



Fueling Conversation



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In 1995, Costco opened its first gas station, in Tucson, Arizona. We figured that gas at Costco would be successful if it could save members a nickel per gallon. According to 2017 GasBuddy surveys, Costco saves its members 20 cents

per gallon under the market average, so we've met that target and then some!

Expansion into Canada began in 1998, and Costco now has over 550 high-volume fuel stations around the world, with more on the way. Good ideas travel well.

Our first gas station outside North America opened near Sydney, Australia, in 2013. We made quite a splash Down Under, and now have six robust fuel facilities from Brisbane to Adelaide. Costco then expanded into the United Kingdom with 13 operating stations, and added two more in Spain and even one in Reykjavík, Iceland.

In Asia, our new station near Osaka is the 12th in Japan, and last year we opened our first in Taiwan. Regardless of where we are in the world, we find Costco members are enthusiastic about getting a great price on high-quality fuel.

Three years ago, Mexico announced that it would allow private investment in the petroleum business for the first time since 1938. Costco was one of the first companies to construct a new gas station there, in San Luis Potosí. We have since opened two more Mexico stations, further demonstrating that, where allowed, Costco can operate clean, safe, high-quality fuel stations.

We offer Kirkland Signature Fuel with increased detergent additives where it is permitted. No matter where we go in the world, Costco will always sell quality fuel at the lowest possible price. ■