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## The Parts Holding Europe Group (PHE) announces the acquisition by its subsidiary Doyen Auto of the company Autolux (Belgium)

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The PHE Group announces the acquisition by Doyen Auto, a subsidiary of the PHE Group, of the company Autolux, a multi-brand distributor of mechanical parts, bodywork, paint, tools, and garage equipment based in Belgium (Torhout) and a long-standing API partner of Doyen Auto.

Founded in 1982 by Noël Pollet and Martine Van Wulpen, Autolux has become a well-established player in the region, recognized for the breadth of its offering, its expertise, and the quality of its customer service. Under the leadership of Sven Pollet since 2001, the distributor has grown to become a major player in the region. As of December 31, 2024, Autolux reported a turnover of over 5 million euros.

This acquisition strengthens Doyen Auto's position in the Belgian market, particularly in Flanders. It will also help enhance the network density and reinforce local presence with customers in the region, following Doyen Auto's majority stake in the company Autofix.

Patrice ASTOR, CEO of Doyen Auto, comments: "The acquisition of Autolux is an opportunity that will accelerate the development of Doyen Auto in Belgium. We are expanding our network, enhancing our network development strategy, and offering a strong response to the needs of repairers. Sven Pollet will remain at the helm of Autolux to continue the development of the business and to support the Autolux team, which is renowned for its professionalism, know-how, and customer service."

Sven POLLET, Managing Director of Autolux, adds: "We are pleased to join Doyen Auto after a 40-year partnership this year; it was an obvious decision. This merger will allow us to continue our growth and expand our product and service offerings by leveraging synergies with the PHE Group, while ensuring the continuity of our operations for our employees and loyal customers."

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## **About Parts Holding Europe (PHE):**

Parts Holding Europe (PHE) is a leader in the independent distribution of spare parts for Light and Heavy Vehicles in Western Europe, present in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy and Spain. In France, the Group operates on the BtoB market for the distribution of spare parts, particularly to repair professionals, via Autodistribution, and on the BtoC market with Oscaro, a French leader in the online sale of spare parts for light vehicles. The PHE Group, supported by its shareholder the listed family investment company D'leteren Group, achieved in 2023 a consolidated turnover of €2,6 billion.

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## **About Doyen Auto:**

Founded in 1922, Doyen Auto is a major player in the distribution of spare parts and services for automotive professionals. Its powerful logistics network enables it to ensure fast deliveries from a stock of 110,000 references (185 brands), housed in 62,500 m<sup>2</sup> of storage space across 12 platforms.

Doyen Auto leverages its efficiency to serve the 166 distributors within its API and Autodistribution networks, as well as its 605 repairers across the Autoservice, AD Garage, and Omnitech concepts. The Group forms numerous partnerships with suppliers of tools, equipment, and consumables to best meet the needs of its networks. Doyen Auto operates in Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands, where it employs 602 people.

Doyen Auto is part of Parts Holding Europe (PHE), the leader in independent spare parts distribution for Light and Heavy Duty Vehicles in Western Europe, with a presence in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, and Spain.

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