Atlanta United Major League Soccer Practice Facility

Atlanta United FC, commonly known as Atlanta United, is an American professional soccer club based in Atlanta, Georgia, that competes in Major League Soccer as a member of the league's Eastern Conference. It is the most recent winner of the MLS Cup, U.S. Open Cup, and Campeones Cup. The soccer club's high-tech, state-of-the-art, $60 million training and practice facility is based in Cobb County.
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**Thyssenkrupp Elevators – Headquarters and new Elevator Test Tower**

Thyssenkrupp Elevators, a German company, is planning to build a new North American headquarters in the Battery area of SunTrust Park in Cobb County. The new facility is expected to create more than 600 jobs and Cobb’s tallest building – a 420-foot elevator test tower.

**IKEA Company – Major Store Development**

IKEA - The Swedish build-it-yourself furniture and retail company announced last December it plans to build a 338,000-square-foot shopping center in Marietta. Company planning is ongoing and the site of the proposed store has not yet begun, but IKEA closed on the 28-acre property in April, 2019, buying it from the city of Marietta for $9.25 million. The company also purchased an adjacent 6-acre shopping center at the same time.
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Lidl European Grocery Company
Major Expansion

A European grocery store chain looking to establish a presence in the United States is set to build multiple American locations in Cobb County. German grocery store Lidl is behind the proposal as part of the company's efforts to expand in the U.S. Lidl has more than 10,000 stores in 29 countries, according to the company's website.

Home Depot
Headquarters Expansion

A planned office expansion in Cobb County by The Home Depot Inc. has gotten a green light. A Cobb County judge has approved plans by the county's development authority to issue bonds and provide tax breaks to the Cobb County-based home improvement giant (NYSE: HD) to finance a new office space lease and renovation. The Marietta Daily Journal and Atlanta Business Chronicle reported in October, 2018 that Home Depot would move into at least 200,000 square feet of office space in Pennant Park, a large office development near SunTrust Park and Battery Atlanta. This project is expected to help Home Depot bring an additional 700 jobs to the Cobb County area with salaries of about $100,000 each. Home Depot reported November 13, 2018 that it expects sales to grow 7.2 percent this year based on continued sales strength across its stores, as well as, healthy growth in its digital business.