



Press Release

Duet expands Advisory Council

Dr John Forrest CBE appointed as Corporate Governance Advisor

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Duet Partners announced today that Dr John Forrest CBE, FEng, FIET, FIoD, has joined the company's Advisory Council as Corporate Governance Advisor. This key appointment extends the expertise that Duet has available to assist SME technology companies with specialist advisory services.

John Hall, Chief Executive, commented: "The recent expansion of our Advisory Council reflects the growing demand for specialist services as early stage technology businesses re-assess operational risk and business strategy. The addition of John Forrest provides real depth to our knowledge base on Corporate Governance and the role of the Board. John's extensive industry experience will provide a unique resource for our clients. We are delighted to have John on board."

Dr John Forrest: Profile

John Forrest has an MA from Cambridge and a DPhil from Oxford. After 3 years at Stanford University, California, as Research Associate and Lecturer, he joined UCL, becoming Professor of Electronic Engineering with a research group in microwaves and optics. In 1984 he joined Marconi Defence Systems as Technical Director and later became Director of Engineering at the Independent Broadcasting Authority. From this engineering team, he formed the communications company NTL, becoming its first Chief Executive and later its Deputy Chairman.

In 1996 he joined the main board of 3i plc and has held appointments as Chairman or Director of many technology sector companies in the UK, France, Canada and the USA, taking several through IPO on AIM or NASDAQ. He has worked closely with government on a number of senior committees and is a former Senior Vice President of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He was awarded the CBE in H.M. the Queen's Jubilee Honours and the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Government.

The Duet Team

Our Partners, and many of our specialist Advisors, each have over 25 years of technology sector experience. We have held Board and senior executive positions, from start ups to major corporations, with significant Plc and private company experience both in the UK and internationally.

The composition of the Duet team mirrors many of the key executive and non-executive roles within an established technology business. The Advisory Council works alongside the Partners providing specialist support for client projects.



Advisory Council:

Emma Barrington	Industry Research
Martin Cartwright	Company Finance
Dr John Forrest	Corporate Governance
Jonathan Lees	Company Finance
Nick Naylor	Corporate Finance
David Sleightholm	Executive Coaching and Mentoring

About Duet Partners:

Duet Partners works with CEOs of SME technology companies to reduce operational risk and develop strategies for growth.

We provide an impartial and expert sounding board on the core organizational, financial, and legal issues that have to be addressed by leaders of early stage technology businesses.

Our team includes technology industry executives whose experience spans the full spectrum of Board and senior executive roles including Chairman, CEO, CFO and General Counsel as well as research and corporate finance experts.

We provide services either through a project based Advisory model or through our executive Coaching model. Both provide access to the expertise of the entire Duet team, coordinated through a dedicated Client Partner. In both models, we create an extended 'virtual' executive team for the CEO client to draw upon.

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