

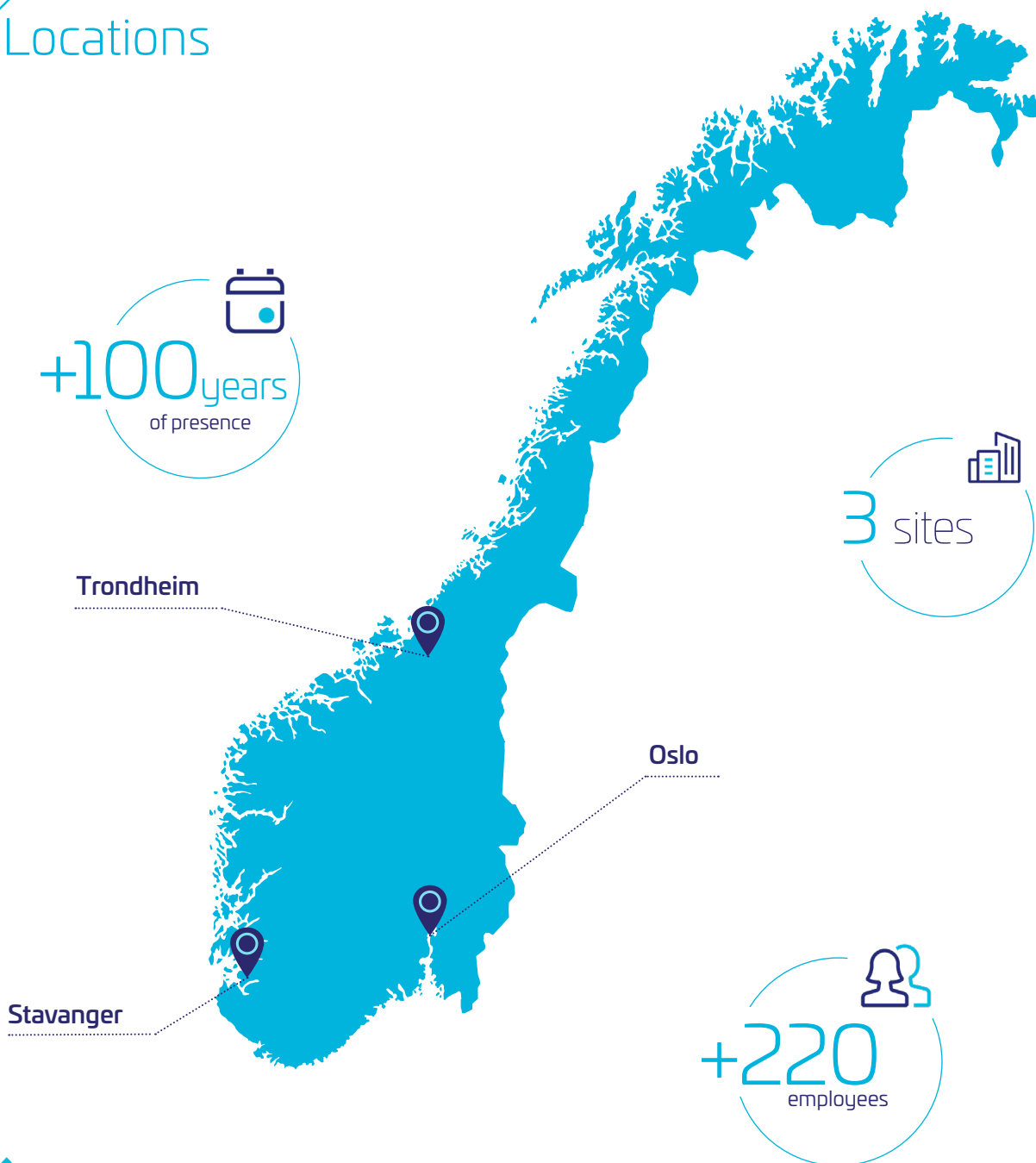


Thales in Norway

Factsheet



Locations



Did you know?

