

Lantal Brief corporate history

1886	Incorporation of Baumann & Brand linen mill
1903	Friedrich Baumann establishes Baumann-Grütter as a separate company
1951	Incorporation of Möbelstoffweberei Langenthal AG
1954	Initial sale of seat cover fabrics to KLM
1956	Langenthal acquires Weberei Meister AG Zürich
1964	Urs Baumann joins the company
1972	Production capacity doubled; two sales offices open in the USA
1979	Construction of a new mill in Rural Hall, USA
1985	Acquisition of Melchnau AG carpet mill; acquisition of Orinoka Mills in York, USA
1986	Sales office opened in Paris
1989	Orinoka Mills is integrated into Langenthal Mills
1990	Construction of new dyehouse in Rural Hall
1992	Langenthal/Switzerland certified to ISO 9001; merger of Weberei Meister AG, Zürich, and of Melchnau AG carpet mill with Möbelstoffweberei Langenthal AG
1993	New design studio in Langenthal; new high-speed looms commissioned
1996	New company name: Lantal Textiles Ltd
1999	Extension of dyehouse in Melchnau
2000	Move of Paris sales office to Toulouse/Cornebarrieu
2003	Dr. Urs Rickenbacher joins the company as its Chief Executive Office
2004	Transfer of majority ownership to Dr. Urs Rickenbacher and the other senior executives
2008	Establishment of the "Engineering" business unit Acquisition of Wollspinnerei Huttwil AG
2011	Accreditation with Design Organization Approval (DOA)
2014	Incorporation and inauguration of sales hub Americas and sales hub Asia Pacific

- 2016 Incorporation and inauguration of fire test laboratory in Abu Dhabi in partnership with Etihad Airways Engineering; acquisition of ACC Aviation Cabin Consulting GmbH Babenhausen/Germany, renamed ACC, Aircraft Cabin Components GmbH; takeover of majority ownership in Gierlings Velpor SA in Portugal
- 2017 Expansion of workbench with takeover of CarTrim K.S. Kraslice/Czechia. Renamed Lantal Parts s.r.o.