

UK major investment target for Yusen Logistics

Yusen Logistics is investing £9m in its UK business, with a particular focus on IT and fleet.

Managing Director, Ian Veitch, explains: "Further to the company's merger last year enabling us to offer comprehensive air, ocean and contract logistics services and with significant growth now underway, the time was right to make a significant investment in the UK business to move it forward in line with the demands of the future."

YL is investing a further £2.2m in its award-winning IT to future-proof growth, optimise system availability and ensure maximum responsiveness across the business. The investment is being targeted at two key areas: IT infrastructure and the company's best-in-class transport management tools.

New 'high availability' servers serving all operational management tools are ensuring robust full system availability 365 x 24 x 7.

Major investment has also been made in Yusen Logistics' Transport Management solution, branded 'Vision.' This provides route and vehicle planning logic, trip execution and real time non-conformance management. At the same time all Windows and back office servers have been moved to a virtualised solution, ensuring high availability of these services.

Yusen Logistics UK is also benefitting from the recent major investment in the new in-house Global Ocean Operations System, GDS. This provides full Import and Export management and consignment tracking across all Yusen Logistics global operations.

Regarding investment in the UK vehicle fleet, there's just under £7m spent on Mechanical Handling Equipment (MHE), vehicles and trailers, all equipped with the latest safety and environmental features.

Specifically, the latest pillar-less tri-axle trailers equipped with sliding "Suzie" rails, have been added to the fleet, enabling drivers to couple trailers without needing to climb. Front air deflectors and Formula One style diffusers at the rear are maximising aerodynamic efficiency, to deliver fuel savings of over 3%. Included in the trailer order is Yusen Logistics' allocation of the longer 15.65m trailers, part of The Department for Transport trial.