

Phil O'Donovan

Phil O'Donovan is a Warwick alumnus, having studied for a BSc in Engineering Science, graduating in 1971. As co-founder and Managing Director, Phil helped grow Cambridge-based CSR plc from a start-up of nine into a highly successful FTSE 250 listed fabless semiconductor company employing, in 2015, more than 2,000 people in 23 locations.

Within four years from 1999, CSR became the Bluetooth market leader and supplier of chips to hundreds of global high-volume consumer product manufacturers. By 2012, CSR had achieved annual revenue of \$1 billion and, by 2015, had shipped close to four billion chips. CSR was acquired by US company Qualcomm in September 2015 for \$2.5 billion.

Phil is an Engineer and a Cambridge-based mentor, coach and investor in technology start-ups where he takes a non-executive director or chairman role. He is also a speaker on entrepreneurial topics at universities and business schools and an advisor to organisations wishing to commercialise their IP.