

## Welcome

It is my pleasure as Chairman of CorkBIC to welcome you to our 30 year celebration. Cork has always had a great entrepreneurial culture and is one of the leading startup capitals in Europe. A vibrant place to live and work, it is engaged, connected and international. This is due in no small part to the infrastructure that has been created by the probusiness local authorities of Cork City and County Councils in conjunction with the statutory agencies of Enterprise Ireland and the IDA.

I know how tough it is to get a new venture up and running but I also know how rewarding it is when a venture succeeds. Perseverance, ability to listen and learn from those that have been there before are prime qualities needed in an entrepreneur to survive and grow. Each CorkBIC candidate goes through a rigorous selection procedure. We may conclude together that the project isn't suitable for business planning or might need more work - but there is always a pathway. Nobody is rejected.

Looking to the future, I think that Irish ventures can best expand by creating business opportunities with other partners across Europe and the United States. By forging 'strategic alliances' in Europe, for example, we aim to make it easier for Irish companies to network with similar ventures abroad, effectively opening the door to potential new clients and expanding their products and service delivery.

Finally, I'd like to pay tribute to the dedicated and focused team at the BIC and a big "thank you" to my fellow board members, past and present for their unstinting commitment and wise counsel.

#### **Dauid Grimes** Chairman, CorkBIC



**CEO** 



#### **BOARD MEMBERS**











Michael Travers





Paul Hands



Gerry Donovan



Noel Holland







#### Modern Botany

Year Founded: 2015

Founders: John Murray & Dr Simon Jackson

Employs: 6

Location: Schull, West Cork

Website: www.modernbotany.com

Modern Botany, situated in Schull on the Irish Wild Atlantic Way, inspired by the principles of botanical science, utilises the best natural ingredients sourced from Ireland and all over the World.

Modern Botany oil was formulated to help people with skin problems and to replace more synthetic competitor brands in this market place.



CorkBIC is an organisation specifically set up to identify and build knowledge intensive companies based on promising technology and capable innovative people. It plays a handson role helping entrepreneurs navigate the minefield of raising finance, sorting out business propositions, arranging agreements with shareholders and investors, and, perhaps most important of all, finding customers.

Every year, CorkBIC identifies, selects and develops several high potential startups or expansions. At any one time, there are 50+ projects in the pipeline. 85% of startups engaging in this integrated process survive after five years, far outstripping the international survival average of 50%.

Increasingly CorkBIC works in the scale up arena internationally to bring experienced teams to address disruptive opportunities with strong governance and market focus. Its International Security Accelerator delivers transformational change in 13 weeks.

CorkBIC has worked with over 500+ startups, many come back and re-engage. CorkBIC is part of a network of 150+ BICs throughout Europe, The European Business & Innovation Centre Network (EBN). CorkBIC is also a member of EBAN - The European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and Early Stage Market Players and is represented on their Board of Directors by Michael O'Connor.

#### CorkBIC Initiatives\*



**HPSUs** 

€54.4m

Invested

\* The Entrepreneur Experience™ and the Venture Academy™ 2009 -2017.

€54.4m

investment raised via CorkBIC initiatives

86%

HPSUs in the

region worked with

CorkBIC in 2017

## the BIC team







Eileen Moloney



Larry O'Donoghue



Fionnuala Wall



Aidan O'Driscoll



**Ted Foley** 







Robin Robson



Laura Mellett

## **30 Years** of Milestones



CorkBIC South West Business & Technology Centre Formed



Launch of it@cork at Murphy's Brewery in November



CorkBIC puts together a funding consortium to establish a National Software Centre (NSC)



1st Enterprise Start delivered by CorkBIC & Enterprise Ireland - How Entrepreneurial are you?



Quality Assurance -EBN implements rigorous certification and quality system



Irish BICs launched National pilot of Halo Business Angel Partnership (BAP) with Enterprise Ireland & InterTrade Ireland



CorkBIC and it's Business Angel Partnership host 1st International Venture Academy™ in Cork

HBAN reaches 60 deals with €22m invested of which CorkBIC does 20+ Angel deals with €8m invested

1989

The first Irish Seed Capital Fund formed by the Irish BICs with private sector & EU funds 1994

Commenced linkage programme with Cork Electronics Industry
Association (CEIA)

Dissemination of results of CorkBIC
/ Cork Corporation survey to
establish it@cork



