

Brown - Forman Corporate Fact Sheet

Brown-Forman is a producer and marketer of fine quality beverage alcohol brands and one of the 10 largest companies in the global wine and spirits industry.

Brown-Forman produces and markets some of the most well-known and best-loved brands in the world, including Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort, Finlandia, Canadian Mist, Korbel, Gentleman Jack, el Jimador, Tequila Herradura, Sonoma-Cutrer, Chambord, Tuaca, and Woodford Reserve.

The company was founded in 1870 by George Garvin Brown, a young pharmaceuticals salesman in Louisville, Kentucky, who had the then-novel idea of selling top-grade whiskey in sealed glass bottles.

Out of this idea grew a company that in fiscal 2011 had sales of nearly \$3.4 billion and net income of \$572 million.

The company's fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30.

Stockholders of record as of April 30, 2011 numbered 3,092 holders of Class A Common Stock and 6,250 holders of Class B Common Stock. Stockholders reside in all 50 states and in 28 countries across the globe.

The company is headquarter in Louisville, Kentucky and employs 3,900 employees in the U.S. and around the world.