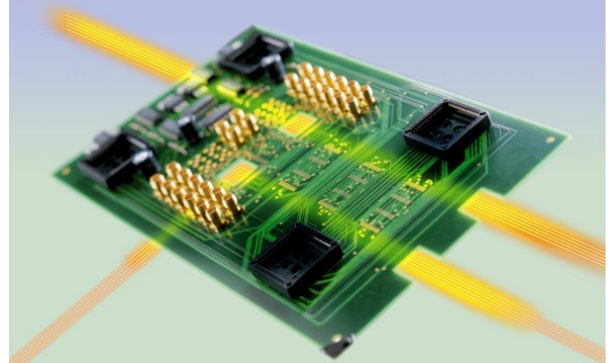


vario-optics ag founded!

We are very proud to announce that vario-optics ag was officially founded on August 1st, 2009! After an intensive but successful period of putting together the definitive business plan and the strategy we finally were able to set the basis for this new spin-off company, focusing on the engineering and manufacturing of electro-optical circuit boards.

Fortunately, the general market development supports this endeavour. vario-optics ag can start with a considerable number of engineering projects and first prototypes are already being produced. Another indication of an emerging market, is the announcement that Intel will be presenting a processor with optical interfaces by the end of this year. The future is bright and we are ready!



Based on a five-year business model, additional investments into electro-optical circuit board technology are planned, thus boosting the technology further in order to ensure the breakthrough in the market and, consequently enabling our customers to be one step ahead of the competition.

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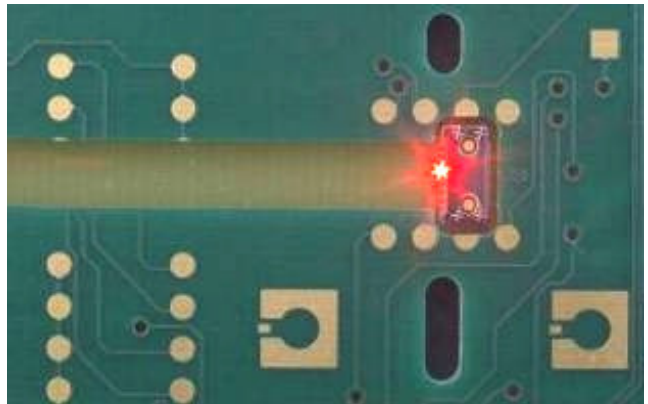


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The business

The business of vario-optics consists of three fields:

- **Development of production technologies for electro-optical printed circuit boards (EOCB) and optical solutions**
- **Manufacturing of electro-optical functional models, prototypes and small and medium series**
- **Providing engineering services to customers**



The team

Markus Halter and Felix Betschon stepped over to the new company, together with Stefan Beyer, who joined the team by 1st of August 2009. They build the core of the new company:



Felix Betschon received the diploma in electrical engineering and the PhD degree from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ), Switzerland, in 1996 and 2000 respectively. Until 2007 he was with Oerlikon ESEC where he held different positions within R&D, at last as Head of R&D. From 2007-2008 he lead the Electrical Engineering Department of ThyssenKrupp Presta in Budapest, Hungary. Since 2008 he was responsible for the Business Unit Optical Interconnects of Varioprint AG and he will lead the new company as CEO.

Markus Halter received his bachelors degree in Systems Engineering from the Interstate University of Applied Sciences of Technology in Buchs, Switzerland. He joined Varioprint in 2002 and he was one of leading persons within the electro-optical circuit board team. He will be responsible for the process development and the manufacturing of the polymer waveguides.



Stefan Beyer received his diploma in Optoelectronics in 2003 from the University of Applied Sciences in Aalen, Germany. Since 2004 he worked for CEDES, where he was responsible for the optical design of different sensors. He led several projects. Stefan Beyer will be responsible for the optical design of customer products and of our own equipment.