

Edward Square Shopping Centre Galway





Prime modern retail development **in the heart of Galway City** 





Strategic location interlinked with Eyre Square Shopping Centre boasting 12.5 million visitors in 2024



Comprising five retail units extending to a gross internal area of approximately 2,314.9 sq.m. (24,918 sq.ft.)



Tenants include Elverys & Starbucks with enormous potential to reimagine the available retail space





Unexpired term of 4.73 years to nearest break option (5.27 years to expiry)

Opportunity to achieve a total ERV in excess of €800,000 providing a reversionary yield of 10%+

# edward square



**Freehold Title** 

NEW LOOK

#### EDWARD SQUARE



Excellent transport links, Galway is linked by Motorway (M6) to Dublin with a journey time of 2 hours and by motorway M18 to Limerick with a journey time of 1 hour.

**BY ROAD** 



Galway Ceannt Train Station is located at the south end of Eyre Square and provides rail services directly to Dublin and Limerick, in turn providing daily connection routes to Waterford, Cork, Tralee and Clonmel.

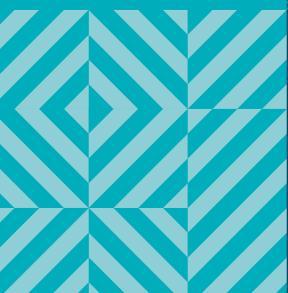
BY BUS

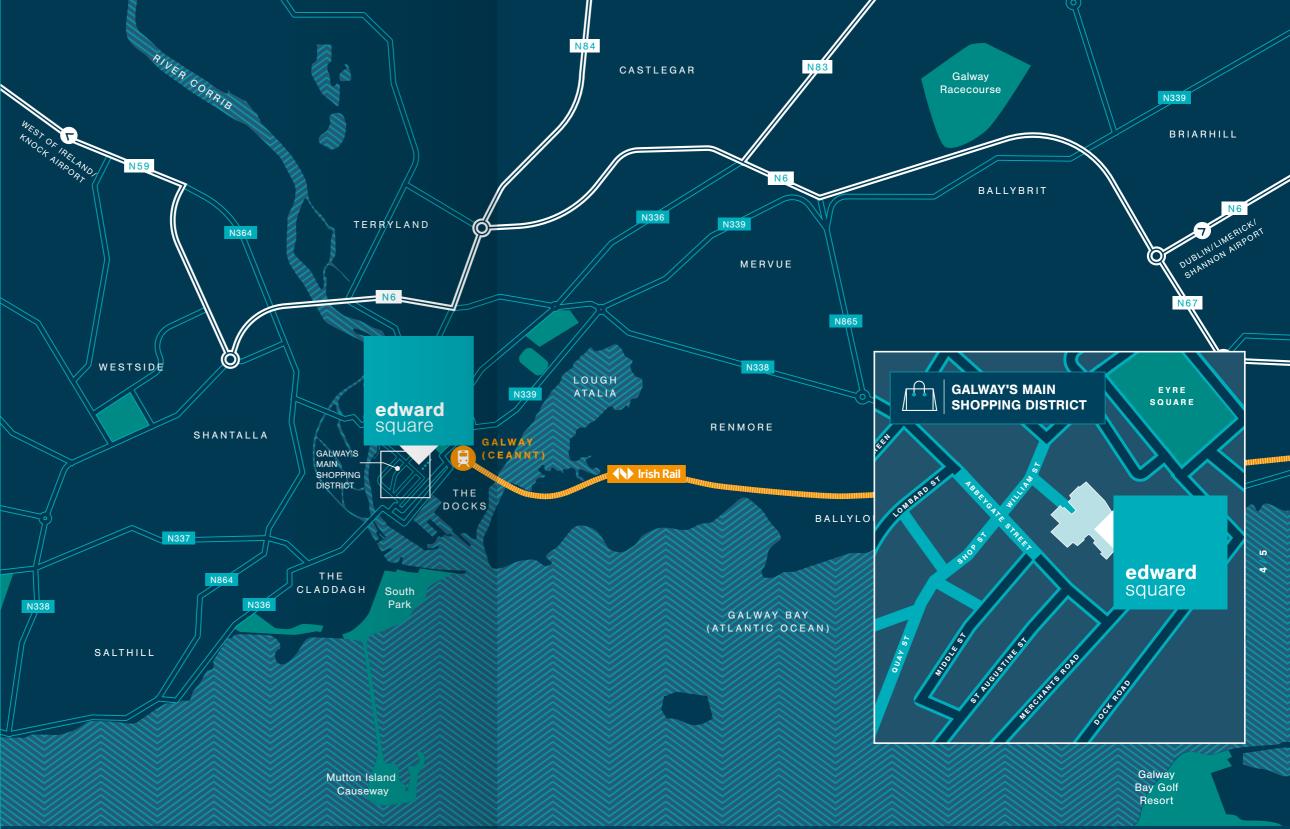


Aercoach, Bus Eireann, Citylink and GoBus offer regular daily services between Dublin and Galway, with Bus Eireann and Citylink serving the Galway Limerick route.



