

EVOLYN to acquire 12 high-speed trains to link UK and EU

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The new operator **EVOLYN** has reached an agreement to acquire 12 high-speed trains from French manufacturer Alstom to start operating on the Channel Tunnel.

After three years in development, the acquisition agreement for the 12 trains, with an option to scale up to 16, represents the materialisation of the project, which aims to start running in 2025.

The EVOLYN project involves an estimated total investment of £1 billion GBP. It is led by the Spanish Cosmen family and is backed by British and French industrial and financial partners.

Jorge Cosmen, CEO of EVOLYN, said: "The acquisition of 12 high-speed, state-of-the-art trains, to be expanded to a minimum of 16 according to our forecasts, is the definitive step in the materialization of EVOLYN, a high-speed rail operator that has been under development for three years and that today marks a very important milestone.

"We know that the governments of the United Kingdom and France welcome a project that will allow their citizens to increase the connection options between the UK and several countries in continental Europe with a green alternative that will also contribute to decarbonisation."

The high-speed trains will be of the AVELIA range. Specifically, EVOLYN plans to contribute to achieving a significant reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030 and zero emissions by 2050.

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