

60 years of VAT

This year, it is time to take stock of our achievements over the decades. As we work to create products that will help empower your tomorrow, we never lose sight of the past that has made us what we are now.

1965–1987 Founding years

The early days of VAT were shaped by the entrepreneurial drive of VAT's founder, Siegfried Schertler, and his vision of supplying valves to science. From the outset, his team included both machining experts and design engineers. Right from the start, the focus was always on customers. These years laid the foundation for VAT's key capabilities: engineering and designing products, an uncompromising dedication to purity, and a profound understanding of the raw materials used to make its products.



1965

Founded in Flawil,
Switzerland



1988–2009

A pioneer in semi-conductors

1995

Market launch of the series 65 pendulum valve control system – our best seller – with over 200,000 valves sold

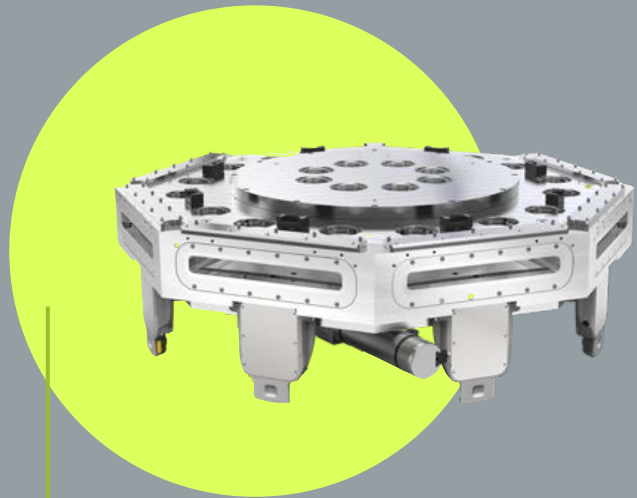
2008

Acquisition of Romania-based Sysmec, which is structured into an internal supplier

The next phase of VAT's growth was defined by its entry into the world of semiconductor manufacturing. The basic requirements for the industry were an exceptional understanding of particles and vacuums, absolute adherence to customer requirements, and a service mentality. The company's move into the semiconductor market was not planned, but a result of VAT's deep connections to science. VAT's expansion and growth in this field would require organizational changes and prompt it to build out its global presence.

2010–2024 IPO and market leadership

In early 2014 the company was acquired by Partners Group and Capvis. This benefited VAT, enabling it to expand its product offering and move into more complex modules, generate sales in more adjacent markets such as motion components and modules, and focus on servicing an impressive installed base of what is now 1.7 million valves. VAT's IPO on SIX Swiss Exchange was accomplished in 2016, with the private equity owners exiting completely by January 2018.



2011

VAT identifies adjacencies as a growth driver

2018

Expansion of the manufacturing center in Penang to over CHF 400 million output capacity

2023

Start of construction of the Innovation Center in Haag

2024

Start of construction of the new factory in Arad