

## 150 YEARS OF HANDTMANN: HISTORICAL MILESTONES

- 1873** The bell-foundryman and master mechanic Christoph Albert Handtmann (1845-1918), known by his first name Albert, establishes a brass foundry in the historic Bachmühle mill on Ehinger-Tor-Platz square in Biberach.
- 1919** The sons of Christoph Albert Handtmann, Karl Albert Handtmann (1874-1951), known by his first name Albert, and salesman Adolf Karl Handtmann (1884-1953), known by his first name Karl, assume responsibility of the company.
- 1927** Karl Handtmann's son Albert Arthur Georg (1927-2018), known by his first name Arthur, is born.
- 1929** The company moves from the town centre to its new location in Brühlstraße/Fabrikstraße next to the Biberach gasworks.
- 1944** Karl Handtmann becomes sole owner of the company.
- 1945** Arthur Handtmann joins the company as a partner.
- 1946** Handtmann adds aluminium sand casting to the production range.
- 1953** Following the death of Karl Handtmann, Arthur Handtmann becomes sole owner of the company.  
Birth of Thomas Handtmann.
- 1954** Establishment of Handtmann Maschinenfabrik.  
Start of gravity die casting. This process is used for complex applications and is suitable for the series production of cast parts weighing up to 20 kilograms.
- 1961** Handtmann starts high-volume aluminium die casting.
- 1966** Handtmann Maschinenfabrik launches the first vacuum filler.
- 1968** Handtmann Maschinenfabrik and Handtmann Armaturenfabrik move to the new company premises on Birkenallee (today Arthur-Handtmann-Straße).  
Establishment of Elteka Kunststofftechnik and start of Lauramid® development.  
The Handtmann Armaturenfabrik switches from the production of brass fittings to fittings made from stainless steel.
- 1969** Handtmann launches its first stationary cleaning system for beer tanks.
- 1973** Start of the foundry's step-by-step relocation to Birkenallee.
- 1982** Thomas Handtmann joins the company management.
- 1984** First major contract for the automotive industry for the manufacture of cast parts for ABS brake systems.
- 1986** The Maschinenfabrik establishes the first foreign subsidiary in England for the sale of meat processing machines: Handtmann Ltd.
- 1992** Acquisition of Leichtmetallgießerei Annaberg GmbH.

- 1998** Handtmann celebrates its 125th anniversary.  
Arthur Handtmann steps down as the Managing Director of all companies and becomes President of the newly established Advisory Board. His son, Thomas Handtmann, takes on the management of the Group of Companies in his place.
- 1999** The expanding Maschinenfabrik moves to the new Aspach industrial estate.
- 2003** Establishment of Handtmann Systemtechnik GmbH & Co. KG in Biberach. Handtmann thus responds to the increased demands from the automotive industry and supplies automotive manufacturers with ready-to-install components on the production line.
- 2005** Establishment of the first foreign company for the operation of foundry facilities: Handtmann Slovakia, s.r.o.
- 2009** Inauguration of the new assembly plant in Zittau for the factory re-engineering of used Handtmann portioning machines.  
Expansion of the machine factory in Biberach by 50 per cent.  
Start of production at the foundry facilities in Košice, Slovakia.
- 2010** Inauguration of the newly built Handtmann Maschinenfabrik Forum for customer training purposes.
- 2013** Relocation of Albert Handtmann Elteka GmbH & Co. KG from Arthur-Handtmann-Straße in Biberach to the Aspach industrial estate.
- 2014** Handtmann Light Metal Foundry (Tianjin) Co., Ltd, in Tianjin, China, starts casting transmission and clutch housings.
- 2015** Arthur Handtmann is awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany – 1st class.  
Development of a new magnesium production facility in Biberach.
- 2016** Handtmann Maschinenfabrik opens its second customer forum.
- 2018** Arthur Handtmann passes away on 14th April at the age of 91.  
The Handtmann Group of Companies acquires Oelmaier Industrieelektronik GmbH & Co. KG in Ochsenhausen, which operates today under the name Handtmann e-solutions GmbH & Co. KG.
- 2019** Groundbreaking ceremony for a new factory for aluminium die casting and mechanical machining in Kechnec, Slovakia.
- 2020** Handtmann acquires Inotec Group. Inotec is a manufacturer of mixing and grinding technology solutions as well as tying machines for the food processing sector.
- 2021** Handtmann acquires Verbufa B.V., Dutch supplier of machinery, devices and components for the food industry. In February 2023, the company is renamed Handtmann Benelux B.V.
- 2023** Handtmann celebrates its 150th anniversary.  
Thomas Handtmann passes on the management of the Handtmann Group of Companies to his son Markus Handtmann and nephew Valentin Ulrich and assumes responsibilities as the President of the Advisory Board.

### **About the Handtmann Group of Companies**

The Handtmann Group of Companies is a globally active technology company operating in the processing industry with 4,300 employees, 2,700 of whom work at the headquarters in Biberach an der Riß. Cutting-edge technology, innovation and a strong focus on the individual are at the core of the business run by the founding Handtmann family from Biberach. Handtmann is decentrally organised in six divisions with autonomous management structures: Light Metal Casting and Systems Engineering for the automotive industry, Filling and Portioning Systems and Process Technology for the food industry, Plastics Engineering and e-solutions. At the head of the group of companies is a holding, which acts as the management, financing and holding company. In 2022, Handtmann generated sales of 1.1 billion euros. A high degree of investment in research and development and production facilities is facilitated by a strict reinvestment policy on the part of the owners of the company to be able to sustainably support qualitative growth. The Group of Companies is currently represented in over 100 countries with its own production sites, subsidiaries and agents. Established in 1873 as an artisan brass foundry, Handtmann will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2023.

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