

Filtronic plc (AIM: FTC)

Company Summary

Investment Profile

- 1. Established blue chip customer base SpaceX a strategic partner
- 2. State of the art RF hybrid manufacturing capability - sovereign capability fast becoming a key differentiator
- 3. Targeting high growth sectors with strong momentum, such as low earth orbit (LEO) Space and Electronic Warfare (EW)
- 4. End markets rising fast driven by global priorities - governments & agencies increasing budgets
- 5. Track record of profitability despite global challenges

Share Information

Ticker	AIM: FTC
Share Price (GB pence)	71.0
Shares in issue (m)	218.0
Market Cap (£m)	158.1
12m Hi/Low (GB pence)	13.6/73.0

(Source: The London Stock Exchange, June 2024)

12-Month Share Price



(Source: The London Stock Exchange, June 2024)

Major Shareholders (as of 20 June 2024)

Name	%
Canaccord Genuity Group Inc.	14.2
Mark and Diana Dixon	13.8
David and Monique Newlands	12.0
Schroders PLC	5.1
Harwood Capital	5.0
(Source: company website)	

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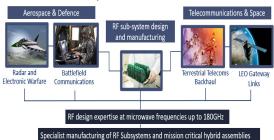




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Company Overview

Filtronic designs and manufactures Radio Frequency (RF) components and subsystems for mission-critical communication networks. Its clients depend on Filtronic's ability to deliver high-performance RF solutions that solve challenging technical requirements, accelerate market entry, reduce development costs and provide a significant competitive advantage. The Company's sub-embedded system products are critical to a range of challenging applications including 5G telecommunications infrastructure deployment, aerospace and defence electronic warfare, LEO space infrastructure, and critical communications.



Above: Filtronic's Strategic Markets

Growth Strategy

Filtronic is unique in its ability to design, develop, and manufacture turn-key solutions to the highest standards and can ramp production quickly to meet demand. Management has continued to invest strategically in the business and have delivered sustainable financial growth. It remains committed to building and developing an engineering organisation that can develop technology roadmaps, undertake customer developments and service its growing opportunity pipeline. Filtronic views agility and responsiveness within the business as critical to its success - rapid execution of product development with high quality products and solutions will remain a key focus for the Group.

What's New?

With continued trading momentum, Filtronic reported that revenue and adj. EBITDA have all been delivered ahead of market expectations in its June 2024 trading update, marking a "transformational year" for The Group. FY24 revenue is expected at c.£25.4m (FY2023: £16.3m), a 55.8% increase. Cash at 31 May 2024 was £7.2m (30 November 2023: £4.1m), a 75.6% increase.

Earlier this year Filtronic entered into a **Strategic Agreement with SpaceX** to supply E-band Solid State Power Amplifiers. The initial order is worth £15.8m, with further order flow expected. The agreement also includes scope for SpaceX to establish a 10% stake in the Company via the issue of warrants, with full vesting occurring once £48m of orders have been placed by SpaceX.

Both revenue and EBITDA for FY2025 are expected to be significantly ahead of previous market expectations following the announcement of the partnership.

Filtronic has announced £34.9m worth of new contracts between Dec 23 and April 24:

- £15.8m LEO order from SpaceX
- £4.5m RF Module Project with a new Major UK Defence Customer
- £4.8m production contract for a leading global provider of LEO satellite communications equipment
- £2m Contract with QinetiQ, a global defence and security company
- £7.8m follow-on production order and a payload development contract in the **LEO space market**

New CEO, Nat Edington joined the board on 13 May 2024.





Market Dynamics

LEO Space - Gateway Links



Filtronic's products have applications in payload and ground stations, with 60,000+ satellites expected by 2029, as OneWeb (EU) & Private Network constellations (US) set the pace. Ubiquitous broadband access, the release of Q/V E-band licences. economic network

coverage, and future operating revenues currently drive demand. Filtronic partners with the market leader, has a reputation for delivering quality solutions at a competitive cost, and has proven ramp-up manufacturing capabilities.

