

PRESS RELEASE

GDS Global Expands into New Zealand through Exclusive Partnership with ARA Manufacture Metalbilt, New Zealand's Leading Industrial and Commercial Door System Designer and Manufacturer

- Entered into an exclusive distributorship agreement to appoint ARA Manufacture Metalbilt as the exclusive distributor of Gliderol products in New Zealand for a tenure of two years.
- The exclusive distributorship agreement covers Gliderol range of premium industrial and commercial door solutions, including its patented insulated fire shutters (“IFS”).
- Marks the Group's strategic entry into the New Zealand market, expanding its geographical footprint through complementary partnerships with established local market leaders.
- Allows both companies to leverage their complementary strengths in engineering design, manufacturing expertise, product customisation, and local market execution, enabling the delivery of high-performance, purpose-built solutions to customers in New Zealand.

Singapore, 9 February 2026 – **GDS Global Limited** (“**GDS**” or the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), a leading specialist provider of commercial and industrial door and shutter solutions in Singapore and the South East Asia region, is pleased to announce that the Group has recently signed an exclusive distributorship agreement with ARA Group NZ Ltd T/A Metalbilt (“**ARA Manufacture Metalbilt**”) as the exclusive distributor of Gliderol products in New Zealand for a tenure of two years.

Established in Auckland in 1954, ARA Manufacture Metalbilt is New Zealand's leading industrial and commercial door designer and manufacturer. With over 70 years of design and manufacturing expertise, ARA Manufacture Metalbilt is recognised for pushing boundaries through innovation and high-performance door solutions tailored for demanding environments.

By combining Gliderol proprietary product range and engineering capabilities with ARA Manufacture Metalbilt's deep local market knowledge and distribution network, the Group will be well-positioned to capitalise on growth opportunities in New Zealand's commercial and industrial door market together.

The Group's IFS and other engineered door solutions are increasingly adopted across critical infrastructure, industrial facilities, and commercial developments to enhance resilience against fire hazardous and weather conditions while maintaining operational continuity and safety.



Mr Tang Hee Sung, Non-Executive Non-Independent Chairman, said: “This partnership with ARA Manufacture Metalbilt reflects our strategy of expanding Gilderol premium and engineered product offerings through selective partnerships with strong local market leaders.

The inclusion of our premium product range such as IFS and other specialised door systems reflects our commitment to enhance the safety standards of our end-customers operating in increasingly complex and demanding environments.

We see this collaboration as an important step in extending our geographical footprint while strengthening the Group’s long-term competitiveness through practical, execution-focused market expansion.”

Commenting on the partnership, Mr Paul Hancock, the General Manager of ARA Manufacture Metalbilt added: “We are witnessing a positive demand trend for the insulated fire shutters and other custom-engineered door systems, this partnership enhances our ability to meet evolving customer requirements across New Zealand.

Gliderol specialised door and shutter solutions will strengthen our ability to deliver the best-fit solutions for businesses requiring dependable, high-performance access systems.

Together with GDS Global, we are well positioned to support our customers that require engineered, performance-driven access systems.”

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**About GDS Global Limited**

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With an operating history since 1982, GDS is a leading specialist provider of commercial and industrial door and shutter solutions in Singapore and the South East Asia region.

Headquartered in Singapore and listed since 2013, GDS operates one of the largest manufacturing facilities amongst industry players.

Backed by its strong technical expertise, proprietary know-how and technology-based solutions, the Group's extensive range of door and shutter systems can be tailored to the specific needs and requirements of its customers that span a broad spectrum of industries such as manufacturing, data centres, warehousing, food processing, healthcare, education, aerospace, security and defence.

Underscoring its technology-driven edge, GDS is the first Singapore manufacturer that can offer steel insulated fire shutters with an insulation value of up to 240 minutes. In addition, the Group is the developer of the first blast-mitigating shutter in the world.

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