International Burnley

People are surprised to learn that Burnley is a hugely “international” town with many of our businesses competing on a global stage.

On reflection, people shouldn’t be surprised given the town’s history. It wasn’t just its natural assets that made it a world leader in the production of cotton cloth but its ability to connect outwards with the rest of the world.

Today those global connections make us leaders in aerospace, engineering and manufacturing. And it’s not just in manufacturing, but the town has a distribution and retailing sector with a global reach.

Foreign Direct Investment

The UK is the number one destination for Foreign Direct Investment in Europe – that is businesses choosing to locate here or invest in existing businesses. The World Bank has said that it is easier to do business here than any other major economy in Europe. Burnley wants to share this reputation, as a place where it is easy for foreign companies to do business.

Burnley is already home to, we estimate, 13 foreign owned businesses employing approximately 3500 people (about 10% of the workforce).

The recent relocation of Exertis to Burnley, who are part of the world wide DCC Plc is a massive example of Foreign Investment into Burnley. American owned Kaman Tooling invested £3 million here last year as anchor tenant at Innovation Drive and German owned VEKA group invested in new multi million pound plant last year.

Two thirds of R&D expenditure in the UK is contributed by industry and 50% of that is by FDI’s. Burnley’s largest private sector employer, Safran Aircelle , have made huge investments in R&D to ensure that they benefit from the growing market demand for $4.6trillion worth of new passenger and freight liners by 2033. Kaman is also investing in R&D with a new Centre of Tooling Excellence (the largest in Europe) at Innovation Drive.

Of course we have all heard stories about foreign companies relocating to make use of government grants and then pulling out, this is really not the case in Burnley. Many of our foreign owned companies – Veka, Aircelle and TRW - have a long history here in Burnley. They are here because of our skills, our ability to produce high quality products and proximity to European markets.

Global companies bring financial strength, the ability to invest and access to vast markets. They have large footprints locally in terms of direct and indirect employment locally.

Exporting

The UK is the 6th biggest exporter in the world and Burnley contributes hugely to British exports.

We estimate that just in the manufacturing sector Burnley businesses export, directly and indirectly through supply chains £600m of products each year. Burnley manufacturers export a wide variety of goods including aero parts, auto parts, structures for oil and gas, textiles, furniture, filtration equipment, and Beer!!

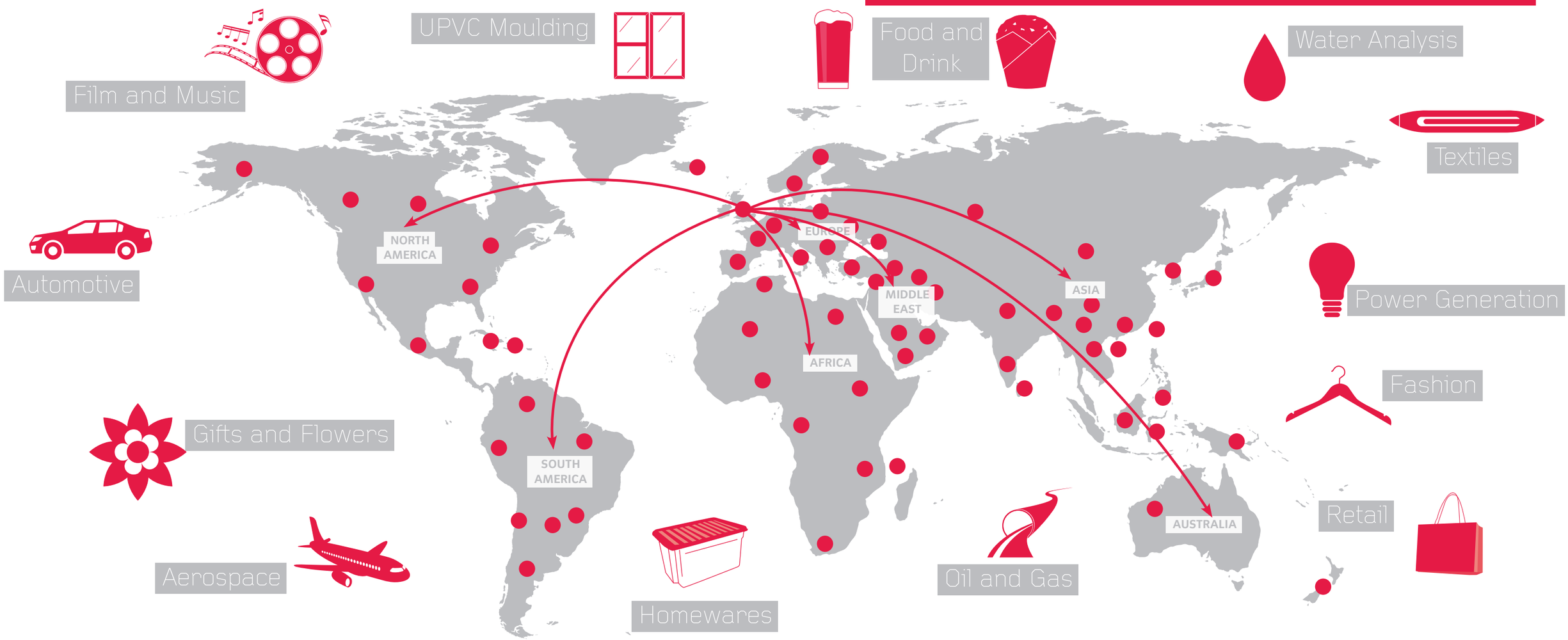
It isn’t just in manufacturing in the retail we have strong export markets. Last year, Boohoo.com exported retail products worth £4m to 100 countries world wide from its warehouse and customer care centre in Burnley, and online gift retailer Thingimijigs have gone from a kitchen table start up to a global exporter with 50% of their sales going to 140 countries across the globe.