Aerospace - Radar & Electronic Warfare (EW)



Its RF / Microwave hybrid transmit and receive module (TRM) technology is used in airborne active electronically scanned array radar and EW systems. With the UK's defence spending on EW set at £750m in 2023, and the general increase in overall spend both

in the UK and across the world, Filtronic is well placed to capitalise on this expanding opportunity - especially as outsourced Radio Frequency (RF) design capabilities and sovereign hybrid manufacturing facilities grow in importance. Partnerships are also key to Filtronic in this market, they have an accredited UK RF hybrid facility with proven manufacturing processes and critical cyber security accreditations.

Defence - EW Cyber & Electronic Counter Measures (ECM)



The Company supplies components for battlefield communications, Electronic Warfare (EW), Cyber and Electronic counter Measures (ECM) applications. With market drivers being shared with the Aerospace market, the UK defence comms budget stands at £850m,

with the 2022 Defence Science Technology Laboratory spending review setting a 5-year S&T budget of £6.6bn. Again, Filtronic's strength in this sector mirrors its capabilities and reputation in the Aerospace market.

Telecommunications Infrastructure - X-haul



Primary applications include E-band backhaul transceivers for 5G telecoms infrastructure and private telecom solutions, with 5G V/Eband backhaul growth expected to be c.20% p/a between 2023-28.

The drivers are the global 5G rollout, releases of E-band licences, high density urban networks, and low installed fibre in backhaul. Filtronic partners with the market leader, having built a track record of volume delivery and a strong brand reputation - backed by proven high performance IP.

Critical Communications - Land Mobile Radio Networks (LMR)



Filtronic components are used in subsystems for LMR secure public safety and first responder communication networks, an established market still expected growth of 7% p/a between 2022-2026. The basis of this market in the reliability of current P25 LMR solutions, but

the introduction and integration of LTE wireless solutions used by commercial mobile networks, is expected to be a key future driver. The Company currently has a working partnership with the market leader, has a US based manufacturing facility and a long-cultivated reputation for quality under an established and recognised brand.

Key Newsflow

June: Trading Update

May: Filtronic Awarded King's Award for Innovation

April: Strategic Agreement with SpaceX

April: Trading Update

April: Directorate Change

Feb: Interim Results

Feb: New £7.8m Contract Award

Jan: Contract win with QinetiQ for Defence Radar

Dec: New £4.8m Contract Award Dec: New £4.5m Contract Award

Management Team

Nat Edington, Chief Executive Officer

Nat joined Filtronic in 2024 following retirement of former CEO, Richard Gibbs. He has held several senior executive positions in the high technology and semiconductor industry, and was latterly CEO at Dukosi Ltd, where he led the business from early stage to global technology leader.



Previously, Nat was CEO of Cambridge CMOS Sensors, and has held executive leadership positions at AMS AG and Wolfson Microelectronics as well as a non-executive position at AIM-listed Concurrent Technologies plc.

Michael Tyerman, Chief Financial Officer

Michael joined Filtronic in 2007 as Financial Controller of the Broadband business and was promoted to the position of Group Financial Controller in 2009. Prior to joining Filtronic, Michael held various positions within Procter and Gamble, Huntsman Polyurethanes and Komatsu which included time working in the Benelux and Nordic regions.



Jonathan Neale, Non-Executive Chairman

Jonathan previously served Chief Operating Officer of McLaren Group and, before that, held several executive positions, including CEO of McLaren Racing F1. He has also worked at BAE Systems, UK and Hawk Military Aircraft.



Forecasts (Source: Factset)

	May '22 (Actual)	May ′23 (Actual)	May ′24 (E)	May ′25 (E)
Sales (£m)	17.1	16.3	25.4	35.6
PBT (£m)	1.5	0.1	3.5	6.2
EBITDA (£m)	2.8	1.3	4.8	8.0
EPS (p)	0.7	0.2	1.5	2.7



