

Food and Drink

The opportunity

Invest in one of the UK's largest food and drink manufacturing clusters, home to over 600 manufacturers, including some of Europe's largest operations of their type.



The facts

81%

Access 15 major supermarket distribution centres, servicing retailers that account for over 81% of UK grocery sales



A major UK logistics hub - 74% of UK consumers are within a 4 hour drive of Leeds City Region



Home to Asda and Morrisons, two of the UK's largest supermarket retailers, with combined sales of circa £38bn

140k

Access the UK's largest manufacturing employment base of over 140,000 workers

£14bn

The UK imports £14bn of fresh fruit and vegetables every year. Join our region's growing vertical farming cluster to gain direct access to this market



Invest in a location which provides an eco-system perfect for innovation and scaling up. Follow in the footsteps of Arla, Meatless Farm and Over the Spoon



Collaborate with industry and world leading research centres such as the School of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Leeds



An extensive end to end supply chain supporting some of the largest food and drink manufacturing operations of their kind in Europe

Company insight



Europe's largest soft drink bottling operations by volume, capable of producing a billion litres per year.



Established in 2016 in Leeds, The Meatless Farm Co. is the UK's fastest growing plant based meat company, and has secured deals with all four major UK supermarkets. The company is currently expanding across the world with sales growing at 180% annually.



Both headquartered in the region and two of the UK's largest supermarket retailers, serving a quarter of the UK grocery market.



Headquartered in Leeds and the UK's largest supplier of fresh milk, spreads and cheeses.



Operate the UK's largest cold storage facility, capable of storing 143,000 pallets.



Headquartered in Elland, Suma are one of the largest co-operatives of its kind in Europe, delivering over 7,000 vegetarian, natural, responsibly sourced products to businesses and communities across the UK and internationally.

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With direct access to the latest economic data and a range of business support packages, the Leeds City Region Trade and Investment Team provide a free and confidential package of services, tailored to the needs of your business, to make your investment here a success.



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