



Press release

Petr Pěcha appointed as Managing Director of GLS CZ

Jihlava/Prague, 3 March 2025 - Petr Pěcha is the new Managing Director of GLS CZ as of 1 March. He brings to the leadership of GLS CZ many years of management experience, especially in the areas of brand building and corporate culture, digital transformation and innovation across various industries. GLS will focus on further growth, and specifically on strengthening the strength of its brand, under Petr Pěcha's leadership. The current Managing Director Pavel Včela will now be responsible for transforming GLS' operational processes in Eastern Europe.

Petr Pěcha is the new director of GLS in the Czech Republic as of today. He will enrich the management of GLS with his many years of experience in building a pro-customer approach, digital transformation of companies and innovation. Prior to joining GLS, Petr Pěcha held a number of managerial positions, including Sales Director at RegioJet, and worked at Seznam.cz and Home Credit, where he gained international experience, especially in Asia.

"I am very pleased to be part of the new stage of GLS, which will lead to the development not only of the company itself, but also of the whole dynamically developing segment of transport services and e-commerce. I want to build on the successful 20-year history of GLS in the Czech Republic and focus primarily on process optimization, brand strengthening, positive customer experience and growth," said Petr Pěcha on his arrival.

Petr Pěcha will replace the current director Pavel Včela. "Pavel Včela is a huge heartthrob who has been with GLS almost from the beginning. He has built a strong and dynamic company that is one of the market leaders. For his 17-year tenure at GLS, he deserves a huge thank you," added Petr Pěcha. Pavel Včela will now focus on transforming GLS' operational processes in Eastern Europe within the Group.

"I am glad that I could be part of the birth of the modern parcel shipping phenomenon in the Czech Republic for almost half of my professional career. 20 years ago, we delivered as many parcels in a whole year as we can now handle in a day and a half, and their simple transportation has become a high-tech modern service that is regularly used by almost everyone. One of the challenges in the life of successful companies is generational change and the right timing of passing the baton to younger colleagues. I am convinced that under Peter's leadership GLS will continue to grow and deliver a positive customer experience to clients every day," added the current CEO Pavel Včela.

The new director of GLS was born and lives in Slovácko, he loves travelling and cooperation across different cultures. He also enjoys sports and folklore. He danced for example in VUS Ondráš or Hradistan. He is currently a member of the dulcimer music Capella, which presents primarily Jewish songs in the Moravian concept. He also successfully presents the Slováký verbuňk dance, which is listed by UNESCO as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.



GLS had a record year last year, delivering the most parcels in its history, with a 15% year-on-year increase in the number of parcels delivered. In addition to the growing purchasing power of households, the significant expansion of GLS's distribution network contributed to the increased number of parcels delivered. For example, the company increased its network of own delivery boxes more than threefold last year and their number has already exceeded 900.

In total, GLS customers were able to take advantage of delivery to more than 4,600 delivery points at the end of the year, up from 2,100 at the end of 2023.

About GLS Group

GLS Group is a leading provider of international parcel shipping. The company provides its customers across 40 countries with reliable and quality parcel services complemented by freight and express services. With an extensive international network and excellent local market knowledge, customers can expect a seamless, flexible and personal service across Europe and beyond. GLS also operates through wholly owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the West Coast of the USA. The GLS network consists of 120 central and regional transshipment points and 1 600 depots, using approximately 37 000 vans and 6 500 trucks. GLS employs approximately 23 000 people. In 2023/24, GLS achieved a record turnover of EUR 5.6 billion and delivered 905 million parcels despite global challenges.