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London Interdisciplinary School joins emlyon as the French institution expands its presence in London

A shared vision for the future of higher education brings together one of Europe's leading management schools and the UK's pioneering interdisciplinary institution.

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emlyon business school today announced that the London Interdisciplinary School (LIS) has joined emlyon, becoming the institution's London-based interdisciplinary school and reinforcing emlyon's ambition to build a Global Management & Tech University.

A shared ambition to redefine higher education for a complex world

By joining emlyon, LIS becomes part of an internationally recognised higher education institution while preserving the distinctive interdisciplinary approach that has made it one of the most innovative educational initiatives in the UK.

For emlyon, the addition of LIS strengthens its transformation beyond the traditional boundaries of a business school. For LIS, it provides the institutional backing, international reach and long-term resources needed to accelerate its development and expand its academic ambitions.

Both organisations have built their educational models around action-based learning, innovation, entrepreneurship and the ability to connect knowledge across fields to address complex real-world problems.

The next step in LIS's journey from pioneering idea to major institution.

Founded in London as the UK's first purpose-built interdisciplinary higher education institution, LIS pioneers interdisciplinary education that connects the arts, sciences and technology to real-world challenges.

LIS currently welcomes students from 46 nationalities and reports graduate employment outcomes approaching 90 percent, while maintaining strong



engagement with more than 200 employer partners. Its faculty includes academics with backgrounds at institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, MIT and Harvard.

Under the integration, LIS will retain its distinctive identity, educational philosophy and academic independence while benefiting from the resources, expertise and international reach of emlyon. The integration secures a strong platform for the next phase of LIS's development and growth across undergraduate, postgraduate and executive education.

"LIS has developed one of the most innovative educational models in the United Kingdom. By bringing LIS into emlyon, we are not simply expanding geographically. We are reinforcing our conviction that the future of higher education lies in interdisciplinary learning, entrepreneurial thinking and the ability to bridge technology, management and society. Today's most pressing challenges require graduates who can think across disciplines, combine technological understanding with human insight, and turn ideas into action," said **Isabelle Huault, President and Dean of emlyon business school.**

Ed Fidoe, LIS Founder and Executive Director says *"LIS was built on the recognition that complex challenges can't be solved via a single discipline as technological, societal and environmental change reshape the world faster than any one field can keep up with the skills employers and students increasingly look for are cross-disciplinary: analytical and creative thinking, adaptability, and fluency with data and AI. Joining emlyon gives us the resources and international reach to build LIS. We've found a partner who shares our belief in connecting intellectual rigour with real-world experience."*

A major milestone in emlyon's transformation into a Global Management & Tech University

For emlyon, the integration represents another step in a broader transformation that extends beyond the traditional boundaries of a business school. Alongside its campuses in Lyon, Paris and Shanghai, the London presence will support the development of new international programmes, student mobility opportunities and academic collaborations.

The London campus will also create new opportunities for the launch of emlyon programmes in the UK, while enabling the continued growth of LIS's interdisciplinary



portfolio. Future developments may include expanded student exchanges, joint degrees, new postgraduate offerings and collaboration between faculty members across both institutions.

Current and prospective students will continue to benefit from the distinctive LIS educational experience, now supported by the academic strength, financial stability and international network of emlyon, a higher education institution founded in 1872 and educating learners across Europe and Asia.

This integration builds on a relationship that began in 2023 and reflects a shared commitment to reimagining higher education for a rapidly changing world.

About emlyon business school

Founded in 1872 by the Lyon Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emlyon business school welcomes 9,865 students from 135 nationalities across three campuses worldwide (Lyon, Shanghai, Paris,). The School relies on a faculty of 190 international professors and researchers and a network of 275 academic partners globally to offer high-quality, globally oriented learning paths. The School has a community of 52,000 alumni in 130 countries.

A Mission-Driven Company since July 2021, emlyon's purpose is: "to educate and support enlightened individuals throughout their lives who transform organizations effectively for a more just, united, and sustainable society." Its "makers" pedagogy closely links action and reflection.

The School places hybrid skills and social responsibility at the heart of its programs, bridging the best of the academic and socio-economic worlds. Its strategic plan "Résonances 2028" reaffirms the importance of the "maker spirit" that has defined emlyon students since its founding. The plan is built around five key qualities expected of emlyon's "makers," who are change-makers: academic excellence, entrepreneurial spirit, commitment, hybrid knowledge, and societal resonance.

In 2026, emlyon business school takes a new step ahead transforming into emlyon, a Global Management & Tech University, including 3 schools : emlyon business school, emlyon tech school and emlyon – London Interdisciplinary School.

Learn more: www.em-lyon.com

About London Interdisciplinary School (LIS)

LIS pioneers interdisciplinary education that connects the arts and sciences to real-world challenges. Students work on live briefs with employer partners, developing both



quantitative and qualitative skills to graduate equipped for the future of work or academic research.

LIS was the first institution in over 50 years to open in the UK with its own degree-awarding powers from inception. The School currently welcomes students from 46 nationalities, taught by faculty with backgrounds at institutions including Oxford, Cambridge, MIT and Harvard.

89% of graduates are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating, with destinations ranging from Goldman Sachs, the Civil Service and KPMG to postgraduate and doctoral study at Oxford, Cambridge and Glasgow. Supported by a network of more than 200 employer partners.

Learn more: www.lis.ac.uk
