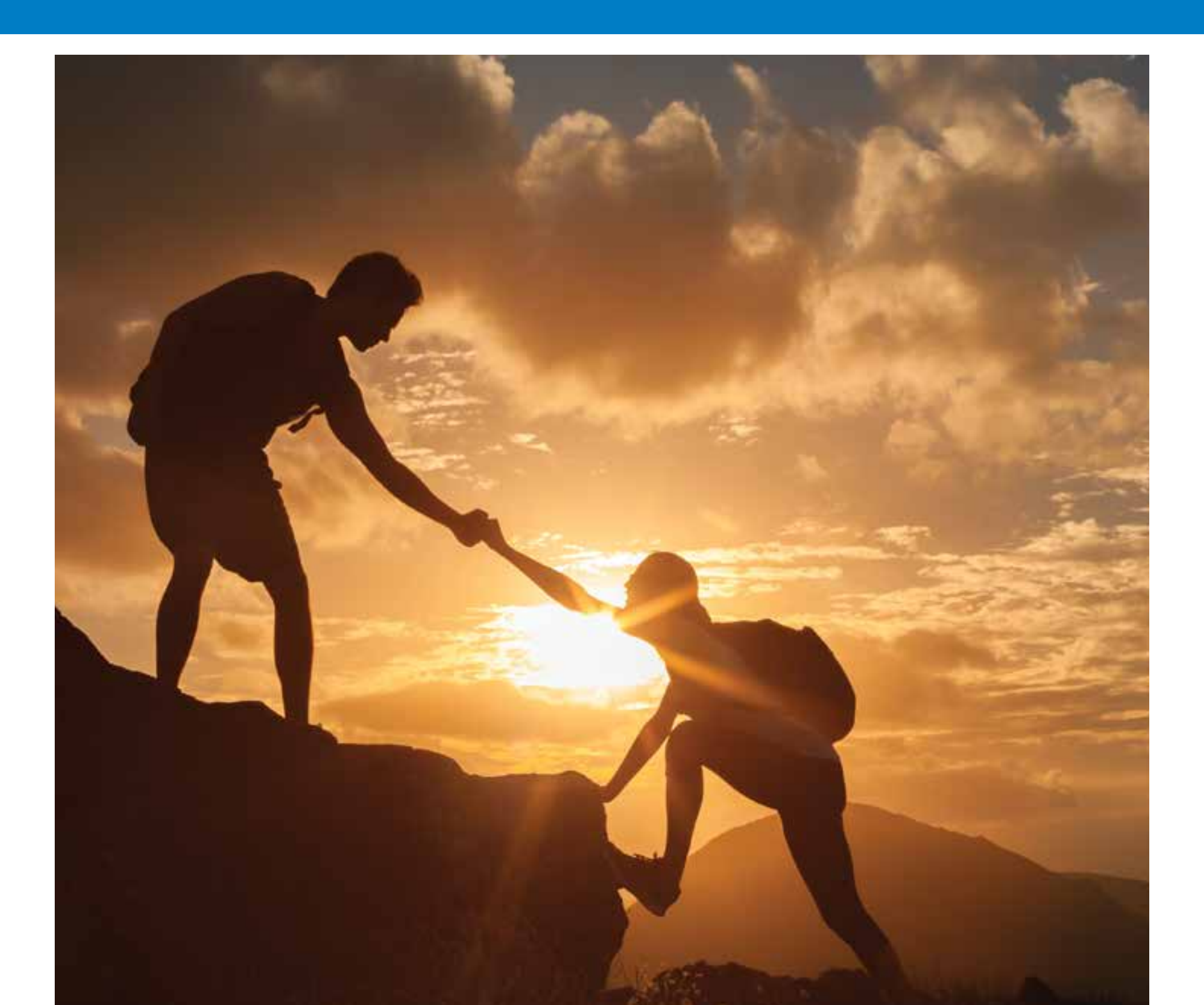


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And who better to decide the top businesses by each category than you – our readers who have the experience. Whether it's commercial leasing, contractor, architect or banking, you know who does it the best.

