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## **Proposed combination between Essilor and Luxottica approved in China**

**Milan, Italy, and Charenton-le-Pont, France, July 26, 2018** – Luxottica (MTA: LUX) and Essilor (Euronext Paris: EI), announce that the antitrust regulator of the People’s Republic of China, SAMR, has approved the proposed combination between the two companies after they made certain commitments with regard to the conduct of their business in China.

Luxottica and Essilor committed to inform SAMR about their future acquisitions and also to ensure availability of their products and services to all customers in China on a fair basis

These commitments are fully aligned with the future EssilorLuxottica’s mission to “help people see more, be more and live life to its fullest” and the open business model both companies promote across the globe.

Clearance from Chinese authority was the last condition precedent to the closing of the transaction and paves the way for the combination to be finalized. The two companies are also progressing with their discussions with the Turkish antitrust authority and expect the closing of the transaction at the end of the third quarter.

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### **About Luxottica Group**

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 9,000 stores, with LensCrafters and Pearle Vision in North America, OPSM and LensCrafters in Asia-Pacific, GMO and Óticas Carol in Latin America, Salmoiraghi & Viganò in Italy and Sunglass Hut worldwide. In 2017, with approximately 85,000 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).

**About Essilor**

Essilor International (Compagnie Générale d'Optique) ("Essilor") is the world's leading ophthalmic optics company. Essilor designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of lenses to improve and protect eyesight. Its mission is to improve lives by improving sight. To support this mission, Essilor allocates more than €200 million to research and innovation every year, in a commitment to continuously bring new, more effective products to market. Its flagship brands are Varilux<sup>®</sup>, Crizal<sup>®</sup>, Transitions<sup>®</sup>, Eyezen<sup>™</sup>, Xperio<sup>®</sup>, Foster Grant<sup>®</sup>, Bolon<sup>™</sup> and Costa<sup>®</sup>. It also develops and markets equipment, instruments and services for eyecare professionals.

Essilor reported consolidated revenue of around €7.5 billion in 2017 and employs approximately 67,000 people worldwide. It markets its products in more than 100 countries and has 34 plants, 481 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as 4 research and development centers around the world. For more information, please visit [www.essilor.com](http://www.essilor.com).

The Essilor International share trades on the Euronext Paris market and is included in the Euro Stoxx 50 and CAC 40 indices. Codes and symbols: ISIN: FR0000121667; Reuters: ESSI.PA; Bloomberg: EI:FP.

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