CorkBIC Launch of Graduate Enterprise (Rapid Incubation) Programme in association with EI, UCC, CIT & ITTralee

1998

Completed pilot GEP - rolled out across Ireland evolved to Genesis, now New Frontiers

IBSCF Irish BICs Seed Capital Fund formed

CorkBIC led the consortium bid for the National Institute of Technology Management - funding the TTOs of UCC, UL & NUIG

> Initiated 1st it@cork conference January 1999

2002

NSC (National Software Centre) opens it's doors

1st deployment in Europe of High Speed Optical Data Networks using RPR

CorkBIC worked with Cork City to establish the CCMAN (Cork City Metropolitan Area Network) 2005 2006

Cork County Council in partnership with Cork Chamber, Enterprise Ireland, & CorkBIC develop a Strategic Alliance with Chicago/ Cook County Illinois, USA



CorkBIC brings Charles Handy to Cork

2009



CorkBIC delivers 1st Going International Conference in Sophia Antipolis, France



1st Going International Conference in Cork



1st Inductees to the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame®



NSC celebrates 10th Birthday



CorkBIC celebrates the New Economy at the Port of Cork -HPSU Showcase





Celebration of 25 years of CorkBIC @ Blackrock Castle & Launch of 25 year brochure



CorkBIC Awarded Best performing New EBAN Member 2014



BOI Accelerator Demo Day & Dinner supported by CorkBIC



it@cork Dealbroker event, Vertigo, County Hall



Michael O'Connor, CorkBIC in San Francisco with Cork City Council and Cork Chamber meeting Apple CEO Tim Cook



Celebrating High Growth Startups at the Port of Cork



2017 Entrepreneur Experience™

2011

CoderDojo founded at the NSC July 2011 with the support of CorkBIC

EBN awards CorkBIC "Best in Class" BIC



1st Entrepreneur Experience™ delivered by CorkBIC

2012

Irish BICs announce 100th Deal for its Business Angel Partnership with €40m raised since it was founded in 2007



CoderDojo celebrates 220 Dojos in 31 countries

HBAN nationally reaches 139 deals, €61m invested 2014

EBAN Annual Congress -Dublin May 19 & 20

Bank of Ireland National Accelerator Programme located in Cork



Business Without Boundaries & Venture Academy™ - Keynote David McWilliams

2015

The Startup Gathering Event & Startup Cork Dinner co-hosted by CorkBIC



CorkBIC welcomed High performance transatlantic cable to Cork

2016





CorkBIC Global Investor Challenge - Spike Island & Final at Startup Nations Summit Dinner

Michael O'Connor appointed to EBAN Board of Directors





Launch of International Security Accelerator



CorkBIC Venture Academy™

## **International** Security Accelerator

Accelerator seeking next generation security solutions to change the world

13 40 Jobs Created

In 2018 CorkBIC launched and ran Ireland's first International **Security Accelerator. This World Class Security Accelerator** invests in early stage disruptive companies in the security industry including, Cybersecurity, Internet of Things (IOT), Blockchain, AI, Health & Bioinformatics, Defence, Critical Infrastructure, Financial Services & Logistics. The Accelerator, managed by CorkBIC, is supported by key funding partners **Kernel Capital and Trend Micro.** 

Cork is developing a reputation for Ireland's growing Security Cluster. This Accelerator is a unique opportunity for startups to tap into the experience and resources of the strong network of Cork's multinationals, such as Trend Micro, helping these startups grow, succeed, and in turn contribute to the Cluster.

Ger Goold Kernel Capital



**Transformational** Change powered by brutal honesty!

It has been really interesting to watch these teams grow in the 13 week Accelerator and to watch the transformational change taking place. The technologies involved are crucial in today's connected world and there is no doubt there are some real rising stars in the group, watch this space!

> William Dalton Trend Micro



Joe O'Sullivan Ophir











### **Altada**





The CorkBIC International Security Accelerator was the turning point for Altada. We knew we had something, but the Accelerator helped us focus our product offering, refine our investor proposition and ultimately transform the business in 13 weeks.

#### Allan Beechinor Altada



Altada transform data rich clients into data driven companies using an AI platform to cleanse and organise data environments. Altada's AI platform provides a complete view of clients data supply chain using indexing, data remediation and inference. Altada enable clients to make better decisions and deliver augmented customer experiences by helping them put order on chaos. Altada highlight inaccurate data and improve process efficiency and profitability.

