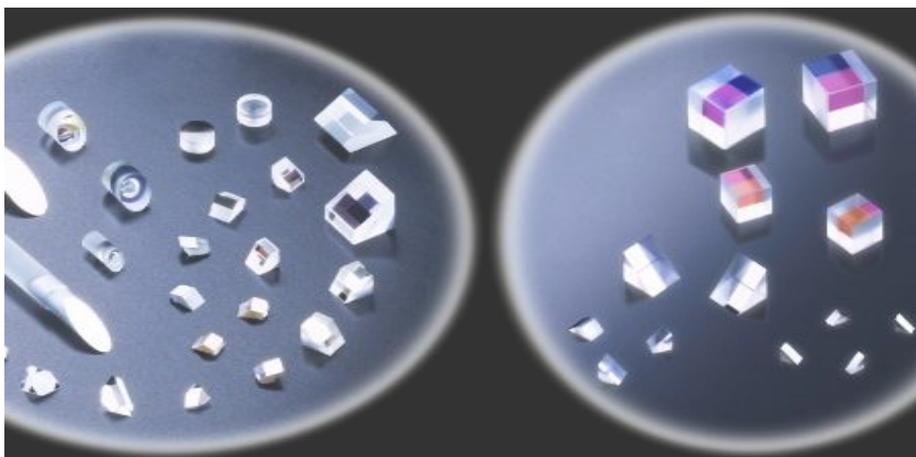


A group of investors represented by Verium acquires a majority stake in Zünd Precision Optics and Optivac

As part of a succession plan, Verium investors together with the management team acquire a majority shareholding in Zünd Precision Optics and Optivac (together "Zünd Group"). René Zünd continues to hold a significant stake in the company. Together with the employees, the partners want to exploit existing growth opportunities and pursue a sustainable and long-term development of the Group.



René Zünd, former majority shareholder and chairman of the board of Zünd Group: "With Verium we found an experienced and financially strong partner with whom we can set the course for the further successful development of our business." René Zünd retains a significant minority stake and continues to be involved in the company, thus ensuring continuity and a smooth transition.

The team with CEO Oscar Turienzo and head of production Ernst Pienz will continue to run the company following the acquisition and will also become shareholders. "The Group will continue to differentiate itself through quality leadership, strong customer focus and technological expertise. We are happy to have gained Verium as a strong partner and at the same time still count on René Zünd's knowledge and experience – this is an excellent starting position for the Group," says Oscar Turienzo. "Together we will sustainably develop the company as well as expand and further improve the service offering for our customers."

Verium strengthens the company's board with Damian Stricker and George Merk. "Zünd Group is a "hidden champion" with a strong market position, motivated employees and a coherent growth strategy – especially the ongoing trend towards minimally invasive surgery with robotics will certainly open up further potentials for the company. We are convinced that, together with the management team and René Zünd, we can leverage existing market opportunities," says Damian Stricker, new Chairman of the Board of Zünd Group.

Christian Velez will also join the board. He has many years of experience in the industry and is the founder and CEO of Exalos, a company specialized in light sources for highly complex applications.

Verium is an independent multi-family office and manages direct investments in medium-sized companies in the DACH region for its investors. Latest investments include Home Instead, basefit.ch, Christ & Heiri, Toradex, Ceposa, Quickmail, Mobil in Time/S&G and DSwiss. Verium builds on its network and expertise to support its partners in both strategic and operational matters.

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Zünd Precision Optics, founded in 1968, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of optical components in the micrometer range and offers high-quality glass prisms, plane optics and kitting solutions that are primarily used in medical technology (endoscopy), but also in industrial applications, metrology, defence technology, aerospace and telecommunications.

Optivac is a leading specialist in the coating of optical components, using PVD- and IAD-technology to produce antireflective, filter, mirror and beamsplitter coatings.

The Group currently employs around 65 employees and has a state-of-the-art production facility in Diepoldsau.

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