## Välkomna!

## NORDISK KONFERENS OM ANALYS AV TURISM





tourism in skåne

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### ANALYS AV BETEENDE, MÅLGRUPP OCH MARKNAD

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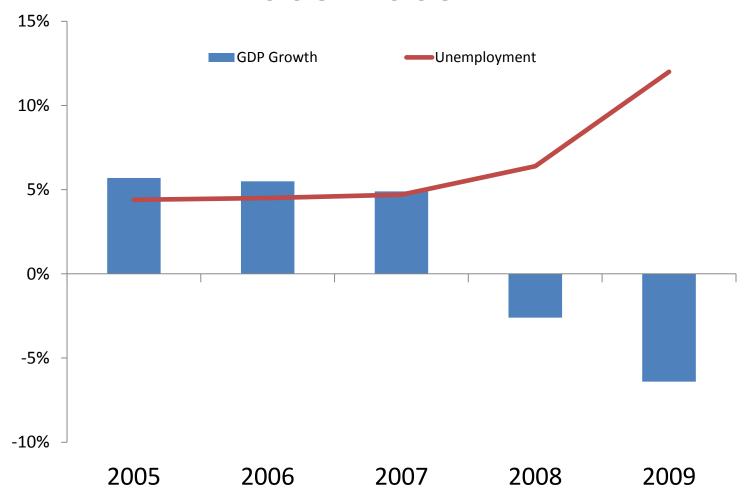
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## Tourism research in a rapidly changing environment

### Introduction

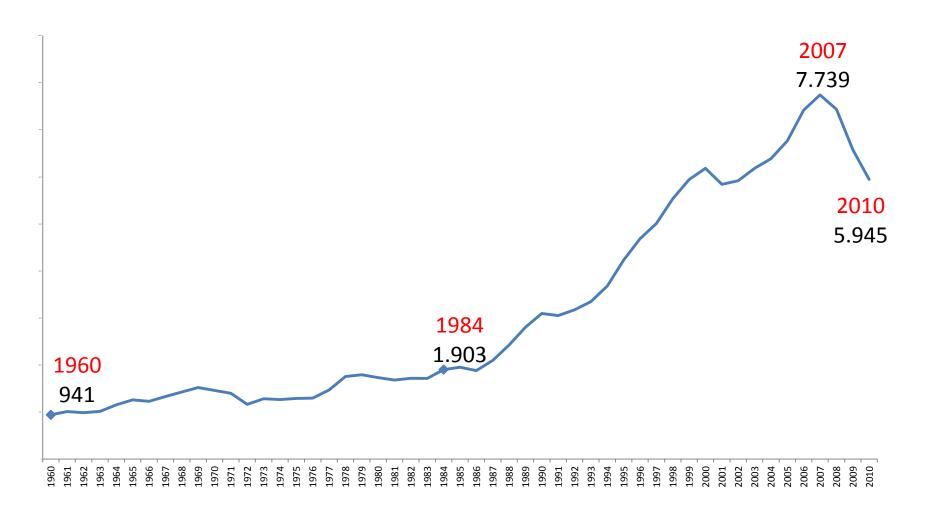
- Celtic Tiger
- Deep recession
- Recovery and Growth
- Requirement to respond at strategic level
- How this has driven the research we do and the way we work

