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Team Tempest

Tempest is the only solution that can create maximum benefit to the UK and its partners, delivering military capability priorities; supporting our international standing; generating economic prosperity and sustaining industrial capability through effective international partnering.



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Team Tempest is made up of industry partners BAE Systems, Rolls Royce, Leonardo and MBDA, working with RAF's Rapid Capabilities Office and the UK Ministry of Defence.

Jobs

- There are more than 1,800 people working as part of Team Tempest. That's expected to grow to more than 2,500 by 2021.

Early careers

- More than 1,000 apprentices and graduates have been recruited across the Team Tempest partners since 2018.
- 28% of the BAE Systems Tempest workforce is under 35 and 19% of apprentices are female.

Investment

- The UK Government has committed £2bn of investment over 10 years under the Future Combat Air System Technology Initiative which preceded the publication of the UK Combat Air Strategy.
- In certain areas of Team Tempest's work, UK Government funding will be matched by industry, other areas are sole industry or Government funding.
- As Team Tempest, we are investing in cutting-edge technologies, intellectual property and research from reconfigurable communications systems and virtual cockpits to flexible payload configurations and next generation flight control systems.

Partnering with UK expertise

- We are drawing on the UK's technical expertise across our world-class research universities and businesses. Team Tempest will deliver sustainable growth in skills and experience to the UK's academic and industrial workforce.
- The four core partners have already engaged with more than 600 suppliers, SMEs and academic institutions across the UK.

International Partnerships

- Effective international partnering will play a fundamental role in defining and meeting the goals set out in the UK Combat Air Strategy and our vision for Tempest.
- We want the best players involved and see this being best achieved through collaborative international partnerships which will develop a flexible, affordable and exportable product from which customers can develop their own national standards.
- Bilateral agreements were made in 2019 with Sweden and Italy which have progressed to bilateral industrial framework between Team Tempest, Saab and Leonardo.

UK Combat Air Sector

- The UK Combat Air Sector has an annual turnover of more than £6.5bn.
- As a whole it is responsible for more than 85% of defence exports.
- It sustains more than 18,000 highly skilled jobs, as well as a further 28,000 plus the supply chain across 2,000 companies.

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