

Coca-Cola announces investment of \$90 Mn in Columbus facility

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Coca-Cola Consolidated announced a \$90 million investment in a new 400,000-square-foot distribution and warehouse facility, and two 15,000-square-foot buildings to house equipment repair services and fleet maintenance in Columbus, Ohio. The new 60-acre campus is part of the Rickenbacker Industrial Centre located on Rohr Road. Through innovative sustainability processes, new technology, and a designated learning centre, the facility can better serve customers, the Columbus community and the surrounding region.

“The investment we’ve made here in Columbus is evidence of our focus on growth in Columbus,” said Sam Meiner, VP, Mid-West Market Unit at Coca-Cola Consolidated. “This commitment to our teammates and production capabilities is a long-term dedication to improving how we serve the world’s best brands and flavours to our communities and the people of Ohio.”

The Columbus-based warehouse will handle more than 16 million cases of product a year and on average, about 75,000 cases a day. Coca-Cola Consolidated’s state-of-the-art Vertique system is a semi-automated solution that improves warehouse productivity, efficiency, accuracy and working conditions. The campus also includes a new equipment services facility and a new fleet shop for Coca-Cola Consolidated’s transportation subsidiary, Red Classic Transit.

The expansion also means workforce expansion. The investment has resulted in 35 additional hires, boosting overall employment to 360 teammates. From an on-site management team to new drivers through Red Classic Transit, the facility can distribute products not only to Ohio but to Kentucky and Indiana.