



## Optaglio transforms to support extended growth

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Hologram firm Optaglio has announced its transformation into a joint-stock company. It has made this change to support its further growth, attract investment and possibly also enable it to list on the stock exchange at some point in the future.

The firm, which was founded in 1994 as Czech Holography, says it is now one of the world's leading players in security holograms and has no competition in some solution segments such as microholograms. Its holograms are used in markets requiring very strong anti-counterfeiting protection: ID cards, passports, banknotes, securities and luxury brands. They are used in more than 50 countries around the world. Optaglio says it has significantly strengthened its position in fast-growing Indian and south-east Asia markets over the past few years and has built a very strong position in passports and tax stamps.

The company reports that it invests heavily in R&D, which has enabled it to attract foreign scientists, register a number of patents and produce innovative products. At the heart of its operations is its technological centre in Lochovice, Czech Republic, which it opened in 2015.

"With this milestone, we close a successful phase of our development, to open another one," says Vladimir Zhukov, executive head, Optaglio. "We have amazing technologies and new breakthrough innovations will be announced soon.

Ľestmir Hradebný, co-founder of the company, adds: "More than 20 years ago, we started a company as a common project involving several colleagues from Czech Academy of Science. The company has recently extended its manufacturing capacity, which is a necessary condition for future success."