



Cork Financial Services Forum

Cork Financial Services Forum was established by Cork Chamber in 2008 to drive the advancement of the financial services industry in the Cork region and strengthen partnerships between industry, education and government organisations. The Forum is comprised of representatives of 25 organisations and businesses that represent the wide depth and breadth of the FS sector in the Cork region, as well as the local agencies that support the development of economic growth in the region, including University College Cork, Cork Institute of Technology, Enterprise Ireland and the IDA.

The IFS sector in Cork has grown over the past ten years, making it the second hub for financial services in Ireland, after Dublin. There is now a significant cluster of companies in the region that represent a broad spectrum of financial services disciplines including: back office processing; fund administration; transfer agency; middle office settlements; distribution and asset servicing; trustee/depository; risk & compliance; fintech; financial reporting & audit; asset management operations; managed data services and regtech.

Cork is home to a significant tech cluster (**it@cork**) and is also the HQ of **Cyber Ireland**, a national cybersecurity cluster. The Cork University Business School hosts several financial services research centres and projects (**Centre for Investment Research; Financial Service Innovation Centre; FINTECHNEXT; Governance, Risk and Compliance Technology Centre**) and is also host to the **Insight Centre for Data Analytics**, which specialises in data analytic, AI and machine learning. These complementary sectors and synergies make it an ideal location for the development of new initiatives in the area of digitalisation and new technologies to support the growth of the financial services industry.

The Financial Services Ecosystem in Cork includes the following:



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