

History of the Combined Berner Group

- 1957:** On 1st April at the age of 21, Albert Berner opened a screw wholesale business in Künzelsau, Baden-Württemberg, Germany.
- 1961:** Sales of one million DM exceeded for the first time. Move to new premises in the Amrichshäuser Street (dwelling house, offices & store).
- 1969:** Growth in Europe: In April Berner Belgium is set up – the first subsidiary outside Germany. This is followed by Berner Austria in November with Berner France and Berner Switzerland opening in December.
- 1970:** Founding of Berner Denmark
- 1971:** Founding of Berner Netherlands
- 1972:** Founding of BTI Befestigungstechnik, a direct seller to the building trade.
- 1974:** Founding of Berner Italy
- 1976:** Berner takes over a screws and fasteners factory in Taiwan.
- 1979:** The 1000th job is created.
- 1983:** Founding of the Berner Holding
- 1986:** Berner Norway is opened in January, followed by Berner Sweden in September.
- 1989:** The Berner Holding and Berner Germany move into the new headquarters in Künzelsau-Garnberg.
- 1990:** Net sales rise to 500 million DM. The company continues to expand: in Hungary (in 1990) and in the Czech Republic (in 1995).

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- 1996:** Founding of Berner Portugal. Berner France welcomes its 4000th employee. Founding of BTI Spain.
- 1998:** Founding of Berner Spain
- 2000:** Net sales in fiscal year 1999/2000 exceed one billion DM for the first time. Founding of Berner Poland.
- 2002:** Berner takes a 50 percent stake in the chemicals group Wigo-Caramba, with the aim of expanding in the chemical products field.
- 2005:** Berner Spain expands and the foundation stone is laid for new office and warehouse facilities in Chauchina. At the end of the year Berner acquires a company in Turkey.
- 2006:** Berner takes over companies in Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia, and starts a Joint Venture in Russia. In addition Berner increases its stake in the Wigo-Caramba chemicals group to 100 percent.
- 2007:** Berner celebrates its 50th Anniversary. The company expands in Finland and Rumania. Takeover of Tegee-Chemie in Bremen.
- 2008:** Berner is now also present in Croatia. Takeover of Metaplan Oy in Finland. 75 percent stake in Tegee's distribution partner Christian Maurer in Austria, founding of the Caramba Holding.
- 2010:** Berner enters into strategic partnerships in Kuwait, Singapore and Thailand.
- 2010:** Berner France inaugurates its new, fully automatic logistics warehouse which receives the HQE seal of approval. The certificate is only awarded to companies for especially environmentally friendly and sustainable building projects.