SpiraTec Secures Gimv as Growth Partner

Gimv's majority stake will support SpiraTec in its international expansion and targeted acquisitions. Andreas Schadt, Frank Heines, and the proven management team will continue to lead SpiraTec.

Speyer, November 19, 2026: SpiraTec has gained the European investment company Gimv as a majority shareholder and entrepreneurial growth partner. Through this partnership, SpiraTec – a specialist in automation, IT, and plant engineering – aims to accelerate its international growth and expand its range of services for customers in the pharmaceutical, chemical, and other process industries. The founders and co-CEOs, Andreas Schadt and Frank Heines, remain significant shareholders and will continue to lead the company together with the existing management team. Gimv, headquartered in Belgium, is listed on the Brussels Stock Exchange and selectively invests in innovative, high-growth companies in the DACH region, the Benelux countries, and France.

The partnership is intended to expand the strategic and financial framework for SpiraTec's next phase of development. The focus is on organic growth as well as targeted acquisitions in Europe and the U.S. Gimv brings experience in international expansion and in building corporate groups through acquisitions. The investment is assigned to Gimv's Smart Industries division. The focus is on the transformation of industry toward an increasingly digital, intelligent, and autonomous future, shaped by digitalization, artificial intelligence, and robotics.

International Growth with Business Continuity

Since its founding in 2007, SpiraTec AG, headquartered in Speyer, has developed into an internationally active corporate group. Today, the group generates revenue of approximately 90 million EUR and employs more than 650 people at over 40 locations in Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and the U.S. Five completed acquisitions in Germany, Italy, and Switzerland have complemented the company's development to date.

"In Gimv, we have found a partner that shares our long-term vision and has extensive experience in supporting companies with international expansion and buy-and-build strategies. Together, we will continue to develop SpiraTec as a reliable partner for our customers and an attractive employer for our employees," explain Andreas Schadt and Frank Heines, founders and co-CEOs of SpiraTec.

Focus on Customer Projects and Technical Expertise

SpiraTec combines automation, IT, and engineering expertise throughout the entire lifecycle of industrial plants. The range of services extends from consulting and planning through commissioning, qualification, and validation to the maintenance and optimization of existing systems. The partnership is intended to lay the groundwork for further developing these services internationally.

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For customers, continuity and reliable collaboration with their trusted teams are paramount. The signing of the investment agreement will not affect any existing projects or points of contact. At the same time, this will enable to provide customers with even more comprehensive, cross-location support internationally in the future.

“SpiraTec has built an impressive track record over almost two decades and has become a trusted partner for some of the most demanding production environments in pharma and chemicals. Its combination of automation, IT and engineering expertise is a strong basis for further growth. We look forward to supporting Andreas, Frank and their team in the next phase of SpiraTec’s development, both organically and through acquisitions” says Ronald Bartel, Partner for Smart Industries at Gimv.

The majority stake acquisition has not yet been completed. No financial details of the transaction are being disclosed.

Visuals



From left to right:
Andreas Schadt, CEO;
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About SpiraTec AG

SpiraTec AG is one of Europe’s largest independent IT and engineering service providers specializing in digitalization and automation for the process and manufacturing industries. As a globally active partner, SpiraTec empowers its customers to undergo digital transformation. The company focuses on integrating state-of-the-art technologies into proven industrial processes along both the horizontal and vertical value chains. This enables customers to achieve clear efficiency gains and optimize resource utilization.

With over 650 employees at more than 40 locations in Europe and the U.S., the SpiraTec Group offers a comprehensive, modular range of services: These range from strategic consulting and planning to the development of digital applications and the implementation and optimization of production facilities. Its expertise encompasses interdisciplinary services such as digitalization, automation technology, robotics, digital twins, industrial IT, and engineering.

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SpiraTec sets standards in the digital evolution of industry and drives the forward-looking transformation toward a digital industrial landscape. Through a holistic approach and interface-optimized processes, SpiraTec ensures the implementation of future-proof projects for national and international clients.

About Gimv

Gimv is a European investment company listed on Euronext Brussels and a member of the Euronext BEL ESG Index. With more than 45 years of experience as a capital partner, Gimv currently manages around EUR 3 billion of assets across a portfolio of some 60 companies, representing combined turnover of EUR 5 billion and more than 20,000 employees.

As a recognised market leader in four future oriented investment platforms (Consumer, Healthcare, Smart Industries and Sustainable Cities) as well as through the long-term investment pillar Gimv Anchor Investments, Gimv partners with entrepreneurial, innovative businesses with strong growth potential and supports their transformation into market leaders. Gimv operates with experienced local teams across its home markets Benelux, France and DACH.

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