



National Coverage

Local Knowledge

An association of independent accounting firms and business advisers

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Local, But National

Information is freely available from the internet and other information systems. Yet for advice, most of us prefer to deal with local people who we can meet face to face and who can help stimulate ideas and solutions to problems.

This is where DFK UK & Ireland scores highly. Its members are all well established firms of business advisers – skilled in helping local clients achieve their business goals. But in today's complex world, it is difficult for any one firm to have all the specialist skills necessary to meet the ever-expanding range of clients' requirements.

DFK UK & Ireland provides a depth of resource that would be unusual for any one firm to have in-house.

The UK & Ireland Group

The members of DFK UK & Ireland provide you with access to the international association. Equally as important, they provide you with access to very substantial resources in 23 commercial centres in the UK and Ireland. With some 100 partners and more than 600 staff, the members have experts who can advise on most financial matters.

The members of the group are in regular communication with each other and are used to working together to provide effective advice and assistance to clients. Whether you want access to widespread geographic resources or require advice on a complex technical matter, the members of DFK UK & Ireland will provide a responsive and cost effective service.

DFK International

DFK UK & Ireland is part of DFK International, through which clients gain access to local specialists across the world.

DFK International is a major international association of independent accounting firms and business advisers that has been meeting the needs of clients with interests in more than one country for more than 45 years.

The association has over 300 offices across the world. Each DFK member is an independent legal entity in its own country. A grouping of members who include DFK in their firm's name are classified as network firms in compliance with EU and IFAC requirements.

Our Approach

We place great emphasis on:

- **Integrity and objectivity**
As a client you will deal directly with dedicated and involved professionals who invest time in understanding your business and personal goals
- **Building a committed business partnership**
We are easy to talk to, easy to understand, and provide highly personalised services
- **Long term client relationships**
We want to be an integral part of your success and will tailor our advice to help you create a sustainable competitive advantage and capitalise on opportunities

Our Philosophy

In our mission to deliver value services to clients, we have adopted a philosophy that embraces:

- **An entrepreneurial mindset**
Our willingness to share responsibility and contribute to your success means that we present innovative and strategic solutions to help you meet new challenges
- **An integrated business team**
Our approach to developing integrated solutions and our extensive pool of knowledge ensures that you receive the best advice
- **A competitive market focus**
Our awareness and understanding of the marketplace, together with our ability to marshal specialist experience in different sectors, can help you identify shifts in market forces and respond to them effectively
- **A value driven approach**
Our results driven culture will help to create economic value for you and ensure that you always receive a high level of flexible and customised services on a timely basis

Services

An indication of the range of services provided by DFK UK & Ireland firms is provided below. In addition to a comprehensive range of expert services for UK & Ireland businesses and private individuals, specific assistance is also available for both organisations wishing to establish operations overseas and those wishing to develop further established overseas operations. Full details of our services are available from member firms.



Accounting Services

Accounting software, bookkeeping, management accounts and reports, payroll, VAT returns

Business Recovery & Insolvency

Turnaround and insolvency services for both corporate and personal clients

Company Secretarial

Services to ensure the requirements of the Registrar of Companies are met

Corporate Finance

Due diligence reports and investigations; fundraising; business and share valuations; business planning; mergers, acquisitions and disposals; obtaining listings on the Securities Markets in the UK (including the full list, AIM and PLUS) and Ireland

Corporate Taxation - Domestic and International

All aspects of domestic and international taxation, including advice on transactions and employee benefits; share schemes; assistance in dealing with investigations by the tax authorities

Financial Planning Services

Access to independent financial planning services for individuals and organisations; pension schemes; personal and business protection planning

Forensic Accounting and Litigation Support

Commercial and criminal litigation and fraud, expert witness, forensic accounting, investigations, matrimonial litigation and partnership disputes, personal injury and medical negligence

Indirect Tax Services - VAT and Employment Taxes

Advice on the operation of VAT and employment taxes regulations; employee benefits; negotiations with HM Revenue & Customs and the Revenue Commissioners; dealing with investigations

IT Consulting

Advice and assistance on the implementation of information systems

Management Consultancy

Market evaluations; feasibility studies; change management; human resource planning

Private Client

All aspects of personal taxation for domestic and overseas nationals; domestic and offshore trusts

Risk Assurance and Internal Audit

Computer audit, financial and non-financial audits, fraud management, project management, risk management

Statutory and Voluntary Audit

Including specialist audits for charities, pension schemes, housing associations

Training Services

Technical training on domestic and International accounting regulations; taxation; corporate governance; IT skills

Clients

The members of DFK UK & Ireland act for clients in almost every sector of economic activity. Clients organisations include quoted companies, family and other privately owned businesses, professional partnerships, the not-for-profit sector and public sector bodies.

In addition to working with UK and Irish owned businesses, members provide specialist advice and assistance to overseas businesses in relation to their operations in the UK and Ireland.

Sector Expertise

The sectors in which member firms can provide specialist skills are summarised below.

Agriculture

Services for farmers, landowners and businesses allied to the agricultural sector.

Charities & Not-for-Profit Organisations

Specialist advice for the executives and trustees of charities, housing associations and other organisations. Services include advice on corporate governance and trustee training.

Clubs & Associations

Assistance for sports and other membership clubs; trade and professional associations; trade unions and credit unions.

Entertainment & Leisure

Performance venues including cinemas and theatres; activity centres.

General Commercial

A comprehensive and integrated range of services to companies of all sizes – from smaller quoted companies to local independent businesses (and their directors).

Logistics

Road haulage and transport of goods and chattels - in the UK, Ireland and internationally.

Healthcare

Services for both private sector and public sector healthcare providers including hospitals, other health authority organisations, and care homes.

Hotels & Restaurants

Hotel and restaurant groups; pubs.

Manufacturing & Engineering

Advice and assistance for companies engaged in manufacturing and the production of engineered products.

Media, Printing & Publishing

Services to organisations involved in advertising and promotion; printing and publishing of books, periodicals and music in paper based and electronic format.

Pension Schemes

Audit and related services on behalf of scheme trustees.

Professional Firms

Services to legal, medical, architectural, engineering and other professional practices.

Property Development, Investment & Construction

Specialist accounting, taxation and advisory services for businesses involved in all aspects of property management, development and construction.

Public Sector

Compliance and advisory services for central and local government bodies; Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs).

Retailing

Services for retail groups and stores - including specialist management accounting services.

Travel

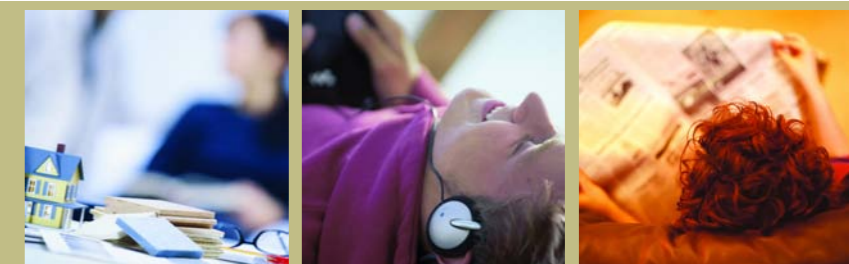
Travel agents and tour operators, including assistance with meeting ABTA, IATA and ATOL requirements.

A photograph of three people smiling. A woman is on the left, a man in the center, and another man on the right. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame.

Your Next Step

For more information about the services available from the members of DFK UK & Ireland and how they can help you, simply visit the website at www.dfkuk.com or contact one of the partners identified on the insert at the back of this brochure.

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