

# LEEDS. THE FACTS

Leeds is the economic capital of Yorkshire and the Humber,  
and one of the leading business locations in Europe.

# LEEDS IS...

the UK's largest centre for financial and professional services outside London, with more than 30 national and international banks located in the city. Leeds is also recognised as the most important legal centre outside London and its office market is No1 in Europe for value for money.

## LEEDS AT A GLANCE

This information pack tells you some of the key facts about Leeds as a location for business and investment. More detailed information is available online at: [www.locateinleeds.co.uk](http://www.locateinleeds.co.uk). But there's no substitute for first hand knowledge and experience. If you are interested in setting up, expanding or relocating your business operations to Leeds, contact us today on:

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	LEEDS	CITY REGION
Population	798,800	3 million
Number of businesses	24,315	95,565
Workforce: Financial and business services	124,600	301,700
Workforce: Manufacturing	36,000	161,800
Workforce: Distribution	91,800	328,900
Workforce: Healthcare	49,800	176,700
Workforce: Education	41,500	134,100
Workforce: Communications	9,700	20,500
Workforce: Construction	24,700	85,000
<b>Workforce: Total</b>	<b>427,800</b>	<b>1.4 million</b>
<b>Gross Value Added (GVA)</b>	<b>£17.8 billion</b>	<b>£52.7 billion</b>

*Sources: Population – ONS mid-2010 population estimates; Business – ONS 2009 Active enterprises; Workforce – Yorkshire Forward economic model Spring 2011*

Leeds is one of the UK and Europe's leading locations for business. Identified by the Centre for Cities as 'one to watch' in 2011, the city continues to be transformed by massive levels of investment.

Trinity Leeds, the £350 million retail and leisure development by Land Securities, is on schedule to open in spring 2013. It's the first large scale development of its kind to get underway in the UK since the recession and is already two thirds pre-let. Land Securities expects the 1 million sq ft scheme, located in the centre of Leeds, to be the most profitable development it undertakes in the current cycle.

Meanwhile, leading European retail developer Hammerson has gained planning approval for its Eastgate Quarters development, anchored

by flagship stores for John Lewis and Marks & Spencer. The two schemes will together transform the Leeds retail offer, propelling the city up the UK retail rankings, and provide a major boost for the Leeds economy.

The Leeds office market is ideally positioned to attract companies relocating, consolidating or expanding their operations in the North of England. Large floorplate developments, ideal for corporate occupiers and regional headquarters buildings include The Mint and No1 Leeds, both BREEAM 'Excellent' rated developments, together with grade A refurbished office developments at Broad Gate and Toronto Square. Companies looking for an out of town location have plenty of choice, including Thorpe Park, White Rose Office Park, Leeds Valley Park and Kirkstall Forge.

The city's office market has again been identified as number one in Europe for value for money in the European Cities Monitor 2010, published by Cushman & Wakefield, and is set to benefit from further major investments by developers such as Brunwood, MEPC and Munroe K.

Leeds is also investing heavily in its cultural infrastructure to enhance the quality of life residents enjoy and stimulate further investment in the city centre. The new Leeds arena, also scheduled to open in spring 2013 will provide a significant boost to the economy of Leeds and help raise its profile on the national and international stage.

# LEEDS:

## INVESTMENT AND ECONOMY

has attracted **£4.3 billion** of investment in large schemes in the last ten years

has a further **£6.5 billion** of investment in progress and proposed

is one of the most **diverse economies** in the UK

is the UK's **largest centre for financial and business services** outside London. A total of **124,600** people work in the sector

is the **UK's largest centre for knowledge-based industries** outside London

is the UK's **third largest manufacturing centre** and the **largest centre for print and publishing** outside London

## POPULATION AND WORKFORCE

has a population of **798,800**, the second largest of any Metropolitan District in England

has an estimated **427,800** people working in the city, including employees and self-employed.

is expected to generate **23%** of employment growth in the region over the next ten years

## HEALTH AND EDUCATION

has the **largest teaching hospital in Europe**

has become one of the **biggest cardiac care centres in Europe** and a national centre for intensive care treatment

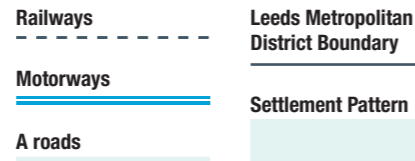
is a **world leader in the treatment of liver and kidney disease** and has an international reputation for cancer care

has the **biggest community health programme in England**

is a **headquarters location for the Department of Health**



### LEEDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

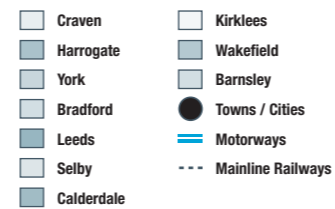


is the **second largest provider of education for young people** in England

has **two universities**, with an undergraduate **student population of over 60,000**

has the **largest business school of its kind in the UK**, at Leeds Metropolitan University

### LEEDS CITY REGION AND THE NORTH



## GEOGRAPHY AND TRANSPORT

is **located at the centre of the UK**, midway between London and Edinburgh, and Hull and Liverpool

is **the centre of a much larger city region** which includes Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, Craven, Harrogate, Kirklees, Selby, Wakefield and York

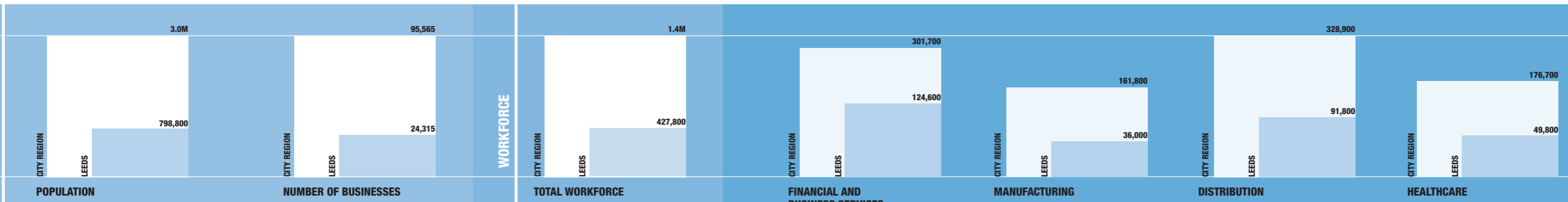
is **directly linked with London and Edinburgh via the M1 and A1** and has **direct links with the east and west coast ports via the M62**

is **linked directly by rail with London** with a journey time of two hours

is rapidly **expanding its international airport**



### LEEDS AT A GLANCE



## LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT

is the location of the **West Yorkshire Playhouse**, which stages more productions than any other theatre outside London

is the home of **Opera North, the Northern Ballet Theatre** and the **Phoenix Dance Company**, and hosts the International Piano Competition

is home to the **Royal Armouries, Henry Moore Institute** and the **Thackray Museum of Medicine**

has **more than 980 shops** and **25 major hotels** in the city centre

will have **Europe's most advanced 'super theatre'** when the Leeds Arena opens in 2013

was chosen as the location for the **first Harvey Nichols store outside London**

is **one of the greenest cities in Europe**, with green belt land covering over two-thirds of its total area

city centre is **less than twenty miles from the Yorkshire Dales National Park**

has **less summer rainfall than Paris or Milan**



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