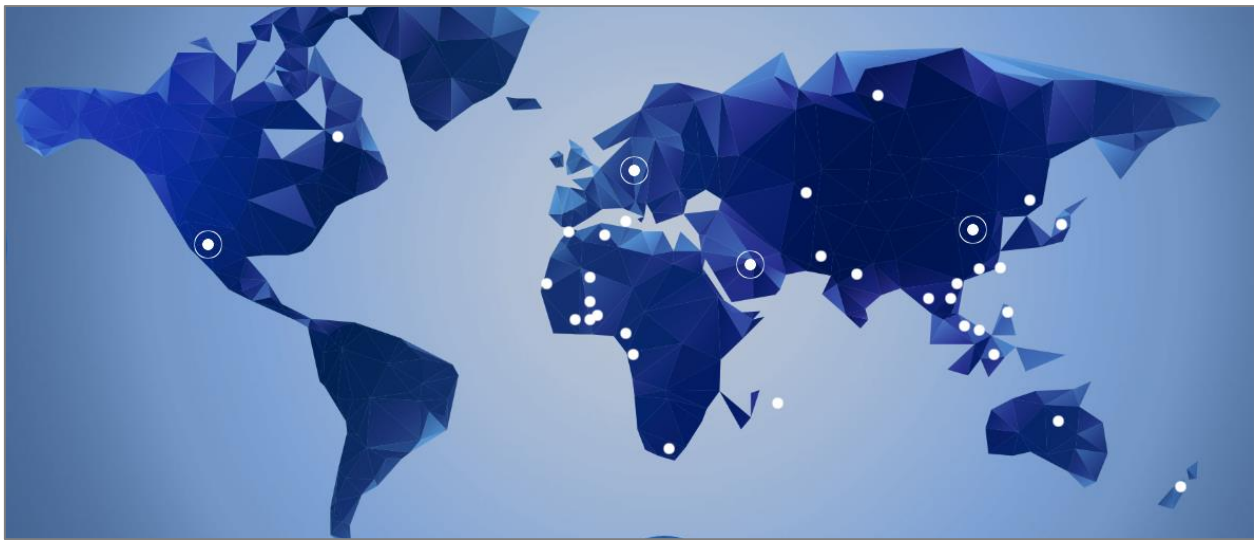




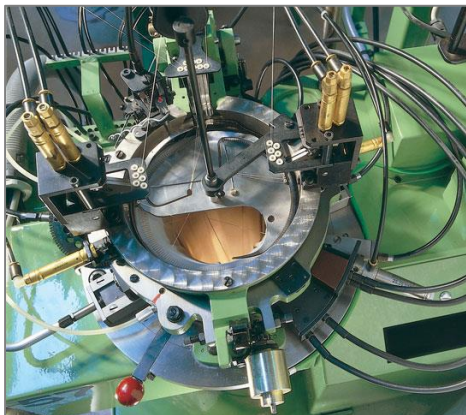
THUASNE, a family-owned, independent group, is today chaired by Elizabeth Ducottet, the fifth generation of her family to lead the company. The company, which was founded in 1847, will celebrate its 170th birthday in 2017.

Having specialised in the production of narrow elastic textiles (hosiery) from its inception, THUASNE made **its first major strategic turning point** after the Second World War when it launched its ranges of medical compression bandage (Plastex and Biflex), followed by the first medical belts, the Lombax and Lombacross. Other medical orthoses ranges, such as ankle braces, knee braces, wrist braces, etc., were added subsequently. These were then joined by venous compression ranges, marketed under the Venoflex name. Over the years, THUASNE has acquired additional companies such as Thämert and Townsend which gave them the opportunity to add breast prostheses, burn garments, rigid knee bracing and other mobility enhancing devices.

The company's international expansion was the **second major turning point** for the Group. On the strength of its position as French leader, THUASNE began to expand internationally from 1990 onwards, systematically establishing itself throughout Europe and other continents since. THUASNE is present throughout Europe, with 12 subsidiaries, and it also has 30 exclusive distributors around the world.



With THUASNE being a textile company, it develops and manufactures its own fabrics for its products. Keeping a close eye on quality and comfort for the end-user. Working closely with orthopaedic and biomechanics specialists, the Group develops innovative, high-quality medical devices for their patients. Their R & D Department constantly strives to design new and improve current products in order to meet the patients' needs and offer benchmark solutions in terms of functionality and design. To this end, THUASNE has registered over 30 patents over the last 10 years.



## Some of these patents include:

**Combitec fabric** (used in many of their Lumbar belts)

**MOBIDERM** Oedema management bandage

### COMBITEX® FABRIC: IMPROVED COMFORT FOR THE PATIENT

Combitec® is a **unique high-tech fabric** by Thuasne. It improves comfort and encourages treatment compliance:

- Hydrophilic layer
- Hydrophobic layer

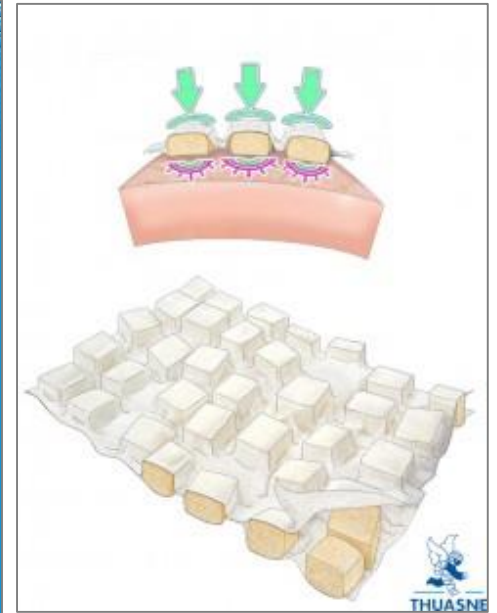

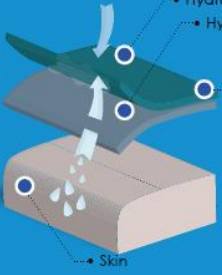
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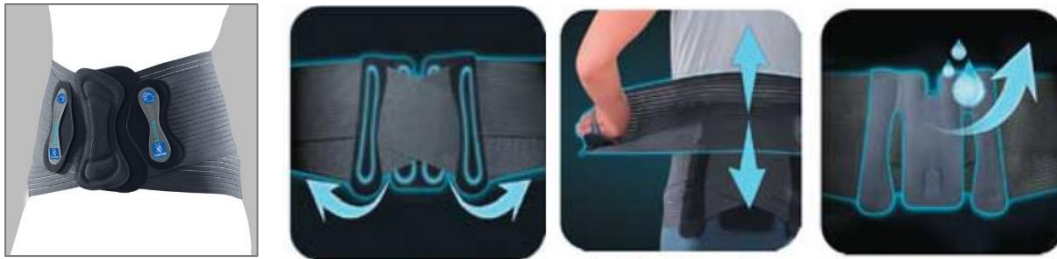
• Skin

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Increasing close-ups



**LOMBATECH's** self-adjusting back support and removable height-adjustable strap



**SILISTAB ACHILLO** Peri Achilles silicone guide

**SILISTAB GENU** Patellar protective silicone insert



**LIGAFLEX RHIZO** Webspace frame

