

Fujifilm takes control of Fuji Xerox, ending joint venture

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Fujifilm will make Fuji Xerox a fully-owned subsidiary, ending a 57-year-old partnership between the Japanese and US companies

Fujifilm said Tuesday it will make Fuji Xerox a wholly owned subsidiary, buying Xerox's stake in the firm and ending a 57-year-old partnership between the Japanese and US companies.

The agreement will see Fujifilm withdraw a lawsuit it filed against Xerox in 2018 seeking more than \$1 billion in damages after a merger between the two firms was scrapped, the Japanese firm said.

Under the transaction announced Tuesday, Fujifilm will acquire the 25 percent [stake](#) in Fuji Xerox owned by Xerox. The deal gives Fujifilm a 100 percent stake in the firm.

The deal was unanimously approved by the boards of both companies, Fujifilm said.

"Fuji Xerox will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Fujifilm and will continue to supply to Xerox after completion of the transaction," it said.

"Fuji Xerox has now become a lean and strong company after a series of reforms we started in 2018, and I am confident that with this initiative it will be even stronger," Shigetaka Komori, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fujifilm, said in a statement.

He said full ownership of the firm would "facilitate faster decision making in a rapidly changing business environment".

The decision comes after a contentious period for the two firms after a merger between them failed following a lawsuit by powerful investors Carl Icahn and Darwin Deason, who own more than 15 percent of Xerox and opposed the tie-up.

After the [merger](#) was shelved, Fujifilm sued Xerox seeking damages of more than \$1 billion and continuing to push for the tie-up to go ahead.

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