

The History of the Vienna Stock Exchange

Today, the Vienna Stock Exchange is a modern IT infrastructure provider and essential for the national and international visibility of Austria's top companies.

- 1771**
The Vienna Stock Exchange was founded by Maria Theresia and soon gained great importance in the young monarchy. Initially only bonds, bills of exchange and foreign currencies were traded. In the middle of the 19th century the fast-growing industrialization led to a stock market boom.
- 1873**
The strong upturn favored hasty and unsolid company start-ups. As a result, the boom ended by a stock market crash in May 1873. Four years later, the historic stock exchange building, located at Schottenring, was inaugurated.
- 1918**
After losing in the First World War the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy disintegrated and Vienna was weakened as a financial center. However, it kept its importance for South-East Europe.
- 1938**
By joining the German Reich, the Vienna Stock Exchange became subject to German stock exchange law. Trading continued shortly before the end of the Second World War and was later resumed in 1948.
- 1985**
After the Second World War several industry sectors became nationalized and trading at the Vienna Stock Exchange focused on bonds. This changed after market capital analyst Jim Roger recommended Vienna as an undervalued capital market.
- 1991**
1991 the Austrian leading index ATX (Austrian Traded Index) was launched. The ATX is a capitalization-weighted price index and consists of the most frequently traded stocks on the prime market of the Vienna Stock Exchange.
- 1998**
The Vienna Stock Exchange moved to Wallnerstraße 8, 1010 Vienna. One year later, it was privatized. The fully electronically trading system Xetra® was introduced.
- 2004**
The Vienna Stock Exchange started building its network with cooperations in South- and Eastern Europe. Several privatizations of enterprises in Austria, among them voestalpine, OMV and Austrian Post, pushed the domestic stock market.
- 2008**
Turbulences on the international financial markets also had an impact on the Austrian stock market.
- 2010**
The holding company, CEESEG AG, containing the stock markets Vienna and Prague, was founded to bundle financial decisions under one roof.
- 2016 - today**
Christoph Boschan becomes CEO, Ludwig Nießen COO & CTO and Petr Koblíček CFO of the CEESEG AG. Today, the Vienna Stock Exchange is leading in IT infrastructure services for other stock exchanges. By introducing the global market segment, Vienna Stock Exchange gained a broader international base.

