



WESTGROUPE TO SUPPORT BERKELEY'S NEW SATELLITE CAMPUS IN EMERYVILLE WITH GENEROUS DONATION

January 8, 2025 – WestGroupe, a leading optical company that has provided unique and superior quality eyewear for over 60 years, has generously donated \$30,000 toward a new satellite campus in Emeryville, CA that is currently being built by UC Berkeley's Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science.

The new satellite campus in Emeryville will include a new outpatient clinic that will nearly double the school's clinical capacity, expand opportunities for world-class education and research, and advance an exciting new model for integrated optometric care. Funding for the project was seeded by a transformational \$50m gift from the [Herbert Wertheim Family Foundation](#).

"The optometry and vision science community at Berkeley are proud of our association with WestGroupe and grateful for their generous support," says Herbert Wertheim School of Berkeley Optometry & Vision Science dean and professor John Flanagan. "Through such partnerships, we can plan for a future of innovation, clinical excellence and research leadership."

The partnership demonstrates Berkeley and WestGroupe's shared commitment to providing students with exemplary clinical training and to the pursuit of new advances in eye care and research.

"This is an investment in the future," says Michael Suliteanu, President of WestGroupe. "We are proud to support UC Berkeley's Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science, where students gain invaluable experience across diverse fields such as primary care, low vision, pediatrics, and myopia control. At WestGroupe, we are committed to advancing innovation and accessibility in eye care. Our contribution to the new satellite campus in Emeryville reflects our dedication to shaping a brighter future for patients across the USA."

Both WestGroupe and Berkeley see the partnership as the beginning of a long, mutually beneficial relationship.

For more information about WestGroupe and its commitment to advancing eye care, please visit <https://www.westgroupe.com/US/information/about>.

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.

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