

7-Eleven is 70,000 stores strong

Convenience retailer tops 70,000 global locations, more than any other international chain.

7-Eleven, Inc. has hit a major growth milestone by topping 70,000 stores. Shoppers can visit the world's largest convenience retailer in 17 countries and regions around the globe. The first 7-Eleven store in India is expected to open this year, expanding the company's operations to 18 countries.

"Over 93 years we've grown from a small local ice house in Oak Cliff, Texas to a global and iconic brand that is 70,000 stores strong," said 7-Eleven President and CEO Joe DePinto. "That strength is due to a relentless focus on meeting the needs of our customers. We'll continue to place our customers at the forefront of all we do."

Last year, 7-Eleven opened one store approximately every 3.5 hours.

Convenience retailing, and 7-Eleven were born in Dallas, Texas, in 1927 when an employee of The Southland Ice Company (now 7-Eleven, Inc.) began selling bread, milk and eggs from an ice dock after local grocery stores were closed. Unlike grocery stores, ice docks were open 16 hours a day, -- from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. – seven days a week.

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