The Crown Worldwide story began in 1965

A young American named Jim Thompson (then residing in Japan), recognized the need for a reputable international moving service. With only US $1,000 in his bank account, Mr. Thompson established a small company in Yokohama, Japan. In its formative years, Transport Services International (as it was then known) had only one office. The company soon prospered through hard work and a focus on providing a quality service.

By 1970, the company had expanded into Hong Kong as success continued, and thereafter into Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and other Asia Pacific locations.

In 1975, Transport Services International became Crown Pacific, and by the early ‘80s was established as the leading mover in Asia. The increase in mobility of the global population saw further growth for the company. Offices were established across the Americas, Australasia and Europe. The list of services expanded to offer full relocation and mobility services.

Expansion was accompanied by a new name, reflecting the company’s geographic scope. It became known as the Crown Worldwide Group.

In the years since then, the Crown Worldwide Group has continued to grow through organic expansion and through further acquisition. Its growth has expanded the reach of its business, including diversification into new services including records management, fine art, logistics and wine cellars. Each has subsequently grown to become one of the leaders in its industry. The most recent strategic expansion in 2012 is Crown World Mobility, which focuses on helping corporations manage global talent and helps talented individuals perform on the world stage.

“It’s been very exciting in nearly 50 years of development and the most rewarding aspect of it all is that the Crown Group today enjoys a solid financial position, excellent management and staff, and a steady pattern of growth and development. We are the only truly global company in the mobility and international relocation business. Additionally, our records management and fine art businesses have also expanded globally at a very solid pace.” (Jim Thompson, Chairman.)

The Crown Worldwide Group is an industry leader in each of its business divisions. The company is committed to moving forward by providing consistent quality service throughout its worldwide operations.
About the Crown Group
2012 Fast Facts

Founder & Chairman:
James E. Thompson

Group CFO & CEO Asia-Pacific (APAC):
Ken Madrid

CEO Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA):
David Muir

Global & APAC Headquarters:
Hong Kong

Americas Headquarters:
New York, New York, USA

EMEA Headquarters:
Prague, Czech Republic

Type: Privately owned
Founded: 1965
Employees: Over 5,200
Clients across all brands: Over 10,000
Locations: More than 265 locations in almost 60 countries

Revenue: US $766 million
Assets: US $656 million
Properties: US $398 million
Area served: Worldwide

Growth of Locations
(Number of locations)

Total Assets
(US $Millions)
Crown Group’s Divisions

World Mobility
- Global mobility consulting
- Corporate assignment management
- Complete mobility services

www.crownworldmobility.com

Relocations
- Business and personal relocations
- Domestic and international transportation services for personal belongings
- Departure and destination services

www.crownrelo.com

Records Management
- Business information management
- Digital imaging, media and document management and secure destruction
- Consultancy and IT integration

www.crownrms.com

Logistics
- International freight forwarding
- Energy logistics
- Third-party logistics
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment

www.crown-logistics.com

Fine Art
- Single-supplier fine art logistics
- International service
- Project coordination for museums, galleries, exhibitions and collectors

www.crownfineart.com

Wine Cellars
- Wine storage and long-term maturation in underground cellars
- Exclusive private members’ club house

www.crownwinecellars.com
James E. Thompson is the Chairman of the Crown Worldwide Group. In 1965, he founded the company in Yokohama, Japan. Today, Crown employs over 5,000 people in nearly 60 countries and is the market leader in Relocation, Mobility, Information Management, Fine Art transportation and Logistics, which includes Oil and Gas project management as well as luxury goods warehousing and distribution.

Mr. Thompson has received numerous accolades for demonstrating business growth with a commitment to corporate social responsibility. He was awarded Hong Kong’s Gold Bauhinia Star in 2003, awarded to a select few in Hong Kong society in recognition of involvement and support to Hong Kong’s local communities. In addition to his work with several prestigious organizations, he has served as a delegate representing Hong Kong on Hong Kong Trade Development Council trade missions around the world.

Mr. Thompson serves as a board member for several prominent industry organizations. Known for his charitable involvement, he also serves with a number of charitable organizations and university mentorship programs. He and his wife Sally are especially interested in charities that focus on children’s health and education.
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