

Delhaize and
Montea start the
construction of a
new e-commerce
home delivery
center in Vorst.



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Today Delhaize and Montea presented their plans for the construction of a new home shop center in Vorst.

Thanks to this expansion Delhaize is strengthening its leadership position in home food delivery – doubling its capacity - following which its Home Delivery customers will enjoy even better service and greater product availability. The new building is being developed by real estate investor Montea that purchased the former Lipton site back in 2008 as part of a long-term redevelopment program. In the meantime, demolition works of the old buildings on the site have started. It is the partners' ambition to have the new e-commerce center operational by early autumn 2024.



Delhaize

The site in Vorst, a central location on the outskirts of Brussels where Delhaize has a large Home Delivery customer base, is the perfect base for a home delivery center. With this location Delhaize is even closer to its customers in the Brussels area which in turn allows them to enjoy even better service and even fresher products, due to the shorter distance to be covered resulting in reduced travel time for products.

By planning the routes as optimally as possible with a minimum of kilometres travelled, but also by exploring which type of (electric) vehicles are best suited in a certain region to deliver groceries at home, the so-called 'last mile' should become as green as possible. Another important asset of the e-commerce project in Vorst is the creation of about 450 extra jobs. Drivers, order pickers, administrative staff, etc. will all work together to ensure that the groceries ordered online get to the Delhaize customer as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"The construction of the new home shop center in Vorst is certainly not an end point, but an important next step towards even further growth," says **Chloë Thoelen, Senior Vice President e-commerce at Delhaize**. "We continue to work hard and invest to make it as easy as possible for our customers. We aim to deliver their groceries to their homes in an increasingly efficient and sustainable way".



Xavier Van Reeth, Country Director Montea Belgium: *"We are delighted to welcome an e-commerce partner like Delhaize in such a strategic location, on the outskirts of Brussels. This development marks the final piece of the long-term redevelopment project of the former Lipton site in Vorst. The new building fits perfectly with the sustainability policy of our portfolio and forms the basis for a long-term partnership between Montea and Delhaize."*

About the sustainable development

The building itself, with an area of about 20,000 m², will also breathe sustainability and circularity. Optimal use will be made of the available space by providing parking on the roof, thereby making much of the existing site more softened and making room for sustainable and biodiverse landscaping.

Thanks to meticulous dismantling of the old building, the façade slabs will be reused. Furthermore, existing concrete slabs will also be crushed and reused for the construction of the roads around and for the construction of the new building. Inside the building, all cooling and heating will be done gas-free, using heat pumps. Rainwater will be collected for the toilets and outdoor taps. There will also be smart skylights on the roof to optimize natural light.

Finally, the waste heat from the cooling units will be used to heat the building. Outside the building, 24 parking and charging spaces will be provided for electric vehicles and all other parking spaces on the ground floor will be water permeable. The roof consists of a combination of a "green roof" and a solar power plant. The project aspires to a BREEAM excellent label.

About the site in Vorst

Back in 2008, Montea purchased the former 87,000 m² Lipton site, with the leases with the former companies continuing to be in place. In 2013, the demolition of the oldest buildings started and new sustainable distribution centres for, amongst others, Options and Sligro, replaced them. The development for Delhaize is the final piece of this redevelopment program.

ABOUT MONTEA "SPACE FOR GROWTH"

Montea NV is a public regulated real estate company under Belgian law (GVB/SIR) that specialises in logistical property in Belgium, the Netherlands, France, and Germany. The company is a benchmark player in this market. Montea literally offers its customers the space they need to grow through versatile and innovative property solutions. In this way, Montea creates value for its shareholders. As of 30/06/2023 the property portfolio represented a total space of 1,921,172 m² spread across 94 locations. Montea NV has been listed on Euronext Brussels (MONT) and Euronext Paris (MONTP) since the end of 2006.

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