

240 YEARS **OF THE AUSTRIAN** TOBACCO NONOPOLY

TOBACCONISTS

© THE CONCESSION. The right to sell tobacco products is granted by the MVG in the form of Concessions to tobacconists. They operate as independent entrepreneurs.

© THE SMOKE RING. The common signage (Smoke Ring) must be prominently displayed at every tobacconist's shop.

© THE MARGIN. Tobacconists are entitled to a legally fixed trade margin.

© THE PROTECTION. The monopoly provides territorial protection, offering tobacconists regional security.

THE SOCIAL SYSTEM. The unique allocation model for people with disabilities and the exclusive right of transfer to assisting relatives has resulted in Austria's largest inclusive network of entrepreneurs.

CUSTOMERS

© Every day, 1 million customers visit local tobacconists.

© 20.6% of adult Austrians smoke daily (23.7% of men and 17.9% of women).

YOU ARE WELCO

On average, male smokers consume 17.1 cigarettes daily, while women smoke 13.3 cigarettes.

© 5.6% of the population smokes occasionally, but not daily.

© Following the current health trend, the percentage of the smoking population is declining.

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THE TOBACCO MONOPOLY is an analog, three-part trading platform

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<text><text><text><text><text> service promise – the responsible sale of sensitive consumer goods. Customers expect to be able to purchase high-quality products in a modern environment. Adhering to youth protection regulations in the tobacconists is the promise to the Austrian population.

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Fiscal "Responsible retail of sensitive consumer goods"



O The third part of the monopoly platform consists of the partners. These include the Chamber of Commerce and, within the tobacco value chain, the industry, wholesalers, as well as suppliers, equipment providers, associations and federations.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE TOBACCONISTS use the structures of the Chamber of Commerce (WKO) to organize themselves. The federal and regional committees of Austrian tobacconists, including elected officials, advocate for effective representation of their interests. The WKO provides extensive service offerings.

INDUSTRY

THE INDUSTRY produces tobacco products according to current regulations (tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide content, warning labels) outlined in the Tobacco and Non-Smokers Protection Act (TNRSG) and distributes its products exclusively through wholesalers approved by the Ministry of Finance. Advertising for tobacco products is prohibited.

The four major providers and their most significant products: PMI – Philip Morris International (Marlboro, Chesterfield, IQOS ...) JTI – Japan Tobacco Industries (Winston, Benson & Hedges, Camel ...) **IMP** – Imperial Brands (Gauloises, JPS, West ...) BAT – British American Tobacco (Lucky Strike, Pall Mall, Parisienne ...)

WHOLESALE

THE WOHLESALE sector supplies all tobacconists with tobacco products under the same conditions. Prices are set by wholesalers in coordination with the industry and are publicly announced by the MVG after being reported to the Federal Ministry of Finance. All tobacconists are required to sell their tobacco products at these set prices. The commercial wholesale distribution of tobacco products within the monopoly area is reserved for wholesalers authorized by the Ministry of Finance.

Currently, there are 14 wholesalers, with the three largest being **Tobaccoland** (for JTI & IMP among others) Philip Morris Austria (for PMI) Moosmayr (for BAT among others)

SUPPLIERS

Other suppliers use Austrian tobacconists as a central and responsible distribution channel to sell their products

THE AUSTRIAN LOTTERIES use tobacconists as a central distribution channel to sell their products. In addition, sports betting is also offered. Tobacconists implement youth protection regulations for the lotteries.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS distribute their print products through the Austrian tobacconists network. The PGV (Press Wholesale Distribution) delivers press products to nearly all tobacconists daily. Other suppliers use Austrian tobacconists as a central and responsible distribution channel to sell their products.

