



**Press release**

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**HAL TO ACQUIRE INTEREST IN  
MEXICAN OPTICAL RETAIL CHAIN  
GRUPO OPTICO LUX**

Today, HAL signed an agreement to acquire 25% of the shares including an option for an additional 45% of the Mexican optical retail chain Grupo Opticó Lux.

The option to increase the shareholding to 70% can be exercised after two years.

Grupo Opticó Lux is located in Mexico City and operates 69 own stores, mainly in Mexico City and a number of other larger cities in Mexico. The company has approximately 830 employees and reported 2009 net sales of approximately MXN 637 million (€37 million).

The transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 2010.

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