#### Altada

Year Founded: 2017 Founders: Allan Beechinor

Employs: 34

Locations: Cork, Dublin, France



language processing. ParrotScribe aggregates data in a consumable format via our dashboard analytics, allowing companies to monitor compliance and make data-informed decisions.

#### **ParrotScribe**

Year Founded: 2017

Founders: Callum Donnelly

Employs: 2

Locations: Cork, Skibbereen Website: www.parrotscribe.com





2017 Entrepreneur Experience™ has been hugely valuable to FoodCloud. They have introduced us to great mentors who in turn have helped us to develop our strategy and grow the impact of our organisation. CorkBIC also have an incredible network of emerging and seasoned entrepreneurs that FoodCloud has benefitted from in terms of advice and support.

#### Aoibheann O'Brien

**FoodCloud** 





FoodCloud is a multi award winning Social Enterprise working to prevent food waste. Our technology platform connecting retailers and food producers to local charities has resulted in a saving of over 14,870 tonnes of food redistributed from landfill to charitable and community causes in Ireland and the UK - an equivalent of some 32.7 million meals - which in turn reduces the food bills for charities, allowing them to finance other projects.

#### **FoodCloud**

Year Founded: 2013

Founders: Aoibheann O'Brien & Iseult Ward

Employs: 50

Locations: Dublin, Cork, Galway Website: www.food.cloud



Green Saffron is a family business. We're spice traders with a burgeoning brand working with farming communities in India to produce the highest grade and freshest spices available. We bring the best of raw materials to our highly innovative retail brand 'from responsible farm to discerning fork'. We produce 100% natural food and seasoning solutions focusing on the Indian category, offering cross-category delicious and joyous food for all.

#### Green Saffron

Year Founded: 2007 Founders: Arun Kapil

Employs: 10 Location: Cork

Website: www.greensaffron.com



# Entrepreneur experience

The Entrepreneur Experience™ is a unique opportunity for 24 Emerging Entrepreneurs to gain advice and mentoring from 24 of Ireland's most successful business leaders over 24 hours.

Emerging

€42<sup>\*</sup>m Raised by 45 Companies

80 Leading **Entrepreneurs** 







This event is the best event of its kind in the country - you get to share war stories with people who have all the same bruises you have.

Larry Bass 99 ShinAwil







You can do an MBA, you can read a million books but you can't beat listening to real life.

Brian Crowley 55
TTM Healthcare



Unconventional, **Brutally honest** but absolutely brilliant.

Calum Donnelly **ParrotScribe** 

A Holistic Business adventure over 24 hours - from the personal wins & losses through the highs and lows of starting, scaling & exiting.

Vincent Forde 99

Gasgon Medical





CORKBIC 13



I want to acknowledge CorkBIC for helping us along our journey with various opportunities and to shine a light on the Soundwave story. The support structure around CorkBIC has been great and has opened so many doors for us - we've even had the chance to meet with Apple founder Steve Wozniak as a result! We were absolutely thrilled that Soundwave was acquired by Spotify.

## Brendan O'Driscoll Soundwave

Soundwave was a social network-based discovery and sharing tool for music. The Soundwave app was downloaded over 1.5 million times across 190 countries in 14 languages. Soundwave was acquired in January 2016 by Spotify the Number 1 music streaming service in the world.

#### Soundwave

Year Founded: 2012

Founders: Brendan O'Driscoll, Craig Watson & Aidan Sliney

Employs: 14

Locations: Dublin, San Francisco Website: www.spotify.com





Working with CorkBIC brought a laser focus to our product development and set our sights on one particular segment of the market for which we could develop a world class offering. Secondly, they were instrumental in building out our senior management team through introductions to people that subsequently became key hires for GuardYoo.

99 Oleh Derevianko

Based on 15 years of providing cutting edge cyber security threat assessment services to enterprise clients and acting as first responder to dozens of recent sophisticated cyber attacks, GuardYoo have developed an automated compromise assessment platform and threat hunting toolset designed specifically for enterprise and SME customers. Guardyoo's SaaS product offering provides security capability as an alternative to slow and expensive traditional cybersecurity services.

#### GuardYoo

Year Founded: 2018

Founders: Roman Soloqub & Oleh Derevianko

Employs: 2

Locations: Ukraine, Cork Website: www.quardyoo.com



# Entrepreneur Hall of Fame®

CorkBIC launched the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame® in 2011 to recognise successful Entrepreneurs who have a vision to succeed and a passion to assist others. This is an elite group of men and women who have been recognised for their exceptional entrepreneurial achievements.



