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Editor's Note

As the UK grapples with the implications of the Labour Government's policies and budget, new opportunities may arise for business valuation practitioners. Stricter HMRC enforcement is expected to place greater emphasis on accurate valuations, creating a demand for the expertise and precision that professionals in our field provide.

November has brought a decline in business activity, coupled with inflation reaching a six-month high, amplifying economic pressures across sectors. These challenges highlight the increasing importance of rigorous valuation analysis as businesses and individuals navigate this uncertain landscape.

In this issue, we also feature Eleonora Rosati's thought-provoking blog on AI and intellectual property law. Her insights are especially relevant as appraisers

Finally, we encourage all qualified practitioners to explore the current call for applications to join the boards of the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC). This is a unique opportunity to contribute to shaping the global standards that guide our profession and to help drive its future direction.

In times of change and challenge, the role of business valuation professionals is more critical than ever. Let's continue to embrace opportunities, share knowledge, and lead the way forward.



Mike Blake, Editor

News



Inflation in the U.K. rose to 2.3%, the highest in six months and above the Bank of England's 2.0% target.

The jump was blamed on higher energy bills and airfare increases.

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Rosati offers guidance on where the use of AI may be permitted and prohibited under U.K. and E.U. law.

Be aware of the potential for intellectual property violations.

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Expectation to rise, 9,000 extra tax investigators in the Budget.

HMRC tax prosecutions are already at a three-year high and are expected to climb higher.

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Interested in serving the global valuation community?

The International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) is seeking members for its Standards Review, Tangible Assets, Business Valuation, and Financial Instruments boards.

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Private sector shrinks after Labour Budget

More than 80 retail bosses this week wrote to the Chancellor to warn that the move will cost jobs and lower wages

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BVIUK launches new online edition of their accreditation programme

The first module is scheduled to launch on 10th March 2025, and registration is now open.

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Events



Dates for your diary

5 December: [BVIUK-Mastering IP Valuation: Strategic Insights for Collateral, Carve-outs, Licensing, and Litigation with Theresa Zeidler](#), virtual

5 December: [American Society of Appraisers 2024](#)

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8 January 2025: BVIUK-Turning Trophies Into Treasure: Valuing Professional Sports Franchises with Drew Dorweiler, virtual

14 January 2025, [The London CFA Society's Annual Forecasting 2025 Event](#)

26 February: [American Society of Appraisers Global Valuation Review Symposium World Tour \(Part 1 of 3\)](#), virtual.

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