

Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

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I'm reaching out to share our recent findings, which may be of interest to you.

HitHawk is a short-biased activist using forensic due diligence, accounting scrutiny, and investigative methods to expose fraud, corporate misconduct, and unsustainable business models across European markets.

Our latest report targets German retailer Douglas AG (XETR: \$DOU). We identified several issues pointing to deep structural and cultural weaknesses in the business. But that is not the full story.

The most alarming finding emerged from what initially seemed like a minor side task: reviewing Douglas' corporate history. We quickly noticed glaring inconsistencies and omissions, especially for the period from 1931 to 1969. The company's official timeline skips nearly four decades – including the entire Nazi era – without explanation. This silence raised serious red flags.

We uncovered court and registry documents of what later became today's perfumery Douglas. They tell a different story than what the company shared in response to our inquiries. What happened to the business and the owners after 1936 is entirely undocumented in the company's public narrative.

Circumstantial evidence suggests that the perfumery may have been expropriated from its rightful—likely Jewish—owners in 1936 and handed to a Nazi-vetted businessman. That same individual returned to Germany after being released from a Canadian prisoner-of-war camp, regained control of the business, rebranded it, and ultimately sold it to Hussel AG in 1969 – without ever facing accountability.

There is some evidence indicating that the Harders family may have been Jewish, but almost no personal records of the two sisters Alma Lucie Thea and Catharine Hertha Marie Johanna seem to exist. This makes direct verification difficult. However, given the resources and data you may have access to, we believe you might be in a better position to help test this hypothesis – or at least to evaluate the likelihood.

As far as we are aware, there have not been any restitution claims made in this matter.

We would deeply value your thoughts on the case and would welcome any cooperation or insight you might be willing to share. We believe this story deserves public scrutiny – not just as a financial issue, but also as a matter of historical justice.

Sincerely

HitHawk Research Team

P.S. please read the fill report at: <https://hithawk.com/document/douglas-hidden-history/>