

## **AUV WILL ALSO SELL WHOLESALE BUSINESS**

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We previously announced our intention to sell our pharmaceutical division Eurovet to the British Dechra Pharmaceuticals. This is today followed by the announcement that we intend to sell our wholesale companies to Henry Schein, Inc., a FORTUNE 500® company and member of the NASDAQ 100® index, headquartered in the US. With annual global turnover of \$ 8.5 billion, Henry Schein, Inc., is the largest supplier of healthcare products and services to medical, dental and veterinary surgeries. The company is a global market leader in the veterinarian wholesale business and continues to grow. Outside the United States, it is the owner of large wholesalers in Europe and Australia. Since AUV has been looking for a possible means of up scaling activities to a pan-European level, this offer presents a great opportunity. Additionally, Henry Schein, Inc., is a leading company in the field of ancillary services for veterinary clinics and is active in the field of clinic management systems.

In the Netherlands, the AUV Group is the owner of AUV Groothandel, market leader in the Netherlands and one-stop-shop for over 1,000 customers. Subsidiary Instruvet is the national market leader in the field of veterinary instruments, ranging from disposables to high-tech equipment. In Belgium, AUV operates the wholesaler Val d'Hony-Verdifarm located in Beringen (Limburg). This company is the market leader in Belgium and primarily supplies products to approximately 1,400 veterinary surgeries.

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