# Ireland's Economic Performance 2005-2009



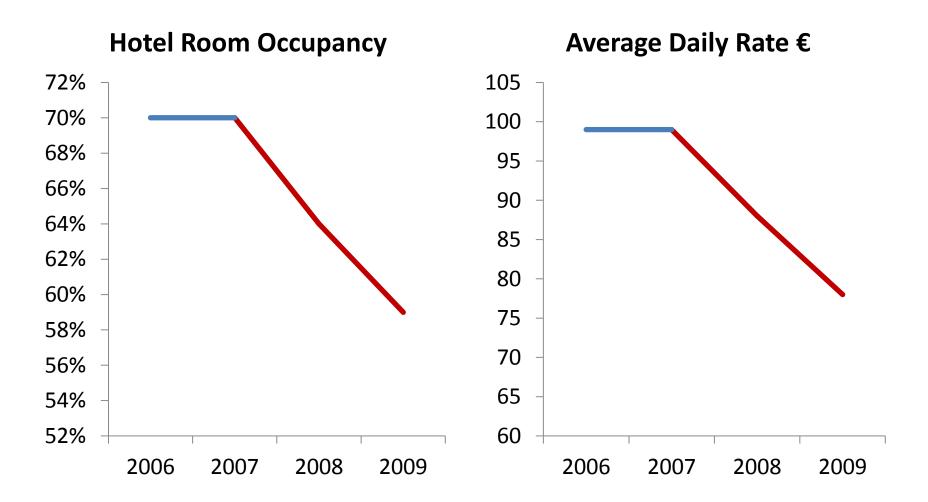
Source: Eurostat

### Overseas Tourism (000s) to Ireland 1960-2010



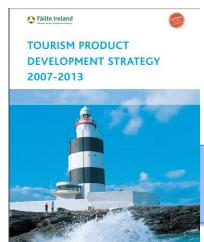
Source: Fáilte Ireland/CSO/NISRA

### Irish hotel performance 2006-2009



Source: Crowe Howarth







### **SURVIVAL!**

### Response - Survival



- Identify
- Focus
- Maximise

Destination
Management
Scorecard

### Fáilte Ireland's Destination Matrix



### Destination Management Scorecard

- Framework for destinations
- Based on VICE model
- KPI's divided into 7 categories
- Meeting the needs of stakeholders















## The challenge for the Community Survey: establish common, identifiable societal factors across disparate locations

#### **Factors**

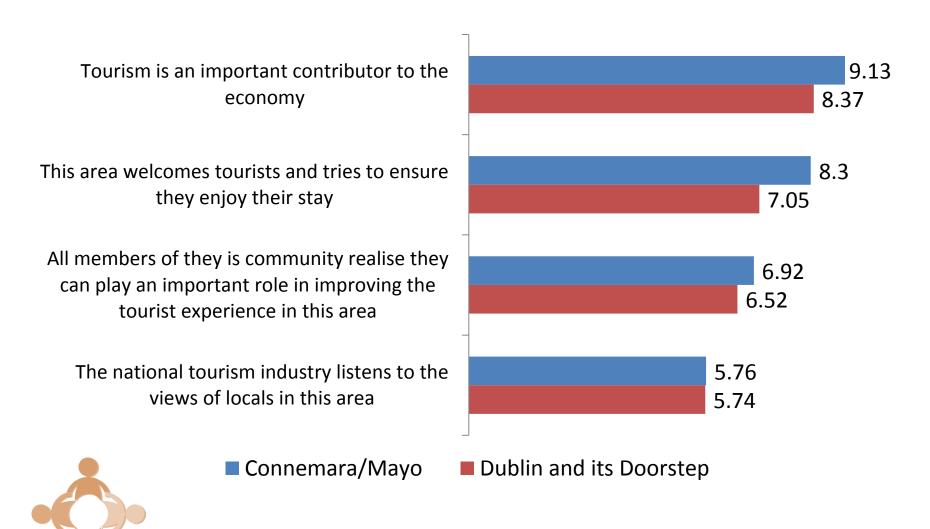
- Location
- Dependence on tourism
- Employment levels
- Employment opportunities
- Local infrastructure
- Local amenities



#### Solution

- Telephone survey of local residents
- Selected set of 4 simple statements:
  - Contribution of tourism to local economy
  - Local area's welcome to tourist
  - Personal responsibility for the tourist experience
  - Sense of consultation by the tourism industry

### Sample Results



## The challenge for the Visitor Survey: get relevant, timely *visitor* feedback at a *micro* level

#### Old approach - top down

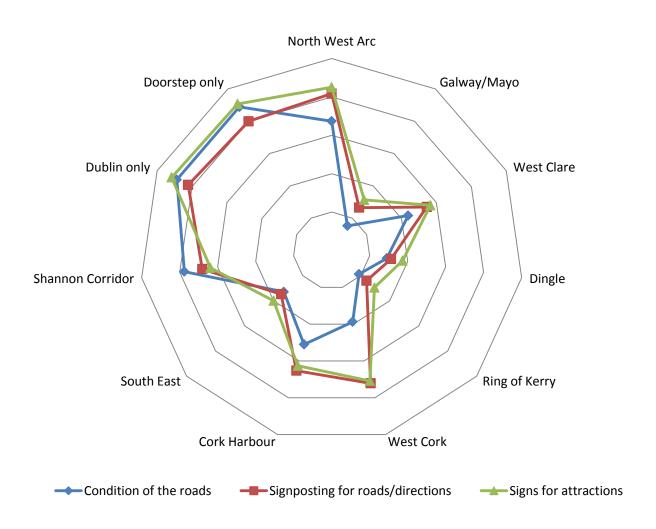
- Self-completion at ports
- Perceptions of Ireland
- Broad brush strokes
- Looking back (full holiday experience
- Extensive historical database

