






History of Man

James Man founds sugar cooperage and brokerage at 23 Harp Lane in the City of London.	1783	Britain recognises the independence of the United States with the Treaty of Paris.
Man wins exclusive contract to supply rum to the Royal Navy (a franchise the Company retains until 1970).	1784	
Man trades sugar, coffee, cocoa and other commodities in candle auctions at London's coffee houses.	1802	Opening of West India Docks in London, the first modern dock in Britain and centre of sugar trade.
Man moves to Mincing Lane, the City of London's hub of commodity trading.	1810	
	1865	Chicago Board of Trade launches first commodity futures contract.
Company name becomes E.D.&F. Man and remains as such until 2000.	1869	Suez Canal opens, and, along with the development of ocean going steamships greatly enhances speed of world trade. A Liverpool cotton trader develops the first futures hedging strategy.
	1914	Outbreak of World War I curtails the activities of the London sugar market for seven years.
	1949	A.W. Jones establishes in the US what is regarded as the first hedge fund and R. Donchian establishes the first Commodity Trading Advisor (CTA).
	1957	London Futures Market reopens after World War 2; London becomes the world price-making centre for the sugar trade.
Man sets up first fully staffed overseas operations in New York and Hong Kong.	1972	
	1973	Chicago Board of Trade introduces the first financial futures contract.
Man moves to its current headquarters in Sugar Quay.	1977	
	1981	London's futures exchange, LIFFE, opens.
Man celebrates its 200th anniversary and moves into alternative investment management.	1983	
Man launches first capital guaranteed product.	1986	Big Bang takes place in London with the deregulation of financial markets.
Glenwood and AHL founded.	1987	October stock market crash on Black Monday.
Man buys majority stake in AHL.	1989	



Man opens Swiss office.	1990	
Man lists on London Stock Exchange with funds under management of USD 1 billion.	1994	
Man acquires remaining stake in AHL.		
GLG founded.	1995	
First Man IP220 product launched.	1996	
	1998	Russian financial crisis and collapse of LTCM; LIFFE moves to electronic trading.
With the demerger of the agricultural commodities business, the Company's name changes to Man Group plc.	2000	
Man acquires Glenwood.		
Man Group plc enters the FTSE 100 with funds under management of USD10 billion.	2001	End of internet 'dot com' bubble.
Man acquires Swiss fund of hedge funds manager, RMF.	2002	
Man acquires a 25% interest in alternative asset manager BlueCrest Capital Management.	2003	
Man sells brokerage business to focus on alternative investment management.	2007	
The University of Oxford and Man Group launch the Oxford-Man Institute of Quantitative Finance.		
		
Man acquires a 50% interest in Ore Hill, a US based credit specialist fund manager.	2008	Global financial crisis.
Man acquires a 25% interest in specialist alternative investment manager Nephila Capital.		
Man announces the launch of a new 'multi manager' hedge fund business.	2009	
Man acquires GLG Partners, Inc.	2010	