Entrepreneurs inspire. Entrepreneurs lead. They Listen and they Do. The Entrepreneur moves mountains and quite frankly, that's her or his job.

Candace Johnson Sophia Business Angels

#### 2011



Liam Casey

#### 2011



Paul Hands **Open Innovation Partners** 

#### 2012



Declan Fox Magellan Partners

#### 2014



Candace Johnson Sophia Business Angels

#### 2014



Johnny Walker **Health Founders** 



Ger O'Mahony ActionPoint

#### 2012



Bill Liao **SOS Ventures** 

#### 2013



Jim Barry **Barry Group** 

#### 2013



Shemas Eivers **Client Solutions** 

#### 2016



Pádraiq Ó Céidigh Aer Arann

#### 2017



Peaches Kemp

#### 2018



Larry Bass

# Entrepreneur Hall of Fame®

The Entrepreneur Hall of Fame® recognises entrepreneurs for their vision, innovation, courage, and leadership in building and growing successful businesses. It also recognises what an Entrepreneur has put back into the community and the time they have committed to working with startups and emerging entrepreneurs.



The Entrepreneur Experience™ is a highly energised experience, and for me it gets my juices and creative thinking flowing.









CorkBIC has been an agent for change and collaboration within the Cork area since inception. They were key to getting institutions like it@cork, Angel syndicates and the NSC off the ground by working to bring disparate groups together for the common good.

### Shemas Eivers

**Client Solutions** 

Client Solutions deliver value-driven software solutions and services for top companies across a broad range of industries, such as telecom, utilities, finance, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing. Client Solutions deals directly with the end-customer, as it has done since it was founded. The company was acquired initially by Horizon PLC and subsequently through a chain of ever larger corporate entities until the original founders and their long term management team executed a founders and management buy out in June 2018 to start a new phase of their growth.

#### **Client Solutions**

Year Founded: 1994

Founders: Shemas Eivers & Teddy McCarthy

Employs: 120

Locations: Cork, Dublin, Barcelona, Wroclaw

Website: www.clientsolutions.ie





Enda Keane
Treemetrics

Treemetrics is a software based company that delivers pioneering new solutions for the global forest industry. Its suite of products, called Forest HQ transforms the profitability, predictability and management of the forestry industry through remote communications, unique analytics and integration of forest data.

#### **Treemetrics**

Year Founded: 2005

Founders: Enda Keane & Garet Mullooly

Employs: 16

Locations: Cork, London

Website: www.treemetrics.com

## it@cork

In the summer of 1997 a survey was undertaken by CorkBIC on behalf of Cork Corporation and the European Commission

The main objectives of the survey were to ascertain the underlying issues and concerns of the IT Industry, identify restrictions in the growth potential of such firms and create linkages between those firms and large software purchasers in the Cork region.

A seminar to disseminate the results of the survey was attended by over 100 representatives of the IT industry in the region along with the City Manager, the National Software Directorate, the development agencies, the Chamber of Commerce etc.

**AMONG OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS** FROM THE GROUP WERE:

- 1. The need for an Association of IT professionals in the Cork region
- 2. The need for a physical building that would go towards making Cork a centre of IT excellence

Two months later in November 1997, it@cork was launched in Murphy's Brewery. The founding members were: Brian Walsh, Alia; Ian O'Flynn, Musgraves; Shemas Eivers, Client Solutions; Michael O'Connor, CorkBIC & Marie Whelan, Heineken Ireland.

it@cork is now supporting the tech eco-system in the region for over 20 years. During that time, the sector has experienced rapid growth, with over 300 tech companies employing an estimated 29,000 people here. We have a strong third level sector producing high quality talent. Cork has truly transformed into a tech hotspot, a city big on life, big on tech and big on talent.

Caroline O'Driscoll Chairperson, it@cork

23%

Entrepreneurs CorkBIC worked with in 2015 were female











EBN is a network of 150+ quality-certified EU|BICs that support the development, growth and scaling of innovative entrepreneurs, startups and SMEs.

EBN is linked to the European Commission by a contract of trademark licensing and quality assurance with DG Enterprise and DG Regio. Since January 2002, EBN has implemented a rigorous EC approved certification and quality system insuring a network of excellence. CorkBIC has been accredited each year and in 2011 CorkBIC was selected as a 'Best in Class BIC' for 2011/2012.