#### New approach – bottom up

- Interviews in destinations
- Perceptions of local areas
- Detailed pen picture
- In the present (partial experience)
- No historic comparability
- Benchmarking against other destinations.

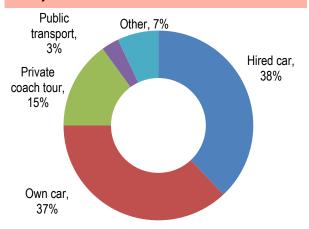


### Holidaymaker perceptions of roads



### **Holidaymaker Study - Ring of Kerry Results**

### How did they get around the Ring of Kerry?

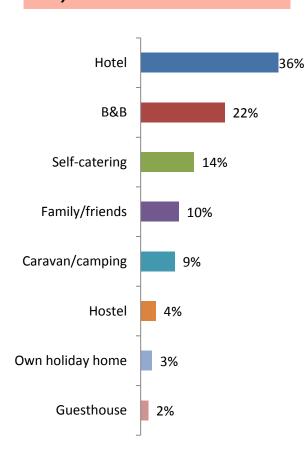


### What was their experience of getting around the Ring of Kerry?

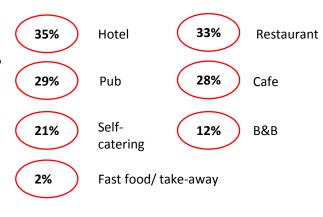
Transport to/from the Ring of Kerry	4.18
Transport within the Ring of Kerry	4.08
Signs for attractions	4.03
Signposting for roads/directions	3.97
Condition of the roads	3.71

Average score: 1 = very poor 5= very good Re-weighted to exclude "No opinion"

### Where did they stay on the Ring of Kerry?



#### Where did they eat on the Ring of Kerry?

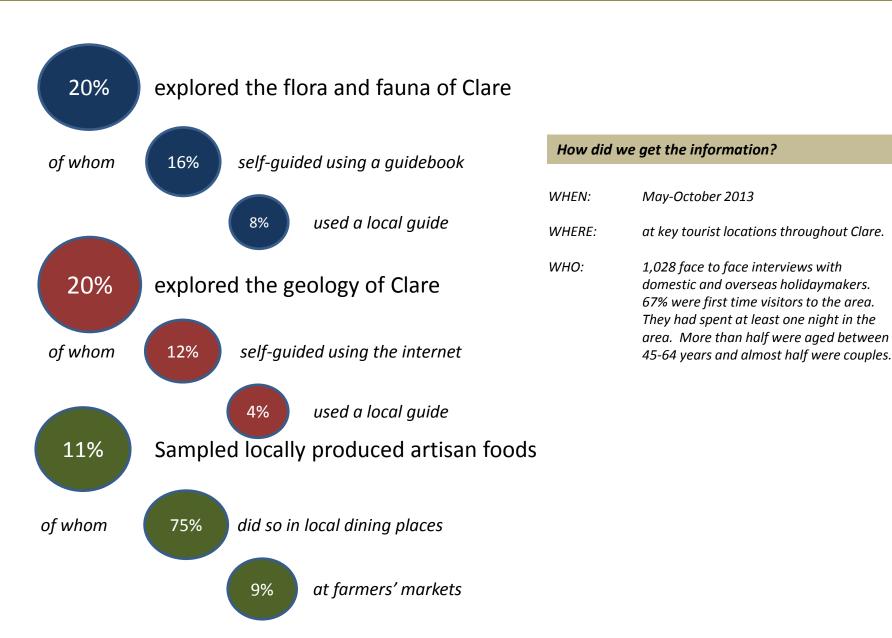


### What did they think of eating out on the Ring of Kerry?

Way in which food was prepared	56%
Service	50%
Quality and freshness of ingredients	49%
Staff knowledge of menu	45%
Availability of distinctly Irish dishes	44%
Value for money	25%