- Thales runs a **helicopter training & simulation centre in Stavanger**, which opened in 2016.
- Thales Norway has been **the principal supplier of IP-encryption to NATO for more than 25 years**.
- In 2025 Thales and Kongsberg signed an agreement to set up **a joint venture company in the field of secure communications**.

About **Thales**

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies for the Defence, Aerospace, and Cyber & Digital sectors. Its portfolio of innovative products and services helps address several major challenges: sovereignty, security, sustainability and inclusion.

The Group allocates €4.5 billion per year in Research & Development in key areas, particularly for critical environments, such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Quantum and Cloud technologies.

Thales has more than 85,000 employees in 65 countries. In 2025, the Group generated sales of €22.1 billion.

Thales in Norway

Thales in Norway is a significant technology supplier for Defence, Space, Avionics and Digital Identity & Security. With more than 100-year long presence in Norway, Thales has around 250 employees in three main locations across the country.

In the defence and security market, Thales Norway AS is a trusted partner in developing and delivering world leading, high-grade secure communication systems for extreme challenges within Norway and its allies. Thales Norway AS operates under the Norwegian Safety Act and is an integrated part of the total defence concept in Norway.

In civil aviation, Thales operates a helicopter Training & Simulation centre in Stavanger.

In cyber and digital, Thales is the primary provider of passports to the Norwegian government.



Defence

Addressing a growing range of ever-changing threats, Thales supports nations and their armed forces to make the right decisions at the right time through advanced technologies, solutions and services – in the land, sea, and air domains. From cybersecurity to AI, we are constantly innovating to give armed forces the decisive edge.

Thales in Norway has a longstanding and strong position with the Norwegian Armed Forces. We offer a wide range of solutions and services for air, land, naval and joint forces.

Thales in Norway is a world leader in crypto- and high-grade secured communications. We are a partner, trusted advisor and contractor for the Norwegian government and for NATO, enabling these entities to communicate securely by protecting their most valued secrets. Thales Norway provides Norwegian Armed Forces with high grade crypto and is the principal supplier of IP encryption to NATO.

Furthermore, Thales has delivered TACAN, which is NATO's tactical navigation system, to all military airports in Norway.

In the land domain, Norway operates eight Thales Ground Master 200 Multi-Mission Compact (GM200 MM/C) radars.

Thales has also supplied voice and data intercom systems for the majority of the Norwegian army vehicles, known as SOTAS, which offer state of the art noise-cancelling capabilities and ensure clear voice transmission in very noisy environments.

In the naval domain, Thales has over the years delivered several sonars to the Norwegian navy.

In 2025, Thales signed a contract with the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, for the DiveSAT SATCOM terminal to enable submarines to benefit from secure, sovereign high-speed satellite communications in the Arctic region.

Thales also supplied the naval SATCOM solutions for the Nansen Class frigates, Skjold-Class corvettes Coast Guard vessels and the 212CD sub-marines. In 2026, Thales signed a contract for the midlife upgrade of the Nansen Class frigates, where Thales supplies the CAPTAS-2 variable depth sonar.



Civil Aviation

Thales, a major player in avionics, aircraft cabin systems, air traffic management and digital identity, is helping to build the sustainable, connected aeronautics of tomorrow by offering a unique passenger experience in airports and in flight, optimizing flight operations and enabling the safe integration of new types of aircraft in airspace, capitalizing on cutting-edge technologies such as AI and cybersecurity.

In 2021, Thales won a contract to deliver TopSky Safety Nets, an early warning conflict detection and anti-collision solution, to Avinor (the Norwegian Civil Aviation Authority). The solution complements the Norwegian Air Traffic Management (ATM) system and supports Air Traffic Controllers to make the Norwegian airspace safer for aviators and passengers.

In 2024, Thales and Avinor agreed to implement Norway's next-generation nationwide Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) system, enhancing airspace management for both unmanned and manned aircraft while ensuring full compliance with European regulatory standards.

In service since 2016, Thales in Norway operates a training and simulation centre in Stavanger. The training centre meets the demand for training services for helicopter pilots in areas like Defence, Search & Rescue operations (SAR), Air Ambulance and Oil & Gas.



