

KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES ACQUIRES THE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY SIGNADYNE, A SPIN-OFF BORN AT ICFO- The Institute of Photonic Sciences

- **Signadyne develops world leading performance modular test and measurement devices.**
- **Founded in 2010, the company received the financial support of Caixa Capital Risc, the venture capital arm of "la Caixa" and Fitalent, everis Group's Investment Fund.**
- **The consulting firm ImpulsetoGrow has led the acquisition agreement.**

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Keysight Technologies, the American company world leader in test and measurement solutions, has acquired the start-up Signadyne, a spin-off born at ICFO-The Institute of Photonic Sciences. The company, with expertise in modular measuring equipment, received the financial support of Caixa Capital Risc, the venture capital arm of "la Caixa" and Fitalent, everis venture capital fund. The agreement has been led by the consulting firm ImpulsetoGrow.

Signadyne was founded in December 2010 by engineers Dr. Marc Almendros and Mr. Nestor Oliverio, as a result of a research project they were conducting at ICFO. The two young scientists discovered that the test and measurement equipment they needed to control their experimental setup - an ion trap for quantum computing and communication - did not exist in the market. After a period of incubation in the ICFO LaunchPad (an ICFO support area and facility that allows innovative ideas to be converted into technological spin-offs), the technology and business plan matured and, thus, Signadyne was created. The company develops cutting-edge technology in the field of modular tests and measurement.

Based on the PXI standard concept, Signadyne is capable - from different test modules - of efficiently and economically developing tailor-made equipment for specific applications in contrast to conventional test and measurement devices which require an almost customized design for each type of element. In addition, Signadyne's devices stand out for their ability to make many measurements in very short time intervals (up to 1Gs / s, one million samples per second), for the amount of channels per device (the number of parameters measured at the same time) and for their versatility and flexibility.

Keysight Technologies purchased Signadyne with the objective of further developing its cutting-edge technology. An industry leader since Dave Packard and Bill Hewlett founded the original company in their garage in Silicon Valley in 1937, Keysight will incorporate Signadyne's products and technology into their Global Solutions Support, helping to continue its contribution to more efficient testing and measurement.

About ImpulsetoGrow

ImpulsetoGrow is a corporate firm based in Barcelona specialized in technology companies. ImpulsetoGrow advises technology companies on corporate operations and support processes that require additional capital to develop growth plans of the company

About Caixa Capital Risc

Caixa Capital Risc, a company 100% of CriteriaCaixa, is the venture capital arm of "la Caixa", which invests in the early stages of innovative Spanish companies with high capital growth potential and assists them in the different stages of their development.

The company is a multi-specialist investor who focuses its attention on emerging sectors: life sciences, technology, as well as digital and technologies for the industry. Caixa Capital Risc manages a volume of 180 million euros through 8 investment funds, and has more than 180 companies in their portfolio.

In addition to their investment activities, it develops an intense activity supporting entrepreneurs throughout Spain. Through EmprendedorXXI initiative, the "la Caixa" group promotes initiatives that provide training and visibility to new companies with high potential, while it helps the generation of added value contacts.

About Fitalent

Fitalent is a talent investment fund created by everis in 2011 with the goal of investing in businesses with high potential in the field of information technology, industry and biotechnology, maintaining, in every aspect, the commitment to innovation and talent. everis is a company of the group NTT DATA that provides business solutions, strategy, development and technology applications maintenance as well as outsourcing across all sectors. It has nearly 14,000 professionals working in the 14 countries and has a turnover of 691 million euros.

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