

Expansion into Scandinavia

Katadyn acquires Optimus of Sweden

Wallisellen-Zürich, December 20, 2007 – **Katadyn Produkte AG, the global leader in the supply of environmentally friendly products for mobile drinking water treatment, is expanding. The Group, which is headquartered in Wallisellen-Zürich, Switzerland, has just acquired Optimus International AB, maker of outdoor stoves and accessories, from the Swedish company ThinkOut AB. This acquisition will enable Katadyn to strengthen its market position in the niche market for technical outdoor products.**

Optimus of Sweden has been producing outdoor stoves since 1899. Beside gas, multi-fuel, and kerosene stoves, the company's product range also includes cookware, cooking utensils, various fuels, and accessories. The Optimus brand stands for safety, ease of use, and innovative design and caters to the needs of sophisticated users. Katadyn North America has been successfully marketing the products of Optimus since 2006. Since December 1, 2007, Katadyn Deutschland GmbH has been in charge of sales in Germany and Austria.

The acquisition of Optimus enables the Katadyn Group to add an attractive range of products to its own existing portfolio. Together with the Katadyn water treatment products and the freeze-dried specialty foods of Trekking-Mahlzeiten, Katadyn now offers three complementary product lines. This means that Katadyn will set an even sharper focus on the outdoor market in the future. The Optimus brand will remain and the product line will be integrated in the new company Katadyn Scandinavia AB with headquarters in Stockholm.

The Swiss Katadyn Group is the global Number One in the field of individual water treatment systems and products, with a global market share exceeding 50 percent. Katadyn has been developing water filters, sterilizing agents, and mobile desalinators for trekking and marine applications for over 75 years. Numerous international relief organizations and special army units rely on Katadyn products as survival and life-saving tools. The company is additionally diversified in the outdoor market with two of its own brands – “PharmaVoyage” first-aid solutions for trips and “Trekking-Mahlzeiten” freeze-dried specialty foods. Katadyn is headquartered in Wallisellen-Zurich, Switzerland, and operates affiliates in Germany, France, the U.S.A., and Singapore. The company is one of the 60 most profitable Swiss companies and has 80 employees worldwide.

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