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Ireland – where food evolves

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Three Year Performance

**Leading
in a Changing
World
– Three Year
strategy**

2024

234,454

2023

225,495

2022

218,178

2021

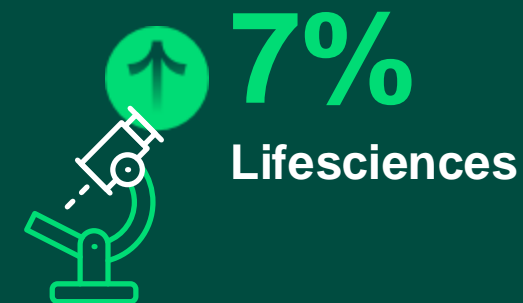
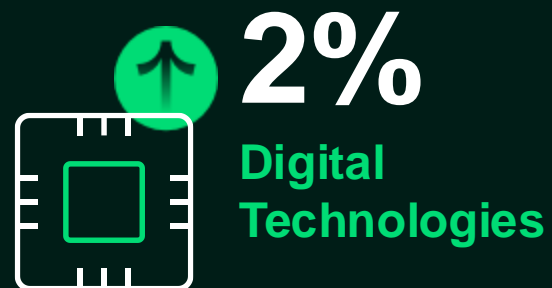
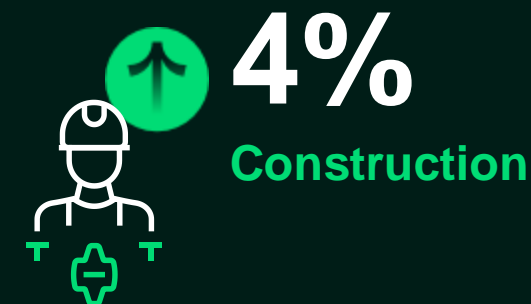
207,894



13%

Employment
growth in client portfolio

Enterprise Ireland: Job Growth across Sectors



2025

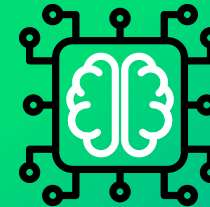
Operating Environment



**Global
Uncertainty**



**Climate
Change**



**AI &
Technology**



**Labour
Market**



**Inflation &
Interest rates**



**Business
Costs**

Ireland's Food & Beverage Sector



450

Food & Drink Clients

- *Multi Nationals & Indigenous*
- *Dairy*
- *Beverages*
- *Nutraceuticals*
- *Meats*
- *Prepared Consumer Foods*
- *Start-ups*



€15.2bn Exports

Food & Drink Exports 2023

Almost 50% of all indigenous exports



60,000+

Employees



Some of the Food & Beverage Multinationals located in Ireland



Ireland:
Where Food Evolves

World Class Food Research & Innovation



Exceptional levels of **collaboration** between industry, academia, the state and regulators for quick access to world class research

Enterprise Ireland **facilitates engagement** with this ecosystem

Ecosystem that encourages collaboration between **Irish companies, multinationals and researchers** on market-focused R&D projects

25% R&D tax credit available

Ireland's Sustainability & Food Security



Ireland aims to become a **world leader in sustainable food systems** over the next decade and target of a carbon-neutral food system by 2050.



Danone's baby formula site, the first in the world to be **certified as carbon neutral**.



Bord Bia, The Irish Food Board's **Origin Green** programme is the only sustainability programme in the world that operates on a national scale.

Agtech in Ireland

- Critical to develop modern sustainable farms to help meet the challenge of food security and climate change across the world
- Ireland has a global reputation for research and technology dedicated to the development of agriculture
- 5,000+ employed in Irish Agtech companies
- €1bn in sales
- One of Europe's the most carbon efficient dairy farming systems



Streams of Agritech development in Ireland



Sustainable farming practices, innovations in plant and animal science reducing inputs



Farm management software and services



Decision support technology on farm reducing antibiotic use



Sensor technology & on farm automation



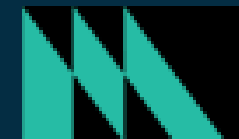
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Industry Agritech Innovations reaching farms across the world



InTouch



Why Ireland for Food & Beverage Investment?



Track Record

- 1600 overseas companies have established strategic operations in Ireland
- Ireland ranked as 2nd best country globally to invest in



Tax & Incentives

- Stable and transparent tax regime
- Competitive corporate tax rate of **12.5%**
- **25%** R&D tax credit available



Europe

- Ireland is a committed member of the European Union.
- Ireland has market access to **447m** people living in the EU and a labour force of 210m



Strong Reputation

- Ireland is recognised as a **green and clean** food producing nation
- Strong **food safety and security** record aligned with international standards



World Class Talent

- The **youngest population in the EU**- one third under 25, almost half under 35
- Ireland's third level attainment among highest in Europe (55.4% vs EU average 40.3%)



Leader in R&D

- Ireland is one of the leading Research, Development and Innovation locations in the world
- Irish government spend on R&D in 2020 was **€866.8m**

Focus – Impact at Global Scale

Irish Exporting Companies Leading Future Growth



Start

grow the number
of entrepreneurs
starting companies
in Ireland



Compete

accelerate
the productivity
of Irish
businesses



Scale

new leading
companies
of global scale
from Ireland




Connect

continue to build
an ecosystem to
support Irish
business

Ambition: Supporting companies to achieve global scale

Thank you

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