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Last week, I visited **Fondarex SA**, the Swiss company that is a leader in vacuum technology for die-casting and a founding member of the **FSA - Foundry Star Alliance**.

I spent a pleasant and engaging morning with **Dominik Baumgartner**, the company's President & CEO, discussing the market and the firm's strategic positioning.

Always a leader in innovation, **Fondarex SA** has chosen to pursue growth through product diversification and the strategic allocation of its production capabilities.

"The heart and the expertise must be Swiss, but the 'muscle' can also be Asian" —that is how I would summarize what I learned from Dominik.

Since 2022, Fondarex has operated a wholly-owned subsidiary in China, where sub-assemblies for all product lines are put together under strict "Swiss" quality control.

While software and engineering continue to be provided from Switzerland, the Chinese facility has for some time been supplying the local market directly at competitive costs.

"Now is the time to take the big leap and extend this production model to customers worldwide—a Swiss heart at competitive costs."

Furthermore, there is the diversification of both products and target markets. Beyond vacuum technology, the company offers jet cooling and sophisticated squeeze systems beyond die-casting, it serves the plastics molding industry; and beyond the automotive sector, it has expanded into emerging fields like humanoid robotics and drones.

This is **Fondarex SA** today and for the future—a company that moves forward precisely because it is ahead of the curve. Its Swiss operations increasingly serve as the hub for research, product engineering, and customer support.



