

Richard Browning

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Prior to founding Gravity, Richard was a Royal Marines reservist for six years and an Oil Trader with BP for 16 years. He developed business in many countries including Azerbaijan, Mozambique, Russia and conducted trade relations with many more.

He discovered and implemented major new technologies in BP including turning a \$30k groundbreaking trade flow analytics (ship tracking) platform still at the heart of the global commodity industry to this day. It won the BP Group innovation Award and generated in excess of \$50m within 3 months. He has also been a key participant and investor in a number of successful start-up ventures externally and is a passionate STEM advocate.

Gravity has to date been experienced by over one billion people globally with Richard and his cohort of growing pilots completing nearly 100 flights around the world and speaking at dozens of events from TED Talks to XPrize.

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Inspired by the accelerating pace of technological change and the challenges faced by the Energy industry Richard launched an audacious new innovation model in BP Q4 2015. This focused on connecting up frontline staff with ideas / challenges, together with external startups. This chalking up significant success on the ground and significantly contributed to the Groups recognition urgent necessity for adaptation and the subsequent formation of Board sponsored step-out 'Taskforces' seeking to rapidly explore, collaborate, test, learn and reimagine what the firms optimum role is in the 21st century.

Gravity Industries

Richard Browning is now the Founder of Pioneering Aeronautical Innovation Company, Gravity Industries.

Launched in March 2017, the dream was to reimagine human flight with an elegant partnership between mind, body and machine, exploiting leading edge technology.

Born from rich aviation heritage and inspired by a maverick-innovator father who left much unfilled ambition; Gravity Industries has opened the doorway on a new era of true human mobility in three dimensions. Thought impossible, it has delivered a dream mankind has had for millenia.

Gravity Industries has to date been experienced by over a billion people globally with video views alone running at more than 60m within 7 days of launch. In the first 12 months Gravity executed 46 flight events across 16 countries including four TED talks.

Richard and the team are delivering on the vision to build Gravity Industries into a world class aeronautical engineering business, challenge perceived boundaries in human aviation, and inspire a generation to dare ask 'what if...!'