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Adversair Ltd | Aerospace and Defence Consultant

Company Director and Chairman specializing in aerospace and defence services to international governments, alliances and the security and intelligence community. Former senior Royal Air Force officer and Strategic Advisor to the United States Air Force Chief of Staff (Pentagon), fighter pilot and Red Arrows pilot, having led complex military operations in 7 conflicts, accumulating more than 4200 day and night combat hours. A consummate professional, combining emotional intelligence, empathy, and excellent interpersonal skills with unquestionable leadership through example. Comfortable with ambiguity and confident at influencing at the highest level.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Meta Aerospace LLC | (2016 – 2021)

Head of Europe | May 2020-Nov 2022

- Senior-most aerospace executive in Meta, leading 1500+ staff throughout the company's evolution and across its functions and processes.
- Strategic vision and planning, including supervision and management of current operations and horizon scanning for future opportunities.
- Lead and manage all key partner, alliance, industrial and defence sector relationships.

Head of Aerospace | 2016–May 2020

- Oversight and management of all customer relations and contracts for Meta Aerospace solutions.
- Key relationship holder with all UK Stakeholders, NATO, European Defence Agency, NATO Support & Procurement Agency (NSPA), and state/sovereign embassies and defence attachés.

FORMER EXPERIENCE

Royal Air Force Officer | 1990-2016 (Retired as substantive Group Captain)

UK Strategic Air Advisor to the Chief of Staff, US Air Force (Pentagon) | 2014–2016

- Hand-selected by the Chief of The Air Staff (CAS) to act as his personal representative and senior permanent Royal Air Force officer in the Pentagon.
- USAF Exchange Officer and integral member of the unique Chief of Staff Air Force (CSAF) Strategic Studies Group. National and international crisis management plans and stringent threat analysis of political context, terrorism and sectarian violence, political unrest, instability and geopolitical risks.
- UK representative within highly discreet strategic planning cell, CHECKMATE (HAF/CK), Pentagon.

IN CONFIDENCE

USAF Combined Air and Space Operations Centre (Al Udeid, Qatar) | 2013–2014

- UK Battle Director delivering strategic air and space oversight of Israel, Syria and Jordan and managing air resources to secure the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and Afghanistan.
- Winner of the USAF CENTCOM Annual Trophy for Outstanding Leadership and Most Significant Contribution to the Air Campaign 2014.

Joint Force Headquarters, Middle East Regional Lead (Northwood PJHQ) | 2013–2013

- High-profile role, reporting directly to PJHQ's most senior officer (CJO) responsible for every contingency operation in ME, leading the implementation and operation of an innovative intelligence and military crisis-networking model. Responsible for identification of worldwide threats to international security.
- Worldwide intelligence fusion, encompassing the FCO (Crisis Management Department), UK Intelligence Services, UK Border Agency, Police and UK military to provide timely intelligence to Ministers and Cabinet Office Briefing Room (COBRA), for which PM, Foreign Secretary and Permanent Secretary are the majority stakeholders.

UK Fighter 'Aggressor' Squadron - Officer Commanding | 2011–2013

- Commanded UK Defence specialist 'threat emulation' fast-jet wing, specializing in hostile mission tactics. Total asset strength 21 Hawk aircraft with net book value of £108M and annual training budget of £32M, 150 civilian staff and 40 pilots.

Red Arrows – Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team – Executive Officer | 2001–2003

- Red Arrows pilot and Deputy Leader, conducting more than 450 public shows in 32 countries, supporting national and international diplomatic duties on behalf of Defence Engagement Overseas. VVIP and Royal engagements.

Royal Air Force Fighter Pilot – Harrier T4/GR7/GR9, Hawk T1A, Typhoon FGR1

- Frontline combat pilot, operational 4-ship leader, qualified flying, tactics and weapons instructor, instrument rating examiner, Central Flying School Standards Examiner, A2 QFI, QTI (CFS), QWI (CFS)

BOARD POSITIONS

- **Board Director**, Meta Aerospace Management Ltd | Meta Aerospace HQ and Management Team
- **Board Director**, Meta Mission Data | UK-based data encryption company
- **Board Director**, Meta Immersive Synthetics | Synthetic, virtual-reality military training company

EDUCATION

- **Executive Master, Business Administration (EMBA)** | Cambridge University | Director's Scholarship & Clare College Bursary | 2020–2022 (Distinction)
- **Master of Arts, Defence and Strategy** | King's College, London | 2009–2010 (Distinction)

SECURITY CLEARANCE

- Current UK Security Clearance | Regular access to Top Secret (Direct Vetting)
- Former US TS-SCI security holder | Highest ranking UK officer within the Pentagon (USAF)

PASTIMES & HOBBIES

- Chairman, Grantham Swim Club | 160+ competitive swimmers, aged 9-17
- Secretary, Lincolnshire County Golf | Regional Matches and County Ranked Competitions
- Family | Wife, Alanna - Senior RAF Officer (FTRS), Two children - Elliot (10) and Emmeline (8)