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Nu Desine steals the show at Tech World UK for Invest in Bristol

Invest in Bristol News—November

Hundreds of delegates at the Tech World conference, the UK's largest technology event held at ExCeL, Docklands on 16 & 17 November, were attracted to the Invest in Bristol stand by live performances of the AlphaSphere by Adam Place, founder of Nu Desine.

The Invest in Bristol stand provided representatives from UK and international technology companies and venture capitalists with the opportunity to experiment with a prototype of the AlphaSphere, an electronic musical instrument with a tactile, sensory interface that offers a new way of interacting and performing with digital sound and media.

"Being at Techworld is like hanging out in the Global Village, it exists to make human connections with international partners." Adam Place, Founder of Nu Desine and creator of the AlphaSphere.

UKTI's international representatives introduced international delegations of investors to the Invest in Bristol team who were on hand to answer questions about Bristol's cutting edge creative talent, world-class technology sectors and the new Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

The Invest in Bristol presence at Tech World was supported by Toshiba Research Europe's Telecommunications Research Laboratory who are partnering with Bristol City Council on the 3-E Houses project, which provides households in trial locations with a Toshiba tablet and energy consumption monitoring devices to enable them to reduce their carbon footprint.

Other Bristol creative and technology companies represented on the stand included AntiVJ, MathEmbedded and Sure Power. Invest in Bristol would like to thank these companies as well the Pervasive Media Studio and SETSquared, the University of Bristol's business acceleration centre, for their support in promoting Bristol as a global hub for creativity, technology and innovation, which helped to generate important new investor enquiries for Bristol's Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

New "green" HQ for Triodos Bank UK in central Bristol

Triodos Press Release—November

Triodos Bank has leased 26,500 sq ft of newly-built offices on five floors at WestOne, a "green" development in the heart of Bristol city centre, close to College Green and the Cathedral.

Located on Deanery Road, the new offices are in a highly sustainable building with a BREEAM Excellent rating - and will become the bank's new UK headquarters.

Triodos Bank are installing more than 9 kW generating capacity of PV solar panels on the roof of the new central Bristol office, having



received permission to increase the roof area used for solar from that which was included in the original planning permission.

This letting by commercial property developer Westmark follows the Environment Agency's occupation of the adjacent 70,000 sq ft Horizon House - also one of the greenest buildings in the UK, and part of the same development.

Charles Middleton, Managing Director of Triodos Bank, said:

"WestOne is an ideal new home for Triodos Bank, reflecting our ethos. It meets the same rigorous sustainability standards as we expect from the organisations we finance.

"This new central Bristol location will increase our visibility in this green city, while giving us the space to grow to meet increasing demand."

Welcoming the announcement, Barbara Janke, Leader of Bristol City Council - which owns the freehold for the site - said:

"This is a flagship building for Bristol and is an excellent example to potential investors across the country of what the city can offer in terms of first class, green office space.

"It is very good news that the ethical bank Triodos is moving to this location, and further strengthens the city centre's burgeoning list of companies that see it as a good place to locate."

John Stacey, asset management director at Westmark, said:

"We are delighted that Triodos Bank has chosen WestOne as its new national headquarters. Triodos is a dynamic, ethical organisation that puts sustainability at the heart of all it does.

"The entire development is highly energy-efficient and has been built with a view to setting a new benchmark in sustainable city centre offices.

"The letting to Triodos complements perfectly the approach we have taken throughout the project

and demonstrates that sustainable development is commercially viable, even under difficult market conditions."

WestOne has been awarded both an 'Excellent' BREEAM rating of 80.4% and the highest bracket EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) in Bristol (B) for a speculative office building for environmental performance design and management.

The building will produce almost one fifth of "conventional" CO2 emissions - and will be approximately 20% cheaper to run than a typical 1960s-1980s building.

Sustainable building materials - locally sourced, as far as possible - have been used throughout, as well as aggregates from the previous building on the same site.

The workspace is light and airy, offering natural ventilation and variable temperature controls for different areas.

