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CEO 100 2017

Showcasing Ireland's most influential CEOs, the Business & Finance CEO 100 profiles Ireland's business leaders and their career progression.The top 100 CEOs in Ireland work across the widest possible variety of industries, implementing long-term strategies, spearheading corporate culture and delivering strong results.

ADRIAN SERLE COMMUNICORP

Only joining the company in January, Adrian has spent over 20 years in media, predominantly UK radio. From 2000, he spent nine years with Emap where he operated local and national radio stations leading teams across TV, radio, magazines, digital and sales. In 2009 he joined Orion Media where he assumed roles as the Group Commercial Director and Group CEO.

ALAN DUFFY HSBC

As well as being HSBC Ireland's CEO, Alan is also in charge of the company's corporate banking and security services businesses in Ireland. He joined HSBC Ireland in 2006 and his experience of 25 years spans the US, Canadian, European and Nordic markets. He holds an MBA from the Smurfit Graduate School of Business.

ALAN FOY BLUEFACE

Alan leads the Unified Communications as a Service (UCaas) provider Blueface, a cloud-voice communications platform for all-sized businesses, from SME to large multinationals. He was previously an executive with NBC Group (now Investec) and has worked with AOL Finance and Coyle Hamilton in the field of business transformation and change.

ALBERT MANIFOLD CRH

Since January 2014, Albert Manifold has been the Chief Executive of CRH Group. He joined the firm in 1988 as Finance Director for the Europe Materials division where he developed the company considerably in Eastern Europe. In 2004 he became Group Development Director and in 2007 was appointed Managing Director, CRH Europe Materials.

ANNE HERATY CPL

Anne established CPL plc. in 1989 and became the first Irish woman to run a plc. With this experience she has led CPL to become the top employment-services company in Ireland. She started her career as a telesales worker at Xerox, and then moved to Grafton Recruitment before setting up her own company.

ANNE O'LEARY VODAFONE

Anne is responsible for Vodafone's operations in Ireland and the 2,000-strong workforce. Her experience across some of the world's biggest telecoms companies solidifies her place on this list. These include Regional Director of Esat Telecoms, Managing Director of BT and Business and Enterprise Director of Vodafone, before becoming CEO.

BERNARD BYRNE AIB

Bernard Byrne is a chartered accountant who joined AIB in 2010 as Group Chief Financial Officer after working with the ESB where he was the Commercial Director for International Investments. In 2015 he held the position of Director of Retail and Business Banking at AIB before being announced as CEO later that year.

BRIAN McKIERNAN DAVY GROUP

With 27 years' investment experience, Brian graduated with a first in Engineering from University College Dublin before going on to qualify as a chartered accountant with Arthur Andersen. He is also a Fellow of the Securities Institute, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a member of the board of J&E Davy.

BRUCE THOMPSON BANK OF AMERICA IRELAND

Bruce is a Bank of America Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Global Acquisition Finance and Capital Commitments. Earlier this year Bruce was chosen to lead the bank's post-Brexit hub in Dublin. Joining Bank of America in 1996 as Managing Director, Bruce served a variety of markets and in 2008 was named Head of Global Capital Markets.

CARIN BRYANS JP MORGAN

The vast experience of Carin Bryans across the financial services industry sees her comfortably placed on this list. Carin has been Managing Director/Senior Country Officer of JP Morgan Ireland since 1990. Carin is also currently a Director of the American Chamber of Commerce Ireland and a Director of the ISPCA.

CATHRIONA HALLAHAN MICROSOFT

As Managing Director of Microsoft in Ireland, Cathriona drives the major tech company's operations in the Emerald Isle. She also represents the company in all its strategies, corporate affairs and communications. She joined Microsoft in 1986 and for over 30 years has held a variety of roles including senior positions in finance and operations.

CHRIS MARTIN MUSGRAVE

Chris's focus in Ireland's largest grocery and food distributor is partnering with entrepreneurial retailers to grow and develop retail and wholesale brands. Before joining Musgrave, Chris was CEO of Mothercare plc. and Group Finance Director of Storehouse plc. He is an economics graduate of Newcastle University and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

COLM DELVES DIGICEL

Joining Digicel as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in May 2004, he was appointed CEO in July 2005. Colm is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. He was at Hibernia Foods plc. from May 1992 to October 2003 serving on the Board of Directors and as Finance Director. Prior to this he spent four-and-a-half years at KPMG.

