

50 YEARS OF WAS GERMANY 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

FROM HAMBURG INTO THE WORLD

Dear Business Partner,

Fifty years - not only has a lot of water flowed down our Elbe river during this time, it has also been a special chapter in the life of WAS Germany. Five decades - that's how long we've been working at making outstanding service possible. Five decades - that's how long you've been creating exceptional experiences for your guests - in Hamburg, Germany and the

That's reason enough to stop and take a look back at 1969, the year it all started, and all the other years that have been so special for you and us both. Memorable moments and legendary times. We take a look at the broader picture to find synchronicity between world history and our own story how WAS Germany and the world have progressed side by side. Follow the timeline and relive the big events that have changed the world, you and us.

There's no denying that there have been many changes in the last fifty years: "You will not believe how we worked back then," recalls Günther Müller. WAS Germany has expanded its storage space, developed its product range, gained new faces and changed its look - but just like that first year, when Werner A. Schulz gave the idea of service excellence a new address. today we continue to identify WAS Germany with our slogan: "Where service begins".

We look forward to continuing into the future together - let's work on making it another 50

Tim Schulz Company Owner



THE FIRST HUMAN LANDS ON THE MOON

WE HAVE LIFT-OFF LAUNCHING INTO NEW SERVICE WORLDS

In 1969, history's footprint was a size 9. Neil Armstrong and his moon boots were the protagonists in the greatest thriller in human history since the discovery of fire. It was a historic year in which two big events occurred - one took place live in front of millions, the other happened quietly in the lee of the Port of Hamburg.

At 4:56:20 p.m. ET on 21 July, when the man from Ohio stepped onto lunar soil. a murmur sounded through the world - from Houston to Hong Kong, from the Virgin Islands to the first public viewing on Jungfernstieg Street.

bility and conductibility.

Werner A. Schulz started his career in the port with a ship supplier until he set up his own business in the import and export business - soon to be joined by Günther Müller, the company's invaluable authorised officer. Together they packed hundreds of pots in numerous storage basements: "Some rooms were so low, you couldn't even stand up in them." recalls Günther Müller. You could hear the pots rattle and clang well into the night - and every evening, the local residents would ask the same question: "When are you going to finish working?"

In the course of all this work. something emerged for which people in Germany had had no word up to that point. If a delivery arrived incomplete, late or with the wrong pots, Werner A. Schulz informed his customers of this. What that was, is service - something which most people simply expect today, it was a small revolution back then.



First appearance of the brand - the WAS logo.



Werner A. Schulz was far too busy with his own business on that day to pay much attention. He probably did not even realise that he himself was about to make history - with no live video link and no astronaut party, just with a single pot. But it wasn't just any pot, of course - it was a Høyang pot. Fired for ten hours in a Norwegian kiln, it is a prime example of dura-

The first pot in the WERNER A. SCHULZ story: the Høvang pot. Fired for ten hours.

1974

21/07/1969 Neil Armstrong

Hamburg's warehouse lands on the moon

30/11/1969

10/04/1970 The Beatles break up

WERNER A. SCHULZ IS FOUNDED

07/12/1971 Kniefall (genuflection of penance) by Willy Brandt in Warsaw

18/06/1972 Germany wins the European Football Championship

15/09/1973

06/05/1974 **Helmut Schmidt** becomes Federal Chancellor

07/07/1974 Germany wins the football World Cup

1971 1972

A LOT OF TIMES, PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT UNTIL YOU SHOW IT TO THEM.

A brand to sink your teeth into: it was the Danish apple variety Gravenstein that inspired Steve Jobs to create the fruity company name that is so ubiquitous today. While pruning apple trees on a plantation near Los Altos in California, the 21-year-old entrepreneur found the name for his first product: the Apple I.

A modern computer, revolutionary in its simplicity and its utterly functional design. The Apple I was essentially a circuit board with accessories consisting of a power supply, a monitor and a mouse, partly screwed together in his parents' garage. Jobs and his partner Steve Wozniak put the computer on the market for US \$666.66. They sold only about 200 computers, but that gave them enough capital to move out of the garage and launch the Apple II a year later.

