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Carla is the Managing Director of 1721 Spirits a drinks company based in Freshford, Co. Kilkenny.

Since its origins in 2013 1721 Spirits has grown substantially, as an independent family business that prides itself on taking the traditions and practices of past times and bringing them into the 21st Century, “A Renaissance in Irish Spirits”: creating new, interesting, innovative and award-winning products for domestic and international markets.

It is fair to say that things have been going well for the company: It won four Blas na hÉireann 2017 awards. Brennan’s won a gold medal at the 2017 Irish Whiskey Awards for Best Irish Gin. DV8 Gold has won Gold at Blas na hÉireann in 2017 and Overall Best Irish Liqueur 2019 at The Irish Whiskey Awards. 1721 Spirits main products are DV8 Gold and DV8 Pink Gin Cream Liqueurs and Brennan’s Old House Irish Botanical Gin. New products include a range of Portuguese Red, Rose and White wines, Julio Ribeiro Wines which carry special celebratory messages.

The company is currently expanding its range in Australia, South Africa as well as seeking to grow its presence in America and Europe. 1721 Spirits’ products are stocked in SuperValu and other stores, hotels and restaurants nationwide. Carla continues to stay in touch with her family of ACORNS participants who have formed a strong bond and regularly meet and support each other.

