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AI Pathfinder to invest initial £385m in i3 site in Irvine

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British company AI Pathfinder has announced an initial £385m investment as part of their multi-billion pound vision for the 1GW site.

The company plans to use the existing power connection at i3 in 2026 with a significant planned GPU deployment part of their ambition for the site to become one of the largest AI infrastructure hubs in Europe. As part of this long-term vision, AI Pathfinder is looking to invest £15bn at the i3 site in North Ayrshire.

Their investment in the west of Scotland is expected to create substantial employment opportunities, both through the delivery of the site's construction and in the diverse range of skilled roles that will support its long-term operation.

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NOTES TO EDITORS **About AI Pathfinder**

AI Pathfinder is a vertically integrated technology company delivering AI-as-a-Service to transform businesses, unlock value, and change lives. Our sovereign infrastructure will ensure that client data remains secure. We aim to serve global leaders across multiple industries including healthcare, financial services, defence, logistics, FMCG, and insurance.

Backed by decades of combined experience in land, power, high tech systems product and solution development, the Executive Team at AI Pathfinder believe that AI must be deployed ethically, securely, and sovereignly—across both public and private sectors.
What is AI-as-a Service

AI-as-a-Service (AIaaS) is a way for businesses to use artificial intelligence tools and capabilities without having to build and maintain their own AI infrastructure from scratch. It is a cloud-based model, similar to other "as a service" offerings like Software as a Service (SaaS).

A company can "rent" powerful AI tools and services from a third-party provider on a subscription or pay-as-you-go basis, without needing large investments in hardware, software, and specialised talent in some cases (like data scientists and machine learning engineers). **What is Sovereign AI**

Sovereign AI refers to a nation's or an organisation's capability to independently develop, control, and deploy artificial intelligence systems within its own borders and under its own legal and ethical frameworks.

Instead of relying on a third-party, foreign-controlled AIaaS provider, a country with sovereign AI capacity aims to own every layer of the AI stack, from the physical infrastructure to the data and workforce to operate it. ***Contact details***

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