

Poczta Polska is developing its own e-commerce platform. Now you can buy a TV, a coffee machine and an electric scooter here

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Poczta Polska is intensively developing its online store, which has been successfully expanding its offer for over a year. Although initially postal-related items dominated, today the online store offers thousands of products from many categories - from small household appliances to modern consumer electronics.

One of the points of the new offer are products of the TCL brand – one of the largest and most innovative global electronics manufacturers. In the Poczta Polska store, customers can buy, among others, TCL QLED and Mini LED TVs and smartphones with the groundbreaking NXTPAPER technology, which ensures comfort of use thanks to a screen that is safe for the eyes. The presence of TCL in the offer confirms Poczta Polska's ambition to offer customers modern, proven and technologically advanced solutions.

In addition to the TCL brand, the offer also includes products from other renowned manufacturers, such as Cecotec (modern small household appliances), Ducati (electric scooters and accessories) and Neoline (video recorders). Customers can also choose from tablets, traditional mobile phones, Wi-Fi routers, car cameras, electric scooters and even electronic accessories for animals - such as automatic waterers or feeders.

The new products are complemented by smart home devices: smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, air quality monitors,

cameras, electronic doorbells and motion sensors. The offer also includes electronic scales, wireless thermometers and electronic nannies.

- The e-commerce channel of Poczta Polska will develop dynamically. I am proud that we can offer our customers products from many recognizable brands – such as TCL – which combine high quality with innovation and affordable price – emphasizes MikoÅ,aj Lewandowski, Digital Commerce Business Manager at the Online Sales Department of Poczta Polska.

The <u>online store</u> also offers a wide range of products in the following categories: home and garden, health and beauty, sports and recreation, school and office supplies, gadgets and gifts, as well as a wide selection of philatelic items – from classic stamps through personalized "Mój Stamp" issues to limited collector's editions.

Orders are delivered via Poczta Polska courier service, and delivery from PLN 50 is free.

Source: Poczta Polska



Co-op partners with Royal Mail to roll out parcel lockers

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Co-op and Royal Mail have signed a partnership to rollout parcel lockers at the convenience retailer's stores. The first ones will launch in summer, with plans for lockers at 100 stores.

The lockers will add an additional convenient service for the community at Co-op stores, allowing people to drop off pre-labelled Royal Mail parcels and returns 24/7. Collection will also be available at the lockers soon.

The lockers provide label printing, meaning customers simply need to pay for postage online and print the label by scanning a QR code at the locker, or request a QR code if they are returning a purchase.

Royal Mail's prices start from as little as £1.55 online for a small parcel that fits through the letterbox, which is the cheapest on the market.

Royal Mail launched its own parcel locker network in December to meet growing demand for convenient parcel drop-off and collection options from online shoppers and growing numbers of people selling on secondhand marketplaces.

Anna Malley, Director of Partnerships and Acquisitions at Royal Mail, said: "We are focused on rolling out lockers in locations that are as convenient as possible for our customers, so Co-op's model of providing a hub for community services at its stores is perfect.

"Our customers are sending more and more

parcels, whether that's returning online purchases or selling secondhand clothing on marketplaces, so it's crucial that we give them a wide range of options to do so. This partnership will help us to expand our network, creating even more drop off points."

George Hayworth, Co-op's Head of Online Development, said: "We are delighted to partner with Royal Mail, enabling Co-op to further expand its network of safe, secure and convenient parcel lockers. Co-op is focussed on developing added services and enhanced convenience – we aim to have the best small shops, and work to ensure our stores are a convenient destination for a range of services that meet local needs. Including growing our network of lockers to help residents, commuters and time-pressed consumers pick up or return parcels at a time that suits them, quickly, easily and conveniently."

In addition to home delivery, there are now more than 23,000 locations where Royal Mail customers can drop off and collect parcels including 1,700 lockers, 8,000 Collect+ stores, 11,500 Post Office branches, 1,200 Royal Mail Customer Service Points and 1,400 parcel postboxes. Customers can also drop off parcels small enough to fit in any of the 115,000 postboxes and request proof of postage.

