Our history

WSP has grown organically and through acquisitions to become one of the leading consultancies in the world. Having started life as a small building services consultancy based in England, we now work in five continents with project offices worldwide.

Our head office is based in the United Kingdom with principal offices in Sweden, USA, Finland, South Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

We floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1987, and celebrate many milestones in our 30-year history including:

- 1995 the launch of WSP Environmental as a global business;
- 1996 the beginning of our global expansion with the birth of WSP Asia and WSP South Africa;
- 1997 the acquisition of a strong civils and transportation resource;
- 2000 entry into the US market through the acquisition of two well known high rise specialist firms in America Cantor Seinuk and Flack + Kurtz Consulting Engineers;
- 2001 doubling in size when we welcomed Jacobson & Widmark, one of Sweden's leading technical consulting companies, to the Group. Our Scandinavian coverage was strengthened soon afterwards through the acquisition of three Finnish companies;
- 2005 the acquisition of the PHB Group, one of the United Arab Emirates' oldest established firms of consulting engineers, strengthened our presence in the Middle East.

