



# 40 years of Space Technologies in the United Kingdom

 **TELESPAZIO**  
a LEONARDO and THALES company



## 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



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- 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