

Press Release

HAPPY AUTOSTORE[®]VERSARY! Why the numbers 10, 50 and 1,000 are special for HÖRMANN Intralogistics.

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Andrew 50 (1)	50+ realized systems since 2016 Smart cube storage
	HÖRMANN Intralogistics

You have to celebrate the anniversaries as they come. This year, HÖRMANN Intralogistics and its partner AutoStore[®] have three reasons to party. The numbers 10, 50 and 1000 stand for the incredible success story that the intralogistics experts have delivered with the AutoStore division with supervisor Robert Heinz.

10 years AutoStore® distributor

Since 1 October 2013, HÖRMANN Intralogistics has been the official distributor of AutoStore[®]. At that time, the innovative small parts storage system, which had won several awards for its convincing concept, had been on the market for just under two years. The team around Managing Director Steffen Dieterich immediately recognized the great potential for small goods. High dynamics, a very compact and individually adaptable storage area, easy expandability, and variable picking stations that are served directly with containers by the autonomous robots. Speed, variety of articles and user-friendliness – all this in the smallest of spaces. Soon, the first projects were successfully implemented, and the experienced IT team adapted the HÖRMANN Intralogistics WMS HiLIS to be one of the first integrators to offer AutoStore[®] including a modular, tailor-made warehouse management system.

At the beginning of 2020, the excellent sales work under business unit manager Robert Heinz was rewarded. In addition to the area in Germany, HÖRMANN Intralogistics received the distribution rights for Austria, Switzerland and Eastern Europe from the AutoStore[®] headquarters in Norway. Already in autumn 2018, the first project went live at Sport Okay in Innsbruck. The sports professionals optimized the storage and picking for their online shop with AutoStore[®]. A pilot project that was soon followed by numerous other companies, riding the wave of the e-commerce boom.

50+ AutoStore® Projects

Typicalla HÖRMANN Intralogistics, the 50th AutoStore[®] project, which was won this year in April, turned out to be a particularly tricky one. With the very first, innovative combined cooling and room temperature AutoStore[®] system in Langenfeld (Rhineland), HÖRMANN Intralogistics already convinced those responsible for flaschenpost. For the innovative design of the AutoStore[®] system, the different temperature zones "Ambient" and "Chilled" were combined during the planning of HÖRMANN Intralogistics in such a way that it is possible to pick dry and chilled goods from both systems for one order. Even before its completion, the team led by Business Development Manager Tom Walther was awarded the contract for the second microfulfillment project for a new logistics building for the online delivery service flaschenpost.

"The first positive experiences in the implementation of the pilot plant in Langenfeld as well as the personal customer service have confirmed our decision to implement another pilot plant with HÖRMANN Intralogistics as early as this year," confirms Marc Suck, Head of Process Engineering, at flaschenpost the awarding of the contract. And thus triggered the big jubilee celebration for the 50th AutoStore[®] project.

The successfully implemented systems of the last almost 10 years include AutoStore systems for small parts storage in the manufacturing industry, for online stores in the automotive, fashion and food industries and, as a further highlight, the first combined intralogistics solution with automatic high-bay warehouse and AutoStore[®] system as well as a common picking zone at the heat pump manufacturer IDM in Matrei, East Tyrol. For more information, please visit https://www.hoermann-intralogistics.com/de/references/autostore.

1,000 AutoStore® robots delivered

The nimble, autonomous robots that tirelessly rearrange and store containers on the AutoStore Grid and bring them to the picking ports are a very decisive factor for the picking rate and the throughput of goods in the AutoStore^{®®} warehouse. In this way, the picking rate can be quickly and easily adapted to an increased order volume by means of additional robots. Thanks to their corner-mounted wheels, the robots can reach any position on the grid and do not get in each other's way. The 1,000th AutoStore[®] robot, which is currently being delivered by HÖRMANN Intralogistics, will shine particularly brightly. Painted gold for the occasion and provided with the number 1.000. Here's how to celebrate a triple AutoStore[®]Versary in style!

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