

DGAP Voting Rights Announcement: ADVA Optical Networking SE  
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## Notification of Major Holdings

### 1. Details of issuer

ADVA Optical Networking SE  
Märzenquelle 1-3  
98617 Meiningen-Dreissigacker  
Germany

### 2. Reason for notification

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Acquisition/disposal of instruments               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Change of breakdown of voting rights              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other reason:                                     |

### 3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Name:                         | City and country of registered office:                 |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. | Wilmington, Delaware<br>United States of America (USA) |

### 4. Names of shareholder(s)

holding directly 3% or more voting rights, if different from 3.

### 5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached:

28 Jul 2017

### 6. Total positions

|                          | % of voting rights<br>attached to shares<br>(total of 7.a.) | % of voting rights through<br>instruments<br>(total of 7.b.1 + 7.b.2) | total of both<br>in %<br>(7.a. + 7.b.) | total number of voting<br>rights of issuer |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Resulting<br>situation   | 1.98 %  | 2.40 %  | 4.39 %                                 | 49666949                                   |
| Previous<br>notification | 1.51 %  | 4.72 %  | 6.23 %                                 | /  |

### 7. Notified details of the resulting situation

#### a. Voting rights attached to shares (Sec.s 21, 22 WpHG)

| ISIN         | absolute                 |                            | in %                     |                            |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|              | direct<br>(Sec. 21 WpHG) | indirect<br>(Sec. 22 WpHG) | direct<br>(Sec. 21 WpHG) | indirect<br>(Sec. 22 WpHG) |
| DE0005103006 |                          | 985489                     | %                        | 1.98 %                     |
| <b>Total</b> | 985489                   |                            | 1.98 %                   |                            |

#### b.1. Instruments according to Sec. 25 para. 1 No. 1 WpHG

| Type of<br>instrument | Expiration or maturity<br>date | Exercise or conversion<br>period | Voting rights<br>absolute | Voting rights in<br>% |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Securities<br>Lending | Open                           |                                  | 1193645                   | 2.40 %                |
|                       |                                | <b>Total</b>                     | 1193645                   | 2.40 %                |

**b.2. Instruments according to Sec. 25 para. 1 No. 2 WpHG**

| Type of instrument | Expiration or maturity date | Exercise or conversion period | Cash or physical settlement | Voting rights absolute | Voting rights in % |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                    |                             |                               |                             |                        | %                  |
|                    |                             |                               | <b>Total</b>                |                        | %                  |

**8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation**

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| Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled and does itself not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer (1.). |
| X Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:   |

| Name                                 | % of voting rights (if at least held 3% or more) | % of voting rights through instruments (if at least held 5% or more) | Total of both (if at least held 5% or more) |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.        | %  | %  | %   |
| Goldman Sachs (UK) L.L.C.            | %  | %  | %   |
| Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited       | %  | %  | %   |
| Goldman Sachs International          | %  | %  | %   |
|                                      |  |  |   |
| The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.         | %  | %  | %   |
| Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC              | %  | %  | %   |
|                                      |  |  |   |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.        | %  | %  | %   |
| GSAM Holdings LLC                    | %  | %  | %   |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | %  | %  | %   |

**9. In case of proxy voting according to Sec. 22 para. 3 WpHG**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Date of general meeting:                |                          |
| Holding position after general meeting: | % (equals voting rights) |

**10. Other explanatory remarks:**