



Buyouts & Growth - Belgium

With 3 to 4 new transactions a year, Buyouts & Growth is one of the leading private equity specialists in the lower mid market. The team represents extensive experience in building companies. Mutual trust and alignment of interest form the basis of each transaction. In Belgium, Buyouts & Growth focuses on long-term value enhancement of its investments. In addition to its buyout activities, Gimv also meets the increasing demand for growth capital, supporting independent investee companies' expansion with financial means and guidance.

Investment **criteria**

Buyouts & Growth - Belgium focuses on companies that meet the following criteria:

- excellent and committed management
- positive track record
- alignment of interests between key partners
- wide range of industries with attractive dynamics
- medium-sized businesses with enterprise value up to EUR 150 million
- strong market position or attractive niche players
- promising growth perspectives

Investment **focus**

Meeting investment needs of:

- family-owned companies facing succession issues
- financial shareholders seeking liquidity
- companies wishing to divest particular assets or spin off certain divisions
- companies in need of financial means to accelerate growth

Providing different financing types:

- equity participations (majority or significant minority stakes)
- mezzanine financing (for buyouts or growth financing)

Major **investments**

Grandeco, Lintor-Verbinnen, Bananas, Scana Noliko, VCST

Buyouts & Growth

- Belgium
- Netherlands
- France
- Germany (Halder)

Venture Capital

- Technology
- Cleantech
- Life Sciences

Funds & Joint Ventures

- **Gimv-XL:**
investments in larger growth companies in Flanders
- **Gimv-Agri+:**
investments in the agricultural sector in the Benelux and neighbouring countries
- **Central Europe & Russia:**
private equity investments in, amongst others, Russia via Eagle Capital Partners and CapMan Russia
- **DG Infra+ / DG Infra Yield:**
investments in infrastructure and related assets in the Benelux
- **Other funds:**
in, amongst others, the UK and Scandinavia

Investment team

- **Peter Maenhout**, Executive Vice-President Buyouts & Growth-Belgium / Gimv-XL
- **Alain Keppens**, Head Buyouts & Growth
- **Peter Kloeck**, Investment Director
- **Alain Grillaert**, Executive Investment Manager
- **Tom Van de Voorde**, Executive Investment Manager
- **Dirk Dewals**, Executive Investment Manager
- **Bart Cauberghe**, Senior Investment Manager
- **Bart Houben**, Investment Manager
- **Wouter Verlinden**, Investment Manager
- **Kris De Brabandere**, Investment Manager
- **Thomas Dewever**, Investment Manager
- **Els De Cock**, Financial Analyst

Buyouts & Growth can call upon the expertise of all of Gimv's specialist teams and an in-house legal team.

About Gimv

- European investment firm established in 1980
- EUR 1.8 billion assets under management
- listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels (share code GIMB)
- strong international network
- experienced teams
- 4 offices:
 - Belgium (Antwerp)
 - The Netherlands (The Hague)
 - France (Paris)
 - Germany (Frankfurt)
- also present in:
 - Germany (Munich)
 - Central Europe (Prague)

