

# DPD confirms £330m investment in seven new purpose-built distribution centres

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The UK's leading premium parcel delivery company DPD has announced a new investment of £330m to build seven state-of-the-art distribution centres in the next two years.

The investment in the seven 60,000 sq ft facilities will see the firm deliver the 50th new build distribution centre as part of an unprecedented and ongoing programme to strengthen its nationwide network of over 80 regional parcel centres. Work will begin on new DPD distribution centres in Crawley and Darlington this year, Cambridge, Bradford, Guildford, Milton Keynes and Sittingbourne in 2026 with all seven facilities operational by early 2027.

The giant new fully automated sortation facilities will each be capable of processing up to 80,000 parcels a day, with capacity to accommodate over 100 new delivery driver routes to ensure the operation can handle the demand for DPD's services in each area with space to carry on growing for a number of years.

Each location is optimised in terms of transport links to ensure the most efficient operation possible with DPD's increasingly electric van fleet and will include EV charging facilities.

The new facilities will also create a significant number of new jobs in a range of roles including drivers, admin, operations and warehousing.

Source: La Poste Groupe



## Australian NRA final view on stamp price increase

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Australia Post welcomes the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) final view it has no objection to a proposed price increase for reserved ordinary letter services, including a change in the Basic Postage Rate (BPR) from \$1.50 to \$1.70.

The proposed increase will take effect on 17 July 2025, subject to finalisation of the remaining steps.

Australia Post recognises the cost-of-living challenges Australians are facing so concession and seasonal greeting stamps will remain at 60 and 65 cents respectively.

The BPR increase will help Australia Post address the rising cost of delivering letters, with letter volumes now at a level not seen since the 1950s.

Even with this increase, Australians will

continue to have some of the lowest stamp prices in the OECD.

Around 97% of letters are sent by government or business customers. Australian households only receive two letters on average each week and letter volumes are expected to halve in the next five years.

The average household purchases five to six full-rate stamps each year and the proposed increase would cost them about \$1.20 extra per year.

Charities will continue to be able to access a heavily discounted Charity Mail service.

Australia Post is a self-funded government business enterprise that does not receive any government funding and is focussed on addressing its financial challenges in a responsible way.

Source: Australia Post



## **Croatian NRA publishes postal market trends**

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According to data collected from providers in the postal services market, the trends observed in previous periods continued in the first quarter of 2025. The number of letters and printed matter has decreased, while the number of delivered parcels has risen. At the same time, total revenue from all postal services increased, and this trend is expected to continue.

Parcel Volume Increases While Total Services Decrease

In the first quarter, a total of 63.6 million postal services were performed, representing a 2.2 per cent decrease compared to the same period last year. The main cause of the decline was the lower number of letters and printed matter, which amounted to 3.4 million — 530 thousand fewer — reflecting a drop of 7 and 11.3 per cent respectively. In contrast, parcel services grew, with 2.5 million more parcels delivered, an increase of 19.4 per cent. Parcels accounted for 24.2 per cent of the total market in the first quarter, over four percentage points higher than the previous year. In international traffic, there was a decrease of around **11** per cent in the number of services.

**Revenue Growth** 

Although the number of services in the first quarter of 2025 was lower, revenue increased by 9.3 per cent compared to the same period last year. A total of  $\notin$ 94.7 million was earned, reflecting a higher volume of value-added services as well as price increases for some postal services within the scope of the universal service.

**One Additional Provider** 

In the first quarter, one new provider entered the market, bringing the total number of postal service providers to 24. HP-Hrvatska pošta remains the largest provider, with an 82 per cent share of services performed and 58.2 per cent of total revenue.

Source: HAKOM



# Pascal Grieder appointed new Swiss Post CEO

#### 25-06-2025

The Board of Directors of Swiss Post Ltd has appointed Pascal Grieder as the new CEO of the company. He holds a PhD in engineering from ETH and is a former CEO of Salt Mobile AG, who brings many years of management experience from the Swiss digital economy to Swiss Post. Pascal Grieder successfully developed Salt thanks to a consistent focus on customer centricity and promoted the expansion of a modern telecommunications infrastructure in Switzerland. He has also held positions at McKinsey & Company and 1&1 Telecommunications SE, Germany, where he is currently a member of the Management Board. The 48-year-old will take up his new role at Swiss Post on 1 November 2025 - in the meantime, Alex Glanzmann will continue to run the company on an interim basis.

After a comprehensive recruitment process, the Swiss Post Board of Directors has appointed Dr Pascal Grieder as the new CEO of Swiss Post. Pascal Grieder brings many years of management experience from the telecoms and digital economy to Swiss Post: from 2018 to 2023, he led Salt Mobile AG as CEO and successfully developed the company to generate higher growth and profitability, with an emphasis on innovation and customer focus. During this time he promoted strategic partnerships to provide Switzerland with modern telecommunications networks. He previously worked at McKinsey & Company, developed digital business models as a managing partner at Digital McKinsey Switzerland and managed Europe-wide sales and transformation projects. Born in Basel, he is currently a member of the Management Board at 1&1 Telecommunications SE, Germany, responsible for sales and product management.

«Swiss Post is and will remain unique. It represents reliability, a strong and customercentric public service and innovation – values that are very important to me and that I will stand up for», says Pascal Grieder. The 48-year-old holds a PhD in engineering from ETH Zurich, is married and the father of three children. He lives in the Canton of Vaud. Pascal Grieder will take up his new position on 1 November 2025 – in the meantime, Alex Glanzmann will continue to manage the company on an interim basis.

The Board of Directors congratulates the new CEO on his appointment: «Pascal Grieder combines strategic thinking with operational resolve. With his entrepreneurial vision, his activity in Switzerland, his customer focus and values as a leader, he is the right CEO for a modern Swiss Post. Our goal: to continue financing a strong, modern public service from our own resources. By focusing on people and their real needs, Swiss Post will remain relevant and financially healthy in the future. I'm delighted that we've been able to recruit Pascal Grieder for Swiss Post», says Christian Levrat, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Source: Swiss Post



## **Governance of La Poste Groupe**

### 25-06-2025

Philippe Wahl has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of La Poste and Philippe Bajou, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, to assume the interim role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

The mandate of the directors representing the shareholders having expired, the general meeting proceeded today to the renewal and appointment of the directors proposed by the shareholders for five years.

The current mandates of the staff representatives run until January 20, 2026. They will be renewed during the elections in November 2025.

In the absence of the immediate appointment of a new Chairman and CEO of La Poste and in accordance with the company's statutes, the new Board of Directors of La Poste has decided on the arrangements for organizing transitional governance. In this respect, the presidency is temporarily distinguished from the general management.

The board of directors has appointed Philippe Wahl to chair its meetings on an interim basis until a new chairman and CEO is appointed.

Philippe Bajou, Deputy Director General, Group Secretary General in charge of public and territorial affairs, governance and operations, has been appointed Deputy Director General of the La Poste group to exercise the role of general manager of La Poste until the effective appointment of a new Chairman and CEO.

Source: La Poste Groupe