In 1976, WERNER A. SCHULZ launched its first catalogue – bagged for customers throughout Germany in their new premises on Pickhuben Street in the warehouse district without causing much of a sensation. Printed in black and white, that first catalogue contained a few hundred products for hotels and restaurants. Today, the catalogue contains a total of more than 7,000 products and is printed in colour – simply part of the service.

These days, Werner A. Schulz customers receive the latest catalogue by post as well as online at regular intervals – to browse or scroll through to their heart's content. All the products, all the new releases. Plenty to sink your teeth into.



A business address steeped in tradition: Pickhuben Street in the "Speicherstadt" warehouse district





05/01/1976 Storm tide in Hamburg 01/04/1976

Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak sell their first Apple computer 10/07/1976
The first WERNER A.
SCHULZ catalogue is printed

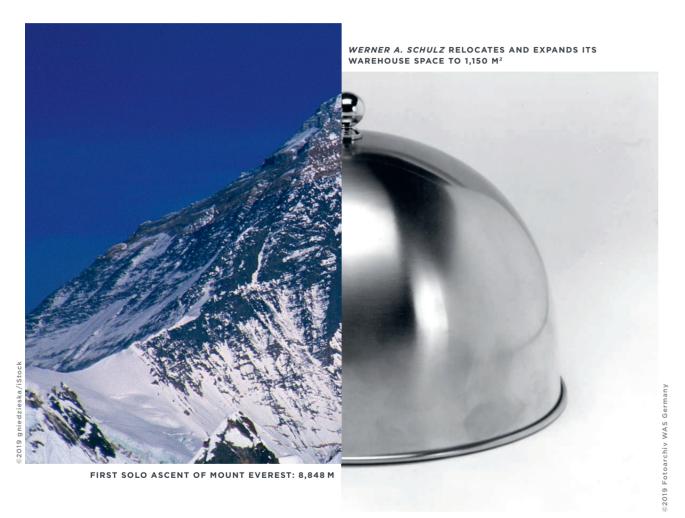
02/11/1976
Jimmy Carter is elected president of the USA

02/10/1978 Hamburg says goodbye to the tram 15/09/1978 Muhammad Ali

Muhammad Ali wins the world heavyweight boxing title for the third time

12/02/1979
First World Climate
Conference in
Geneva

05/06/1979 HSV wins the German football championship



THE MOUNTAINS WE **MUST MOVE ARE THOSE** IN OUR MIND.

DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP.

Everest remains the eternal record breaker. As soon as it has been conquered, it outgrows its record again. The restless tectonic plates between Asia and India play a trick on the summit climber: they keep pushing the roof of the world to new heights - by several millimetres every year, sometimes even centimetres. For Reinhold Messner, the centimetres never mattered - nor the lack of oxygen at high altitude. The Tyrolean conquered the mountain completely on his own and without any oxygen breathing apparatus, defying all those who thought they knew better.

WERNER A. SCHULZ also moved a mountain in 1980 - not 8.848 metres high, but 1,150 square metres in area. The company may not have had to conquer high-altitude euphoria or frostbite, but it was nevertheless a significant conquest. The new warehouse on Luisenweg in Hamburg-Hamm opened up new space for an expanded range - and with it, the scope to reach new heights. With both feet firmly on the ground, yet always inspired by the prospect of delivering quality products to customers around the world for immaculate service - from the gateway to the world to the roof of the world and beyond.



The WERNER A. SCHULZ warehouse on

06/04/1980

CET (Central European Summer Time) is introduced in Germany

17/05/1980 WERNER A. SCHULZ

20/08/1980

Reinhold Messner climbs Mount Everest solo without any oxygen breathing apparatus

05/11/1980 **Helmut Schmidt**

becomes Federal Chancellor

12/04/1981

50 YEARS

First space flight of the space shuttle "Columbia"

16/05/1982

The longest tennis final at Rothenbaum in Hamburg: 5 hours 11 minutes

01/06/1982

HSV wins the German football championship

01/10/1982 Helmut Kohl becomes Federal

Chancellor

20/11/1982

The Hamburg-Berlin transit motorway is opened

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, COWBOY!



