

Why invest in Ireland?

There is **not just one** reason why companies choose to invest in Ireland, **there are many.**



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Track Record

Ireland is home to **1,250** overseas company operations and continues to attract companies from sectors such as ICT, Life Sciences, Financial Services, Internet, Engineering and Business Services. Many of these companies are undertaking strategic activities such as **advanced manufacturing, R&D and global business services** in Ireland.

IRELAND HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY:

- 9 of the top 10 global Software companies.
- 9 of the world's top 10 Pharma companies.
- 13 of the world's top 15 Medical Technology companies.
- 9 of the top 10 US ICT companies.
- 15 of the world's top 25 Financial Services companies.

1st

Ireland is 1st in the world for Inward Investment by quality and value.¹

1st

Ireland is 1st in Europe for inward investment jobs per capita.¹

65 YEARS

IDA Ireland - Ireland's Investment Promotion & Development Agency has a track record of 65 years in Foreign Direct Investment.

Talent

Ireland stands out with the youngest population in the EU - one third of the population under 25 years of age.⁴

Ireland ranks 1st in the world for the flexibility and adaptability of its workforce.²

1st

Ireland ranks 1st for the availability of Finance Skills.²

Top 10

Ireland is in the Top 10 for the availability of senior management talent.²

3rd

Ireland has the 3rd most productive workforce in the world.²

Top 5

Ireland is in the top 5 countries in the world for the availability of skilled labour.²

12.5% Tax

The Irish tax regime is open, stable and transparent and complies fully with OECD guidelines and EU competition law.

Corporate tax rate in Ireland



1st

in the EU and 6th in the world for the ease with which a business can pay its taxes.³

25%

Research and Development tax credit.

70

Extensive Tax Treaty Networks.

Ease of doing business

Forbes has ranked Ireland **4th best country in the world** for business 2015.

Ireland has one of the most resilient supply chains in the world - **ranking 3rd of 130** countries in the 2016 FM Global Resilience Index

Ireland is one of the most economically free countries in the world, **ranking 8th of 186** countries in the Index of Economic Freedom 2016.

Ireland ranks 17th of 189 countries in the 2016 World Bank Doing Business Report.

IDA Ireland partners with overseas companies to help them establish and grow their business in Ireland through a wide range of services, from **Facts and Funding** to arranging **Site Visits** and providing **Property Solutions**.

Education

Ireland's Education System ranks in the **top ten countries in the world.**²

The % of the population aged 25-64 who have successfully completed third level education is **one of the highest in the EU, at 43%** in 2016.⁵

Ireland has the highest proportion of **science, mathematics & computing graduates** in the OECD.⁵

Europe

Ireland - a member of the EU since 1973 and Eurozone member.

Ireland provides easy access to the European market of over 500 million consumers.

Ireland - the only English speaking member of the Eurozone.

High skilled Europeans are attracted to **work and live in Ireland**. Companies in Ireland have access to a European labour force of approximately 250 million.

Cities & Clusters

Ireland has a large number of attractive cities/towns that have proven ability to attract Foreign direct investment.

GENERAL KEY

- Third Level Institutes
- Locations with population > 7,500

CLUSTER KEY

- Bio-Pharma/Pharma
- Technology
- Financial Services
- Medical Devices
- Manufacturing
- Engineering



50% of IDA clients are located outside of Dublin.

Dublin ranks in top 5 "European Cities of the Future" with Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford & Shannon ranking in Top 10 of their category.⁶

Quality Of Life - Ireland ranks **12th** best country to be born in of 80 countries according to Economist Intelligence Unit.

