

John Thompson – Founder of Ambrey

John is a co-founder of Ambrey and the Group Commercial Director. John has overseen and led Ambrey's growth from start up in 2010 to the largest provider of maritime security services globally in under five years.

Today the business, based in the UK but with 9 global offices, supports over 500 commercial vessels per month with security risk, crisis and marine services, operates a fleet of over 30 ships, a shipyard in Southampton and a marine insurance brokerage in London.

Prior to founding Ambrey, John worked for a major security risk consultancy and led Security Planning for the Olympic Delivery Authority during the build up to the London Olympic Games in 2012. He also spent 7 years serving in the British Army as an Officer in The Parachute Regiment deploying on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland. During his career, he was awarded the Sword of Honour at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and served for four years with the Special Forces Support Group.

He has an MA and an MSc from St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford. Being half Welsh and half English John is a huge rugby fan and also enjoys shooting and skiing, ideally with his wife and two boys.