

Smartwares® on Descartes Customer day

Introduction Smartwares®

Smart & accessible products for home & personal care

 Smartwares[®] is a fast-growing consumer goods company offering a rich selection of smart home essentials: Crisp, clever, well designed products to use in and around the home.

Solid financial basis:

– Sales: EUR 480 million

- EBITDA: appr. 5 % of total sales

– Total Assets: EUR 240 million

Equity to Total Assets: 35%

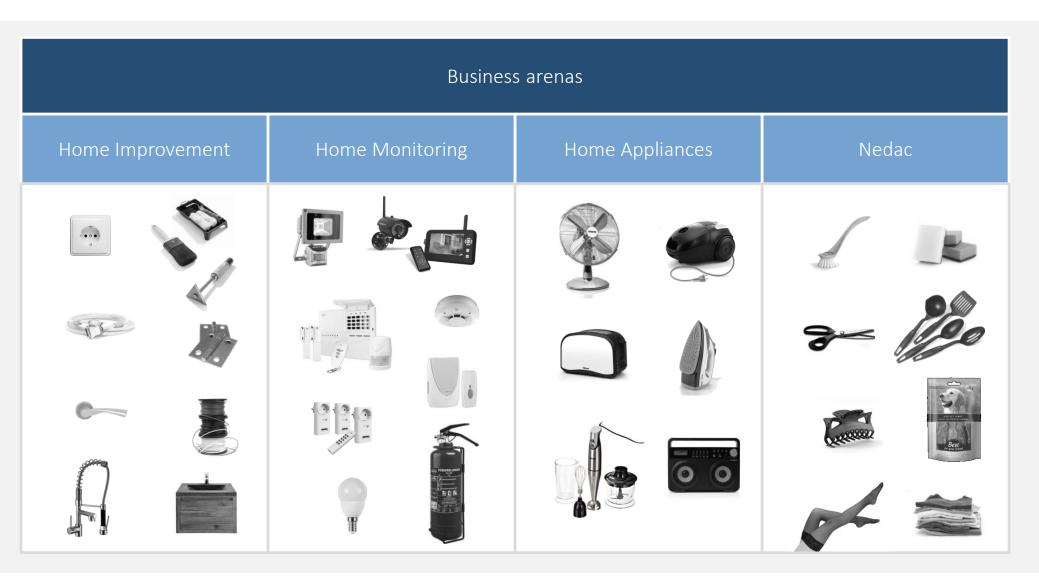
– Leverage: < 2 x EBITDA</p>

 H2 Equity Partners is the majority shareholder ABN AMRO Participations and NPM Capital hold minority positions

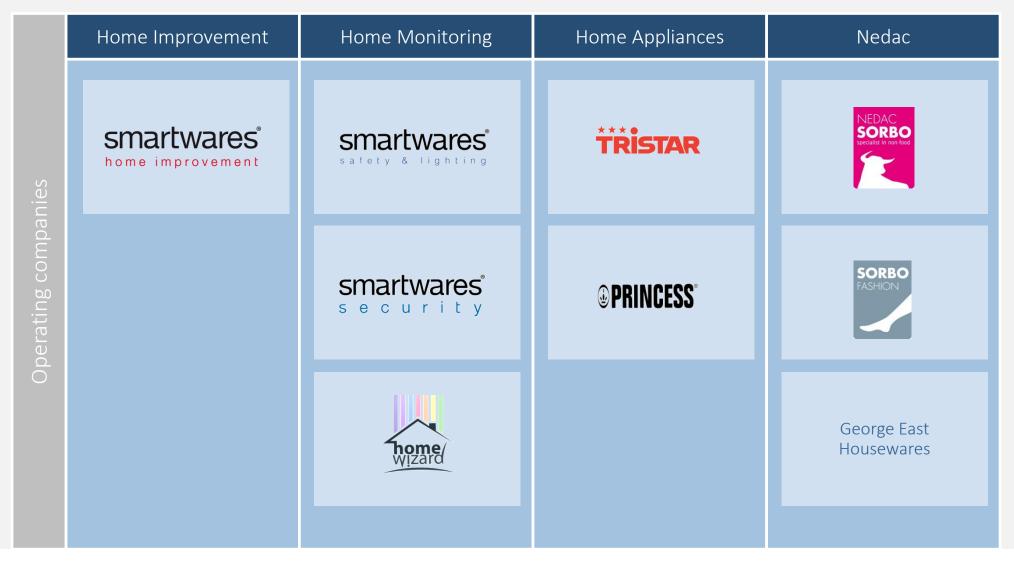


Smartwares® consumer goods

Leading player in 4 product arenas



Smartwares® Company Structure



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The market is on fire

 European consumer goods markets are highly competitive and face challenging economic conditions

• <u>Demand</u>: under pressure

• <u>Consumers</u>: on the move; from

traditional A-brands to

value propositions

Retail: on the move; from offline

to online// from midmarket

to value propositions

<u>Competition</u>: struggling to adept to this

new reality



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Smartwares® has delivered double digit growth each year