Running costs will be kept to a minimum through the use of natural light, as well as energy efficient lighting and opening windows.

Low-usage water systems have been installed. WestOne's location provides easy access to public transport and secure cycle parking and shower facilities are provided.

**Oliver Bonas store opens in Cabot Circus
Cabot Circus Press Release—November (extract)**

Lifestyle brand, Oliver Bonas will be opening a new store in Cabot Circus, its first store to be opened outside of the London area.

Oliver Bonas offers an eclectic mix of women's clothing, accessories, jewellery, gift ideas and homewares with many quirky items and exclusive lines.

Oliver Bonas currently has 29 stores, 28 of these in London and one in Windsor. There are four

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more stores planned to open before Christmas, one in Cabot Circus and a further three in London.

Over the past six months Cabot Circus has continued to attract a diverse range of retail and leisure tenants including Foyles, Mango and The gym. A number of pop up shops will also be appearing in the run up to Christmas.

Cabot Circus Centre Director Kevin Duffy said: 'Cabot Circus is delighted to be hosting the first Oliver Bonas store outside of the London area. It is a welcome addition to our already diverse range of stores and we are very excited to have them on board.'

New Heritage and Learning Centre at Clifton Suspension Bridge will mark the 150th anniversary of the official opening of Bristol's icon (extract)
Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust—November

The long overdue modernisation of offices, maintenance and workshop facilities alongside Clifton Suspension Bridge has provided the trustees who look after the bridge with an opportunity to create a replacement for the Visitor Centre in Bridge House in Sion Place, Clifton which was forced to close after five years when the lease on the property expired in 2003 and the owner sold the building for development.

Now plans are in hand for a £1.9 million development on the 667 sq m Bridge Yard site opposite the temporary accommodation. It will enable a brand new Heritage and Learning Centre to be built alongside new administration offices for use by the Bridge Master and his staff, as well as the new storage and workshop buildings required to support the long-term maintenance programme on the Victorian bridge.

The trustees are keen to complete the development within three years so that the official opening of the new Heritage and Learning Centre can coincide with the 150th anniversary of the official opening of Clifton

Suspension Bridge on Monday, December 8, 2014.

Says visitor services manager Mike Rowland: "We plan to create a place for our visitors to learn and deepen their appreciation and participation in the future of Clifton Suspension Bridge. We want to encourage local visitors, tourists, school children and engineering scholars to discover Isambard Kingdom Brunel – the Victorian engineer who designed the bridge – as well as his legacy and the context of what is regarded as one of his greatest creations.

Rugby League World Cup comes to Bristol
South West Business Insider—November 29

Bristol has been confirmed as an official host of the Rugby League World Cup in 2013.

A group match game will be held at the city's Memorial Stadium, with Filton College providing a base for a competing nation of the 14-team tournament, the the Rugby Football League (RFL) announced.

A total of 34 bids comprising 30 stadiums, 47 team training sites and 87 team base camps were submitted to the RFL.

The city's successful bid came from a consortium that brought together the local rugby league community, the Bristol Sonics club, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, the two professional football clubs and a wide range of partner businesses and sports organisations in the region.

Simon Cook, Bristol City Council cabinet member for Culture, Sport and Capital Projects, said: "This is a great result for Bristol – I'm sure rugby supporters and sport fans in general across the city and region will welcome the fact that we will be a host city for the Rugby League World Cup in 2013.

"It will give us an opportunity to showcase the city and help us increase our profile as an

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international sporting venue."

The RFL confirmed 18 venues across four countries will host games in the tournament.

The quarter-finals will be held at Headingley, Wrexham, Warrington and Wigan.

Details of host fixtures and venues for the opening ceremony, the semi-finals and the final will be confirmed early in the new year.

**International Tidal Energy Summit awards
Bristol tidal energy developers
Invest in Bristol News - 25 November 2011**

The Bristol and South West Marine Energy stand at the International Tidal Energy Summit & Awards in London this week proved very popular attracting a steady stream of visitors and enquiries from the 350 delegates attending.

