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In our quarterly feature, Companies in Focus, we highlight leading companies in the Satellite, Space & Defence landscape whose recent achievements are making waves in our industry, casting the spotlight on companies that are setting unprecedented benchmarks and shaping our future.

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AIKO

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AIKO is advancing autonomous satellite operations through a strategic partnership with Sopra Steria's CS GROUP, strengthening Europe's sovereign space capabilities.

The collaboration will explore integrating AIKO's artificial intelligence into GOSMIC, CS GROUP's satellite mission management portfolio, and ASTREK, its space surveillance and traffic management platform. These technologies could improve mission planning, spacecraft anomaly detection and collision risk assessment, while maintaining human oversight.

By combining European-built AI with mission-critical infrastructure, the partnership represents an important step towards safer, more efficient and independent space operations across Europe.

ANYWAVES

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French antenna specialist Anywaves is supporting the UAE's LEONAV-1 satellite mission, demonstrating its growing involvement in next-generation positioning, navigation and timing technologies.

Equipped with Anywaves' antenna solutions, LEONAV-1 forms part of efforts to explore satellite navigation capabilities from low Earth orbit, an increasingly important development for resilient and accurate positioning services.

As governments and commercial operators investigate alternatives and complements to traditional GNSS infrastructure, this mission highlights the importance of advanced antenna technologies. It also strengthens Anywaves' position within the emerging market for LEO-based navigation systems.

FILTRONIC

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Filtronic has secured a $68.1 million order from SpaceX, reinforcing its role in delivering advanced radio-frequency technology for next-generation satellite communications.

The agreement strengthens an already significant commercial relationship, supporting the development of high-performance communications infrastructure as satellite networks continue expanding. Filtronic's expertise in high-frequency RF components is increasingly valuable for enabling greater capacity and connectivity.

Alongside international expansion, UK Space Agency funding and substantial workforce growth, this latest contract highlights Filtronic's accelerating commercial momentum and its growing importance within the global satellite communications supply chain.

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RIDE!

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RIDE! has booked more than one metric tonne of smallsat missions in just three months, highlighting growing demand for reliable and accessible launch services.

Customers include SatVu, NewOrbit and TakeMe2Space, with missions planned for 2028. These encompass thermal Earth observation, very low Earth orbit operations and orbital data centre technology. Through its managed rideshare programme, RIDE! coordinates launch capacity across international providers.

With satellite operators increasingly booking launches years ahead, RIDE!'s expanding launch network is helping address capacity constraints and support emerging commercial space missions.

FRONTGRADE

Website

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Frontgrade Technologies has strengthened its executive leadership team with six senior appointments, supporting growing demand for mission-critical space and defence electronics.

The appointments span finance, technology, operations, marketing and product leadership, bringing experience from organisations including Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and MACOM. They will support innovation across Frontgrade's RF systems, microelectronics, motion control and mission processing technologies.

Combined with its new advanced R&D centre in Huntsville, Alabama, these investments strengthen Frontgrade's ability to deliver increasingly sophisticated electronics for satellite systems, intelligence operations and defence programmes.

DRAGONFLY aerospace

Website

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Dragonfly Aerospace is advancing intelligent Earth observation technology through a Memorandum of Understanding with Polish space technology company KP Labs.

The collaboration will explore combining Dragonfly's high-resolution optical payloads with KP Labs' onboard AI processing capabilities, enabling satellites to analyse imagery directly in orbit rather than relying entirely on ground-based processing.

This approach could reduce data transmission requirements and accelerate the delivery of actionable intelligence for environmental monitoring, disaster response and defence applications. The partnership highlights the growing importance of autonomous data processing in next-generation Earth observation missions.

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XTEND

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XTEND has been selected as a top performer in Gauntlet II, part of the US Department of Defense's $1 billion Drone Dominance programme.

The recognition highlights its AI-enabled tactical drone technologies, designed to support complex military operations through greater autonomy and operational flexibility. The company has also secured further US Special Operations Command programme work and a defence contract with a European NATO member.

Together, these developments demonstrate growing military interest in XTEND's unmanned systems and reinforce its position within the rapidly expanding autonomous defence technology market.

SWARMER

Website

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Swarmer is expanding its autonomous defence capabilities through a definitive agreement to acquire Ratel Robotics, in a transaction valued at up to $224 million.

The proposed acquisition would combine complementary expertise in unmanned systems, supporting the development of more integrated autonomous battlefield technologies. Swarmer has also announced an agreement with Vectus Air Defense Systems, extending its involvement in mobile air defence solutions.

Together, these developments signal an ambitious expansion strategy as military organisations increasingly prioritise coordinated unmanned platforms, intelligent autonomy and scalable technologies for modern defence operations.

STIRLINGX

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British intelligence technology company StirlingX has secured $20 million in Series A funding, led by Ventura Capital and RCM Private Markets, following significant commercial traction.