Source: International Distribution Services



bpostgroup successfully prices â,¬750 million senior unsecured bond offering

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bpostgroup is pleased to announce that it has successfully priced a â,¬750 million senior unsecured bond offering with a 7-year maturity and a coupon of 3.479%, today. The bond will be rated A- by Standard & Poor's. With an oversubscription of 3.3 times, the bond offering was well received and placed with a diversified institutional investor base, underscoring market confidence in bpostgroup's strategic direction and business model. The proceeds will be used for the refinancing of the outstanding â,¬650 million 1.250% bond maturing in July 2026 and for general corporate purposes.

This transaction secures bpostgroup's long-term financing, supporting the strategic vision presented during last week's Capital Markets Day and the #Reshape2029 transformation plan. It complements the two tranches of €500 million each, with 5- and 10-year maturities issued last October, carrying coupons of 3.290% and 3.632% respectively, to finance the acquisition of Staci.

In parallel, bpostgroup launched a tender offer earlier this week to repurchase any and all of the existing €650 million bond. The tender offer period will close at 5.00pm CET on 17 June 2025. As the tender offer is still ongoing, the final repurchase amount is yet to be determined. Any proceeds from the new bond issuance not allocated to this repurchase will be placed in money market

products until the bond's maturity in July 2026, with a positive carry gain and a neutral impact on the group's net debt.

BNP Paribas, BofA Securities, and ING acted as Joint Global Coordinators on the transaction, with Belfius and KBC acting as Joint Bookrunners.

Chris Peeters, CEO of bpostgroup: "Following the successful issuance last October to finance the acquisition of Staci, today's transaction once again demonstrates investor confidence in our transformation strategy as presented to the market last week. Our financing is now secured for the years ahead, allowing us to remain focused on executing our strategy."

Source: **bpostgroup**



Australia Post unveils next-generation Post Office to meet parcel boom

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Australia Post has unveiled Australia Post Parcels â€" a new, modern format Post Office designed to make sending, collecting and returning parcels faster and more convenient for Australians.

Dedicated to parcel services, Australia Post Parcels' focused approach allows for a streamlined experience, helping customers get in and out quickly, with added flexibility through 24/7 self-serve options and secure 24/7 free Parcel Lockers.

The latest of Australia Post's next generation Post Office officially opened today in Fitzroy, VIC — following the opening of Waterloo, NSW last week. Additional locations in St Leonards (NSW) and Chadstone (VIC) will open soon.

Australia Post Executive General Manager Retail, Brand and Marketing, Josh Bannister said Australia Post Parcels has been designed with flexibility and convenience at its core, ensuring Australia Post continues to service customers where and when they need it most.

"The number one reason a customer visits the Post Office is to collect a parcel, so we're making it easier and quicker to collect and send parcels at a time that suits them. With Aussies shopping more online than ever before, we're evolving our network to keep pace with how our customers are using postal services." Mr Bannister said.

Australia Post Parcels blends in-person assistance with convenient self-service options, including 24/7 access to secure Parcel Lockers. Many locations will also feature a dedicated 24/7 self-service zone, accessible via a one-time entry code

generated in the Australia Post app. This allows customers to enter the space outside of assisted ours and send parcels at a time that suits them.

Customers can collect or return online purchases around the clock, and trial sites also feature 24/7 accessible vending machines stocked with packaging, stamps and other mailing essentials.

This next-generation format is designed to be flexible and scalable, with some featuring a smaller physical footprint but a highly efficient back-of-house setup to manage increased parcel volume.

A Future-Ready Network

The rollout is underpinned by extensive customer insights and behavioural research, ensuring the format reflects what customers need today— while also preparing the network for future growth.

Australia Post has carefully selected trial locations based on parcel data, local sending and receiving patterns, as well as proximity to other nearby Post Offices, where full-service offerings remain available.

This trial is part of Australia Post's broader vision to create a smarter, more agile Post Office network — ready to serve the evolving needs of customers and communities across the country.



