

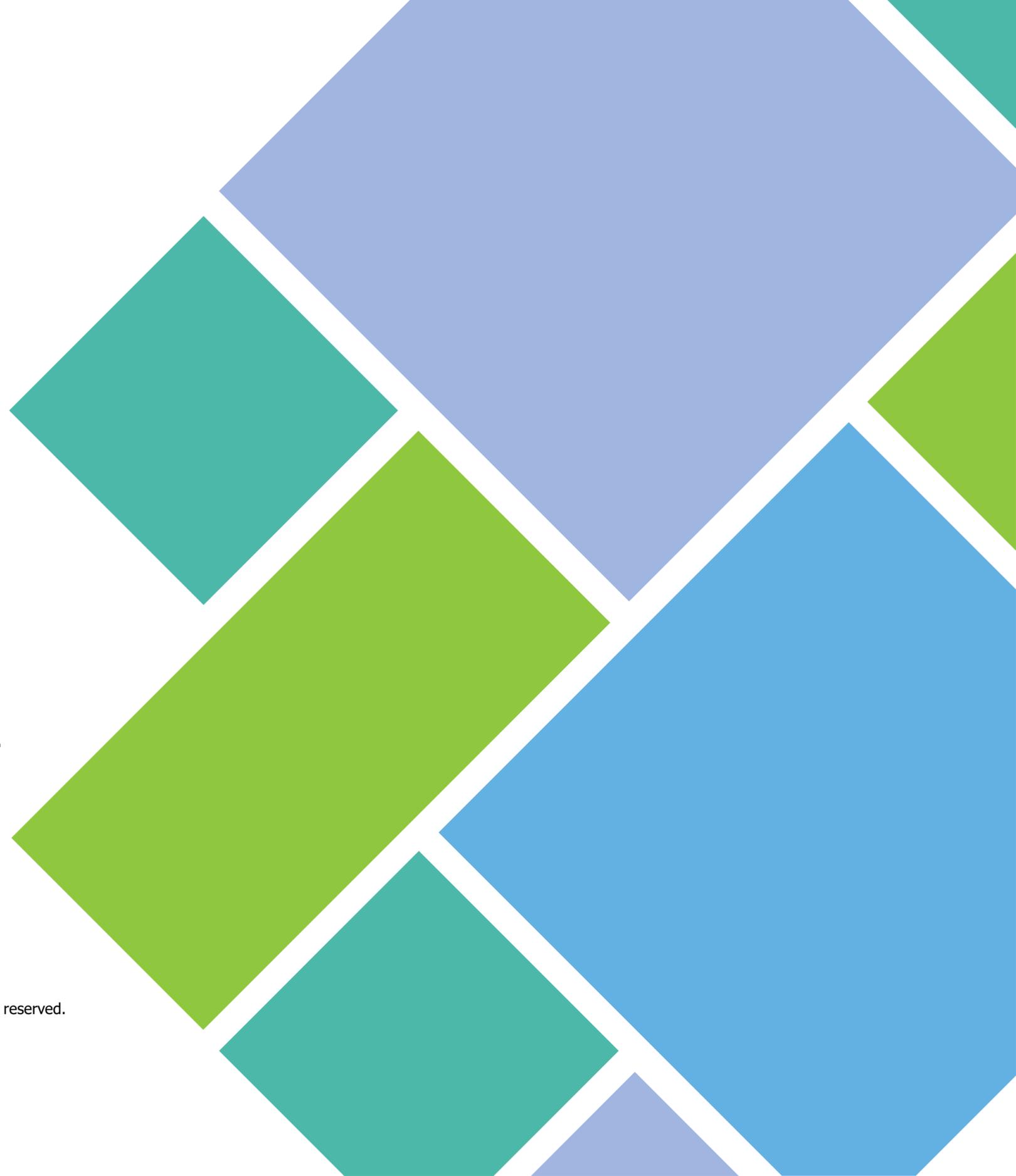
# History of Walgreens Boots Alliance

Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA) was formed in 2014 following a two-step merger between Walgreen Co. and Alliance Boots GmbH. Prior to the creation of the global, pharmacy-led health and wellbeing enterprise, Walgreens and Boots each had a rich heritage of innovation and industry leadership dating back more than 120 years.



