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**HAL COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF  
OPTICAL RETAIL CHAIN IN HUNGARY**

HAL Holding N.V. has completed the acquisition of 94.7% of the shares in F-O Optika-Fotó from a subsidiary of Fotex Rt., a Hungarian listed investment company. This transaction was already announced on November 23, 2005.

F-O Optika-Fotó is an optical retail chain with 102 stores in Hungary, of which 12 stores are operated by franchisees, 16 stores in Poland and 12 stores in the Czech Republic.

At the end of 2004, F-O Optika-Fotó had approximately 720 employees and reported 2004 annual consolidated sales of approximately € 34 million.

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