Source: <u>Australia Post</u>



DHL Group has integrated more than 30,000 refugees into the labor market within ten years

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DHL Group has given more than 30,000 refugees prospects in the labor market over the past ten years since the refugee wave 2015 and is one of the largest employers of refugees worldwide. In addition to permanent employment contracts and internships, around 350 refugees have completed an apprenticeship at DHL Group since 2015. Many of the current employees come from the main countries of origin for refugees: Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. Due to the high number of low-threshold entry-level jobs, they are primarily employed in the delivery or sorting of letters and parcels. Some have now found employment in the professions for which they were once trained. Many others have been able to develop their careers within DHL Group - for example, from delivery driver to team leader.

"Enabling refugees with work permits to quickly enter the labor market is not only a prerequisite for social integration, it's also in the German economy's own interest, as it can relieve the burden on social systems and mitigate the effects of demographic change. We are therefore proud to be leading the way in this area and to have offered more refugees in Germany an entry into the labor market than any other company in Germany," says Thomas Ogilvie, Chief Human Resources Officer and Labor Director at DHL Group.

DHL Group supports refugees with language courses, job application training, and internships to facilitate their entry into the job market. A focus is on mentoring programs for

young talents, providing support not only in a professional context but also in everyday matters - such as finding accommodation or dealing with the authorities. A key issue is language learning. Despite successfully completing courses, some people lack sufficient knowledge in professional or everyday situations. DHL Group offers its own language learning app, which allows users to learn vocabulary from a professional context and simulate conversation situations, such as customer interactions.

According to a study published in 2023 by the "Refugee Integration Insights Institute", DHL Group ranked second worldwide among the 50 largest global companies in terms of integration figures at that time. There is also close internal communication regarding integration measures and programs with DHL divisions worldwide - for example, with France, the Netherlands, and Mexico.

To ensure high quality of offerings and to make early contact with refugees seeking jobs, the company works closely with partners, including the Federal Employment Agency in Germany and the United Nations. Additionally, DHL Group is part of the #WithRefugees initiative, coordinated by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Ricarda Brandts, Chairwoman of the UN Refugee Agency: "The successful integration of refugees is a shared responsibility of politics, civil society, and business. DHL Group



impressively demonstrates how companies can assume social responsibility and create concrete opportunities. When refugees gain access to education, language training, and job opportunities, all parties benefit - people find security and participation, and societies gain diversity and economic strength."

DHL Group employs approximately 600,000

employees worldwide. The company's headquarters is in Germany, where about 210,000 people work for Deutsche Post and DHL. Around 18,000 employees have already volunteered their time for integration measures - they are involved as translators, in mentoring programs, or provide local support, such as helping people find accommodation.

Source: **DHL Group**



La Poste to switch to Tetris® mode

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If La Poste is now a leader in responsible logistics, it's thanks to the efforts it has made over the past decade to reduce the carbon emissions of its transport and delivery operations. The most beneficial of these is an innovation from the world of video games: stacking as many parcels as possible in trucks, avoiding empty spaces, in the style of the game Tetris. By innovating in this way, La Poste has "killed the carbon gameâ€□ thanks to Tetris, and signe an iconic partnership.

Parcels aligned, carbon saved. How can we reconcile the growing volume of parcels to be handled each year (490 million parcels delivered in France in 2024) with the ambitious goal of reducing CO2 emissions?

The innovation came from the world of video games, with a logic as playful as it is effective: stack as many parcels as possible in the trucks, avoiding empty spaces, in the manner of the game Tetris.

Thanks to this winning Tetris®-style logic, La Poste has tripled the number of parcels transported in a single truck, from 1,500 to 4,500. Better-filled trucks mean fewer trucks on the roads and less pollution, with a final score of 15,000 tonnes of COâ,, emissions avoided every year. Tetris mode is therefore a real lever for the environment.

La Poste has turned the tables on carbon reduction. By referring to Tetris, it proves that it's not always necessary to rely on cutting-edge technologies to move the lines.