COLM KENNEDY VAYU

In 2013, Colm led Vayu to become the first Irish energy provider to supply electricity to customers entirely from renewable sources. In 2006, the company became part of Gas Natural Fenosa, a multinational group present in more than 30 countries serving over 23 million customers.

COLM PIERCY VIATEL

Colm has founded ventures such as the Digiweb Group, Dataplex and Chirisa Investments. He has been a serial entrepreneur in the telecoms market for over 20 years and CEO of Viatel since June 2013. Viatel offers next-generation fibre-optic connectivity, voice and managed services across Europe. He holds a degree in Engineering from the University of Limerick.

CONOR GRAY BOYLE SPORTS

Conor is the son-in-law of founder John Boyle and has been at the betting company since 2001 starting off as a trainee cashier. He has since gone on to hold numerous high-profile positions in the company including in IT, trading and digital. In 2014, he became the Chief Operating Officer (COO), before taking over as CEO this year.

DALTON PHILIPS DAA

Dalton Philips has a wide variety of top-level experience in business including being a former CEO of Brown Thomas and Morrisons Supermarkets. He's worked across retail, innovation, consultancy and transport. Just this month he assumed the role of CEO at the Dublin Airport Authority.

DAN GEARY PALLAS FOODS

Along with his family, Dan co-founded Pallas Foods in 1983 and hasn't looked back since. In 2009 the company was sold to US operator Sysco, ending more than two decades of family ownership. Among Dan's brands in Pallas Foods are the newly-launched Pallas Green, Arrezzio and DGF with strong national and international clientele.

DAN KIELY VOXPRO

From six staff in a room above a pub in Cork, Dan Kiely, and his wife Linda, grew their business to an international business process outsourcing firm, employing almost 3,000 people in Cork, Dublin, California, Georgia in the US, Bucharest, Romania and Manila, Philippines. This year saw Canadian firm Telus International take over Voxpro in a €150m deal.

DANNY McCOY IBEC

Danny has been CEO of Ibec since 2009. Prior to this he was a senior economist at both the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and the Central Bank of Ireland. He has also lectured at Dublin City University, University College London, Oxford and Trinity College Dublin, and has been a consultant for the European Central Commission and the OECD.

DARREN RYAN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IRELAND

Before assuming the CEO role at Social Entrepreneurs Ireland (SEI) in 2014, Darren spent time in South Africa and Kenya working in overseas development. In 2013 he was listed in the Top 30 Under 30 Entrepreneurs in Ireland and last year was named among the Ten Top Outstanding Young People in Ireland by Junior Chamber International.

DAVE O'FLANAGAN BOXEVER

A talented software engineer for well over a decade, Dave holds an M.Sc. in Computer Science and a BA in Mathematics from Trinity College Dublin. He has worked in many fields in the tech industry including mobile telecoms, travel and cloud. His current venture in Boxever seeks to make client interfacing a lot easier.

DAVID CARPENTER HIBERNIA COLLEGE

A highly-experienced senior manager throughout his career, David has assumed CEO, COO and CFO roles over the years at the ECDL Foundation, Q-Validus, Oasis Ventures, DM3 Institute and now at Hibernia College. He is a holder of a Bachelor of Business Studies degree in Business Studies, Accounting and Finance from Trinity College Dublin.

DAVID SHACKLETON DING

Appointed to the Ding Board of Directors in 2009 and becoming Non-Executive Director in 2013 having most recently served as Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), David was a managing consultant with the Monitor Group in the US before returning to Ireland and working with Prospectus Strategy Consultants. He initially led business and product development in Ding in its early stages.

DEE FORBES RTE

Dee is the first woman to hold the Director General role at RTÉ. Before joining RTÉ she was President and Managing Director of Discovery Networks Northern Europe. After graduating from University College Dublin she moved to the UK in 1989 to begin her career in the advertising agency Young and Rubicam.

DEIRDRE SOMERS IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE

Chief Executive of the Irish Stock Exchange (ISE) for over a decade, Deirdre has seen the ISE through many changes and was the key figure in keeping it profitable through the financial crisis. She was also Head of Policy and Director of Listing before becoming CEO where she oversaw the main equity market and the development of many specialised markets.

