



Silent Valley, Co. Down

## Welcome to Almac in Northern Ireland

Drawn by its vibrancy, warmth and charm, increasing numbers from around the world are making Northern Ireland one of the most popular destinations in Europe. In 2007, the respected travel guide 'Lonely Planet' described Belfast as being one of the top 10 cities in the world to visit. Visitors are discovering a thriving cultural scene combined with a unique heritage, in a land transformed by astonishing levels of investment over the last few years.

Visitors, and residents of Northern Ireland alike, can enjoy stunning scenery, excellent visitor attractions and award-winning restaurants. Add to this, atmospheric bars, a burgeoning shopping scene, world-class theatres, galleries, live music and fabulous festivals throughout the year ... a plethora of choice, let alone the world-class schools and education system that Northern Ireland has to offer.

The twentieth century was a turbulent period for Northern Ireland as traditional heavy industries such as ship-building declined, new 'high tech' industries emerged, and the late 1960s saw the onset of The Troubles, which blighted the country for 30 years. But today, in one of Europe's most dramatic and fastest transformations, hundreds of millions of pounds have been invested in housing, infrastructure, employment and cultural activities, and a new, integrated Northern Ireland government now sits at the spectacular Stormont parliament buildings, enabling the province to spectacularly reinvent itself. The excitement in Northern Ireland is tangible, not forgetting that new motorway links between Belfast and Dublin make the Irish capital within two hours striking distance by road.

However, one of Northern Ireland's greatest, and most unique attractions is its people, whose enduring warmth and friendliness remain a welcoming truth. From times past, glorious and hopeful, turbulent and extraordinary, history is all around you, whilst legacy and tradition lives on in stories, humour and the vibrant culture of its people.

Almac is proud to have its head quarters in Northern Ireland, thriving in the burgeoning landscape, capturing the character in the heart of its people, becoming the adopted home to employees from more than 30 different nationalities, reflecting the truly cosmopolitan culture to be found here. We look forward to welcoming you.