



James Houghton, Chief Executive Officer, Hart

James Houghton is CEO of Hart, a leading provider of security and risk management services in fragile, remote, and high-threat environments. Hart is part of the Chelsea Group, a collection of specialist companies operating across security, medical, humanitarian, and infrastructure sectors. James also serves as Strategic Risk Advisor to the Group Chairman, supporting cross-sector initiatives in some of the world's most challenging regions.

A former British Army officer, James has over 30 years' experience delivering security and crisis management solutions across the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia. He joined Hart in 2015 and became CEO in 2023, leading the company's evolution into a trusted partner for Governments, UN agencies, INGOs, and commercial clients operating in challenging settings. He brings a broad network across government, multilateral, and private sector spheres, with a deep understanding of how security enables long-term development and stability.

