
Digital television

Nagravision

Integrated software security solutions for digital television operators and content providers.



Nagra France

Integrated conditional access solution for digital television. MediaGuard competence center.



NagraStar

Conditional access and smart cards used by EchoStar's DISH Network American satellite system and companies affiliated to EchoStar. Joint-venture with EchoStar (US).



Kudelski Group companies

OpenTV

Middleware solutions enabling advanced digital television services including interactive television as well as interactive and addressable advertising. Part of the Kudelski Group since early 2007.



Nagra Plus

Security systems for analog pay television. Innovative concepts developed in cooperation with Canal+. Joint-venture with Canal+ (F).



SmarDTV

Removable Conditional Access Modules (CAM) for digital TV access on digital devices.



NagraCard

Smart card security technology for digital television and other applications such as physical access.



Quative

Last generation turnkey IPTV platform including content protection, management and distribution.



Abilis Systems

Integrated circuits for digital television, wireless communications and mobile phones. Competence center for mixed digital/analog integrated circuits.



NagraID

Development and production of modules and smart cards for contact and contactless identification systems.



Nagra Trading

Management of the Kudelski Group's set-top box activity.



Leman consulting

Patent and intellectual property management.



Public Access

SkiData

Integrated access and management solutions for car parks, ski lifts as well as sports, culture, entertainment and exhibition facilities.



polyright

Open-ended rights and services management solutions for hospitals, universities and corporations. Joint-venture with the Securitas group.



Audio

Nagra Audio

Portable digital recorders for professionals; products in the high-end Hi-Fi sector.



Historical overview

1951

Creation of the company by Stefan Kudelski and launch of the first portable recorder, the Nagra I.

1958

Release of the Nagra III; the legendary cinema recorder.

1986

The company is listed on the stock market.

1989

Canal+ adopts Kudelski's access control system for pay television.

1991

André Kudelski succeeds Stefan Kudelski as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Kudelski Group.

First million analog decoders sold. Conditional access television systems become Kudelski's core business.

1992

Creation of Nagra+, a joint-venture with Canal+.

Launch of the Nagra D, the first portable professional 4-track digital recorder.

1995

First order (from EchoStar) for a Nagravision digital system, marking the arrival of Nagravision in the North American market.

1996

Full conversion of the convertible bond (1986-1996) as part of a PEO.

1997

Digital pay television becomes the company's core business.

Nagra audio launches a range of high-end Hi-Fi products.

1998

Creation of NagraStar, a joint-venture with EchoStar, and of NagraCard.

Capital increase and first indirect split of the Kudelski share (5+1).

1999

The company becomes a holding company.

Kudelski stock is listed on the principal market of the SWX Swiss Exchange.

2000

Investment in polyright.

Capital increase and second indirect split (10+2).

2001

The Group makes several acquisitions in the public access sector (SkiData, Ticketcorner) and in digital television (Lysis, Livewire).

The Kudelski share is split by 10.

Launch of a convertible bond of USD 325 million. The operation is heavily over-subscribed.

2002

After a ten-year period of uninterrupted growth, the Kudelski Group suffers from the impact of the crisis in the television market, particularly in Europe, and of unfavorable developments in the foreign exchange markets. The company carries out an in-depth review of its structure.

Creation of the holding company Nagra Public Access (including SkiData, polyright and Ticketcorner).

2003

Recovery of the digital television market.

Acquisition of the MediaGuard product line from Canal+ Technologies and creation of Nagra France.

2004

The Group publishes record results, tripling its digital TV revenues in Europe and almost doubling them in America.

2005

Early redemption of the USD 325 million convertible bond and issuance of a new convertible bond of CHF 350 million.

Creation of Quative (IPTV sector).

New Nagra Public Access structure; the entity is profitable again.

Sale of the majority stake of Ticketcorner.

Success of the new Nagra PMA pyramidal amplifier.

2006

The Group publishes record financial results.

Strategic investments for the development of the Digital TV ecosystem.

Acquisition of the Digital TV activity of SCM Microsystems resulting in the creation of SmarDTV.

Intensified Research & Development effort with a focus on content protection, IPTV and Mobile TV.

First mass deployments of the Nagra Mobile solutions enabling access to TV content on mobile phones.

2007

The Group becomes a leader in middleware and interactivity for digital television with the acquisition of a controlling interest in OpenTV.

Massive consumer acceptance of new solutions such as IPTV and Mobile TV.

Launch of new families of security solutions.

Excellent results for Nagra Public Access.

Success of the Nagra CD player.

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