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Phil Smith DUUniv is the UK & Ireland Chief Executive of Cisco. Phil has a thirty year track record in the Information and Communications Technology industry. He leads around 5,500 Cisco people in the UK and Ireland. Phil and his team enable organisations in the private and public sector to innovate and drive transformation, productivity and sustainable growth.

Phil is the Chairman of Innovate UK and Chairman of The Tech Partnership. He sits on the board of The Business Disability Forum, the Foundation for Science and Technology (FST) and The National Centre for Universities and Business (NCUB). He is also the Co-Chair of the Future Technologies and Infrastructure Working Group for the Information Economy Council.

In December 2013, Phil was hailed as the 5th most influential person in UK IT by Computer Weekly in its UKTech50 awards. In 2012, Phil was voted Orange Business Leader of the Year in the National Business Awards and ranked as number 29 in the Wired 100. In September 2014, Phil was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate from Birmingham City University for his contribution to business.

Phil created Cisco's British Innovation Gateway (BIG) programme, as a legacy of London 2012 to spark nationwide ingenuity, ambition and growth through technology entrepreneurship. Phil's vision is to help build a brilliant future for the UK & Ireland. He is a distinguished thinker and speaker on the transformational nature of our connected world, sustainability, ambition, inclusion & diversity and the critical need for STEM skills in our future generations. He works closely with government ministers, industrial leaders and top thinkers in business, politics, academia and society to orchestrate life-changing innovation.

In September 2014, Phil was acclaimed as a 'leader among leaders' by Birmingham City University when they awarded him an Honorary Doctorate for his outstanding contribution to

the IT industry. Phil is the founder of 'The Leaderboard'; a cross industry team of around 40 UK CEOs who have raised more than £350,000 for Comic Relief and Sport Relief by competing in triathlons. In August 2014, Phil represented Team GB in his age group at the Triathlon World Championships in Edmonton, Canada. Phil has four children and lives near Stratford-upon-Avon with his wife Steph.