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BUSINESS
APP OF
THE WEEK



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HOW MUCH IS IT?

Free; rmonline.com

COMPATIBLE WITH

BlackBerry, iPhone

WHAT IS IT?

Professional
nose-poking for
businessmen

WHAT DOES IT DO?

This app is a bit like hiring a private investigator, but without the need to bankroll endless doughnut runs. It's free to download and contains business and credit reports on more than 200 million companies.

Searching for basic data is free, but it's £3.99 for a full search, which includes information on high-court writs, winding up petitions, financial strength, credit limit, past trading performance, outstanding mortgages, name changes and fraud alerts. Given the world's current 'liquidity issues', we'd suggest arming yourself with such knowledge – it should help keep you on track for that promotion.