



We are a global leader in the life science tools sector, providing mission critical components to customers across clinical diagnostics, pharmaceutical, research & government, food and other applied markets.

We provide a comprehensive range of specialty genomic analysis tools, measurement tools and supply chain assurance solutions, underpinned by leading analytical and measurement science capabilities. We hold a number of international roles,

including the UK Government Chemist programme and serving as the UK National Measurement Laboratory and Designated Institute for chemical and bio measurement.

Our scientific tools and solutions form an essential part of our customers' quality assurance procedures and enable organisations to develop and commercialise new scientific products and advance research.

Regulations

Growing and ageing population

Globalisation/emerging market growth

Outsourcing

Safety and security

Science for a safer world

Unique and proven scientific capabilities

- Internationally-recognised scientists
- Highly differentiated and extensive portfolio of products
- Global leader in measurement science
- Leader in quality assurance and integrated genomics analysis tools

Group strategy

Leveraging our world-class measurement science to build leading positions in attractive life science tools markets

Passion

Curiosity

Integrity

Brilliance

Respect

Our employees

Our 3,500+ employees include many internationally-recognised scientists, who are experts in their field. Over 20% of our employee base has postgraduate qualifications. We operate out of 19 countries worldwide.

Our science

We have seven scientific internal groups, which run across our divisions and geographies. These groups enable us to efficiently share our current knowledge internally and provide an excellent network to disseminate scientific information across the organisation, throughout the year as well as during our yearly internal Science Symposium. Those groups ensure the whole group keeps abreast of future scientific development and initiatives.

Our history

Our origins can be traced back to 1842 when the Laboratory of the Board of Excise was founded in the City of London to regulate the adulteration of tobacco which was prohibited under the Pure Tobacco Act.

We are the UK National Measurement Laboratory and Designated Institute for chemical and bio-measurement and have been home to the UK Government Chemist for more than 100 years.

We have been privately-owned since 1996 and have diversified through internal investment and acquisitions to be an international leader in our chosen markets. We are now owned by funds affiliated to Cinven, Astorg and ADIA.

Our work

Contribution to COVID-19 pandemic

- We are involved in many aspects of the global COVID-19 pandemic response, from providing critical components for testing kits, to manufacturing quality control materials to support those tests and providing specialist support for the development of vaccines and medicines to treat the disease.

Clinical & diagnostics

- Our NGS quality control reference materials help medical technicians to build, validate, implement and standardise better assays, enabling clinicians to provide more accurate, targeted patient care.
- Our synthetic oligo probes underpin molecular diagnostics, reducing the need for invasive screening for cancer patients.

Pharma & biotech

- Our API and impurity reference materials assist pharmaceutical manufacturers worldwide, from drug discovery to manufacturing, supporting the provision of safe, effective and affordable medicines for all.
- Our nucleic acid chemistries and manufacturing solutions are critical to the development of life-changing therapies.
- Our bioanalytical work helps understand the metabolism of new drugs and the potential for adverse immune response to novel bio-therapeutics.

Applied

- Our pesticide reference materials support the food industry in meeting ever more stringent food safety regulations, helping to protect the integrity of the food supply for a growing global population.
- Our high throughput genomic analysis tools optimise large scale breeding programmes, accelerating breeding cycles and allowing agricultural companies to take their crop to market faster.

Research & Government

- As the UK's National Measurement Laboratory, we ensure trust and confidence in the chemical and biological measurements performed routinely within the UK as well as linking to international standardisation frameworks.

