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High Value Manufacturing Catapult bolsters cross-sector expertise with New Year board appointments



From left to right: Frank Ludwig, Mandy Calvert, Dr Peter Thompson and Rob Shaw

19.01.23 - The High Value Manufacturing Catapult has announced the appointment of four new non-executive directors to their board.

With extensive experience shaping transformation across the manufacturing and technology sector, their experience and insights will be instrumental in advancing HVM Catapult's mission to promote and accelerate innovation across UK manufacturing.

Frank Ludwig joined Jaguar Land Rover in 2019 as Director of Corporate Strategy, Business Development and Transformation and served as the company's Chief Transformation Officer. Since November 2022, Frank has been responsible for the strategy and performance of Jaguar Land Rover's Manufacturing, Purchasing and Supply Chain Operations. A dual German and British national, Frank has held several roles at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, BMW, MINI, and Porsche over the years, previously working in Goodwood, Oxford, Munich, Leipzig and Stuttgart.

Mandy Calvert has more than 30 years' experience working in Life Sciences and Healthcare. She has held a series of senior roles at AstraZeneca leading major transformation projects including IT implementation, supply chain development and investment to aid pharmaceutical operations and manufacturing. Mandy also founded Fennix Pharmaceuticals and is a NED on the boards of the social care and housing providers the Guinness Partnership and the Medicines and Healthcare

products Regulatory Agency. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Judge Business School.

Dr Peter Thompson has been the Chief Executive of the National Physical Laboratory, the UK's National Metrology Institute, since 2015. He was previously strategic advisor to the Ministry of Defence's Chief Scientific Adviser, Deputy Chief Executive of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, and Head of the Counter Terrorism, Science and Technology Centre.

The board appointment of Rob Shaw is made by Innovate UK (IUK), the UK innovation agency, in collaboration with HVM Catapult. HVM Catapult is established and supported by IUK. It is standard practice for an IUK representative to sit on the catapult boards.

Rob Shaw is Chief of Staff for Innovate UK where he previously held the role of Finance Director. Prior to joining IUK, Rob held senior roles within the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and across HM Treasury.

Allan Cook, Chair of the High Value Manufacturing Catapult, said:

"I am delighted to welcome Frank, Mandy, Peter and Rob to our board. Their industry knowledge, experience and guidance will be invaluable to HVMC as we continue to promote manufacturing innovation to support advanced industrial transformation in 2023 and beyond. Our board is very much looking forward to working with them in the future."

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Established and supported by Innovate UK, the High Value Manufacturing Catapult bridges the gap between business and academia, helping to turn great ideas into commercial realities by providing access to world-class research, development facilities and expertise that would otherwise be out of reach for many businesses in the UK. The HVM Catapult prides itself on helping businesses to transform the products they sell, the way they make them and the skills of their workforce to remain competitive in a global marketplace.

HVM Catapult centres, which in 2021/22 delivered 2,677 commercial projects and worked with more than 5,500 companies, are:

- National Manufacturing Institute Scotland - University of Strathclyde and other partners
- Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre – University of Sheffield
- CPI – Redcar, Sedgefield and Darlington
- Manufacturing Technology Centre – near Coventry
- National Composites Centre – at Bristol and Bath Science Park
- Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre – University of Sheffield
- WMG – University of Warwick

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