



FELIX SCHOELLER

COMPANY PROFILE

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At a glance

Felix Schoeller is a global, family-owned specialty paper manufacturer. Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Osnabrück, the company develops and produces specialty paper solutions for the furniture and wood-based panel industry, professional print and digital printing, and label and packaging manufacturers, as well as release materials for adhesive technology, medical, industrial and graphic applications.

The fifth-generation family-run company employs around 2.300 people worldwide and is the global market leader in photographic and decor papers. Hans-Christoph Gallenkamp is Chairman and Spokesman of the Management Board.

Felix Schoeller is a development partner for paper- and coating-based solutions. The company combines comprehensive expertise in materials and coatings with a deep understanding of applications, processes and value chains. Together with customers and partners, Felix Schoeller develops solutions that meet functional, aesthetic and sustainability requirements and help companies stabilize their processes, successfully bring innovations to market and tap into new market potential. Market and technology trends, regulatory developments and the specific requirements of each application all inform the development process.

The first 100 years

The young Osnabrück businessman Felix Hermann Maria Schoeller recognized the potential of photography at an early stage and founded a factory for photographic base papers in 1895. In 1912, Schoeller expanded into the United States and opened its first subsidiary in New York. In 1932, Schoeller made its first attempts to manufacture lacquered paper.

After the Second World War, the company continued to grow and expanded its presence in key sales markets. In 1962, exports accounted for more than 60 percent of sales. In 1986, the world's most productive Paper Machine for photographic base paper, Paper Machine 1, was built in Osnabrück.

With the advent of digital photography, Felix Schoeller increasingly focused on specialty papers for high-quality digital printing applications. In addition to producing inkjet and thermal transfer papers, decor papers for the surface finishing of wood-based panels (e.g. for furniture, worktops and laminate) became another key pillar of the business.



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Felix Schoeller today

Since the 2000s, Felix Schoeller has continued its internationalization and now supplies around 2.000 customers in more than 60 countries. With a global production network comprising 10 sites across three continents—Europe, North America and Asia - the company can serve customers worldwide. The company's headquarters in Osnabrück are also home to Paper Machine 1, Europe's most productive decor paper machine.

In addition to photographic and decor papers, Felix Schoeller now also produces paper-based packaging and release liners (release papers for the label and adhesive industry), as well as specialty papers for technical applications such as printed electronics (e.g. for printing organic circuits).

Felix Schoeller also focuses on developing sustainable paper solutions wherever paper-based alternatives to conventional materials are in demand and the requirements for recyclability and circularity are increasing.

The portfolio is complemented by converting and accompanying services, ranging from application consulting and customized new product development to distribution and logistics.

With its brand promise "PAPER MADE FOR LIFE", Felix Schoeller has expressed its ambition since 2023 to harness the power of paper for solutions that make life better.

In fiscal year 2025, the company sold approximately 284.000 tons of paper and generated revenue of around €824 million.

Key figures: fiscal year 2025

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