ASSOCIATIONS & CLUBS

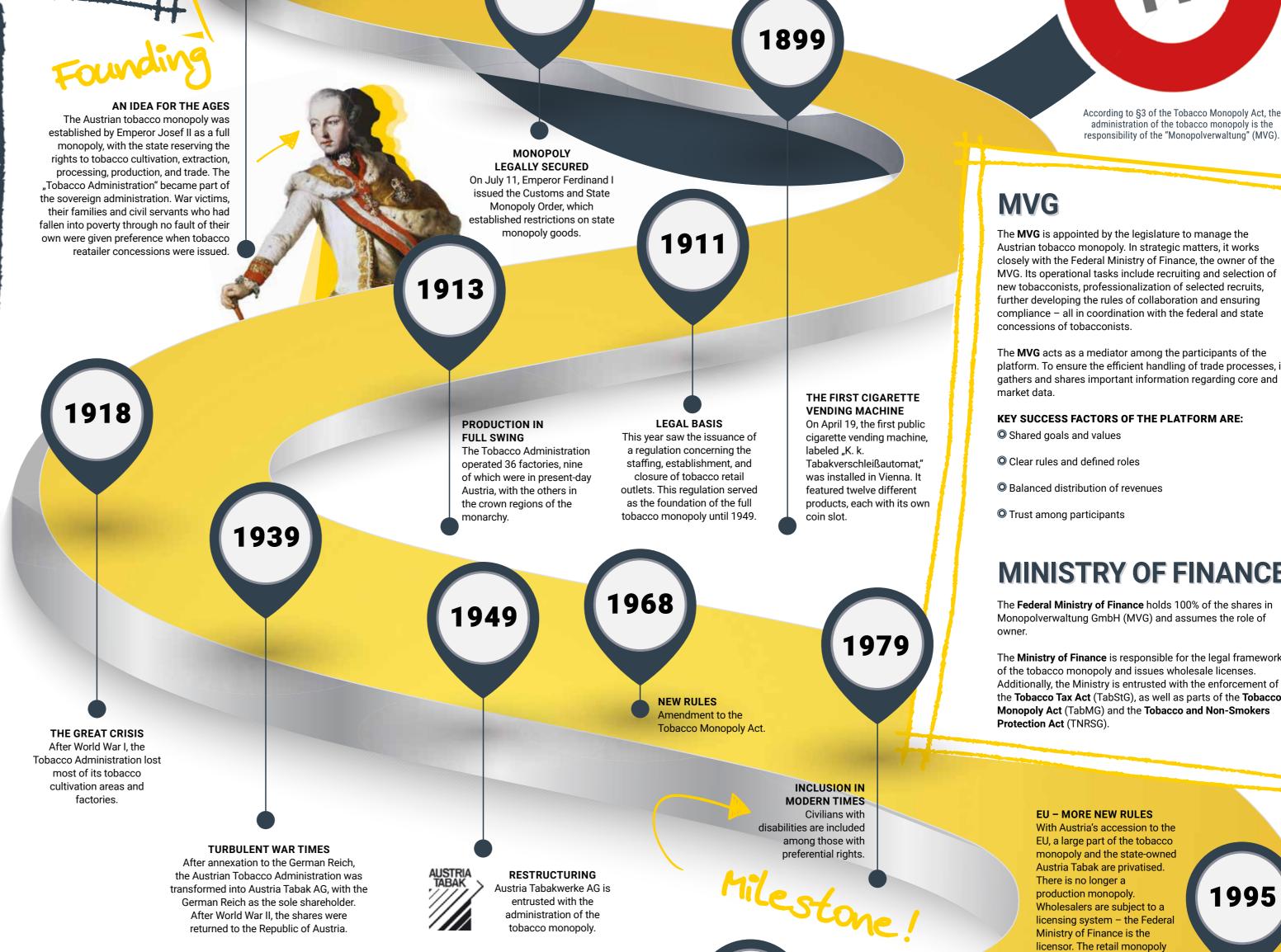
The Austrian Disability Council (umbrella organization of all disability associations), the KOBV (largest disability association), the ÖZIV (Austrian Civil Disability Association), and other initiatives such as AED, myAbility, WienWork, and Zero Project, work together with the MVG to promote a fair working environment for people with disabilities. The **Wohlfahrtseinrichtung** (WE) is a private association and service provider for tobacconists. The Association of Cigar and Pipe Specialists (VCPÖ) supports Austrian tobacco retailers in their efforts to serve their customers.

STORE OUTFITTERS

MEDIA

Specialists in tobacconist stores construction-from carpenters to interior designers, cash register manufacturers, tobacco vending machine providers, and other shop outfitters-ensure smooth operations in tobacco outlets and provide the necessary infrastructure.

Both analog and digital media are used for communicating innovations and current topics (trade



The **MVG** is appointed by the legislature to manage the Austrian tobacco monopoly. In strategic matters, it works closely with the Federal Ministry of Finance, the owner of the MVG. Its operational tasks include recruiting and selection of new tobacconists, professionalization of selected recruits, further developing the rules of collaboration and ensuring compliance - all in coordination with the federal and state

The **MVG** acts as a mediator among the participants of the platform. To ensure the efficient handling of trade processes, it gathers and shares important information regarding core and

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS OF THE PLATFORM ARE:

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

The Federal Ministry of Finance holds 100% of the shares in Monopolverwaltung GmbH (MVG) and assumes the role of

The **Ministry of Finance** is responsible for the legal framework of the tobacco monopoly and issues wholesale licenses. Additionally, the Ministry is entrusted with the enforcement of the Tobacco Tax Act (TabStG), as well as parts of the Tobacco Monopoly Act (TabMG) and the Tobacco and Non-Smokers

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NEW ALLOCATION Switch to the allocation of tobacconist Concessions: Allocation based on the Federal Procurement Act for Concessions 2018 (BVergGKonz).

