



SOPAT and Parsum optical inline systems are now part of the Endress+Hauser group



The Swiss group Endress+Hauser has further expanded its portfolio of measurement instruments, solutions and services for process analysis by acquiring SOPAT and Parsum.

The agreement is effective from January 1st, 2026. Both parties have agreed to keep the details of the sale confidential. Jörn Emmerich and Dr Sebastian Maaß, SOPAT's co-founders, will stay on as members of SOPAT's management team. Both the SOPAT and Parsum teams will continue to be based in Berlin and Chemnitz, respectively.

With the agreement, we now come under Endress+Hauser's Liquid Analysis Product Center, based in Gerlingen, Germany. "The particle characterization systems developed by SOPAT complement our existing portfolio by adding a range that is strategically important in terms of our core target industries," said Endress+Hauser Liquid Analysis Managing Director Dr Thomas Buer.

SOPAT GmbH was founded in Berlin in 2012. In 2022, it acquired Parsum, a Chemnitz-based manufacturer of inline particle size analysis systems founded in 1997. SOPAT and its subsidiary Parsum now employ a total of 30 people.

Since 2019, the international investment company WZ Process B.V. has been the majority shareholder of SOPAT. Its shares have now been completely taken over by Endress+Hauser. "In Endress+Hauser, we have found a partner for SOPAT that will accelerate SOPAT's growth and steadily expand its global reach. We are convinced that this is an important step toward further professionalization," emphasized Alexander Vranken, Managing Partner of WZ Process.

“Integration into the Endress+Hauser Group is the logical next step for us: it provides our technology with an industrial platform from which we can contribute to more efficient, sustainable processes in even more areas of application. I am proud of what we have achieved and am convinced that together we will continue to advance particle analysis in this integration process,” says Dr Sebastian Maaß, SOPAT’s co-founder and CSO.

SMART CONCEPT

SOPAT’s inline systems use a photo-optical image-based technology to analyze particles, droplets and bubbles in running processes in real-time. The technology measures particle size and shape without sampling or dilution, thereby enabling precise process monitoring, faster response times and enhanced product quality. Parsum probes, on the other hand, use a laser beam in combination with the fiber-optic spatial filter method to analyze particle size and speed distributions, particularly for solids, powders and granulates.

IMPROVED PROCESS INSIGHTS

Customers in multiple industries, including life sciences, food & beverage and mining, minerals & metals, use particle counting and analysis to ensure product quality. “This step is a continuation of our strategy and strengthens our analysis portfolio. We can now provide even better support for our customers across the board, from laboratory to production process,” Dr Thomas Buer said.

SOPAT’s co-founder and CEO Jörn Emmerich comments: “Our strength lies in our combination of scientific precision and industrial practicability. As part of the Endress+Hauser Group, we can progress innovations through to broad-based industrial use more rapidly and hence contribute to more stable and resource-efficient processes worldwide.”

LEADERS IN LIQUID ANALYSIS

Based in Gerlingen, Germany, Endress+Hauser Liquid Analysis is one of the world’s leading providers of measuring instruments and complete systems for liquid analysis. The company’s smart solutions help customers in the environmental technology and process industries operate their plants safely, reliably, cost-effectively and in an eco-friendly manner. Highly advanced production processes ensure premium quality from end to end. Endress+Hauser Liquid Analysis is a strong innovator, as recognized by numerous international awards and prizes. Its innovative strength is drawn from the expertise of more than 1,300 employees worldwide, who are based at its headquarters in Gerlingen and its other German sites in Waldheim and Groß-Umstadt, as well as at its sites in Anaheim (California, USA), Suzhou (China) and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (India).



The Endress+Hauser Group

Endress+Hauser is a global leader in measurement and automation technology for process and laboratory applications. The family company, headquartered in Reinach, Switzerland, achieved net sales of more than 3.7 billion euros in 2024 with a total workforce of over 17,000.

Endress+Hauser devices, solutions and services are at home in many industries. Customers thus use them to gain valuable knowledge from their applications. This enables them to improve their products, work economically and at the same time protect people and the environment.

Endress+Hauser is a reliable partner worldwide. Its own sales companies in more than 50 countries as well as representatives in another 70 countries ensure competent support. Production facilities on four continents manufacture quickly and flexibly to the highest quality standards.

Endress+Hauser was founded in 1953 by Georg H Endress and Ludwig Hauser. Ever since, the company has been pushing ahead with the development and use of innovative technologies, now helping to shape the industry's digital transformation. Over 9,000 patents and applications protect the Group's intellectual property.

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