

## Mount Charles pledges to invest £10m and increase employee base to 5,000 by 2030

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One of Northern Ireland's largest independent catering, cleaning, events and facilities management companies has unveiled plans to invest £10 million and create 2,000 new jobs in the next five years.

[Mount Charles Group](#), which has over 3,000 staff across the island of Ireland, said the ambitious expansion project formed part of its cutting-edge 2025-2030 strategy.

The outsourcing and facilities management business also revealed that it expects its headcount to rise to 5,000 across the group.

The £10 million investment will be shared mainly across its infrastructure and innovation pillars, bringing enhancements to the business across Ireland as part of its five-year development plan.

Mount Charles founder and chairman Trevor Annon said the family business, which has a turnover of over £55 million, was going from strength to strength.

"This £10 million investment, with the creation of 2,000 new jobs, is another step on the journey from our humble beginnings to becoming Ireland's premier support services organisation," he said.

"We are committed to sustained growth and to being the top employer in all divisions. We are employing additional staff in each of our divisions across Ireland to extend our business offering and to ensure we can meet our social value and sustainability targets."

He added: "Our five-year strategy, which outlines our path forward, will help us achieve our goals and ensure that our group remains the industry leader we are proud to be part of."

Mount Charles said the 2,000 new roles will be in management, cleaning, catering, vending and events “to respond to the growing demand for our business services”.

The all-island company, one of the region’s top 20 employers, which provides a wide range of other business services, such as vending, said environmental, social and governance (ESG) is another key strand to its strategy looking ahead. Projects with a sustainability focus include the roll out of electric vehicles and installation of solar panels on company premises.

Established by Trevor Annon in 1988, Mount Charles, which is headquartered at Annon House on Belfast’s Ormeau Road, has grown from a small contract catering company into a support services giant.

The firm is one of Ireland’s largest indigenous support service organisations with over 3,000 staff working at 600 sites across the island. Mount Charles has also cultivated an impressive client list that includes Moy Park, Spirit Aerospace, Ulster Rugby, Down Royal Racecourse, ICC Waterfront Hall, Belfast International Airport, Irish Football Association, Translink, RTÉ, IBTS and the Department of Health in Ireland.