

The success of Northern Ireland's financial services technology sector is built upon a peerless combination of competitive operating costs and highly skilled and productive workforce.

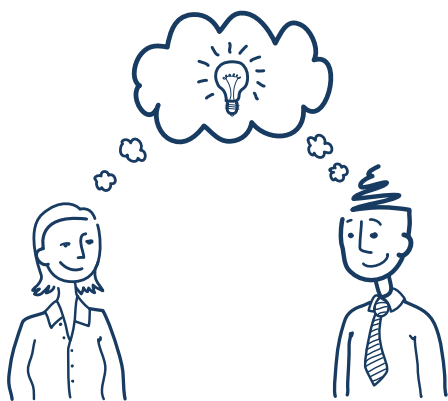
Financial Services Technology



Cluster strength

The financial services (FS) technology sector in Northern Ireland includes multinational firms such as Citi, NYSE Euronext, the Allstate Corporation, Liberty Mutual, Fidessa and Polaris and is further strengthened by the growth of local technology firms such as First Derivatives and Singularity.

Firms in the region provide financial technology and services for internal and external customers including infrastructure and applications support and software development. Joint initiatives with industry and academia are yielding innovation in trading and risk management technology in addition to cutting edge R&D capability in secure information technologies, grid and cloud computing.



Proven to work

First Derivatives is headquartered in Newry, Northern Ireland and exports around the world to a global client base that includes many of the world's leading investment banks and hedge funds.

The company is a leading provider of consulting and software solutions to the capital markets industry. Focused on financial institutions with high volume trading activities, First Derivatives develops, implements and supports a broad range of mission-critical trading systems across front, middle and back-office operations.

"Since formation in 1996, First Derivatives has been based in Northern Ireland. As a location Northern Ireland offers us a strong pool of university educated people, an attractive cost base and a geographic location that allows us to service our global client base."

Brian Conlon, CEO
First Derivatives plc



- Located within ECIT, the new £25m Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) will become the UK's lead centre for security technology. CSIT is bringing together research specialists in complementary fields such as data encryption, network security systems, wireless enabled security systems and intelligent surveillance technology to create the security infrastructure increasingly required by a diverse range of industries including financial services.

"Northern Ireland has world leading R&D in technology and talented people highly relevant to major developments in communications, electronics and IT"

Professor John McCanny, Director
ECIT, Queen's University Belfast

World class infrastructure

Northern Ireland offers a resilient digital network, providing high speed voice and data connections throughout the world. Northern Ireland was the first region in Europe to have 100 per cent broadband availability. It will also be among the first to operate and experience high speed, next generation services with a new 40-gigabyte per second transatlantic and terrestrial telecommunications link between Northern Ireland, North America and Europe. This will provide secure, reliable service and deliver prices up to 20 per cent below market rates in London, Dublin, Manchester and Glasgow. In addition, the region offers time zone, language and cultural compatibility. It is a 90 minute drive from the major financial services hub in Dublin. New York is a six hour flight away and there are almost 30 flights each day to London.

With you all the way

From initial enquiry to investment, Invest Northern Ireland will work with you to ensure your business gets off to a great start in Northern Ireland. A comprehensive range of support initiatives will help to ensure your ongoing business success.

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