



1794

DENMARK – Creation of the first business by Mr. Jacob Holm: a grocer's store. A rapid expansion follows, to include a trading/shipping company, shipyards, the manufacturing of yarns and shipping ropes.

Evolution in the 20th century: with **Danaklon A/S**, the Group specializes in the manufacture of PP fibers.

1979

Mr. Poul M. Mikkelsen acquires a majority of **Jacob Holm & Sønner A/S**' shares.

1995

FRANCE – Launch of **Jacob Holm Industries (France) SAS**, manufacturer of ADL nonwovens.

1997

Merger between the American **Hercules** and **Danaklon A/S** and birth of a new company, **FiberVisions**.

1998

Spin-off of **FiberVisions** to the **Hercules** Group.

1999

The French plant converts its manufacturing process to Hydroentanglement (spunlace).

2000

USA – Creation of **Jacob Holm Industries, Inc.** with the opening of our Sales office near Atlanta, Georgia.

GERMANY – Acquisition of the German spunlace and needlepunch manufacturer **Norafin Vliesstoff GmbH**.

FRANCE – Start-up of the Group's 2nd spunlace line.

2002

SWITZERLAND – The management company and a new operating structure are established.

2003/04

**Jacob Holm** is now one of Europe's leading suppliers of spunlace nonwovens.

2005

U.S.A. – Construction of Jacob Holm's plant near Asheville, North Carolina.

2006

U.S.A. – Production start-up of the widest and fastest dry-carded spunlace line worldwide.

DENMARK – Expansion: the Group and a Private Equity Partner purchase TYTEX, leader in advanced medical textiles. Creation of a separate company, STA, dedicated to Special and Technical nonwovens

2007

Sale of the part ownership in TYTEX/STA to the Danish co-investor. Business focus on developing new value added spunlace applications.