DEJAN CUSIC COMTRADE

Ćušić leads Comtrade's expansion in the UK and Ireland markets. With more than 15 years of experience working in various roles at Comtrade, including Program Manager, Delivery Manager and Business Development Manager, he has built an impressive track record, helping numerous start-ups and enterprises successfully undergo the digital transformation cycle.

DOMHNAL SLATTERY AVOLON AVIATION

Dómhnal began his career in 1989 in marketing with Guinness Peat Aviation and GECAS. 1994 saw him introduce his own company, International Aviation Management Group (IAMG), which delivered aircraft advice and investment-banking services. He was Chief Executive of RBS Aviation Capital from 2001 to 2004 when RBS acquired IAMG in 2001 and continued to be a non-executive director until January 2008.

DONAL MURPHY DCC

Donal joined DCC as Head of Group IT in 1998 having previously worked with Allied Irish Bank plc. He was Managing Director of DCC from 2004 to 2006 and then Managing Director of DCC Energy thereafter. He took over as CEO of the support-services firm in July of this year.

EAMONN SINNOTT INTEL

Eamonn Sinnott is Vice President, Technology and Manufacturing Group at Intel Corporation and the General Manager of Intel in Ireland. Sinnott joined Intel in 1991 and has held a variety of factory management positions in Ireland and in the USA. Eamonn became the factory manager for the 300mm start-up/ramp of Fab24 in 2001 before taking over as the plant manager in 2006.

EDEL CREELY TRILOGY TECHNOLOGIES

Edel Creely has led Trilogy Technologies to become one of the leading managed services providers across UK and Irish markets. Edel was instrumental in the formation of Trilogy Technologies in late 2009 following the acquisition of IT focus and the merger of Team DBA. She was Chair of the Irish Software Association (ISA) from 2013-2015, and appointed to the board of Ibec in 2015.

EDMOND SCANLON KERRY GROUP

Edmond joined Kerry in 1996 through the graduate programme from University College Cork. He performed several roles before relocating to the US in 2004, including three years in Commercial Financial Management for the Consumer Foods business. On arrival to the US, the was ultimately promoted to VP Operations for the Supply Chain and Financial functions.

EOIN GOULDING INTEGRITY 360

Eoin left school in 1996 and set up his own PC and server business which he ran for five years. He then went on to work in sales for American company Align Communications before setting up his 360-degree IT security firm Integrity360, which saw him grab a finalist place in the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2015.

FERGAL LEAMY COILLTE

Fergal has been CEO of Coillte since March 2015. Beginning his career in McKinsey & Company in London where he worked with many leading food and agriculture clients, he moved from McKinsey to establish and run Greencore's US operations. He has also been CEO of Consolidated Pastoral Company , an Austrailian agrifoods business.

FERGAL NAUGHTON GLEN DIMPLEX

As well as being the Glen Dimplex's Chief Executive, Fergal is the Founding President of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of the University of Notre Dame where he is also Chairman of the Ireland Council. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Stanford University and Harvard Business School.

FIONA MULDOON FBD GROUP

January 2015 saw Fiona join FBD as Group Finance Director Designate and appointed an Executive Director and member of the board. She was appointed Group Chief Executive in October of the same year. Fiona has a rich background in finance with stints at the Central Bank of Ireland, XL Group and Bank of Ireland.

FIONNUALA MEEHAN GOOGLE

As Google's Country Manager Meehan heads a 6,000-strong organisation, while juggling the lead role with her 'day job' as Vice-President of Google Marketing Solutions for EMEA, managing 600 people who work with small and medium businesses to get them online. About 70% of the Dublin office work in jobs related to servicing EMEA sales, including publishers and advertising.

FRANCESCA McDONAGH BANK OF IRELAND

Newly appointed Group CEO, Francesca is one of the leading bankers in Europe and has helped advise UK governmental initiatives on encouraging more women to take on top jobs in the banking sector. She worked at HSBC for 20 years where she held top positions in the Middle East, North Africa and Hong Kong, and earned an OBE for services to banking.

GARETH LAMBE FACEBOOK

As a General Manager, Lambe is responsible for the health and success of Facebook's International Headquarters in Dublin, employing over 1,600 people, with plans to double that figure announced in March of this year. Lambe has held a variety of roles in Facebook since joining in 2011 from his previous role as Director of Merchant Services EMEA at PayPal.