2023

THE NEW LAW The amendment to the Tobacco Monopoly Act secures the inclusive allocation model. The allocation of concessions and the structural policy goals are incorporated into the TabMG.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Family members of people with disabilities are granted the right to take over tobacconist shops.

2019

YOUTH PROTECTION - AGE 18 Consumption, purchase, possession and distribution of tobacco products are prohibited for individuals under 18 years of age.

SMOKING BAN IN RESTAURANTS AND BARS As of November 1, a nationwide smoking ban is in effect in all hospitality establishments.

CLEAR GOALS The goals of the MVG (social, health, and fiscal objectives) are enshrined in the Tobacco Monopoly Act.

2018

FOUNDING OF MVG Monopolverwaltung GesmbH (MVG), with the Republic of Austria as its sole owner, is established and begins its operations across the entire country.

MONOPOLVERWALTUNG GME

2024



2021

FOR 240 YEARS, THE MONOPOLY HAS STOOD FOR THE RESPONSIBLE RETAIL OF SENSITIVE CONSUMER GOODS, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON INCLUSION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

THIS GLOBALLY UNIQUE AND SUCCESSFUL MODEL WELCOMES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES INTO THE PRIMARY LABOR MARKET. IT'S A SYSTEM WE CAN TRULY BE PROUD OF!

MAGNUS BRUNNER

Federal Minister of Finance

THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR TOBACCO MONOPOLY REMINDS US OF THE DEEPLY ROOTED VALUES OF INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT.

AS WE CELEBRATE 240 YEARS, WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE RESPONSIBLE HANDLING OF SENSITIVE GOODS AND THE PROMOTION OF INCLUSIVE BUSINESS MODELS.

WOLFGANG **STREISSNIG**

Federal Chairman of the Tobacconists' Committee

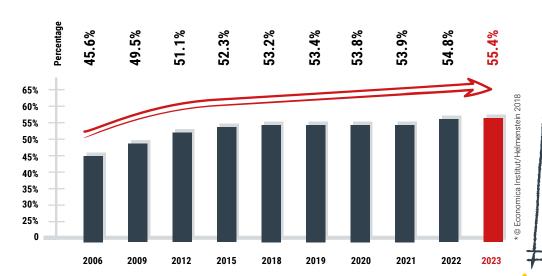
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FOR 240 YEARS, THE AUSTRIAN TOBACCO MONOPOLY HAS EMBODIED NOT ONLY ECONOMIC SUCCESS BUT ALSO SOCIAL INCLUSION.

IT PROVIDES SMALL FAMILY BUSINESSES WITH A SECURE FUTURE AND OFFERS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES A UNIQUE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

INCLUSIVE TOBACCO BUSINESS NETWORK

In Austria, 1,218 tobacco retailers operate as entrepreneurs with disabilities. Overall, tobacconists create and secure 12,000 jobs as employers at 4,684 locations.*



365 DAYS of inclusion

EVERY FIFTH DAY, ON AVERAGE, THE MVG SUPPORTS ANOTHER PERSON WITH DISABILITIES IN STARTING A BUSINESS AND TAKING A RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN THE PRIMARY LABOR SECTOR.

Livelihood for PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

100% of concessions of tobacco retailers are rewarded to people with disabilites. This tradition dates to the establishment of the Austrian tobacco monopoly in 1784.

Currently, 55.4% of tobacconists in Austria are individuals with a disability degree of at least fifty percent. The Austrian state tobacco monopoly has created the largest inclusive business network in the country.

FRANZ GROSCHAN

President of the War Victims and Disabled Persons Association (KOBV)

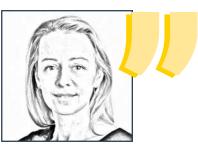
THROUGH TARGETED INFORMATION AND COUNSELING, THE MVG SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTS LONG-TERM, PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—THIS IS INCLUSION IN PRACTICE.



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CHRISTINE Steger

Disability Advocate



THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MVG PROVIDE FUNDAMENTAL SUPPORT FOR TRANSITIONING INTO NEW SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MANY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS OPENS NEW DOORS FOR PARTICIPATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

SUSTAINABILITY

Social Responsibility

#PEOPLEWITHDISABILITIES

- MVG actively advocates for the selfdetermination of people with disabilities as entrepreneurs.
- MVG enhances the image of the inclusive platform and raises awareness of its social objectives.
- MVG promotes health policy goals by increasing tobacconist awareness of youth protection by decisively steering them toward less harmful products.

