

## **Thorn Lighting Group - Portrait**

- 1928** Austrian-born Jules Thorn (1899 – 1980) establishes the Electric Lamp Service Company in London
- 1936** Thorn Electrical Industries is listed on the London Stock Exchange. In the years that follow, the company expands, building radios and electrical domestic appliances
- 1948** Thorn is the first company in Europe to mass produce fluorescent tubes
- 1954** Introduction of the Popular Pack which becomes the world's best selling fluorescent light fitting
- 1964** Jules Thorn is knighted for his services to industry
- 1967** Development of the high pressure sodium lamp, ten years ahead of commercial manufacture
- 1969** Change of name from British Lighting Industries to Thorn Lighting
- 1980** Death of the founder, Sir Jules Thorn
- 1981** Thorn introduce the 2D compact fluorescent lamp
- 1985** Thorn begin manufacture of electronic ballasts
- 1989** Light fittings Aria spotlight and Modulight fluorescent win iF-Design awards
- 1991** Launch of Sensa, the first intelligent light fitting for offices
- 1994** Flotation of TLG plc on the London Stock Exchange
- 1999** Thorn Lighting Group is aquired by Wassall plc, a diversified, UK-based industrial holding company. Thorn aquires the Danish outdoor lighting company Jakobsson.
- 2000** The Wassall Group is taken over. Integration of Thorn Lighting Group into the Zumtobel Group commences