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SMART START-UPS

'We opened for business in a downturn - and we never looked back'

WHY WOMEN WILL GET US OUT OF RECESSION

Ireland's leading female executives reveal their survival strategies

THE RISE OF THE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

How Angela Kerins built Rehab into an international business icon with a heart

TOP 100 BUSINESSWOMEN

Margaret Nelson joins Ireland's female entrepreneurs to talk about the revival of the economy, their personal vision and the vital role women will play in our future





NICOLA BYRNE

Founder & MD, 11890

Self-Made, Directory Enquiries

The business of numbers has certainly added up for 11890 founder Nicola Byrne. She has seen turnover climb to €70 million annually.

CAROLINE CASEY

Founder & CEO, Kanchi

Social Entrepreneur

Registered blind, Caroline Casey refuses to let disability hold her back. In 2000, she founded Aisling, since renamed Kanchi, to promote disabled people's participation in society.

NORAH CASEY

Founder & CEO, Harmonia

Self-Made, Media

Five years after negotiating the buyout of Smurfit Communications, Norah Casey is one of the country's leading magazine publishers.

CONSTANCE CASSIDY

Barrister

Professional, Legal

Constance is a leading legal expert on Irish

licensing law. In 2003, she and her husband Eddie bought Sligo's historic Lissadell House.

PAULINE CULLEN

Commercial director, Beacon Medical Group (See page 45)

Professional, Healthcare

Since joining the first independent hospital to open in Dublin in 20 years in 2004, Pauline Cullen has seen the facility prosper and grow.

TARA CUNNINGHAM

Founder, Release Communication Intervention

Social Entrepreneur

In July 2003, Tara Cunningham helped revolutionise the field of speech therapy with the establishment of Release Communication.

CONNIE DOODY & SENATOR MARY WHITE

Founders, Lir Chocolates

Self-Made, Food

From a firm they founded in their kitchen, Connie Doody and Mary White have seen Lir chocolate production hit two million boxes per year.

MARIE COONEY

Founder, Tipperary Water
Self-Made, Drink

Marie Cooney has played a major role in expanding her family business's brand into 16 foreign markets and employing 640 people, with an annual turnover of €250 million.

ORLA CORR

MD, McAvoy Off-Site Building Solutions

Self-Made, Construction

Since being appointed managing director of the family business in 2000, Orla Corr has seen annual turnover increase to €44 million.

BERNADETTE COYNE

MD, Amárach Research

Self-Made, Market Research

The founder of Research Solutions, which was acquired by Amárach in 2005, is well armed with information on how to grow a business.

EVE-ANNE CULLINAN & LAURA MAGAHY

Co-founders, MCO Projects

Self-Made, Regeneration

After years of experience in urban regeneration projects, former Temple Bar Properties directors Cullinan and Magahy joined forces in 2000.

MAIRÉAD CIRILLO

Chairperson, Dublin Business Women's Skillnet

Professional, Support Network

With a personal maxim of 'negotiation is a discussion', Mairéad Cirillo is well placed to chair the Dublin networking group.

MARY DAVIS

MD, Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia

Social Entrepreneur

Associated with Special Olympics in Ireland since 1978, Mary Davis's proudest moment was welcoming the World Games here in 2003.

KRISHNA DE

CEO, Krishna De Branding

Self-Made, Marketing

An award-winning digital marketing and brand mentoring expert, Krishna De also co-founded online social network nirvana PodCamp Ireland.

MOYA DOHERTY

Founder, Tyrone Productions

Self-Made, Media

She will forever be associated with Riverdance, however, millionaire impresario Moya ▶