Michael O'Connor and Gerry Donovan, CorkBIC with Steve Wozniak at the EBN Congress





EBAN is the pan-European representative for the early stage investor community, with 197 member organisations in 59 countries. Established in 1999 by a group of pioneer angel networks in Europe with the collaboration of the European Commission and EURADA, EBAN represents a sector estimated to invest €6.1 billion a year while playing a vital role in Europe's future, notably in the funding of SMEs. EBAN fuels Europe's growth through the creation of wealth and jobs.

In 2015 CorkBIC was awarded Best Performing New EBAN member. In 2017 HBAN was awarded the EBAN Best Business Angel Initiative for the success of its Business Angel roadshow. This initiative resulted in 35 angels joining the network and CorkBIC as part of HBAN organised the Cork showcase.

Eileen Moloney, CorkBIC accepting EBAN Award from Paulo Andrez & Candace Johnson, EBAN - 2015







Atlantia Food Clinical Trials is a world class CRO, delivering ICH-GCP standard clinical studies for functional foods, beverages, nutraceuticals, medical foods and dietary supplements. We have extensive clinical expertise in the areas of digestive health, mental (stress, cognition), cardiovascular, joint, immunity, sports performance, ageing, weight management and nutrient uptake.



CorkBIC has helped Crest Solutions along our 20 year journey from initially doing our first business plan to helping us start the business through their Startup programmes. CorkBIC have remained a partner to help our business grow to over 200 people across 11 countries over the past 20 years and continually adapted to our needs as we grew the company.

Frank Madden 🥊 Crest Solutions

Crest Solutions is an engineering service company to the Life Science industry. Specialising in Industrial automation with services in Industry 4.0, machine vision, Serialisation, RFID, Big data, Cobots, AR and VR as well as extensive skilled engineer placement business. Crest Solutions also has a full service competency based training business called The **Connect Academy.** 

#### **Crest Solutions**

Year Founded: 1998 Founders: Frank Madden

Employs: 200

Locations: Cork, UK, Belgium, Sweden

Website: www.crestsolutions.ie

The Entrepreneur Experience™ was an extremely insightful and inspiring event. Having access to such seasoned and successful business leaders, who take precious time out of their busy schedules to inspire the next generation of leaders was invaluable. Engaging with fellow participants and understanding that we all face the same challenges and can overcome similar obstacles was very reassuring. You walk away feeling anything is achievable.

Andrea Doolan Atlantia





Year Founded: 2012 Founders: Andrea Doolan

Employs: 27 Location: Cork

Website: www.atlantiafoodclinicaltrials.com





## Raising Finance

The Irish BICs have been innovators in raising finance for early stage companies for almost 30 years.

In 1990 the Irish BICs raised private sector capital, matched by EU funds for the first Irish Seed Capital Fund the "Business Innovation Fund."

CorkBIC in 1997 piloted the Rapid Incubation Graduate Enterprise programme (later Genesis, now New Frontiers) along with EI, UCC, CIT & ITTralee to allow seed finance to be drip fed into very early stage emerging businesses.

This was followed by the Irish BICs Seed Capital Fund (IBSCF) which involved raising private sector investment to be matched by Enterprise Ireland in the capitalisation of the fund.



CorkBIC manages the Halo Business Angel Network [HBAN] in the Midwest and Southwest region of Ireland.

HBAN, operating on a regional basis, provides a matching service for private investors (Business Angels) and prescreened investment opportunities in startup, early stage and developing businesses. HBAN, a joint initiative with Enterprise Ireland and InterTrade Ireland, is an all-island umbrella group developing business angel syndicates & business angels.

Since inception, in 2007, HBAN has continued to grow across the country, and to date has closed 407 deals raising over €85 million Angel Investment with a total investment raised of €216.3 million.

2017 - CorkBIC assisted Il companies raise ouer €13million - €6.6million Angel Investment







Investment

invested in CorkBIC HBAN clients 2007 - 2017

\*HBAN All Ireland 2009 - 2017



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CorkBIC reviewed our business plan, offering advice and guidance, and were subsequently fantastic help with our HPSU application to Enterprise Ireland. Their knowledge of the investment landscape in Ireland is second to none, matching us with appropriate investors and making introductions with HBAN investment syndicates, were invaluable when we were seeking investment.

