreneurs.



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