

ACI Worldwide Opens State-of-the-Art European Data Centre

New Limerick data centre accommodates growing EMEA demand for ACI's Universal Payments solutions; also brings 50 new jobs

LIMERICK, Ireland--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [ACI Worldwide](#) (NASDAQ: ACIW), a leading global provider of real-time [electronic payment](#) and banking solutions, today announced the opening of its new European data centre. Located in Limerick, this state-of-the-art facility delivers the utmost in reliability, security and data privacy, further expanding world-class payments solution capabilities and capacity for European customers, comprising some of largest merchants, intermediaries and financial institutions, including the two biggest banks in Ireland.

In order to accommodate growing EMEA demand, the new fully redundant data centre was built and launched in record time, and meets the most stringent security and compliance standards. Moreover, it further leverages ACI's product investments to make its [Universal Payments](#) solutions available to European companies through ACI's private cloud.

The facility also brings job growth to the region. In partnership with IDA Ireland, ACI will add 50 new hires, on top of the current team of nearly 100. The company has had a presence in Limerick for ten years, cultivating strong talent as part of its long-standing internship program and collaboration with the University of Limerick.

To commemorate the data centre opening, ACI today welcomed senior dignitaries from across the country to visit the facility. Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Mary Mitchell O Connor T.D. warmly welcomed the investment by ACI. "This new project, involving the construction of a new data centre in Limerick, is exactly the type of value added project we are pursuing. Hosting a data centre is a commitment for the long-term, given the scale of the capital investment involved. Ireland has attracted data centres from virtually all the major players over recent years and this is testament to Ireland and our agencies involved. ACI's commitment is a great vote of confidence in both the infrastructure and skills available in the region. I wish ACI and its team continued success."

The Minister for Finance Michael Noonan T.D. said: "I'm delighted to see ACI cementing its presence in the Limerick region with the addition of this data centre. A further 50 jobs and increased physical infrastructure is testament to ACI's confidence in Limerick and its highly skilled workforce. As Minister for Finance, I have championed electronic payments and have overseen a move in Ireland toward more efficient and convenient uses of electronic payments. I am a firm believer in the work that ACI is doing and I am grateful to see that they are a firm believer in the people of Limerick and the broader region."

Also speaking at the event, Minister for Employment and Small Business Pat Breen T.D. commented: "This is another very welcome announcement for the region and follows on from other recent significant announcements for Limerick. All jobs created have a positive knock on effect on the wider region. It is important that we continue to pursue opportunities for investment and job creation across all rural Ireland. Once again this investment is a testament to the skilled workforce and the attractiveness of the region. I wish the team at ACI every success for the future."

IDA CEO Martin Shanahan said: "It is great to see this company, which has been extremely successful in Ireland and across Europe, continue to grow and develop its operations here in Limerick. Supporting established companies like ACI is a key focus for IDA. The addition of this new data centre confirms ACI's ongoing commitment to the region, and its continued growth presents further employment opportunities for the great pool of talent in Limerick and the wider region. I wish ACI continued success here."

"We are very excited about our new European data centre and the tremendous overall opportunities for ACI in the region, which is testament to our great team and our powerful Universal Payments offerings," said Phil Heasley, president and CEO, ACI Worldwide. "As more organizations embrace private cloud solutions to gain a competitive edge, they're turning to ACI; our dedicated cloud payments offerings provide the security, privacy and reliability that customers need and expect from mission-critical payment solutions."

ACI provides world-class electronic payments, banking, and fraud protection solutions and services to more than 4,600 financial institutions, retailers, and billers around the world through a private cloud, processing more than 35 million transactions per day.

About ACI Worldwide

ACI Worldwide, the [Universal Payments](#) (UP) company, powers [electronic payments](#) for more than 5,100 organizations around the world. More than 1,000 of the largest financial institutions and intermediaries as well as thousands of [global merchants](#) rely on ACI to execute \$14 trillion each day in payments and securities. In addition, myriad organizations utilize our [electronic bill presentment and payment](#) services. Through our comprehensive suite of software and [SaaS-based solutions](#), we deliver real-time, [immediate payments](#) capabilities and enable the industry's most complete [omni-channel payments](#) experience. To learn more about ACI, please visit www.aciworldwide.com. You can also find us on Twitter [@ACI_Worldwide](#).

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