

# History of the Daiken Group

Ever since foundation, The Daiken Group has been developing a wide variety of products to help customer's daily life through our technological innovations which always meet social issues and needs. The Group effectively uses all the strengths acquired in our history and aims to grow into a housing material manufacturer that becomes an all-embracing company for building materials and thus creates new value.

## 1945 Foundation

### Plywood

### 1946 Special plywood

Developed special plywood for vehicles to which durability and water resistance were given by the technological development of adhesives



### Cladding

### Insulation board

### 1958 Insulation board

Started manufacturing Insulation boards, wood fiberboards utilizing lumber sewing waste, and construction demolition timber



### Tatami mats

### Dai-Lotone

### 1964 Dai-Lotone

Started manufacturing Dai-Lotone, non-combustible ceiling materials using slag wool, which is a byproduct of steel production



### 1970 WPC

Developed a technology to harden wood veneers by injecting resin into the grains of the wood called WPC



### Flooring

### Cabinet

### 1971 Integrated storage furniture

Launched the first housing equipment Cabinet set and developed from a single product to an integrated product



### Door

### 1973 Door

Promoted making doors fancy and created the industry standard of modern design



### Sound products

### 1982 Sound products

Improved the consistent service structure for soundproofing for houses



### 1997 Dai-Lite

Started manufacturing Dai-Lite, an inorganic material using an unused resource *Shirasu* (volcanic ash) and slag wool

Net sales (¥100 million)  
2,500

2,000

1,500

Trends in Net Sales, Operating Profit, and Number of Domestic New Housing Starts

■ Net sales  
— Operating profit  
— Number of domestic new housing starts

1,000  
500  
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1951

1961

1971

1981

Foundation

Expansion

Growing

History

### 1941

C. Itoh & CO., Marubeni Shoten, Ltd., and Kishimoto Shoten, Ltd., have merged to form Sanko Kabushiki Kaisha, Ltd.

### 1944

Sanko Kabushiki Kaisha, Ltd., Kureha Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd., and Daido Boeki Kaisha, Ltd., merged to form Daiken Co., Ltd.

### 1945

Founded Daiken Mokuzai Kogyo Co., Ltd., at the Inami plant in Toyama acquiring all the business of the Forestry Department at Daiken Co., Ltd.

### 1954

Established Nagoya plant for manufacturing special plywood

### 1958

Built Okayama plant and started manufacturing insulation board

### 1967

Changed the company name to DAIKEN CORPORATION

### 1969

Established interior projects department

### 1970

- Started manufacturing WPC flooring at the Nagoya plant
- Established Toyama plant for manufacturing special plywood

### 1977

Expanded insulation board business  
Built Takahagi plant

### 1984

Established an interior projects company, DAIKEN ENGINEERING CORPORATION

### 1987

Expanded flooring business  
Established Mie Daiken Co., Ltd. (currently, Mie plant)