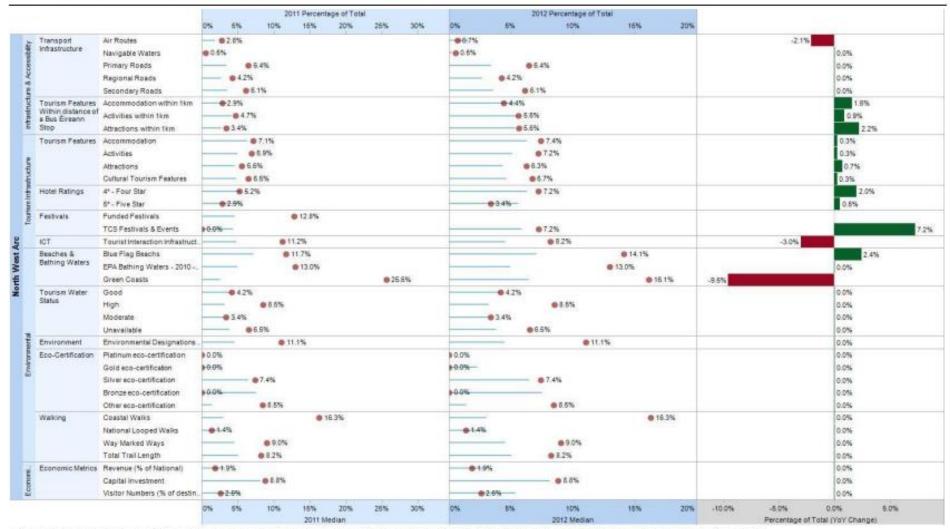
Those giving a "very good" rating of food

### Holidaymaker Study - Clare



#### 8 Destination Dashboard – North West Arc

Grouping based on predefined hierarchy.



Left paner. The red dots are labeled with the 2011 value that represents the percentage of total features in the specific destination. Blue bars represent median value of features per destination. Features are displayed seperately for each metric.

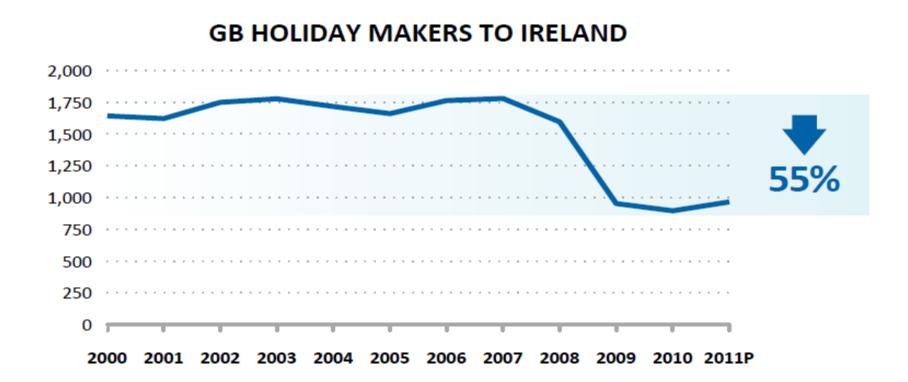
Middle paner. The red dots are labeled with the 2012 value that represents the percentage of total features in the specific destination. Blue bars represent median value of features per destination. Features are displayed seperately for each metric.

Right paner. Represents the change, year on year, in the percentage values of total features in the specific destination, for each of the metrics represented.

Missing data indicates the unavailability of data for a specific sphere.



