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The intersection of robotics, artificial intelligence and physical automation has become one of the most compelling structural investment themes of the decade, with global robotics market revenues forecast to grow from $76 billion in 2023 to $218 billion by 2030 at a 14% compound annual growth rate. [1] The UK hosts a concentrated cluster of world-class precision engineering, photonics and IT infrastructure companies that are positioned to benefit from this transition, offering investors high-quality exposure to the theme without the valuation extremes associated with some US-listed peers.

Enterprise investment in AI infrastructure is accelerating across every major economy. The hyperscaler capital expenditure cycle — driven by Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon and Meta — is creating a significant pull-through effect for the IT infrastructure resellers and managed services providers that deploy, configure and support AI-ready hardware and cloud environments for corporate and public sector customers. [2] UK-listed companies including Computacenter and Softcat are direct beneficiaries of this cycle, occupying a structural position between the hardware manufacturers and the end customers that makes them resilient to the specific technology choices made at the chip or model level.

On the precision engineering side, the automation of manufacturing, semiconductor fabrication, warehouse logistics and robotic surgery is driving a sustained demand cycle for the measurement, motion control and sensing technologies in which UK companies have historically held global leadership positions. President Trump's executive orders on advanced manufacturing and domestic semiconductor production, alongside European reindustrialisation spending, are providing additional cyclical support for this demand at a time when several of the UK's most accomplished precision technology companies have recently delivered significant earnings upgrades. [3] The five names selected span precision measurement, sensors for automation, IT infrastructure deployment and scientific instruments, combining constructive technical setups with clear fundamental momentum.

The FTSE 250, in which four of the five companies in this report are listed, has staged a significant recovery from the April 2026 lows around 20,800 to trade above 24,800 at the time of writing, breaking decisively above a resistance level at approximately 24,000–24,400 that contained the index for the best part of two years. The weekly chart suggests this could be the resolution of a multi-year accumulation phase rather than a short-term bounce, and if the index sustains trade above the breakout level on any near-term consolidation, the technical backdrop could provide a meaningful additional tailwind for the mid-cap and growth-oriented names selected in this report.

Source: [1] GlobalData via Motley Fool – 8 Best Robotics Stocks to Buy in 2026 (Aug 2026). The Motley Fool, **[2] Kalkine Media –** Three FTSE 100 AI Infrastructure Names Supporting Digital Growth (31 May 2026). Kalkine Media, **[3] TipRanks** – Renishaw Shares Jump as Q4 Revenue Hits Record (24 Jul 2026). TipRanks.
Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

RENISHAW (RSW)

Renishaw is a world-leading precision measurement and manufacturing systems group, supplying high-accuracy metrology, position measurement, additive manufacturing and spectroscopy technologies to customers in semiconductor fabrication, aerospace, automotive, medical devices and scientific research across more than 40 countries. [4]

Fundamentals

The investment case is underpinned by a record fourth quarter performance and a full-year FY2026 trading update that came in materially ahead of expectations, with revenue expected to reach approximately £815 million for the year ended June 2026, a 14% increase on the prior year, while adjusted profit before tax is forecast at approximately £167 million, representing 31% growth. [4] All three divisions contributed to the acceleration — Position Measurement and Specialised Technologies were the standout performers — with the strongest demand coming from semiconductor and electronics manufacturing equipment customers who are investing heavily in the precision metrology tools that enable AI chip fabrication. [4] With full-year results scheduled for 23 September 2026, analyst price targets ranging from 5,500p to 6,100p, and the group's encoder and metrology systems directly embedded in the robotics and automation infrastructure being deployed across industrial and logistics sectors, the shares could attract a meaningful re-rating if the September results confirm the margin improvement now implied by the trading update. [5]

Market Capitalisation: £3.81bn
Sector: Technology
12 Month Price Range: 2868 – 5490p
5 Year Price Range: 2276 – 5490p

Technical Analysis

Renishaw has been one of the strongest performers in the UK precision technology sector over the past twelve months, recovering from the 2,930p support level established in late 2024 to trade near 5,240p, a move of approximately 79% driven by a succession of positive operational updates and culminating in the record Q4 revenue announcement on 24 July 2026. The shares are consolidating around the 5,000–5,250p range following the post-announcement surge, with the 4,800p level now acting as the first meaningful area of support below the current price. Provided the shares hold above 4,800p, the setup could support a continuation toward the 52-week high of 5,490p and potentially the 6,000p area ahead of the September full-year results.

