

Northern Ireland Annual Food & Drink Dinner Hosted by Grant Thornton

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Nice meal but look at the price rises! (last 6 years)



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6 years since Northern Ireland's Wile E. Coyote moment







The 'NICE' Decade The 'RUDE' Awakening Have we hit bottom yet?

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NI recovery underway in terms of output...

Private Sector Business Activity - PMIs



...and in terms of employment











No sign of a meaningful recovery with household incomes



Consumers experiencing a 'spreadsheet recovery'



Computer says Yes. But consumer says No!

Headline inflation understates the true picture



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A recovery in the public finances a long way off



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Don't expect a recovery in the High Street



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Consumer behaviours are changing. The 'Kia effect'



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Brands gaining NI market share 2007-2012



Brands experiencing falling NI market share 2007-2012

Uncool?

Seriously Uncool?





Ben Bernanke (US Fed)



Mario Draghi (ECB)





Mark Carney (BoE)



Haruhiko Kuroda (BoJ)



Ireland has been the poster child of low inflation since the credit crunch began

EU-28 Cumulative % Rise in Consumer Prices (HICP) August 2007 to August 2013



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Austerity is easier to take when the price of food & drink isn't going through the roof



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'Currency Wars' partly explains NI's sales & export performance...



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NI Sales & Exports 2011/12

Overall exports to the RoI down 30% but FDT up 40%!

NI Food, Drink & Tobacco Sales & Exports 2011/12 relative to 2007/08 peak



Outside of Food & Drink, NI faces a lack of demand, particularly in the RoI



Economic Growth will be an uphill challenge...



...but outlook agricultural outlook somewhat brighter





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