







## INVITATION

It's a time of unique possibility for Belfast city and the wider region.

A public-private-third sector partnership, the **Belfast City & Region Place Partnership** has a shared commitment to creating places where people want to live, study, work, visit and invest.

In association with ULI Ireland, join us on **Tuesday 05 March 2024** as we take an opportunity to showcase the Belfast city region, highlighting its investment proposition.

**Venue:** The Great Room, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin **Time:** Registration 16:30 | Start 17:00 | End 19:00

Networking to follow. Light refreshments will be served.



Pat Kenny Host

## Speakers included:



Marie Hunt Chair, ULI Ireland



Joe O'Neill Chief Executive, Belfast Harbour



John Walsh
Chief Executive,
Belfast City Council



Dan Batterton Head of BTR, LGIM Real Assets



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Partner-in-Charge,
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Steve Harper
Executive Director
International Business,
Invest NI



Leigh Meyer Belfast Site Head, Citi Belfast

We will examine the crucial economic drivers behind the city region's market opportunities and showcase our reputation for innovation in a place that's open for business and investment.

Also, a shared ambition to push inclusive, sustainable growth – and a renewed focus on welcoming 66,000 new residents to Belfast by 2035 – will require an estimated 31,600 quality new homes.

With US President Joe Biden and his Economic Envoy Joe Kennedy III pledging their commitment to the pursuit of inclusive prosperity – coupled with a strategic geographic location and trading relationship with Europe and GB – the wealth of opportunities is obvious.

Additionally, exploiting the potential of our key position on Ireland's eastern economic corridor – and the potential a Belfast-Dublin partnership offers – underlines how uniquely placed we are to prosper in the years ahead.

Already, we're seeing growing confidence in the Belfast region, and a deep commitment to the future, as evidenced by:

- the <u>new Ulster University campus</u> transforming Belfast city centre;
- the development of Ireland's largest transport hub <u>Belfast Grand Central Station</u> due to open in 2024/25;
- the ground-breaking £150m investment by Legal & General to fund the creation of new homes in Titanic Quarter.
- initiation of the first Belfast Region City Deal projects as part of a decade of investment and opportunity including <u>Belfast Stories</u>, the redevelopment of <u>Bangor Waterfront</u>, regeneration of <u>Newry city centre</u> and <u>Studio Ulster</u>.