In preparation for this event Bristol City Council's Invest in Bristol team collaborated with Regen SW to produce a new brochure entitled 'Bristol Gateway for ocean energy technology'. This includes contributions from companies such as Marine Current Turbines, Rolls-Royce Tidal Generation, GL Garrad Hassan, Vestas Spare Parts & Repair, Bristol Port Company as well as the University of Bristol and the National Composites Centre.

This exhibition presence helped to ensure that Bristol and the SW presented a strong city-regional coalition offer to investors comprising industry expertise, world-leading academic research and the support services of Invest in Bristol, which were instrumental in attracting Vestas Spare Parts & Repair and LICenergy UK to Bristol.

At the International Tidal Energy Summit Awards ceremony the leading position of the two Bristol based tidal energy developers in this emerging industry was very evident. The 'Tidal Energy Competitiveness 2011' award went to Rolls-Royce Tidal Generation Ltd and was

collected by MD Rob Stevenson, and the 'Tidal Energy Lifetime Achievement Award' went to Martin Wright, Founder of Marine Current Turbines. Also another SW firm, Mojo Maritime, based at Falmouth, won 'Tidal Energy Engineering Firm 2011'.

The new CEO of MCT, Dr Andrew Tyler, gave an excellent speech with a challenging 'call to action' to the industry on several fronts, to accelerate testing and commercialisation of devices in the next 2 years and so win the confidence of private sector investors, including the utilities, or risk the failure to realise the 2020 target of 700 MW installed.

The DECC Deputy Head of Offshore Renewables, Trevor Raggatt, also spoke on DECC policy and funding for marine energy development and deployment, and included a mention of the SW and the Highlands & Islands as pilot areas for regional 'marine energy parks'.

Robin McDowell, Economic Development Co-ordinator at Bristol City Council introduced Mr Raggatt to the Bristol and SW stand afterwards and briefed him on the Bristol Tidal Forum and the West of England Revolving Infrastructure Fund (£5 million) for developing Marine Energy Programme facilities at Avonmouth-Sevenside.

**Airbus welcomes Regional Growth Fund jobs boost
Airbus Press Release—November 24**

Airbus today welcomed being awarded a £1.4 million investment from the Government's Regional Growth Fund (RGF) which will help create 200 engineering jobs at Airbus in Bristol.

The RGF funding, which is conditional on completing final government checks, will form part of a bigger Airbus investment programme totalling over £6.5 million which will see the advanced engineering jobs created over the next three years.

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The jobs will help ensure Airbus at Filton keep its position as a global centre of excellence in wing and landing gear design, testing and research – helping produce world class aircraft for the global market.

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: “The South West is becoming a real hub for composite and aerospace manufacturing, and is exactly the sort of place where targeted Government support through schemes like the Regional Growth fund, can have a real benefit. By helping companies large and small unlock their potential for growth, we can make sure that we rebalance the economy and emerge with a stronger and more diverse industrial base.”

Neil Scott Airbus’ UK Vice President Engineering said: “This is very welcome news for Airbus and the region.

Filton is the jewel in the crown of aviation engineering, testing, design and research in the UK and investment such as this will help ensure we stay at the cutting edge of aerospace technology and remain ahead of our competitors.”

The investment from the RGF, which is conditional on Airbus completing the required legal due diligence checks, will be used to train new employees who will mainly be focussed on expanding our capabilities in the A320 neo, A350 XWB programme teams as well as research engineering.

Airbus will be recruiting a variety of engineering skills including management and integration engineers, design engineers and fatigue and damage tolerance engineers.

Airbus in the UK and its supply chain provide supplies and services worth nearly £1.5 billion annually to the UK economy. 10,000 people work for Airbus in the UK (almost 4,000 of them at Filton) with 100,000 UK jobs supported through its wider supply chain.

A global company, and one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, Airbus consistently captures approximately half of all orders for airliners with more than 100 seats.

Airbus in the UK is world-renowned for its centres of excellence for both wing design and manufacture.

