

Standard Investment acquires SACHEM Europe from US owner SACHEM, Inc., creating an independent Dutch chemicals company

AMSTERDAM / ZALTBOMMEL, May 16, 2025 – Standard Investment, a hands-on private equity firm operating across Northwestern Europe, has completed the acquisition of SACHEM Europe from its U.S.-based parent, SACHEM, Inc. The transaction establishes SACHEM Europe as an independent specialty chemicals company headquartered in Zaltbommel, the Netherlands.

This acquisition represents the twelfth corporate carve-out in Standard Investment's history and adds to the firm's track record in the chemicals sector, following earlier investments in Synres and HSWT. As a stand-alone business, SACHEM Europe is well-positioned to capture growth in its core markets—most notably, through the rising demand for sustainable cardboard packaging, for which SACHEM Europe is the absolute market leading supplier of cationization agents—and to expand into adjacent markets. Under the leadership of newly appointed Managing Director Jorrit Klaus, the company will invest in its R&D capabilities, strengthen its commercial team, and leverage its state-of-the-art production site in Zaltbommel.

"For decades, SACHEM Europe has served as a reliable and high-quality supplier in the specialty chemicals industry, supporting customers across packaging, coatings, and life sciences," said Hendrik Jan ten Have, Partner at Standard Investment. "As demand for cationic starch continues to rise due to increased usage of cardboard packaging, SACHEM Europe will benefit from their strong competitive position in the European market."

SACHEM Europe's core business is the production of chemicals used in cationic starch, a critical component in paper and cardboard packaging production. This is complemented by a broad range of specialty chemicals that are sold to chemical conglomerates and pharmaceutical companies, used in applications ranging from coatings to personal care products.

"We are excited to begin this new chapter as an independent company," said Klaus. "With the strategic and operational support of Standard Investment, we will be able to sharpen our commercial focus and invest where necessary to continue to supply the cationic starch market and drive growth in specialty chemicals even more effectively."

BJTK acted as legal counsel to Standard Investment.

Lazard acted as sole financial advisor, and Dentons served as legal counsel to SACHEM, Inc.

About SACHEM Europe

SACHEM Europe is a (specialty) chemicals manufacturer based in Zaltbommel, the Netherlands. With a legacy of over 50 years, the company supplies customers across its end-markets of packaging, coating and adhesives, and life sciences.

About Standard Investment

Amsterdam-founded Standard Investment is a North-Western Europe-focused investment firm with offices in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Brussels, dedicated to hands-on investment in the mid-market. Founded in 2004, the firm operates with a philosophy of direct involvement with the companies in which it participates. Standard Investment has, among others, investments in Riedel, Aweta, Plast1,

Burger King Netherlands and Verwater. With a team of 20 investment professionals, it manages a portfolio of 23 companies, spread over 5 countries with over 5,000 employees and a collective turnover above EUR 1.4 billion.

About SACHEM, Inc.

SACHEM, Inc. is a global leader in high-purity chemical solutions, serving advanced technology markets such as semiconductors, emissions controls, biotechnology, and energy storage. With a legacy of innovation spanning over 75 years, SACHEM delivers precision chemistries, custom formulations, and value-added services that enable next-generation performance. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, SACHEM maintains an unwavering commitment to quality, sustainability, and customer success. For more information, visit www.sacheminc.com.

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