

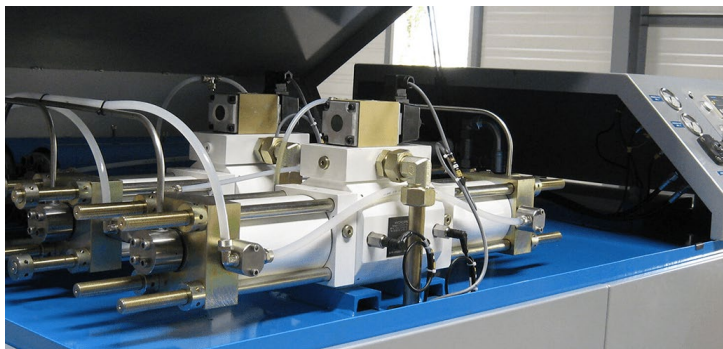
HYDROPROCESS

— La maîtrise des hautes pressions —

Evolem spurs its development strategy with the acquisition of HYDROPROCESS and the opening of a new high pressure division.

On Monday 4th November, Evolem announced its acquisition of a majority stake in HYDROPROCESS, a company specialising in ultra-high pressure equipment for a range of applications such as waterjet cutting, pressure amplifiers, and hydroforming.

Founded in 2006 and based in Chalon sur Saône, Burgundy, HYDROPROCESS designs and manufactures innovative, ultra-high pressure machines that grant its customers a more competitive edge.



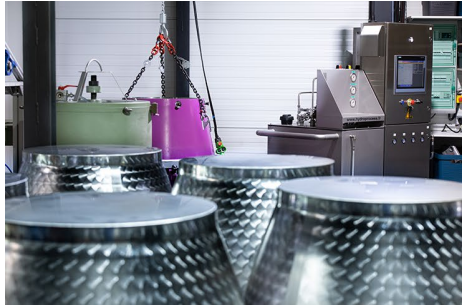
As the only French manufacturer of ultra high pressure amplifiers and pumps, HYDROPROCESS develops specialised machines for a wide range of applications, including industrial waterjet cutting machines (food processing and manufacturing) and for explosive device neutralisation systems (civil and military security), ultra-high pressure amplifiers

(automotive, nuclear, etc.) and hydroforming machines, which shape materials using pressurised fluid (aerospace, food processing, etc.).

In 2011, HYDROPROCESS developed 'ChefCut', a new, standard, waterjet cutting machine designed to meet the exacting requirements of the catering trade (pastry chefs, chocolate makers, caterers, etc.) and to replace traditional cutting methods with ultra-high pressure waterjet technology for use on fresh and frozen food items.

'ChefCut' machines have gained international acclaim and are distributed in 40 countries worldwide.





Drawing on the knowledge of its 20-expert staff, exclusive suppliers and a network of high-performance distributors, HYDROPROCESS has a turnover of around €12 million. Today, the company's founding directors, Michèle and Philippe Dereims, have placed their trust in Evolem family office to continue, and step up, the company's international development.

For Michèle and Philippe Dereims, HYDROPROCESS' founding directors who are reinvesting in the new project: *"Thanks to EVOLEM's development expertise and commitment to corporate social responsibility, we can speed up the company's structuring in order to extend its range and expand the business in a responsible and sustainable way."*



For Alexis Alfonsi, Investment Director at Evolem: *"We are especially delighted to support HYDROPROCESS in this new phase of its development, and proud to have earned the trust of its management. The company's world-renowned expertise in this innovative, niche market, its high-level performance, and the opportunities to diversify are what prompted us to set up a new division."*

About Evolem

EVOLEM is a family office which was established in 1997 by Bruno Rousset, the founder of APRIL. Its mission is to help sustainable initiatives which promote entrepreneurship, employment, education, and the environment, to thrive.

EVOLEM draws on its entrepreneurial, family, and local roots to uphold a responsible approach to business. As a long-term partner and shareholder, EVOLEM consolidates small businesses to turn them into medium-sized enterprises, helps start-ups establish their business models, and supports philanthropic projects through the EVOLEM Citoyen and DOMORROW endowment funds. Since the beginning, Evolem has supported no less than 100 companies, and its shareholding portfolio currently represents 8,000 jobs and over €1,100 million in aggregated turnover.



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Stakeholders in the operation:

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Strategic Due Diligence Advisers – buyers: Advention (Alben Neveu, Iska Pivois)

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Legal Advisers – sellers: Jouffroy Fileas (Jérôme Fauque, Raquel Barjolin)