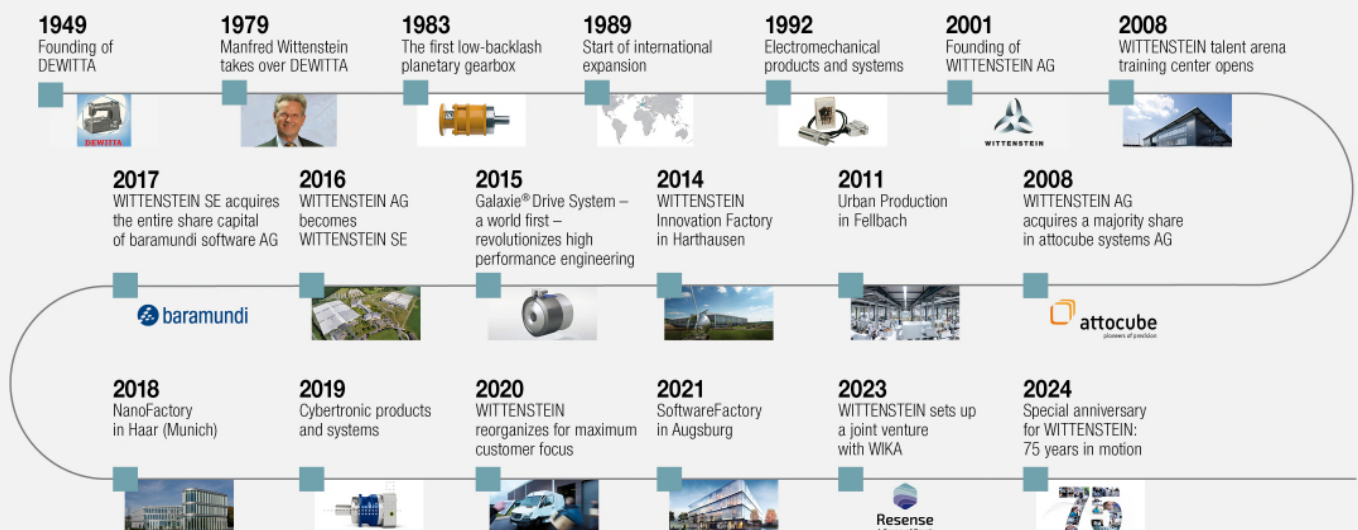


WITTENSTEIN – From sewing machines to drivers of innovation in cybertronic drive technology

WITTENSTEIN was founded in 1949. Since then, the company has continuously developed and redefined itself on a number of occasions. Today, the WITTENSTEIN group is a driver of innovation in cybertronic drive technology with around 2900 employees at over 40 sites worldwide. The international high-tech group develops customized products, systems and solutions for highly dynamic motion, maximum-precise positioning and smart networking. Time and time again, WITTENSTEIN surprises and excites its customers with groundbreaking innovations in these fields.

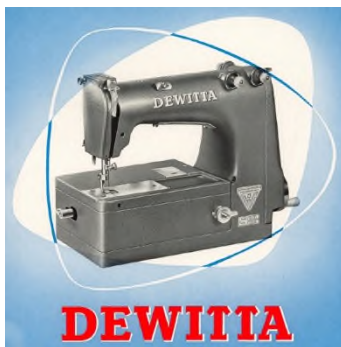
Our roots and our history are immensely important to WITTENSTEIN. The major milestones on our company's journey are as follows:



1949

It all began with sewing machines

DEWITTA was founded in 1949 by Walter Wittenstein and Bruno Dähn, two spirited entrepreneurs, in Steinheim near Heidenheim. Their small firm specialized in the manufacture of double chainstitch machines for glove-making.



1949

The DEWITTA glove sewing machine is still in use today

1950s

From Steinheim to Bad Mergentheim – and from there throughout the world

The Steinheim premises soon became too cramped, and so the firm's two proprietors set out in search of a new production facility. In 1952, DEWITTA moved to Bad Mergentheim. The first manufacturing plant there was a converted barracks and originally only intended as an interim solution. Business with glove sewing machines was booming – not only within Germany but also to an increasing extent abroad.



1952

DEWITTA moves into its first production facility in Bad Mergentheim, close to the Eisse lake

1960s

Quality prevails

DEWITTA glove sewing machines impressed with numerous handy innovations and were regarded as exceptionally precise and reliable. It therefore came as no surprise when the company was forced to massively expand its development and production capacities. In 1963, DEWITTA moved to a new location on Herrenwiesenstrasse in Igersheim.

1970s

A period of reorientation

By the time the seventies arrived, fewer and fewer women were wearing gloves – a trend that directly impacted on the demand for glove sewing machines. The company founders responded by expanding into new markets. They capitalized on their employees' existing technical know-how to take off with several new products such as guns for steel nails, machines for filling and sealing tubes or equipment for packing sliced bread.

