



A Great British Business: Rigby Group at 50

1975-2025



Introduction from: The Chair and Founder



In his capacity as Chairman of the Birmingham-based Millennium Point Trust Company, Sir Peter welcomed Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to officially open the landmark Millennium Point building in 2002



Sir Peter receives France's highest order of merit: the Légion d'honneur

When I founded Rigby Group in 1975 with just £2,000 of savings, a telephone and a determination to create something of substance, I couldn't have imagined the journey that lay ahead. What began in a modest office in Birmingham has grown into a group of companies operating across six key sectors, with technology - the original engine of our growth - still firmly at our core.

Those early years were marked by bold innovation and diversification. From establishing a consultancy business SCR, to building SCC a value-added reseller, to SDG, a specialist B2B distributor, to launching Byte Computer Superstores, one of the UK's first consumer-facing IT chains, we pushed boundaries on both sides of the technology supply chain. These ventures laid the foundations for a business driven by foresight, ambition, and a desire to lead from the front.

International expansion soon followed. Early moves into South Africa and the Netherlands through SCR set the pattern for the acquisition

of Buhrmann's European technology operations - a transformative step that extended our reach across the continent and built SCC into a pan-European network that continues to thrive today.

Later, diversifications into aviation operations, airports, hospitality (Eden Hotel Collection), property development and financial services followed. Indeed, Rigby Group has made over 70 start-ups and 75 acquisitions over the years.

From those early days in Birmingham, I've always believed in doing things properly, investing for the long term, and looking after our people and our customers. As a result, we have built SCC into one of Europe's leading technology companies - with standout success being achieved by our French business, which now turns over €2.9 billion a year.

This has never been just about our bottom line. Being a private, family-owned business has allowed us to think strategically about the

future, act with independence, and stay grounded in the values that matter. I'm proud that my sons James and Steve now lead the Group as Co-CEOs, carrying forward that same sense of purpose - focused on resilience, responsibility, and building a strong, sustainable business for the future.

To every colleague, customer and partner who has contributed over the past five decades - I want to say a heartfelt, 'thank you'. Our future is set to be equally as exciting. As a technology focused business, we are fortunate to be at the heart of one of the most dynamic sectors and I have no doubt that we have many more incredible chapters to come.

SIR PETER RIGBY
CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER



Message from: The CO-CEOs



As we celebrate Rigby Group's 50th anniversary, we reflect with pride on the journey our father has taken and the business he founded with a £2,000 loan fifty years ago. From humble beginnings, Rigby Group has grown into a £3.8 billion family-owned global enterprise in 2025. While our West Midlands roots remain important to us, the business' international growth across technology operations and investments and also real estate, and airports stands as a testament to the values we hold dear: innovation, responsibility, and family.

This milestone is above all a celebration of our people. Our incredible growth has been driven by the talent and commitment of colleagues

across the Group, many of whom have been with us for decades. Their loyalty, energy, and expertise have contributed to a culture that values long-term commitment, shared success, and doing the right thing for the business and the communities it serves.

That same ethos underpins the Rigby Foundation and The Sir Peter Rigby Charitable Trust, which support charitable initiatives across the Midlands and in Liverpool. Their success whether helping young people into education and employment or backing entrepreneurs and cultural institutions reflects our family's long-standing commitment to give back and create lasting impact.

As we look to the future, we remain focused on building a resilient, high-growth business that delivers results, provides opportunities, and continues to serve the communities we're part of, just as we always have.

JAMES RIGBY
CO-CEO

STEVE RIGBY
CO-CEO



Rigby Group Plc: Company Overview

From the outset, international growth was central to Sir Peter Rigby's vision. Early expansion into South Africa and the Netherlands through SCC laid the foundations for a bolder move - the acquisition of Buhrmann's European technology operations. This transformed Rigby Group's reach across the continent, building a robust international distribution network and enabling pan-European innovation. These moves were more than commercial; they reflected a mindset of global ambition and strategic independence that continues to define us today.

TECHNOLOGY



Headquartered in Birmingham, SCC (SCC EMEA Ltd), has a workforce of **7,000+ people**, serving over **4,500 customers** and supporting **over five million users**.