Verdict: BUY
Buy between 4440 – 4900p
Stop: 4120p
Target: 6050p

Source: **[4] LSE RNS** – Trading Statement Q4 and FY2026 (24 Jul 2026). London Stock Exchange, **[5] AskTraders** – Renishaw Shares Jump as Q4 Revenue Hits Record, Profit Tops Forecasts (24 Jul 2026). AskTraders.
Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

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TT ELECTRONICS (TTG)

TT Electronics is a global provider of engineered electronics for performance-critical applications, designing and manufacturing sensors, power management and connectivity solutions for customers in healthcare, aerospace, defence, industrial automation and electrification, with manufacturing operations across the UK, Europe, North America and Asia. [6]

Fundamentals

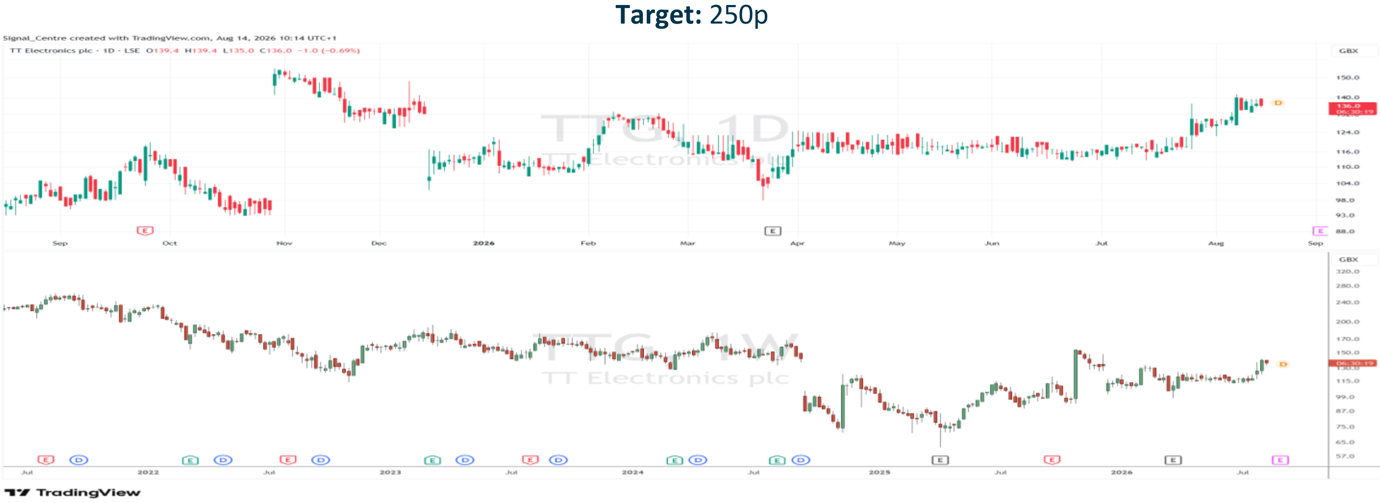
FY2025 results confirmed a business in transition but with improving underlying momentum, with adjusted operating profit rising 2.2% organically to £37.2 million despite a 7.6% statutory revenue decline, as a materially stronger second half offset the challenges that characterised the first. [6] The European division is the standout performer, with a book-to-bill ratio of 135% in 2025 compared to 125% in 2024, driven by expanding aerospace and defence markets including a new five-year contract to supply human-machine interface assemblies for a European combat vehicle programme, while the strategic review of the Components division could potentially realise further value through a disposal. [6] With 2026 revenue and adjusted operating profit guidance in line with consensus, £17 million of identified annualised cost savings underway, and manufacturing capacity being expanded in Malaysia to capture anticipated demand growth in Asia, the group could deliver a meaningful margin recovery through 2026 and 2027 if the operational improvement programme continues at the trajectory demonstrated in H2 2025. [6]

