



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

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the latest in Asia

Japan

[Convenience stores: JR East to launch first unmanned convenience store](#)

Japanese railway firm JR East will launch its first unmanned and cashless NewDays convenience store at its Musashisakai Station; shoppers at the store can scan product barcodes at self-checkout counters and pay by card

[Apparel and footwear: Japan's Wacoal acquires U.S lingerie brand Lively](#)

Japan's underwear manufacturer Wacoal has agreed to acquire U.S. lingerie company Intimates Online, which operates lingerie brand Lively, for US\$85 million, a move to accelerate Wacoal's overseas expansion

Singapore

[Discount stores: Daiso launches its premium store Threeply in Singapore](#)

Japan's Daiso has recently opened its first premium store Threeply for Singapore at Funan mall; the debut store offers kitchenware, household goods and toys, among other items, with prices starting at US\$5.8

[Duty-free shops: Changi Airport Group teams up with DFS to launch online platform](#)

Changi Airport Group and DFS Group have jointly launched an e-commerce platform (iShopChangiWines.com); the platform offers duty-free wines, champagnes and sakes

Thailand

[Department stores: Central Group plans IPO for its retail business unit](#)

Central Group plans to list its retail business arm Central Retail Corporation and combine the group's retail businesses in Thailand, Vietnam and Italy

India

[Retail in general: Reliance Industries to take over Indian fashion marketplace Fynd](#)

India's energy and telecoms giant Reliance Industries will acquire an 87.6% stake in Fynd, an Indian online fashion marketplace also known as Shopsense Retail Technologies, for US\$42.33 million

[E-commerce: Amazon reportedly in talks to buy Reliance Retail stake](#)

Amazon is reportedly in exploratory talks with Reliance Retail to acquire up to 26% in the country's largest bricks-and-mortar retailer

[E-commerce: Amazon to expand its largest fulfillment center in India](#)

Amazon has recently signed a lease with GMR Hyderabad Airport City to expand its largest fulfillment center in India by another 180,000 sqft on top of its current 400,000 sqft

[E-commerce: Flipkart to launch free video streaming service](#)

Flipkart is set to launch a free video streaming service for its 160 million customers in India this month, aiming to expand its user base in smaller towns and cities across the country

[Apparel and footwear: Superdry to launch online shopping site in India](#)

U.K. fashion brand Superdry is set to launch its online storefront in India later this month; the brand expects to generate 7%-10% of its revenue from the new online shopping site in 2020

[Apparel and footwear: Decathlon opens mega store in India](#)

Decathlon has opened its largest store in India at the DLF Mall of India; covering 3,000 sqft, the mega store has dedicated sections for women, men, children and teenagers and offers digital services such as self-checkout counters and a payment app for billing to improve customer shopping experience

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