GARRETT FITZGERALD MUNSTER RUGBY

Garrett has been Munster Chief Executive in situ since 1999. He has been at the helm through Munster Rugby's golden era, where the province won Europe's elite rugby competition, the Heineken Cup, in the 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 seasons. He also oversaw the redevelopment of Thomond Park, which is one of European rugby's top grounds and has a capacity of 25,630.

GAVIN SLARK GRAFTON GROUP

Gavin joined Grafton Group plc. as a member of the board and Chief Executive Designate in April 2011 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in July of the same year. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of Galliford Try plc., a UK house-building and construction group. He was previously Group Chief Executive of BSS Group plc.

GENE MURTAGH KINGSPAN

Appointed to the board in 1999, Gene was previously Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Kingspan from 2003 to 2005. Prior to this he was Managing Director of the Group's Insulated Panel business and of the Environmental business. He joined Kingspan in 1993 and has a vast knowledge of business as well as building materials and energy efficiency.

GERARD BOYLAN TEDCASTLE HOLDINGS

In 1999, Gerard joined Top Oil as Financial Projects Manager and has been promoted through various roles, including Finance Director and Commercial Director. He was appointed to General Manager of Top Oil in 2006 and then CEO at the end of 2009. He previously worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers and is a qualified chartered accountant.

JANET McCOLLOM MOY PARK

Working at Moy Park for over 20 years and beginning as European Accountant at the firm, within six years Janet progressed to the Executive Board as Group Finance Director. She assumed the CEO spot at the beginning of 2014 with leadership of Moy Park Europe covering the UK, Ireland and continental Europe.

JD BUCKLEY SKY IRELAND

JD joined Sky Ireland in May 2011 after previously running his own business consultancy firm for four years. During that time he took on the interim role as Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Prontaprint and Kall Kwik. Gaining vast experience in Digicel, he was CEO of the company's Cayman Islands business before taking responsibility for the North Caribbean region.

JIM DOWDALL IRISH LIFE HEALTH

Jim began in IT in Irish Life Assurance. Various global tech and operations roles led to him becoming Operations Director in VIVAS Health in July 2003. He has gone on to become Managing Director of Aviva Health, CEO of Aviva Ireland, CEO of GloHealth and is currently Managing Director at Irish Life Health, now encompassing Aviva Health and GloHealth.

JIM WOULFE DAIRYGOLD

Jim was announced as the Dairygold chief in 2009. Previous to that he held senior roles as head of human resources and manager of milk supplies. A UCC graduate, Jim joined Ballyclough's milk-processing division in 1979. His wealth of experience spanning nearly 40 years sees him at the forefront of industry.

JOE DUFFY BNY MELLON

Joe joined BNY Mellon in 2006 and before this put his time into building financial services for businesses in JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank in Ireland. He has also worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Ireland and various world locations. Joe is Deputy CEO of BNY Mellon's European Bank and Co-Chair of the company's Women's Initiative Network (WIN) Employee Resource Group in EMEA.

JOHN COTTER IFG GROUP

Having an extensive knowledge of Irish and UK financial services, John was co-opted to the board of IFG at the end of 2013 and served as the Group's Finance Director. He was made CEO of IFG in September last year. He has held other high-level roles at Collins Stewart Hawkpoint plc., the Royal Bank of Scotland and Morgan Stanley.

JOHN FITZSIMONS CAMARA EDUCATION

Camara Education uses technology to deliver skills and education to disadvantaged areas around the world. Before working with Camara, John ran a consulting business which was part of Dell. His background is in engineering and IT having previously worked with Analog Devices before spending two years in Tanzania building IT for the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre.

JOHN HARKIN BOYNE VALLEY GROUP

From 2000 to 2006, John was General Manager of Punch Industries, a leading manufacturer of shoe care, fabric care and laundry aids and prior to this held various commercial and operational roles with Kerry Group and Horgans of Mitchelstown. John studied Agri Business and Farm Management in both Ireland and the United Sates.

JOHN HORGAN KEPAK

A graduate of Agricultural Economics in UCD, Horgan's long career began as an inspector for the Department of Agriculture & Food. He then went on to work as a market analyst for the European Commission. He joined Kepak in the early 1980s, taking over as MD following the demise of founder Noel Keating. The company has approximately 2,000 employees and an estimated turnover of €850m.

