



**International company founder/director focussed on Life Sciences/agritech/AI. Founder/co-founder of multiple science-based businesses including AIM-listed PLC. Former CEO (now NED) of UK biotech Artificial Intelligence company. Based Vancouver BC from 2024, and managing ongoing projects in the UK, CA and China. Economics PhD following Agric BSc from the University of Reading.**

**Outline:**

Simon began his career on the family dairy farm in Cheshire, establishing his first startup there before moving to Cambridge to set up the ag research function for Savills. Transitioned to biotech with particular focus on AI, re-engaging with agritech in 2015 as co-founder of Cambridge Agritech. Network in science/IP/technology/investment in the UK, US and China. Long term connections into China and access to Vancouver/Seattle/West Coast. Investment savvy. Manages cash. Commercialises science.

**Career to date:**

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<b>2024 – date</b>	<b>Tramlines Agritech</b> Growth capital agritech fund (in set-up). Focussed on upstream agritech with particular interests in: ag:biotech cross-over/plant breeding/CRISPR; soil health and climate/net zero; AI and labour efficiencies in ag; sustainable agritech/agronomy.	<b>Founder/Partner</b>
<b>2015 – 2019</b>	<b>Cambridge Agritech</b> UK agritech investment syndicate. Portfolio includes 17 early-stage investments to date including Tropic Biosciences, BigSis, Oxbury, Stable, PBD, Uncommon and others. Lifetime syndicate member. The initial participation as advisor to NIAB regarding agritech innovation, and consequently as co-founder of Cambridge Agritech, marked the start of Simon’s re-engagement with agriculture.	<b>Founder/Director</b>
<b>2011 – date</b>	<b>Intelligent OMICS Ltd</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation AI data analytics company with applications in human health (eg TB, NSCLC, IPF, obesity) and in plant breeding (eg genetic trait drivers for vernalisation in wheat, ripening in tomatoes and fertilizer impact in rice). Established subsidiary in China. Stepped back from CEO to NED from Jan 2023. Acting CFO (part-time). Ongoing responsibility for commercialisations of novel TB diagnostic in China.	<b>Director/CFO</b>
<b>2005 – 2010</b>	<b>IPSO Ventures PLC</b> Evergreen investment vehicle set up to commercialise scientific innovation from UK universities. Listed on AIM in 2007 achieving 800x return for early investors. Involved in creation of 7 new technology companies in cleantech and biotech.	<b>Founder/Director</b>
<b>Prior roles</b>	Partner in family dairy farm in Cheshire before joining Savills to set up the Ag Research function. Assisted in the Savills IPO. Built biotech, corporate finance and team building businesses in Cambridge UK and Boston MA. Finance and investment training via Arthur Andersen, Cambridge.	

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<b>Education</b>	PhD Economics (“The Growth of Firms: an agricultural perspective”) BSc Agricultural Management (2:1) University of Reading, Berks. Early education: Rugby School, Rugby
<b>International</b>	Long-term engagement with China, and now Canada. Recipient of PRC National Friendship Award – the highest Chinese honour available to a non-Chinese individual.
<b>Interests</b>	International travel, skiing and country sports, painting/art and music
<b>Personal</b>	Married to Amazon executive Fawzia. Four children. Now works 50% in Cambridge UK, 50% in Vancouver CA and 50% in Wuhan PRC ... with web conferencing providing the magic that enables that to add up.

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