Ireland West Airport at Knock, County Mayo is approximately 85km from Galway City Centre and serves the west of Ireland region. Ireland West Airport Knock is the main international air access gateway for the West, North West and Midland regions of Ireland with more than 20 scheduled destinations across Ireland, the UK and Europe.





Situated on the west coast of Ireland, Galway City is the third largest city in the country and has a population of 277,737

Located approx. 210kms west of Dublin City, 85kms north of Shannon International Airport and 85km south of Knock Airport, Galway is known as Ireland's Cultural Heart attracting tourists from around the world. The city also benefits from a strong student population with students of University of Galway and ATU Galway accounting for approximately 20% of the population during term time.

capital of County Galway and of Ireland, it is a popular retail brand names based in the city Island, Primark and Boots.

Galway City is the administrative is the principal city in the West destination for Connaught having many internationally recognised including Tommy Hilfiger, River

Edward Square boasts an excellent profile as the main connection between Eyre Square Shopping Centre and Shop Street, the main high street in Galway and home to retailers such as Brown Thomas, River Island, Sketchers, Tommy Hilfiger, Schuh and Easons among others.

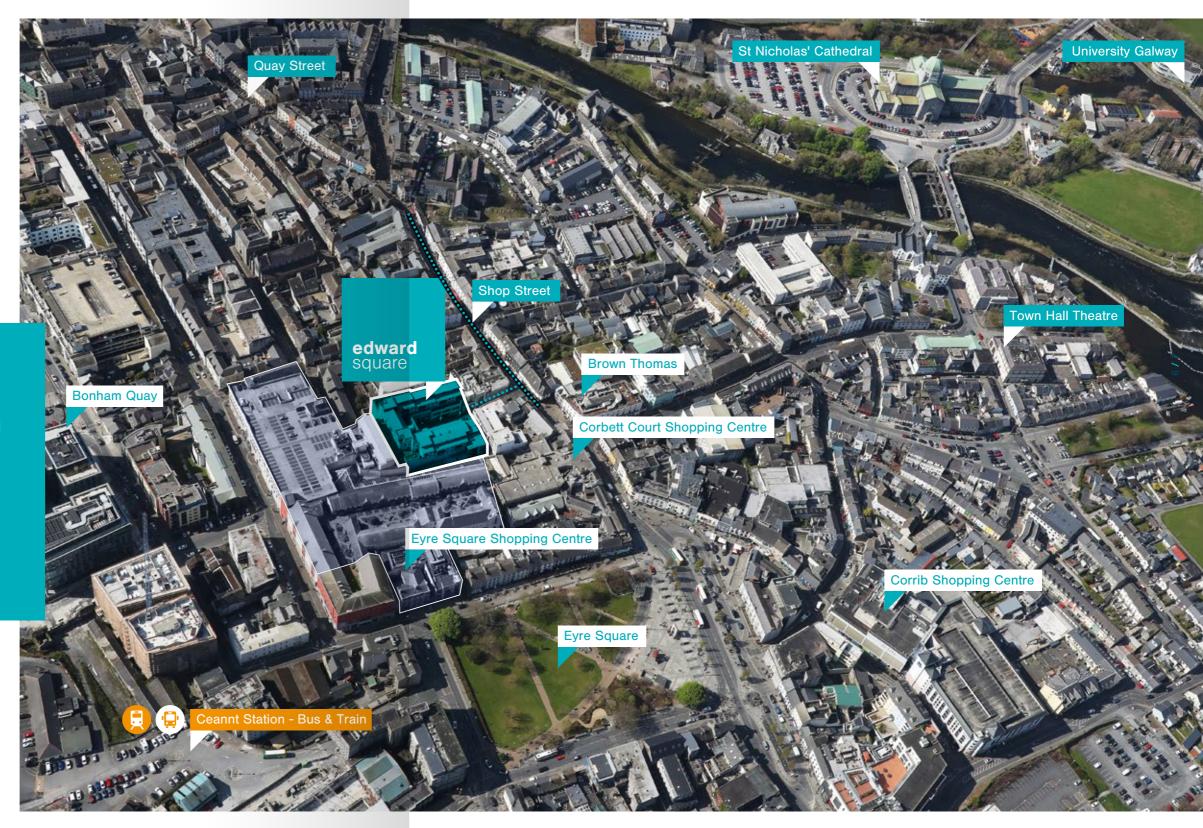
The Location benefits from 984,000 domestic trips and 1.7 million overseas visitors annually contributing €754 million in tourism expenditure. (2022 Failte Ireland)