HSV DEFENDS THE CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AND WINS THE EUROPEAN CUP



THE COMPANY'S NEXT GENERATION IS BORN



Every heroic tale tends to mix fact and fiction – especially if it comes from Athens. All that was certain on 25 May 1983 was that the Bundesliga champion SV Hamburg would be a rank outsider in the European Cup final against Juventus. It remains unclear whether coach Ernst Happel's idea of visiting a golf course in Athens on the morning of the match gave the team the decisive focus. Or maybe it was the prophetic pre-match speech that made heroes of the Hamburg team that day?

Over lunch, Captain Hrubesch and Coach Happel spoke of another cup final a few years earlier - against Nottingham Forest. Hrubesch reminisced about the moment he saw the winning team pass by at the airport with the trophy after the game. He wanted nothing more than to hold the cup in his hands. Happel listened silently, then turned to the captain and said: "Now it's your turn, Cowboy!" And it was indeed Hrubesch's turn - and with him. that of all of Hamburg and every HSV fan.

By the time Tim Schulz saw the world for the first time on 5 August, Hamburg SV had already seen their best days of the 20th century. Everyone born after this legendary summer of triumph share the same fate – everything was better in the good old days. Or so they think.

But history is just history - and the ultimate challenge is to repeat it in the future or to do it better. Tim Schulz, owner of WERNER A. SCHULZ, faces this challenge anew every day. Keeping your eye on the big picture in the face of constant changes in the markets and market situations and always delivering a tailor-made service requires full concentration. Tim Schulz has been doing this for eight years with a team that you could send out onto any playing field. They focus, they knuckle down, and they always deliver. Now it's HSV's turn.



Greek turf: Hamburg SV – Juventus: 1:0

07/01/1983
Discovery of the first black hole

25/04/1983
The STERN prints fake Hitler diaries

26/05/1983 HSV beats Juventus to win the European

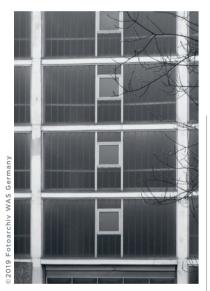
05/08/1983 Tim Schulz is born 07/07/1985 Boris Becker wins Wimbledon 26/04/1986 Reactor accident in Chernobyl 02/07/1988 Steffi Graf wins Wimbledon

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Wimbled

HISTORY REMAINS AN UNPREDICTABLE **BUSINESS - OUR LOGISTICS, ON THE OTHER** HAND. LEAVE NOTHING TO CHANCE.

AS FAR AS I KNOW -EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT DELAY.



