





## Lego voted strongest 'Superbrand' in UK

 British Airways drops out of the top 20 after topping poll last year

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Lego has been voted the strongest brand in the UK as previous winner British Airways fell from the top 20 rankingentirely.

Lego beat more than 1,500 companiesto pole positionas it celebrates its 60th anniversary, rising from 25th place in 2014 to second position last year in the annual UK Superbrands ranking.
Gillette rose three places to

take the runner-up position, while Apple placed third havingrisen three places from last

Marks & Spencer leap-frogged John Lewisto seventh place as the department store

slippednine to 15th position. Google and Amazon both dropped out of the top 20 as Disney and Heathrow both re-entered the ranking for the first time since 2013, as did BP and Shellaftera four and three year absence respectively.



↑Lego is celebrating it's 60th anniversary this year

Daily staples Andrex, Coca-Cola, Cadbury and Heinz retained top ten places, but Kellogg's and Fairy slipped

The list is determined by 2,500 consumers, who are asked to rank each brand for quality, reliability and distinction on behalf of the Centre for Brand Analysis.

Superbrands chairman Stephen Cheliotis said: "British Airways tumbling from top spot to out-side of the top 20 should be a wake-up call for all brands. "In a world where customer

expectations have rightfully risen, brands cannot afford to disappointandneedtocontin-ually delivertoretain their valuable reputations.
"No brand, however strong,

is immune to changing consumer sentiment.

"The rise of fresh, disrup-tive brands - particularly in terms of relevance to consum-ers' lives – should be an added warning to more established brands.

- 02 Gillette
- .3 Apple

- 5 Coca-Cola
- 6 Disney 07 Marks & Spence
- 8
- 9 Heinz
- 10 BMW
- 11
- Cadbury **12**
- **13** BP
- 14 Shell
- 15 John Lewis **1**6
- 17 Jaguar
- 18 Kleene
- 19 Visa

20 Haagen-Dazs

"The likes of Netflix, Purple-Bricks and Zoopla may not be challenging for the top spot in the overall ranking yet, but they surely will be if they con-tinue their current momentum and the established elite don'trespond fastenough."