

## **MATALAN**

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John Hargreaves, the founder of Matalan, discovered the out of town retail US concept that sold a range of food and non-food products at low prices in the 1970's. John decided to implement the same retail concept in the UK, so in 1985 the first Matalan store opened in Preston. Since then Matalan has grown significantly and by 1995 there were 50 stores across the UK. In 1997, in order to cope with Matalan's growth, the head office was relocated from Preston to Skelmersdale along with a new distribution centre. Matalan now trades from 5 million square feet in over 200 stores.