

SCITECH-EKIUM BROADER HORIZONS



FOLLOWING SCITECH'S INTEGRATION INTO THE EKIU GROUP IN LATE 2025, MANAGING DIRECTOR DAVE GRANT REFLECTS ON A PERIOD OF GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BUSINESS.

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Just months after joining the EKIU Group, Scitech-EKIUM is already seeing the benefits of life as part of a larger organisation. International collaboration is increasing, new sectors are opening up, and access to a broader pool of expertise is creating opportunities that would have been difficult to pursue independently.

For a business that has spent more than two decades building a reputation in the life sciences sector, joining EKIU Group represents both validation of that success and a platform for future growth.

"We were doing a lot of work during the course of last year around diversification and collaborations, with a particular focus on international opportunities and exploring aligned sectors," says Managing Director Dave Grant. "Whilst we were working independently on that roadmap, it dovetailed really well with where EKIU was heading."

Already, joining EKIU is providing Scitech-EKIUM with greater scale, additional capability and the resources necessary to accelerate its plans. The alignment has not simply been strategic, but cultural as well.

A NATURAL FIT

Many acquisitions are followed by lengthy integration periods as organisations work through differences in culture, structure, and ways of operating. Scitech-EKIUM's experience has been notably smooth.

The company had already been working closely with EKIU before formally joining the Group. Collaborative projects dating back to 2023 allowed both organisations to build relationships, develop trust, and gain a clear understanding of each other's strengths. That familiarity proved invaluable once discussions progressed beyond partnership and towards acquisition.

Looking back, Dave believes the groundwork had already been laid long before the deal was completed.

"Rather than it being a culture shock with two alternate currents

colliding," Dave explains, "we were more like two parallel streams coming together into a single, smooth flow."

The metaphor neatly captures Scitech-EKIUM's experience of integration so far.

Project opportunities were already being shared between the businesses before September 2025, with technical expertise regularly flowing in both directions. In situations where Scitech-EKIUM lacked capacity, opportunities could be supported through EKIU's wider network. Equally, Scitech-EKIUM's specialist knowledge within highly regulated life sciences environments became an asset for the wider group.

As a result, the transition has felt very much to be the natural next step in an existing relationship, allowing both parties to focus on growth. >>



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Dave Grant,
Managing Director,
Scitech-EKIUM.

STRENGTH IN SCALE

Joining EKIUM has significantly expanded the resources available to Scitech-EKIUM.

The Group employs approximately 2,700 people across 16 countries and generates annual turnover of around €325 million. Life sciences accounts for more than 25 percent of revenues, making it one of the Group's more important sectors.

The breadth of expertise available is equally impressive. Aligned capabilities span pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, radiopharmaceuticals, medical devices, hospital pharmacy, cosmetics, fine chemicals, and the agri-chem industry.

For Scitech-EKIUM, benefits are already emerging across Europe. Scitech-EKIUM's operation in Antwerp and the Netherlands is working closely alongside EKIUM's Belgian business, creating opportunities for collaboration without direct overlap.

"There are areas where we're much stronger and where the Group has growth aspirations," Dave notes. "There are other areas where they bring expertise that strengthens what we're doing."

The result is a relationship that enhances both organisations: Scitech-EKIUM gains the backing of a major international engineering group, while EKIUM benefits from Scitech-EKIUM's strong track record in complex life sciences delivery and UK footprint.

DELIVERING COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS

The acquisition may be shaping the future, but project delivery remains the foundation of the business.

Recent wins highlight the technical expertise that continues to define Scitech-EKIUM's reputation. Among the most significant is a project for UK Research and Innovation at the Rutherford Appleton



Scitech-EKIUM delivered the detailed design for the new freezer farm facility at The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK.

"There's a lot involved in the translation of science into design, engineering and construction," he says. "These projects showcase every facet of what we do and what we can offer to the technology sector – be it in life science or other high-value manufacturing spaces."

RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE

Scitech-EKIUM's expertise was recognised recently at the Cleanroom Technology Awards, where the company won Best Cleanroom Design.

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The award-winning project involved transforming former consulting rooms within a central London hospital into advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing cleanrooms. Located on the fifteenth floor of a live hospital environment, and adjacent to an operational manufacturing facility, the scheme presented a unique set of challenges.

"It had almost every difficulty you could imagine," Dave recalls. "Budget was tight, space was constrained, stakeholder requirements were extensive, and existing operations needed to continue uninterrupted. Despite these obstacles, our team delivered a highly flexible facility capable of supporting advanced manufacturing activities within a remarkably compact footprint."

The achievement highlights a growing area of proficiency for Scitech-EKIUM. Increasingly, clients are looking to repurpose and extend the life of existing assets rather than build new facilities. Delivering success of such retrofit projects within

Expansion at Guy's and St Thomas' Advanced Therapy Manufacturing Facility for Cell and Gene Therapies. The project won 'Best Cleanroom Design' at the 2026 Cleanroom Technologies Awards.



Laboratory. The programme involves the installation of a High Resolution Neutron Powder Diffraction instrument supporting advanced atomic-level research.

Scitech-EKIUM is also delivering the Centre for Veterinary Innovation and Medicine at the Pirbright Institute, a facility dedicated to the study of animal and zoonotic diseases.

Both projects were secured through competitive public tenders before Scitech-EKIUM subsequently won the construction phases as well.

For Dave, the work demonstrates the company's ability to translate highly specialised scientific requirements into practical engineering and construction solutions.

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RESPONDING TO CHANGING DEMANDS

Economic conditions continue to influence investment decisions throughout the life sciences sector.

According to Dave, organisations are becoming increasingly focused on extracting greater value from existing assets.

“The tightening economy and uncertainty that comes with that is pushing customers to be more creative,” he notes. “As well as increasing demand for refurbishment, remodelling and repurposing projects, there is growing demand for novel therapies and personalised medicines in the UK.”

Growing confidence in these technologies, combined with increasing emphasis on domestic manufacturing capability, is creating new opportunities across the market. For a specialist contractor operating at the intersection

of science, engineering and construction, the outlook remains positive.

LOOKING AHEAD

While life science remains firmly at the heart of the business, Scitech-EKIUM’s horizons are broadening. Historically, around 95 percent of the company’s activity was concentrated within the life sciences sector. That expertise remains central to the company’s identity and continues to underpin a strong pipeline of future work.

“We’re always looking two or three years ahead to prepare our pipeline,” Dave affirms. “Alongside continued growth in life sciences, EKIUM’s wider capabilities are opening opportunities across nuclear and alternative energy, industrial biotech and processes and automation.”

The ambition is not to move away from Scitech-EKIUM’s core strengths but to apply them more broadly. Supported by the resources, expertise and international reach of the wider EKIUM Group, the company is entering a new phase of development with confidence.

“It’s a whole new world for us,” Dave declares. ☺

The Centre for Veterinary Vaccine Innovation and Manufacturing (CVIM), The Pirbright Institute, Surrey, UK – Handover for occupation in Summer 2026.



Latest progress at the new HRPD-X facility, ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory - where the steel frame is now in place





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