### Project Britain: The Problem



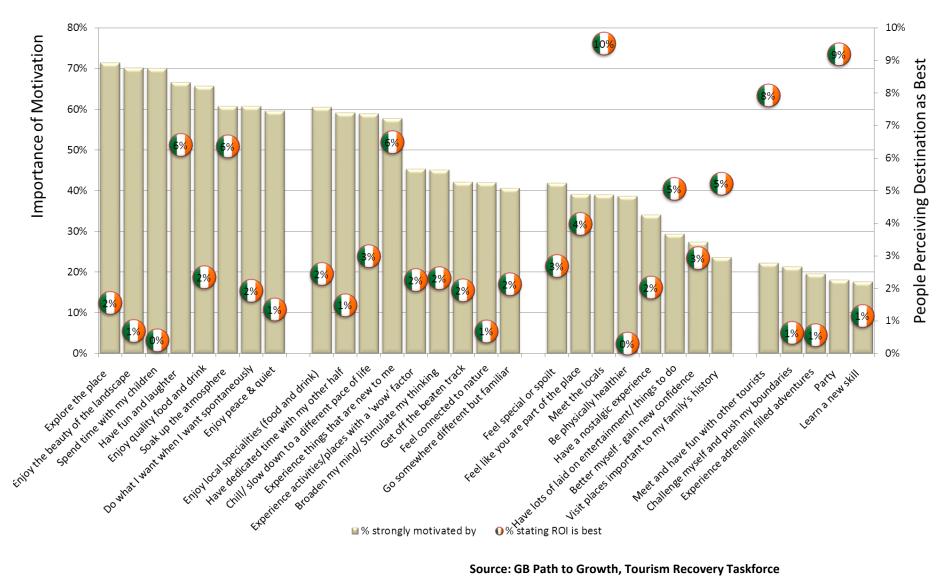
Ireland losing business and market share.

### Project Britain: The Why

#### BARRIERS TO VISITING THE ISLAND OF IRELAND



### Project Britain: The Answer



### **Best Prospect Segments**

Social Energisers	Culturally Curious	<b>Great Escapers</b>
Looking for: laughter, new experience, explorations, spontaneity, urban	Looking for: authenticity, enrichment, discovery, broaden the mind, connect with people, urban/rural	Looking for: to reconnect, quality time, wow moments without the efforts, rural
Don't want: <b>peace and quite</b>	Don't want: to <b>party</b> , 'laid on' activities	Don't want: to make connections with others.
Young (15-34)	Older (45+)	In between (30-40)
Groups and couples	Couples	Couples, some with young children



### GB Umbrella Masterbrand

#### Values Ireland delivers:

authenticity, stimulation, engaging people, diverse experiences

#### Holidays on the Island of Ireland

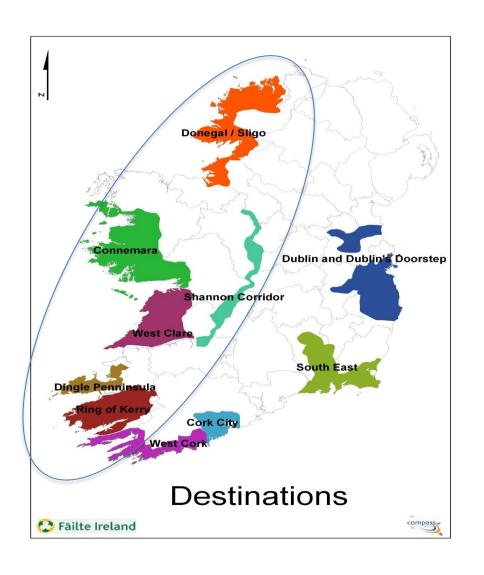
Vibe of the City Living Historical stories

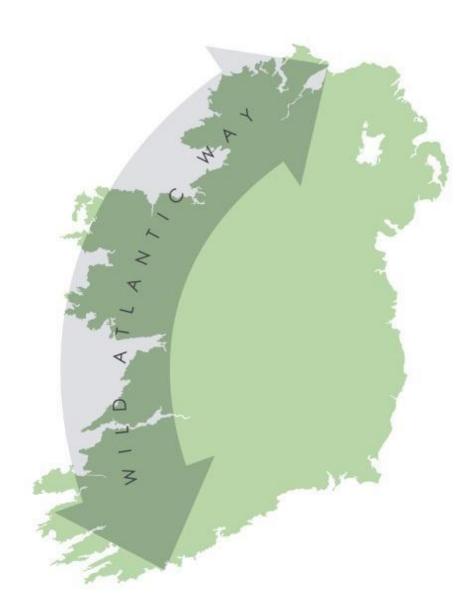
Awakening the Senses Getting Active in Nature The Undiscovered Northern Ireland