SCC operates in the **UK, France, Spain**, and also runs delivery centres in **India, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia and Vietnam**.

SCC has won over **55 prestigious awards** and turned over **£3.5 billion** in 2025.

Rigby Technology Investments (RTI) have run and built over **50 successful companies**, investing in high growth technology businesses and their founders, from start-ups to investments akin to private equity.

Established as a standalone division of Rigby Group in 2022, RTI has realised **£500m of investment**, through equity investments from **£5m to £50m**. RTI has a current **portfolio of seven businesses** specialising in areas including data, connectivity, cloud, cyber and communications.

REAL ESTATE



COMMERCIAL

Rigby Real Estate has a property portfolio worth **£140m**, with **8m sq ft of development potential**, **500 acres of consented development land** and over **200 customers** from a wide range of sectors.

Large-scale projects currently in development include Greenpower Park in Coventry, Aviation Business Park in Bournemouth and Imperial Park in Norwich.



HOTELS

Rigby Group's collection of hotels offer boutique luxury across five UK properties, regularly winning the industry's most prestigious awards, including **Best Employer at the Springboard Awards for Excellence 2025**, and last year's **AA Small Hotel Group of the Year 2024-25**.



AIRPORTS

The Group's Regional & City Airports division continues to drive regional economic growth and connectivity – achieving a 20% increase in turnover last year. Operating three airports across the UK - in Bournemouth, Exeter and Norwich – Regional and City Airports regional airports make an annual **£290m contribution to the UK economy**. Our airports **connect 5 million people with 74 destinations** across the UK and Europe.

RCA also operates XLR Executive Jet Centres - an award-winning executive jet business, with centres in Birmingham, Bournemouth, Exeter and Liverpool airports.



RESIDENTIAL

Rigby's international prestigious design group has completed over **1,320 projects** and **65 developments around the world**. It employs **110 people**, has a turnover of **£20.5m**, won **52 awards** and has a special project value of **£1.15bn**.

Contribution to Economy & Workforce

Overall economic impact, including investment and tax:

£3.7bn

Rigby Group generated **£3.7 billion** in turnover in the 2024 financial year, with an adjusted profit before tax of **£70 million** and net assets rising to **£525.6 million** – a 4% increase from the previous year.

£2.9bn

As a result of the Group's focus on accelerating growth through acquisitions, SCC's revenue grew by 5% to **£2.9 billion**.

39th

The Rigby family was recognised as the UK's 39th largest taxpayers in the 2025 Sunday Times Tax List, highlighting their substantial contribution to the national economy.

9,000

Rigby Group employs over **9,000 people** - reflecting the group's continued commitment to growth and providing opportunities.

Dean Plowman SCC UK

"The size and scale of company is very different to the one I joined 24 years ago – its grown enormously and our service offerings have expanded massively thanks to significant investment, however the strong family culture remains the same."

Charlotte Rides Eden Hotel Collection

"The reason I have stayed at Eden for twenty years is that I've been able to develop my career in the hospitality business," she explains. "There's a lot of opportunity within the company to grow and develop your skills."

Nikita Odedra SCC UK

"The 50th anniversary to me, means growth. I'm really proud to be part of a company that's constantly evolving while still championing inclusivity."

John Taylor Rigby Capital

"The Rigby family care about people. They want you to do the best. They're very supportive, and they're very human in their approach. Rigby Group is a great place to develop yourself, challenge yourself, and fulfil loads of potential with loads of opportunity."

Nick Brown Rigby Group

"One of the big highlights for me has been seeing the charitable activities of the Rigby Foundation grow alongside the business. Knowing that some profits are redirected towards charitable aims is really satisfying."

Benoit Bouche SCC France

"Our work as Official IT Supplier of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games was SCC's biggest ever project, with a team of 400 people. With the leadership and guidance of the Rigby family, we were able to meet every IT equipment requirement - from storage to integration, transport and recycling."



