



## Ewan Kirk

EXPERIENCED CHAIR: PRIVATE

EXPERIENCED FOUNDER AND CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER

- Over 30 years of international senior leadership experience
- Multi-industry knowledge in deep technology, financial services, quantitative investment management, fundamental mathematics, defence, security and infosec, clean-tech, education, private equity, venture capital

### Major Career Roles

Ewan Kirk is a technology entrepreneur, early-stage investor, and founder of Cantab Capital Partners. He is a non-executive director of defence company BAE Systems plc, and sits on the Board of a number of UK technology start-ups. He is Chairman of DeepTech Labs, a Cambridge-based accelerator that identifies, invests in and scales startups that commercialise frontier scientific technology. He is also Chair of the Management Committee at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cambridge.

Ewan is the Co-founder and Co-chair of the Turner Kirk Trust, an evidence-led, strategic charitable foundation, which supports STEM, education and conservation causes in the UK and the developing world. The Trust is one of the largest private funders of fundamental mathematics research in the UK.

### Industry Knowledge

Ewan Kirk has over 30 years of experience identifying and commercialising research opportunities in mathematics, technology, and physics, especially across data science, machine learning (ML), and artificial intelligence (AI). He has a special expertise in establishing 'horizon scanning' functions to identify key areas of emerging science that provide commercial opportunities and risks to the organisations he has led and invested in.

Ewan founded Cantab Capital Partners in 2006, a science-led quantitative investment management firm, one of the first hedge funds to apply cutting-edge data science research to the financial markets to develop algorithm-led strategies. After the acquisition of the business in 2016 by GAM Investments, he went on to serve as the president of GAM Systematic Cantab until March 2021. He was previously Partner and Head of Quantitative Technology at Goldman Sachs, where he helped establish the bank's European quant operations through the recruitment of more than 120 scientists, mathematicians, and technologists. He created an exploratory scientific research culture at the bank to appeal to the most competitive STEM talent.

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