

Coca-Cola Europacific Partners announces Â£42.3Mn investment in Wakefield

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Coca-Cola Europacific Partners (CCEP), the world's largest independent bottler of Coca-Cola, has announced plans for a Â£42.3 million investment in its manufacturing facility in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. This funding aims to improve the site's storage capabilities by constructing a new Automated Storage Retrieval System (ASRS) warehouse.

The ASRS, expected to be completed within the next two and a half years, will rise to 38 meters, significantly increasing the warehouse's capacity from 29,000 to 58,500 pallets. This expansion is anticipated to streamline operations, resulting in a reduction of approximately 18,500 vehicle journeys each year, which equates to a decrease of 441,000 kilometres travelled on local roads.

This latest investment follows a previous Â£31 million infusion that enabled the installation of a high-speed canning line, which began operations in July. The new line can produce 2,000 cans per minute, improving production efficiency for CCEP's lightweight 330ml cans, including popular brands like Coca-Cola, Fanta, and Sprite.

Vanessa Smith, Director of Wakefield Supply Chain Operations at CCEP, stated, "The new ASRS warehouse ensures we continue to expand our production capabilities as we look to the future, operating as efficiently and sustainably as possible."