



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

Weekly Updates

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the latest in Asia

Japan

[Apparel and footwear: Fast Retailing acquires stake in Vietnamese fashion brand Elise](#)

Fast Retailing has bought a 35% stake in Hanoi-based womenswear brand Elise, which currently owns over 100 stores across Vietnam

[Apparel and footwear: Outdoor apparel company Goldwin to open first flagship store in Tokyo](#)

Japan's technical outdoor apparel company Goldwin will open its first independent retail flagship store in Tokyo's Marunouchi business district on November 2018

[Beauty and personal care: J&J to buy out Japanese cosmetics firm Ci:z](#)

Johnson & Johnson has recently announced it is acquiring all the outstanding shares of Japanese cosmetics company Ci:z

South Korea

[Retail in general: Lotte to spend US\\$44 billion for its five-year plan](#)

Lotte Group plans to allocate 50 trillion won (US\$44.05 billion) for its five-year plan through 2023

Singapore

[E-commerce: 7-Eleven Singapore to offer WeChat Pay](#)

About 600 7-Eleven, Cold Storage, Giant and Guardian stores in Singapore will start providing WeChat Pay service from November 2018

[Apparel and footwear: Clarks opens its first Southeast Asian concept store in Singapore](#)

Clarks has recently opened its Clarks Pure concept store in Singapore, marking its first Pure concept store in Southeast Asia

Malaysia

[Convenience stores: Shell Malaysia unveils first unmanned Select convenience store](#)

Shell Malaysia has launched its first unmanned Select convenience store at Shell Tezz Enterprise on Jalan Tun Razak; the round-the-clock store is backed by technology from China's BingoBox

[Apparel and footwear: Swiss fashion brand Bata open first Bata Kids store in Malaysia](#)

Swiss fashion brand has launched its first Bata Kids store for Malaysia at Sunway Pyramid, offering children's footwear and accessories from brands including Bubblegummers, Disney's Marvel, Hello Kitty, Barbie, and My Little Pony

Thailand

[Convenience stores: Over 3,000 7-Eleven stores in Bangkok launch courier service](#)

Over 3,000 7-Eleven stores in Bangkok have started offering courier and parcel collection services

[Apparel and footwear: Skechers unveils largest Southeast Asia flagship store in Bangkok](#)

Skechers has recently launched a new flagship store in Bangkok; covering 275 sqm, it is the brand's largest flagship store in Southeast Asia

India

[E-commerce: India's baby product e-tailer FirstCry seeks funding from Alibaba, Softbank](#)

India's baby product e-tailer First Cry is in funding talks with Alibaba and SoftBank, aiming to raise at least US\$100-US\$150 million in the deal

[E-commerce: Amazon India trials ultra-fast delivery service in India](#)

Amazon India is testing a 'faster than same day' delivery service in Delhi-NCR, enabling local customers to purchase an exclusive selection of best-selling smartphones online and have them delivered within 3 to 5 hours

[E-commerce: Flipkart's two main business units widen losses](#)

Flipkart's ecommerce platform unit Flipkart Internet and wholesale unit Flipkart India have recorded a 71% increase in combined losses for fiscal 2018

[Luxury: Louis Vuitton expands flagship store in New Delhi](#)

Louis Vuitton is expanding its flagship store in New Delhi; upon the expansion, the store will house men's and women's ready-to-wear collections, the first time the brand offering its clothing collections in India

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