

The most successful brewery in the world



[Heineken](#) was founded on 15 February 1868 by Gerard Adriaan Heineken, who bought a small existing steam brewery on the Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal in Amsterdam. By implementing a revolutionary brewing process, Heineken soon grew into the largest and most successful brewery in the country. New breweries were set up in quick succession.

These days, Heineken is on sale in over 170 countries and the group ranks among the 5 largest breweries in the world. Heineken is *the* premium beer and its green bottle is recognized by people all over the world.



One of the many places that Heineken is active in, is the Congolese capital of Kinshasa. In this part of Africa, Heineken is present with as many as 23 [breweries](#). Not only is beer being bottled here, by the way, but also the famous soft drink Coca Cola.

Heineken Brewery Bralima is one of the breweries that have been renovated. The renovation included a new synthetic floor finish from Bolidt Kunststoftoepassing B.V. The renovated area houses a brand-new bottling line and has been fitted with a [Bolidtop](#)[®] 700 system.



What is special about this project is that Bolidt has operated in very close contact with the technical team of IBECOR N.V. Brussels in Belgium. IBECOR N.V. Brussels is part of Heineken and mainly deals with renovation projects for Heineken throughout the world. Due to this close collaboration and the technical limitations that are a given in this type of country, a completely new gully system was created by combining [Bolidtop](#)[®] 700 with stainless steel. A relatively quick and economical, yet functional solution.