### 1989

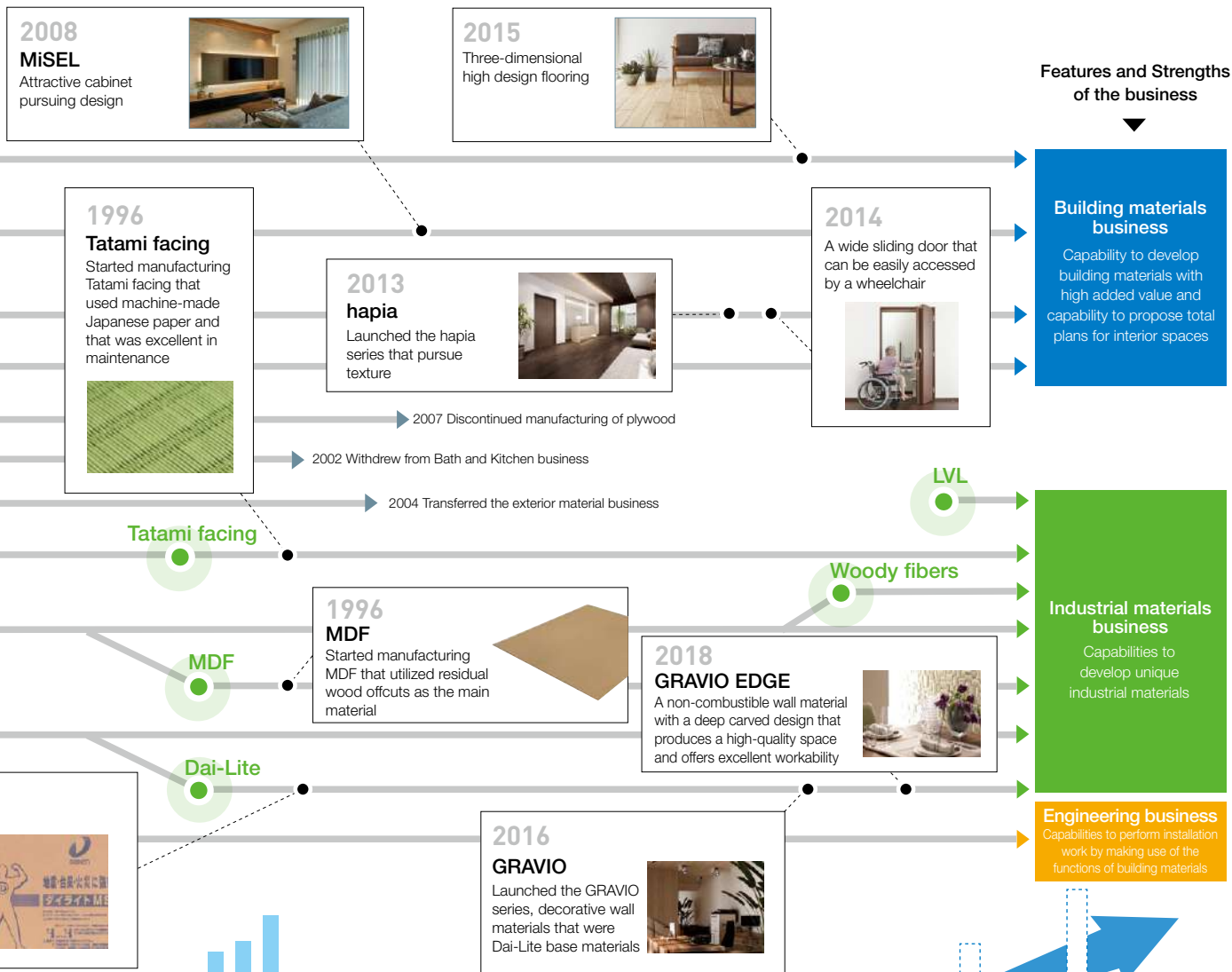
- Started manufacturing housing products, such as doors and stairs, at the Inami plant
- Started manufacturing of cladding at the Takahagi plant

### 1994

Established DAIKEN SARAWAK SDN. BHD. in Malaysia for MDF manufacture

### 1995

Built interior doors production line at the Inami plant



- 1996**  
Implemented Tatami facing and Dai-Lite production lines at the Okayama plant
- 1999**  
Purchased an interior projects company, Koukou Sangyo Corporation
- 2000**  
Integrated the interior projects department into DAIKEN ENGINEERING CORPORATION
- 2002**  
• Alliance with TOTO Ltd. and YKK AP Inc. for remodeling business  
• Established DAIKEN Industries (Ningbo) Corporation
- 2005**  
Purchased MDF manufacturer in Malaysia  
Established DAIKEN MIRI SDN. BHD.
- 2009**  
• Purchased MDF plant in New Zealand and established DAIKEN NEW ZEALAND LIMITED  
• Integrated flooring business of the Nagoya plant in the Mie plant
- 2010**  
• Alliance with Panasonic Corporation in production and procurement  
• Purchased an interior projects company, Sankei Corporation
- 2012**  
Business and capital alliance with HOKUSHIN Co., Ltd., for MDF production and supply
- 2015**  
Established interior doors manufacturing company PT. DAIKEN DHARMA INDONESIA in Indonesia
- 2016**  
Purchased an apartment renovation company, PAC SYSTEM Co., Ltd.
- 2018**  
• Purchased MDF manufacturer in New Zealand and established DAIKEN SOUTHLAND LIMITED  
• Established Daiken R&D center  
• Capital and business alliance with ITOCHU Corporation
- 2019**  
• Purchased a veneer plant, CIPA Lumber Co., Ltd. in Canada and an LVL plant, PACIFIC WOODTECH CORPORATION in the U.S.A.  
• Purchased a renovation company ReformQ Co., Ltd.  
• Purchased T.O FLOORING CO., LTD., that works on solid wood flooring
- 2020**  
Started production at Nichinan Daiken Co., Ltd., a company that processes veneers for LVL