

Shell

- 1833: Marcus Samuel starts import export business in London
- 1890: Royal Dutch Company launched
- 1892: Marcus commissions the first special oil tanker and delivers 4,000 tons of Russian kerosene to Singapore and Bangkok
- 1897: Samuel's company begins to operate under the name Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited
- 1903: Shell and Dutch company N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Petroleum-bronnen in Nederlandsch-Indië form the Asiatic Petroleum Company
- 1903: Royal Dutch and Shell group begins joint marketing campaign under name "British Dutch"
- 1906-1914: British Dutch Group acquires producing interests in: Romania (1906), Russia (1910), Egypt (1911), Venezuela (1913) and Trinidad (1914)
- 1907: Royal Dutch/Shell partnership is extended worldwide, with the creation of the Royal Dutch / Shell Group of Companies
- 1912: Trading in the US starts after the acquisition of the American Gasoline Company, an American marketing company
- 1912: Turkish Petroleum Company founded with 50% ownership by Turkish National Bank, 25% Deutsche Bank, 25% Royal Dutch/Shell
- 1915: Formation of the Shell Company in California
- 1918: Royal Dutch/Shell buys Mexican Eagle
- 1922: Shell Union Oil Corporation [later Shell Oil Company] formed to consolidate Shell interests in the US with those of the Union Oil Company of Delaware
- 1937: Shell, Total, and Partex form the consortium Petroleum Development (Oman and Dhofar) later, Petroleum Development Oman
- 1945-55: Exploratory drilling in Tunisia, Algeria, Nigeria, Trinidad and offshore in British Borneo; Production from the Iraq Petroleum Company increases dramatically
- 1949: Royal Dutch shortens its corporate title to "Shell"
- 1954: Consortium of oil companies, including British Petroleum, Exxon, Socony, Texas Oil, Socal, Gulf, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, and CFP form the Iranian Oil Participants Ltd. (IOP) and negotiate agreement with Iranian government and for oil production in Iran
- 1956: Shell discovers oil in the Sahara
- 1959: Joint Shell/Esso exploration company called N.V. Nederlandse Aardolie Maatschappij (NAM) discovers gas fields in Groningen in the Netherlands
- 1974: Omani government claims 25% interest Petroleum Development Oman
- 1975: Omani government raises its interest in Petroleum Development Oman to 60%
- 1979: Shell acquires Belridge Oil
- 1984: Shell buys minority interest (30%) in Shell Oil US
- Mid-1980s: Royal Dutch/Shell buys remaining 31% of Shell Oil U.S.A. (the remainder that it did not yet own)
- 1998: Shell Oil Co., Texaco Inc. and Saudi Aramco initiate joint venture combining their eastern U.S. refining and marketing assets under the name Motiva Enterprises LLC, paralleling a joint venture launched by Shell and Texaco under the name Equilon Enterprises LLC for their Midwest, Southwest and West Coast downstream assets; Shell to own 35% of Houston-based Motiva, while Texaco and Aramco will each own 32.5%
- 1998: Occidental and Royal Dutch/Shell, Anglo-Dutch oil group complete a \$1bn global asset swap