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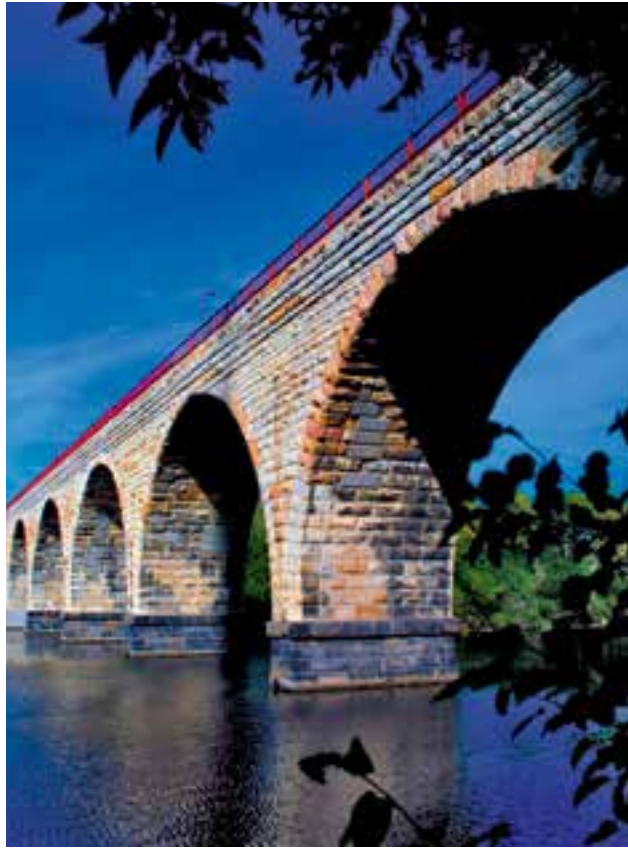


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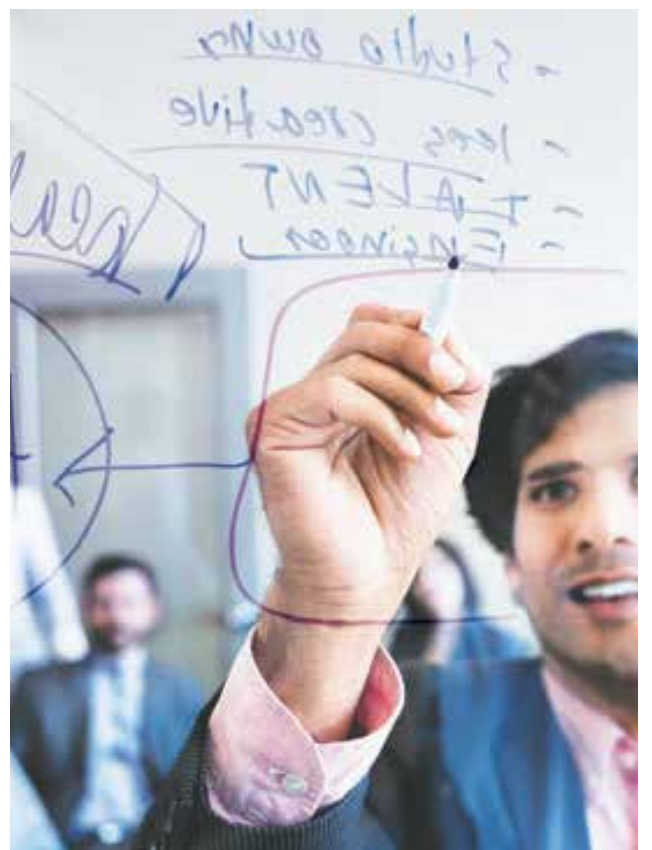
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