



Seamus Hand, Managing Partner

KPMG

KPMG is Ireland's leading professional advisory services firm and works with entrepreneurs and fast growth companies to support the early achievement of business objectives. KPMG has a reputation for continuing these strong relationships, as organisations evolve and grow, based on a passion for business and an unrivalled understanding of the key issues in all sectors of the economy.

KPMG has over 3,500 professionals based in Dublin, Belfast, Cork and Galway providing a broad range of audit, tax, deal advisory and consulting services to clients ranging from dynamic, privately owned businesses to individuals, partnerships and publicly quoted companies. KPMG first became a sponsor of Going for Growth for the 7th Cycle in 2015 as the focus on encouraging individuals and businesses to be ambitious and fulfil their growth potential aligns precisely with KPMG's long track record of working successfully with entrepreneurs and fast growth companies.

Supporting female entrepreneurs at an early stage can make a big difference to their long-term success and KPMG has a track record of working with entrepreneurs and fast growth companies to help them fulfil their potential. According to Seamus Hand Managing Partner of KPMG in Ireland, *"Irish women who start and grow businesses play a critical role in delivering the economic benefits and job creation opportunities that are key to Ireland's success"*.

Speaking about KPMG's sponsorship of the Going for Growth and Starting Strong programmes, Seamus Hand, said: *"The success of the Going for Growth and Starting Strong programmes is demonstrated by the difference it makes to the businesses of participants. Despite the extraordinarily challenging environment, past programme participants have succeeded in pivoting their business models, creating new jobs and many have started exporting for the first time. At KPMG, we are proud to partner with many early stage businesses in overcoming the next challenges and creating the next opportunities, and we are delighted to continue our support of female entrepreneurs in Ireland through these important initiatives."*

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