At the same time, the way was paved for a new generation to take over the helm at DEWITTA. Walter Wittenstein, the textile engineer and machine builder, went into gradual retirement and was succeeded by his son, Manfred Wittenstein, in 1979.



1970

The DEWITTA quick-release chuck is just one of many innovations

1980s

Sewing machines make way for gearboxes

Shortly after joining the firm, Manfred Wittenstein set to work modernizing its production and product portfolio. His aim: to launch a product with unique attributes in the market. He quickly recognized the huge market potential of low-backlash planetary gearboxes. He knew he could draw on an experienced team and proven manufacturing technologies for sewing and special-purpose machinery to make them.

The world premiere of the first low-backlash planetary gearbox in the SP series at the Hannover Messe in 1983 was a major milestone. This fundamental innovation was the starting point for many new, precise servo applications. SP gearboxes turned out to be so successful that alpha getriebebau GmbH – the present WITTENSTEIN alpha – was set up in 1984 as an independent WITTENSTEIN subsidiary in collaboration with Bastian, a medium-sized company specializing in the manufacture of gear wheels in Fellbach, not far from Stuttgart.

Once again, commercial success soon caused the company to outgrow its premises: an assembly shop, warehouse and various office buildings were consequently erected on Herrenwiesenstrasse. As a result of the new buildings constructed in the mid-eighties, floor space was more than doubled. The workforce likewise increased steadily in size. For the first time, WITTENSTEIN also recruited a large number of technicians and engineers.

Reaping the harvest of an ongoing stream of new and improved products as well as innovative production processes and assembly solutions, the manufacturer regularly reported double-figure growth in turnover.

Company founder Walter Wittenstein was lucky enough to witness the continued successful realization of his life's dream by his son Manfred. He died in Igersheim in 1988.



1983
The first low-backlash planetary gearbox in the SP series is unveiled



1986
The ten thousandth gearbox – an SP140



1990s

WITTENSTEIN becomes a global system supplier for servo systems

The unstoppable growth of WITTENSTEIN's alpha getriebebau subsidiary rendered further expansion inevitable. The complete assembly side was relocated to Weikersheim in 1990. This move also marked the end of the DEWITTA sewing machine era. The entire business with these products was sold off, including all spare parts, milling machines and equipment.

In the early nineties, WITTENSTEIN focused on the international markets for servo systems. The new globalization strategy was consistently implemented with the establishment of alpha réducteurs Sarl, Paris (France) – the first of several foreign subsidiaries, followed shortly afterwards by alpha getriebe Ltd, Tokyo (Japan). Today, the group comprises 60 or so subsidiaries and agents in total in approximately 40 countries.

Another important turning point was when WITTENSTEIN motion control was established in 1992. This signaled the group's evolution from a simple component manufacturer to a provider of electromechanical servo actuators and actuator systems.

In the mid-nineties, against the background of increasingly dynamic development, WITTENSTEIN took the decision to build a new headquarters on a greenfield site in Igersheim-Harthausen. This site is now home to a star-shaped complex of administrative buildings, production shops and a logistics center. Gearbox housings, input shafts and attached motor components continued to be manufactured and machined in Igersheim. Fellbach remained responsible for gear wheels. All production facilities were fitted out with the latest machine tools and equipment needed for best-in-class precision. In 1999, the group was able to celebrate yet another topping-out ceremony – in only three years, floor space in Harthausen was doubled. A development and sales center, a training and communication center, a second production and assembly shop and a new logistics hall were added that year.



1996

The new headquarters under construction in Igersheim-Harthausen



2000s

WITTENSTEIN gears up for global challenges

In 2001, the WITTENSTEIN group acquired a new corporate structure. At the Supervisory Board meeting on September 13, WITTENSTEIN GmbH & Co. KG became a non-listed public limited company. Strategic leadership and control of the entire WITTENSTEIN group passed to WITTENSTEIN AG. The newly established WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation got off the ground in three countries. In spring 2002, a second logistics hall and a third assembly shop were officially opened in Igersheim-Harthausen. They were joined by a fourth shop in July 2007.

In 2008, a new, unified WITTENSTEIN brand identity was launched worldwide with the aim of boosting communication efficiency. The claim “WITTENSTEIN – one with the future” expressed the group’s clear commitment to the future with eight strong Business Units. The talent arena – WITTENSTEIN’s innovative training center – opened in Igersheim-Harthausen. WITTENSTEIN AG also acquired a majority share in attocube systems AG. In the meantime, high-precision planetary gearboxes, complete electromechanical actuator systems and AC servo systems and motors, to name but a few, were being developed, produced and marketed across the globe by a team of around 1400 employees.



2008

The WITTENSTEIN talent arena is officially opened in Igersheim-Harthausen

2010s

Fit for the future

The grand opening of the “Future Urban Production” site in Fellbach was celebrated in 2011. This state-of-the-art manufacturing facility boasts a zero carbon footprint.

