

NEW YEAR HONOURS

Business Influencers

Brain power drives the Cluster ever-onwards

Influencing business can take many forms and is a skill that should in no way be taken for granted. Companies operating in a range of sectors need to draw inspiration from trusted sources to take their ideas or products to a game-changing level.

There is an additional advantage to using the brainpower of a separate business, of course - they pay the wages and as a customer/client you get the resulting benefits.

This region abounds with consultancies and institutes that offer some of the world's finest brains to work on ideas or products you want to get to market. Your future and that of your stakeholders depend upon success and you are often in the hands of a third party - so you are banking on their expertise.

Our No.1 is Cambridge Consultants - and for very good reason. Billed as the DeepTech powerhouse of Capgemini, the Science Park doyen gives global clients access to highly experienced people, state-of-the-art facilities and the best tech advances.

From biotech to AI in MedTec to space advances and much, much more, Cambridge Consultants carries a technological torch for the Cluster

BUSINESS INFLUENCERS

- 1 Cambridge Consultants
- 2= Science Group plc / 42 Technology / Intralink
- 3= Institute for Manufacturing / Marshall of Cambridge / The Wellcome Sanger Institute
- 4= EMBL-EBI / Innovate Cambridge / MRC LMB
- 5= Cambridge Network/ One Nucleus / Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst
- 6= The Milner Therapeutics Institute / Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership
- 7= Cambridge Wireless / RxCelerate
- 8= Alan Boswell Group / Meet Cambridge
- 9 = TTP / Cambridge Ahead
- 10 = Cambridge& / Cambridge Management Consulting

into areas of global innovation advancement.

Not so much is known of our equal second placed company 42 Technology but it is one class act. 42T relocated from St Ives to Cambourne Park to provision for future growth and it can now take on larger and more complex assignments than ever before.

The new facility also includes new specialist features such as

fully equipped food-grade and biolabs, and a dedicated product usability and testing suite.

42T has further strengthened its development toolkit with new strategic partnerships in AI, particularly in Edge-AI, giving clients an even wider range of options to meet their needs.

Key collaborations include: Synaptics, Silicon Valley stalwart and leader in Edge-AI solutions; Innatera, a leader in brain-inspired Edge AI processors; Fujitsu which gives access to Fujitsu's extensive portfolio of AI tools as well its unique AI sandbox for testing and refining new concepts; and with Blues which specialises in connectivity solutions.

In 2025, 42T announced several breakthrough technology developments including:

- Collaborating with Addenbrooke's Hospital to develop a new AI feature for a handheld newborn eye-screening device that's currently in a multi-centre clinical trial.
- Partnering with Synaptics and others to demonstrate a lower cost and more flexible AI-powered line clearance technology for use in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The company is also pioneering some shrewd ClimateTech plays.

CEO Jon Spratley tells us: "We



42 Technology CEO, Jon Spratley. Photograph courtesy - 42T.

believe 2026 will be the year when Edge-AI starts solving problems that once looked impossible, particularly in manufacturing, quality control and supply-chain monitoring.

"Multinational manufacturers are increasingly turning to 42T for Edge-AI technologies to get the security, speed and power-efficient intelligence they need. But unlike traditional production system suppliers, our partnerships let us develop customised solutions without locking clients into closed ecosystems."

For 2026, bank on more brilliance from Science Group plc, great global trade advice from Intralink, insightful manufacture from IP brilliance via the University's Institute for Manufacturing under the guiding hand of Tim Minshall, and quantum computing plays from The Milner Therapeutics Institute steered by Sir Tony Kouzarides.

All our key players here will be adding healthcare, technology or other business & industrial excellence or important general economic guidance in the coming months - all essential to continue to propel the Cluster to a joint world leadership position and keep it there.

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