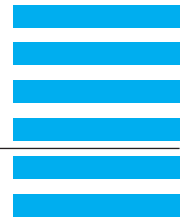


# Merger between LOT-Oriel Europe and Quantum Design



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Shareholders and Founders of LOT-Oriel Holding AG (LOT) have sold a majority portion of their shares to the German company Quantum Design Europe GmbH (QDE). QDE is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Quantum Design, Inc., San Diego, CA, USA.

Original LOT shareholders Arno Köhler (Managing Director of ZygoLOT GmbH), Manfred Berger (Managing Director of II-VI Holding GmbH), and Ralph Köhler (Managing Director of LOT-Oriel Europe and QDE) continue to hold significant interests in the company, and Ralph Köhler will continue to serve as the company's Managing Director.

As a distributor and service provider for Quantum Design (QD) products in Europe, QD and LOT-Oriel have enjoyed an increasingly cooperative relationship for more than 15 years. During this period LOT's relationship with QD has grown from being a sales representative for Germany and Eastern Europe to becoming QD's exclusive sales, marketing and service partner for all of Europe and the Near East. In 2004 LOT and QD signed a Strategic Alliance Agreement to form a worldwide distribution Alliance. As a result of the QD-LOT merger, LOT will combine with QD and its Asian subsidiaries in Japan, Korea and the People's Republic China to create a global network offering distribution and after-sales service to manufacturers of scientific and related industrial instrumentation all over the world.

Headquartered in Darmstadt, Germany. LOT-Oriel was founded over 35 years ago as a distribution and technical support organization for scientific research institutes and industry. Today, LOT employs 120 people in 10 countries across Europe and its product portfolio includes components and leading edge instrumentation with applications in Materials Characterization, Thin Film Analysis, Special Cameras and Imaging, Spectroscopy, Photonics and Bio- and Nanotechnology.

Founded in 1982, Quantum Design is a privately held corporation that develops and markets advanced technology cryogenic systems and instruments for the scientific community. Today Quantum Design is widely recognized as the leading commercial source for integrated laboratory analytical systems incorporating superconducting technology.

Ralph Köhler confirms that LOT- and all of its European offices will continue to serve its customers and suppliers in the same successful and reliable way that has established LOT as Europe's premier distributor of instruments and products for the scientific and industrial research communities.

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