We employ around 65,000 people across 56 countries with annual revenues of over £14bn.

In the UK, Thales employs over 6,500 people, including 4,500 highly-skilled engineers, across 10 key sites.

We make a significant contribution to the UK economy exporting over £560m in 2017.

Each year we invest over £575m in our UK supply chain, working with more than 2,000 UK companies.

The economic value add of the Thales UK workforce is approximately three times higher than the UK average.
Delivering for our partners

We are currently working with Transport for London to deliver the Four Lines Modernisation (4LM) programme for London Underground. 4LM is a project to upgrade the signalling systems of the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, increasing overall capacity by an average of 30%.

We provide the eyes and ears for the Royal Navy: situational awareness sensors and systems from sonar to electronic warfare, allowing fleets to safely execute missions. As a trusted partner we have provided visual systems to Royal Navy submarines for over 100 years.

We are the number one global provider of air traffic management systems, equipping more than 160 air traffic control centres, covering over 40% of the world’s airspace. This eases the congestion in our crowded skies and reduces delays to flights.

We have worked with the UK Space Agency to open the UK’s first Space Electric Propulsion Integration Centre in Belfast, making electric propulsion systems for satellites. The propulsion systems raise the satellites into orbit, after separation from the launch rocket, providing manoeuvrability to keep them on station.

Internationally, Thales is a major contributor to the International Space Station, responsible for over half of its pressurised volume.

UK Exports

Five Key Capabilities

Sonar Systems

World-leading active, passive and mine-hunting sonars for all naval platforms, manned and unmanned, for mine and anti-submarine warfare.

As a Trusted Partner, Thales sonar systems are in use across navies worldwide including the Royal Navy.

Military Air Training Solutions

Delivering avionics, simulators and military air training services for platforms and missions driving mission success.

Building on the success of the UK A400M and Voyager training services.

Electronic Warfare Systems

Delivering unparalleled threat detection and situational awareness, protecting land and sea platforms over double the range of conventional systems even where the spectrum is congested.

Missile Systems

LMM is a highly manoeuvrable laser beam rider missile to combat swarm attacks from small and agile threats on the land, in the air and at sea. STARStreak delivers a high speed, very short range, low profile, ground-based air defence capability able to defeat armoured air platforms.

Three Key Markets

Europe

Middle East

South East Asia

Unmanned Air Systems

Watchkeeper X delivers a rapidly deployable persistent surveillance capability certified to fly in civilian airspace for homeland and border security, early entry and high intensity war fighting, over land, coast and sea.

Thales is a world leader in the provision of identity management systems, having delivered end-to-end ID management programmes in 20 countries.

Today, 80% of the transactions at ATMs and Point-of-Sale terminals are secured by Thales, as are 3.7bn annual BACS transactions, worth in the region of £1,000bn.
COMMITMENT TO FUTURE TALENT

THALES IS ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE WITH THE EXCITING AND AWE-INSPIRING WORLD OF ENGINEERING, THROUGH STEM OUTREACH FOR SCHOOLS.

This work is carried out alongside key partners including Teach First and Women In Science & Engineering (WISE).

At an advanced academic level, university partnerships develop research skills, capability and expertise to provide access to new ideas and horizon-scanning research. As part of this engagement Thales sponsored 50 PhDs across 27 UK universities in 2017.

As a proud member of the 5% Club, Thales currently has 350 employees undertaking further training through apprentices and graduate development programmes. Employee development is a core principle at Thales, which has led to a strong emphasis on personal and professional development from early careers to global executives.

Glasgow is home the oldest part of Thales in the UK, originally called Barr and Stroud

UK Astronaut Tim Peake opening Thales electric Space Propulsion Integration Centre manufacturing facility in Belfast

Women in Science and Engineering Toy Award, sponsored by Thales

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