## Galway is steeped in history,

with its rugged coastline, stone-walled fields and accessibility to the unspoiled Connemara regions

The city is well known for its many festivals including Galway International Arts Festival, Galway Races, Galway Comedy Festival, Galway and Clarenbridge Oyster Festivals and Cuirt International Festival of Literature. Galway is host to over 100 festivals annually.

As a thriving, bohemian, cultural city on the west coast of Ireland, Galway has over 1,900 registered hotels and overnight accommodation.









#### GDP

### **Oxford Economics** estimates that GDP will grow by 3.1% in 2025

Ireland experienced exponential GDP growth for several years, mainly due to the country's strong presence of multinational companies. Oxford Economics estimates that GDP will grow by 3.1% in 2025, a forecast it has revised upwards from 2.2% at the beginning of the year. In addition, the organisation revised the GDP growth for Q4 2024, referring to it as a 'substantial' upward revision initially reflecting a 1.3% contraction. In March 2025, the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) released its Q1 2025 economic outlook. The CBI focuses on modified domestic demand (MDD) for its outlook instead of GDP. MDD, a key indicator of Ireland's domestic economic performance, excludes the influence of multinational corporations. The CBI projects that MDD will grow by 2.7 per cent for the full year in 2025 and by 2.4 per cent per annum on average in 2026 and 2027.

### HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS Household savings have increased 45% since 2019

Ireland is well-positioned to absorb the geopolitical turbulence on the horizon. Household savings have increased 45% since 2019, and the Irish Government is one of the few governments in Europe to record successive Budget surpluses. Further cushioning comes in the form of corporate tax collection, Ireland collected more than €28bn in corporate tax in 2024, an 18% increase on the previous year.

#### **CONSUMER SPENDING**

The fundamental economic indicators for Ireland demonstrate robustness.

The inflationary period that commenced in 2022 has been effectively mitigated in both Ireland and the Eurozone, prompting the European Central Bank to implement six consecutive rate reductions between June 2024 and February 2025. The unemployment rate remains at historic low levels of 3.9%, while the Irish workforce has reached unprecedented numbers. Consumer expenditure remains elevated, with Bank of Ireland reporting a 6.1% increase in household spending for January.

### **RETAIL SALES Retail Sales** increased by 0.7% in February 2025

The CSO reported that Retail Sales increased by 0.7% in February 2025 and by 1.8% in the 12 months from February 2024. In addition, sales have been robust since Ireland emerged from the recent elevated inflationary period. The volume of sales was up 16% in February 2025 compared to January 2022.











