

JAMES MCCALLUM

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James has over 35 years' experience in well engineering, well construction management and business management, including 14 years with UK and international operators. In the late nineteen eighties James co-founded the technical management consultancy Keltec which he was bought out of in 1992 when he became founder and president of GMIS, the North Sea's leading turnkey wells project management company. An active member of the first joint industry/UK government think tank from 1997–2002, and co-creator of Scotland's renewable energy task force FREDS, James was at this time made an Esteemed Fellow of the Institute of Civil Engineers and Professor of Energy at Strathclyde University. In 2005, James became CEO and co-founder of Senergy, an integrated exploration, production and energy services company. Senergy became a part of the Lloyd's Register Group in September 2013 following LR's largest ever acquisition. James remained with the company as CEO until September 2018 when he co-founded Xergy to build a disruptive digital platform for the upstream energy sector. Including Xergy, James is a committed investor in three thematic areas Knowledge, Property and Brand Scotland. His community involvement focuses on raising funds for Maggie's and the Iris Initiative and helping to create a sustainable vision and plan for the remote East Neuk village of Crail where his family home Wormistoun is located. A husband to Gemma and father to James-Lachlan, Findlay-broch and Rhiona-Mhor, James is a twice recipient of EY's UK Entrepreneur of the Year Award programme.

