



## 1940s

On 16 November 1947, the Bror Hultström founded the company Hultströms Intecknings- og Fastighetsaktiebolag – which later took on the shortened name Hifab.

## 1950s

The first major prestige project for Hifab was the project management of Hötorgsskräporna no. 3 and 4. Hötorgshuset became the breakthrough project for the company and for the theories about acting as an independent project manager focusing on quality.

Hifab was responsible for the construction project management at the construction of a number of EPA department stores – a low-cost concept that derived its inspiration from the United States.

## 1960s

Hifab grew very quickly and during the 60s, offices were opened in several places in Sweden, including Gothenburg and Malmö. Today we are represented throughout the country.

The American hotel chain Sheraton was established in Stockholm, its first city in Europe. Hifab acted as project manager and successfully managed to reduce construction costs from SEK 95 to SEK 63 million.

## 1970s

Hifab International was formed and one of the first international projects involved project and construction management of the construction of two hospitals in Vietnam. Presentably projects are underway in about ten developing countries, within sectors such as infrastructure, climate and environment, electricity supply and organisational development.

Hifab was responsible for project management in the expansion of Uddevallavarvet – one of the largest state industrial investments in the 70's in Sweden.

## 1980s

1987 - Hifab opens offices in Bangladesh. Hifab became involved in projects focusing on rural development and measures for the creation of additional employment opportunities.

The next Sheraton hotel was built in Malmö – today Scandic Triangeln hotel. Hifab had an extensive commission with the establishment of the city's new venue among of shopping, entertainment and cultural events.

In the late 80's, a complex renovation and extension of the Jakobsbergs Centrum began under the direction of Hifab. This was one of several similar projects, where older shopping malls were converted into modern indoor galleries.

# Hifab through the decades



The actual business idea was born in the late 1940s. Hifab's founder, Bror Hultström, became involved in a major construction project, and was charged with managing the project and monitoring the interests of the developer. Bror began to acquire as much knowledge as possible about construction management by consulting the professionals who were active in the construction industry.

Bror was not able to find any consultant who was completely independent and only had the best interests of the developer in mind. In other words, the enormously large construction industry lacked a knowledgeable cooperative party who could act as representative for the client's requirements, desires,

and interest. In 1947, he founded Hifab – which became the country's first independent construction project manager and developer's representative. In the role of representative, Hifab was entirely independent from designers/planners, contractors and suppliers. The company was therefore able to recom-

mend the most favourable arrangement for the client and objectively procure and manage the available resources within each project. This independence in particular was the key to the successes that would come later on, and this independence remains an important pillar of Hifab's operating activities.

## 1990s

During the 1990s, new areas of expertise were developed at Hifab, such as facilities and environmental projects.

One of Hifab's first major infrastructure projects was in connection with the extensive expansion of Henriksdal's wastewater treatment plant. The plant is Sweden's largest and is 300,000 m<sup>2</sup> and has about 18 km of tunnels.

Within the expansive infrastructure sector, Hifab received several assignments: the most extensive was project management of the motorway between Söderhall and Rösä, the first part of the Dennispaket.

Hifab International won its first assignments for international development banks.

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## 2000s

Hifab acted as project manager in the rebuilding of Centralposthuset (Central Post Office Building) when the building was renovated and became efficient office space for the Government Offices 800 employees.

Södra länken (The Southern Link) is Sweden's largest road tunnel; 6 kilometres long of which 4.6 kilometres are in a tunnel. Hifab participated in the assignment with a project management organisation.

In 2008, the company was listed on OMX First North.

In the early 2000s, KTH's main library was completed, an award-winning project involving Hifab acting project managers.

Hifab International took over the international consultants from IVO/Fortum in Finland and founded Hifab Oy. This resulted in a powerful establishment on the electrification market in Africa.

The City Tunnel in Malmö is a 17 km long railway link, of which approx. 6 km is a bored tunnel under central Malmö. Hifab was the construction manager for two of the stations on the line.

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## 2010s

The stretch Stockholm bypass is a new extension of E4, west of Stockholm, and of the road's 21 km, approx. 18 km runs in a tunnel. Hifab is responsible for construction management of the Kungens Kurva interchange.

During five intensive years, major renovations have taken place around the heart of Stockholm – Sergels torg. In total, 31,000 m<sup>2</sup> of sealing layer has been replaced and the structure has been strengthened. Hifab has been in charge of the management of the project since 2014.

New Karolinska Solna (NKS) is a project where the end result will be one of the world's most sustainable university hospitals, in which the healthcare and medical services will be integrated with research and education. Hifab's assignment involves ensuring function, capacity and performance in accordance with the agreement.

Hifab is becoming increasingly involved in infrastructure projects in Africa, including an electrification project in Mozambique, rural roads in Liberia and railways in Ethiopia.

In 2017 Hifab celebrated 70 proud years.