
Zabka has won the prestigious NACS Technology Award

Zabka has won the NACS European Convenience Retail Technology Award, recognizing the company's unique, fully autonomous Zabka Nano store concept. The award, sponsored by Gilbarco Veeder-Root, was presented on 2 June this year during the NACS Convenience Summit Europe in Berlin. The award was collected by Paweł Grabowski, director of unmanned solutions at Zabka Future.

The NACS Convenience Retail Technology Award recognizes Zabka for pursuing a significant and compelling technology initiative in the convenience retailing segment. The judges agreed that Zabka Nano offers much more than just a frictionless shopping experience – it's a holistic approach to offering next-level convenience where autonomous retail is in tandem with a compelling store proposition.

The first facility in this innovative concept - allowing you to shop in seconds, without queues, without cash or contact with shop attendants - was launched in June 2021. Zabka Nano stores operate in several formats, i.e. standalone container vending machines, traditional brick-and-mortar, or store-in-the-store. Each of them uses technology developed in close cooperation with American technology company AiFi. The range offered by Zabka Nano stores is precisely tailored to the specifics of the location and profile of the customer.

Today there are more than 40 Zabka Nano stores operating in the Polish market, making Zabka the largest autonomous store chain in Europe. The retail concept was created as part of the Zabka Future Business Incubator, which combines three elements: management and searching for innovations, transforming them into new products and services, and commercializing them.

The NACS European Convenience Retail Awards are given by NACS, which was founded in 1961 as an international trade association for the development of retail and fuel sales. The aim is to highlight outstanding achievements in European retail. The winners are selected in four categories: Convenience Retailer of the Year, Convenience Industry Leader of the Year, Convenience Retail Sustainability Award, and Convenience Retail Technology Award.

Zabka Polska Sp. z o.o. is the owner of the fastest-growing chain of convenience stores in Poland and one of the most dynamic formats in the world, opening more than 4000 new stores in 2016-21. About 15.5 million Polish consumers live no further than 500 m from the nearest Zabka store. As part of its responsibility strategy, Zabka has made commitments in the areas of good nutrition, services that facilitate sustainable life, the development of entrepreneurship, diversity and inclusive organizational culture, corporate governance, and decarbonization and circularity. More information about Zabka Polska at: www.zabka.pl. Link to the 2020 Responsibility Report: <https://raportodpowiedzialnosci.zabka.pl/>

Zabka Future is one of the organizational units that comprise the new management structure of Zabka. Zabka Future teams are responsible for the search, creation, and development of technological and system tools for the future. This area reports to Tomasz Blicharski, EVP, Managing Director of Zabka Future.



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