

# dnata opens new unit at DUB



dnata caters airlines in four cities in Ireland

[dnata](#) has begun operations at its new catering unit in Dublin, built with a capacity to deliver 40,000 meals per day.

The caterer has six airline customers at its existing facility in Dublin. Covering an area of 6,300 square meters, dnata's new facility is located in the [Dublin Airport Logistics Park](#) and near its existing operation. The expansion comes as a result of an agreement with Aer Lingus, which dnata caters in Dublin, Shannon, Cork and Belfast.

"It is great to be operational at our new, ultramodern catering centre, the 65<sup>th</sup> production facility in our global network," said Robin Padgett, dnata's Divisional Senior Vice President for Catering in today's announcement. "Despite the impact of COVID-19, our team and our partners have managed to deliver a quality operation on budget, as planned.

"We look forward to serving more customers in Dublin, both in the air and on the ground, with a team of highly-experienced culinary professionals."

The Dubai-based dnata entered the Irish market in 2010 when it acquired Alpha Flight Group, which also had a unit in Cork. In January 2018 the company further expanded its operations in the country by opening a new catering unit in Dublin. Between its facilities in Cork and Dublin dnata currently serves six airlines.

The caterer's investment in Ireland in 2020 has spanned construction, facility fit-out, vehicles and staff training. In addition to its newest unit in Dublin, the company will shortly complete the fit-out of a new facility in Shannon and further enhance its operations in Cork.

Over the past 12 months dnata has also invested significantly in specialist catering equipment manufactured in Dungannon, Northern Ireland, purchasing more than 60 vehicles which are now in use across its global catering network.