An iconic partnership

VivaTech 2025 will feature the collaboration between La Poste and Tetris. Philippe Wahl, CEO of La Poste Group, and Maya Rogers, CEO of Tetris, will perform a unique duet on the show's main stage on June 13. They will tell the story of how their companies have both succeeded in transforming their business models in a technologically disruptive world. Visitors will also be able to enjoy a range of activities on the La Poste stand.

Finally, Tetris stamps will be issued for the occasion. They will be sold online and in major post offices across France for all fans and nostalgics of the iconic game.

This innovative partnership between La Poste and Tetris combines ingenious gaming and sustainable logistics, setting a new environmental standard.

Source: La Poste Groupe



DHL Group to invest more than EUR 500 million in fast-growing markets in the Middle East

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This investment underscores DHL's commitment to the region and its importance for the future of global trade.

DHL Group ("DHL") has announced plans to invest more than EUR 500 million in the Middle East, with a strategic focus on the rapidly expanding Gulf markets of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This investment, set to take place between 2024 and 2030, underscores DHL's commitment to the region and its importance for the future of global trade. DHL Group's Strategy 2030, launched in 2024, prioritizes growth regions and geographic tailwinds generated by shifts in global trade.

The investment spans all four DHL divisions -DHL Express, DHL Global Forwarding, DHL Supply Chain, and DHL eCommerce - and will significantly strengthen the region's logistics backbone. By enhancing infrastructure, expanding networks and capacity, and elevating service capabilities, DHL aims to empower businesses operating across and with the Middle East to capitalize on growth opportunities from trade, ensuring support and resilience for customers as they navigate evolving market demands. The company's divisions provide a broad portfolio of logistics and transportation services to customers in the Middle East, including express parcel delivery, air, ocean and overland freight, warehousing, fulfilment and distribution, customs brokerage and specialized operations for sectors such as life sciences, healthcare, e-commerce and battery logistics.

"The region of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is rapidly emerging as a global logistics and innovation hub," said John Pearson, CEO

of DHL Express. "Our investment reflects the region's increasing strategic importance in connecting Asia, Europe, and Africa, and our commitment to supporting its transformation into a catalyst for regional and global trade. DHL Express is seeing dynamic growth and export potential in the region's e-commerce sector, for example, which is providing opportunities for entrepreneurs and smaller businesses to expand their offering to global markets."

Supporting FDI, exports and building supply chain resilience

The Middle East is emerging as a vital trade hub, facilitating commerce between Asia, Europe, and the US while serving as a gateway to Africa. The region is witnessing growth not only due to attracting investments from multinationals expanding their operations but also because Gulf- and Middle East-based businesses are growing and increasing their exports. DHL's services, the local and global expertise of its team, and the flexibility offered by the company's extensive transportation and warehousing network and digital platforms, automation and technologies help businesses build supply chain resilience at a time of heightened volatility and uncertainty in global trade.

Hendrik Venter, CEO of DHL Supply Chain, Europe, Middle East & Africa, added, "DHL Supply Chain has actively expanded in Saudi Arabia and UAE in recent years, recognizing the positive economic development, the



increasing maturity and sophistication of supply chain operations in the region and the growing demand for specialized, outsourced logistics support. With a strong focus on the energy sector, life sciences, healthcare, and technology, we are poised to take advantage of our contract logistics expertise to meet the unique needs of our customers and drive innovation in these critical areas."

Amadou Diallo, CEO of DHL Global Forwarding, Middle East & Africa, remarked, "This investment underscores our confidence in the Middle East's economic trajectory and our continued commitment to be ahead of the curve in digital capabilities and sustainable transportation for our customers. We also consistently aim to find entrepreneurial freight forwarding solutions that build supply chain resilience, keep their goods flowing and help them to uncover growth opportunities in a world that is characterized by uncertainty and volatility. By expanding our operations, we will be even better positioned to support our clients in navigating the complexities of international trade and logistics."

DHL Group recognizes the growing opportunities in the energy sector, encompassing traditional oil and gas as well as renewables and electrification. The company also sees potential in the life sciences and healthcare markets, alongside the burgeoning e-commerce landscape. For example, The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) is experiencing a strong inbound market for B2C, especially with high-end goods, driven by ongoing tourism initiatives and events.

