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YEARS VAN HESSEN

1902



S. van Hessen & Zoon, established in Groningen by Ludwig van Hessen. The name soon changed to NV Nederlandse industrie van Dierlijke producten v/h S. van Hessen & Zoon.



1914

VH moves to Rotterdam. A wooden warehouse in Crooswijk.



1923



Opening of a branch in Hamburg, Germany.



1937

VH moves to 14-16 Keileweg in Rotterdam.





1940-1946

In WWII the company is temporarily 'transferred' to Ton Guinee and Jan van den Driessche. The precious salt reserve remains almost untouched thanks to the integrity of both men. In 1942 Paul van Hessen flees to England to fly for the Royal Air Force. Paul's parents, Ludwig, and many members of the family die in concentration camps. In 1945 Paul van Hessen becomes the director and devotes himself to the reconstruction of the company. The original name is restored.



VH moves to Sommeldijk (Goeree-Overflakkee) including large selection department.

1955



1958

Piller & Van Hessen bvba (Later named Van Hessen Belgium)



1964



New construction of the main office at the Schuttevaerweg, Rotterdam, which includes production and cold storage.

1976

Takeover Universal Casings Corporation Pty. Ltd Sydney, Australia



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Lex van Hessen becomes director; growth continues.



1981

Takeover E. Perrin Ltd London, UK, merged into Oris (Now Van Hessen UK)





1986

Takeover International Casings Group, Chicago, USA (Now Van Hessen USA)



1993

Joint Venture with Shanghai Star Casings.



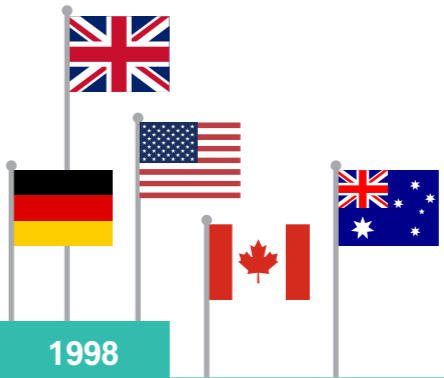
1994

The main office moves to VH's current location at the Hooegeveeneweg. The name changes from S. Van Hessen en Zoon BV to Van Hessen BV. The first international sales representative is appointed and the company enters a phase of rapid growth.



1997

Start of the first traineeships



1998

Van Hessen expands with the takeover of Independent Casings Group's activities in the USA, Canada, Australia, the UK, and Germany.



Cortina becomes part of the VH Group.

1999



2002



Establishment of Van Hessen Shanghai Trading Company Ltd., Shanghai, China.





2002

VH is 100 years! Publication of Guts & Glory.



2003

Takeover of Raspe & Paschen AG (Worldplayer in Germany and Australia).



2008

Opening of the new plant of Shanghai Star in China.



2009

Elliot Simon becomes CEO.



2012

VH is 110 years old. A big party in Rotterdam. Publication of Gut Feelings.



2015



Start of Contract Selection Morocco.



2016

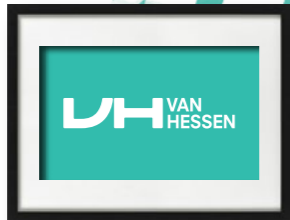


Takeover of De Winter Natuurdarmen, Belgium.

Takeover of Van Hesse by the Saria Group.



2017



2018

The new Van Hesse is born through the merger of Teeuwissen and Van Hesse. Harald van Boxtel becomes CEO.



2019



Opening of VH's own selection facility in Brazil.



Takeover of activities in Argentina by Van Hesse.



2020



Takeover of selection facility in Paraguay. A new facility will be built here in the coming years.



2021



Opening of new distribution facility in Valencia, Spain.



2022

Van Hesse's first gutroom in Chile. VH's 120 year existence.

