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## **Luxottica Group closes the acquisition of Óticas Carol in Brazil**

**Milan (Italy) and São Paulo (Brazil), July 6, 2017** - Luxottica Group S.p.A. (MTA: LUX), a leader in the design, manufacture, distribution and sale of fashion, luxury and sports eyewear, announced today the closing of the acquisition of 100% of the shares in Óticas Carol, one of the largest optical franchisors in Brazil with approximately 990 locations.

The transaction, which has an enterprise value of approximately Euro 110 million, obtained the clearance by the Brazilian antitrust authority (CADE) and marks Luxottica's entry into the optical retail business in Brazil. Luxottica currently operates a network of Sunglass Hut and Oakley "O" stores in Brazil and has a solid presence through its wholesale business and a manufacturing plant in Campinas.

Established in 1997, Óticas Carol sells a broad range of prescription frames and sunglasses, with annual system sales of approximately Euro 200 million. Óticas Carol has achieved significant growth in recent years, strengthening its management team and growing its retail footprint, largely through established partnerships with franchisees.

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### **Luxottica Group S.p.A.**

Luxottica is a leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of fashion, luxury and sports eyewear. Its portfolio includes proprietary brands such as Ray-Ban, Oakley, Vogue Eyewear, Persol, Oliver Peoples and Alain Mikli, as well as licensed brands including Giorgio Armani, Burberry, Bulgari, Chanel, Coach, Dolce&Gabbana, Ferrari, Michael Kors, Prada, Ralph Lauren, Tiffany & Co., Valentino and Versace. The Group's global wholesale distribution network covers more than 150 countries and is complemented by an extensive retail network of approximately 8,000 stores, with LensCrafters and Pearle Vision in North America, OPSM and LensCrafters in Asia-Pacific, GMO in Latin America, Salmoiraghi & Viganò in Italy and Sunglass Hut worldwide. In 2016, with more than 80,000 employees, Luxottica posted net sales of over Euro 9 billion. Additional information on the Group is available at [www.luxottica.com](http://www.luxottica.com).

### **Óticas Carol**

Óticas Carol, which was founded in 1997 with the goal to satisfy the needs of the Brazilian consumer in the eyewear industry, is one of Brazil's leading optical chains. It currently has approximately 990 stores across Brazil, primarily through its franchising network. Óticas Carol's mission is to provide the best platform for the sustainable growth of its franchisees. It seeks to delight its customers with excellent optical services and products. Óticas Carol's vision is to see a



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prettier world making glasses the number one fashion accessory and perpetuating a sustainable business model. To learn more about Óticas Carol, please visit [www.oticascarol.com.br](http://www.oticascarol.com.br).

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