Targeted investments in quality, capacity and efficiency

The investments will focus on the following

areas across DHL's business units:

- DHL Express: Investments will be made in hub and gateway facilities, as well as enhancing aviation capacity to improve service efficiency and delivery speed.
- DHL Global Forwarding: The company will expand its overall presence in the region, invest in its fleet - including electric trucks - and pursue joint venture initiatives such as the recent joint venture with Etihad Rail to enhance connectivity and logistics capabilities.
- DHL Supply Chain: There will be an expansion of the contract logistics offering in both the UAE and KSA, which includes increasing warehousing capacity, upgrading equipment, and integrating advanced technology to optimize operations.
- DHL eCommerce: The acquisition of the delivery provider AJEX in Saudi Arabia will enhance DHL's e-commerce capabilities, facilitating better last-mile delivery services in a rapidly growing market.

DHL is also committed to sustainability, investing in alternative fuel, and electric delivery vehicles, aviation fuels in air freight and biofuels for road and ocean freight, as well as solar energy and clean power for facilities. This commitment ensures that supply chains become more sustainable, and customers achieve their net zero ambitions. This is aligned with the agenda of governments in the region to lead on environmental sustainability. DHL aims to implement best practices in logistics and innovation, strengthening its longstanding position as a leader and investor in the talent and economic potential of the Middle East.

Source: DHL group



DHL Group secures green electricity from EnBW's offshore wind farm

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With the energy from He Dreiht, the company covers approximately 16 percent of its current annual electricity demand in Germany.

DHL Group has agreed a long-term electricity supply contract with ENBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG for the purchase of around 80 gigawatt-hours per year of electricity from renewable sources from 2026, taking another step toward its own decarbonization targets. The electricity will be produced in the He Dreiht offshore wind farm in the German North Sea, which is scheduled to go into operation in stages until spring 2026. The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between DHL Group and EnBW is set for ten years. With the energy from He Dreiht, the company covers approximately 16 percent of its current annual electricity demand in Germany.

"Smart energy management is key to achieving our goals. The deal with EnBW is another important step on our path to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in logistics by 2050. The long-term agreement with our energy partner ensures a reliable supply of electricity from renewable sources for our operations and contributes to supporting the energy transition. This is an example of how fostering proactive supplier relationships can contribute to a more sustainable and positive ecosystem", says Anna Spinelli, Chief Procurement Officer at DHL Group.

As part of its Strategy 2030, DHL Group aims to become the Green Logistics Provider of Choice, as sustainability is increasingly becoming a key differentiator in logistics. The Group is thus continuing its pioneering efforts to make the entire logistics chain as

sustainable as possible. The utilization of renewable energy is one of the key measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This also includes the use of sustainable fuels, the expansion of the electric fleet, the development of climate-neutral buildings, and the establishment of a green product portfolio. By 2050, DHL Group wants to reduce all logistics related emissions to zero.

Matthias Obert, Executive Director Trading at EnBW: "We are delighted to support DHL Group on its journey towards zero-emission logistics. This partnership underscores our position as a major provider of sustainable energy across Europe. PPAs are a targeted and highly flexible instrument for advancing the decarbonization of industrials. They support the companies we partner with in meeting their sustainability goals while underpinning the financing of our projects: a win-win situation for industry and the climate."

The wind farm He Dreiht is one of the first offshore windfarms to be built without government subsidies and it's one of the biggest offshore wind farms in Europe.
Following the commissioning of the EnBW Hohe See and Albatros wind farms in the North Sea, the He Dreiht wind farm will double EnBW renewable energy generation capacity in the area, using 64 Vestas V236-15 turbines, each with an output of 15 MW, which are being used commercially for the first time. EnBW is once again playing a pioneering role on the high seas. With a total



installed output of 960 MW, He Dreiht will be able to supply the equivalent of 1.1 million

households with renewable energy.

Source: DHL Group