

+ Talent

The UK South West boasts the most skilled workforce for this sector in the country, something which is reflected in both the breadth and quality of the companies which make up the UK South West aerospace and advanced engineering cluster.

The region hosts seven world-class universities, two of which are Russell Group members. They offer established specialisms in advanced engineering and aerospace and host a range of highly-innovative research projects and centres. Further academic investment in this sector comes from a group of leading UK aerospace manufacturers who have recently sponsored a £6 million bursary for 500 Masters (MSc) level degrees in aerospace engineering in Bristol and Bath.

Many aerospace and advanced engineering companies also work in partnership with local schools and colleges to encourage interest and develop apprentices, many of whom go to become highly skilled and valued members of staff.

This vibrant academic community keeps the region at the cutting-edge of advanced engineering and aerospace innovation, while our enviable quality of life means talent retention is not something we struggle with in the UK South West. We have some of the UK's leading cultural cities and towns, several National Parks and some of Europe's best surfing beaches.

Beagle Technology

Beagle Technology Group designs and manufactures metallic and composite parts and structures as well as highly finished components for the aerospace, defence and marine markets. Founded in 1955, Beagle Technology has built a solid base of specialist expertise in niche turnkey engineering from concept through to supply. Beagle Technology is approved to ISO9001:2000 and AS9100 and has five supporting NADCAP accreditations. Its 80,000 square foot principal manufacturing facility is located in Christchurch, Dorset.

+ Infrastructure

From transport to property to e-connectivity and economic infrastructure, the UK South West has it covered.

Our world-class transport links mean you get all the benefits of locating in the SouthWest but with London and the world on your doorstep. You can be in the capital in less than two hours using our fast direct rail links, or in one of hundreds of international locations via one of our four thriving airports.

Fast, major motorways link the region in all directions, and four deep water ports, in Bristol, Plymouth, Poole and Portland, make sea transport a breeze. E-connectivity is a priority for the region, with superfast broadband already widely available across the SouthWest and further roll-outs planned.

Our portfolio of high-quality, affordable properties and investment sites include opportunities to locate in one of several new or expanding Enterprise Zones, Science Parks and Innovation Hubs. Crucially, wherever you choose to base your business, our inward investment teams will be on hand to offer advice and support.

+ Find out more

The UK South West inward investment teams can advise on any pre-location matters, including funding opportunities, industry knowledge, talent recruitment and training, local industry knowledge, introductions and property searches.

Once you've made the move, we continue to offer support to help you grow your business.

To get in touch you can contact any of our UK South West inward investment teams using the contact details below. We will also be at major industry events, such as Farnborough International Airshow, so please come and visit the West of England Aerospace Forum (WEAF) stand to say hello and find out more.



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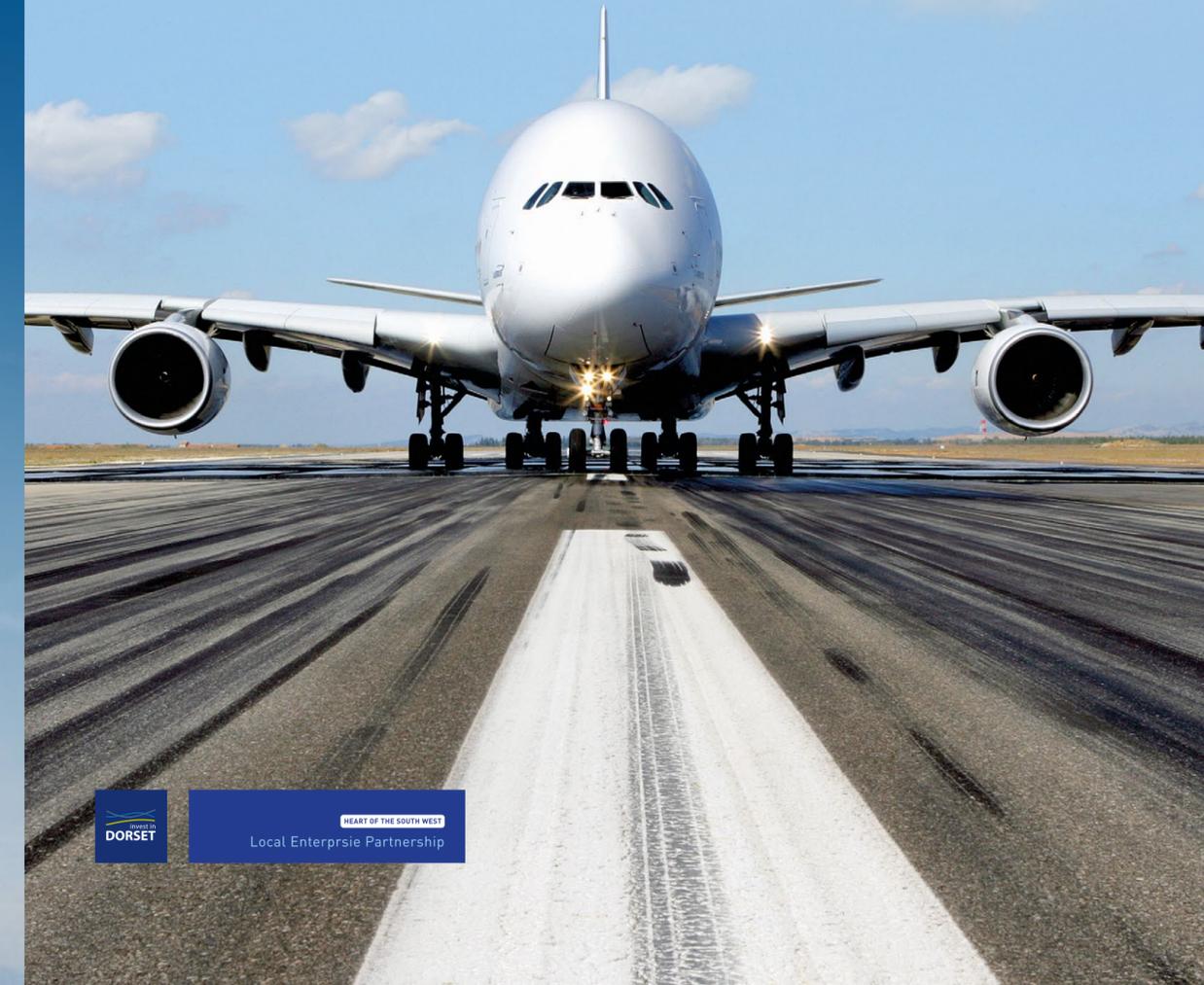