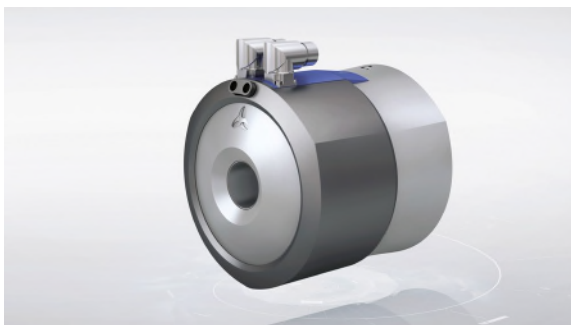
The WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory was officially opened on May 23, 2014 in the presence of some 600 invited guests, with philosopher Peter Sloterdijk as keynote speaker. The development, sales and production areas of several mechatronic Business Units are combined there on about 18,000 square meters of floor space. In a 30-meter radius, the new building houses the entire added value process – from concept to finished product.



2014

The WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory is officially opened
in Igersheim-Harthausen

The Galaxie® Drive System – a revolutionary drive technology – was officially unveiled by WITTENSTEIN at the 2015 Hannover Messe. A distinctive new name was thought up to describe this innovative class: the term “single-tooth sliding gearbox” clearly classifies the Galaxie® in terms of science, research and technology. Its unique kinematics enable almost full surface contact during power transmission. As a result, our compact Galaxie® drive systems and gearboxes with a hollow shaft achieve previously inconceivable performance data. In 2015, this WITTENSTEIN world first was honored with the prestigious HERMES AWARD technology prize.



2015

The WITTENSTEIN Galaxie® Drive System: World first and winner
of the HERMES AWARD 2015



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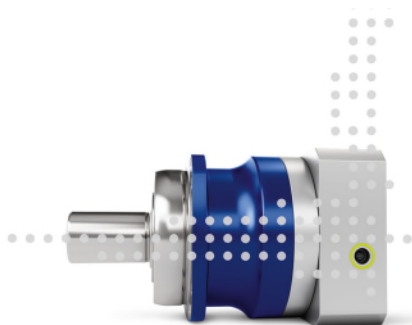
The NanoFactory, the new headquarters of attocube systems AG, was officially opened in Haar near Munich in 2018, less than two years after the groundbreaking dig.



2018

The NanoFactory, the new headquarters of attocube systems AG in Munich, is officially opened

At the 2019 Hannover Messe, WITTENSTEIN alpha became the first component manufacturer to offer smart gearboxes with cynapse® as standard. They collect operating data independently from machines and plants and communicate it in the Industrial Internet of Things. This new product category was even given its own name: "cybertronic products". These can be networked with other components or a control system, for example in order to perform shared tasks. They are equipped for this purpose with sensor technology, computing capacity, AI and network capability. In short, they are essential building blocks for fully networked smart factories of the future.



2019

WITTENSTEIN alpha's smart gearboxes with the cynapse® feature are equipped with integrated sensors, a data logger and an IO-Link interface

Dr. Bertram Hoffmann took over as CEO of the WITTENSTEIN group on April 1, 2019.



2020s

WITTENSTEIN in perpetual motion

The “Performance Upgrade” project kicked off in 2020. The aim was to maximize WITTENSTEIN's customer focus and position the group closer to the international market. Various reorganization and restructuring measures were implemented to achieve this.

The new WITTENSTEIN galaxie GmbH was set up on April 1, 2020 to enable the Galaxie® to be positioned in the market and strengthened in an even more targeted way. Our WITTENSTEIN motion control GmbH and WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation GmbH subsidiaries were legally merged on the same date. The integration of WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation allowed WITTENSTEIN motion control to expand its business activities as an innovative partner when it comes to mechatronic drive systems for extreme environments. Six strong Strategic Business Divisions were now organized under the roof of the WITTENSTEIN group.

On November 4, 2020 attocube systems AG and neaspec GmbH joined forces under the name attocube systems AG. The new subsidiary operated in three business segments: nano positioning, cryogenic nanoscopy and nano spectroscopy.

In June 2022, baramundi software AG celebrated the official opening of the SoftwareFactory on Augsburg's Forschungsallee.

On September 16, 2022, the new WITTENSTEIN logo sculpture was unveiled in Harthausen. Made from recycled stainless steel, it weighs 2.8 tons and is 3 meters in diameter. The WITTENSTEIN logo was created back in 2002 as a trademark for the entire group. It is modeled on the fundamental inner structure of a planetary gearbox, translated into dynamic, three-dimensional movements. As a powerful, distinctive symbol, it stands for mechanics, energy and precision as well as interacting symmetries. Through its three-dimensionality it conveys complexity and versatility.



2022

The WITTENSTEIN logo sculpture is unveiled in Harthausen



That same day, WITTENSTEIN's owners took the next step in the transition to the next generation of the family business. Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein stepped out of the Management Board of WITTENSTEIN SE and joined the Supervisory Board. Dr. Manfred Wittenstein, previously Chairman of the Supervisory Board, became the body's Honorary Chairman. Professor Michael Junker was elected new Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN SE Supervisory Board.

