

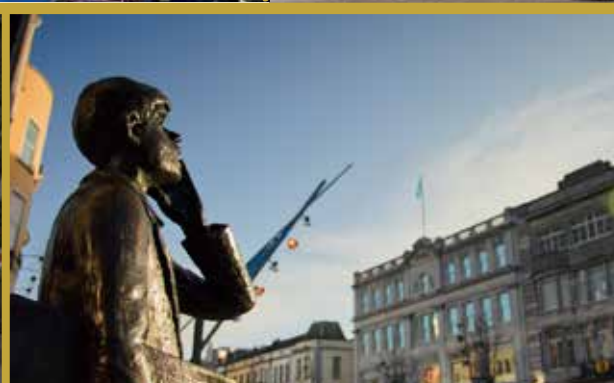


CORK -

YOUR IFS

SOLUTION.

#CorkforIFS



Cork is Ireland's second-largest financial services centre offering your IFS company a competitive solution. Cork is home to companies active in: asset management, fund administration, fintech, insurance, real estate and private equity, cyber security, renewables and IFS professional legal, accounting and advisory services.

Strong IFS Cluster

Cork has the second highest number of IFS companies in Ireland

- 25 IFS companies employing almost 2,000 professionals
- Cork Financial Services Forum supports IFS organisations to enhance the vibrant IFS ecosystem
- Almost 3,900 professionals employed in accounting, bookkeeping, auditing, and tax consultancy activities
- 2,100 professionals employed in management consultancy activities

BIG ON LIFE

Cork's strong regional industry clusters offer high quality roles to grow a rewarding professional career

- Among 100 cities participating in EU Mission for climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- Cork City centre's night-time economy has retained its Purple Flag accreditation (ATCM, 2024)
- Spectacular rural and coastal environment
- Compact city-living
- Festival city-region
- Ireland's gastronomic capital
- Found to be the most active city across Ireland and the UK in 2022
- Ireland's maritime haven
- A UNESCO Learning City
- Ranks in the top 4% of cities for cleanest air quality in Europe (European Environmental Agency, 2024)

580,000+ Population

Ireland's second largest city with a population over 220,000 and over 580,000 in Cork County

- Cork City's population is set to increase by 50% by 2040
- 30% of Cork's population is under 17 years of age
- Located on the south coast of Ireland with direct access to EU markets
- The EU's second largest English-speaking city
- Ideally situated between USA and Asia-Pacific markets
- Only 2.5 hours from Dublin

Strong Talent Pipeline

Cork delivers top class talent with its two regional universities

- UCC & MTU have over 40,000 students and 13,200 graduates combined
- Excellence in R&D and innovation through third-level research institutes
- UCC is in the top 1.1% of universities in the world and is home to CUBS – Ireland's largest business school
- MTU, Ireland's highest ranked technological university, works closely with industry to develop relevant, industry focused courses
- Four other third level institutes within a 2-hour commuting distance
- Cork produced 15.4% of the total graduate population in Ireland in 2022

big
life

CONNECTING
CORK

580,000+
population

40,000
third level students

strong
cluster
IFS



Pro-business
environment

200+
overseas
companies
50,000+ employees in FDI businesses

Cork for Business

Cork ranked 2nd small European Small City for Economic Potential, 2nd Overall, 3rd for Business Friendliness and 5th for FDI Strategy (FDI Intelligent European Cities and Regions of the Future 2025).

- Cork City generates the highest revenue per person in Ireland
- Strong pro-business environment
- Collaborative, inter-agency partnerships
- Thriving start-up community and entrepreneurial spirit and with first class accelerator initiatives
- 100 Gbps fibre connectivity between Cork & the US & UK

200+ Overseas Companies

FDI investors employ over 50,000 people in the region

- Multicultural workforce from over 100 different countries
- Cork is home to several strong industry clusters built on a mix of FDI investment and indigenous companies
- Strong track record of successful international investment and re-investment
- Clusters include ICT, pharma, cyber security, renewable energy, financial and professional services, maritime, agri-food

transport
links

Transport Links

Flights to hub airports in London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome & Manchester

- 50+ destinations served from Cork International Airport
- World's second largest natural harbour with new routes to Belgium, France & the US
- Hourly trains between Cork & Dublin

office
rental

Office Rental

Prime Cork City centre office rents are 58% that of Dublin City Centre office rents (Savills Research – Review and Outlook 2024)

- Highly competitive rates
- New state of the art office space in the city centre
- Gold and Platinum LEED offices
- 17 innovative co-working hubs in the county

YOUR GLOBAL
BUSINESS
DESTINATION





Cork is Ireland's second-largest financial services centre offering your IFS company a competitive solution.

The industry-led Cork Financial Services Forum provides a supportive environment for existing businesses and potential new entrants and their teams.

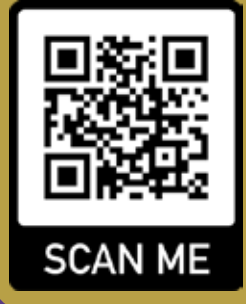
Ireland is now recognised as a very significant global financial centre and the international financial services sector has never been more an important sector in the Irish economy. There are over 52,800 people working in the sector across Ireland with almost 40% of all roles in the regions.

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