Size & Health of the UK Space Industry 2020

£16.4bn
Total space industry income in 2018/19

5.1%
Share of global space economy in 2018/19

45,100
Direct employees in 2018/19

2.6x
UK average labour productivity

13% Space Manufacturing

13% Space Operations

71% Space Applications

3% Ancillary Services

2.8%
2-year average growth rate (CAGR)

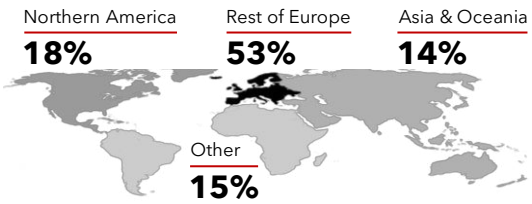
1 in 3
Employees are female

£702m
R&D expenditure in 2018/19

3 in 4
Employees with a primary degree or higher

Exports

£5.8bn
Income from exports in 2018/19



Investment Monitor

Investments into UK-headquartered space companies 2013-2020

£4.3bn Total funds invested

251 Unique investors

240 Investment deals

110 Invested companies

Employment by region

27% London

23% South East

17% Scotland

33% Other

GVA

£6.6bn
Direct contribution of the UK space industry to UK GDP

At least **£360bn** of UK GDP* is supported by satellite services

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3 in 5
Organisations expect income growth over the next three years

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