

PRESS RELEASE



SOCOTEC strengthens Its U.S. platform with the acquisitions of Advance Testing and AAR Testing & Inspection

- Strategic acquisition of Advance Testing deepens expertise in Construction Materials Testing on the East Coast, adding 150 specialists.
- The acquisition of AAR Testing and Inspection, Inc. enhances Pacific Northwest presence with 110 expert professionals and 3 AASHTO, WABO and USACE-accredited sites.
- These acquisitions create a new coast-to-coast materials testing and inspection platform, reinforcing SOCOTEC's strategic positioning in the built-asset and infrastructure market.
- SOCOTEC USA reaches \$350M in revenue and 1,700 employees, up from \$100M in 2019, with a clear ambition to reach \$500M in the next two years.

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SOCOTEC, a global leader in testing, inspection, and certification for the built environment, announces the acquisition of **Advance Testing Inc.**, a full-service construction materials testing and inspection firm headquartered in Campbell Hall, New York, and **AAR Testing & Inspection Inc.**, a certified inspection and materials testing company based in Redmond, Washington.

These two acquisitions significantly enhance SOCOTEC's national presence in the USA, expanding its capabilities across the East Coast and establishing a major new hub in the Pacific Northwest.

Advance Testing: A premier East Coast materials Testing leader

Founded in 1984, **Advance Testing** has grown into one of the **most respected construction materials testing and inspection firms on the East Coast**. With **over 150 employees**, a **state-of-the-art material testing site**, and **six satellite offices across New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Florida**, the company provides a full suite of services including:

- Construction materials testing (concrete, masonry, asphalt, soil, aggregates)
- Material testing with AASHTO, NVLAP, USACE, and NYC Department of Buildings accreditations
- Building code special inspections
- Petrographic analysis, pavement profiling, and steel/welding inspection
- Comprehensive quality assurance and field inspection services

Advance Testing's strong client base includes major public agencies, general contractors, precast manufacturers, and large infrastructure developers. The firm has been repeatedly recognized for outstanding customer satisfaction and has earned **12 consecutive ACIL Customer Service Awards**. Through its extensive co-op/internship and training programs, Advance Testing has cultivated a robust talent pipeline, with many senior managers beginning their careers as interns.

AAR Testing & Inspection: a strategic expansion in the Pacific Northwest

Founded in 1989, **AAR Testing & Inspection** is a high-growth, minority-owned firm specializing in:

- Quality assurance and quality control for transportation & infrastructure projects (55% of revenue)
- Special inspections in compliance with IBC, performed by WABO-certified inspectors (20%)
- Accredited construction materials testing of soils, aggregates, asphalt, concrete, and masonry (20%)
- NDT and project-specific testing services

Headquartered in Redmond, Washington with sites in **Lacey and Wenatchee**, AAR serves both public and private projects statewide. Its **115 employees** support large-scale infrastructure programs, including major rail projects in Washington.

AAR is accredited by **AASHTO, WABO**, and the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**. Under SOCOTEC, the company will become the foundation of a new **Infrastructure & Environmental platform in the Pacific Northwest**, complementing and strengthening SOCOTEC's West Coast growth strategy.

Synergies and strategic value for SOCOTEC in the U.S.

With these acquisitions, SOCOTEC accelerates the expansion of its national platform in several strategic dimensions. The Group now benefits from a truly unified coast-to-coast TIC footprint, extending from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to the Southeast and, for the first time, the Pacific

Northwest. This enlarged presence is reinforced by highly complementary service lines that further strengthen SOCOTEC's core U.S. verticals, including Infrastructure, Building Code Compliance, Materials Testing, Environmental Services, and Advisory. The integration of Advance Testing and AAR Testing & Inspection also creates new synergies with existing SOCOTEC operations—most notably with Ninyo & Moore—while bolstering the Group's previously under-scaled activities in the Seattle region. Together, these capabilities significantly enhance SOCOTEC's ability to support major infrastructure programs across the country, from rail and highway networks to bridges, municipal assets, and large private developments. Finally, the acquisitions reinforce SOCOTEC's talent engine, drawing on Advance Testing's long-established training and certification ecosystem to support workforce development and future growth.

SOCOTEC U.S. growth journey

This coordinated expansion reinforces **SOCOTEC USA's strong growth trajectory**, which has seen the company expand from a niche consultancy in 2019, and more than twenty-five acquisitions after to a **1,700-person, multi-disciplinary organization operating across more than 35 offices** nationwide.

- 2019: \$100M revenue and 300 employees
- 2025: \$350M revenue and 1,700 employees
- **Ambition for 2028: \$500M+ revenue and continued national expansion**

Adding Advance Testing and AAR represents a major step in this journey, reinforcing SOCOTEC's mission to become the leading integrated testing, inspection, and advisory partner for the U.S. built environment.

Nicolas Detchepare, CEO of SOCOTEC USA says: *"Our rapid growth in the United States reflects both the strength of the SOCOTEC model and the extraordinary dynamism of the U.S. built-asset sector. By welcoming Advance Testing and AAR Testing & Inspection into the SOCOTEC family, we significantly expand our ability to deliver high-quality, integrated solutions across a territory that is strategically vital for our clients. These two companies bring deep expertise, strong reputations, and exceptional teams — all of which will accelerate our long-term expansion and enable us to support the most complex infrastructure and building programs in the country."*

Hervé Montjotin, CEO of SOCOTEC Group adds : *"The United States has become an essential pillar of SOCOTEC's global strategy, now representing **20% of the Group's total revenue**. Our geographic balance between Europe and the U.S., and our dual expertise across regulatory compliance and advisory services, form the foundation of our global growth. With the acquisitions of Advance Testing and AAR Testing & Inspection, we are reinforcing this balance while expanding our technical capabilities and market reach. The U.S. will continue to play a decisive role in SOCOTEC's development in the years ahead."*

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ABOUT SOCOTEC

Accompanying companies for 70 years, the SOCOTEC Group, chaired by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation as an independent trusted third party in the fields of risk management, compliance, safety, health and environment in the Building, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Industry sectors.

As a guarantor of the integrity, sustainability and performance of built assets, SOCOTEC is developing a range of services in testing, inspection and certification, from technical control, the group's historical expertise, to technical consulting and risk management services related to construction, infrastructure and industrial facilities. Its expertise enables it to support its private and public sector clients throughout the life cycle of their buildings and equipment in order to strengthen their sustainability.

No. 1 in construction inspection in France, No. 1 in geotechnical services and construction quality control in the United Kingdom and Italy, the group is a major player in TIC (Testing Inspection Certification) services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States. The SOCOTEC group has consolidated revenues of 1.850 bn Euros and 60% of international revenues (40% of revenues come from France) with 250,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 15,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects. More information on www.socotec.com