

# **AUTODOC opens new warehouse in Belgium**

- Expansion of logistics capacities in central European location in Belgium with partner Katoen Natie
- Goal is to make service for business customers even faster and more efficient
- CEO Dmitry Zadorozhny: "This project is an important milestone."

**Berlin, March 25, 2025** – AUTODOC SE ("AUTODOC"), a leading online retailer of vehicle spare parts and accessories in Europe, is further expanding its logistics capacities by opening a new 15,000 m² warehouse in Belgium, in partnership with logistics service provider Katoen Natie. "With this new logistics hub, we are increasing our capacities for the entire European market – particularly for France, the Benelux countries, and parts of Germany," says Dmitry Zadorozhny, CEO of AUTODOC.

The decision to expand in Belgium was driven by its central location, providing the opportunity to supply key markets such as France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and southern Germany even faster than before. AUTODOC chose Katoen Natie as its partner because of the company's extensive experience as a logistics service provider and its ability to handle warehouse operations efficiently. Katoen Natie will operate the warehouse exclusively for AUTODOC. "Our goal is to make our service for business customers even faster and more efficient by leveraging Katoen Natie's knowledge of the local market," says Sebastian Bleser, Vice President Supply Chain at AUTODOC.

Reflecting on the significance of this collaboration, Joost Vanderplaetsen, Commercial Director of Katoen Natie Consumer Goods and Industry, states: "We are honored to manage operations of AUTODOC's new warehouse in Belgium from one of our well-established multi-customer platforms. Our partnership with AUTODOC is built on a shared vision of efficiency, innovation, and customer-centric logistics, while also prioritizing sustainable logistics practices. With our scalable and flexible solutions, we are committed to fostering long-term partnerships that empower growth, and we look forward to supporting AUTODOC in its European expansion."

## Efficiency and State-of-the-Art warehouse technology

The newly expanded warehouse – combining an existing building with a custom-designed interior for AUTODOC – is partially automated. Its core features include a three-story mezzanine and an intelligent sorting system that ensures high throughput rates. Orders are registered at central goods-in lines, with the sorter strategically placing items in an



optimized storage zone. During picking, employees can work on several orders simultaneously, further increasing efficiency in the fulfillment process. Approximately 14,000 orders per day will be processed in the initial phase. By extending working hours and introducing additional automation, this volume can be significantly increased if needed.

Thanks to the new warehouse structure, next-day delivery to customers in France and the Benelux countries is possible, along with extended and convenient cut-off times focused on the customers' requirements. This not only shortens delivery times but also reduces shipping costs for business customers. Once fully ramped up, around 300 employees from Katoen Natie will work at the site.

## New Belgian warehouse strengthens AUTODOC's position

With the new Belgian warehouse, AUTODOC strengthens its position as one of the leading online retailers of vehicle spare parts and accessories and supports its growth strategy in the B2B segment. "This project is an important milestone for us to serve our customers in Europe even better and faster," says AUTODOC CEO Dmitry Zadorozhny.

#### **About AUTODOC**

AUTODOC is a leading online retailer of vehicle spare parts and accessories in Europe. The company, which was founded in Berlin in 2008 by Alexej Erdle, Max Wegner and Vitalij Kungel, has developed into one of the most exciting e-commerce companies in Europe in a remarkable short period. Since November 2022, the company has been operating as the European corporation AUTODOC SE. The Management Board consists of Dmitry Zadorozhny (CEO) and Lennart Schmidt (CFO). As of December 31, 2024, AUTODOC has 6.7 million products for 172 car, 23 truck, and 154 motorcycle brands in its range. In 2023, AUTODOC generated turnover of €1.3 billion (2022: €1.1 billion). AUTODOC has online shops in 27 European countries and employs around 5,000 people in eleven locations: Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, and Ukraine.

#### **About Katoen Natie**

Katoen Natie is a global leader in full-service logistics, providing tailor-made logistics and engineering solutions across industries. With an extensive network of large-scale logistics platforms, advanced automation, and deep industry expertise, Katoen Natie delivers integrated supply chain solutions that drive efficiency and business growth. Committed to continuous innovation and sustainability, Katoen Natie integrates smart technology and environmentally responsible practices into its global operations. The company operates in over 30 countries, supporting customers worldwide with future-focused logistics solutions. https://consumergoods-industry.katoennatie.com/