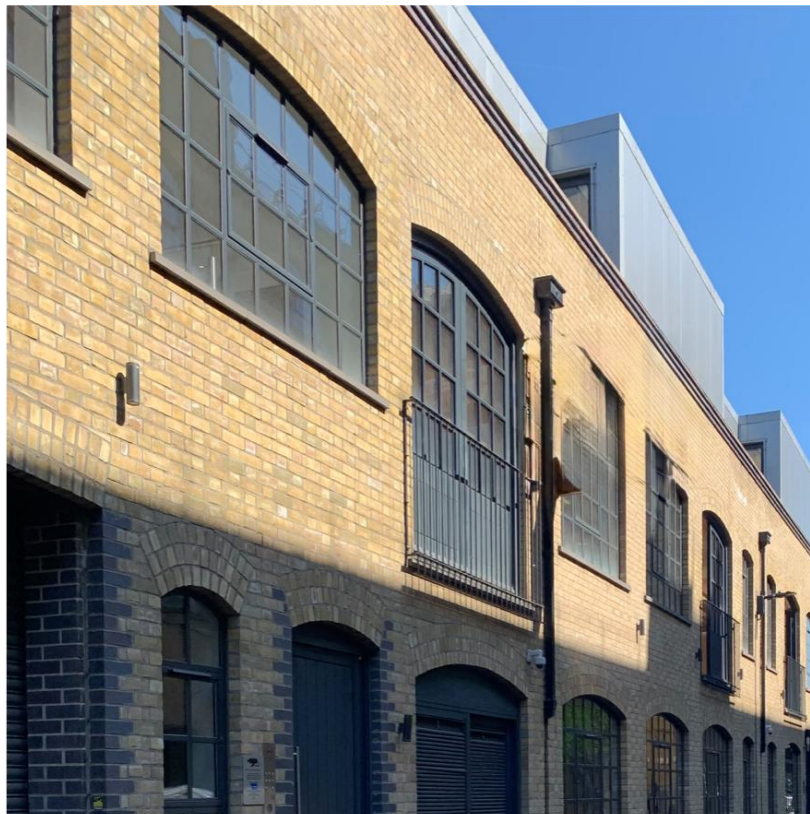




" London, United Kingdom — 26 February 2026: Topcon Healthcare proudly announces the opening of the Topcon Healthcare Innovation Center (THINC) in the heart of London's Knowledge Quarter.

THINC will function as an advanced innovation center, specifically designed to foster collaboration among eye and healthcare professionals, academic institutions, industry and patient associations and technology partners across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA). The center will focus on accelerating the development and adoption of oculomics by providing state-of-the-art facilities for clinical research, data analysis, and technology validation. It will offer educational programs, workshops, and hands-on demonstrations of emerging diagnostic imaging technologies, supporting knowledge exchange and professional growth.



By facilitating cross-disciplinary partnerships and supporting both start-ups and established organizations, THINC EMEA aims to drive the integration of ocular biomarkers into mainstream healthcare, ultimately reducing costs, increasing efficiency and improving patient outcomes, addressing the most pressing needs within the EMEA region.

Building on the successful establishment and resulting accelerated development of THINC in La Jolla, California, THINC EMEA embodies Topcon Healthcare's

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commitment to fostering global collaboration and pioneering new technologies that place the eye at the center of healthcare. The center will catalyze partnerships among clinicians, researchers, technology leaders, industry groups, and government agencies, advancing best practices and innovative approaches that leverage the eye as a window to the body for broader systemic health impacts beyond visual health.

The centre is proud to incubate Cascader, its first start-up, born out of a collaboration between Moorfields Eye Hospital, University College London (UCL), and Topcon Healthcare. Cascader aims to redefine oculomics—the emerging field that uses eye data to inform systemic health—by developing novel analytics to unlock new insights for eye care professionals.

THINC EMEA is honoured to extend the efforts of Alliance of Healthcare from the Eye, into Europe, Middle East and Africa by establishing a regional working group. The Alliance of Healthcare from the Eye is a consortium of healthcare organizations consisting of health systems, physicians, payers, researchers, policy makers, regulators, data privacy experts and representatives from industry and government, working to expand access to affordable healthcare and improve clinical outcomes by enabling the ethical and impactful adoption of oculomics in real-world practice.

Ali Tafreshi, CEO of Topcon Healthcare, commented: “The opening of THINC EMEA marks a major milestone in our global strategy to empower healthcare professionals with the resources and collaborative networks needed for breakthrough innovation. London’s Knowledge Quarter provides the ideal ecosystem for accelerating progress in establishing oculomics at the centre of healthcare, and we are thrilled to extend our reach and impact through this new initiative.”

Shigehiro Ogino, Managing Director of Topcon Europe Medical, added: “We are committed to serving the EMEA region with excellence and vision. THINC EMEA will be instrumental in nurturing talent, supporting start-ups, and translating cutting-edge research into real-world solutions for patients throughout the region.”

Krysten Williams, Head of THINC EMEA, said: “Our innovation centre is designed to incubate and accelerate the development of oculomics, bringing together innovators, clinicians, industry and government officials to tackle the most pressing challenges to making Healthcare from the Eye a reality across the region.”

THINC EMEA is pleased to announce its participation at the 100% Optical exhibition, on stand J60. Attendees will have the opportunity to experience the latest innovations from Topcon Healthcare and learn more about its portfolio companies, and our connected care platform designed to support data access and patient pathways that will make the delivery of oculomics possible in the future.



For media enquiries, partnership opportunities, or to learn more about THINC EMEA and upcoming events:

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About Topcon Healthcare Inc.

Topcon Healthcare, Inc. is part of Topcon Corporation, a leading provider of digital healthcare solutions. Our vision is to improve access and quality of healthcare while reducing the cost of care. To achieve this vision, we created **Healthcare from the Eye™**, a connected care ecosystem that leverages AI-powered disease detection and management applied to noninvasive retinal imaging. For more information, visit topconhealthcare.com."

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