Burnley exports over £600million of world class ‘Made in Burnley’ products each year to over 140 countries across the globe. Sound recording desks to the film and music industry, aero parts, auto parts, homeware products, textiles, furniture, beer and much more …

WORLD CLASS BUSINESSES, WORLD CLASS PRODUCTS, WORLD CLASS CAREER PROSPECTS

World Class Burnley



AMS Neve
Manufacture of sound consoles for the film and music industry, used in world premier post production studios including Warner Brothers, Disney, Fox and Skywalker - exporting to 60 countries.

BCW Engineering
At the forefront of manufacturing technology making volume parts for the automotive, aerospace and power generation industries. Working with Jaguar, Land Rover, and Aston Martin.

Safran Aircelle
Burnley's largest private sector employer. A worldwide leader in the manufacture of nacelles for the world's largest aircraft engines. The thrust reversers are used to slow an aeroplane down on landing.

TRW Automotive
Manufacturers of car panel switches. Specialist parts for Aston Martin, Mclaren and Bentley, and Ford, VAG and Daimler.

Veka UK Group
Part of Burnley's manufacturing heritage for over 30 years. Global leader in the manufacturer of window system technology.

John Spencer (Textiles) Ltd
The Spencer family have been weaving in Burnley since 1861. Today they weave yarns for furnishings, fabrics, protective clothing. They export to 15 countries.

iflorist
iflorist.co.uk delivers flowers, plants and gifts to over 110 countries across the globe, of flowers.

Pipeline Induction Heat
The world's No.1 Field Joint Coating company to the oil and gas pipeline industry. A division of Stanley Oil and Gas with their leading research and development centre here in Burnley.

Cherrytree Bakery
Making cakes for high street retailers including Tesco, Sainsbury's and Costa Coffee. Cherrytree Bakery's products are exported around the world.

Moorhouse's Brewery
Brewing in Burnley for 150 years. They produce cask ales for leading supermarkets and export to Europe, USA, Canada, Asia and Australia.

Boohoo.com
Fastest growing fashion retail business in the UK, with their state of the art distribution facility in Burnley. They distribute to over 2.7 million customers in 170 countries.

Thingimijigs
A multi-channel e-commerce retailer selling children's gifts. delivering to over 140 countries across the world.

Futaba-Tenneco
A leading Toyota Motor supplier, handling over 3 million parts per week, with the capacity to produce 250,000 car sets annually.

Hycrome Europe Ltd
Providing advanced manufacturing and protective surface treatments for the Aerospace, Power Generation, Oil and Gas industries.

Process Instruments
World leaders in innovation, design and manufacturing of water analysis systems.

Velocity Composites
At the forefront of composite engineering to the civil and military aerospace structures sector.

Paradigm Precision
Specialising in the manufacture of complex fabrication and precision machined components for gas turbine engines.

What More UK
What More UK Limited has grown rapidly to become the UK's largest manufacturer and brand leader of plastic housewares, gardening and storage products, under the brand name WHAM.

Kaman
UK Tooling Centre of Excellence, a world leading supplier of mould and assembly tooling. The new Burnley facility houses the largest CNC Gantry machine in Europe.

Exertis
International Distribution Centre for high value items exported across the world.

Panaz
One of Europe's leading suppliers of high quality fabrics and wallcoverings to the Hospitality, Healthcare and Corporate Sectors. Working with internationally acclaimed designers.

British Velvets
Last weavers of luxurious velvet in the UK. Used in theatres, film and TV sets and Royal Palaces across the globe. Export to 50 countries.