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The originators of **Duty Free**. Established in Shannon **in Ireland in 1947**.

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TOTAL STEAD

Global Headquarters Dublin, Ireland

...with operations across four continents.

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...with **\$1.2bn turnover** across **16 locations.**



Our Presence in the Middle East

... now with over 35 years experience



My Observations: Downtown Retail to Travel Retail

Guaranteed footfall Top line growth Complex environment B2B, B2C Highly regulated Expensive Commercial model Lagging behind Innovation Customer knowledge Price perception **Conversion factor** Vanity & vice!

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The Future!

Challenges

Passenger base fragmentation Democratisation of air-travel Remaining relevant Increased regulations/restrictions Inbalanced risk profile Dwell time! Distractions Technology vs commercial model Sustainability/CSR

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Opportunities

A destination Increasingly diverse offer Customer service/shopping experience Dial up digital/pre-travel comms Leverage technology Enhance partnerships **Our aim**; Work in Partnership to delight the customer and deliver sustainable, profitable growth

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