

### Next Generation Takes over

## Günther Paul Leaves for Retirement

After 35 years at the helm of the LASER COMPONENTS Group, company founder Günther Paul (72) is taking full time retirement. In 2014 he transferred his company shares to his sons Patrick (40) and Felix (38). On 18 April the entire staff said goodbye to their long-time boss with a surprise celebration at the company headquarters in Olching, Germany. Once again, they reviewed the most important milestones in the company's history – from the beginning as a two-man business in the family home in 1982 to today's international group with branch offices and production facilities in five countries. Long-standing companions and representatives of the overseas branches sent video messages to wish Günther Paul all the best for this new chapter in his life.

In a short address, Patrick Paul emphasized the successful handover process. Over the years, more and more competencies have been transferred from one generation to the next, thus avoiding any negative effects on the company's growth.

The future retiree, who was busy working in the garden just before the unexpected invitation to lunch, was deeply touched by his farewell party and thanked his employees for the successful surprise. He promised to remain in touch with the company, as long as his numerous hobbies gave him time to do so.

### More Information

[www.lasercomponents.com/lc/company/about-us/company-history/](http://www.lasercomponents.com/lc/company/about-us/company-history/)

### Trade Shows

**SPIE PHOTONICS Europe**, April, 24 - 25, 2018, Strasbourg, France, **Booth G325**  
**Scandinavian Electronics Event**, April, 24 - 26, 2018, Kistamässan, Sweden, **Booth C08:49**  
**Photonex Edinburgh**, June 14, 2018, South Hall Complex, University of Edinburgh, UK, **Booth S5**  
**automatica**, June 19 - 22, 2018, Messe München, Germany, **Booth B5.501**  
**Sensor+Test**, June 26 - 28, 2018, Messe Nürnberg, Germany, **Booth 1.256**  
**Sensors Expo & Conference**, June 27 - 28, 2018, San Jose, CA, USA, **Booth 225**  
**SPIE Optics+Photonics**, August 19 - 23, 2018, San Diego, CA, USA, **Booth 527**  
**Photon 2018**, September 04 - 05, 2018, Aston University, **Booth 5**  
**Photonex Europe**, October, 10 - 11, 2018, Ricoh Arena, Coventry, UK, **Booth D15**  
**Vision**, November 06 - 08, 2018, Messe Stuttgart, Germany, **Booth 1G31**  
**electronica**, November 13 - 16, 2018, Messe München, Germany

### The Company

LASER COMPONENTS specializes in the development, manufacture, and sale of components and services in the laser and optoelectronics industry. At LASER COMPONENTS, we have been serving customers since 1982 with sales branches in five different countries. We have been producing in house since 1986 with production facilities in Germany, Canada, and the United States. In-house production makes up approximately half of our sales revenue. A family-run business, we have more than 220 employees worldwide.