

in brief

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Arriva runs bus services in northern Portugal and owns TST, the leading bus service operator to the south of Lisbon.

History

Arriva entered the Portuguese bus market in 2000 when it acquired AMI Transportes, Joao Carlos Soares and Abilio da Costa Moreira, three family-owned companies running inter-urban services in the north west of Portugal.

In June 2002 it acquired 51 per cent of Transportes Sul do Tejo (TST) from the Barraqueiro Group and exercised its option to purchase the remaining 49 per cent in September 2003.

The market

The Portuguese bus market is highly fragmented outside the main cities, with long, rolling concessions typically of 10 years granted to bus operators. There is no competitive tendering, but maximum fare levels are controlled by regional governments.

In Portugal there are proposals to create new metropolitan authorities, which may lead to the introduction of competitive tendering for bus and rail services in the cities of Lisbon and Porto.

Bus

Arriva Portugal – Transportes LDA

Arriva's operations in the north of the country, Arriva Portugal – Transportes LDA, is one of Portugal's leading bus companies.



In 2006, Arriva acquired 21.5 per cent of Barraqueiro SGPS SA, the leading Portuguese transport operator, with bus and rail operations in and around Lisbon. In January 2008, Arriva acquired a further 10 per cent increasing its stake to 31.5 per cent.

Transportes Sul do Tejo (TST)

TST is the major private operator of scheduled bus and coach services in the growing commuter region to the south of Lisbon, an area of some 600 square miles. It also operates schools and works contracts in the region.



Arriva in Portugal

The combined business has a fleet of 905 vehicles and more than 1,620 employees.

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