

# S4SOURCE

4Source company history – a success story  
for more than 24 years

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1999

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, “Labour Day”, 4Source electronics AG starts its business activities in Dresden, Initial workforce: 4 employees.

2000

Boom year for chip brokers – global component shortage results in good turnovers and allows the company to grow quickly.

2001

4Source starts its first warehouse acquisitions, thereby starting a second business segment as a “stockholding distributor” and concludes the first buyouts – including speculative ones.

2002

The company adopts an expansion policy despite the difficult economic setting; increase in the nominal capital helps in making the necessary investments.

2003

The warehouse grows and is equipped in accordance with ESD guidelines during the course of expansion.

2004

Enhanced customer retention and cost-saving service become the focus of acquisition. The company also develops new markets in Western Europe.

2005

The expansion of the EU turns Eastern European countries into interesting sales markets; 4Source puts fourth its hand. By this stage it has 20 employees.

2006

Foundation is laid for further growth: 4Source moves to new premises at the “Atrium am Rosengarten” in Dresden.

2007

The process of certification that was started in the previous year in accordance with ISO 9001:2000 is completed successfully.

2008

4Source strengthens its commitment to the markets in the Far East that are becoming more and more important.

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2009

We develop our quality standards right in the middle of the crisis. The anticyclical investment in new sales staff would soon prove to be worthwhile...

2010

The allocation year brings enormous sales and profit growth. More employees hired for quality assurance and administration; 30 employees.

2011

Extensive investments in merchandise management, logistics and quality assurance. EN/AS 9120:2010 certification for the aerospace industry and introduction of ISO 14001:2009.

2012

Optimisation of in-house services: component and assembly tests by means of X-ray inspection, BGA and void inspection and optical error analysis.

2013

Further development of the quality assurance department: component programming, negative control and reading tests, contact and parameter test of microcontrollers, EPROMs and memories.

2014

Stable profit situation and festive mood: 4Source celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> May! Successful re-certifications in accordance with ISO 9001:2008 among others.

2015

Warehouse capacity grows – the purchase and sales team literally comes closer on a limited area to accommodate the new ESD areas.

2016

Despite industry-wide stagnation, 4Source scores with its clear customer orientation and can boast of significant annual growth with meanwhile 32 permanent employees.

2017

The time of sideways trending markets is over: Shortages of passive components positively impact on our core business in the second half of 2017.

2018

A solid allocation delivers the highest revenues in the company's history and 4Source expands at its location – storage area, logistics and quality assurance merge to form the new 4Source warehouse (...)

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2019



Due to market strength allocation, we are well prepared for the future challenges and opportunities.

2020



The first Covid year forced us to restructure our organization – 4Source successfully transitioned “from a commute-to-work to a work-from-home company!” All processes that had been organized in detail for years were converted to a decentralized structure with surprising ease.

2021



The first Covid shock is over and demand exploding. There is an acute shortage of components – allocation grips the market. 4Source experiences rapid growth and achieves by far the best annual results since its founding.

2022



4Source enters a new league and is booming like never before. The team is massively increased to 50 employees; the QA lab continues to expand. 4Source’s list of customers now includes the “who is who” of the European electronics industry.

2023



After the last years’ economic boom we consolidate at a high turnover level. With IEC 61340-5-1 (ANSI/ESD S20.20), we obtain our fourth certification. The American IDEA\* accepted us as one of a very few European companies to its exclusive ranks which enables us to qualify members of 4Source’s QA team as official IDEA inspectors according to international standards.

2024



Towards  
the future

Certifications

ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management)

EN/AS 9120:2018 (Aerospace)

ISO 14001:2015 (Environmental Management)

IEC 61340-5-1 + ANSI/ESD S20.20 (ESD)

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