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Europe's Aerospace Powerhouse

Think Aerospace, Think UK South West



Welcome

Within the UK the South West region has the largest aerospace and advanced engineering cluster in the country. Our extensive network of highly-skilled people and innovative suppliers mean the UK South West is the obvious choice for industry giants such as Airbus, Agusta Westland and Rolls Royce – to name just a few.

We are the UK South West; we are Europe's Aerospace Powerhouse.

+ An aero cluster

Of the 15 world-leading aerospace companies, 14 have bases in the UK South West. With specialist expertise across 10 core areas, including composites, robotics, UAVs and additive layer manufacturing, the innovation and collaboration opportunities here are world class. Together with leading talent and extensive supply chains, the UK South West really is Europe's Aerospace Powerhouse.

Proof of the strength and vibrancy of this cluster is the West of England Aerospace Forum (WEAF). A membership organisation for the South West aerospace and defence industry, WEAF is a national

and international champion for industry interests. The team has close links with the Ministry of Defence as well as UKTI, the UK's national inward investment agency. WEAF organises training and networking events, co-ordinates supply chain initiatives and uses digital tools to help promote companies in this sector.

As a sector, aerospace and advanced engineering in the UK South West is worth over £7 billion. We are at the forefront of innovative product development and new technology, making this an ideal location for businesses, both new and established.

+ Innovation

The UK South West boasts a wide range of specialist innovation hubs with excellent, and growing, reputations both in the UK and abroad.

A prime example is the National Composites Centre (NCC) based at the leading Bristol & Bath Science Park. The NCC is part of the UK Composites Strategy and one of seven High Value Manufacturing Catapult Innovation Centres across the UK. The centre brings together business and academia to develop new composite design and rapid manufacture technologies, providing a gateway to the best talent and facilities in the country. The NCC also offers associated companies access to funding and an invaluable communications link with central government.

Elsewhere in the region the Filton Enterprise Area at Bristol is a well-established hub for cutting-edge aviation technology and research, while the Emersons Green Enterprise Area is a science, research and innovation centre and the home of the Bristol & Bath Science Park. We also have Europe's largest robotics lab, the Bristol Robotics Laboratory, and SETSquared which is the #1 business incubator in Europe.

Plymouth University hosts the Advanced Composites Manufacturing Centre as well as the Electron Microscopy Centre, both of which provide significant specialist support to the advanced engineering industry. The University of Exeter, ranked in the UK's top 10, also supports the industry through centres for Alternative Materials and Remanufacturing, Advanced Technologies as well as the £2.6 million Centre for Additive Layer Manufacturing. These facilities are hailed amongst the best in the world.

The University of The West of England (UWE) is home to the Centre for Nanoscience and Quantum Computing while the Bristol Technology & Engineering Academy specialises in engineering and environmental technologies.

