

HELMY ASSOC. & CO., INC.

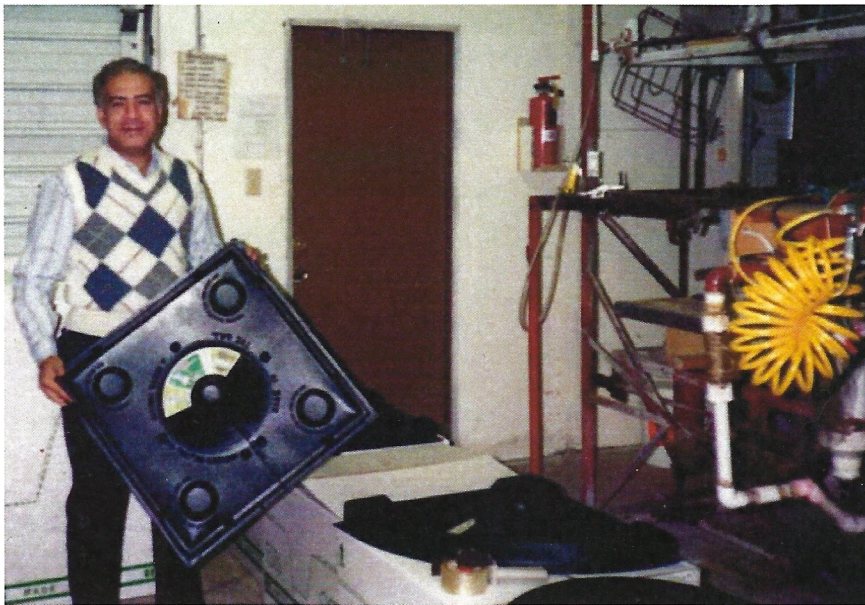


Above: Helmy Assoc. & Co., Inc. attributes its success to Abe Helmy's meticulous attention to every detail.

Below: Abe Helmy and one of his patented Henta landscape tree mats.

The story of Helmy Assoc. & Co. begins with its visionary founder, Ibrahim 'Abe' Helmy. From a one-machine, two-man operation, to the plastic manufacturing leader it is today, Helmy Assoc. & Co. owes its humble beginnings and ongoing success to the man who approached his work every day with the sole intention of bringing ideas to life.

In 1988, Helmy, a PhD graduate in Urban Design & Engineering and professor of Architecture at the University of Texas at San Antonio, developed and obtained the patent for an innovative, new landscape mat system.



Realizing the value and potential of his idea, Helmy went about searching for a local manufacturer that could produce the system at an affordable price for consumers.

During his search, Helmy came to this realization; what was stopping him from manufacturing his own products? Determined to bring his creation to life, Helmy purchased a heavy gauge thermoforming machine and set up his own production line in a modest 6,000 square foot building on Jackwood Street in San Antonio. Together with his wife, Mona T. Helmy, a BFA/Architecture graduate of UTSA, Helmy founded Helmy Assoc. & Co., Inc. This bold endeavor and initial mat system design soon inspired countless other products that quickly brought the company to the forefront as a leader in thermoform plastic manufacturing.

Throughout the early years of Helmy Assoc. & Co., the ever dedicated Helmy maintained his teaching position at UTSA while also running the company. However, as Helmy Assoc. & Co. quickly grew and saw success, Helmy eventually left his teaching position to devote his focus and energy full-time to the growing company. Helmy took the valuable lessons and attitudes that he learned in the classroom and applied them to everyday life at the company, creating an environment of learning, innovation, and success that his associates and employees willingly emulated.

Helmy's business combined everything he loved: challenge, design, innovation, and ideas brought to life. He continually added to the company's line of landscape products: mats, wall niches, ceiling medallions, specialty pots, liners, and many other patents. All of Helmy's proprietary products are sold under the trademarked Henta brand.

Helmy Assoc. & Co.'s production quality and innovative solutions would not go unnoticed by other companies locally and abroad. Helmy soon began expanding industrial design capabilities and thermoforming a wide variety of products and packaging for other businesses and manufacturers. Within a few years, Helmy Assoc. & Co. outgrew its original 6,000 square foot facility and moved into a 12,000 square foot location on Kenwick Street in San Antonio.



Throughout the 1990s, the company continued to expand its capabilities to include thin gauge forming and CNC tooling. These new additions allowed the company to offer expertise to those in the packaging and medical industry, providing blisters, clamshells, medical device trays, and other thin gauge plastic products.

Because of Helmy's willingness to expand his company's capabilities, tremendous success followed. In 1999, Helmy Assoc. & Co. moved to its current location, a sprawling 60,000 square foot complex of offices and warehouses on Caribou Street.

In 2004, Helmy was diagnosed with cancer and subsequently endured numerous medical procedures. Throughout all of this, he continued to guide the company with passion and dedication until his death in 2009. His wife, Mona, who worked closely with Helmy in building the company, became his successor.

In the spirit of her husband, Mona's role as president/CEO has always been to ensure that the client's expectations are always exceeded and to guide her employees with dedication and loyalty. Under her leadership, Helmy Assoc. & Co. has continued to grow and prosper as a leader in the plastic thermoforming industry.

Helmy dedicated his heart and soul to the company. It was not just a job or a business; he truly loved what he did. His passion for seeing ideas brought to life remained constant. Mona and all the employees of Helmy Assoc. & Co. are dedicated to seeing that Helmy's legacy continues to thrive and live on.

For more information about Helmy Assoc. & Co., visit www.helmyplastics.com.



Above: Abe Helmy at a tradeshow to showcase the Henta brand of landscape and home décor products.

Below: The Helmy Team today, continuing Abe Helmy's legacy to bring ideas to life.