In the 2022/23 fiscal year, the WITTENSTEIN group achieved turnover of more than half a billion euros – EUR 519 million, to be exact – setting a new record.

In 2023, WITTENSTEIN and measuring equipment specialist WIKA Alexander Wiegand SE & Co. KG set up a joint venture – Resense GmbH. The declared intention was to tap into the future market for haptic sensors. The purpose of the joint venture is to develop, manufacture and market miniaturized 6-axis force / torque sensors for industry. This was the first time that WITTENSTEIN trusted in the expertise of a partner with the requisite specific technological and manufacturing experience by launching a spin-off from a successful in-house innovation.

WITTENSTEIN is celebrating a special anniversary in 2024: 75 years in motion. This jubilee coincides with the 40th anniversary of WITTENSTEIN alpha, our oldest subsidiary and the 25th anniversary of WITTENSTEIN cyber motor.



2024

WITTENSTEIN celebrates its 75th anniversary

WITTENSTEIN – one with the future

There is nothing more constant than change: Over the past 75 years, WITTENSTEIN has repositioned itself time and time again in order to stay successful. To enable it to continue capitalizing on opportunities as effectively as possible in the future, the high-tech group will remain committed to constant development in all dimensions coupled with optimal adaptation to highly dynamic markets. In doing so, it will fully embrace the company motto: WITTENSTEIN – one with the future.



Chronology

1949

- DEWITTA Spezialmaschinenfabrik (today: WITTENSTEIN SE) is established in Steinheim
- Founders: Walter Wittenstein, Bruno Dähn
- Just 3 employees: Aenne and Walter Wittenstein, Bruno Dähn

1952

- The head offices and DEWITTA are relocated from Steinheim to Bad Mergentheim

1955

- DEWITTA is renamed DEWITTA Spezialmaschinenfabrik Wittenstein & Co.

1963

- Bruno Dähn retires from the firm owing to ill health; Walter Wittenstein continues as sole director

1964

- DEWITTA moves to a location on Herrenwiesenstrasse in Igersheim

1979

- Manfred Wittenstein takes over the running of the family firm

1983

- The first low-backlash planetary gearboxes (WPE, SP series) built to our own design principle are unveiled at the Hannover Messe

1984

- alpha getriebebau GmbH (today: WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH) is established

1988

- Company founder Walter Wittenstein dies in Igersheim

1989

- alpha réducteurs Sarl, the first foreign subsidiary, is established in Paris (France)

1990

- The next stage in the globalization strategy is launched
- Assembly is relocated to Weikersheim

1991

- alpha getriebe Ltd., Tokyo (Japan), becomes our first subsidiary in Asia



1992

- WITTENSTEIN motion control GmbH is established: The shareholders' agreement is signed on December 15, 1992. The entry into the Commercial Register follows in March 1993, with Hans-Hermann Spohr as the new company's first General Manager
- Transition from a simple manufacturer of gearboxes to a provider of electromechanical servo actuators and actuator systems
- Our alpha gear drives Inc. subsidiary is established in the US

1996

- FAtec Co. Ltd. is set up as a joint venture in Seoul (South Korea); alpha drives ab is established in Sweden
- Construction work on the third plant is completed with a new administrative building and assembly shop in Igersheim-Harthausen
- Assembly is relocated from Weikersheim to the new premises

1997

- Founding of WITTENSTEIN Limited Partnership (US)

1999

- WITTENSTEIN intens GmbH is established in Igersheim
- WITTENSTEIN Aktiv Technologies Limited is established in Bristol (UK)
- alpha gearheads Limited is established in Staffordshire (UK)
- WITTENSTEIN cyber motor GmbH is established in Igersheim
- The Cyber Motion Park opens
- A major construction project is completed in Igersheim-Harthausen with the inauguration of a new development and sales center, a training and communication center, a second production and assembly shop and a logistics hall

2001

- The WITTENSTEIN group merges with Bastian GmbH to form WITTENSTEIN bastian GmbH; WITTENSTEIN ternary Co. Ltd. (Japan), WITTENSTEIN Holding (US), WITTENSTEIN AG (Switzerland), alpha getriebebau (Austria) and alpha riduttori s.r.l. (Italy) are established
- Founding of WITTENSTEIN AG
- Construction work commences on a third assembly shop and second logistics hall on the Igersheim-Harthausen site

2002

- Two new halls open in Igersheim-Harthausen
- The manufacturing plant in Igersheim is modernized and refurbished
- WITTENSTEIN wins two coveted awards: TOP 100 (alpha getriebebau GmbH is elected Germany's top innovator among small and medium-sized enterprises out of a field of 454 companies) and TOP JOB (WITTENSTEIN is voted third-best SME employer)

