



Europa Gives Green Light to Birmingham Site Re-fit

Leading logistics operator Europa Worldwide Group has invested over £250,000 in refitting its Birmingham site as part of a company-wide refresh to ensure all staff share in the same high standard working environments.

Europa's Minworth site at Prologis Park is home to all four divisions of the business, Europa Sea and Europa Showfreight as well Europa Road's regional team and a 16,536m² Europa Warehouse – and its office space is the latest facility to receive a refresh as part of the business's initiative to invest in its physical infrastructure for the future.

The refit in Birmingham will see new air conditioning installed throughout all the office spaces, new desks and office furniture to allow for further team expansions, an IT and electrical refit, new meeting rooms and informal spaces created and new carpets and redecoration throughout. There will also be a focus on recycling, with more options for staff to recycle plastics and paper throughout each segment of the facility.

HR Director at Europa Carl Potter said: "This significant investment in our Minworth facility, which will be completed in July this year, will make this site a much better place to work for all staff. We've been gradually working through each of our sites in turn, refreshing them to the highest of standards, and feedback from our employees is that the investment has really given them a boost. Since Andrew Baxter acquired the business, we've also opened new sites in Leeds, Sheffield and Belfast and moved our Nottingham, Manchester and Glasgow sites.

"What's more, hand-in-hand with the refits we've initiated a determined drive to make sure we recycle as much as we possibly can – which means more recycling bins, the option to do away with desk bins and use the main office recycling bank instead and replacing all plastic cups at our watercoolers with paper ones. All these seemingly small changes are adding up and we're becoming a greener business by the week.

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“We look forward to hearing feedback from our Birmingham teams once they have seen their refitted offices and then planning ahead for the next sites on our refresh list which are Bristol, Newcastle and Manchester.”

Europa Worldwide Group is a specialist road, air & sea, warehouse and showfreight operator employing more than 900 people across its 16 sites in the UK, as well as Hong Kong, Belgium and the Czech Republic, with representation in 100 countries.

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Notes to Editors

Europa Worldwide Group is a fast-growing privately-owned freight forwarder which is structured into four operating companies – Europa Road, Europa Air & Sea, Europa Warehouse and Europa Showfreight.

Europa Road operates the UK’s largest European groupage hub which is situated in Dartford. Its network of 13 UK branches trunk into Dartford from where freight connects with daily, direct services to 30 continental hubs.

Europa Air & Sea’s team provide bespoke services to its clients from its branches in the UK and Hong Kong.

Europa Warehouse offers 3rd party logistics services to clients, from warehouses in Dartford, two in Northampton and Birmingham. Plus, a new customer contact centre called Europa Contact Centre.

Europa Showfreight provides logistics services for goods going to and from exhibitions.

Following an ambitious front-end restructuring of the business after Andrew Baxter acquired it in 2013, turnover has grown to £180million, organic volume growth across the business is running at 20 per cent and its presence in the market is stronger than ever before. The company employs more than 900 people across the UK, Czech Republic, Hong Kong and Belgium.

The business has succeeded through a combination of friendly people management and investing heavily in IT and physical infrastructure.