JOHN MOORE 3D4 MEDICAL

The founder and CEO of the developer of medical applications built 3D4 Medical without any venture capital and now can be found in America, Russia and Ireland. 3D4 Medical is used in every major university and hospital across the world and boasts 12 million downloads so far. In 2015, venture capitalist, Malin, acquired 38% of 3D4 Medical for $16.4 million.

JULIE SINNAMON ENTERPRISE IRELAND

CEO of Enterprise Ireland since November 2013, Julie held a number of senior public-sector positions constituting a 30-year career in Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland. She has managed the evaluation division and equity portfolio in Enterprise Ireland. In 2015, Julie was appointed to the Investment Committee of the Irish Strategic Investment Fund, part of the National Treasury Management Agency.

KEVIN TOLAND ARYZTA

The former Dublin Airport Authority chief took the reins at the troubled baked goods firm in September with a remit to turn around its fortunes. In 2014 he was in charge of an independent review of the Department of Justice. He is also a former executive at Glanbia. The Swiss-Irish baked goods firm delivers brands such as Cuisine de France and Shamrock Foods.

LARRY MURRIN DAWN FARMS

Dawn Farm Foods was born in 1985. Larry expanded the company into Cherrywood in Ballyfermot before moving to Naas where the company now has two plants. The company has since opened a facility in Northampton, England. Dawn Farms Foods is also a founder of Origin Green, a nationally-run sustainability programme.

LEO CRAWFORD BWG

Leo joined BWG in 1996 as Managing Director and was appointed Chief Executive in 1999. He was appointed to the SPAR International Board in 2001 and was elected as the first Irish President of SPAR International in 2005. From June 2010 to June 2011 he was President of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (Ibec). He continues as a board member.

LIAM KAVANAGH IRISH TIMES

Liam began his career at KPMG as an accountant then moved on to a managerial role in the firm before moving to Smurfit Ireland as an Internal Auditor and then Financial Director of Irish Paper Products. A decade at Smurfit saw him transfer to Ireland's biggest newspaper, starting off as Finance Director and Company Secretary before assuming his current role.

LIAM NAGLE NORBROOK

Immersed in many C-suite and varied roles throughout his career, Liam began in finance at Apple which led him to assume a General Manager role at Intel in 1991. This took him into telecoms and optical components with Nortel Networks and Bookham Technology. Before becoming CEO of Norbrook he was CEO of SISK and Chairman of SISK Healthcare Group.

LINDA DAVIS NEXT GENERATION

Linda founded Next Generation in 2007 with a real know-how of the recruitment world, after graduating from Trinity College Dublin in Marketing and going on to work for HRM Recruit as a Supply Chain & Engineering Recruitment Manager. She is currently the CEO of Next Generation, Davis Nolan and Inbound Talent.

LOUISE RYAN IRISH DISTILLERS PERNOD RIC

Taking up the role of Managing Director of Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard in July of last year, Louise has held some of the top positions in the confectionery industry. She spent over eight years in Mars Ireland before moving on to Irish Distillers beginning as Interim Head of Business Development in Jameson International.

MAEVE DORMAN PAYPAL

Before becoming part of PayPal in September 2010, Maeve worked in managerial roles at Gateway and ClientLogic. Her first duty in the payments giant was as Senior Manager Business and Technical Support, which she held for six years. She has been Head of Global Operations for PayPal EMEA since September last year, taking over since Louise Phelan's promotion.

MARC MURPHY FENERGO

With 18 years' experience developing, selling and delivering financial technology to global banks, Marc led Fenergo to securing €4 million funding from Investec Ventures Ireland Limited in 2013. Marc was previously named a FinTech 100 Most Influential Leader due to Fenergo's impact on financial institutions' compliance and operations. He is a software engineering MBA graduate of Dublin City University.

MARK KELLETT MAGNET

Spending 18 years working in senior finance positions in the US and Europe, Mark has led the telecommunications firm Magnet Networks since 2007. Magnet is owned by Columbia Ventures Corporation and is a leading telecommunications, data-connectivity and security-services provider and employs over 100 staff. His former workplaces include Network Appliance, Sun Microsystems and Yahoo Europe.

MARTIN SHANAHAN IDA IRELAND

Prior to becoming CEO of IDA, Martin was Chief Executive of Forfás, the Irish government's policy advisory agency for enterprise, trade, science, technology and innovation. He joined Forfás in 2005 and has been a major figure in the development of enterprise and innovation in Ireland ever since. He has previously held management responsibilities at Fáilte Ireland and private sector firms.