Ireland ranks **2nd** in the EU for its Air Quality.⁷

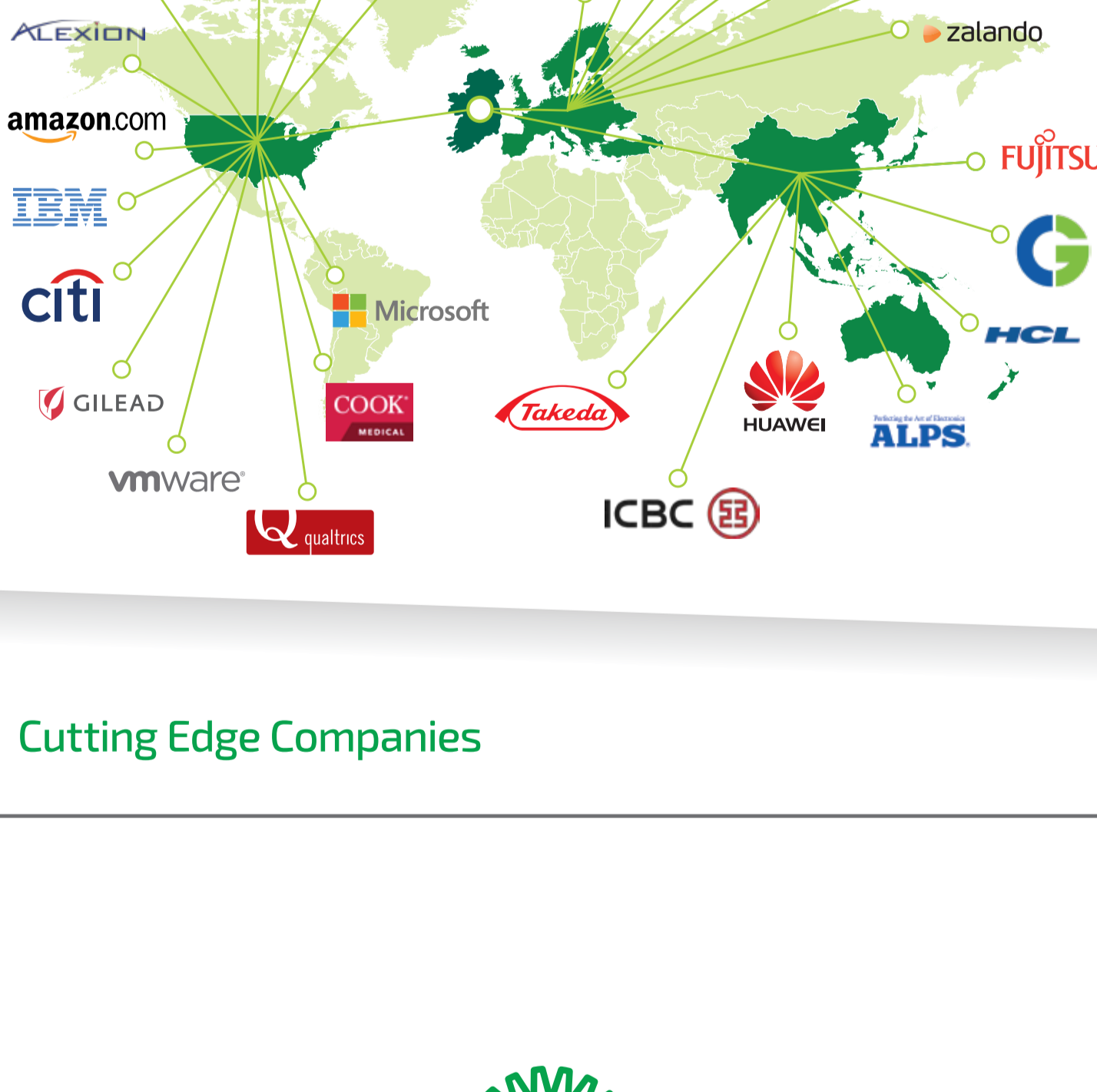
Connected Research



Strategic Research Areas
Pharma, Big Data, Medical Devices, Nanotechnology / Materials, Microelectronics, Marine Renewable Energy, Food for Health/Functional Foods, Perinatal Research, Applied Geosciences, Software, Digital Content and Telecommunications.

Cutting Edge Companies

Some of the world's most innovative brands have chosen to invest in Ireland. These include:



Cutting Edge Companies

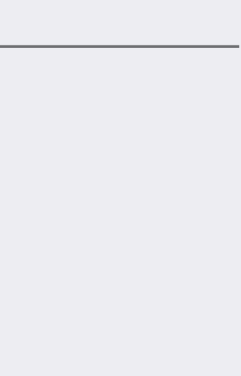
These companies join a cadre of cutting-edge companies that is Irish enterprise

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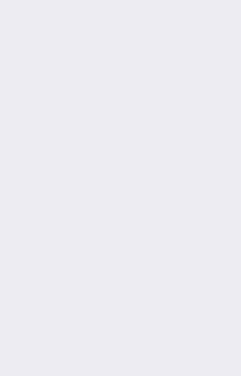
The Global Entrepreneurial Report 2015 **ranks Ireland in the top ten most entrepreneurial countries.**



Over 200 Irish-owned companies are at the leading edge of international finance services in a range of sectors including payments, financial technology and services.



During the period 2010-2012, the highest proportions of enterprises with innovation activity were recorded in Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland.



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