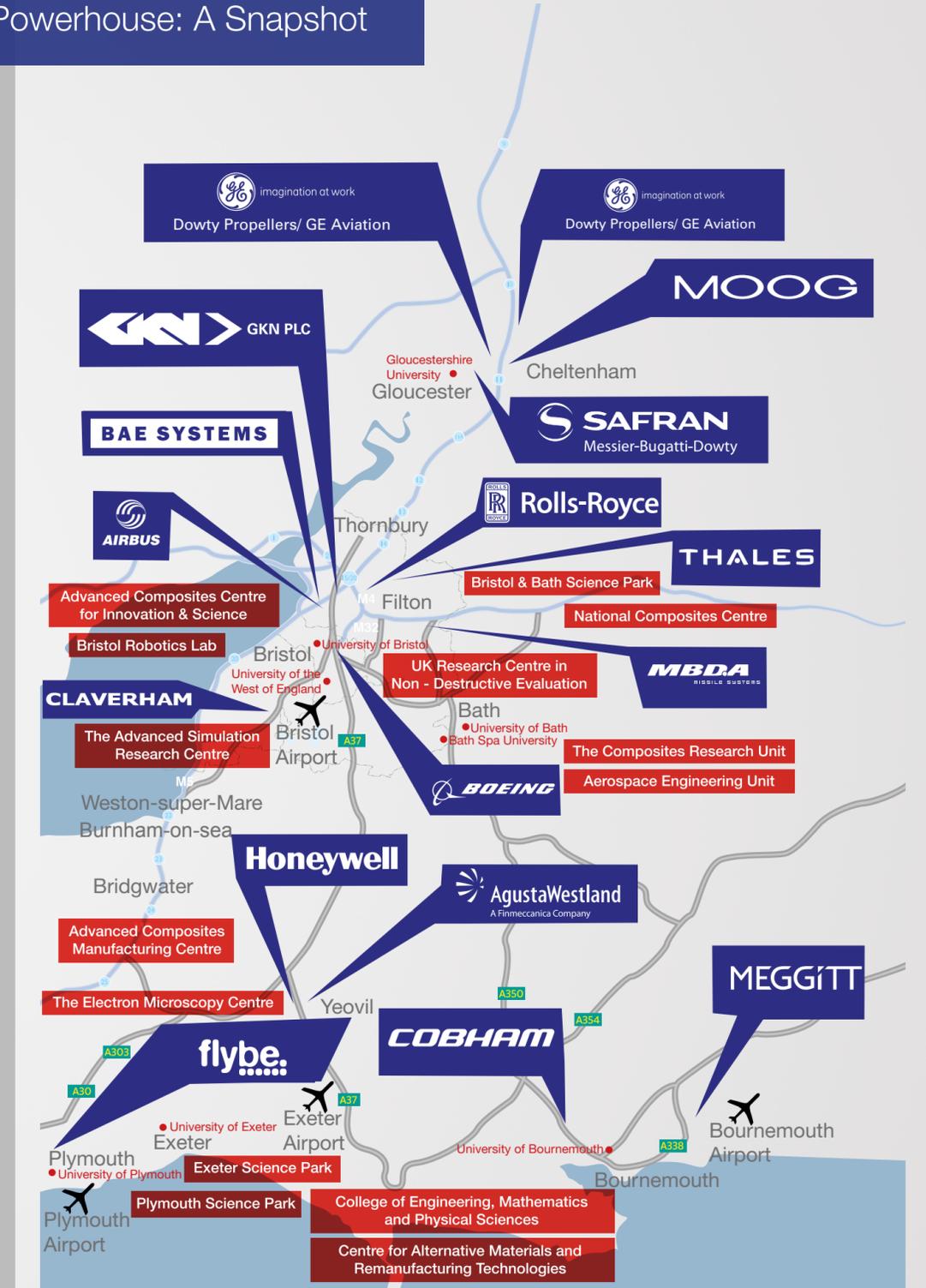
Airbus

A giant of the aerospace industry, Airbus recently completed work on the new Airbus Aerospace Park in Filton, Bristol. This new advanced engineering hub will accommodate over 2,000 engineers and represents a £70 million strategic investment in the South West area. Wing design and systems integration will be a particular focus, with the Airbus group having already applied for ATI funding to create a new 'Wing and Systems' R&T Centre in the Filton Enterprise Area.

Aero Stanrew

Aero Stanrew designs and manufactures electronic components for the aerospace industry as well as other high-reliability markets such as oil and gas. Aero Stanrew has a history dating back to 1948 and is now a world leader in its field. The company employs 200 staff at its Barnstaple facility in Devon and in 2013 secured over £1m of Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative (AMSCI) funding to develop a next generation product line. Aero Stanrew was recently awarded the Queen's Award for International Trade.

Europe's Aerospace Powerhouse: A Snapshot



59 000 Engineers
14 Global Leaders
800 Companies in the Supply Chain

7 World Class Universities

Bristol Technology & Engineering Academy

£7bn
PA Sales Value

60%
Sales Exported
Worldwide

4 Leading Science Parks
£6m Investment supporting 500
Graduates in Aerospace Engineering

Superb Facilities

- National Composites Centre
- SETSquared #1 business incubator in Europe
- Bristol Robotics Laboratory, Europe's largest robotics lab

High Tech Cluster of Global Significance

Leading the Way in
Composites
Robotics
UAVs
Additive layer manufacturing