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Introduction

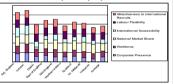
South East England is already home to many of the world's most influential and successful companies. Key factors for locating in the region include: the availability of high quality, suitably qualified staff, good infrastructure, proximity to international airports, seaports and London, high quality of life, the ability to retain highly qualified ICT staff, and the strength of academic research and technical assistance capability in the area.

Key Facts

- . The South East is the largest region by size of population & workford 34% of the working population holds an academic degree or
- Over 24 universities and higher education institutions
- 97 University departments undertake internationally excellent
- University of Oxford is ranked 3rd in world university rankings
- Over 5,100 foreign owned companies are located in the region
 Over 1,600 North American owned companies
- R&D expenditure in the region was £4.7 billion in 20.

Location Benchmarking Study

Overall Location Quality Scores Analysed by facts



South East Software Market Overview

- 28,000 ICT companies in the region employ 180,000 people. ICT companies generated a Gross Value Add of £10bn in 2005.
- 17,000 software companies operating in the region. South East software sector generates a Gross Value Add of over
- c.98,000 employees in the South East software sector (c.30% of
- the UK industry total).

 Counties of Surrey & Berkshire are home to 47% of South East's
- software workforce
- Over 12,500 students studying computer science in the South
- Heavy concentration of security software organisations (34%). South East has 38% of games software industry employment.

Global Software Market Outlook

- . Software industry is expected to grow c. 6% per annum until 2009
- Top three software companies continue to capture more than 60% of industry profits.
- Recognition of the importance of accessing the corporate database
- real time and thereby dramatically improve decision making
- Continued expansion of software into new industries and devices: Infotainment products and services in automotive industries
 Software (e.g. VoIP) as primary driver for product development in communications
- Software choices (DRM, file formats) in consumer electronics changing business models
- Web 2.0 for the enterprise will enable tacit interactions (involving judgment or insight in complex problem solving).
- Software as a Service (SaaS) poised to grow strongly from £300m
- to £1.8bn in 2009 (Source: IDC)
- Traditional channels will evolve and include new class of players like telcos, service providers and content providers.

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