

The yellow class.



# **PostBus – the master of change**



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## PostBus as a company

# successful

### PostBus as a company (1) A story that dates back more than 100 years

- 1849: Establishment of horse-drawn postal network
- 1906: First scheduled motorized delivery route between Berne and Detligen (replaces a horse-drawn carriage route)
- 1919/1920: Conversion of 40 army vehicles into Postbuses, resulting in more than 12 new routes in the Central Plateau region – a significant development
- 1921: Introduction of Alpine Post: Opening of Grimsel, Furka, Bernardino and Oberalp passes
- 1930: Replacement of almost all horsedrawn routes (with the last remaining route in Graubünden only closing in 1961!)
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## **PostBus as a company (2)** From the Alps to the cities

- 1946: Opening of the Susten Pass and start of an era which included the famous three and four-pass round trips which still remain favourites today
- 1956: Ticket machines are installed in 50 Postbuses
- 1965: The first, modern, sheltered PostBus station was built above the platforms of the main railway station in Berne
- 1969: The first articulated Postbus was brought into operation
- 1980: PostBus began operating the city buses in Bellinzona



### **PostBus as a company (3)** The number one in regional road-based transport

### wiss Federal Railways SBB is the rail-based market lead

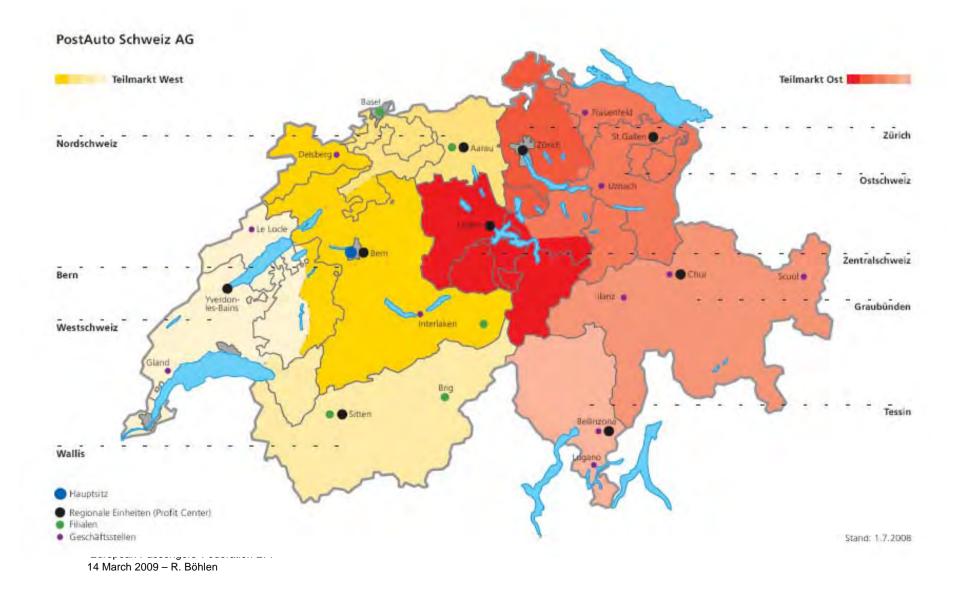
#### PostBus Switzerland Ltd. is the road-based market leader

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Private railways	42
Urban public transport operators	16
Licensed bus operators (private/public)	162
Shipping companies	20
Aerial cableways etc.	318

Source: www.litra.ch Transport figures - general data, 2007

### **PostBus as a company (4)** A decentralized company covering nine regions



## **PostBus as a company (5)**

Top-quality services ensure number one ranking in Switzerland

	Total	Generated
abroad		
Turnover	EUR 364 m.	EUR 18.5 m.
Kilometres travelled p.a.	94 million km	5.5 million km
Passengers	116 m.	5 m.
Route coverage	10,210 km	383 km
No. of routes	767	29
No. of vehicles	2020	111
Employees	1,853 (heads)	252
Subcontractors	217*)	