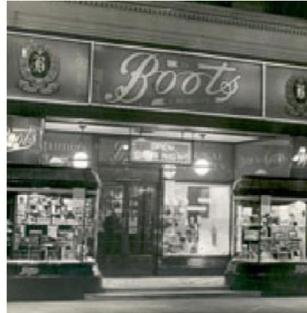
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## 1849

John Boot opens first Boots store, selling herbal remedies, in Goose Gate, Nottingham, UK.



## 1901

Charles R. Walgreen Sr. purchases the drugstore where he worked as a pharmacist in Chicago, U.S.



## 1922

Walgreens invents the malted milkshake.



## 1933

Boots opens its 1,000th store in the UK.



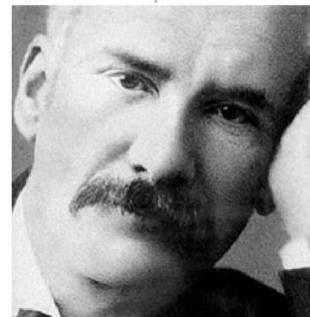
## 1935

Boots launches No7 cosmetics.



## 1950

Walgreens begins the transition to self-service stores.



## 1870

The Boots business begins to develop under Jesse Boot, John Boot's son.



## 1909

Walgreen Co. is formed and the drugstore chain expansion begins with the opening of its second store.



## 1927

Walgreens stock becomes publicly traded.



## 1934

Walgreens stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.



## 1938

UniChem group is formed in the UK to serve wholesale pharmaceutical products to independent pharmacies.



## 1951

The first self-service Boots stores are trialed in London, UK.

## 1968

Walgreens becomes the first major drugstore chain in the U.S. to put its prescriptions into child-resistant containers.



## 1982

Pharmaceutical wholesaler Di Pharma is founded by Ornella Barra in Italy.



## 1991

Walgreens opens its first drugstore with a drive-thru pharmacy.

Alliance Santé group is formed from the merger between Alleanza Salute Italia and French pharmaceutical wholesalers ERPI and IFP.



## 1998

Boots becomes the largest retail pharmacy chain in Ireland.



## 2002

Walgreens becomes the first drugstore to offer prescription labels in multiple languages chainwide.



## 2006

Alliance UniChem merges with Boots Group to form Alliance Boots.



## 1960

Walgreens enters the Puerto Rico market.



## 1969

Boots launches Ibuprofen (Brufen) in the UK.



## 1981

The first Intercom pharmacy computers are installed in Walgreens pharmacies in Iowa, as the first step toward connecting all Walgreens pharmacy systems nationwide.



## 1984

Walgreens opens its 1,000th store.



## 1997

Alliance UniChem is formed from the merger of Unichem and Alliance Santé.



## 1999

Walgreens.com launches its online pharmacy.



## 2004

Alliance UniChem acquires 29.99 percent of German pharmaceutical wholesaler ANZAG.

## 2007

Alliance Boots wholesale businesses begin to be rebranded to Alliance Healthcare.

Alliance Boots is privatized.



## 2010

Walgreens completes its acquisition of the New York-based Duane Reade drugstore chain.



## 2013

Walgreens and Alliance Boots announce a strategic, long-term relationship with AmerisourceBergen, now known as Cencora, to collaborate on global supply chain opportunities.



## 2017

WBA acquires 1,942 Rite Aid drugstores in the U.S.



## 2020

In March, Walgreens pledged in a White House meeting its commitment to aid the Administration in providing access to COVID-19 testing.

In December, a Walgreens pharmacist administered one of the first COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S., in a long-term care facility, as the company continued to play a growing and integral role as part of the nationwide response effort.



