# ALTANA History

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Foundation

Acquisition or Renaming

**1873** Dr. Heinrich Byk founds the chemicals factory Dr. Heinrich Byk Chemische Fabrik in the Berlin district of Oranienburg and begins producing industrial and commercial chemicals (today division Additives & Instruments)

**1876** Carl Eckart opens a small goldbeating shop in Fuerth Furstenwalt 69 Nobas 8. thereby laying the foundation for the present ECKART Group

**1882** Ernst Lomberg-Photochemische Produkte

**1892** The Carl Eckart company is entered in the Commercial Register

**1896** Leipziger Farbwerke Paul Guldien & Co.

**1897** Industrial manufacturing methods replace the manual production of gold bronze

**1904** Beck Electrical Insulation GmbH

**1906** La Artistica Productos

**1915** Rheinania GmbH, Grevenbroich

**1917** Dr. Heinrich Byk-Chemische Fabrik and Leipziger Farbwerke Paul Guldien & Co. merge to form Byk-Guldenwerke Chemische Fabrik AG

**1919** Peter Spence and Sons

**1919** The P.D. George Company

**1920** DS-Chemie GmbH

**1920** Production of bronze powder begins in Guenterrothal (near Velden to the east of Nuremberg (Germany)

**1924** Gardner Lab., USA

**1928** The first plant for the production of aluminum powder is built

**1931** Following the acquisition of Ernst Lomberg-Photochemische Produkte (formed 1882), the company is renamed in BYK-Gulden Lomberg

**1935** The dispersing agent Anti-Terra is sold for the first time. Over the years Anti-Terra is steadily developed into a worldwide famous product of our paint additives group

**1941** Dr. Günther Quandt, Chairman of the Board of Management of AFA (Akkumulatoren-Fabrik AG, later VARTA AG) acquires the majority of shares in BYK-Gulden Lomberg and becomes Chairman of the Supervisory Board

**1945** At the end of the war, the company relocates to Conslance and changes its name to BYK-Gulden

**1947** Dr. Wiedeking GmbH

**1948** Terra Lacke GmbH

**1951** Southern Clay Products

**1954** Upon the death of Günther Quandt, his son Dr. Herbert Quandt together with his brother Harald built up the conglomerate to an overall complex of 100 companies, among them (formerly called AFA) and BYK-Gulden

**1955** Meposa

**1956** Beck India Ltd.

**1959** Doral S.A.

**1962** Cemaltro S.P.A.

**1962** Labotron AG

**1962** BYK is renamed into Varta Batterie AG (manufacturing, charging, repair of transportable batteries)

BYK-Gulden breaks ground for the Weiesel facilities. Today the headquarters of ALTANA and its four operating divisions and four production site of BYK-Chemie, with high-tech laboratories for research, development and application technology

**1964** BYK-Chemie USA

**1964** Laporte

**1969** Rheinania GmbH, Grevenbroich

**1969** BYK-Gulden sells 50% of its additives business to Malinckrodt Inc., USA, and founds BYK Additives GmbH, Chemische Produkte GmbH, Wesel

**1972** CERA B.V.

**1973** Ohio Bronze Powder Company

**1977** The split of VARTA AG results in the formation of three separate companies. One of these is ALTANA AG, based in Bad Homburg.

**1979** English China Clay

**1980** BYK-Chemie Japan KK

**1984** BYK-Malinckrodt Additives GmbH, BYK-Chemie GmbH, Wesel, is founded. Specializing on the additives business.

**1984** ECKART France SA

**1984** ECKART UK Limited

**1984/1985** Labotron AG

**1985** Meposa

**1988** BYK-Chemie Korea

**1989** ALTANA Chemie, the chemicals division of ALTANA AG is created with its headquarters at the Wesel site

**1989** BYK-Gardner USA

**1989** Renaming in BYK-Gardner

**1989** Dr. Wiedeking GmbH

**1989** Deutech s.r.l.

**1990** Production of metallic pigmented printing inks starts

**1991** CERA B.V.

**1991** Laporte

**1992** Deutech s.r.l.

**1992** Syntel SpA

**1993** Rhenacoat France S.A.

**1995** DS-Chemie GmbH

**1995** Tongling SNA Insulating Materials Co. Ltd.

**1996** The P.D. George Company

**1996** La Artistica Productos; Quimicos S.A.

**1996** BYK-Chemie Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd

**1997** Shunde-Rhenacoat Coating Co. Ltd.

**1997** ECKART America L.P.

**1998** ECKART Pigments Kg

**1998** Tongling SNA Insulating Materials Co. Ltd.

**1998** Camaltro S.P.A.

**2000** Terra Lacke GmbH

**2000** Rockwood

**2001** BYK-Chemie Tongling Co. Ltd.

**2001** ALTANA Coatings & Sealants GmbH

**2001** ALTANA Electrical Insulation GmbH

**2002** Syntel SpA

**2002** Sterling Technology Ltd.

**2003** Beck India Ltd.

**2003** Beck Electrical Insulation GmbH

**2003** Syntel SpA merges with Deutech

**2004** ALTANA Electrical Insulation (Zhuhai) Co. Ltd.

**2005** Kelstar International Inc.

**2005** Dr. Wiedeking GmbH merges with Beck

**2005** ECKART Group merges with ALTANA Chemie

**2005** Gad-Chemie rheology business

**2006** ALTANA Isoantes Elétricos do Brasil Ltda. Cerquilho

**2006** Rad-Cure Corporation

**2007** Bergen Materials Corp.

**2007** Effect pigment business Wasserlacke ins.

**2007** Growing Together

Since May 2007, after the sales of the pharmaceuticals division, ALTANA is a pure specialty chemicals company with four divisions: BYK, ECKART, ELANTAS and ACTEGA.

**2008** US Bronze Powder

**2008** Dick Peters

**2009** Quadrant & Diana

**2009** DyStar additives business

**2009** Water Ink Technologies

**2010** Aquaprint

**2010** ALTANA is a privately owned company. Listing on the stock exchange ends after 35 years.

**2010** ABB McGill's polyurethane casting resins business

**2011** Kometra Kunststoff-Modifikatoren und -Additiv GmbH

**2011** Can end sealants business of Weiser Standard Adhesives Company (WSAC)

**2011** Color Chemie Group

**2011** Avery PVD Business

**2012** ChemCar

**2012** Casting resin business Marbo

**2012** Coatgene

**2013** Specialty Coatings Henkel

**2013** Valspar overprint varnish business

**2013** Rockwood rheology business

**2014** Polypropylen Wax Emulsion DSM

**2015** ACTEGA do Brasil

**2016** Aktiprotin

**2017** Metallography technology Lamla

**2017** Formulated resins business Solvay

**2017** PrilyAd Services