



## KUKA invests in the factory of the future

### KUKA acquires Visual Components and defines the next level in intelligent automation

**Augsburg, 20 December 2017** – Visual Components has specialized in software solutions for 3D simulation in factory planning. This simulation is to be added to the KUKA product portfolio and is an important component when it comes to designing the factory of the future. The software from Visual Components is used worldwide for important planning and decision-making processes. With its easy-to-use products and open architecture, the Finland-based company sets standards in the visualization and simulation of complete production processes.

“3D simulation is an important element in the design of the factory of the future,” said Dr. Till Reuter, CEO of KUKA AG. “Visual Components offers innovative solutions in this field.”

For KUKA, the simulation tool is an important milestone with great potential for solutions in KUKA’s simulation ecosystem. After all, simulation is one of the key elements for technological innovations such as artificial intelligence, virtual and augmented reality, cloud technology and the Internet of Things.

“Visual Components and KUKA have been working together successfully for many years,” as Juha Renfors, CEO and founder of Visual Components, explained. “We have found a strong and reliable partner for continued international growth.”

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