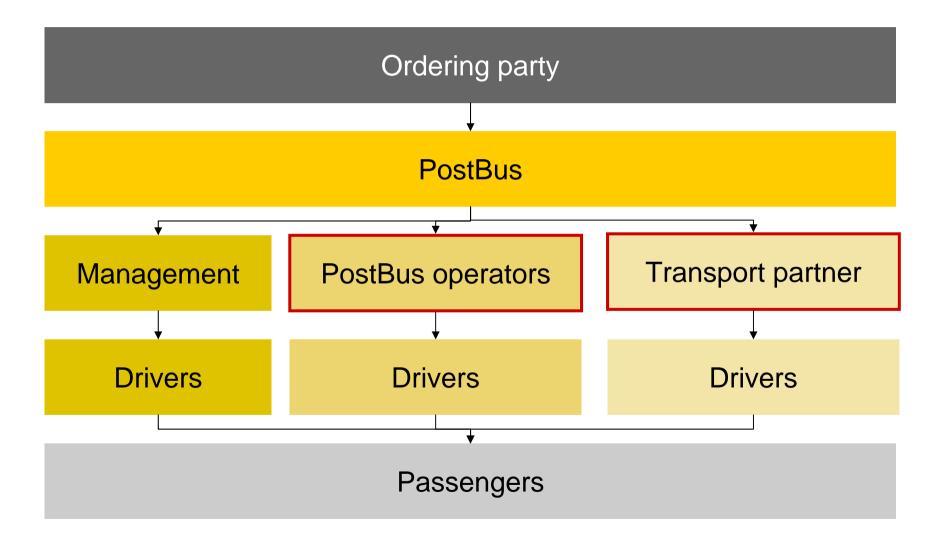
\*) PostBus operators with approx. 1,340 drivers witzerland Ltd. performance report 07

EUR 1 = CHF 1.68)

# PostBus subcontractor model in Switzerland

# cooperative

### PostBus subcontractor model in Switzerland (1) Overview



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### **PostBus subcontractor model in Switzerland (2)** Operating conditions

The following operating conditions apply to all business models:

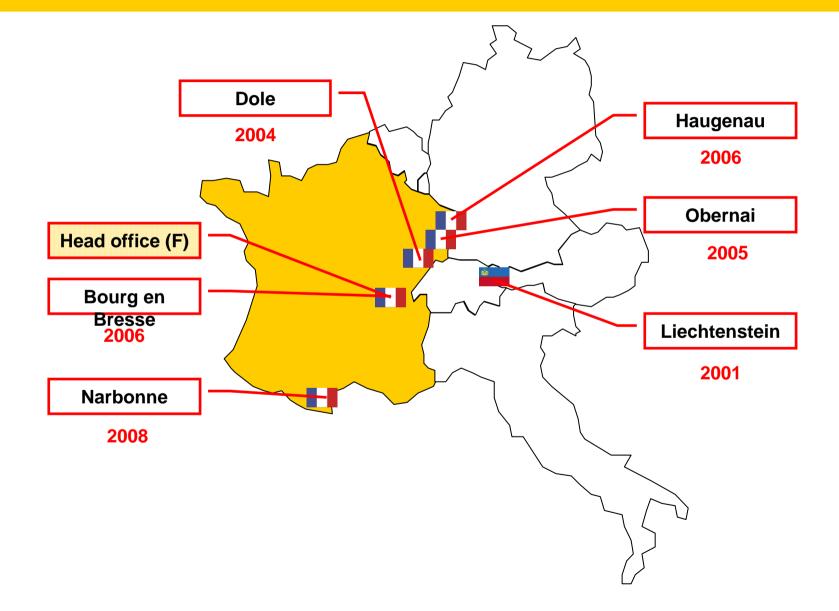
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# Growth through the expansion of activities abroad



### **Growth abroad (1)** Networks in France and the Principality of Liechtenstein



### **Growth abroad (2)** Development of strategy for international growth

#### **Change of strategy in three key parameters**

#### 2001 - 2007

- 1 Geography: idea of proximity → reduced perimeters +/- 200 km around Switzerland
- 2 Target markets: predominantly urban, small and medium-sized towns and conurbations
- 3 Market entry: by **winning** tenders

#### **Since 2008**

- 1 Geography: interesting areas for public transport → e.g. eight regions throughout France
- 2 Target markets: **urban** (mediumsized towns and conurbations) and **regional transport**
- 3 Market entry: tenders, cooperation agreements with independent companies and/or company acquisitions

### **Growth abroad (3)**

Start of strategy implementation in Germany and Italy

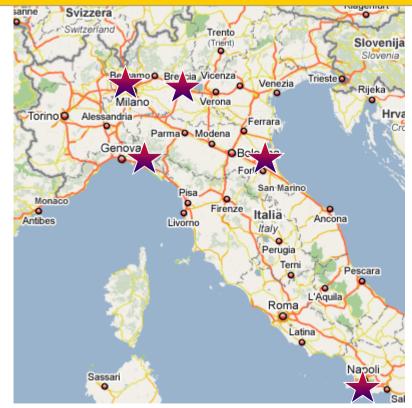
Germany in 2008:

- Initial contact with potential cooperation partners
- Passive participation in trade fairs



Italy in 2008:

- Initial contact with potential cooperation partners
- Active participation in trade fairs



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