

10 mid-tier accountancy firms which audit some of Top 1000 companies

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BDO

BDO Ireland is a member of the international BDO network, the world's fifth largest accounting network. The global firm has almost 48,800 people employed across 1,118 offices in 135 countries. In Ireland, it has 33 partners and 320 staff, with offices in Dublin, Limerick and Belfast. Its clients range from large multinational companies and private enterprises to government-owned companies. BDO has audited 30 of the Top 1000 companies.

Grant Thornton

Grant Thornton was named Irish Tax Advisory Firm of the Year in the 2012 ACQ Global Awards. It was also ranked in the top five accounting firms in Ireland for tax planning in the International Tax Review-European Tax Awards 2012. It audited 25 of the Top 1000 companies, giving it a 2.5 per cent share in the audit arena of the top firms.

Mazars

Mazars Ireland, part of the international firm Mazars, is based in Dublin and Galway with a staff of more than 200. The company spans the corporate, governmental and institutional sectors, as well as owner-managed businesses and private wealth.

Crowe Horwath

Crowe Horwath was previously known here as Horwath Bastow Charleton, but changed its name in May as part of a worldwide initiative by global network Crowe Horwath International, one of the largest accounting networks in the world, with more than 160 independent accounting and advisory services firms in more than 100 countries. Crowe Horwath has more than 100 employees in Ireland. It specialises in tax planning, business restructuring, business financing, insolvency, retirement

planning, pensions and wealth creation.

Moore Stephens

Moore Stephens International is one of the world's major accounting and consulting networks with 301 independent firms and 636 offices in 100 countries, incorporating 21,197 people and with fees of more than \$2.298 million. Managing audits and dealing with multi-jurisdictional tax matters of multinational operations forms a core part of its business. Its Irish operation, with offices in Dublin and Cork, is ranked in the top 10 Irish accountancy practices with 10 partners and more than 100 staff.

Russell Brennan Keane

RBK has 11 partners and 140 employees with offices in Dublin, Athlone and Roscommon. The firm is a member of two global networks of independent accounting firms: Kreston International and the Leading Edge Alliance. It provides services in corporate compliance, insolvency, restructuring, taxation, strategic planning, wealth management and audit advisory.

FMB

In Ireland since 1998, FMB's core business remains the preparation and audit of financial statements and taxation compliance that accompanies it. The four-partner chartered accountant practice is based in Dublin's Docklands, with more than 20 staff.

Baker Tilly Ryan Glennon

Baker Tilly Ryan Glennon business partners and accountants was formed in April 2007 by the merger of PKF Ryan Glennon and Baker Tilly O'Hare. The firm is an independent member of Baker Tilly International, ranked eighth largest network in the world. Led by managing partner John Glennon in Ranelagh, Dublin, and in Birr Technology Centre, and by managing partner Des Mooney in Belfast, the practice has more than 120 staff and 16 partners. It offers audit and assurance, tax, corporate recovery, personal recovery, forensic accounting, litigation support, human resources consultancy and Nama business planning.

Smith & Williamson Freaney

Smith & Williamson entered the Irish market in 2008 when it merged with Oliver Freaney & Co. It employs 1,500 people and operates from 11 offices in Britain and Ireland. It provides business and personal financial services ranging from tax, audit and corporate finance to personal financial planning and investment management. The Dublin office has more than 70 staff, offering financial and business services, tax advisers and private client investment managers.

McDaid McCullough Moore

The Derry-based firm specialises in tax consultancy, auditing, company law and financial fraud. The cross-Border practice has 25 staff and six partners. Its clients include Diesel Card Ireland, which paid more than €85,000 for one year's audit fees, Nichol Fuel Oils (which paid €28,551) and Euro General Retail (€31,492).

The mid-tier firms

	No of Top 1,000 audits	% share
BDO	30	3%
Grant Thornton	25	2.5
Mazars	15	1.5
Crowe Horwath	11	1.1
Moore Stephens	10	1.0
Russell Brennan Keane	7	0.7
FMB	7	0.7
Baker Tilly Ryan Glennon	6	0.6
Smith & Williamson Freaney	6	0.6
McDaid McCullough Moore	5	0.5