2003

- WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation (formerly WITTENSTEIN Aktiv Technologies Limited, Bristol) is established
- Founding of alpha benelux (Belgium)
- Another five hectares of land are purchased in Harthausen
- Chancellor Gerhard Schröder visits WITTENSTEIN and alpha getriebebau
- Aenne Wittenstein, founder and authorized representative of WITTENSTEIN, celebrates her 90th birthday on August 21



- impulse business magazine includes WITTENSTEIN in its list of Germany's top 50 family-owned firms (August 2003 issue)
- WITTENSTEIN wins the Deutsche Sportbund's "Pro Ehrenamt" award for the promotion of honorary commitment to sports in February 2003

2004

- The WITTENSTEIN group is honored as Germany's top SME employer out of 118 entrants, winning special awards for its orientation towards family and social values as well as its remuneration concepts
- The new Hall 5 goes up in Igersheim-Harthausen (2500 square meters)

2005

- alpha mechatronics (Hangzhou) Co. Ltd. is established as WITTENSTEIN's Chinese subsidiary
- Grand opening of the new Hall 5 in Igersheim-Harthausen
- The N24 Good News Award is presented to WITTENSTEIN in the "Job miracle" category
- Winner in the "ETHICS IN BUSINESS" competition
- WITTENSTEIN transilvania SRL, our Romanian subsidiary, is established in Sibiu in December

2006

- The WITTENSTEIN World Garden is one of 365 places selected in the "Land of Ideas" competition
- Award for excellent innovation management in the "Factory of the Year" competition, the toughest benchmarking test for manufacturing companies

2007

- WITTENSTEIN President Manfred Wittenstein is elected President of the German Engineering Federation (VDMA)
- Founding of our WITTENSTEIN electronics GmbH subsidiary
- Grand opening of the new Hall 6 in Igersheim-Harthausen
- WITTENSTEIN obtains basic certification as a "Career and Family" employer

2008

- WITTENSTEIN ibérica S.L.U., our Spanish subsidiary, is established
- Our WITTENSTEIN Co., Ltd. subsidiary is established in Taiwan
- Official opening of the WITTENSTEIN talent arena
- Our new Romanian production facility opens in June
- The WITTENSTEIN group forges ahead on its path to becoming a globally acting, full-service provider of electromechanical servo actuator system solutions with the launch of the global WITTENSTEIN brand
- WITTENSTEIN acquires a majority share (74%) in attocube systems AG
- The "Career and Family" certificate is awarded to WITTENSTEIN in recognition of our family friendly human resources policy
- WITTENSTEIN is presented with the German Lutheran Church's WORK PLUS award for its commendable contribution to human resources and employment policies

2009

- WITTENSTEIN AG Switzerland (Grüsch): Construction work begins on a production and logistics center for WITTENSTEIN racks



2010

- WITTENSTEIN takes part in the TOP 100 competition again and is elected one of Germany's top innovators among small and medium-sized enterprises
- The new WITTENSTEIN AG Switzerland production facility opens in Grüşch in the fall

2011

- WITTENSTEIN wins the Axia Award 2010 in the "Culture of Innovation – a Success Factor for SMEs" category
- Groundbreaking dig for the "Future Urban Production" plant in April: WITTENSTEIN invests 12 million euros in a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility with a zero carbon footprint in Fellbach
- The visionary among machine builders: Dr. Manfred Wittenstein is named "Entrepreneur of the Year 2011" in the "Industry" category and nominated for the "World Entrepreneur of the Year 2012" award. The award honors his outstanding entrepreneurial commitment
- Klaus Spitzley officially steps out of the WITTENSTEIN AG Management Board on October 31
- attocube systems AG becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the WITTENSTEIN group

2012

- Groundbreaking dig for the Innovation Factory in April: WITTENSTEIN invests 30 million euros in a new, ultra-modern and resource-efficient Mechatronics Center in Igersheim-Harthausen
- WITTENSTEIN do Brasil Engenharia Mecânica LTDA is established as WITTENSTEIN's Brazilian subsidiary
- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein is Germany's representative in the "World Entrepreneur of the Year 2012" awards and admitted to the Hall of Fame as one of the world's top entrepreneurs
- WITTENSTEIN bastian GmbH: The "Future Urban Production" facility is officially opened in Fellbach in June
- Topping-out ceremony for the WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory in December

2013

- 30th anniversary: Exactly three decades ago in 1983, the world's first low-backlash planetary gearbox was unveiled by WITTENSTEIN at the Hannover Messe. It was so successful that the company known today as WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH was set up in 1984
- Aenne Wittenstein celebrates her 100th birthday on August 21
- Professor Dieter Spath succeeds Dr. Manfred Wittenstein as Chairman of the Board and CEO of WITTENSTEIN AG on October 1, 2013. Manfred Wittenstein and Karl-Heinz Schwarz complete the Management Board
- WITTENSTEIN bastian GmbH and its "Future Urban Production" site are among the 100 official winners in the nationwide German innovation competition "Landmarks in the Land of Ideas 2013/14"

