Our heritage

Throughout our history, Grant Thornton has provided valued service to organisations with the potential to grow, to operate internationally, that needed to adapt to market conditions and deal with complex events or transactions.

- Consider two of the founding firms, Thornton & Thornton which was established in Oxford, England in 1904 and Alexander Grant & Co, which was established in Chicago, USA in 1924.
- The early history of Thornton and Thornton was closely linked with a key client, Morris Motors, and as they expanded the firm grew with it. Thornton and Thornton advised on the flotation of Morris Motors in 1936, and provided international audit services in the pre-war years.
- In 1924, 26-year-old Alexander Richardson Grant founded Alexander Grant & Co. in Chicago. Grant, who had been a senior accountant with Ernst & Ernst (now EY), was committed to providing services to mid-sized companies, a commitment the US firm still holds today.



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- In 1979, the momentous step was taken by Thornton Baker in the UK and Alexander Grant & Co in setting up a new international network, Grant Thornton International (GTI). Many of the original firms remain in the network, including India, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Channel Islands and Singapore. All member firms shared a commitment to providing attentive personal service and the highest professional standards and recognised that growth orientated businesses required a special range of services from their professional advisers.
- In 2008, a new corporate identity and logo convention was adopted by Grant Thornton member firms around the world.
- In 2012 a single global brand promise and tag line was launched, 'An instinct for growth'.
- In 2013 Grant Thornton won 'IAB Global Network of the Year' award.