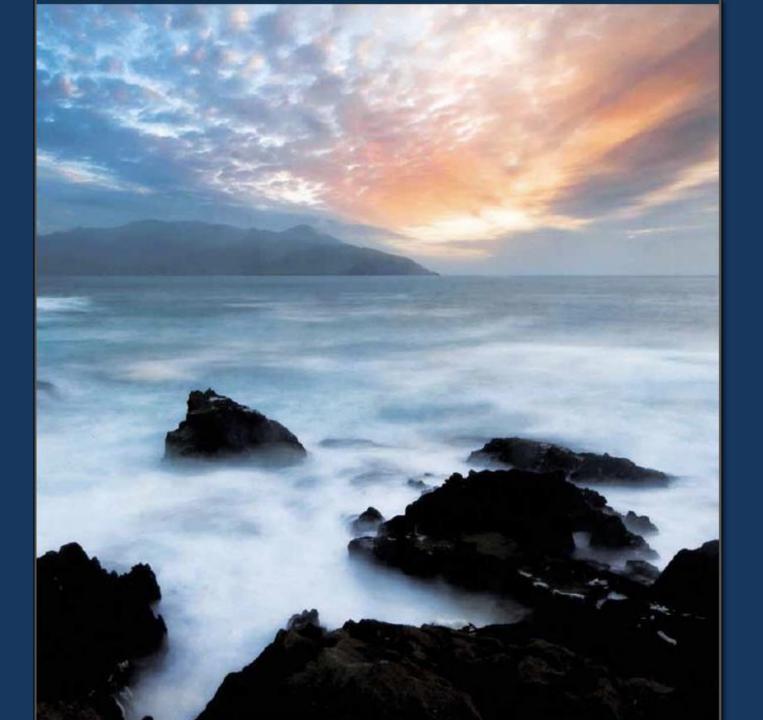
Geography

Type of holiday: e.g. Weekend break

### The Wild Atlantic Way

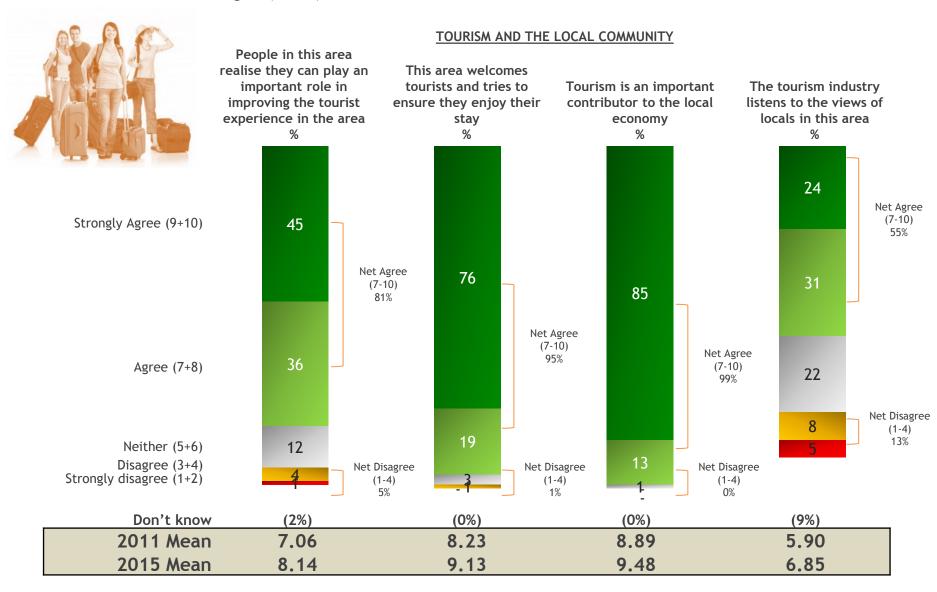






### Tourism and the local community: 8 out of 10 respondents acknowledge the role of local residents in tourism in their local area, however only 5 in 10 feel the tourism industry listen to the views of locals.