## Edward Square is a landmark retail development that blends sleek, modern design with high-quality materials.

The building boasts large glass facades, open floorplates, and high ceilings that create an airy, inviting atmosphere for shoppers. Purpose built in 2000 to meet the evolving needs of modern retailers; Edward Square combines contemporary design with functionality.

Edward Square accommodates six retail units which benefit from two retailing floors, three in the case of the anchor Dunnes Stores. Modern, large retail stores are very limited in Galway city given the heritage constraints and Edward Square provides more flexible modern floor plates appealing to big box retailers looking to establish flagship stores in Galway.



The surrounding retail units are characterised by traditional city centre buildings hence Edward Square has attracted leading high street retailers over the years.

Dunnes Stores has a long leasehold over their occupied unit and there are three floors of student accommodation above Edward Square under separate ownership. The sale comprises the remaining five retail units only together with a small commercial unit located at Shoemakers Lane.



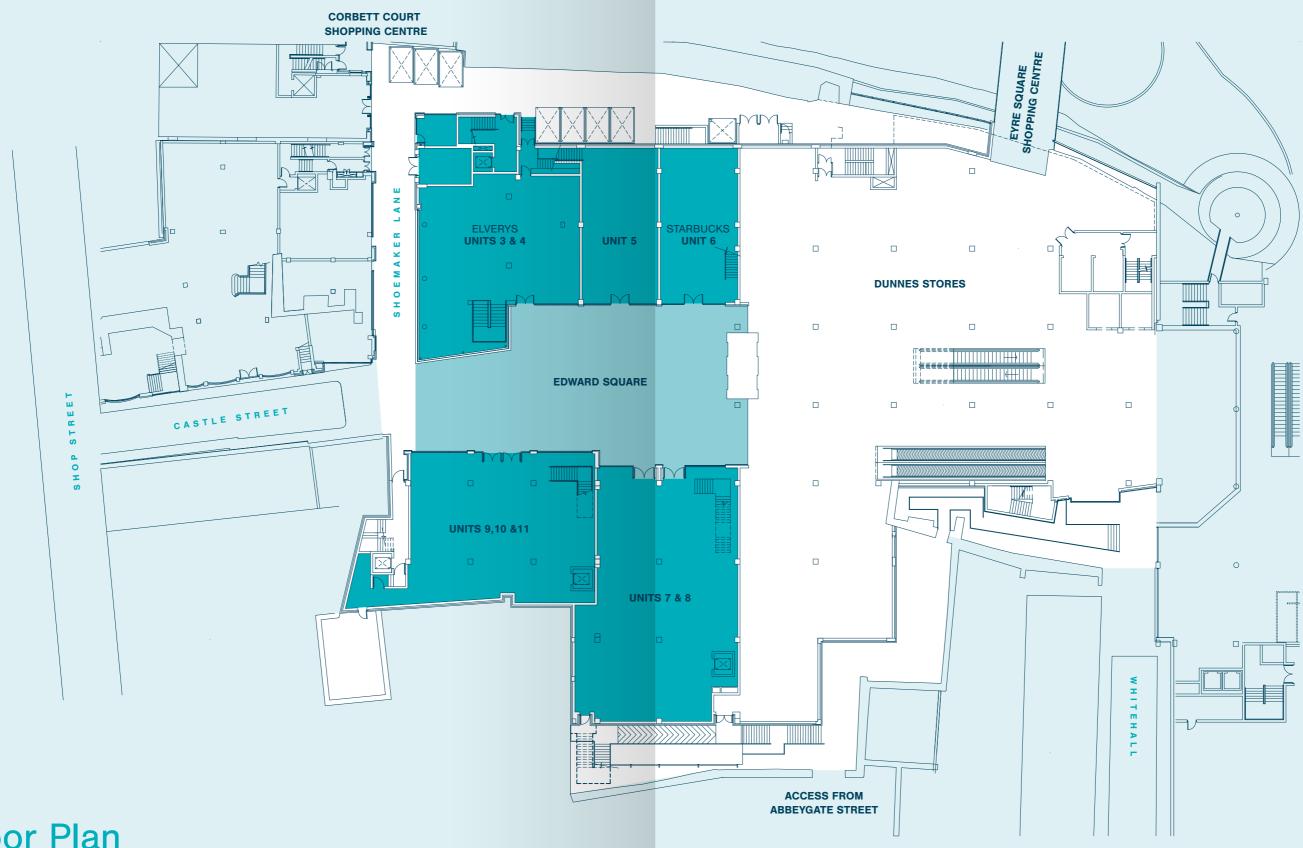
### **Tenancy Schedule**

Unit No.	Trading As	Lease Start Date (dd/mm/yy)	Review Type	Rent Review Date (Next / Outstanding)	Lease Term (years)	Next Tenant Break Option(dd/mm/yy)	Floor Area – Overall (Sq Ft)	Floor Area  – Overall (Sq M)	Contracted Rent Per Lease (annual)
Unit 3A	Radical	_	-	-	1.00	-	126	11.67	€1,200
Units 3 & 4	Elverys	16/02/2019	OMRR	05/09/2024	10.00	01/03/2026	4,760	442.23	€200,000
Unit 5	VACANT	-	-	-	0.00	-	2,445	227.12	€0
Unit 6	Starbucks	10/07/2023	OMRR	09/07/2028	15.00	-	1,874	174.13	€100,000
Units 7 & 8	VACANT	-	-	-	0.00	-	8,272	768.51	€0
Unit 8 (FF), 9, 10 & 11	VACANT	_	_	-	0.00	-	7,441	691.29	€0
Total					5.27		24,918	2,314.95	€301,200









## Floor Plan

14/15

## Demographics

Based on a 30 minute drivetime from the subject property.

Category of Spend	Spend in Catchment Area			
Purchasing Power	€4,381,088,371			
Clothing & Footwear	€164,140,687			
Food & Beverage	€328,867,341			
Comparison Goods	€172,052,842			
Convenience Goods	€199,729,741			
Total Expenditure	€1,418,992,903			

## 148,959 PEOPLE IN THE CATCHMENT AREA 54,258 HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN THE CATHCMENT AREA A SPENDING POWER OF

€4.38BN