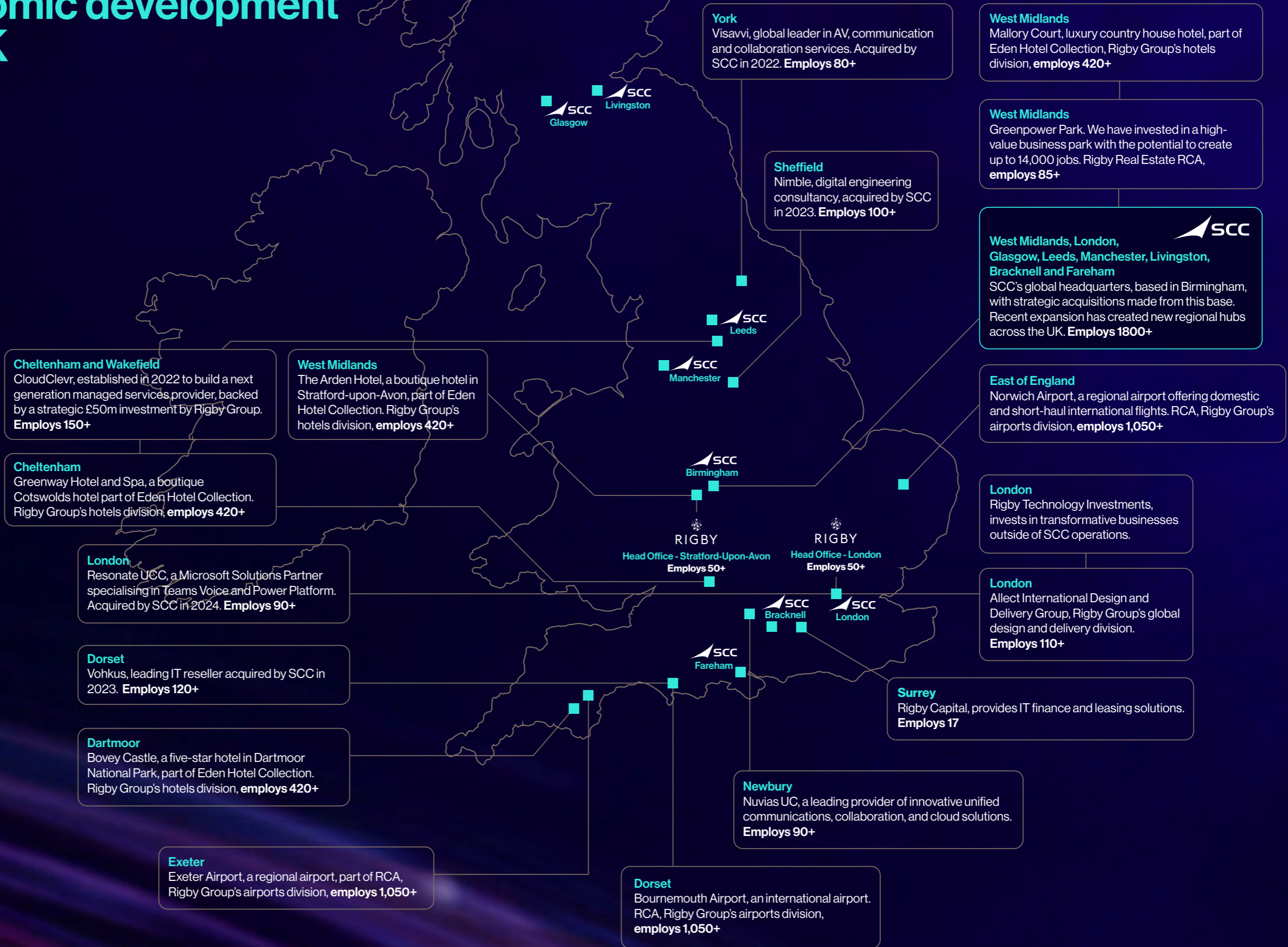
Regional investment and impact: Driving economic development across the UK



