State-of-the-Art E-Commerce Distribution Center Developed on an Aggressive Schedule

Opportunity
Home Depot, the world’s largest home improvement retailer, needed to develop a distribution facility to accommodate its rapidly growing e-commerce business. This was to be the company’s first ground-up e-commerce center exclusively for conveyable goods, and they needed it built as soon as possible. Home Depot chose an Atlanta location because the city is a central distribution point for serving the southeastern United States.

Challenge
To meet customers’ online shopping demands, Home Depot wanted the new facility to be fully operational within one year, a highly compressed timeline by industry standards. In addition to the tight schedule, the size of the distribution center—measuring more than 1 million square feet—called for a large quantity of building materials and an especially strong construction management team.

Solution
Since 2008, Prologis has delivered five build-to-suit properties for Home Depot, including this one in Georgia. Nationwide, we have developed more than 6.5 million square feet for the retailer. Based on the strength and tenure of our relationship, Home Depot contracted with Prologis to deliver on their tight 12-month timeline. The project specified an aggressive “dry in shell” delivery date so the retailer could start installing its mechanized fixtures inside the building. The project also entailed diligent construction management for timely procurement of the vast resources necessary for a building of this size.