

# Smurfit Kappa Drogenbos: A History

1947

Smurfit Kappa Drogenbos was founded in 1947 by Family Langenaeken (a father with his two sons) as a packaging company named 'Edwards Emballages'.

1988

'Edwards Emballages' was sold to Wentworth group in 1988. But to this very day, the Smurfit Kappa Drogenbos team has kept the close-knit atmosphere of a family business alive.

1995

We were sold to Kappa Packaging Group in 1995. Kappa group was a Netherlands-based company founded in 1974 and Europe's largest manufacturer of corrugated and cardboard packaging

1996

The knowledge and budget that became available thanks to the merger with 'Kappa Packaging group' allowed 'Kappa Drogenbos' to focus all resources on making great POS-displays.

2005

In 2005 Jefferson Smurfit merged with Kappa Packaging to form Smurfit Kappa. Smurfit Kappa continues to grow with over 46,000 employees in 350 production sites across 36 countries, with an annual turnover of €8.5 billion.

2010

Thanks to the digital revolution we have managed to greatly increase our output and work with tighter timeframes.

2015

The last few years we've made great strides towards market analysis. This with the goal of understanding what you, the customer, deem important.

2020

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Smurfit Kappa was deemed an 'Essential Business' in many of the countries in which we operate. We played a vital role in supplying packaging for critical supply chains such as food/drink, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, that are needed by our customers and communities.