The six-storey new warehouse covering a total of 5,000 m

09/11/1989

Fall of the

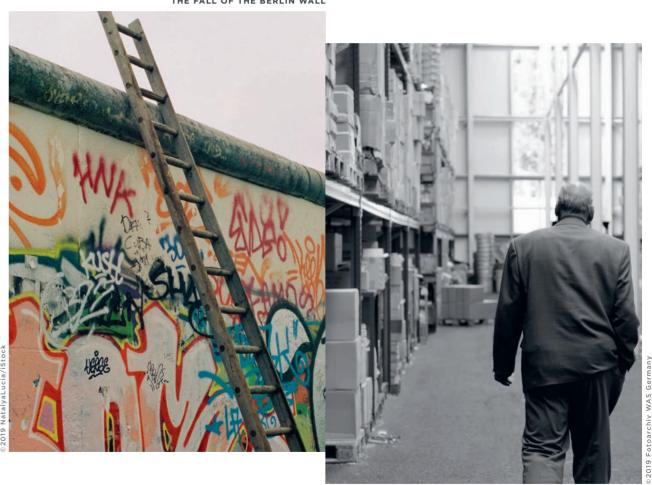
Berlin Wall

It was all just a historical mistake. On 9 November SED member Günther Schabowski took the world by surprise when he opened a new chapter in German-German relations at a Politburo press conference. In answer to a journalist's question about when the relaxed travel regulations for GDR citizens would become effective, he stammered a bureaucratic response - and thereby set in motion a very unbureaucratic fall of the Berlin Wall. The rest is history: more than 2.7 million East German visa applications within 48 hours, 50 kilometres of queues at the border crossings, the biggest reunion party that Berlin has ever celebrated and against all expectations, reunification barely a year later.

The warehouse facilities of WER-NER A. SCHULZ on Luisenweg no longer offered much capacity for surprise. It was time to create more room for manoeuvre in order to continue delivering stock all over the world, flexibly and with quick response times, into the future. Just in time for German unity. WERNER A. SCHULZ created 5,000 m² of excellent storage space in an extension spanning six floors. A freight lift connected everything with everyone - pots on the second floor, cutlery on the third floor and everything that is not categorised ends up on the sixth floor.

In 1990, this included a complete set of tableware for the National People's Army of the GDR, which soon provided the perfect tools for meals on manoeuvre for the German Bundeswehr - unified crockery for a unified army. WER-NER A. SCHULZ was ready for action on all six floors. WERNER A. SCHULZ delivers - come what may.

THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL



WERNER A. SCHULZ INCREASES WAREHOUSE SPACE TO 5,000 M2

09/10/1989 varehouse space is

30/04/1991 The last Trabant rolls off the line

03/11/1992 Bill Clinton is elected president of the USA

10/05/1994 Nelson Mandela is elected president of South Africa

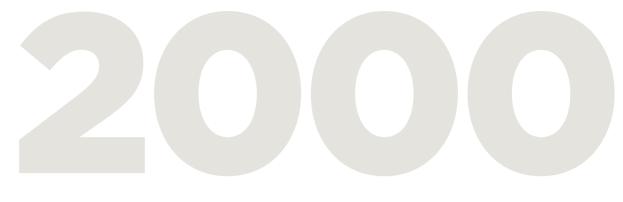
27/09/1998 German elections: Gerhard Schröder

17/02/2000 Windows 2000 comes on the market

1992

IT'S THE RIGHT STEP AT THE RIGHT TIME.

A MOVE TO NEW PAYMENT AREAS







the company headquarters in Rosengarten

Birds of a feather: the Federal eagle turns into the Euro eagle. Pesetas and Drachmas. Francs and Lira, Marks and Guilders - the currencies of the past all make way for the euro. Those who trade together don't wage war against each other. That was the simple logic with which the founding fathers of Europe, such as Jean Monnet and Konrad Adenauer. founded the European Economic Community in 1957. 44 years later, the Europeans not only traded with each other but also paid with the same coin.

For Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. who had experienced "the abomination of war" as a soldier himself, the introduction of a single European currency was a matter close to his heart. Together with French President and friend Giscard d'Estaing, the "Oracle of Langenhorn" paved the way for the euro in 1979 with the introduction of the European Monetary System (EMS). In 1999, book money was introduced and by 2000, the changeover was in full swing. In December 2001 you could view the new money for the first time in starter kits. On 1 January 2002, the citizens of Hamburg exchanged their cash at the official rate of 1 Euro to 1.95583 DM.

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And in that year, WERNER A. SCHULZ experienced a double conversion: the new payment system was followed by relocation to a new warehouse. In Nenndorf am Hatzberg, WERNER A. SCHULZ had built its very own warehouse. With 10,000 m² of storage space, the logistics and packaging stars from then on had a generous stage from which to perform their services - across all European borders.

