



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

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Asia at a glance

[E-commerce: Indonesian e-commerce platform BukaGlobal accelerates Asia expansion](#)

Indonesia's e-commerce platform BukaGlobal has ramped up its presence in Asia by launching in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Hong Kong and Taiwan

[Beauty and personal care: Sephora to further expand into APAC](#)

LVMH's beauty arm Sephora plans to further expand into the Asia Pacific region by entering South Korea, New Zealand and making a return to Hong Kong

South Korea

[Duty-free shops: The South Korean government to allow 5 new duty-free shops in key cities](#)

The South Korean government has announced to allow major local retailers to open five new duty-free shops in major local cities, including three duty-free outlets in Seoul and one each in Incheon and Gwangju as part of efforts to spur domestic consumption and promote the tourism industry

[Duty-free shops: Lotte Duty Free launches new digital payment service LDF PAY](#)

Lotte Duty Free has recently launched a new digital payment service LDF PAY; replacing the existing prepaid card system, LDF PAY is based on Lotte's membership program and can be used for both online and offline purchases

[E-commerce: Kakaopay to launch offline payment service](#)

Kakaopay, a mobile payment service provider under South Korea's Internet company Kakao, announced to expand its offline payment business to solidify its status as South Korea's leading fintech service platform

Malaysia

[Apparel and footwear: Malaysian childrenswear retailer Poney unveils flagship store](#)

Malaysia's childrenswear retailer Poney has opened a flagship store in Central iCity shopping centre; featuring three brands – Poney, Baby Poney and Poney Enfants, the store offers apparel and accessories for newborns, toddlers and children aged up to 12 years old

India

[E-commerce: Flipkart plans offline grocery stores across India](#)

Flipkart is looking to further expand its food retail business by opening offline grocery store in India; the plan comes after the e-tailer opened its fifth online grocery store Supermart in Mumbai

[Apparel and footwear: H&M India to foray into home decor and furnishing sector](#)

H&M India plans to enter local home decor and furnishings market; operating under its H&M Home brand, the company is expected to compete with Ikea as well as local furnishing retailers

[Consumer electronics: Canon launches flagship store in India](#)

Canon has recently opened its first Canon Image Square flagship store in New Delhi; the store carries all Canon products from entry-level cameras and high-end professional cameras to a wide range of lenses and the brand's leading printers

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