MVG has developed a sustainability strategy based on the Global Reporting Initiative and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

here we are world champions!

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MVG strengthens ecological awareness regarding sensitive consumer goods along the value chain and demands ecological responsibility from all partners of the monopoly platform.

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Economy #SUSTAINABLEFUTURE

MVG ensures a balanced distribution of monopoly revenues among the platform's participants, with a particular focus on a sustainable future for tobacconists.

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READY FOR THE FUTURE

MVG modern

In recent years, MVG has optimized business processes, expanded communication channels, digitized workflows and supported a legislative amendment.

YOUTH PROTECTION CHECKS

To ensure responsible retailing of sensitive goods by tobacconists, MVG has been conducting mystery shopping since 2017 to monitor compliance with youth protection regulations.

2019

MARKET ANALYSIS

Ongoing analyses of the market for the Austrian monopoly's goods are conducted in terms of both sales volumes and revenue values. This allows MVG to assess the economic development of the monopoly.

COMPANY VALUATION

TOBACCONIST

Every quarter, around

500 tobacconists are

asked brief questions

and their satisfaction

with the work of MVG.

about the industry mood

BAROMETER

Buyout-Payment: Since 2018, vacant tobacconist businesses have been uniformly evaluated. A unique model, tailored to the specifics of the monopoly, has been developed to calculate the buyout amount, ensuring that succession is fair and transparent.



TRACK & TRACE

Based on the EU directive, a system for the seamless traceability of tobacco products within the EU has existed since May 2019. MVG serves as the central ID-issuing authority in Austria, handling 600 million pack codes annually.



2017

E-INVOICING Goodbye to paper invoices – MVG has transitioned all suppliers to a digital invoicing workflow.

2021

BARRIER-FREE OFFICE

In March 2021, the team from the Vienna – Tobacco Monopoly Administration moved to an office complex at the main train station. The MVG office is fully accessible and easily reachable by public transport.

AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO MONOPOLY ACT (TABMG)

In July 2023, a legislative amendment came into effect. The allocation of concessions is now carried out in accordance with the Federal Procurement Act for Concessions. Our inclusive allocation model is legally secured.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND HOMEPAGE

Since June 2021, MVG has been active on Facebook and Instagram. In February 2022, the new MVG website went live and was certified as accessible by WACA.

100% SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

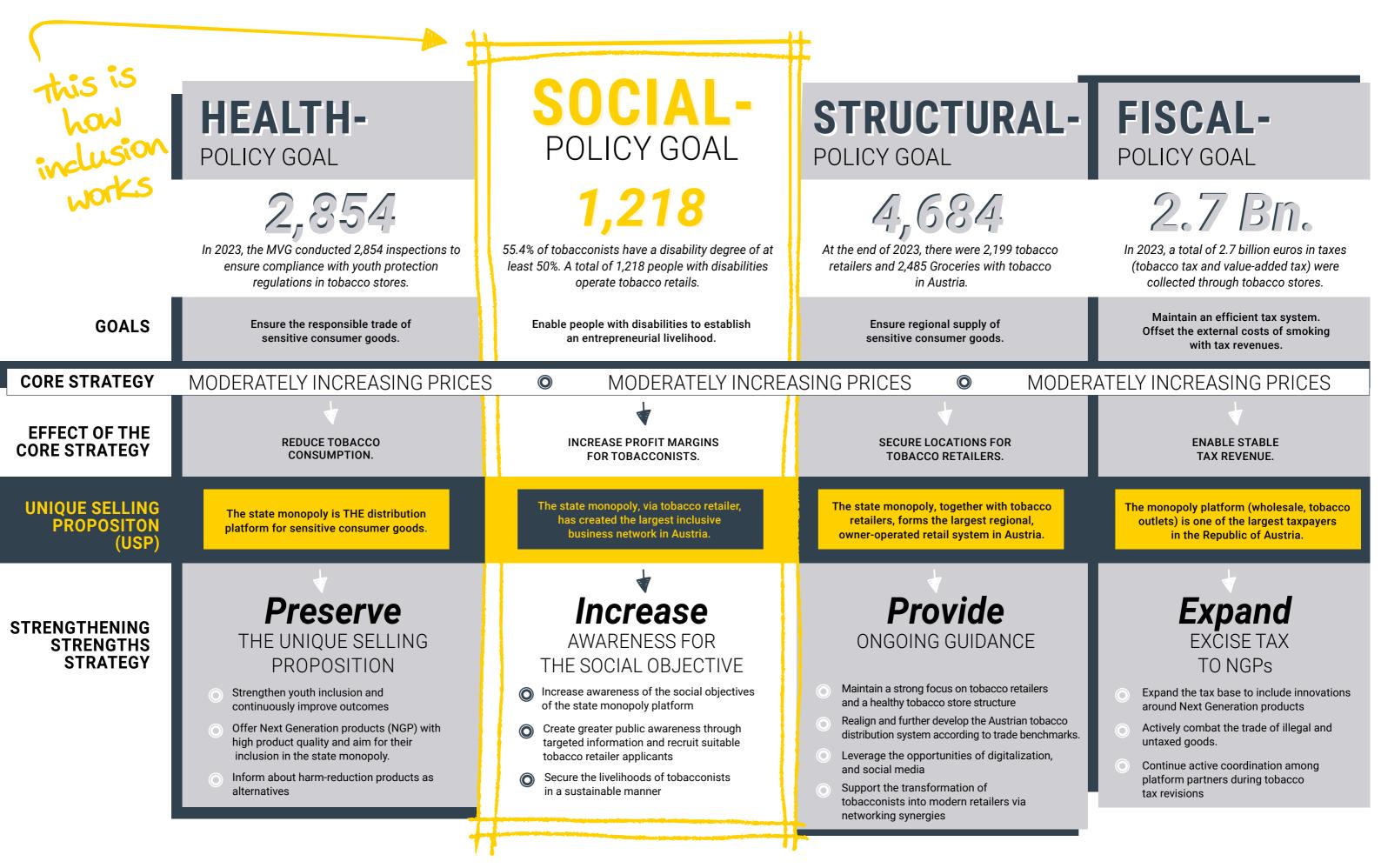
Relatives acquire a _____ personal and unique right to take over the concession from people with disabilities as long as they were employed full-time there. Youth protection checks can now be completed even after the purchase process is finalized.

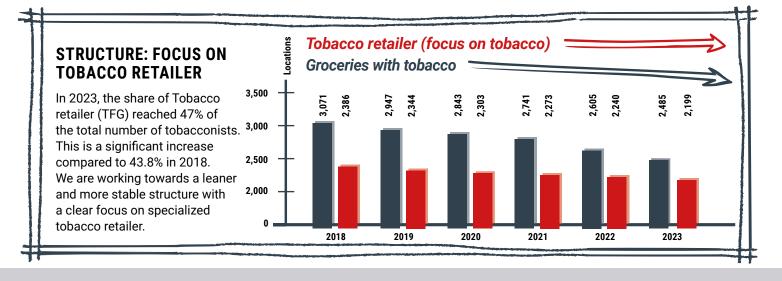
DIGITAL FILES & DIGITAL WORKFLOW Over 6,014 tobacconist

files have been digitized, with more than one million pages scanned. The entire allocation process has been converted to a digital workflow.



STRATEGIES & GOALS OF THE MVG





"TABAK TRAFIK" IN NUMBERS

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Total number of tobacco outlets	205	480	306	811	355	701	203	1,039	584	4,684
Tobacco retailer	76	150	138	327	149	330	76	400	553	2,199
Grocery with tobacco*	129	330	168	484	206	371	127	639	31	2,485
People with disabilites	41	67	82	201	57	171	41	224	334	1,218
Percentage of tobacconists with disabilities tobacco retailer	53.9%	44.7%	59.4%	61.5%	38.3%	51.8%	53.9%	56.0%	60.4%	55.4%
Percentage of women tobacco retailer	37.8%	43.2%	41.6%	36.3%	46.9%	45.7%	52.6%	44.6%	38.6%	42.0%
Sales area in m ²	35 m ²	31 m ²	28 m ²	35 m ²	32 m²	30 m ²	24 m ²	33 m²	28 m²	31 m²
*Average value of the tobacco retailer (TFG) awarded in 2023 The oldest tobacconist is 90 years old and lives in Vienna The youngest to the following of the tobacconists are 37 years old when they take over a shop										
The average age of tobacconists is 23 years The average age of tobacconists is 53 years. 70% of a tobacco retailer's revenue comes from the sale of tobacco products The average tobacco trade margin per tobacco trade to										
The average pre-tax profit tobacco shop is €62,817						ber tobacco shop is €131,557				
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ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023, the monopoly market remained stable. The moderate tobacco tax measures proved to be a brake on inflation. Trade margin revenues increased, and heated tobacco and other New Generation products gained market share.

