

With Brantner, Paprec Expands into Five New Central and Eastern European Countries

Paprec Group will become the strategic majority shareholder in Brantner green solutions, the environmental and waste management division of the Brantner Group. This almost century-old family-owned business is a leading player in waste management across Central and Eastern Europe, operating in Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania and Serbia. With 2,500 employees and revenues of more than EUR 320 million, this transaction is Paprec's largest investment since Coved in 2016. After strengthening its position in Switzerland and then in Southern Europe through Spain and Italy, the Group is taking a new step in its European expansion by establishing a strong growth platform in Central and Eastern Europe. The transaction remains subject to customary regulatory conditions, and completion is expected in the last quarter 2026.

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Paris, 11 August 2026 - Thirty-two years ago, Paprec began as a small waste paper recycling company employing forty people in La Courneuve, near Paris. Over the course of three decades, the company has grown into a European leader in the circular economy, operating across the entire waste management value chain.

Its international development has been driven by a long-term strategy. Switzerland became Paprec's first operation outside France more than fifteen years ago, and the Group is now recognised as a leading player in that market. Paprec subsequently expanded its core activities into Spain, where it now employs nearly 4,000 people, followed by Italy. Through Brantner green solutions, Paprec intends to complete its European footprint by entering a strategic region where it has no presence today.

65 Sites Across Five Central and Eastern European Countries

Paprec today announces its expansion into Central and Eastern Europe through the signing of an agreement to acquire a majority stake (80%; while the remaining 20% is retained by the Brantner Family) in Brantner green solutions, the waste management arm of the Brantner Group. Completion of the transaction remains subject to the required regulatory approvals.

Founded in 1936 by the Brantner family, the company has established itself as a respected operator in waste collection, sorting, recycling and waste management. Through a sustained commitment to investment and innovation, it has built a network of 65 facilities and branches across Austria, where its headquarters are located, as well as Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania and Serbia, serving more than 28,000 municipal, industrial and commercial customers.

Two Family Businesses Sharing the Same Values

This partnership will bring together two successful family-owned companies that share the same core values: long-term thinking, entrepreneurial responsibility, innovation and a common commitment to advancing the circular economy across Europe. Brantner green solutions has earned an excellent reputation thanks to the quality of its services, the strength of its business model and the dedication of its teams in the regions where it operates. Brantner green solutions generated revenues of more than EUR 320 million.

Bernd Brantner, representing the third generation of the Brantner family, commented:

"For our family, this partnership marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

I have been Chief Executive Officer of the entire Brantner Group for the past 24 years, leading the company together with our family board throughout this period. My father, Walter Brantner, laid the foundation of today's business by establishing Brantner logistic solutions and Brantner green solutions. It has been a great honour and a great responsibility for me to continue and develop his life's work as the third generation of our family.

Together with our exceptional team, we have more than doubled the size of our business over the past 24 years while significantly strengthening our market position.

This remarkable development has already led us into the next stage of our company's evolution. The opportunities ahead of us are tremendous, but realising them will require substantial long-term investments. As a family, we therefore deliberately decided to bring on board a strong strategic shareholder who shares our entrepreneurial values, our long-term vision and our commitment to sustainable business.

Following an intensive process lasting almost two years, the entire Brantner family unanimously concluded that Paprec is the ideal partner to shape the next stage of Brantner green solutions' development.

It is important to emphasise that this partnership relates exclusively to Brantner green solutions. Brantner logistic solutions and Brantner Real Estate will remain entirely owned by the Brantner family and will continue to be developed independently.

I am extremely proud that we have found the very best partner for the future of Brantner green solutions. Together, we are not only securing the long-term development of our company but also creating the foundation to realise the tremendous growth opportunities ahead—for the benefit of our employees, our customers and the regions in which we operate," said **Bernd Brantner**, Vice Chairman of the newly created entity.

Mathieu Petithuguenin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Paprec Group, added:

"Brantner green solutions is an outstanding company: solid, innovative, profitable and widely recognised for the quality of its services. We are delighted to welcome Bernd Brantner and the Brantner family board as our long-term partners.

This transaction marks our most significant acquisition since the merger with Coved in 2016. It enables us to establish a presence in five new countries and considerably strengthens our European footprint," added **Mathieu Petithuguenin**.

Paprec's Chief Executive Officer continued:

"Together, we will accelerate growth throughout Central and Eastern Europe while preserving the entrepreneurial culture that has made Brantner green solutions successful over the decades.

This partnership represents a major milestone in Paprec Group's European expansion. It creates a strong platform for further growth across Central and Eastern Europe. Together with Brantner green solutions, we will provide municipalities and industrial companies with access to the most advanced technologies and expertise that Paprec has developed over more than three decades," concluded **Mathieu Petithuguenin**.

With this partnership, Paprec further strengthens its position as one of Europe's leading circular economy companies. Upon completion of the transaction, the Paprec Group will employ approximately 26,000 people across 15 countries and expects annual revenues exceeding EUR 4.5 billion.

About Brantner green solutions:

Brantner green solutions is a leading environmental services and waste management provider operating across Central and Southeastern Europe. With a workforce of approximately 2,500 employees across 65 operating locations, the company delivers collection, recycling and resource-recovery services to more than 28,000 municipal, industrial and commercial customers. Brantner green solutions is active in five countries - Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania and Serbia - and the scope of operations generated revenues of more than EUR 320 million.

About Paprec Group:

Paprec is one of Europe's leading recycling and waste management groups. By the end of 2026 its workforce will be approximately 26,000 employees in 15 countries. Building on its integrated model across collection, sorting, recycling and resource recovery, the group expects to generate annual revenues of more than EUR 4.5 billion.