

Robert Sansom

Robert Sansom is an active angel investor and mentor to start-up businesses in the UK and US. He is a member of the board of directors of: Azuro, Inc., which develops tools to reduce the power requirements of integrated circuits; Netronome, a data communications start-up developing content filtering hardware and software; Fetch, Inc., which delivers tools and services that integrate internet-available data sources; and Ubisense, Ltd, which is the market leader in indoor, 3D location-detection systems. In addition to his private-sector interests, he is also a member of the Operating Board of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership.

In September 2001 he co-founded, and currently is chairman of, Cambridge Angels (www.cambridgeangels.net), a group of seasoned technology and biotechnology entrepreneurs who invest in and mentor technology start-ups in the Cambridge area. Since 2002, the Cambridge Angels group has invested nearly £10 million in over 20 technology and biotechnology businesses, most based in the Cambridge area.

In 1990, he co-founded FORE Systems, a data communications company based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania that became the leading developer of ATM (*Asynchronous Transfer Mode*) data networks. He was initially responsible for FORE's finance and business strategy, including raising venture capital, then ran the software engineering group, building it up to a team of 200 engineers, and finally became responsible for technical strategy as Chief Technology Officer. He was also a member of the board of directors of FORE. In 1999, when it employed over 2000 employees and had annual revenues of over \$600 million, FORE was sold to Marconi (previously GEC plc) for \$4.5 billion. He continued as Marconi's Chief Technology Officer until April 2000.

Robert Sansom has a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, USA and an M.A. in Computer Science from the University of Cambridge, England.