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**The Wittern Group Celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Celebrating 90 years in business, The Wittern Group is a global leader in automated dispensing solutions

**DES MOINES, IOWA** – October 13, 2021 – 2021 marks The Wittern Group's 90<sup>th</sup> year in the automated dispensing industry. In 1931, F.A. Wittern Sr. started The Wittern Group out of his garage on the East side of Des Moines with an original investment of \$12.50. One of his first machines was a penny peanut dispenser. Following the success of his peanut vendors, the company began manufacturing matchbox dispensers and other small vending and novelty devices.

Today, The Wittern Group is one of the largest global manufacturers of automated dispensing equipment and smart lockers. The company is in its third generation of family leadership and fourth generation of ownership. Throughout the years, The Wittern Group has diversified and transformed its product and service offerings to adapt to advancements in technology, changes in consumer preferences, and evolving markets.

The Wittern Group is often involved in the community and an active member of the industries it serves. Through The Wittern Family Foundation, The Wittern Group supports various nonprofit organizations, including the National Automatic Merchandising Association, the Mayo Clinic, Junior Achievement of Central Iowa, and United Way.

As one of Iowa's premier and oldest privately held companies, The Wittern Group prides itself in its employees and culture.

"As a family-owned business, we believe our employees are a part of our extended Wittern family and value the diverse backgrounds, talents, and perspectives of our employees," said Heidi Chico, CEO and granddaughter of F.A. Wittern, Sr. "From skilled manufacturing to sales roles to customer service, we have positions available and encourage people to apply."



The Wittern Group manufactures its products at its 375,000 square foot facility in Clive, Iowa

For more information on The Wittern Group's anniversary visit Wittern's [website](https://www.wittern.com/).

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**About The Wittern Group** - Based in Des Moines, IA, The Wittern Group is a leading global dispensing solutions provider, offering the industry's most comprehensive range of integrated, full-line automated dispensing equipment, services, and technology. Family owned and operated, The Wittern Group has served the convenience services industry since 1931. <https://www.wittern.com/> -- Tel: 1.800.247.1787