

# Our success story



Johannes Ferdinand Siegmund Elster establishes branches in Lucerne and Rotterdam. From 1899 to 1923 the company name was «Gasmesserfabrik Luzern, Elster & Co.», in Luzern», then until 1927 «Elster & Co., in Luzern».

1899



The first water meter, a wet running meter with roller counter, is developed together with the Zurich water authority.

1940



GWF is approved by the Swiss Federal Office of Metrology as an official testing laboratory for heat meters.

1987



The new company building is completed after a three-year construction phase. In the same year, the «just-in-time» principle is introduced to shorten throughput times and to be able to produce customer-specific designs faster.

1995

1848

The then 25-year-old Siegmund Elster establishes the company «Elster Gasapparate» in Berlin, specialising in the production of street lamps, gas lamps and gas meters.

1930

The company is converted into a public company and renamed «Gas- & Wassermesserfabrik A.G., Luzern». GWF starts manufacturing water meters, initially under licence from Siemens.



1960

A large fire destroys more than 1000 gas meters and almost causes a major disaster, as the company premises are adjacent to a mineral oil firm.



1992

GWF is the first company in the gas, water and heat meter industry to achieve certification to quality management standard ISO 9001.



1996

GWF becomes the first official EU verification centre for gas meters, water meters and volume measuring parts in Switzerland. This means shorter delivery times for Swiss customers, as verification procedures can now be carried out in Switzerland.



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GWF introduces the patented GWFcoder® system for the transmission of effective gas and water meter readings – a key technology for automated meter reading.

1997



To ensure production capacities meet the high international demand for the GWFcoder® system, GWF decides to cooperate with Escatec in Malaysia. Series production commences there two years later.

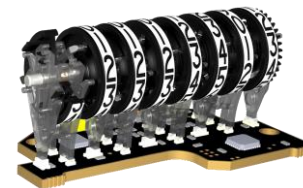
2002

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**GWF**

A completely new look corporate design and slogan «swiss.smart.simple.» give GWF a contemporary and cutting-edge brand image.

2009



GWF introduces the GWFcoder® system with eight roller counters and thus an ultra-precise resolution in litres.

2013

Through its strategic program «GWF Excellence», GWF decides to enhance professionalisation of all relevant business areas and focuses intensively on the measurement systems and services of tomorrow.

2015

1999

GWF celebrates its 100th anniversary. One year later there is another reason to celebrate: One million meters with GWFcoder® system sold – a global success.



2004

The new company name is «GWF MessSysteme AG» and helps to reinforce the transformation from being purely a manufacturer of measuring instruments to an innovative technology and solution partner, also in the public's perception.



2010

GWF enters a new growth market through the sale of electricity meters, thereby offering customers an all-encompassing range of services.



2014

GWF establishes the subsidiary e-lynx AG, specialising in smart meter roll-outs (the offerings were transferred to GWF in 2018).

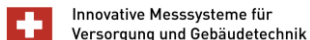
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The parent company GWF takes over the product and system business of e-lynx and thus becomes the provider of Iskraemeco meters and systems in Switzerland. e-lynx AG sells the developed solutions for the energy and metering service sector to a provider in the Swiss market.

2017



Emotionalisation of the corporate design is enhanced using new images from the world of sport. **«We go the extra mile»** is the performance promise that we give to our customers through our daily work.

2018

Foundation of GWF Labs GmbH in Hanover/Germany for the development of new measuring technologies.



Foundation of GWF Technologies GmbH in Kaufbeuren/Germany and integration of Hydrovision GmbH's measuring technology in the fields of hydrology, wastewater, sewerage, hydropower and water supply.



Establishment of a software development team in Southern Europe.



GWF MessSysteme AG will soon celebrate its 120th anniversary! Since 1899, the company has continued to develop, innovate and expand in order to supply the market with products and concepts for sustainable resource use in the areas of gas, water, electricity and district heating.

2019



# From meter manufacturer to overall solution provider

