



WestGroupe Partners with the University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science to Drive Innovation in Vision Care at the Waterloo Eye Institute

Montreal, QC – March 18, 2025 – As part of its ongoing commitment to advancing eye care in Canada, **WestGroupe** has donated a total of \$35,000 to the **Waterloo Eye Institute (WEI)**. This includes an initial contribution of \$15,000 in 2023, followed by an additional \$20,000 in 2024, reinforcing WestGroupe's dedication to supporting vision research, education, and expanded access to care.

The Waterloo Eye Institute, part of the **University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science**, is set to become a national centre of excellence for eye and vision care, research, and education. The Waterloo Eye Institute's 68,000 square feet of new and renovated space will include state-of-the-art clinics emphasizing both primary eye care and specialty services like myopia management, vision therapy, and low vision rehabilitation. With enhanced facilities, future optometry professionals will train to provide the highest level of care to their patients.

"We are thrilled to support the groundbreaking work of the Waterloo Eye Institute," said Michael Suliteanu, President of WestGroupe. "At WestGroupe, we believe innovation and accessibility are key to advancing eye care. By contributing to WEI, we are investing in a brighter future for patients across Canada."

"We are grateful to WestGroupe for this ongoing support of the Waterloo Eye Institute," said Dr. Stanley Woo, Director of the School of Optometry & Vision Science. "This additional gift indicates WestGroupe's ongoing commitment to our shared vision of helping people see."

WestGroupe's donations play a vital role in fueling innovation in vision care at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science, helping to ensure greater access to essential eye care services for Canadians. This initiative aligns with the company's core values of innovation, excellence, and accessibility in the field of optometry.

For more information about WestGroupe and its commitment to advancing eye care, please visit www.westgroupe.com.

About WestGroupe

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WestGroupe is dedicated to defining future standards in the optical industry by developing, creating, and supporting innovative products and services that allow our customers to succeed. WestGroupe offers a premium selection of international brands in over 40 countries, including FYSH, KLiiK denmark, EVATIK, Superflex® and OTP.