Family businesses comprise a significant part of the global economy and have internationalized at an increasing rate due to the growth strategies and potential in new markets. For many family businesses internationalization is a strategy for growth and enables them to survive into future generations. Due to the increased competitiveness of many countries family businesses have had to diversify their income and production facilities to take advantage of international differences. In this special journal issue, we seek conceptual and empirical papers that discuss the internationalization strategies of family business. The aim of the special journal issue is to further our understanding of the international strategies of family businesses by bringing together the family business, strategic management and international business literature. Studies that highlight the strategic capabilities of the internationalization process of small family businesses to large multinational family businesses are encouraged.

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