

The Enterprise

Founded in 2015 by Tom Birbeck and James Doddrell, ARC (Accelerating Reef Creation) Marine's plastic-free Reef Cubes are the world's only carbon-neutral solution for marine habitat restoration. Made in the South West, Reef Cubes utilise the company's propriety non-toxic concrete for use in a variety of marine applications across aquaculture, coastal defence, reef conservation, eco-engineering and subsea protection.

They can help reduce the carbon footprint of projects by 90%, naturally merging into ecosystems and negating costly and often damaging decommissioning activity.

The Funding

The award-winning business has secured a £1million equity investment from the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Investment Fund as part of a £2million+ round led by The FSE Group

The investment will enable ARC Marine to create at least six new positions over the next three years as the business continues to expand its operations.

“This funding is critical to our ability to expand production in Cornwall, enabling us to accelerate growth to meet increasing demand from the marine renewables sector globally. Having supportive investors such as CIOSIF will be key to realising our aspiration to be a world-leader in protecting and enhancing marine habitats from necessary man-made intervention.”

Tom Birbeck
Arc Marine Co-Founder & CEO

“With the growing global focus on carbon net zero and ocean health, ARC Marine is well placed to disrupt and exploit the emerging market for nature-inclusive, design habitat enhancement and to replace traditional, unsustainable subsea technologies. We look forward to working with Tom and helping the company achieve their expansion plan.”

Meg Salt
FSE Investment Manager



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The £40m Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Investment Fund provides debt and equity finance from £25,000 to £2 million to help growing SMEs across the region. It has been established by the British Business Bank in partnership with the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and is operated by appointed fund managers The FSE Group, who work with SWIG Finance to deliver smaller CIOSIF business loans.