

PRESS RELEASE

SOL Group continues its international expansion strategy in the home care sector in which it operates through VIVISOL.

ITOP S.p.A. Officine Ortopediche controls 65% of Ferranti Orthopedic Center – Gruppo VIVITOP S.r.l. company active in Sicily in the design and production of customized aids, prosthesis and orthosis, while the remaining 35% remains property of its founder Salvatore Ferranti.

SOL Group - a multinational operating not only in the technical, industrial and medicinal gases sector, but also in the home care sector through companies characterized by the "VIVISOL" brand - announces that it has strengthened its presence in the sector of design and production of custom-made aids, prosthesis and orthosis in Sicily through a new strategic partnership.

Company ITOP S.p.A. Officine Ortopediche - 51% owned by AIRSOL S.r.l. (entirely controlled by SOL S.p.A.) and 49% by Francesco Mattogno - announces that it owns 65% of the Centro Ortopedico Ferranti – Gruppo VIVITOP S.r.l., while the remaining 35% remains owned by its founder Salvatore Ferranti.

After purchasing a share from Salvatore Ferranti, ITOP S.p.A. merged its subsidiary ITOP Sicilia into the Ferranti Orthopedic Center, thus creating a primary operator in orthopaedic technology in Sicily. The Ferranti Orthopaedic Centre – VIVITOP Group, today, counts on a team of 66 professionals, including engineers, orthopaedic technicians, neuro-psychomotricians, occupational therapists, podiatrists and specialized operators, and a turnover of approximately 8 million Euros.

Claudio Garbellini, Deputy General Manager of the Group and responsible for Home Care activities, commented: "SOL Group continues its strategy of diversification in sectors synergistic with those in which it already operates, with high specialization and technological content, to expand the offer of products and services to its patients in the Healthcare sector. We are happy to continue this adventure with Francesco Mattogno, developing new partnerships such as the one with Salvatore Ferranti, a successful entrepreneur, and his highly specialized team.

Francesco Mattogno, Chairman and CEO of ITOP S.p.A. Officine Ortopediche, declared "the Ferranti Orthopedic Center – VIVITOP Group will be able to count on the many years of experience and the manufacturing and technological support of ITOP S.p.A. in the ortho prosthetic sector, with the aim of consolidating and renewing the offer of products and services in the Sicilian orthopaedic market."

"Joining forces with ITOP in Sicily" concludes Salvatore Ferranti, Chairman and CEO of the Ferranti Orthopedic Center – VIVITOP S.r.l. Group, "we present ourselves as a primary operator in the sector of tailor-made orthopaedics with high technological content, thanks to a competent, cohesive and motivated team of people, capable of guaranteeing advanced solutions to satisfy the mobility and rehabilitation needs of Sicilian citizens".

SOL is a multinational group that operates in Europe, India, Turkey, Morocco, Brazil, China, Ecuador and Peru, in two different main sectors: production, applied research and sale of technical, pure and medicinal gases (Technical Gases Division) and Home Medical Assistance (Home Care Division - VIVISOL), with over €1.378 million in turnover in 2022, and over 5,750 employees.

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