2014

- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein steps out of the Management Board on April 1, 2014 and takes over as Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN AG Supervisory Board
- Senior partner Aenne Wittenstein passes away in Igersheim on April 6, 2014 at the age of 100. As company founder and authorized representative of WITTENSTEIN, she played a leading role in the mechatronics corporation's development for more than sixty years
- Official opening of the WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory in May 2014
- attocube systems AG acquires a majority share in neaspec GmbH. Based in Martinsried just outside Munich, neaspec develops optical near-field microscopes which overcome the limited resolution of conventional optical microscopes, opening up a new era for modern nano-analytical applications



2015

- The “Oscar for engineers”: WITTENSTEIN is selected from a field of almost 70 entrants from ten different countries as winner of the HERMES AWARD 2015 for its fundamentally new Galaxie® Drive System. The world’s most important industrial award is presented by Professor Johanna Wanka, Federal Minister of Education and Research, at the Hannover Messe in April 2015. At the innovative core of this revolutionary single-tooth sliding gearbox are the radically redesigned kinematics

2016

- Karl-Heinz Schwarz steps out of the Management Board on March 31, 2016 and leaves the company after almost thirty years
- Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein, Dr. Dirk Haft, Erik Roßmeißl and Dr. Bernd Schimpf are officially appointed to the WITTENSTEIN AG Management Board with effect from April 1, 2016. Professor Dieter Spath remains Chairman of the Board and CEO
- Founding of WITTENSTEIN Güç Aktarma Sistemleri Ticaret Ltd. Şti in Istanbul (Turkey)
- On September 29, 2016 the name of WITTENSTEIN AG changes to WITTENSTEIN SE and the business is operated henceforth as a European Company
- The long-planned generational change in leadership at WITTENSTEIN SE is now complete: Professor Dieter Spath, Chairman of the Board and CEO, leaves the company on September 30, 2016. The new Management Board is comprised of Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein (Spokeswoman), Dr. Dirk Haft, Erik Roßmeißl and Dr. Bernd Schimpf
- Groundbreaking dig for the new headquarters of attocube systems AG in November: WITTENSTEIN invests around 20 million euros in the new building in Haar near Munich, where neaspec GmbH employees and sales staff from WITTENSTEIN alpha will also move in

2017

- Investment in the future: WITTENSTEIN acquires the entire share capital of baramundi software AG. The acquisition strengthens WITTENSTEIN with strategically important competencies as the group treads the digital transformation path
- Various reorganization and restructuring measures are implemented to strengthen WITTENSTEIN’s market orientation:
 - WITTENSTEIN electronics GmbH: Integrated into WITTENSTEIN cyber motor GmbH
 - WITTENSTEIN motion control GmbH: The Industrial Systems Business Division is divided between WITTENSTEIN cyber motor GmbH and WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH. The Oil & Gas and Defense Business Divisions remain
 - WITTENSTEIN bastian GmbH: Development and Sales are integrated into WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH
 - The “Future Urban Production” facility in Fellbach continues to be established as a production and competence center for gearing components and special-purpose gearboxesWITTENSTEIN alpha is now a competent partner for all aspects of mechatronic drive technology – from customized, special-purpose gearboxes to standard actuators – while WITTENSTEIN cyber motor specializes in servo motors, drive electronics and mechatronic systems
- The WITTENSTEIN group takes advantage of the 2017 Hannover Messe to unveil the IDS3010 from attocube systems AG – an industrial grade optical sensor that invites superlatives
- Dr. Bernd Schimpf takes over as Board Spokesman in July from Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein, who is absent on maternity leave until the end of November. The composition of the four-member Management Board remains unchanged
- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein, Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN SE Supervisory Board, celebrates his 75th birthday on September 2
- Topping-out ceremony for the new attocube headquarters in September
- The German Research Association for Power Transmission (FVA) publishes a special book to mark its 50th anniversary, in which the Galaxie® Drive System is referred to as a “milestone in engineering”
- The WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory is awarded the title “Exemplary Building” by the Baden-Württemberg Institute of Architects



2018

- WITTENSTEIN purchases a 10,000 square meter lot in the Augsburg Innovationspark, where a new home will be erected for baramundi software AG
- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein is winner of the “German Leadership Award 2018”
- The 2018 Hannover Messe centers around the Galaxie®, which has achieved scientific acclaim as a novel gearbox class: the exhibit includes new sizes and a new design
- The NanoFactory, the new headquarters of attocube systems AG, is officially opened in Haar near Munich less than two years after the groundbreaking dig. The new building offers space for up to 300 people
- Groundbreaking dig for the expansion of the WITTENSTEIN AG manufacturing facility in Grüşch: WITTENSTEIN invests 22 million Swiss francs in this future center of competence for mechatronic drive components within the WITTENSTEIN group
- Groundbreaking dig on March 13, 2019 for the new manufacturing plant at WITTENSTEIN's Romanian facility in Șura Mică as a center of competence for mechatronic drive components and stators within the WITTENSTEIN group. The total investment amounts to 8.5 million euros
- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein and Thomas Bayer, our team of inventors, are nominated together with the Galaxie® gearbox for the Deutscher Zukunftspreis 2018, the Federal President's Award for Innovation in Science and Technology. They are also officially inducted into the “Circle of Excellence”
- In 2018, WITTENSTEIN SE is honored for the development of FLASH, the employee centric troubleshooting and escalation tool, and is now one of “100 places to see Industry 4.0”

