

Members of the CGP Innovation Group



Harry Swan - Thomas Swan

Harry graduated from Durham University with a degree in Plant Sciences in 1998 and started working life as the Scientific Affairs Manager in the London Office of Monsanto Plc. He subsequently worked for two years at Regester Larkin Ltd., a London-based consultancy, as a specialist public relations consultant providing technical and scientific advice to major international companies on crisis and reputation risk management.

Harry joined Thomas Swan & Co. Ltd. in 2002 to launch the new Carbon Nanomaterials Business. In April 2006 he took up the position of Managing Director. As the great grandson of the founder, 'Tommy' Swan, he is the 4th generation of the Swan family to work at the company.

Harry is also a Non-Executive Director and Council Member of the UK Chemical Industries Association and is a member of the Chemistry Growth Partnership steering committee where he also chairs the Innovation Committee.

In January 2015 Harry was appointed to the Board of Innovate UK (previously known as the Technology Strategy Board) as a Non-Executive Director. Established by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency with a remit to accelerate UK economic growth by stimulating and supporting business-led innovation. It invests over £500M per year into UK innovation.

Harry was appointed as the 2016 David Goldman Visiting Professor of Innovation and Enterprise at Newcastle University Business School.

In 2014 Harry was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Industry Education Collaboration (CIEC). CIEC aims to create and sustain links between schools and industry to inspire the next generation of children.

Between January 2011 and June 2014 Harry was a Non-Executive Director on the Board of Cella Energy Ltd., a hydrogen storage spin-out from the Science and Technology Facilities Council at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories, to which Thomas Swan & Co. Ltd. provided seed funding in January 2011.

Between August 2013 and July 2015 Harry was a Trustee of the Society of Chemical Industry (SCI).

Harry is married with four boys and lives near Barnard Castle in County Durham in the North East of England.