## Lush agrees deal for new Poole manufacturing and distribution hub

Cosmetics retailer Lush has expanded its operations in Poole by establishing a new national manufacturing and distribution hub.

The firm, which is headquartered in the Dorset town and has more than 900 shops across 48 countries., has agreed deals for two further units at Fleets Corner Business Park, where it already has a major recycling operation for returned product bottles and containers.

One of the warehouses will facilitate Lush's material goods storage and production, which produces colour formulation for its global manufacturing sites. The second will be home to production departments for its ranges of oral care, makeup, and bathroom products.

The two signings have a combined gross internal area of approximately 103,000 sq ft, taking the company's total space at Fleets Corner — which fronts Nuffield Industrial Estate — to 275,000 sq ft.

Manufacturing director Chase Clark said: "The signing of the A1 & A2 units at Fleets Corner Business Park is part of Lush's strategic plan to secure the right space in the right place.

"The addition of these alongside our existing presence at the park takes 66% of our Poole based operations within Fleets Corner. This enables us to consolidate our manufacturing campus on the Nuffield Industrial Estate, supporting current capacity and future growth."

Stephen Ellis, senior investment manager at the park's

landlord Federated Hermes, added: "We are committed to supporting and nurturing existing occupiers at Fleets Corner, helping their businesses to grow by providing high quality, easily accessible space that can fulfil a variety of needs.

"By working closely with Lush, we have been able to provide them with space that meets all their requirements, and their loyalty is a great vote of confidence for other occupiers."

Galena Real Estate, JLL, Goadsby and CBRE acted for Federated Hermes on the deal.

Lush's expansion follows the signing of Poole-based civil, structural, and environmental engineering firm, which has taken 4,000 sq ft of newly refurbished office space at Fleets Corner's Waterloo House.

Other occupiers of the park include <u>Poole Bay Holdings</u> — one of the UK's leading marketers and manufacturers of workplace supplies.

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