





Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell

Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell took over as head of the company in 1978. In the same year, he extended the portfolio by producing wood-cased cosmetic pencils for firms selling under their own labels. In the three decades that followed, the Faber-Castell Group continued its role as a global player with roots in Germany. New markets were opened up around the world with the founding of further foreign subsidiaries and factories, especially in South America (Argentina 1988, Costa Rica 1996, Colombia 1998, Chile 2006) and the Asia/Pacific region (Malaysia 1978, Hong Kong 1979, Indonesia 1990, India 1997, Singapore 2000, and China 2001).

Environmental aspects also came increasingly to the fore in the corporate way of thinking. So as to assure future supplies of wood, an important resource for a pencil manufacturer, in the mid-1980s the Count initiated a forestry project in south-eastern Brazil that has remained unique to this day. Then in 1992, Faber-Castell became the first manufacturer of wood-cased pencils to introduce environment-friendly water-based paint technology in Germany. The early 1990s were marked by a strategic reorganization and restructuring of the product range into five fields of competence. Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell put his trust more than ever in the status of a global premium brand.

A new chapter in the long tradition of social responsibility was opened in March 2000 when Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell signed an internationally valid social charter that meets the guidelines of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

In 2008, Anton-Wolfgang Graf von Faber-Castell received the "Eco Manager of the Year" award from WWF and Capital for his commitment. In 2010 he was awarded the Cross of Merit 1st Class of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Anton-Wolfgang Graf von Faber-Castell died on 21st January 2016.





