



THE LEASING SOLUTION FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Touax celebrates its 170th anniversary

Touax celebrates 170 years of history at the heart of river, rail and intermodal transport infrastructure!

In 1853, the first steps for the creation of the “Compagnie de Touage de la Basse Seine et de l’Oise” were taken.

The idea is to constitute a "PPP" Public-Private Partnership which will allow private investors associated with institutional investors of the time to finance and operate exclusively and under government license for 50 years a submerged chain towing service for towing boats traveling between the lock at La Monnaie, on the Seine, and the lock at Pontoise, on the Oise. It is one of the very fine French examples of a license granted by Napoleon III, which allowed private investors to finance public infrastructures during the industrial revolution.

The name **Touax** comes from the word “Touage”, and this story explains our passion for infrastructure and logistics activities.

Since then, the **Touax Group** has kept on developing. In 1898, the company held an 85% market share of river transport on the “Seine-Oise” lane. Listed on the Paris Stock Exchange in 1906, the company modernized and diversified its equipment.

In 1954 the company began investing in freight railcars, development which was later accelerated with the creation of **Touax Rail** in 2001. In 1975, the company bet on the growth of international trade and invested in its first shipping containers, accelerating later in 1985 by the takeover of Gold Container Corp (which later became **Touax Container Services**), and by the increase of investments from 1995, in particular thanks to the issue of the first securitization transaction to third-party institutional investors.

The history of **Touax Group** is also a human and family adventure, to which shareholders, investors, partners, customers and employees contribute. Since five generations, the Walewski family has ensured the continuity and the vision of the company. Today, the **Touax Group** has 250 committed and professional employees trained in Lean 6 Sigma continuous improvement methods, spread over 11 countries and of 20 different nationalities.

Touax Group is also about openness to the world, values based on respect, integrity, reliability and operational excellence. Meeting the needs of our customers and giving them complete satisfaction are objectives shared by each of us.

Backed by our historical roots in low-carbon transport, **Touax** contributes to a more sustainable world by helping its customers reduce their carbon footprint. Our eco-responsible positioning in the intermodal, river and rail transportation contributes to the development of environmentally friendly transport.

Today we are the 1st European lessor of logistics containers, the 2nd European lessor of intermodal wagons and the 1st European and South American lessor of river barges.

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In addition, as a reference in Africa for modular construction, we are proud to participate in the creation of a higher world solidarity. For example, we have built more than 100,000m² of schools in Côte d'Ivoire in the last 24 months.

In 170 years, **Touax** has become one of the world benchmarks in equipment leasing and management, serving sustainable transportation.

Touax, around the globe, for a more sustainable world.

