

INVESTING IN ENGLAND'S NORTHWEST

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Every month, the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA) brings you the latest investment news from the region, profiles on successful investors, incisive comment from industry leaders and general news of interest to the business and investment community.



Northwest Inward Investment success

England's Northwest is once again the UK's leading region attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) outside of London and the South East.

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Video Case Study - Thermo Fisher Scientific

Runcorn-based Thermo Fisher is a world leader in the biomedical sector with over 380 office locations worldwide, including more than 170 manufacturing sites and sales offices and operating in over 150 territories across the globe.

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Lancaster's Green Giants

Food security is one of this century's key global challenges. Finding new ways to feed a rapidly growing world population at a time of growing concern over climate change, throws up the sort of problems that the Lancaster Environment Centre (LEC) thrives on.

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New investment

Firm chooses Northwest over London

A leading management consultancy firm has turned its back on London, opting instead for the Northwest as its UK base of operations. While Irish company Professional Services Group (PSG) considered a range of locations across the Northwest for its new headquarters, the firm chose Liverpool after deciding the city

had a natural "fit" with the business. [Read More](#)

Relocation

[BBC Breakfast Moving to Salford](#)

The BBC is to bring its flagship Breakfast news programme to the MediaCityUK site in Salford Quays in the early morning ratings war against a revitalised GMTV. [Read More](#)

Northwest key sectors

[Creative and Digital in the Northwest](#)

The Northwest of England stands on the cusp of a revolution in the digital and creative industries. It already has the country's second biggest cluster of media and advertising businesses outside London and the south east. [Read the Financial Times Supplement](#)

[Low Carbon Economy in the Northwest](#)

There are few areas of the world with a history of energy production that compares with the Northwest of England. It is a centre for the nuclear industry, it hosted some of the first wind turbines and boasts several innovative low carbon technology companies.

[Read the Financial Times supplement](#)

Growth and Expansion

[1,000 new jobs at Range Rover plant](#)

Waves of applause have greeted news that a new Range Rover will create 1,000 new jobs at the marque's Merseyside plant in Halewood. The new Evoque, dubbed as the "greenest" Range Rover ever made, will go on sale in summer 2011 and will be built at the Northwest plant, which is expected to benefit from a huge influx of new jobs for local workers.

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[Tenants move in at Sharp Project](#)

The first new tenants of the refurbished £16.5 million former Sharp Electronics warehouse in Manchester have taken residence. Among the first tenants to move in to the site on Oldham Road, Newton Heath, are Sunde Technologies and Peddlers Cross Creative.

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[UK Grid invests £2 million in expansion](#)

A Manchester-based data centre provider is to invest £2 million in expanding its overall site capacity. UK Grid, which also has a centre in London, has already started to expand its Science Park in Manchester. The firm is currently installing an extra 170 racks of data storage space as part of the first phase of its expansion plans. [Read More](#)

[Investment pays off for Matalan](#)

Northwest retail giant Matalan has reaped the rewards of an ambitious investment programme which has helped operating profits increase by nearly a third over the past 12 months. [Read More](#)

Research and Development

Nuclear research unit plan approved

Plans to build a £20 million nuclear research facility at the Westlakes Science and Technology Park near Whitehaven have been given the go-ahead. The centre, jointly funded by the University of Manchester and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, will provide a world leading research capability. [Read More](#)

Unmanned prototype jet unveiled

£142.5 million prototype unmanned jet has been unveiled by the Ministry of Defence at a ceremony at BAE Systems in Warton, Lancashire. Named Taranis, after the Celtic god of thunder, the jet has been dubbed the "pinnacle" of British engineering and aeronautical design. [Read More](#)

Economy

Mersey maritime grows in stature

Liverpool's world famous docks have generated £150 million of inward investment over the past seven years, a leading maritime organisation said. Steady investment in the region from shipping giants Maersk and CMA CGM has seen millions of pounds pour back into the once beleaguered docks, as importers and logistics experts continue to see Liverpool as a key entry point to consumers from the continent. [Read More](#)

HOW WE CAN HELP

The NWDA works to deliver economic success in England's Northwest by building the competitiveness of its businesses, people and places.

Utilising our technical expertise and strategic influence, we help the region's 250,000+ businesses to develop and grow, as well as supporting international trade and encouraging inward investment.

If you're interested in finding out more about investing in England's Northwest please [contact our enquiry team](#) or call us on +44 (0)1925 400 495

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