

# The Institut d'Optique receives support from Antin Infrastructure Partners and Eurofiber to fund its Chair in Quantum Engineering

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The Institut d'Optique Graduate School announces that it has received a joint donation from Eurofiber and Antin Infrastructure Partners, which will be used to fund the Chair in Quantum Engineering, recently created within the Institute. This support demonstrates commitment of both companies to promote technological innovation and actively participate in the development of research and training in the fields of optics and quantum engineering in France.

The Institut d'Optique, recognised worldwide for its expertise in optics, photonics and quantum technologies, recently created this chair with the aim of training the next generation of engineers and researchers specialising in these cutting-edge technologies. These innovations will revolutionise many industrial sectors, including telecommunications, cybersecurity and information technology, which represent a major strategic challenge for Europe.

Support from Antin Infrastructure Partners and Eurofiber will enable Institut d'Optique to strengthen its training, research and innovation capabilities in quantum engineering, as well as attracting talent to this fast-growing field. Thanks to this support, the Institute will be able to expand its training programmes for entrepreneurship, develop new specialist courses and strengthen collaboration between industry and academia.

**Alain Aspect**, Nobel Prize physics and professor at the Institut d'Optique, holder of the Augustin Fresnel Chair, says: *“The development of quantum technologies is based on a detailed understanding of fundamental physics and its connection to applications. This donation from Eurofiber and Antin Infrastructure Partners will make possible the synergies between academia and industry, paving the way for major innovations. This is an opportunity for our students and researchers to work in a virtuous ecosystem.”*

**Rémi Carminati**, Managing Director of the Institut d'Optique, underlines the importance of this partnership: *“The support of Eurofiber and Antin Infrastructure Partners is a strong signal for the quantum technology ecosystem in France. It will consolidate our position as a leader in photonics and quantum technologies, thanks to the close links between education, cutting-edge research and links with industry.”*

**Stéphane Ifker**, Managing Partner at Antin Infrastructure Partners, adds *“At Antin, we are convinced that digital infrastructure will play a key role in building the world of tomorrow. By supporting the Institut d'Optique, we are investing in the training of the future generation of highly qualified engineers, essential for innovation and the development of quantum computing and communication. Antin supports academic institutions around the world and we are proud to support Alain Aspect in his research at the Institute.”*

**Alex Goldblum**, CEO of Eurofiber said: *“By supporting the Institut d'Optique, we are investing in the future of Europe's digital economy. Quantum technologies will have a huge impact on digital infrastructure, and we are proud to help train the engineers who will be driving this revolution.”*

### **About the Institut d'Optique Graduate School**

Founded in 1917, the Institut d'Optique Graduate School is a world leader in research, and innovation in photonics and quantum technologies. The Institut d'Optique trains some of the most innovative physicists, engineers and Ph. in the business and academic sectors.

Its international reputation is based both on its research and technology transfer and the quality of the training provided. The Institut d'Optique has three campuses, in Paris-Saclay, Bordeaux and Saint-Etienne, with strong links to local universities and to the socio-economic world of photonics and quantum technology.

### **About the Institut d'Optique Graduate School's Fili re Innovation-Entrepreneur**

Since 2006, the Fili re Innovation-Entrepreneurs (FIE) has been training students in entrepreneurship and innovation through a project-based teaching approach, based on students' own ideas their own ideas or through collaboration with research laboratories or companies. laboratories or companies.

### **About Antin Infrastructure Partners**

Antin Infrastructure Partners is a leading private equity firm focused on infrastructure. With over  31bn in assets under management across its Flagship, Mid Cap and NextGen investment strategies, Antin targets investments in the energy and environment, digital, transport and social infrastructure sectors. With a presence in Paris, London, New York, Singapore, Seoul and Luxembourg, Antin employs over 240 professionals dedicated to growing, improving and transforming infrastructure businesses while delivering long-term value to portfolio companies and investors. Majority owned by its partners, Antin is listed on compartment A of the regulated market of Euronext Paris (Ticker: ANTIN – ISIN: FR0014005AL0)

### **About Eurofiber**

Eurofiber has been a leading provider of open infrastructure since 2000. Using our own fibre-optic network and data centres, we provide intelligent, open and scalable cloud infrastructure and open and scalable cloud infrastructure and connectivity solutions to public administrations and not-for-profit organisations. Our customers have complete freedom to choose the services, applications and suppliers they need to take full advantage of the potential of the full potential of digital innovation. Eurofiber has a network of 70,500 kilometres in France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. This network is growing by an average of 50 kilometres every week. The companies operate ten data centres in the Netherlands and France. Eurofiber is laying the foundations for the digital society, which is why the Dutch government has awarded Eurofiber 'critical infrastructure' status.

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