- We recognized in this particular time frame the opportunity to outpace competition and emerge as the winner in this arena. Driven both by autonomous growth and market consolidation.
- With an average market decline of -/- 5% in the last 3 years, Smartwares[®] has delivered double digit growth each year

We implemented a 3 pillar strategy:

- 1. Autonomous growth
- 2. One Smartwares
- 3. Market Consolidator



1. Autonomous growth

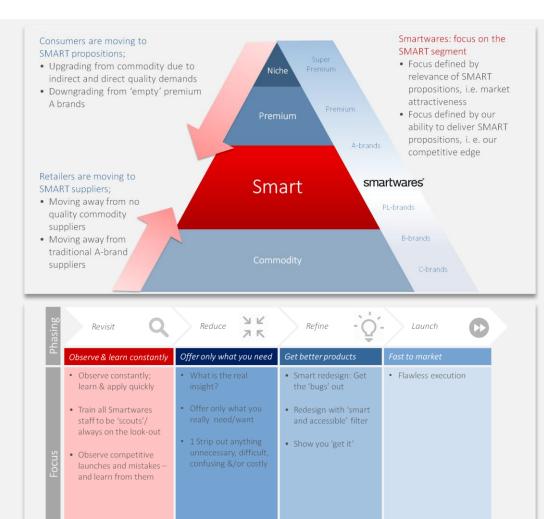
Focus on the SMART-segment

Position to win

- In all global consumer markets the SMART segment is the winning one (H&M, Zara, IKEA)
- SMART meaning offering real value for consumers and retailers at aggressive prices
- NOT the traditional A brand domain of (some) value add but at inflated price premiums
- NOT the traditional commodity domain with no real value add

Excellent execution

- Being the fast follower; revisit, reduce, refine the offering in our categories
- Work with retailers to develop differentiated category plans for them
- Be the leader in online development
- Focus on a high innovation & renovation rates
- Apply Smartwares® branding



Revisit

Europe's top retailers









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2. One Smartwares®

One coherent set of entrepreneurial businesses that share a single lean and agile delivery machine

Building one platform

- One system, one way-of-working
- Highest quality AND lowest cost in the industry
- One Back office (Finance, HR, ...)
- One IT (Business Applications/ERP, Office Automation, Commercial infrastructure ie online/social)
- One Supply Chain

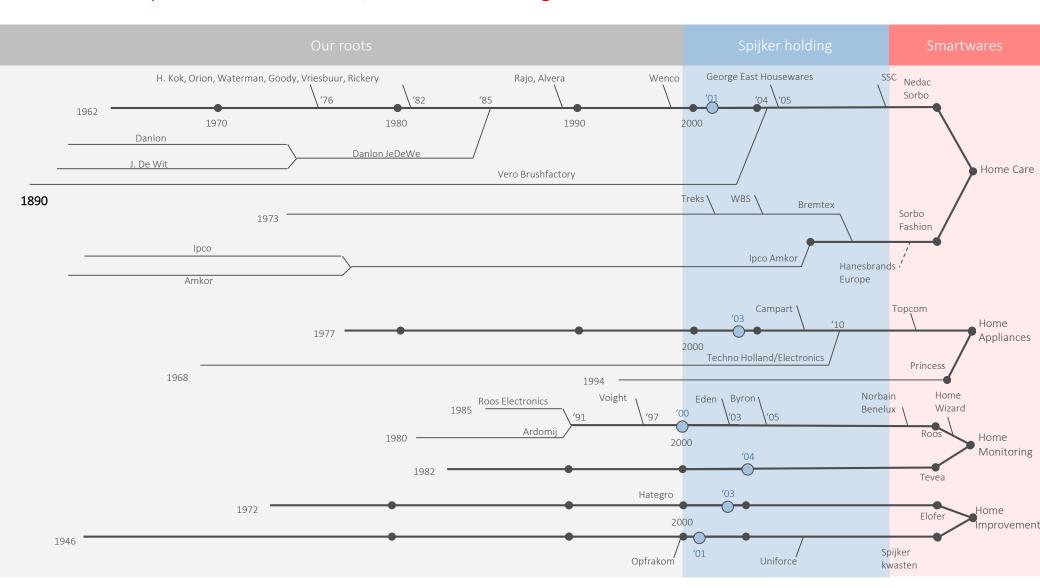
Building multiple, business value add focused, Operating Companies

- Full business ownership
- All differentiating value chain functions (development/purchasing/marketing/category management/sales)



3. Acquisitions

Over 30 acquisitions since 2001, and accelerating



Building one IT platform, the User perspective...

• Business people **should have** IT systems that help them to realize their enterprise value targets (more sales, more margin, less cost, more efficient wc).

 Business people should have no doubts on the functioning of basic IT tools (workplaces, printers, wifi, mobile phones, etc).



Building one IT platform, One business application suite...

