THE HOME DEPOT'S HISTORY

The Home Depot has come a long way since the first two stores opened 40 years ago. Back in 1979, Bernie Marcus said, "The Home Depot concept is to provide the most complete assortment of lumber, building materials and home improvement products, competitively priced in a service-oriented retail situation." Our values and commitment to our customers haven't changed, and we are well-positioned to write the next chapter of our story.

1978

April 14 - Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank were fired from Handy Dan Home Improvement Centers.

June 29 - The Home Depot Inc. was incorporated in Delaware.

1979

June 22 - The first two Home Depot stores opened on Memorial Drive and Buford Highway in Atlanta, GA.

By the end of 1979, The Home Depot had three stores, 200 associates and average weekly sales of $81,700.

1981

September 22 - The Home Depot stock went public on NASDAQ at $12 per share.

The first Florida stores opened in Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale.

1986

Began focusing on Pro customers.

1989

The 100th store opened in Monrovia, CA.

TEAM DEPOT
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

1990

The Home Depot became the largest home improvement retailer in the U.S.

1993

Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate volunteer program, was established.

1994

Aikenhead's stores were acquired to create the Canadian division.

1995

The first Tool Rental Center opened in Nashville, TN.

Home Improvement 1-2-3 book hit shelves, offering expert advice from associates.

1997

The Home Depot developed Kids Workshops to teach building skills and safety.

1999

The Homer Fund was started to help associates in their time of need.

2000

Established e-commerce site with test markets in Las Vegas, NV.

2001

Following the terrorist attacks on Sept.11, The Home Depot's Mid-Atlantic Division served as an emergency command center.

The Home Depot expanded into Mexico with the acquisition of Total Home.

2002

The Home Depot Foundation was established.

The Home Depot was the first major home improvement retailer to install self-checkouts.

2003

The Home Depot became presenting sponsor of ESPN College GameDay.

2005

The 2,000th store opened in Riverdale, GA.

2006

The Home Depot invested more than $87 million into the Gulf community to support rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

2007

Opened first Rapid Deployment Center (RDC), which marked the beginning of one of the most dramatic supply chain transformations in retail history.

2008

The Merchandising Execution Team (MET) began in stores.

2010

The Home Depot was the first brick-and-mortar retailer with apps on the top three smartphone platforms.

The Home Depot debuted Spring Black Friday, a first in retail history.

The Home Depot rolled out the FIRST Phone mobile devices to U.S. stores, a key enabler of interconnected retail capabilities and supply chain improvements.

The first issue of *ORANGE* magazine rolled off the presses.

2011

With the opening of the 19th RDC, The Home Depot's distribution centers served 100 percent of U.S. mainland stores.

The Home Depot pledged $30 million over three years to military veterans' housing issues.

Homedepot.com offered the ability to buy online and pick-up or return in-store.

2012

The Home Depot celebrated opening the 100th Mexico store.

2013

The Home Depot hosted more than 700 hurricane workshops from Texas to Maine.

2014

The first of three new Direct Fulfillment Centers opened to support the Company's interconnected retail capabilities.

2015

The Company opened three online fulfillment centers, plus several tech centers, to support its overall interconnected retail strategy.

The Home Depot announced the acquisition of Interline Brands, Inc.

2016

The Home Depot Foundation pledged a quarter of a billion dollars to veterans' causes by 2020.

2017

The Home Depot acquired Compact Power Equipment, Inc. and The Company Store.

Sales surpassed $100 billion for fiscal year 2017.

2018

The Home Depot Foundation boosted its commitment to veterans' causes to $500 million.

Announced $11.1 billion strategic investment plan.