

- Joint press release – 18 March 2022 -

Partnership for the distribution of humanitarian aid

Independent Retail Europe and the Association of Retailers of Ukraine are extremely pleased to announce their partnership agreement for the distribution of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. In this time of crisis, in order to support the Ukrainian people, Ukraine's healthcare workers and Ukraine's Government, we are focusing on what we do best: distributing goods to the people.

Through this partnership, demand and supply of aid can be coordinated and the goods can be distributed anywhere in Ukraine by means of the extensive logistical network of the Association of Retailers of Ukraine.

Independent Retail Europe and the Association of Retailers of Ukraine are happy to assist any other organisation which is looking to supply humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Independent Retail Europe expresses its unequivocal support and solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. We strongly condemn the Russian military invasion of a sovereign European country. We welcome the actions taken by the European Commission, European Council, EU Member States, and countries around the World. We stand with Ukraine.

Independent Retail Europe

Established in 1963, **Independent Retail Europe** (formerly UGAL – the Union of groups of independent retailers of Europe) is the European association that acts as an umbrella organisation for groups of independent retailers in the food and non-food sectors. Independent Retail Europe represents retail groups characterised by the provision of a support network to independent SME retail entrepreneurs; joint purchasing of goods and services to attain efficiencies and economies of scale, as well as respect for the independent character of the individual retailer. Independent Retail Europe represents 23 large retail groups and associations and their over 403.900 retailers, who manage more than 759.000 sales outlets, with a combined retail turnover of more than 1,314 billion euros and generating a combined wholesale turnover of 484 billion euros. This represents a total employment of more than 6.620.000 persons.

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The Association of Retailers of Ukraine

The Association of Retailers of Ukraine is a specialized association of retail market players and companies directly related to retail. The members of the Association include more than 70 Ukrainian and international trade companies, among the partners – more than 30 companies representing B2B sphere and development.

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