Space

Thales Alenia Space offers institutions, governments, companies and operators a wide range of space solutions – satellites, ground segments, end-to-end-systems – for telecommunications, satellite navigation, earth observation, science and space exploration.

Launched in 2009, Thales Alenia Space is prime contractor for the THOR 6 geostationary telecommunications satellite, operated by Telenor Satellite Services. It offers TV- and telecommunication services in the Nordics & Baltics, East & Central Europe and the Middle East.

THOR 8, a mission to replace THOR 6, was contracted in 2025. Space Norway is the customer, after their acquisition of Telenor Satellite Services. Prime contractor is Thales Alenia Space. From its orbital slot at 1° west, the THOR 8 communications satellite will meet the growing demand for connectivity and ensure continuity of Space Norway's broadcasting service over a geographic coverage area from the Nordics to Central and Eastern Europe. THOR 8 will provide top-tier satellite connectivity for broadcasters and high-speed internet access for fixed and mobile infrastructure (maritime, terrestrial and aeronautical services) in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.



Cyber & Digital

In a world where the number of digital connections and cyberattacks are constantly growing, Thales provides products and services which create a circle of trust between people and the digital services they rely on. The world's leading companies and governments in 180 countries trust us to secure people's and objects' identities, personal and sensitive data and their most critical applications. Our cybersecurity and digital identity technologies are designed to offer solutions for a more sustainable digital transformation.

Since 2005, Thales has been the primary provider of passports to the Norwegian government, and following the new contract award with the Norwegian Police Directorate in 2016. Thales and the Norwegian government successfully launched the new generation of passports and national ID cards in 2020.

In Norway, Thales also provides a wide range of market leading IoT solutions perfectly adapted for the Norwegian market such as Smart Metering solutions for utilities and grid managers within the energy market. For the Norwegian Healthcare system, Thales provides state-of-the-art solutions in security and connectivity.

Thales is proud to support Vipps in Norway offering tap-to-pay through their wallet to iPhone and Android users.



Sustainability Commitments



As a global leader in defence, aerospace, cyber, and digital technology, Thales plays a vital role in addressing the key societal and environmental challenges of our time. Our solutions help nations safeguard their sovereign interests across air, space, sea, and cyberspace, while enabling our partners to accomplish critical missions more effectively and with responsible use of resources. Innovation is at the heart of our approach, with an emphasis on developing advanced technologies ethically and inclusively, as well as improving our understanding of the planet.

Thales' sustainable development programme, PROTECT, underpins our 2030 ambition with nine commitments to building a safer, more environmentally friendly, and more inclusive world. These are grouped into three essential pillars: Society, Planet, and People. Through the Society pillar, we aim to contribute to a more responsible and sustainable society by leveraging technology. The Planet pillar drives us to transform our operations in line with the planet's limits. The People pillar focuses on creating an inclusive and attractive work environment where everyone can realize their fullest potential. Guided by these commitments, we are determined to play our part in protecting what matters and building a future we can all trust.



Annexes/ List of Historical References



Defence

- » Since 2000, Thales Norway has been the principal supplier of crypto solutions to NATO.
- » Thales delivers radars to the Norwegian Army and Navy and Flash dipping sonars to the Norwegian Navy.
- » Thales is the default SATCOM solutions provider to the Norwegian Navy.



Civil aviation

- » Thales in Norway has operated a training and simulation centre in Stavanger since 2016. The training centre is accredited and licensed to meet the requirements for helicopter pilot simulator training.
- » Thales first contract worldwide for an UTM (Unmanned Traffic Management) solution was delivered to AVINOR (Civil Aviation Authority) in Norway.



Space

- » Thales Alenia Space launched the THOR-6 satellite in 2009, and in 2025 contracted delivery of the THOR-8 satellite, a subsequent mission to replace THOR-6.



Cyber & Digital

- » Thales supports Vipps in Norway by offering tap-to-pay through their wallet to iPhone and Android users.
- » Thales delivers Passports, ID-cards and Driver's License to the Norwegian population.



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