

Press Release

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Zumtobel Group opens new software competence centre for lighting technologies in Portugal

- **Software know-how as strategic cornerstone for future growth of the company**
- **Reaction to current market trends in the field of smart lighting, connected solutions and IoT**
- **Centre in Porto is operated by Tridonic and employs 30 software engineers**

Dornbirn / Porto – Yesterday, 11 June, the international lighting company Zumtobel Group officially opened its new group-wide software competence centre for lighting technologies in Porto, Portugal. Tridonic, the lighting technology company of the Zumtobel Group, operates the new software competence centre.

With the new technology and innovation centre, the Zumtobel Group reacts to current market trends in the areas of smart lighting, connected solutions and IoT. While the lighting industry is facing a competitive market environment, software-oriented services and solutions are gaining more importance. The Zumtobel Group invests in this fast-growing market segment in order to further refine the company's positioning in the lighting market with innovative and smart products and solutions. The new software competence centre for lighting technologies in Porto is therefore an integral part of the strategic direction of the Zumtobel Group.

“Software know-how is one of our strategic cornerstones in establishing the foundation for the future profitable growth of the company. With the new software competence centre for lighting technologies in Porto we are bundling our group-wide software know-how in order to participate in fast-growing and future-oriented market segments and fulfil our customers' expectations and requirements of smart and connected lighting solutions”, says Alfred Felder, CEO Zumtobel Group.

The new technology and innovation centre in Porto develops software for smart light management and control systems. It will also focus on research in areas such as smart buildings and smart cities, aiming to develop integrated lighting solutions for smart energy, mobility and IoT technologies. The group-wide software centre represents an addition to the existing research and development network of the Zumtobel Group. The headquarters in Dornbirn is the global centre for all group-wide R&D activities and, with the biggest workforce (roughly 2,000 employees), the heart of the company.

The group-wide software competence centre in Porto is operated by Tridonic Portugal Ida and employs 30 software engineers. Porto is an emerging business location and is increasingly turning into Europe's new technology hub. With this investment, the Zumtobel Group follows the example of renowned companies such as Google, Xing, IBM or Bosch that are already present with their innovation centres in Portugal. The main advantages that Portugal offers companies for investments of this kind include excellent educational standards and, consequently, a high level of talent availability in the area of software development, economic factors and high political stability.

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Photo on the left: Thomas Erath, CFO and interim CEO Tridonic, CEO Zumtobel Group Alfred Felder, AICEP President Luís Castro Henriques and Lopes Joao, Managing Director Tridonic Portugal were on hand from left to right at the opening of the new group-wide software competence centre for lighting technologies in Porto.
Photo right: Alfred Felder, CEO Zumtobel Group, at his opening speech.



The Zumtobel Group is bundling its group-wide software know-how with the new software competence centre for lighting technologies in Porto. The new technology and innovation centre develops software for smart light management and control systems.



With the net4more system, Tridonic, the lighting technology company in the Zumtobel Group, provides the hardware and software for smart lighting systems with IP networking.

Information

This press release and the accompanying high-resolution images can be downloaded at:

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About the Zumtobel Group:

The Zumtobel Group is an international lighting group and a leading supplier of innovative lighting solutions, lighting components and associated services. With its brands, Thorn, Tridonic and Zumtobel, as well as acdc, ThornEco, and Zumtobel Group Services (ZGS), the Group offers its customers around the world a comprehensive portfolio of products and services. The Group's know-how about the effects of light on people, acquired over decades, forms the basis for the development of innovations and for accessing new fields of business. In the lighting business, the Group with its Thorn, Zumtobel and acdc brands is the European market leader. The ThornEco brand serves the electrical wholesale sector with a tailored portfolio of products. Through its lighting components brand, Tridonic, the Zumtobel Group plays a leading role worldwide in the manufacture of hardware and software for lighting systems (LED light sources and LED drivers, sensors and lighting management). Zumtobel Group Services offers one of the most comprehensive service offerings in the entire lighting industry, including consultation on smart lighting controls and emergency lighting systems, light contracting, design services and project management of turnkey lighting solutions, as well as new, data-based services focused on delivering connectivity for buildings and municipalities via the lighting infrastructure. The Group is listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (ATX Prime) and currently holds a workforce of around 5,900 employees. In the 2017/18 financial year, the Group posted revenues of EUR 1,196.5 million. The Zumtobel Group is based in Dornbirn in the Vorarlberg region of Austria. For further information, please visit <http://www.zumtobelgroup.com/en>

About Tridonic:

Tridonic is a world-leading supplier of lighting technology, supporting its customers with intelligent hardware and software and offering the highest level of quality, reliability and energy savings. As a global driver of innovation in the field of lighting-based network technology, Tridonic develops scalable, future-oriented solutions that enable new business models for lighting manufacturers, building managers, systems integrators, planners and many other types of customers. To promote the vision of the Internet of Light, Tridonic relies on partnerships with other specialists. The goal is the joint development of innovative technological solutions that convert lighting systems into intelligent networks and thereby enable associated services. Its profound, technical industry expertise makes Tridonic an ideal partner for established brands and for newcomers to the market. Tridonic is the technology company of the Zumtobel Group and is headquartered in Dornbirn, Austria. In the 2017/18 business year, Tridonic generated sales of Euro 352.7 million. 1,690 highly skilled employees and a worldwide sales presence in over 50 countries reflect the company's commitment to the development and deployment of new, smart and connected lighting systems. <https://www.tridonic.com/com/en/>