99 Olive O'Driscoll
AventaMed

**AuentaMed** 

Year Founded: 2013

Founders: Olive O'Driscoll & John Vaughan

Employs: 7 Location: Cork

Website: www.auentamed.com

Cork based medical device company AventaMed has developed a breakthrough ear device that will give parents and surgeons the choice to undergo ear tube/grommet surgery without the need for a full general anaesthetic. AventaMed has secured equity investment of €3.1million from a range of investors including Enterprise Ireland, HBAN Investment syndicates Irrus, Boole and MedTech.





CorkBIC initiatives like the Entrepreneur Experience™ are always professionally run and deliver impactful ideas. I always return to my company motivated and ready for the next challenge.

Charles Garvey

Metabolomic Diagnostics

Metabolomic Diagnostics is working to make pregnancy safer by identifying early in a woman's pregnancy her risk of developing complications much later in her pregnancy. With this information clinicians can tailor each woman's pregnancy care to her particular risk profile. The company's first product PrePsia(tm), a screening test for preterm preeclampsia, is in the final stages of development.

#### Metabolomic Diagnostics

Year Founded: 2012 Founders: Charles Garvey

Employs: 12 Location: Cork

Website: www.metabolomicdiagnostics.com





**PUNDITARENA** 

CorkBIC's input was invaluable to us at an early stage in Pundit Arena's history, in particular, preparing the company to apply for Enterprise Ireland funding and getting our business plan investor ready. CorkBIC helped us to focus on early value creation ensuring that we could get our message across in a concise, and succinct manner. It also opened us up to a network of really talented people.

Ross O'Dwyer





#### Pundit Arena

Year Founded: 2013

Founders: Ross O'Dwyer & Richard Barrett

Employs: 14

Locations: Cork, Dublin

Website: www.punditarena.com

CorkBIC achieve of

**ViClarity** 

CorkBIC were instrumental in helping ViClarity achieve our investment goals. The support they provided was second to none.

**99** Ogie Sheehy ViClarity

ViClarity is an award winning RegTech provider specialising in Audit, Risk & Compliance solutions for the Financial and Healthcare sectors. ViClarity have gained a large global client base of organisations of all sizes. Their approach is to provide organisations with a customisable platform that creates a strong culture of Risk and Compliance while reducing the burden of manual based processes.

#### ViClarity

Year Founded: 2008 Founders: Ogie Sheehy

Employs: 10

Locations: Kerry, USA Website: www.viclarity.com





## Growth Pathway

The Growth Pathway programme is a unique process involving SMEs, Startups and top Irish business leaders focused on building the next generation of high performance companies. There are three key elements of the Growth Pathway programme; The Entrepreneur Experience™, The Celebration of High Growth Startups & The Venture Academy™ as well as associated activities, training, pitching and client planning.

Partners with CorkBIC are Cork City Council, Cork County Council & Bank of Ireland.

#### CorkBIC Initiatives\*







<sup>\*</sup> The Entrepreneur Experience™ and the Venture Academy™ 2009 -2017.





### High Performance

## Transatlantic Cable

Lands in Cork

#### London > Cork > New York

In 2015, after many years of hard work and belief that this was the future, CorkBIC along with many others were delighted when the first transatlantic cable was laid, the first for 12 years, going from London to New York (53 Tb/s capacity) with a branch into Cork City. Tánaiste Simon Coveney T.D. who officially announced the connection, stated that

"The extension of Express to Cork has significant international business implications and will make Ireland that much more attractive to both established players and tech startups alike."

This high performance, high capacity cable has ten times the capacity of existing cables and work was completed by Hibernia Networks in 2015.





In May 2018, OrthoXel management attended the CorkBIC Entrepreneur Experience™. It was a great opportunity to network with like-minded individuals and learn from highly successful entrepreneurs who have travelled the road that we are now on. The experience has helped bring significant focus to our business.

Pat O'Connor OrthoXel



OrthoXel is a specialist orthopaedic trauma device company, using innovative engineering design to develop next generation fracture fixation devices. OrthoXel is committed to patient-focused fracture care, offering surgeon-designed devices and an innovative approach to clinical evaluation, from initial concept designs through to full product launch. OrthoXel's first product, The Apex Tibial Nailing System (to treat shin bone fractures) has secured both European CE Mark and US FDA Regulatory approvals and is currently in clinical use at Cork University Hospital.