Vince Cable opens up opportunities for UK composites companies

National Composites Centre Press Release (extract) - November 24

An innovative car, flight refuelling kit and turbine blades showcased the latest in composite technology to the Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills. Dr Cable formally opened the National Composites Centre (NCC) in Bristol today [Thursday 24 November].

Dr Cable was joined by more than 200 guests to see first-hand the fantastic capabilities of the centre. He was shown around the centre and saw state-of-the-art machinery, including a world-leading £2.5m robotic, automatic fibre placement. Dr Cable also met some of the highly skilled engineers that will assist UK manufacturers to develop and commercialise new technologies and products.

The event was accompanied by an exhibition of the NCC’s members showing what composite technology can do across a wide range of industries. An innovative electric car built with a composite body, tidal turbine blades, and new aircraft wing components were amongst a range of items that showcased the potential applications of the latest composite technology.

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: “Here in the UK we are very good at invention, but we need to do more to innovate and turn our ideas into products and jobs. I don’t want the UK to miss out on any opportunities to create economic growth through manufacturing.



“This centre will work with our world class universities and international businesses based in the South West and across the UK, to develop and commercialise new technologies. Its work will strengthen our manufacturing sector, exploiting the next generation of advanced composite materials and helping maintain our global lead in this technology area. I look forward to seeing what they produce.”

Imagination chooses Bristol for its latest PowerVR Design Centre

Imagination Technologies press Release—November 22

Imagination Technologies, a leading multimedia and communications IP (Intellectual Property) company, has confirmed Bristol as the location for its latest PowerVR graphics and multimedia R&D facility.

As a result of the on-going success across all its IP technologies, including PowerVR graphics and video IP cores, Imagination is growing rapidly, with more than 1,000 staff, of which over 80% are degree qualified engineers. Its world-wide headquarters and many of its PowerVR R&D teams are based in Kings Langley, near London.

Including its Leeds and Chepstow design centres, the UK is home to more than 70% of its highly skilled workforce, complemented by design centres located strategically world-wide to take advantage of world class skills.

Imagination has been studying for some time the best locations in the UK to expand its operations to enable it to attract more of the UK’s best engineers, reflecting its strong commitment to maximising its UK R&D base long term. The quality of experienced engineering talent in the Bristol area, combined with the strength of excellent universities in the area, were key factors in the decision.

John Metcalfe, COO of Imagination, says: “Our new Bristol Design Centre provides opportunities for engineers based in the West Country to join

Imagination in the development of our innovative and industry leading PowerVR graphics and related IP cores. We look forward to welcoming some of the brightest West Country based engineers, including graduates as well as experienced specialists, to the Imagination team, helping us to continue to extend our presence and leadership on the international stage.”

Imagination has appointed Saeid Azmoodeh to be director of engineering at the Centre. Imagination is recruiting now for engineers at all levels, from graduate to highly experienced with skills in hardware, software, architecture and verification. Engineers interested in applying should go to www.imgtec.com/careers.

Economic Growth: Bristol City Council backs major broadband event

Invest in Bristol News—17 November 2011

Bristol, with a thriving creative media sector, hosted Next Gen 11 - the UK’s premier showcase and knowledge sharing conference for next generation broadband on 15 & 16 November.

A series of major international reports have encouraged leading UK politicians to recognise how improved broadband access is key to enabling new business and jobs across every sector of the economy.

Contributors to the event at UWE Exhibition and Conference Centre included EU Commissioner Neelie Kroes, acclaimed futurist Rohit Talwar, and a host of leading industry players and thought leaders from across Europe, the UK and, of course, Bristol.

Bristol City Council Leader Barbara Janke said: “Hosting this prestigious conference is an ideal opportunity for Bristol to showcase our credentials as a leading media and digital city, and make the case for further investment in the city in superfast broadband. We are very keen to promote the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone - this will provide unrivalled investment potential for creative and digital businesses from the UK and abroad to

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locate to a thriving new quarter in the heart of Bristol and the South West."

