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Fives strengthens partnership with DHL in the Middle East

Fives, one of the world's most preferred partners for transforming supply chain facilities, has been selected by DHL Express to equip its new service center in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

DHL Express, the world's largest express provider and leader in the logistics industry specialized in international shipping, courier services and transportation, **is building a new 15,000 m² facility at Abu Dhabi International Airport (ADIA)** and has decided to automate it with Fives' proven technologies **to improve customer service in the UAE.**

The new facility will **help strengthen global trade links to the UAE capital**, operating as a **unified hub** that includes an import and export gateway, a service center, a logistics center, and a road network expansion in the Emirates.

"We, at DHL Express MENA, have once again placed our trust in Fives, which has recently successfully implemented similar material handling solutions for DHL Express in Doha, Qatar and Amman, Jordan, in the MENA region, as well as in several of our locations globally", says Paul BICKNELL, Senior Director Engineering at DHL Express MENA. "We find Fives to be a reliable and flexible partner with a proven track record of delivering within agreed quality, time and cost targets".

The handling solution is based on Fives' proprietary equipment: **three EASY-Capture™ integrated data capture stations and 16 swiveler wheel diverters will handle up to 3,600 inbound and outbound / in transit shipments per hour.** The sorting system also includes **500m² of mezzanine and 850m of conveyors**, including **telescopic conveyors and fingers that bring items directly to/ from delivery vehicles.**

The turnkey solution studied by Fives' teams foresees a future expansion of the system: it will allow DHL to **increase the capacity of the facility to cope with the growth of parcels to be processed in the coming years.**

The new Abu Dhabi service center confirms DHL's trust in Fives' expertise and growing presence in the Middle East.

About the Fives Smart Automation Solutions Division

With 1,800 employees in Europe, Asia and North America, Fives' Smart Automation Solutions Division provides high-end automation solutions with a broad portfolio of proprietary technologies and software for the retail and FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods), postal and courier, e-commerce, manufacturing industries and airport markets.

About Fives

As an industrial engineering Group with a heritage of over 200 years, Fives designs and supplies machines, process equipment and production lines for the world's largest industrial players in various sectors such as steel, aerospace and special machining, aluminium, the automotive and manufacturing industries, cement, energy, logistics and glass.

The effectiveness of its R&D programs enables Fives to design forward-thinking solutions that anticipate industrials' needs in terms of profitability, performance, quality, safety and respect for the environment.

In 2020, Fives' turnover was €1.6 billion, with over 8,000 employees in some thirty countries.

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