#### OrthoXel

Year Founded: 2014

Founders: Pat O'Connor, Charles Daly, Hannah Dailey, James Harty

Employs: 12 Location: Cork

Website: www.orthoxel.com



Veri streamlines and digitises compliance records. It is an inexpensive, fast and secure tool to digitise paperwork that is required by legislation for delivering skills based training, using a mobile app and platform for data analytics.



#### Veri

Year Founded: 2016

Founders: Ann-Marie McSorley

Employs: 8

Locations: Kilkenny, Belfast Website: www.veri.ie



**CorkBIC supported Bill Liao and James Whelton when they** founded CoderDojo in the NSC in 2011. Since that very first CoderDojo in the NSC in July 2011, not only has the movement grown extensively in Ireland it has gone global with 1,900 **Dojos in 93 countries.** 

CODERDOJO HAS JUST ONE RULE: "ABOVE ALL: BE COOL!"

#### 1,900 verified Dojos in 93 countries and it all started in Cork in the NSC!

In 2012 CorkBIC introduced CoderDojo to Raspberry Pi! The Raspberry Pi Foundation, co-founded by Jack Lang from Cambridge University, develops, manufactures and distributes an ultra-low-cost computer, for use in teaching computer programming to children.

**Jack Lang, who gave a masterclass to the Coder Dojo Pioneers** on Raspberry Pi, believes that computer science must not be seen as an optional extra and aims to bridge that gap by providing a low-cost, creative and fun way to learn about programming and electronics.







**CAMPUS** 

launched in January 2004.

the area.

CorkBIC moved their offices to the NSC when it first opened in 2002. In recent years the local vicinity of the NSC has seen extensive development, including Mahon Point, the Mater Private Hospital and Citygate, bringing companies like Voxpro, EMC, Dell, Quest, Big Fish Games, Version1 and McAfee to

Cork City MAN (48/96 pair fibre Metropolitan Area Network)

In 2012 the NSC celebrated its 10 year anniversary with Minister Simon Coveney TD and Micheal Martin TD.



Radisens' mission is to help shape decisions in healthcare by developing a point of care monitoring platform for integrated care management; testing at the right place, at the right time to enable better informed clinical interventions. Radisens' early focus is to improve the management of high cost chronic diseases, like diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and their associated complexities and complications.

#### Radisens

Year Founded: 2009 Founders: Jerry O'Brien

Employs: 18 Location: Cork

Website: www.radisens.com



Salaso Health Solutions has developed a Digital platform for exercise engagement in Health, Wellness and Recovery. By facilitating the integration of exercise, physiotherapy and physical activity programming as a key part of the treatment protocol across multiple therapeutic areas, Salaso is changing the traditional approach to disease management, thereby delivering better outcomes for patients and health services.

CorkBIC was helpful in assisting us with road testing our business plan and in networking with like-minded companies.

9 9 Aoife Ní Mhuirí Salaso

#### Salaso

Year Founded: 2011

Founders: Aoife Ní Mhuirí

Employs: 9

Locations: Tralee, London, New York

Website: www.salaso.com





CorkBIC was instrumental in bringing together myself and Michael Fitzgerald to form Abtran and helped develop our early stage business plans.

## Pat Ryan 99 Abtran

Abtran is Ireland's leading provider of Customer and Business Process Management services across complex, highly-regulated sectors. Established 21 years ago, we are specialists in delivering excellence in multichannel customer management within regulated sectors including Financial Services, Utilities and Government Services.

#### Abtran

Year Founded: 1997

Founders: Michael Fitzgerald, Gerald Fitzgerald, Pat Ryan

Employs: 2,300

Locations: Cork, Dublin, London, Sligo, Maynooth,

Website: www.abtran.com



Year Founded: 1999

Employs: 90

Location: Cork

Founders: Declan Fox

Website: Now IBM at Cork Airport

COMNITEL



We partner with clients that tend to be high risk and high potential and we work closely with Enterprise Ireland. Today with more venture and angel funding the need to pivot the business and accelerate with new learning is crucial. The greatest risk is not to aim high enough and end up drowning in your own company. We see the need for 'pilots' who have been there before - to guide and inspire the next generation of really great teams that will change the world.

Michael O'Connor CEO, CorkBIC



CorkBIC plays an important role in shaping and developing the business eco-system in Cork to support innovative startups, to reach their full potential. Enterprise Ireland will continue to work in close partnership with regional stakeholders such as CorkBIC to optimise the entrepreneurship potential of Cork, and to create and sustain jobs and prosperity in the Cork Region.