The investment will accelerate development of its sovereign intelligence and autonomy platform, designed to securely capture, combine and analyse data in complex operational environments. Applications include critical infrastructure monitoring, surveying, mapping and detecting hostile drones.

With demand increasing for secure, real-time intelligence and autonomous technologies, the funding supports StirlingX's ambitions to expand its capabilities across defence, national security and critical infrastructure markets.

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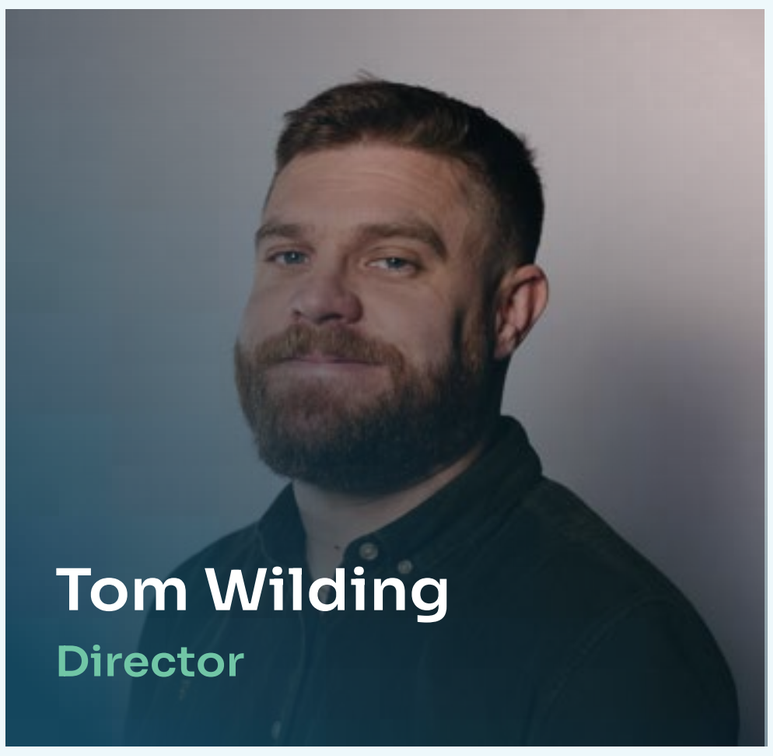
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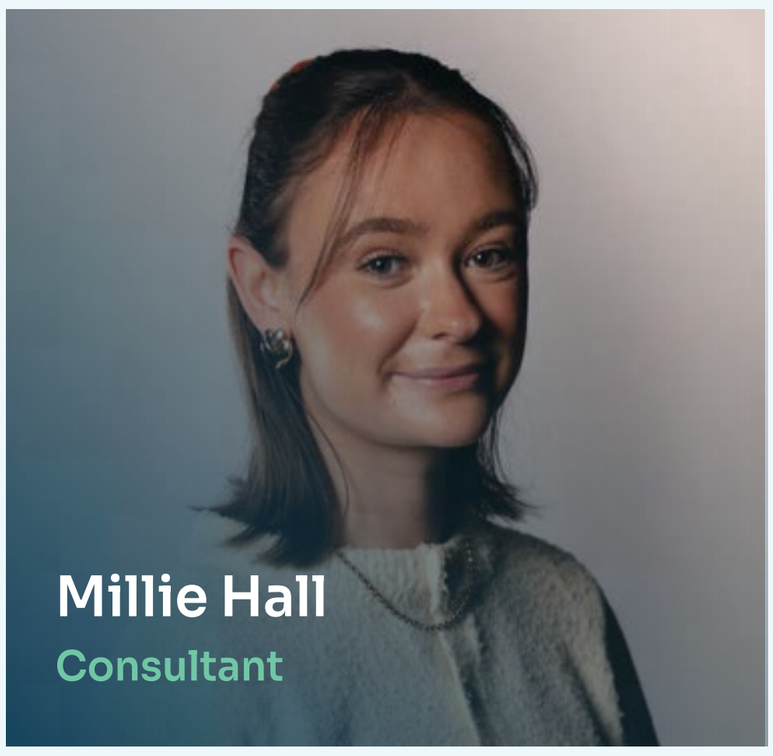
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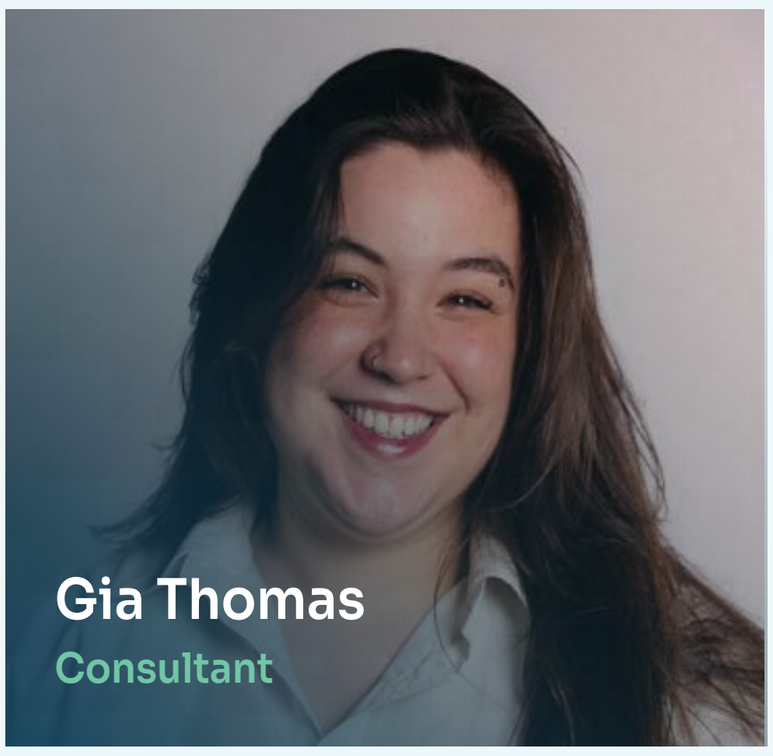
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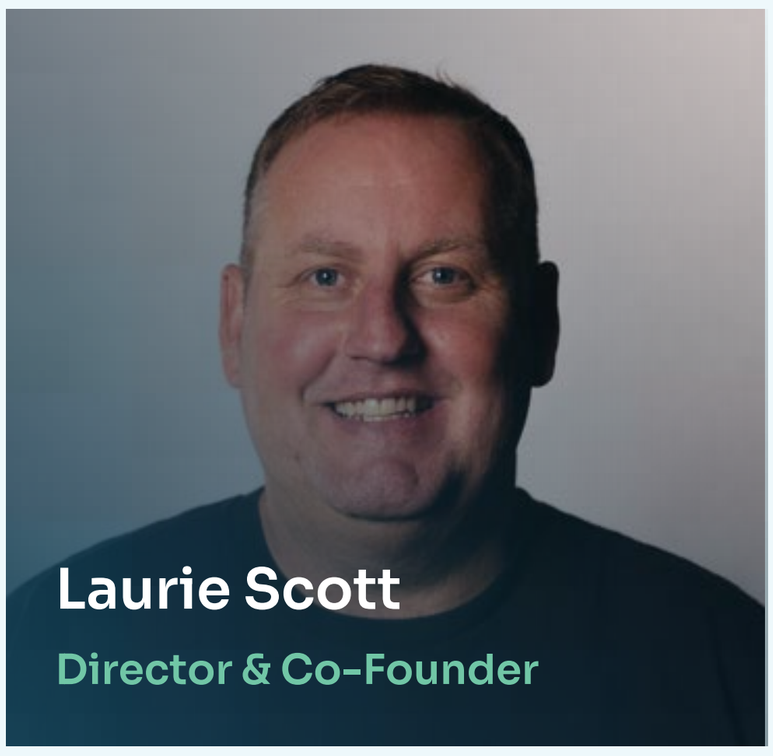
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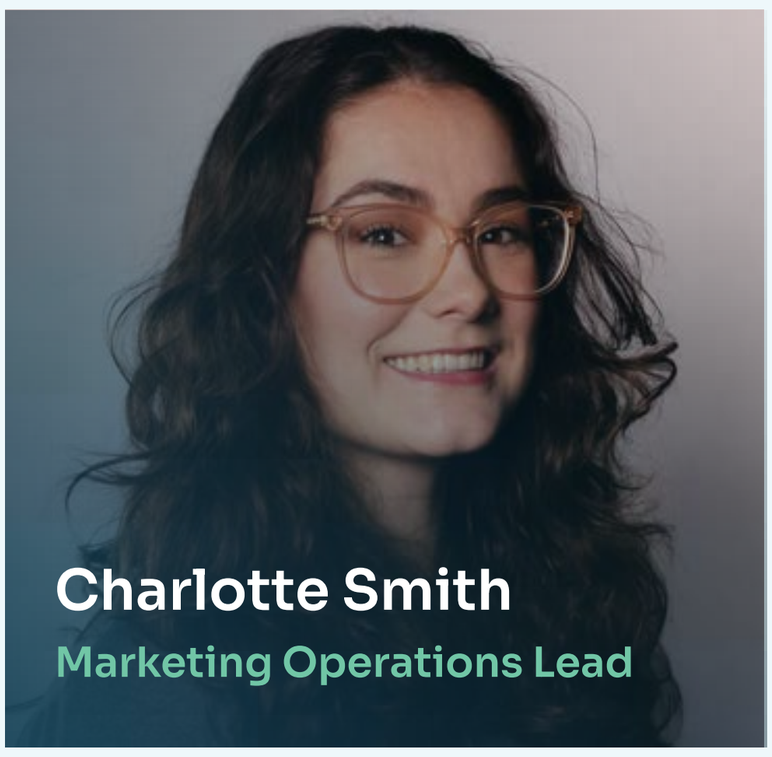












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