## 2020

In November, Walgreens announced the launch of myWalgreens, a complete reinvention of its customer loyalty program to offer customers extensive new benefits.



## 2009

Merger of Boots Opticians and Dollond & Aitchison to form the second largest optical chain in the UK.



## 2012

Walgreens acquires a 45 percent stake in Alliance Boots, taking the first step in the strategic partnership to create the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing enterprise.

Walgreens and Alliance Boots form Walgreens Boots Alliance Development joint venture in Bern, Switzerland.



## 2014

Walgreens exercises option to complete second step of its strategic partnership with Alliance Boots, forming Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA) through the full combination of Walgreens and Alliance Boots.

Alliance Boots completes the acquisition of a 12 percent stake in Nanjing Pharmaceutical Company Limited, a major Chinese pharmaceutical wholesaler.

Alliance Boots completes acquisition of Farmacias Benavides in Mexico.



## 2018

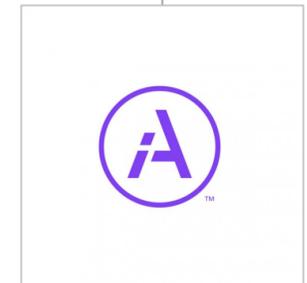
WBA joins the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

In July, the company completed an acquisition to acquire a 40 percent minority stake in GuoDa, a leading retail pharmacy chain in China.



## 2020

In July, WBA and VillageMD announced that Walgreens would be the first national pharmacy chain to offer full-service doctor offices co-located at stores.



## 2021

In January, WBA made a majority investment in iA, a leading-edge provider of software enabled pharmacy automation solutions. The investment represents an important step to enable pharmacists to expand their role in patient care.

## 2021

In April, WBA launched the No7 Beauty Company, a consumer-led beauty business creating beauty brands for every skin type, ethnicity, age and texture that everyone can trust.



## 2021

In October, WBA announced its new consumer-centric healthcare strategy to drive sustainable, long-term profitable growth. The strategy features the launch of the company's Walgreens Health business segment (now known as U.S. Healthcare), enabled by investments in VillageMD, CareCentrix and Shields Health Solutions (Shields), accelerating the company's capabilities in primary care, post-acute care and home care.



## 2022

In June, Walgreens announced the launch of its clinical trial business to redefine the patient experience and increase access and retention in sponsor-led drug development research.



## 2022

In December, Walgreens launched 24-hour same day delivery, offering the most retail items for around the clock delivery across the country.



## 2023

In March, WBA acquired full ownership of CareCentrix, expanding its reach into the growing homecare sector and advancing its healthcare long-term growth strategy.



## 2021

In April, Walgreens opened its first micro-fulfillment center using automation technology to fill prescriptions, reducing workload in Walgreens retail pharmacies.



## 2021

In June, WBA completed the sale of its Alliance Healthcare businesses to AmerisourceBergen Corporation, now known as Cencora, allowing WBA to further focus on expanding its core retail pharmacy businesses and bring more innovative healthcare offerings to customers and patients.



## 2022

In February, WBA announced the completion of the acquisition of the remaining 30% equity stake in its German pharmaceutical wholesale joint venture with McKesson Corporation. As a result, WBA assumed full ownership of the combined GEHE and Alliance Healthcare businesses in Germany.



## 2022

In November, VillageMD announced that it had entered a definitive agreement to acquire Summit Health-CityMD. With investments from WBA and Evernorth, the combined company created one of the largest independent provider groups in the U.S. It also enhanced WBA's robust portfolio of leading, integrated healthcare offerings across the care continuum.



## 2022

In December, WBA acquired full ownership of Shields. An industry leader in integrated, health system-owned specialty pharmacy care, Shields is a core asset as part of the WBA U.S. Healthcare segment.



## 2023

In October, Tim Wentworth is named Chief Executive Officer of WBA, bringing nearly three decades of healthcare leadership experience to the Company.