



ORIGINS

The cornerstone of Touton's approach is the company's presence in the countries where we source our products.



TRADE

Touton delivers quality, responsibly sourced cocoa, coffee, vanilla and natural ingredient products to its customers around the globe.



PROCESSING

In 2015 Touton initiated its industrial development with the acquisition of a cocoa liquor factory in Tema, near Accra.



SUSTAINABILITY

We work on holistic approaches that benefit farmers and their families while supporting our sustainable sourcing activities.



Quick facts Touton Corporate

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Touton has offices on four continents and more than 900 employees. The company's strength lies in the skills of its workers, the cultural diversity of its teams and a deep understanding of the countries in which it operates.



Touton has been a major player in the global cocoa trade for decades. In addition to sourcing cocoa beans and cocoa derivatives, Touton now also processes cocoa liquor in Ghana.

Over the years, Touton has invested in facilities for the collection and export of cocoa in Africa's top cocoa producing countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, and Cameroon. Maintaining direct control over cocoa production sites allows TOUTON to guarantee the quality of cocoa it exports.



Our coffee department has significantly increased over the years. We source green beans from fifteen Robusta and Arabica origins supplied directly from the producing regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

We also operate several facilities in Vietnam and Uganda. Our coffee desk is located in Geneva.



Spice and ingredients trade played a major role in the development of Touton's activities since the mid 19th Century. Touton offers a variety of spices and natural ingredients, from cinnamon to cloves, annato seeds, pepper, sesame seeds, ginger and bees' wax. Most of our ingredients are sourced in Africa while others are sourced in Indonesia and Vietnam.



Touton started trading vanilla in the late 19th century. Nowadays, it remains a major player in the natural vanilla market, buying vanilla wholesale, exporting vanilla and linking vanilla producers with vanilla processors. Touton vanilla is sold to customers in the aromatic and perfume industry, as well as the food-processing sector.

“ Our aim is to continue to grow as a leading agro-industrial actor, providing innovative solutions that generate value all along our supply-chains, from countries of origin to final customers

Patrick de Bousac – Touton CEO ”

Our Values

Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is at the heart of Touton's values. While we build on over 150 years of experience we constantly challenge the status quo and seek to innovate and break new ground.

Passion

We believe that passion drives excellence. Passion for the products we trade and process, as well as passion for the countries where we operate.

Excellence

We take pride in delivering quality products and services to our customers. That is why we believe in retaining and motivating the best skilled workers to maintain the group's reputation for excellence.

Responsibility

Touton takes its responsibility towards its shareholders, suppliers, workers and customers at heart. We aim to act responsibly both in our commercial and social impact work.



Our People

Shareholders, managers and workers alike all contribute to the group's growth and success. From the farm to the desk, our teams are passionate about the products we trade and transform.

Our value-chain management requires the combination of many different skill-sets and competencies.

We employ individuals that understand the cultures of the countries where we operate, and the specific needs of our clients, be it for tasks as diverse as weather forecasting, agronomic expertise, or logistics operations.

Over 90% of our teams are based in product sourcing countries. Top management and shareholders that are based in Bordeaux or in Geneva, make regular site-visits to our operations at origin.

Conscious that our workforce is one of our greatest assets, we believe in providing a stimulating working environment and in providing workers with the resources to grow in their jobs.

Our Philosophy

Touton is dedicated to upholding its shareholders' commitment to sustainability. Building on its strong footing in the countries that produce the commodities it trades and processes, the company is pioneering inclusive programmes that address the needs of stakeholders all along the supply-chain.

Touton partners with actors from the public, private and civil society sectors to develop innovative projects that support the business-case for sustainable commodity production.

By doing so, Touton contributes to the preservation of resources for future generations and to reinforcing individual and institutional capacities of the stakeholders it engages with.

KEY FIGURES

900 + employees

15 offices Worldwide

150 years

350 000 MT Cocoa Beans

50 000 MT Cocoa Products

8 000 MT Spices & Ingredients

100 MT Vanilla

150 000 MT Green Coffee



Touton is a leading agro-industrial actor. Our know-how builds on over 150 years' experience of providing our customers with high quality commodities. In addition to delivering responsibly-sourced cocoa, coffee, vanilla and natural ingredients, we are now increasing our engagement in commodity-producing countries through processing operations in cocoa. With subsidiaries in originating regions, and agents in key locations, Touton's strength lies in the skills of its workers, the cultural diversity of its teams, and a deep understanding of the countries in which the company operates.