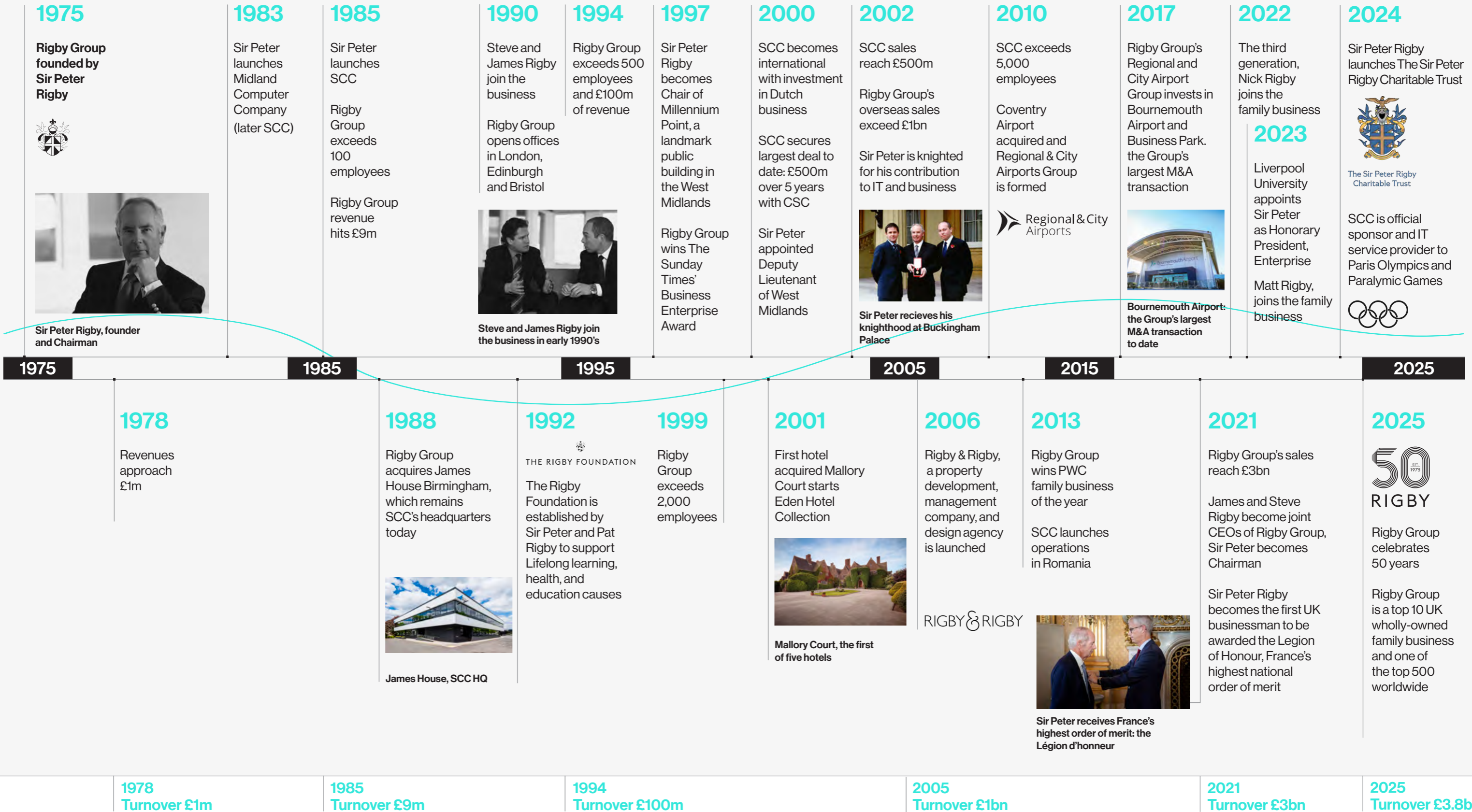
National
Tech Nation's Rising Stars One to Win competition 2025. Rigby Group and SCC both sponsors of One To Win which is now a national competition.



West Midlands
One To Win: in 2024 Rigby Group and SCC were both sponsors of TechWM's ground breaking £1m pitch to win competition to support tech entrepreneurs in the region.





