



Extra everything

More products, more space, more choice – the new Tesco Extra stores, like this one at Peterborough, offer ‘Worlds’ of one-stop shopping

Tesco has an enviable asset base – a portfolio of bigger, better quality stores than any other UK retailer.

The sheer flexibility of size and format gives us more opportunities to serve our customers in ways which suit their different lifestyles.

Last year, we invested £240m in upgrading and expanding our existing stores. This included 18 major refits and 18 major extensions, adding over 200,000 sq ft of selling space. We also spent £350m on building new stores, opening 25 last year and adding over 635,000 sq ft of new selling space. These programmes included one new store and improvements to existing stores in Northern Ireland.

Part of our investment programme also included creating a further four Extra stores. Two were new stores – at Cardiff and Peterborough – and two were refits and extensions to our existing stores at New Malden and Baldock. Together with Pitsea, extended to an Extra store in 1997, this brings our total to five Extra stores. They have all



On the move

Tesco Express stores offer top-selling everyday products



been extremely popular with customers, showing the opportunity that exists for large, one-stop convenience shopping bringing together both food and non-food.

At the other end of the scale in terms of size, we opened our second Metro store in the city of London, at Bishopsgate, and two new Express Stores.

The Express stores, located at petrol stations, are trading successfully, and we are working with Esso to develop this format further.

Every Tesco store is tailored to its location and market, aiming to be 'No.1 locally'. There is no better example than our new superstore at Kensington, a stunning design occupying a highly visible location. Inside, the store layout has been specially designed for the busy shoppers of west and central London.

UK store formats



Number of stores



Average sales area (sq ft)

Extra	Very large stores including an extensive range of non-food 'Worlds'	5	80,600
Superstore	Large stores offering a full food range and many non-food products	269	38,600
Compact superstore	Our superstore range, but within a more compact environment	67	20,700
Other stores	'High street' stores, mainly selling food ranges and household goods	240	13,800
Metro	City-centre stores serving the needs of a busy working population	41	11,100
Express	Petrol station forecourt shops selling a range of everyday products	17	2,100
		639	25,000