Base: All Who Live Within Region (n=226)







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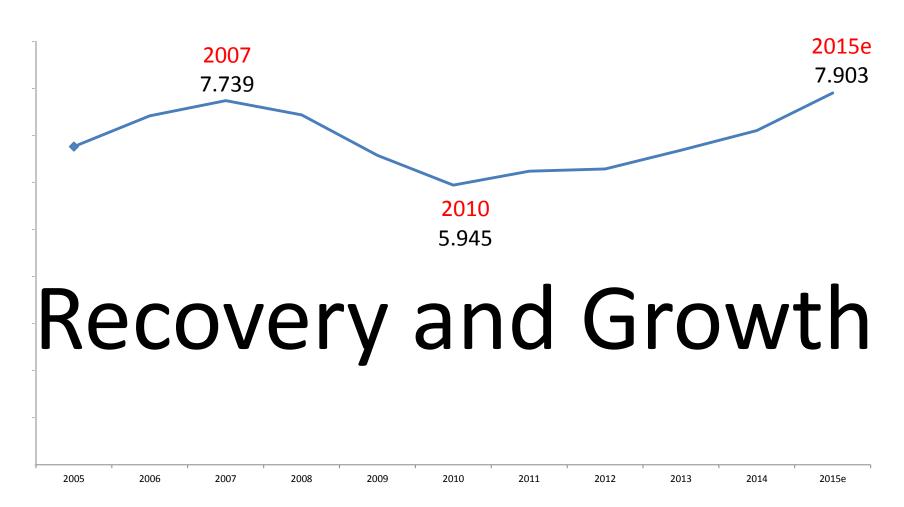




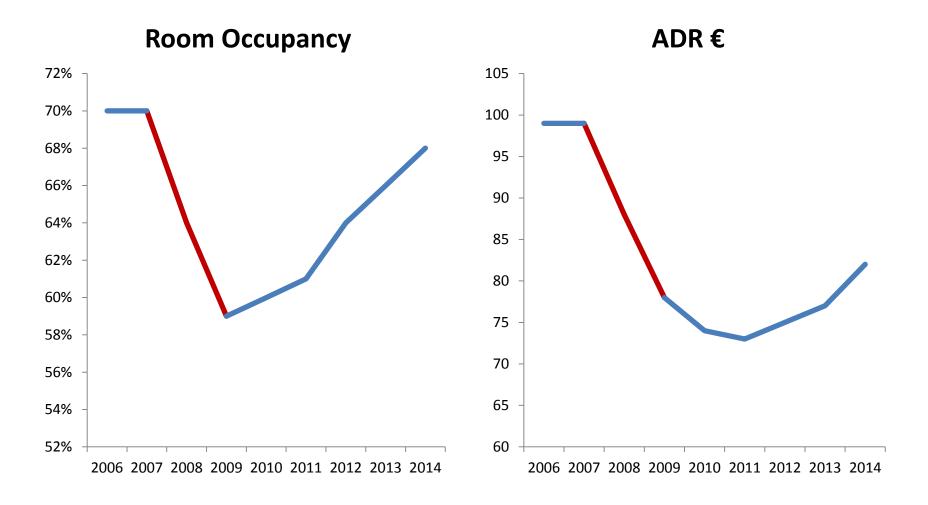




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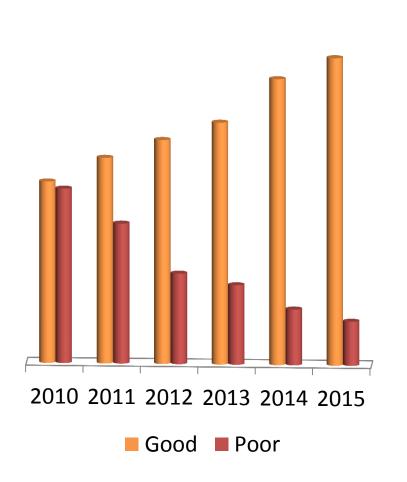
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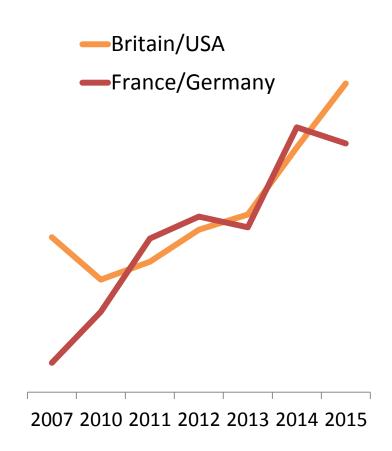


### What have we learnt so far?

- Bottom up research works for us the lego block approach
- Evidence based resource allocation
  - For ourselves
  - For others
- The power of influence and collaboration

### Value for money



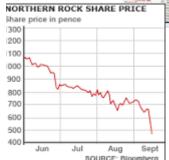


### Future Shocks...

















### Thank you