Timeline of Achievements & Growth 1975-2025



1975

Rigby Group founded by Sir Peter Rigby

Sir Peter Rigby, founder and Chairman

1983

Sir Peter launches Midland Computer Company (later SCC)

1985


Sir Peter launches SCC

Rigby Group exceeds 100 employees

Rigby Group revenue hits £9m

1990

Steve and James Rigby join the business



Steve and James Rigby join the business in early 1990's

1994

Rigby Group exceeds 500 employees and £100m of revenue

1997

Sir Peter Rigby becomes Chair of Millennium Point, a landmark public building in the West Midlands

Rigby Group wins The Sunday Times' Business Enterprise Award

2000

SCC becomes international with investment in Dutch business

SCC secures largest deal to date: £500m over 5 years with CSC


Sir Peter appointed Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands

2002

SCC sales reach £500m

Rigby Group's overseas sales exceed £1bn

Sir Peter is knighted for his contribution to IT and business




Sir Peter receives his knighthood at Buckingham Palace

2010


SCC exceeds 5,000 employees

Coventry Airport acquired and Regional & City Airports Group is formed



2017

Rigby Group's Regional and City Airport Group invests in Bournemouth Airport and Business Park, the Group's largest M&A transaction to date



Bournemouth Airport: the Group's largest M&A transaction to date

2022

The third generation, Nick Rigby joins the family business

2023

Liverpool University appoints Sir Peter as Honorary President, Enterprise

Matt Rigby, joins the family business

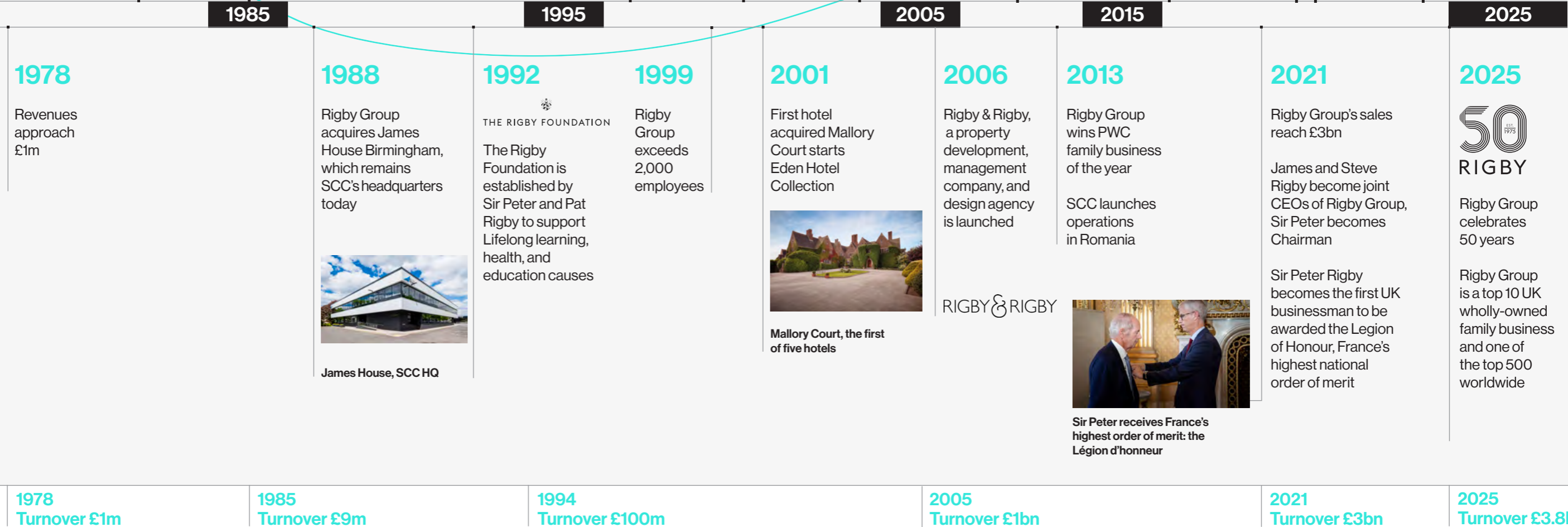
2024

Sir Peter Rigby launches The Sir Peter Rigby Charitable Trust



The Sir Peter Rigby Charitable Trust

SCC is official sponsor and IT service provider to Paris Olympics and Paralympic Games

The Rigby Foundation



THE RIGBY FOUNDATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 1207788

Founded over 30 years ago, The Rigby Foundation is the largest philanthropic family foundation in the West Midlands, with a particular focus on central and south Birmingham. The Trustees donate £2 million annually to empower young people from disadvantaged backgrounds through initiatives focused on education, employment, and wellbeing.

