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## Eric de Montgolfier appointed as CEO of Invest Europe

14 October 2019, Invest Europe appoints Eric de Montgolfier as new CEO to lead the world's largest association of private capital providers and investors. We sincerely thank Eric - currently Head Gimv France - for the past 5 years at Gimv and wish him all the best in this great challenge.

Koen Dejonckheere, CEO of Gimv, comments: "As a multinational growth oriented private equity investor, Gimv has been a strong supporter of Invest Europe for many decades: several team members of Gimv have contributed as Chairman or Board member and many colleagues are regular attendees in the education programs and networking events. A pan-European private capital market is key for Europe's innovative industries and for our financial ecosystem in a globalizing world. We are therefore proud that Eric de Montgolfier, who successfully headed our French office during the past years, will continue the job on the European level, to the benefit of Invest Europe's members and our policymakers."

Eric de Montgolfier, currently Head Gimv France adds: "Leading Gimv's growth ambitions in France successfully for the past five years has been an exciting experience. With its strong sector expertise in key growth areas, international footprint, both exit and investment track record, our team demonstrated its ability to become the partner of choice of the most ambitious entrepreneurs. The team will undoubtedly continue, going forward, to build the leaders of tomorrow."

## **ABOUT GIMV**

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As a recognized market leader in selected investment platforms, Gimv identifies entrepreneurial, innovative companies with high growth potential and supports them in their transformation into market leaders. Gimv's four investment platforms are Connected Consumer, Health & Care, Smart Industries and Sustainable Cities. Each platform works with an experienced team across Gimv's home markets of Benelux, France and DACH, supported by an extended international network of experts.

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