The Story of CORT

THE BEGINNING

CORT's original parent company, Mohasco Corp. based in Amsterdam, NY, operated primarily in the furniture manufacturing and carpeting business. In 1972 Mohasco expanded its home furnishings activities with the purchase and merging of five regional furniture rental companies in the northeast, southeast and Midwest, which became CORT Furniture Rental.

In 1980, CORT moved its headquarters to Fairfax, Virginia and is in Chantilly, VA today. In 1989 CORT was spun off to its own business as part of a leveraged buyout and in 1995 the company went public changing its name to CORT Business Services Corporation.

EXPANDING CORT

In the beginning, the business was almost exclusively focused on furniture rental to properties, students and military for their temporary residential needs. This included opening clearance centers to sell the pre-rented furniture, keeping control on inventory and adding cash for new furniture to rent. In the late 70s CORT responded to the growing need for corporate furnishings and started the office furniture rental business.
In 1997 CORT expanded into the trade show and events business servicing major trade show contractors, corporate exhibitors and special events from coast to coast.

In 2000, CORT was acquired by Warren Buffett and became a Berkshire Hathaway Company.

CORT expanded its home and office furniture rental and retail business over the years to include:

- Responding to the needs of customers
- Their own line of housewares rental (essentials for kitchen, bed and bath)
- Destination Services (helping customers relocate to and within the US getting settled faster)
- ApartmentSearch.com (for those looking for a place to rent that meets their needs)
- Roomservice by CORT (UK office that offers furniture rental)
- Party Rental (developing a model for expansion)
- The CORT Global Network (for customers in need of rental furniture outside the US and the UK)

The CORT brand TODAY
Today, CORT has more than 100 showrooms, clearance centers and distribution facilities across the United States, operations in the United Kingdom and a Global Network of partners servicing more than 80 countries around the world. CORT is the nation's leading provider of transition services, helping millions of individuals and more than 80 percent of Fortune 500 companies with their event and relocation needs.



CORT Events: Transform. Connect. Inspire. TM
As the tradeshow and event division grew within CORT in the late 90s, CORT Events branched out to support trade shows, exhibits and large-scale corporate events. The mantra has always been rooted in superior service, and as well as a belief that at CORT Events, each event, show or exhibit is a chance to transform a space into a place to engage and discover. Every step of the way, CORT Events seeks to elevate ideas and inspire connections that live long after the applause fades. The trades show and event division strives to help turn the show organizer or planners' vision into reality and make each event a memorable share-worthy experience™.

CORT Events currently operates 17 warehouses throughout the country, including its latest location in Austin, Texas, which will help set up trade shows, exhibits, and events in the vibrant cities of Austin, San Antonio, and surrounding Texas regions.