1988

CMS was founded in London by Frank Salmon under the name of CMS Peripherals with the ambition to become the United Kingdom and Ireland's largest independent storage distributor.

1988

CMS started as a small system integrator. The first CMS solution under its own brand was a 5.25" external floppy disk drive called Megalink, which enabled data interchange with the new 3.5" diskettes, followed by an external tape drive.

1990

Transitioned from a small system integrator to an ambitious value-added Distributor of data storage products.

1991

8 Employees

1991

Sales of £1M+

1993

Launched CMS Peripherals in Ireland.

1993

"European Distributor of the Year" – Colorado Memory Systems

1994

30 Employees

1994

Sales of £10M+

1998

75 Employees

2004

140 Employees

2004

Sales of £100M+

2011

Acquisition of CCI Distribution (UK)

2011

173 Employees

2011

Sales of £110M+

1998

Sales of £50M+

2012

SAP System Integration – Changed our operational excellence

2012

Re-defined our core values and launched the POPE values – People, Operational Excellence, Profitable Growth and Exceeding Expectations – as the company's DNA that reflect what we stand for as a business.

2012

182 Employees

2012

Sales of £133M+

2013

Sales of £133M+

2013

170 Employees

2013

Rebrand to CMS Distribution

2013

Acquisition of Interactive Ideas (UK)

2015

Sales of £178M+

2015

Moved to new flagship office – Worship Street, London

2016

Acquisition of Widget (UK), Now Mobile (Netherlands)

2016

Become the majority shareholder of Newgen Distribution (Sweden)

2016

Moved into the new Harrogate office at Gardner House.

2016

Sales of £324M+

2017

Acquisition of TNS Connect Distribution (Ireland-Dublin and China) allows us to enter JPAC

2017

Implementation of the SAP SuccessFactors brings great improvement to our Human Experience Management (HXM).

2017

Company of the Year and Channel Programme of the Year 2017 – Tech Excellence Awards

2017

Consumer Electronics Distributor of The Year 2017 – PCR Awards

2017

Sales of £446M+

2017

320 Employees

2017

Opening of the new office in Amsterdam.

2018

Celebrated 30 years anniversary

2018

Acquisition of SEG (UK)

2018

Consumer Electronics Distributor of The Year 2018 – PCR Awards

2018

Sales of £433M+

2018

CMS opens in the US (Colorado) establishing our presence in the USA.

2018

Renewal of our Kiltimagh office.

2018

Company of the Year 2018 – Tech Excellence Awards

2018

2018 Consumer Tech Distributor of The Year – EMEA Channel Academy

2019

Storage Distributor of the Year - CRN Channel Awards

2019

Best Managed Companies 2019 - Deloitte

2019

Acquisition of Avesta (France)

2019

CASOne - New logistics centre open in Castleford

2019

Sales of £453M+

2019

522 Employees

2019

Consumer Electronics Distributor of the Year - PCR Awards

2020

Acquisition of PDT UK Ltd (UK)

2020

Hall of Fame & Storage Distributor of the Year – Storage Awards

2020

480 Employees

2020

Sales of £485M+

2021

Acquisitions of Sysob (Germany) and VLC (US)

2021

Re-opening of Kiltimagh warehouse

2021

Consumer Electronics Distributor of the Year – PCR Awards

2021

8 Countries

2021

14 sites

2021

500+ Employees

2021

Sales of £572M+

2022

Rebranded CMS

2022

Launched new corporate website

2022

530+ Employees

2022

Launched new e-commerce platform