

# Financial engine or glorified back office? Dublin's International Financial Services Centre going global

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## Abstract

**Summary** Considerable geographical analysis has been directed towards understanding the emergence and development of 'world cities' and their role in the coordination of the global economy. In particular, there has been an emphasis on exploring the character and nature of financial services located in these centres. In examining global centres, 'other' places are often implicitly constructed as peripheries. Yet these 'peripheries' have been experiencing significant transformations in the nature of their integration into the global economy. In this paper, I chart the rise of Dublin's International Financial Services Centre as an example of a regulated site that has emerged as a niche centre in international corporate and financial transactions.

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