

SODERN ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF SODERN AMERICA IN THE UNITED STATES, STRENGTHENING ITS PRESENCE IN A FAST-GROWING MARKET

- Sodern, a space and defense equipment manufacturer and a leader in optronic systems, including star trackers and space cameras, today announced the opening of Sodern America.
- This strategic expansion, featuring a production line dedicated to the U.S. market, reflects Sodern's ambition in the United States and its commitment to operating closer to its customers.
- Sodern America is located near Denver, Colorado, a major hub for the U.S. space industry.

January 14, 2026, Englewood, Colorado – Sodern is pleased to announce the opening of Sodern America. This new strategic entity strengthens Sodern's presence in the U.S. market and reflects the company's ambition to further serve its partners and customers within the U.S. Through this new subsidiary, Sodern will be better positioned to support customers in addressing their operational and technological challenges.

A Strategic Move Closer to Customers in the United States

In response to the growing demand from its U.S. partners for locally based services, Sodern America will enable Sodern to align more closely with customer expectations and to provide enhanced support throughout the lifecycle of their projects.

Sodern America is located in Englewood, south of Denver, Colorado, a region recognized as one of the most dynamic hubs of the U.S. space industry and home to many of Sodern's long-standing customers.

Sodern America will rely on a local team comprising technical experts and a dedicated sales function. The site, covering approximately 1,300 m² (14,000 square feet), includes:

- A clean room for Auriga™ star tracker assembly, integration, and testing,
- Advanced testing facilities for high-performance trackers such as Hydra,
- A showroom and demonstration area for welcoming customers and partners.



Sodern America is wholly owned by ArianeGroup and works closely with Sodern's teams in France,

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leveraging their globally recognized expertise.

"This strategic opening marks a key milestone in our international development and demonstrates our strong commitment to the U.S. market. The new subsidiary strengthens our position and credibility as a leader. Sodern America will have the autonomy required to grow sales in the United States and to support our customers throughout their projects," said Vincent Dedieu, CEO of Sodern.

The subsidiary is led by [Tiphaine Louradour](#), an American executive with over 20 years of experience in the space sector. Having previously worked with Sodern as a Business Partner, she brings deep knowledge of the U.S. space equipment market.

The United States: A High-Potential Market for Sodern

With more than 40 customers, the U.S. market has already provided Sodern with significant growth opportunities in recent years, particularly for its Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) star trackers and high-performance solutions. Building on this momentum, Sodern intends to strengthen its local presence by producing Auriga™ star trackers in the U.S. and by establishing facilities to test its high-performance systems under conditions representative of the space environment.

"The U.S. market is both dynamic and demanding, making it essential for us to listen continuously to our customers. With Sodern America and the local manufacturing of star trackers in the United States, we will be able to respond faster and with greater flexibility to our customers' needs," commented Tiphaine Louradour, CEO of Sodern America.

With more than 2,000 star trackers already in flight and a 100% mission success rate, Sodern has built an outstanding reputation within the global space industry. With this new step, Sodern is well positioned to accelerate innovation and push the boundaries of technology for the benefits of the U.S. space market.

Tiphaine Louradour - Biography

Tiphaine Louradour is a recognized leader and strategic advisor in the space launch and satellite sectors. With more than 20 years of experience, she has supported both commercial and government organizations in defining and executing growth and business development strategies.

Most recently, Ms. Louradour served as CEO of Spaceflight Inc., where she led a funding round, oversaw the company's acquisition by Firefly Aerospace, and spearheaded a strategic transformation to strengthen its ride-sharing and orbital transfer vehicle offerings. Previously, she was President of International Launch Services (ILS), where she helped revitalize sales while optimizing operational efficiency. She also spent over a decade at United Launch Alliance (ULA), culminating in her role as President of Global Commercial Sales.

Ms. Louradour is a graduate of Université Paris-Dauphine and the University of South Florida. She is a frequent speaker at major international space industry conferences.



ABOUT SODERN:

Sodern is an equipment manufacturer combining long-standing expertise with a strong commitment to its customers. Its customers work in the fields of defense, space and raw materials mining.

Drawing on more than 60 years of innovation, Sodern designs and manufactures reliable, competitive and high value-added solutions to help its customers address today's local and global challenges. Sodern provides optronic equipment—including star trackers and space cameras for satellites and spacecraft across a wide range of missions such as telecommunications, Earth observation and scientific programs. The company is also active in the areas of national sovereignty and security. In addition, Sodern is a pioneer in neutron analysis instruments, used by the mining industry to explore and analyze sub-soils.

Sodern is a subsidiary of ArianeGroup, the European leader in access to space. The company employs more than 450 highly skilled professionals and reported 2024 revenues exceeding €85 million. Sodern is headquartered in Limeil-Brevannes (Val-de-Marne), France.

ABOUT SODERN AMERICA:

Sodern America supplies the U.S. market with high-precision optronic equipment—including star trackers and space cameras supporting a wide range of missions—from telecommunications and Earth observation to scientific exploration, in-orbit services, detection, and beyond. Led by Tiphaine Louradour, the company is based in Englewood, Colorado, and features a clean room dedicated to the assembly, integration, and testing of Auriga™ star trackers, as well as state-of-the-art testing facilities for high-performance star trackers such as Hydra. The site also includes a showroom and demonstration area for customers and partners.

Sodern America is a subsidiary of ArianeGroup and works closely with Sodern's teams in France, leveraging their globally recognized expertise. From standardized off-the-shelf star trackers to high-performance solutions, Sodern America serves both established space industry players and emerging space companies across the U.S. market.