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Summary

I am a serial entrepreneur and non-executive director of public and private companies in the UK and France. I am currently the Chairman of Aquis Exchange Plc, the London and Paris based next generation stock exchange.

In 1998 I co-founded Cambridge Silicon Radio Ltd (subsequently CSR Plc) as a start-up project and was a member of its board of directors from the outset that managed the growth of CSR through its listing as a public company in 2004 up until 2007, serving first as marketing director and then as sales director. During this period, I led all of the sales and marketing activities. I helped grow the company from an idea between the three founders in May 1998 to one that created the world's first single radio silicon chip in 2000 and which dominated, with a 50% share, the Bluetooth chip market by 2004, reaching a market capitalisation of just over \$3bn in the summer of 2006 and annual sales of \$849m in 2007.

Prior to CSR, I held positions including senior engineer and then marketing manager at Cambridge Consultants Ltd from 1996 to 1998 and held positions as a design engineer and marketing manager at Texas Instruments Ltd and GmbH from 1989 to 1996. I also worked as a design engineer for Motorola UK Ltd and Racal Research Ltd from 1985 to 1989, designing radios and other silicon chips.

I am a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and was part of the four-person team at CSR that was awarded Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award in 2005. I hold a BSc in Physics and an MSc in Electronics from Durham University (1984 and 1985), as well as an MBA from Cranfield University (1994).

Since 2005, I have developed a portfolio career as board member and advisor at technology companies in the UK and France and have served on 6 public company boards and 7 private company boards as a non-executive director. Since 2010 I have served as chairman of the remuneration committee on 3 of those public companies, including one in France, as well as serving on the audit committee of 3 of those public companies. As non-executive director and remuneration committee chairman at Wolfson Microelectronics Plc and at SDL Plc (both listed on the LSE main market) I served for 6 years up to the time when each was acquired successfully by a larger company, thus gaining further experience, in addition to that gained at CSR Plc, of corporate governance and the management of institutional shareholder relationships in the UK public markets. For 8 years I served as non-executive director (member of the Supervisory Board) of Inside Secure SA (subsequently renamed as Verimatrix SA), providing secure and contactless technology, headquartered in the south of France) including as compensation committee chairman after its IPO on the Euronext main market in 2011. Alongside my current position as Chairman of Aquis, I am currently also a non-executive director of privately held VSORA SAS in Paris (Semiconductor IP for Deep Learning Processing) and a non-executive director of privately held pureLiFi Ltd in Edinburgh (Light based communications systems).

Career details

1985-1988 1988-1989 1989-1994 1994-1996 1996-1998	Design Engineer, Racal Research Ltd, Reading, UK Design Engineer, Motorola Ltd, Cellular Infrastructure Division, Stotfold, UK Design Engineer, Texas Instruments Ltd, Bedford, UK Design Engineer & Marketing Engineer, Texas Instruments GmbH, Freising, Germany Senior Engineer & Marketing Manager, Cambridge Consultants Ltd, Cambridge, UK
1998-2007 2005-2007	Co-Founder, Marketing Director & Sales Director, Cambridge Silicon Radio Ltd and CSR Plc, Cambridge, UK Non-Executive Director, Sonaptic Ltd, High Wycombe, UK
2007-2011	Non-Executive Director, DiBcom SA, Paris, France
2008	Non-Executive Director, Microemissive Displays Group Plc, Edinburgh, UK
2008-2014	Non-Executive Director & Remuneration Committee Chair, Wolfson Microelectronics Plc, Edinburgh, UK
2009-2013	Non-Executive Director, Solar Press Ltd., London, UK
2010-2013	Co-Founder and Non-Executive Director, Neul Ltd, Cambridge, UK
2008-2016	Non-Executive Director (member of the Supervisory Board) & Remuneration Committee Chair, Inside- Secure SA, Aix-en-Provence, France
2013-2017	Non-Executive Director, Blu Wireless Technology Ltd, Bristol, UK
2014-2020	Non-Executive Director & Remuneration Committee Chair, SDL Plc, Maidenhead, UK
2020-2022	Non-Executive Director, FireAngel Safety Technology Group Plc, Coventry, UK
2017 ->	Non-Executive Director, VSORA SAS, Paris, France
2019 ->	Non-Executive Director then Chairman from 2022, Aquis Exchange Plc, London, UK
2020 ->	Non-Executive Director, pureLiFi Ltd, Edinburgh, UK

Education

1981-1984	Grey College, Durham University, UK. BSc (Hons) Physics.
1984-1985	Trevelyan College, Durham University, UK. MSc Electronics
1993-1994	Cranfield University, School of Management, UK. MBA (executive)