2019

- Dr. Bernd Schimpf steps out of the Management Board on March 31, 2019 and leaves the company after more than 17 years
- Dr. Bertram Hoffmann takes over as CEO of the WITTENSTEIN group on April 1, 2019. Dr. Dirk Haft, Erik Roßmeißl and Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein complete the Management Board.
- WITTENSTEIN SE is honored with the Rudolf Diesel Medal 2019, Germany's oldest innovation award, for the “Most Sustainable Innovation”
- At the 2019 Hannover Messe, WITTENSTEIN alpha becomes the first component manufacturer to offer smart gearboxes as standard – gearboxes with cynapse®. The integrated sensor module enables Industry 4.0 connectivity
- WITTENSTEIN acquires a nearly 10,000 square meter building lot on an adjoining property in Fellbach
- Our South-East Asia sales hub is officially opened
- Official opening of the WITTENSTEIN SE talent arena extension in Harthausen: WITTENSTEIN invests 1.6 million euros in this new, 600 square meter training center building

2020

- The extensions at the two production sites in Grüşch (Switzerland) and Șura Mică (Romania) are officially opened
- WITTENSTEIN SE parts company with WITTENSTEIN intens GmbH's medtech business, comprised of the two products FITBONE® and FITSPINE®, which is sold to Orthofix Medical Inc., a global leader in the field of medical devices
- WITTENSTEIN Performance Upgrade: Various reorganization and restructuring measures are implemented to maximize WITTENSTEIN SE's customer focus and position us closer to the international market
- A new subsidiary, WITTENSTEIN galaxie GmbH, is set up by WITTENSTEIN SE on April 1, 2020 to enable the Galaxie® to be positioned in the market in an even more targeted way



- The two subsidiaries WITTENSTEIN motion control GmbH and WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation GmbH are legally merged, also on April 1, 2020. The integration of WITTENSTEIN aerospace & simulation GmbH allows WITTENSTEIN motion control GmbH to operate as a competent and innovative partner when it comes to mechatronic drive systems for extreme environments
- On November 4, 2020, attocube systems AG and neaspec GmbH join forces under the name attocube systems AG, with three Strategic Business Divisions for nano positioning, cryogenic nanoscopy and nano spectroscopy

2021

- Manfred Bastian, co-founder of alpha getriebebau GmbH, meanwhile WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH, passes away on January 26, 2021 at the age of 83. In 2001, he merged Bastian GmbH, which he ran until his retirement in 2003, with the WITTENSTEIN group
- Both WITTENSTEIN Italy and WITTENSTEIN Austria celebrate their 20th anniversary
- Topping-out ceremony for the new headquarters of baramundi software AG in June
- Dr. Dirk Haft steps out of the Management Board
- Three in-house vaccination campaigns at the Harthausen site in summer and December in response to the Covid-19 pandemic
- The Wittenstein Foundation is established in September
- WITTENSTEIN Austria moves into the new Office Base in Bad Vöslau in November

2022

- Steffen Schwerd is appointed Chief Sales Officer (CSO) of WITTENSTEIN SE as of April 1, 2022. The composition of the Management Board is now as follows: Dr. Bertram Hoffmann (CEO), Erik Roßmeißl, Steffen Schwerd, Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein
- Start of local gearbox assembly at WITTENSTEIN's Chinese subsidiary in Hangzhou, established in 2004
- WITTENSTEIN France moves into new premises in Grosay in May
- Professor Khaled Karraï, founder of attocube systems AG and its present Scientific Director, is honored with the WI:SIONA "Bust" – the highest category of our company's employee award – on May 12, 2022. He becomes the sixth person to receive this award after Dr. Georg Konstas, Bernhard Orlowski, Erich Samper, Hans-Hermann Spohr and Manfred Bastian
- The baramundi software AG SoftwareFactory is officially opened on June 2, 2022 in Augsburg
- Dr. Manfred Wittenstein, Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN SE Supervisory Board, celebrates his 80th birthday on September 2, 2022
- On September 16, 2022 Dr. Anna-Katharina Wittenstein steps out of the Management Board of WITTENSTEIN SE and joins the Supervisory Board. Dr. Manfred Wittenstein, previously Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN Supervisory Board, becomes the body's Honorary Chairman. Professor Michael Junker is elected new Chairman of the WITTENSTEIN SE Supervisory Board
- Signpost for the future: Also on September 16, 2022 the new WITTENSTEIN logo sculpture is unveiled in Harthausen. Made from recycled stainless steel, it weighs 2.8 tons and is 3 meters in diameter
- 30 years of WITTENSTEIN motion control

