## Starship Technologies and Bolt launch robot-powered grocery delivery

Estonian-founded tech giants partner to set the pace for sustainable city delivery in Europe

**LONDON - 15 October 2024**: <u>Starship Technologies</u>, the world's leading provider of autonomous delivery services, and <u>Bolt</u>, have today announced the launch of a new food delivery service. As the first rollout of the commercial partnership agreed between the two Estonian-founded tech giants last year, this collaboration in Tallinn, Estonia, is the first of its kind in Europe.

The combination of Starship's cutting-edge robots and Bolt's rapid expansion into delivery tech is set to shape the future of urban mobility across Europe. Bolt can now offer customers a more flexible, sustainable and cost-effective delivery option over the last mile, freeing up couriers to deliver orders over longer distances.

Starting from today, over 180,000 residents can take advantage of an eco-friendly, innovative delivery option via the Bolt Food app from three Bolt Market stores in Tallinn. Robot deliveries will be free to customers during the launch period.

Offering a convenient and sustainable delivery solution, the new service provides an easy and fun way for Bolt users to fill their fridges on-demand, in minutes. By providing customers with another alternative to jumping in the car to collect groceries, this collaboration furthers both companies' shared goals of creating urban spaces with less traffic congestion.

Starship's world-leading robots have completed 7 million deliveries and driven over 8.5 million miles - more than any other autonomous delivery provider. Electrically-powered, the average Starship robot delivery consumes as little energy as it takes to boil a kettle to make just one cup of tea. Starship robots have been operating at L4 autonomy since 2018 and they safely make 150,000 crossings globally every day - equivalent to 3 crossings per second. They can be found in more than 100 locations around the world.

Ahti Heinla, Co-founder and CEO of Starship Technologies, commented: "We're thrilled to launch with Bolt today, bringing autonomous food delivery to even more customers in Tallinn. This collaboration is not just about convenience and greater choice; by integrating our robots into the Bolt Food app, we're offering a sustainable, scalable last-mile delivery solution that reduces local traffic and emissions. It's an exciting step forward for both companies as we continue to innovate and pave the way for greener cities across Europe."

Jevgeni Kabanov, President of Bolt, commented: "With the launch of Starship Technologies robot deliveries in Tallinn we now provide a new delivery experience for Bolt Market customers. It's a reflection of our shared roots with Starship in Estonian innovation, and we're proud to bring that experience to power our Bolt Market grocery stores with innovative technology. With this

delivery technology now available, we provide more options for them and enable even more choice and convenience for our shared customers."

The service officially launched today with a special event held at Bolt's headquarters in Tallinn.

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## **About Starship Technologies**

Starship Technologies is revolutionising deliveries with autonomous robots. The robots are designed to deliver food, groceries, and packages locally in minutes. The delivery robots have travelled over 8 million miles and completed seven million autonomous deliveries around the world. Starship was founded by Ahti Heinla (Skype chief architect) and Janus Friis (Skype co-founder).

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## **About Bolt**

Bolt's services are currently used by over 200 million customers in 50 countries and more than 600 cities in Europe and Africa. We offer a range of mobility products like ride-hailing, rentals, Bolt Food and Bolt Market. Bolt Market is a fast-delivery e-grocery store offering a wide range of products from fresh fruit and vegetables to household goods and toiletries. In Estonia, Bolt Market is available in Tallinn and Tartu.