



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

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Asia at a glance

[Apparel and footwear: Sneakersstuff plans expansion in Asia](#)

Swedish sneaker retailer Sneakersstuff plans to tap the Asian market by opening stores in Seoul and Tokyo in 2019

Japan

[Supermarkets: Aeon sells its stake in Vietnam grocery chain Fivimart](#)

Aeon sold its 30% stake in Hanoi-based grocery chain Fivimart after losing US\$8 million over the past four years

[Apparel and footwears: Uniqlo unveils its first Dutch store](#)

Uniqlo has launched its first Dutch store in Amsterdam; covering 2,040 sqm, the debut store is the brand's largest retail store in the Benelux region

South Korea

[Hypermarkets: E-Mart to open premium grocery store PK Market in Los Angeles](#)

E-Mart will launch a 3,104 sqm premium grocery store PK Market in downtown Los Angeles in 2H19

[E-commerce: Kakao to spin off e-commerce unit for further expansion](#)

Kakao will spin off its e-commerce unit for further expansion; upon the spin off, the new entity will take over the operation of the Kakao Gifts, Shopping, Kakao Style and Kakao Farmer services

Taiwan

[Shopping malls: Mitsui & Co to open mega shopping in Central Taiwan](#)

Japan's trading conglomerate Mitsui & Co will open a mega shopping outlet in Taichung City in December 2018; the mall will be the largest shopping outlet in Central Taiwan

Thailand

[E-commerce: JD.com officially launches its joint venture JD Central in Thailand](#)

JD.com and Central Group have officially launched their e-commerce joint venture JD Central in Thailand; the venture is expected to help JD.com expand its footprint in Southeast Asia

[Retail technology: JD Central plans unmanned stores in Bangkok](#)

JD Central plans to launch unmanned stores in Bangkok starting 2019; the automated stores will feature new-generation technologies, including facial recognition system and autonomous warehouse robots

[Beauty and personal care: A'pieu opens first standalone store in Thailand](#)

A'pieu, a cosmetics brand under South Korea's Able C&C, has recently launched its first standalone store for Thailand in Bangkok's Central Plaza Pinkla

India

[Hypermarkets: Walmart aims 10% revenue from private labels in India](#)

Walmart India plans to increase the share of its private labels in India, aiming to derive 10% of its revenue from private labels by 2019.

[Cash-and-carry stores: Metro Cash and Carry plans smaller store in India](#)

Metro Cash and Carry is shifting to smaller-sized store format in India, a move to become profitable and accelerating its local store expansion

[E-commerce: Alibaba launches second data centre in India](#)

Alibaba has recently launched its second data centre in India, aiming to expand its cloud business in the country and to bring its popular "new retail" concept to local retailers

[E-commerce: Amazon injects new capital in Amazon Pay India](#)

Amazon has injected an additional 5.9 billion rupees in its payments arm Amazon Pay India ahead of local major festival sale season.

[E-commerce: Amazon to let sellers in India to run own delivery fleet](#)

Amazon is reportedly launching its Project Armada in India; the program enables local sellers to run their own fleet of delivery trucks for Amazon

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