In 1923, Nordisk’s founders agreed to establish a foundation to support science and ensure the independence of the company.
From the very beginning, foundations have played an important role in ensuring Novo Nordisk’s development as a successful, independent company. First, Nordisk’s founders established the foundation Nordisk Insulinlaboratorium, and in 1951, Novo’s founders, Harald and Thorvald Pedersen, established the Novo Foundation. In 1989, the foundations merged to become the Novo Nordisk Foundation, and the two companies became one: Novo Nordisk.

The Foundation continues to provide a stable basis for Novo Nordisk’s future, while it also awards grants for research and humanitarian purposes. Having the Foundation as its majority shareholder enables Novo Nordisk to do what is best for patients, employees, and shareholders in the long term.

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