**Grocery Expert Days**

**TGW Presents the Future of Intralogistics in Food Retailing**

* **Leading European retail experts visit TGW Evolution Park**
* **A preview of tomorrow's shopping experience and distribution centers**
* **Focus on robotics, digitisation, e-commerce, and omnichannel**

**On 10 and 11 October 2018, more than 50 leading international food retailing experts visited TGW Evolution Park. Gathered at the new TGW headquarters, they discussed the future of grocery intralogistics and were provided with glimpses into the future world of shopping and designing distribution centers. The event, which showcased the current and future challenges of automation, took place at TGW’s Helix, an interactive showroom at a floor space the size of 1,800 square meters.**

Digitisation and robotics were among the main topics featured at TGW’s Grocery Expert Days. In addition, best practice examples from successful TGW projects were featured during the event, as were innovative store solutions and a brand-new concept for picking fruits and vegetables.

**Artificial Intelligence and Big Data**

Eleven international speakers covered a broad spectrum of topics. Renowned innovation researcher, Peter Fisk, took attendees on a trip into the future of grocery retail. Michael Feindt, a specialist in artificial intelligence, focused on big data technology and predictive analytics, while discussing the possible uses of digitisation.

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TGW competences were featured, among other things, based on the example of the logistics center designed by TGW for COOP in the Swiss city of Schafisheim. Also, TGW and Umdasch introduced a novel concept called OmniStore that combines online shopping with stationary trading in a unique way, while offering tangible added value to retailers as well as supermarket customers.

"TGW stands for holistic solutions. TGW has grown from being the leading mechatronics supplier to having established itself on the core markets as a future-oriented systems provider – and the Grocery Expert Days are clearly underscoring this", says Christoph Wolkerstorfer, CSO of the TGW Logistics Group.

**TGW Explores New Robotics Paths**

One of the main purposes of the event was to provide a look at the possibilities that robotics are opening up in the field of automation. In addition to applications for mixed palletizing, PickCenter Rovolution - the fully automated piece picking workstation - was showcased as the lastest module of FlashPick®. The system’s outstanding advantage lies in the fact that Rovolution is powerful, fast, and extremely flexible.

Attendees at TGW’s Grocery Expert Days were also given the opportunity of taking guided tours of the company’s new headquarters, TGW Evolution Park, as well as the new TGW Helix showroom. An extremely pleased Christoph Wolkerstorfer took stock of the event, saying: "Visitor feedback proved that we’re succeeding at addressing the challenges of the industry, as well as being able to offer future-oriented, marketable solutions."

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**About TGW Logistics Group:**

TGW Logistics Group is a worldwide leading provider of intralogistics solutions. For almost 50 years, this Austrian specialist has been providing automated systems for international customers – from A as in Adidas to Z as in Zalando. As a systems integrator, TGW provides planning, production, and realization of complex logistics centers – from mechatronics and robotics to systems control and software.

With approximately 3,300 employees, TGW Logistics Group has offices in Europe, China, and in the U.S.A. In the 2017/2018 business year, the company achieved a

total turnover of 713 million euros.

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