MAURA QUINN INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS

Maura is responsible for leading the strategic development of the Institute of Directors through growing its membership base, expanding the range of services and growing its reputation. She was appointed Chief Executive in April 2008. She was Executive Director of UNICEF Ireland for eleven years and currently is a Non-Executive Director of the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital.

MICHAEL DOORLY INM

Michael has been with INM for over 20 years, where he has held a number of senior executive roles, most recently that of Company Secretary and Chief Risk Officer. Before joining INM, he worked in Technicon Ireland Limited (now Bayer Diagnostics) and KPMG. A graduate of UCD, Michael is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Chartered Director.

MICHAEL O'LEARY RYANAIR

One of Ireland's most well-known businesspeople, Michael is Chief Executive of Ryanair. He began his career as a trainee at Stokes Kennedy Crowley (later known as KPMG) and moved on to establish newsagents in Walkinstown and Terenure. In 2016, Ryanair was the largest European airline in terms of scheduled passengers flown, and carried more international passengers than any other airline.

MIKE McGEARTY CARTRAWLER

Joining CarTrawler as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in 2006, Mike has seen the company through consistent double-digit year-on-year growth. A qualified chartered management accountant, Mike worked for eWare and POINT Information Systems prior to joining CarTrawler over a decade ago. He has also led the company through two major private-equity investments and the acquisition of Holiday Autos from Lastminute.com.

NIALL GIBBONS TOURISM IRELAND

Serving as Director of Corporate Services and Company Secretary of Tourism Ireland beginning in 2002, Niall took over as Chief Executive in June 2009. He was a key figure in the establishmentof Tourism Ireland and his responsibilities in the organisation have included e-marketing, regionalmarketing, access development and Customer Relationship Management.

OLIVER LOOMES DIAGEO

Oliver has been Country Director of Diageo Ireland since September 2015. He is the driver of the commercial and sales operations on the island of Ireland and has been at Diageo since November 1999. Oliver began as a Marketing Manager with the company, working his way up to Head of Marketing in various divisions before becoming head of Diageo Ireland.

PAT BYRNE CITYJET

Pat Byrne founded CityJet in 1993 after spending a very successful career in the financial services industry. Pat remained a board member when CityJet was sold to Air France in 2000 until its sale to Intro Aviation in 2014. Pat returned to CityJet in early 2015 and has been at the helm for its continued growth as an operator in Europe.

PAT KING DOYLE COLLECTION

Pat King was appointed CEO of the Doyle Collection in 2011 following six years as CFO. He joined the then Jurys Doyle Hotel Group plc. in 1990 and was heavily involved in the company's reorganisation during 2007, including the €200 million refurbishment of its hotels and the rebranding of the group as The Doyle Collection.

PAT McCANN DALATA

With over 45 years in the hotel industry, Pat kick-started his career in Ryan Hotels plc. in 1969. He left in 1989 to join Jurys Hotel Group plc. as a General Manager of its main Dublin hotel. He became Chief Executive of Jurys in 2000 until his departure in 2006. He became CEO of Dalata in 2007.

PAT O'DOHERTY ESB

Previously leading ESB's largest businesses as Executive Director ESB International, Managing Director ESB Networks and Executive Director ESB Power Generation, Pat's wealth of experience saw him promoted to the Chief Executive role in December 2011. He is also a Trustee of The Conference Board of the United States, Director of Energy UK and Chair of the Apprenticeship Council of Ireland.

PATRICK COVENEY GREENCORE

Before joining Greencore, Patrick served as Managing Partner of McKinsey, Ireland. In May 2014, Patrick was appointed a Non-Executive Director of Glanbia plc. He served as President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce from February 2012 to February 2013 having been a council member since 2003. Patrick was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Greencore in March 2008.

PAUL DUFFY PFIZER

Dr Paul Duffy was appointed External Supply Leader at Pfizer Global Supply (PGS) in 2011. Prior to this he was Vice-President of Pfizer's manufacturing in Ireland with responsibilities in Singapore also. He holds a BSc in Chemistry and a PhD in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from NUI Galway, and an MBA from the Open University, UK.

