

Press release

Kapsch BusinessCom Invests in Digital Start-Ups.

Vienna, December 5, 2019 – With the acquisition of EVOLARIS NEXT LEVEL GmbH, Kapsch BusinessCom now has a 100% stake in a manufacturer of digital assistance systems. Kapsch BusinessCom also holds a 10% stake in the start-up Tablet Solutions, which offers digital assembly and service processes with WorkHeld. Kapsch BusinessCom already had strategic partnerships with both companies. Through these investments, the digitalization expert expands its service portfolio and increases the relevance of its own services to its customers.

Digital assistant.

Four years ago, Kapsch BusinessCom (Kapsch) acquired a 45% stake in the Graz-based innovation center EVOLARIS. Now, it has assumed 100%. EVOLARIS develops high-performance, digital assistance systems that merge physical and digital worlds. The systems are used in production, logistics, and service areas and provide support, for example, in repairs and maintenance of machinery.

Kapsch has used EVOLARIS technologies for customer projects relating to smart manufacturing as well as modernizing cable cars, thus helping customers optimize processes and save resources. Kapsch successfully addresses the entire DACH region with EVOLARIS.

WorkHeld, a promising start-up solution.

Recently, Kapsch BusinessCom acquired a 10% stake in the Vienna-based start-up Tablet Solutions. For some time now, WorkHeld has expanded Kapsch's portfolio. WorkHeld is a platform developed by Tablet Solutions for productive order processing of assembly, maintenance, and service processes. It digitally maps all steps from order allocation to documentation and signature. Additionally, the system records working hours, deficiencies, and measured values via voice command.

For example, Messer Austria GmbH, the leading provider of industrial gases, uses the WorkHeld software to replace many technical maintenance lists. "Kapsch is the perfect end-to-end provider for our solutions," says Benjamin Schwärzler, founder and CEO of Tablet Solutions. "As a start-up, we couldn't ask for a better scenario. We developed a solution and have a partner on board with many years of expertise in ICT and security and the corresponding market know-how."

Wide ecosystem.

Kapsch pursues its strategy of increasing the business value of its customers with the acquisition of EVOLARIS and its stake in Tablet Solutions. To achieve this, the digitalization expert constantly develops new solutions with customers, start-ups, and research institutes.

"We are continuously expanding our know-how in the fields of digitalization and security. Our goal is to offer our customers holistic end-to-end digital solutions," says Jochen Borenich, member of the Management Board of Kapsch BusinessCom. "The cooperation with EVOLARIS and Tablet Solutions has worked so well in many projects that we realized the time is right to strengthen these partnerships." What's more: This stake allows Kapsch to directly influence the further development of the companies..

Kapsch BusinessCom, a Kapsch Group company, supports companies in taking their business performance to the next level and developing new business models. As a leading partner in digitalization, the company operates as a consultant, system supplier, and service provider. Kapsch BusinessCom is the ideal partner for keeping abreast of rapidly evolving digital technologies thanks to its widespread expertise in handling large quantities of data and matters of security, in addition to the valuable experience gained from successful implementation of a variety of use cases across numerous industries. The company's comprehensive portfolio in Austria, Romania and the DACH region includes technology solutions for intelligent and – most importantly – secure ICT infrastructure along with smart building technology, media and security technology, and outsourcing services. Kapsch pursues a strategy of manufacturer independence, cooperates with leading global providers such as HPE, Cisco, and Microsoft, and participates in a wide network of research partners and industry-specific solution providers ranging from startups to major corporations.

Kapsch BusinessCom services more than 17,000 customers both locally and globally, including Allianz, Erste Bank, ÖBB, OMV, ORF, and Vodafone. In the fiscal year 2018/19, Kapsch BusinessCom generated revenue of approximately EUR 380 million with its 1,330 employees.

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