



Press release

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**HAL EXPANDS OPTICAL RETAIL ACTIVITIES WITH A
CHAIN IN CHILE**

HAL has signed an agreement to acquire 88% of the shares of the Chilean optical retail chain Rotter y Krauss. The company is located in Santiago and has 43 own stores and 89 points of sale within department stores throughout the country. Rotter y Krauss has approximately 600 employees and reported 2007 net sales of approximately €32 million. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2008.

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