## Retailing in Galway

Galway City has an excellent mix of international retail brands and exclusive boutiques. Retailing is located around a small cluster of ancient streets running from the main pedestrianised spine through Williams Gate Street/William Street/Shop Street/High Street & Quay Street. Due to planning restrictions to protect the historic city structures, there is limited scope to develop retailing in the city.

Edward Square benefits from interlinking with Eyre Square Shopping Centre via two entrances, the Dunnes Stores anchor unit, which extends to both schemes and in turn drives footfall and a secondary entrance linking with the Corbett Court element of the scheme. Eyre Square Shopping Centre is home to over 60 retailers including Penney's (Primark), Great Outdoors, DV8 and Vero Moda and offers a 450 space multi storey car park.

Footfall figures for 2024 show 2approximately 12.5 million visitors to Eyre Square Shopping Centre.

## Asset Management Initiatives



Occupancy - Letting of vacant units to achieve 100% occupancy



Reconfiguration - Amalgamation of units to create larger floorplates. This will increase the attractiveness to a wider cohort of international retailers



Improve WAULT - 67% of income has less than 2 years term certain. Opportunity to increase the WAULT with new lettings



Rental Growth - Current rental levels provide an attractive base for future rental growth.

Placemaking - create central focus / plaza on Edward Square to increase activity and dwell time

#### **10 MINUTES DRIVE**

Population 39,56 Households 15,065 **Spending Power** €1.1bn

#### **20 MINUTES DRIVE**

Population 103,333 Households 38,581 Spending Power €3.07bn

#### **30 MINUTES DRIVE**

Population 148,959 Households 54.258 **Spending Power** €4.38bn



## Further Information

#### TENURE Freehold

#### BER

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BER Certificates and Advisory Reports can be found on the dataroom.

#### VAT

We understand transfer of business relief will apply to the sale.

#### PROPOSAL

Offered for sale in its entirety or on individual lot sizes. Further information available upon application.

#### DATAROOM

edwardsquaregalway.com Access to the dataroom is restricted and will be granted on execution of the NDA.

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