Milestones 1978 – 2018

1978  VEGA Ltd founded in UK by a group of engineers working at the European Space Operations Centre (ESOC) in Darmstadt / Won OD1 ESOC’s first operations engineering Frame Contract

1980’s  First UK Office in St.Albans, Hertfordshire

1980’s  First Immarsat 2 Ground Segment contract won

1986  VEGA first Contract with EUMETSAT

1989  VEGA featured in ITV competition to mark 20th anniversary of the Apollo landing

1991  VEGA formed its German subsidiary company, based in Darmstadt, the home of its two largest German-based customers, ESOC and EUMETSAT

1991  VEGA established first on-site presence at ESTEC, Netherlands

1992  VEGA floated on the London Stock Exchange

1993  VEGA supporting ESA’s Earth Observation Directorate

1994  VEGA wins first simulation-based training system for the Military (Sea Harrier)

1994  VEGA established first on-site presence at ESAC, Spain

1996  VEGA acquires Selmers, an automation and control engineering business

1997  UK offices move to Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire

2004  VEGA acquired Anite Systems GmbH (Darmstadt); a specialist Space ground systems company

2007  VEGA Spain established & VEGA France established as full trading company / VEGA acquire Anite Management Services GmbH (Cologne), an ICT business

2008  VEGA was delisted as a Public Limited Company from the London Stock Exchange, following its acquisition by Italy’s Finmeccanica SPA

2008  VEGA award contract for IDEAS
2009  VEGA new parent in the Finmeccanica Group, SELEX Systems Integration Ltd continue to trade in the Space domain under the brand name of VEGA Space

2010  Proposal for VEGA Space to merge with Italy’s Telespazio (a joint venture between Finmeccanica and Thales) to further develop the space business services / VEGA Space Ltd incorporated in UK and acquires VEGA Space GmbH, VEGA Technologies SAS and VEGA C&T SL

2011  VEGA Space became **Telespazio VEGA UK**

2012  Telespazio VEGA UK moved offices to Luton

2016  Parent company Finmeccanica becomes Leonardo

2017  Galileo System Support contract awarded

2018  European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) contact won