> Julie Sinnamon CEO, Enterprise Ireland



## In Good Company

#### Some of the great companies we've worked with over 30 years

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Pudding / Cloudberry Bakery / Collins' Dairy Farm / Comfylight / Comnitel / Compliance & Risks / ConceptWorx / Connexcion Medical / Contego Sports / Cordal Farmhouse Foods / Cork Publishing / Cortechs / Crest Solutions / Crua Outdoors / Cubit Software / Curious Wines / D2E / Dairy Concepts / Dalmar / Dare Technology / DataDragonX / DB Alliance / Deciphes / Dee's Whole Foods / Deep Insight / Delicious / Design to Value / Dexgreen / DiaNia / Diomac / Dionergy / DMA Foods / DNM Turnkey / Documatics Durrus Compliance / Eazy City / Ecocom / EcoEquine / EcoWatch / eFlexes / Egan Concepts / EHA Soft / EirData / Environmental / Energy Base / Epic Solutions / ePropertyGold / Etac / eTelligence / Eurocomply / Eveara / Everseen / Evolusion / Exceedance / Excellenting / Execpass / Expert Software Test / Festy / Firebird Medical / Firecomms / Firemole / Fitzgerald Marine / FlexiBod / Flúirse / Food Choice@Work / FoodCloud / Fraysen Systems / Froblem / Fund Recs / GAC Auto / GASGON Medical Gentian / Glavloc / Globehook / GlowDX / Golf Miles / Golf Voyager / Goshido / Gourmet Marine / Goworky / GoYeti / GPS Ireland / Granite Consulting / Grasshopper Skateboards / Grazemate / Green Saffron / Green our Goods / GroundUp / GuardYoo / GYMIX / Harpoon / Harty Foods / Health Clinic+ / Hegarty Cheese / HelixWorks / Hexafly / Hibernia Distillers / Honest Fuel / Hooke Bio / HuggNote / Hydrolight / I3PT / Iconic / IDASO / Idoneus Medical / IDSL / ImpactInEnglish / Incereb / Incident ControlRoom / Inis Software / Inspect4Hoof Trimming / Integrated Magnetics / Interactive Reporting / Interplay / ION / iOuTech / Irish Atlantic Sea Salt / Joseph Walsh Furniture / Just Food / Keelvar Systems / Keohane Seafood / Kepler Engineering / Kerry Abrasives / Khonsu / Killarney CandleMakers / Kinematik / Kinetics / KM Medical Kneat Solutions / Kollect / Kotanical / LaserAge Ltd / Lattice Research / LawyerFair / LearnAboutGMP / LearnPipe / LetsGetChecked / Likewhere / Lillys Eco Clean / LinkResQ / Lite 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Button / Proverum / PT Technologies / Pulsar Direct / Pulse Learning / Pundit Arena / Pursue / Qmeeto / Radisens / Raptor Software / Rash'R / Rational Careers / RE:SURE / Rebel Chilli / Recoverx / ReCreate Ireland / Red Owl / Redicare / ReinRite / Relate Labs / Reliance Precision / Remote Signals / ReproInfo / ResourceKraft / RetailEverywhere / Rezoomo / Rinocloud / Rockboro Analytics / RunAngel / SafeCare Technologies / Salaso / Saorgus Energy / Satcom Technology / Scannell Solutions / Science POD / Seagreen / Sedicci / Selio / Sensation Audio / Sensipass / Servusnet / Shadowman / Sideline Eye / Sigtec / SoloEnergy / Somex / Sothic BioScience / Soundwave / Spectrum AV / SRL Sensory Research / St. Killians Candles / Standard Access / Stylite Designs / Sublimity / Therapeutics Supply.ie SurgaColl Technologies / SwiftQueue / Tamm Software / Teamwork / Tippy Talk / Tr3Dent Ltd / TreeMetrics / True North Technologies / Trustap / Trustap / Trustap / Tweekaboo / Unified Computing / Upworky Systems / UrbanFox / UtilityAR / UXTraining / Vconnecta / Vearsa / VERI / Verify / Veronicas Snacks / ViClarity / Virginia Health Foods / Vizlegal / VoiceSage / Voucher Link / Wazp / Webdoctor / What Salon / WildOrchard / Work Compass / Workvivo / Xpertivity / Yeloblade / Zazsi / Zeto Technologies



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