Market Capitalisation: £244.44m
Sector: Technology
12 Month Price Range: 93 – 154.8p
5 Year Price Range: 61.9 – 261.5p

Technical Analysis

TT Electronics produced the strongest technical setup of any stock in this basket, with price, the 50-day moving average and the 200-day moving average all in a Rising configuration across near, mid and long-term timeframes — the highest-conviction signal the model generates. The stock has recovered from the 48.90p 52-week low to trade at 72.5p, with the 65p area now acting as the key area of support following the consolidation of the H2 recovery. Resistance at the 52-week high of 85.08p is the near-term objective, and provided 65p holds on any pullback, the technical setup could support a move toward that level and potentially beyond if the operational momentum continues.

Verdict: BUY
Buy between 125 – 132p
Stop: 110p
Target: 250p



Source: [6] LSE RNS – Full Year Results for Year Ended 31 December 2025 (25 Mar 2026). London Stock Exchange.
Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

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SOFTCAT (SCT)

Softcat is the UK's leading provider of IT infrastructure products and services, helping corporate and public sector organisations source, design and manage their technology environments across hybrid infrastructure, cybersecurity, digital workspace and networking, serving over 10,000 customers from mid-market to large complex enterprises. [7]

Fundamentals

Full year results for the twelve months to July 2025 demonstrated another record performance, with gross profit growing 18.3% to £494.3 million, underlying operating profit up 16.9% to £180.1 million, and the company delivering its 20th consecutive year of organic profit growth. [7] The H1 FY2026 update showed gross profit up 22.6% with the profit outlook upgraded and a £45 million buyback completed, while the Q3 FY2026 trading update confirmed double-digit year-on-year growth in both gross profit and underlying operating profit with particular strength in the corporate segment driven by demand for AI-enabled infrastructure and order pull-forward due to memory shortages. [8] With the board now guiding mid-teens growth in underlying operating profit for the full year versus prior guidance of high single-digit, and Softcat occupying a structurally advantaged position as the primary channel through which large enterprises deploy AI-ready hardware, cloud and security infrastructure, the shares could continue to attract premium multiple support if the revenue and profit trajectory is sustained. [8]

Market Capitalisation: £3.94bn

Sector: Technology

12 Month Price Range: 1075 – 2052p

5 Year Price Range: 940.5 – 2052p

Technical Analysis

Softcat has been one of the most consistent re-rating stories in the UK technology sector over the past twelve months, recovering from the 1,083p 52-week low to trade near its all-time high of 2,024p — a move underpinned by successive earnings upgrades rather than sentiment alone. The 1,800p level has acted as a key area of support through the recent consolidation, and provided this level holds, the shares could potentially retest and exceed the 2,024p high. The risk to the technical setup is that the stock is trading at a significant premium to its longer-term averages, meaning any disappointment in the FY2026 full-year results could see a sharp reversal toward the 1,600–1,700p area.

Verdict: BUY

Buy between 1900 – 1960p

Stop: 1575p

Target: 2400p

Source: [7] LSE RNS – Preliminary Results for Year Ended 31 July 2025 (22 Oct 2025). London Stock Exchange, **[8] Softcat** – Q3 FY2026 Trading Update and H1 FY2026 Results Summary (May 2026). Softcat plc.

Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

COMPUTACENTER (CCC)

Computacenter is Europe's leading independent technology and managed services provider, helping large corporate and public sector organisations source, transform and manage their technology infrastructure across the UK, Germany, France and North America, with a growing footprint in AI-related hardware deployment and professional services. [9]

Fundamentals

FY2025 results set a new benchmark for the group, with revenue growing 32% to £9.2 billion, adjusted operating profit up 11.3% to £274.7 million, adjusted diluted EPS up 9.5% to 175.1p and the year-end committed product order backlog reaching a record £7.1 billion with growth across all geographies, providing exceptional revenue visibility into 2026. [9] North America delivered an outstanding performance with profits nearly doubling and the region now accounting for approximately 40% of group adjusted operating profit, while the acquisition of AgreeYa completed at the start of 2026 strengthens the professional services capability in North America and India at a time when enterprise customers are beginning to move from AI planning into active deployment. [9] With a record number of major customers on a trailing twelve-month basis, a product order backlog that has increased across all geographies, and the group's position as the infrastructure layer through which AI is physically deployed across the enterprise, the shares could potentially re-rate further if the 2026 revenue trajectory confirms that the hyperscaler investment cycle is generating sustained pull-through demand. [9].

Market Capitalisation: £5.18bn
Sector: Technology
12 Month Price Range: 2188 – 5080p
5 Year Price Range: 1716 – 5080p

Technical Analysis

Computacenter has delivered 90% momentum over the past twelve months, rising from the 2,234p 52-week low to trade essentially at its all-time high of 4,962p, with the stock currently consolidating around the 4,900–4,940p range. The 4,500p level now represents the first meaningful area of support below the current price, having previously acted as resistance before the breakout in early 2026. The technical setup is positive but extended — the stock is trading well above all key moving averages and a pullback toward 4,500p could potentially offer a more attractive entry point. Provided support at 4,500p holds on any consolidation, the technical structure could support a continuation toward the 5,500p area.

Verdict: BUY
Buy between 4200 – 4600p
Stop: 3800p
Target: 5800p

Source: [9] LSE RNS – Final Results for Year Ended 31 December 2025 (12 Mar 2026). London Stock Exchange.
Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

OXFORD INSTRUMENTS (OXIG)

Oxford Instruments is a leading provider of high-technology tools and systems for industry and research, designing and manufacturing quantum, imaging, spectroscopy and advanced cryogenic systems that enable customers in semiconductor fabrication, materials science, quantum computing and life sciences to advance their research and production capabilities. [10]

Fundamentals

Full year results for the year ended March 2026 showed profit before tax rising to £58.5 million from £38.2 million in the prior year, driven by the absence of the £26 million goodwill impairment charge recorded in FY2025, while the Advanced Technologies division delivered double-digit revenue growth in the second half with strong order momentum from semiconductor and quantum computing customers. [10] The Imaging & Analysis division navigated a more challenging period in H1 2026 due to tariff-related disruption, with management implementing cost reductions of approximately £4 million at the Belfast site and relocating product assembly locations to improve resilience, positioning the division for recovery as tariff uncertainty eases. [10] With Peel Hunt upgrading to Buy with a 3,500p target, JPMorgan maintaining Overweight with a 3,200p target and Deutsche Bank raising its target to 3,450p, and the company's cryogenic and scientific instruments directly embedded in the quantum computing laboratory and semiconductor fabrication supply chains, the shares could attract renewed institutional interest if the Advanced Technologies momentum is sustained through H2 2026. [11]

Market Capitalisation: £1.62bn
Sector: Technology
12 Month Price Range: 1666 – 3308p
5 Year Price Range: 1444 – 3308p

Technical Analysis

Oxford Instruments has recovered from the 1,682p 52-week low to trade near 2,950p, a gain of approximately 75% from the trough, with the recovery driven by improving results in the Advanced Technologies division and a succession of broker upgrades. The 2,700p level has acted as a key area of support through the recent consolidation, and the stock has been building higher lows since the March 2026 results. Resistance at the 3,318p 52-week high is the near-term objective, and provided 2,700p holds as support, the setup could support a further advance toward that level and potentially the 3,500p broker target area.

Verdict: BUY
Buy between 2400 – 2650p
Stop: 2200p
Target: 3800p

Source: [10] LSE RNS – Final Results for Year Ended 31 March 2026 (9 Jun 2026). London Stock Exchange, **[11] Peel Hunt, JPMorgan, Deutsche Bank** – Analyst Rating Updates on Oxford Instruments (Jun–Jul 2026). Various brokers.
Chart: Tradingview.com, Data as of August 14th, 2026

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