Rigby Group's philanthropic commitment is deep-rooted and long-standing. From helping to establish Millennium Point - a major digital learning and science centre in Birmingham - to supporting the development of a cutting-edge Cancer Treatment Centre at Stratford-Upon-Avon Hospital, impact has always come first. The Group is also a founding force behind the SWiFT Digital Hub, a ground-breaking collaboration in South Warwickshire accelerating innovation in health and care. Combined with youth-focused initiatives across education, skills and enterprise, our charitable

legacy is built on a simple belief: opportunity should never be out of reach.

In January 2025, the Foundation launched Inspiring Futures, an ambitious £3 million social mobility programme supporting over 1,000 young people in Birmingham aged 11 to 25 every year for three years.

Inspiring Futures will deliver targeted support to help students achieve aspirations that might otherwise be out of reach. It involves funding of 10 evidence-based charities and working with 10 education partners.

In addition to Inspiring Futures, the Foundation has strategic partnerships with a number of other charities including Generation UK, a leading Youth Training Provider, with a three-year £600k commitment to help at least 300 young people into careers in the West Midlands.



inspiring futures

THE RIGBY FOUNDATION
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£3 million
West Midlands Social mobility programme

Supporting 1,000
young people aged 11-25
per year, for three years



The Sir Peter Rigby Charitable Trust

£1 million
for academic digital research
to bridge the gap with industry

£1 million
to support entrepreneurship
in Liverpool



The Sir Peter Rigby
Charitable Trust

CHARITY NUMBER: 1209638

The Sir Peter Rigby Charitable Trust focuses on projects that encourage digital inclusion for all, promote business enterprise and reduce community poverty.

The Sir Peter Rigby Digital Futures Institute at Aston University, launched in September 2024 with a donation of £1 million from the Trust, is bridging the gap between academic research and industry applications. By recruiting leading academics from around the world to carry out research in three areas of focus - AI and data science, health tech and digital society and gamification - the institute aims to find new business solutions and enhance customer experiences.

In 2025, The Sir Peter Charitable Trust is supporting The Coronation Food Project. This landmark initiative, instigated by His Majesty King Charles III, in partnership with FareShare UK and The Felix Project, seeks to tackle food waste. The Trust is supporting the establishment of a new multi-million-pound centre for the West Midlands. This will transform the scale at which surplus food can be redistributed and bridge the gap between food waste and food need.

2024 also saw the launch of the Sir Peter Rigby Centre for Enterprise at Liverpool University, with a £1 million donation. The Centre offers a one-stop shop for students, alumni, university staff and residents of the wider Liverpool

City region to access first-class career and business support, advice and mentorship.

Current initiatives include:

- Three £5,000 undergraduate bursaries per year for three years, offering funding to enterprising students who could not otherwise get access to university.
- The Innovation Ignition Fund, a prize fund for PhD students and post-doctorate researchers. £41k has already been awarded to six applicants for projects ranging from next generation solar cells to communication tools for Autism.
- The Liverpool Interns Programme to help local businesses leverage student innovation through internship placements.
- Working with local secondary schools to promote enterprise education through open days, competitions and opportunities for students to interview entrepreneurs.

"I feel incredibly grateful for this support that has enabled me to take on new challenges, build confidence, and explore opportunities I might not have otherwise considered. Thank you for making such a difference in my academic and personal journey."

Sarah Wu, Liverpool bursary recipient.

*“How do you build a family business?
You’ve got to have ideas. You’ve got to have passion
but at the end of the day it’s all about the people.”*

SIR PETER RIGBY



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