21/12/2000 moves to

10/02/2001

The United Nations receives the Nobel Peace Prize

31/12/2001 Last day of the Deutschmark

12/08/2002 Historic flooding of the Elbe

04/02/2004 Mark Zuckerberg

launches Facebook

02/11/2004 George W. Bush is elected president of the USA

22/11/2005 Angela Merkel is elected Federal Chancellor

09/06/2006 A summer fairy tale: the football World Cup kicks off in Germany

04/11/2008 election

Barack Obama wins the US presidential

2010

01/11/2010 The electronic identity card is introduced in Germany

2002 2006



THAT WHICH CATCHES OUR ATTENTION DETER-MINES OUR ACTIONS.





What happens when there is a wedding in the largest company in the country? The whole world watches. The British royal family is not a company in the conventional sense, but for Prince Philip. his gueen is always the head of a family business which they call "the firm". The Windsor brand has represented the family very successfully on the world market since 1917.

The marriage of the designated company successor and grandson, Prince William, was no strategically arranged union, but the result of pure royal love. The spring day of 29 April presented the perfect opportunity to present the Chairman - who will sooner or later move into his office at Buckingham Palace - to the country and the world. More than two billion viewers accepted the invitation to watch the broadcast of William Arthur Philip Louis putting a ring on his Kate's finger, and Catherine Middleton becoming Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge.

On Werner A. Schulz's 70th birthday there may not have been an exchange of rings or a carriage ride, but a baton was indeed passed on. From founder to son. from senior to junior, from old boss to new owner. Werner A. Schulz stayed in the family when Tim Schulz took over in 2011 - and it was in the best hands. The heir had grown up in the company from the word go, just as his own son plays with shipping boxes and forklifts today.

Each generation faces its own challenges of the present, of providing service in the here and now. The best way of keeping traditions alive is therefore easy for us - we simply continue with a traditional family business using the means and possibilities at our disposal today.

Owner Tim Schulz with father and founder Werner A. Schulz



01/01/2011

11/03/2011 Fukushima earthquake

29/04/2011 Prince William marries Kate Middleton

30/06/2011 The German Bundestag decides to phase out nuclear power by 2022

06/08/2012

Landing of the Mars space-probe Curiosity

25/08/2012 Summer Olympics in London

22/07/2013 William and Kate's first child is born: Prince George

28/11/2013 The world meets **Edward Snowden**



WAS GERMANY

NOBODY HAS EVER WON A WORLD CUP IN THE SEMI-FINALS.

HIGH PILE STORAGE REQUIRES HIGH DRIVE AND HIGH CEILINGS



Every understatement has its moment. The German team out-classed their host Brazil with frightful elegance by 7:1 in the World Cup semi-final. It felt like they already had the champion-ship in the bag, but Toni Kroos admonished them with his well-known understatement, and coach Jogi Löw added: "A little humility goes a long way."

But as the final against Argentina drew on with no goals yet, Jogi Löw threw humility to the wind. At the half-time break during extra time, he told Mario Götze: "You're better than Messi". Spurred on by these words, Götze scored the goal that won Germany the title in the 113th minute of the match.

In this light-footed football summer, WERNER A. SCHULZ set a new course – at a state-of-the-art new facility with a new name that reflects the company's growing international activity: WAS Germany. Only 1.5 kilometres away from the previous company headquarters, the company opened a state-of-the-art logistics facility on Am Oheberg.





One location: company headquarters and logistics centre.

Mario Götze covered 36.3 kilometres in Rio. WAS Germany employees cover up to one hundred kilometres and more every day for our customers, working among the 45 high-bay racks spread over 20,000 m². Everything and everyone comes together in the warehouse: purchasing, sales and distribution - all intelligently interlinked. A great facility for world-class performance. But let's not talk about football.