The Enterprise Zone in Temple Quarter is designed to drive regeneration and create jobs by attracting more creative and technology industries to the city. Delegates were able to see the potential of this project firsthand on a special Enterprise Zone tour during the conference.

Renegade opens up in Bristol
South West Business Insider—November 15

Gloucestershire PR agency Renegade Media has opened an office in Bristol. Renegade is based at a new office in Brunswick Square. The agency said it decided on opening an office in Bristol over alternatives in Birmingham and London.

Renegade Media founder and director Mark Terry-Lush said: "Renegade Media was born as a PR company but grew quickly into a broader digital marketing agency as a result of demand for our services from start-up businesses to international brands.

"The Bristol creative community is thriving and one of the hottest in Europe, so opening an office here is the perfect place to grow our business further.

"We think big but we're local and here to do business. Bristol is an important place, especially with the creation of the enterprise zone that plans to become a hub for all creative-minded businesses."

Renegade said it has worked with clients such as Converse, Intel, ASICS, Mitsubishi and Sara Lee Douwe Egberts.

Christmas Pop-up's for Cabot Circus
Cabot Circus Press Release (extract) - November 10

This Christmas season Cabot Circus will see some exciting additions to its stores in the form of pop-up shops - ranging from local galleries and artistic talent to a festive food market and gift shops.

The Cabot Circus Pop-up Shops will be open as follows:

- Harvey Nichols; 6th October – December 31st (George White Street, Cabot Circus)
- Made in Bristol: 9th November – 14th November (Level 1, Glass Walk)
- POP-UPfest: 9th November – 24th December (Level 1, Glass Walk)
- Drawn in Bristol: 11th November – 3rd December (Quakers Friars)
- Smithson Gallery and Gifts; 24th November – 24th December (Level 1, Glass Walk)
- Bristol Creatives: 8th December – 24th December (Quakers Friars)
- Antlers Gallery: 19th November - 24th December (Quakers Friars)

www.cabotcircus.com / www.madeinbristol.com

Consumer media powerhouse launched in Bristol
Bristol Media Press Release—November 09

Last week saw the launch of a new media business in Bristol. Launched on 1 November, Immediate Media Co publishes a large portfolio of market-leading and award-winning titles across a diverse range of consumer sectors, from wildlife to weddings, music to triathlon and craft to science.

The new business brings together successful Bristol companies Origin Publishing and BBC Magazines Bristol, along with their shared service subsidiary Magazine Services, and combines them with BBC Magazines in London (publisher of titles including the Radio Times) and digital publisher Magicalia, in a deal backed by private equity firm Exponent.

Immediate Media Co Bristol is based in the heart of the city, in Tower House, Fairfax Street, and employs more than 250 media professionals. The combined business in Bristol comprises 42 magazines, 31 digital assets and other branded properties and is now set to become a major

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player in the city's creative media arena, reaching more than one million adults in print and over 400,000 monthly unique users online.

The new business is now looking to build on this success in Bristol. Andy Marshall, Managing Director of Immediate Media Co Bristol, commented: "This is a hugely exciting development for us and the city. The deal brings together our highly successful media businesses in Bristol with internationally renowned BBC Magazines and digital publisher Magicalia. We are looking to build on our proven success as we become an important part of a bigger team focusing upon media from magazines to websites, apps to video, live events to audio broadcasting. We have ambitious plans to grow faster still and build a world-class media powerhouse in our city."

Helvetic Airways launches Bristol-Zurich service

Bristol Airport Press Release (extract) - November 03

Helvetic Airways has announced it will launch a new route between Bristol and Zurich from 5 December 2011. Flights linking the South West with the Swiss financial centre will operate three times a week.

Tickets on GDS Systems go on sale within the next few days.

The new service will link businesses across the region to one of Europe's major financial centres.

Zurich is home to the world's fourth biggest stock exchange and is a centre for banking and insurance, pharmaceuticals, and high technology industries, as well as the world's largest gold trading market.

Helvetic Airways becomes the 12th scheduled airline operating from Bristol Airport.

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