

Duncan Valentine - CEO Almax Partners

Duncan is the founder and CEO of Almax Partners, a Director of the REA and Chairman of Renda Systems Limited. Founder investor in Ixora Energy. Advisor to Innervated Vehicle Engineering (IVe) and DASH CAE.

A BSc Industrial Engineering, Diploma Management Studies from Loughborough University. Career with the Timken Company, a large bearing and steel producer, managing global commercial groups, becoming head European Manufacturing and Advanced Technology and Acquisition. Moved to the MoD as part of the leadership team transitioning their extensive Laboratories becoming QinetiQ, Europe's largest independent R&D group. Member of the Operational Board and head of transport systems which included batteries and renewable energy. Also developed the skills in bringing diverse technologies, skills, and funding together to form new enterprises.

Formed Almax Partners in 2008 to develop renewable energy generation projects that could scale. Joined the REA. Early focus on Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas. Founder Investor of two large Biogas companies, the latter becoming Ixora Energy, an industry leading company. Founder, member of the REA Biogas Forum, working with technology suppliers, funding models and interface with Government establishing industry standards and support mechanism, these foundations have led to the development of a very successful global UK capability. He continues to promote the generation and use of new green gases, in particular Hydrogen.

He has a broad interest in a range of renewable energy and low carbon enterprises amongst which he is Chairman of Renda Systems bringing low cost IoT sensing solutions to gas and water Utilities. Advisor to several innovative UK companies including IVE successfully developing Hydrogen Fuel Cell powered vehicles and DASH CAE focussed on reducing component weight through additive manufacturing particular focus on transport. He is also founder, investor in Econetiq an innovative Electric Vehicle Charging company.

During his tenure as a Director of the REA in addition to Biogas he assisted in the formation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Forum now RECHARGE, the Hydrogen group and latterly direct involvement in establishing REA's international offering placing the REA in a leading position in prestigious international platforms such as COP, elevating the REA's international presence providing members with opportunities to increase their impact in the global market.

Extensive experience and demonstrated strategic capability serving REA members in building and developing new and existing enterprises in this vital renewable energy and low carbon energy generation sector.

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