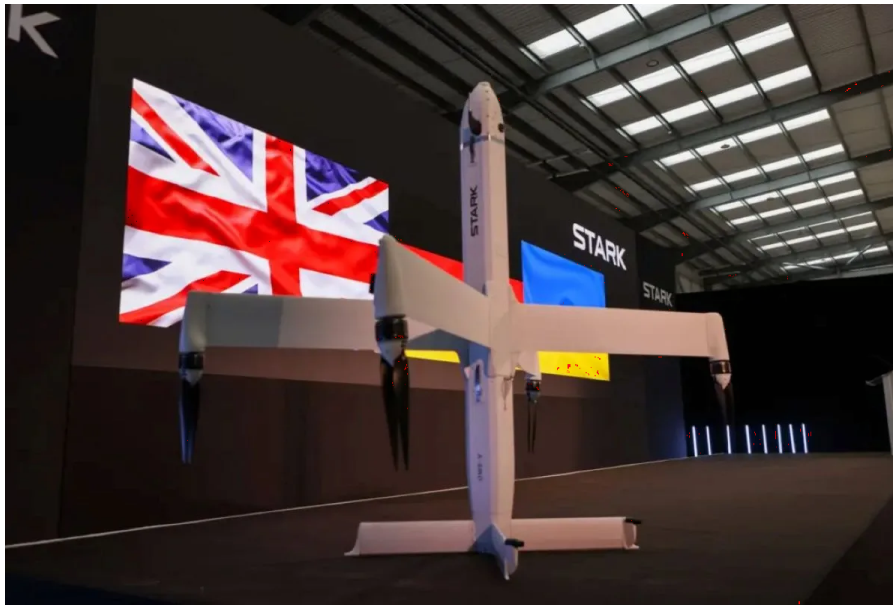




STARK Defence, the new European power in attack drones - VIDEO

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STARK Defence is a **German startup** in the **defense** sector that has emerged in recent months as one of the most interesting names in the field of **unmanned systems**. The company, founded in **Germany**, specializes in the development of **strike drones**, **loitering munitions**, and technological platforms designed to meet the new needs of **European armed forces**.

The most well-known system is **Virtus**, a platform that has helped make the **STARK** brand increasingly visible in the debate on the modernization of continental defense. More generally, the company aims to build an industrial model based on **rapid innovation**, **scalable production**, and integration between **software**, **electronics**, and **unmanned systems**.

In this context, STARK presents itself not only as a drone manufacturer but as an entity that wants to strengthen the **European defense industrial base**. The reference to **Ukraine** remains in the background as part of the strategic context in which the company has grown, but

the core of its industrial identity remains primarily **German** and **European**.

The new factory in the United Kingdom and the partnership with GreenJets

An important milestone in the growth of **STARK Defence** came on **November 21, 2025**, when the company inaugurated a new **production facility** in **Swindon, United Kingdom**, dedicated to **Virtus-type strike drones**. This is **STARK's first factory outside Germany**, confirming the group's intention to expand its industrial capacity on a European scale.

The purpose-built site covers **3,700 square meters** and has already generated **over 50 jobs** in the fields of **software, electronics, flight operations, production, and aerospace engineering**. According to the company, the goal is to exceed **100 highly qualified jobs** in the future. In addition to the **Virtus** system, other **strike drones** are expected to be produced at the British plant.

At the same time, STARK also announced a **partnership** with the British engineering company **GreenJets**. The aim of the collaboration is to integrate the most advanced **propulsion and launch systems** developed by GreenJets into a new generation of **unmanned systems**. This step shows that STARK's growth is not only quantitative but also technological: the company aims to improve the performance, reliability, and development speed of its systems.

A European defense industrial project

The opening of the **Swindon** site represents much more than just a production expansion. It signals a strategy aimed at consolidating a more autonomous, faster, and more distributed **European defense supply chain**. In this sense, STARK Defence seeks to position itself as a player capable of connecting **Germany** and the **United Kingdom** in concrete industrial cooperation.

Not surprisingly, in the communication released on the occasion of the plant's opening, the British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the **Armed Forces, Al Carns**, linked the initiative to the cooperation between London and Berlin under the **Trinity House** agreement, highlighting how this investment can strengthen **supply chains**, accelerate **innovation**, and

offer a strategic advantage to the **United Kingdom** and its **allies**.

In light of these developments, **STARK Defence** increasingly appears as a company to watch closely: a **German startup** that is becoming a European-scale industrial project, with growth based on **new production facilities, technological partnerships**, and a vision that combines **military innovation** and **manufacturing capability**. More than its connection with Ukraine, the company's focus today seems to be on building a stable and competitive presence between **Germany, United Kingdom**, and the rest of Europe.

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