W A S

07/02/2014

The Olympic Games open in Sochi 01/04/2014

moves into new company headquarters in Rosengarten

13/07/2014 Germany wins

Germany wins the football world cup

2016

08/03/2016
Stefan Witt
becomes authorised
representative of

05/05/2016 The port celebrates 825 years 12/01/2017 Inauguration of the Elbe Philharmonic Hall in Hamburg

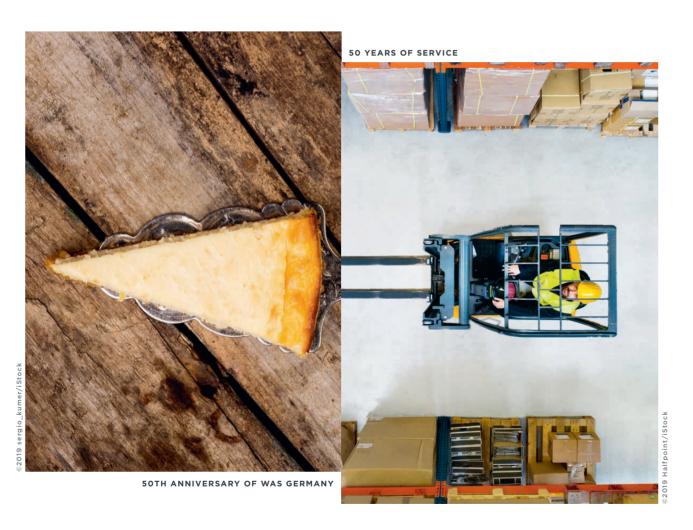
07/07/2017 Unrest at the G20 summit in Hamburg 11/06/2018

2017 ______ 2018

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THERE IS NO LAST WORD IN HISTORY.

NEVER-ENDING SERVICE



In the beginning there was a pot – and in the end? In the end, of course, the best is still to come.

And since there is always room for improvement even in the presence of excellence, we prefer not to waste too much time patting ourselves on the back.

If you want to know where you're going, all you need to do is look where you've come from. WAS Germany comes from Hamburg, from the warehouse district, from small cellars and big pots. The promise to always deliver service excellence is the driving force behind a company history that has been providing the world with outstanding service for five decades now. And from 2019 onwards, this comes with a completely revised look for its brand – and its name.

WAS Germany brings new meaning to the concept of service with clear and accessible customer communication – from the catalogue to the website, for every wish, in the here and now, and in the future.

More than 20,000 m² of storage area makes space for a modern logistics centre



Our warehouse has also been extended by an additional 20,000 m². Everything we are today, we owe to you – our international clients whose ambition it is to always create the ultimate experience for their guests.

We want to keep supporting you in this in the future, with a professional team, modern infrastructure and intelligent logistics solutions. But then again, you know that already. Time for a slice of cake – just one.



THE MAN BEHIND THE BRAND: WERNER A. SCHULZ

What does it take for a businessman's name to become a brand? Drive, perseverance and good ideas. Werner A. Schulz combines all these qualities. His first product was a cold cleaner, good for regreasing and ideal for maintenance on ship's engines. The cleaner, made from his own recipe, soon proved to be a best-seller among ship's suppliers and laid the foundation for the company WERNER A. SCHULZ. At the time. the company signs still had the added wording "technical transit trade".

In fact, at the beginning of WER-NER A. SCHULZ there was a pot. The Høyang pot from Norway is legendary for being synonymous with good cuisine. You could stand on the handles. It always kept its shape – and the good taste that it produced. The journey from Hamburg to the first customers in Italy was a long one. Werner A. Schulz made that journey – and many others. Day in, day out.

In good weather and in storm tide. The goods hub was a small backyard in Brauerknechtsgraben. The route into the outreaches of the country was covered by a trailer and the express trains of the Deutsche Bahn. The order book dictated the day-to-day work. And the day rarely ended before all the orders that arrived in the morning had been processed in the evening - because Werner A. Schulz has always understood service, even if in 1969 this word did not yet exist in the everyday usage of his language.

Werner A. Schulz steered the company in his hands-on manner until 2011. In the summer of 2019, "Schulz senior" passed away. Werner A. Schulz's vision is and remains an unchanging part of the quality standards of our family business, which we carry forth in the best tradition. We will always hold Werner A. Schulz in our memories.



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