PAUL HENDERSON DMG MEDIA IRELAND

Since September 2008, Paul has been CEO of DMG Media Ireland, the home of The Irish Daily Mail, The Irish Mail on Sunday, YOU Magazine, TV Week, Mail TV, Mail Online Ireland, EVOKE.ie and Extra.ie. He was previously a Director of Sales Independent Star Limited, GroupSales Manager TV3 and a Chartered Director at the Institute of Directors (IoD).

PAUL MARCHANT PRIMARK

Paul has been CEO of Primark (Penneys in Ireland) since November 2009. He was also the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of New Look Retail Group and served as Managing Director of the Buying, Merchandise and Design divisions. His other major roles include Division Director for Womenswear and Childrenswear at Debenhams and a number of roles at Topman and River Island.

PETER POWER UNICEF

A commercial law and Supreme Court litigation specialist, Peter was TD for Limerick East between 2002 and 2011; was Minister of State for Overseas Development from 2008 to 2011 and represented Ireland at the European Union, OECD and United Nations. He previously chaired the government's Commission on Child Protection. He was appointed Executive Director at UNICEF Ireland in December 2011.

RICHARD MOAT EIR

Richard Moat has been the Chief Executive Officer of eir, the ex-incumbent and largest telecommunications company in Ireland, since November 2014. Before joining eir he was CFO and Deputy CEO of Everything Everywhere, and is a former Managing Director of T-Mobile UK. He has also worked across a number of international roles with Orange.

ROBERT FINNEGAN THREE

Robert joined the newly-formed Three in 2005 from Hutchison Whampoa Limited – Three's parent company. From 1998 to 2003 he served as CEO of its beverage division – Watson's – where he led the development of its water business in Europe under the Powwow brand. Prior To his role at Three, he was CEO of Sentrio Technologies, a hosted mobile resource solution company.

RONAN STEWART/ENDA CLARKE SANTOS DUMONT

Ronan first joined Santos Dumont in 2005 and was appointed Chief Executive – Commercial in January 2016. He has held numerous positions across asset acquisition, sales, management and redelivery projects. He shares the co-CEO role with Enda Clarke, the Technical CEO who formerly worked with Aer Arann. Enda has previously been CTO and COO of Santos Dumont.

ROSHEEN McGUCKIAN NTR

Appointed CEO of NTR in April 2013, Rosheen has been with the green energy investment firm since 2008 serving as Group Business Development Director and heading up the solar and waste-management projects. Prior to this, she was CEO of Greenstar and of GE Money Ireland, and previously led ESB Power Generation's business information initiative.

SEAMUS KEARNEY VALEO FOODS

Joining the company from Jacob Fruitfield where he had been Managing Director since 2007, Seamus joined Valeo Foods in 2011. Previously he worked for Aer Lingus for 17 years where he held the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO). In 2015, Valeo Foods acquired Kelkin, Robert Roberts and Findlater Wine & Spirit Group.

SEAN CORKERY ACTAVO

With more than 35 years of experience in IT and telecoms, Sean's previous positions as VP, Global Supply Chain Operations at Dell; COO at Esat Telecom; VP, Global Operations at AST Computer/Samsung and Director of Pacific Regions at Apple sees a wide range and depth of experience brought to the engineering solutions company.

SHARON McCOOEY LINKEDIN

Senior Director of International Operations and Head of LinkedIn Ireland, McCooey leads a team of over 1,100 in the company's new €85 million EMEA headquarters, the group's only real estate investment outside of the US, underlining the company's commitment to Ireland. She was appointed to the Board of Directors in August 2011 and was made Senior Director of International Operations in June 2013.

SHARON O'BUACHALLA LEASEPLAN FLEET MANAGEMENT

Sharon founded a vehicle-leasing company in 1983, partnering with multinational LeasePlan in 1997. The company manages over 16,000 vehicles in Ireland as part of a global group of over 1.5 million vehicles in 32 countries. The Skerries native has a long background in the motor industry and clients include An Post, Coillte, HP, Guinness and IBM.

SIMON BOUCHER IRISH MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Simon studied Business and Political Science in Trinity College Dublin. He joined Accenture as a management consultant, working with them in London for several years, and undertook a PhD examining the role of charisma in leadership at the European University Institute in Florence. He joined the IMI in 2007 and became CEO in 2013 after previously holding the title of COO.

