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**Sector Specialism:** Materials Technology

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## Overview

David heads up the US operations for MTI based in Waltham, MA and also leads the Materials Science investment practice for MTI.

After gaining a BA/MA in Materials Science from Oxford University, David joined Cookson Group PLC. His first venture capital experience was as EVP Sales in an LBO backed by Morgan Grenfell Development Capital. He then became CEO of a technology start-up in the global metals market sector that was part of an additional LBO funded by Granville Baird Private Equity based in the UK. Based on his outstanding business accomplishments and management expertise in successfully developing startup companies, David joined MTI where he became the firm's youngest ever Investment Manager subsequently becoming a Partner in 2005 and a Managing Partner in 2008.

Recognised for his expertise in the Materials sector David has chaired Nanotech panel sessions for the European Venture Capital Association and at the International Congress of Nano technology. In addition he often provides press commentary on the venture capital markets and recently, was selected as a finalist for "VC Personality of the year award" by the prestigious Investor Allstars event board.

David's domain expertise and management experience have helped portfolio companies excel. His current portfolio of MTI investments includes:

- **DataLase**, who recently confirmed its place as a leading technology company in 2007 by scooping three top industry awards for its innovative range of patented mass customization solutions. Additionally, *Manufacturing & Industry Today* and the R&D 100 Awards both selected DataLase for top awards, confirming the company's position as a market leader in imaging technology. DataLase also received a "highly commended" award in the Supply Chain Solution category at the recent UK Packaging awards, the company's third major success in four months.
- **Powerlase**, the third fastest growing venture-backed UK company as reported in the *Financial Times*, August 2007, and is ranked as the third fastest-growing venture capital-backed company in the UK in *The Daily Telegraph* 2007 Business Growth Rankings and the 21st fastest growing technology company in the UK in The Sunday Times Microsoft Tech Track 100 Rankings. POWERLASE also recently won The Manufacturer Award for Best Design and Innovation 2007 for the company's work in the development of laser systems for the manufacture of Flat-Panel Displays.

Recently David was selected to attend Harvard Business School Executive Education program entitled: 'Private Equity and Venture Capital'.