2023

- Resense GmbH: WITTENSTEIN and measuring equipment specialist WIKA Alexander Wiegand SE & Co. KG set up a joint venture to develop, manufacture and market miniaturized 6-axis force / torque sensors
- The miniaturized Galaxie® celebrates its product premiere at the Hannover Messe 2023: The most compact hollow-shaft gearbox with the highest rigidity opens up new options in surgical robotics



- baramundi software AG becomes baramundi software GmbH (April 26, 2023)
- Continuity of management: As expected, the WITTENSTEIN Supervisory Board renews 60 year-old Dr. Bertram Hoffmann's appointment as the group's CEO for a further five years. His contract, which expires on March 31, 2024, is simultaneously extended until March 31, 2029. The contract with Board Member Erik Roßmeißl is likewise extended for the same period. The Supervisory Board and the owning family send out a clear signal of continuity with this decision
- Surgical Robotics Industry Awards: The miniaturized Galaxie® is winner in the Groundbreaking Technology category
- Record turnover in the 2022/23 fiscal year: For the first time ever in the history of the company, the WITTENSTEIN group achieves turnover of more than half a billion euros – EUR 519 million to be exact

2024

- Special anniversary for WITTENSTEIN: 75 years in motion
- WITTENSTEIN alpha GmbH celebrates its 40th anniversary
- WITTENSTEIN cyber motor GmbH celebrates its 25th anniversary
- Dr. Benedikt Hofmann becomes Chief Generating Officer (CGO) of WITTENSTEIN SE on April 1, 2024
- WITTENSTEIN cyber motor GmbH acquires Moog Brno s.r.o. (based in Brno, Czech Republic) on October 1, 2024.
- Steffen Schwerd steps out of the Management Board on December 31, 2024

2025

- attocube systems AG becomes attocube systems GmbH (April 1st, 2025)
- On April 1, 2025, the two Japanese companies merge to form a new legal unit called WITTENSTEIN Ltd. The two locations in Tokyo and Ueda-Nagano will remain unchanged.
- Christian Zeidlhack will become Chief Market Officer (CMO) of WITTENSTEIN SE on July 1, 2025.
- The WITTENSTEIN World Garden – the only botanical garden owned by an industrial company in Germany – celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Pictures/Appendix 01

Source: WITTENSTEIN SE



1949

The DEWITTA glove sewing machine is still in use today



1952

DEWITTA moves into its first production facility in Bad Mergentheim, close to the Eisse lake



1970

The DEWITTA quick-release chuck is just one of many innovations



1983

The first low-backlash planetary gearbox in the SP series is unveiled



1986

The ten thousandth gearbox – an SP140



1996:

The new headquarters under construction in Igersheim-Harthausen



2003

A vision of the nineties, realized in 2003: The smart alpheno® IQ gearbox



2006

The WITTENSTEIN SE World Garden in Igersheim-Harthausen



2008

The WITTENSTEIN talent arena is officially opened in Igersheim-Harthausen



Pictures/Appendix 02

Source: WITTENSTEIN SE



2009
Chancellor Merkel visits the WITTENSTEIN booth at the Hannover Messe



2011
Dr. Manfred Wittenstein is "Entrepreneur of the Year 2011" in the "Industry" category



2012
View of Wittenstein SE's "Future Urban Production" site in Fellbach



2013
Vision for the future: A highly compact electric drive system



2014
Official opening of the WITTENSTEIN Innovation Factory in Igersheim-Harthausen in May 2014



2015
The WITTENSTEIN Galaxie® Drive System: World first and winner of the HERMES AWARD 2015



2017
IDS3010 optical sensor for nano-accurate measurements



2018
New, versatile Galaxie® sizes expand the mechatronic solution space



2018
The inventor team nominated for the Deutscher Zukunftspreis 2018 award with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier



Pictures/Appendix 03

Source: WITTENSTEIN SE

2018

The NanoFactory, the new headquarters of attocube systems AG in Munich, is officially opened



2019

WITTENSTEIN alpha's smart gearboxes with the cynapse® feature are equipped with integrated sensors, a data logger and an IO-Link interface



2022

The SoftwareFactory in Augsburg, the new headquarters of baramundi software GmbH

2022

The logo sculpture in front of the Innovation Factory

2023

The miniaturized Galaxie® opens up new options in surgical robotics

2024

The WITTENSTEIN SE headquarters in Igersheim-Harthausen

2024

WITTENSTEIN – major milestones on our journey

2024

75 years in motion

2025

The WITTENSTEIN SE Management Board in 2025 (from left to right): Christian Zeidlhack, Dr. Bertram Hoffmann (CEO), Erik Roßmeißl, Dr. Benedikt Hofmann