SIOBHAN TALBOT GLANBIA

Prior to Glanbia, Siobhán worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dublin and Sydney. She has held numerous senior positions at Glanbia since she joined in 1992, including Group Finance Director. She has been Group Managing Director since November 2009. A graduate of University College Dublin (UCD), Siobhán is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

STEPHEN GLANCEY C&C GROUP

Appointed Chief Executive of C&C in 2012, Stephen was apoointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) in November 2008 and Group Finance Director in May 2009. He is a chartered accountant and former Group Operations Director of Scottish & Newcastle plc. Earlier this year, C&C bought a 47% stake in Admiral Taverns, which operates 845 pubs, mainly in England and Wales.

STEPHEN KAVANAGH AER LINGUS

Stephen was appointed CEO of Aer Lingus in 2015 and has been at the airline since 1988. He was part of the Initial Public Offering team that brought Aer Lingus to the market in 2006 and served as Chief Commercial Officer from 2009, with improvements seen in the airline's retail and revenue management as well as partner and network developments.

STEPHEN WHEELER AIRTRICITY

Stephen held the position of General Manager, Ireland at SSE Renewables from 2004 to 2010 where he oversaw development and construction activities in the Irish and marine sectors. He has been CEO/Managing Director of the firm since October 2010. As well as these roles, he served as the Chairman of the Irish Wind Energy Association from 2009 to 2014.

STEVE CUTLER ICON

Taking on the Chief Executive Officer role in March of this year, Dr Steve Cutler served as COO from January 2014 to March 2017 and was appointed to the Board of Directors in November 2015. Before this, beginning in November 2011, he was Group President, Clinical Research Services. He also spent 14 years with Quintiles in numerous senior management roles.

SUSAN DARGAN STATE STREET INTERNATIONAL

Susan is in charge of the day-to-day management and future development of the offshore business and Alternative Investment Services business across State Street's EMEA operations as well as the International Financial Data Services (IFDS) joint venture in Dublin and Luxembourg. Prior to this, Susan served as Head of State Street Global Services in Ireland.

TARA McCARTHY BORD BIA

Tara has worked in Bord Bia for over 20 years holding many senior positions including Senior Manager of the Consumer Foods Division and Director of the Food and Beverage Division. She is an affiliate of Harvard Business School and IMD Business School, Switzerland. Before taking on this role, she was CEO of Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) from August 2015 to January 2017.

TERRY CLUNE TAXBACK.COM

Terry formulated the Taxback.com business concept while working in Germany as a student. Fast forward and The Taxback Group now has a global presence of 32 offices in 24 countries, incorporating TransferMate global payments business, and Immedis, which provides consolidated global payroll and tax service solutions.

TERRY KNOX CD GROUP

CD Group is a third-generation family business located in Belfast, Cork and Dublin serving the automotive aftermarket with market-leading brands. Terry joined the business in 1999 after completing his post-graduate studies at the Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. Terry took up the role of MD in 2014. In 2015, Terry was a finalist in the EY Entrepreneur of the Year in the Industry Category.

TIM MURPHY STRENCOM

Strencom was founded by entrepreneur Tim Murphy in 2000 after a 20-year career with multinationals such as Esat Telecom and UPS Ireland. Tim is a Stanford School of Business and Enterprise Ireland Leadership for Growth Programme graduate. Strencom announced the acquisition of disaster recovery firm Storage Online in August of 2015 in a deal worth €2 million.

TOM BROWNE FRIENDS FIRST

Joining Friends First in 1990, Tom was made Group CEO in 2012 having previously served as CFO. He has also held a number of senior operational roles within Friends First and previously acted as Appointed Actuary for Friends First Life Assurance Company. Before joining Friends First he held senior management positions with Eagle Star (now Zurich Life) and Irish Life.

TONY O'REILLY PROVIDENCE

Tony heads up Providence Resources, an oil exploration firm that traces its roots back to the early 1980s when Atlantic Resources was founded by a group of investors led by his father, Sir Anthony O'Reilly. Tony founded the current company in 1997 and became CEO in 2005 following stints in Dillon Read, Coopers and Lybrand, and Arcon International Resources.

TONY SMURFIT SMURFIT KAPPA

Appointed Group Chief Executive of packaging company Smurfit Kappa in 2015, Tony has worked several roles within the group in Europe and the US since joining over 20 years ago. He served as Chief Operating Officer between 2002 and 2015 and Chief Executive of Smurfit Europe between 1999 and 2002.