



OUR SUCCESS
IS NOT A DESTINATION,



IT'S
A JOURNEY

PROUD

1973 – 2023

GMF EXISTS 50 YEARS!

An anniversary to be proud of

A formula for success partly made possible by strong customer confidence, pleasant and professional cooperation with dealers and suppliers, the sincere support of family and friends,... but above all the daily commitment and drive of our employees!



GMF

**50 YEARS
OF EXPERIENCE & KNOWLEDGE ...**

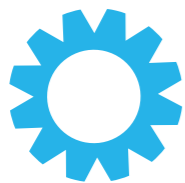
... earned GMF a place among the top 5 in Europe within the industry.

With more than 100,000 drives for swimming pool covers and realisations at the Paris Opéra Bastille, the Royal Palace of Brussels, various football stadiums including the Johan Crujff Arena Amsterdam, department stores, Nestlé, cruise ships, the film industry, prisons at home and abroad, and so much more... GMF is continuing to build on its success with the aim of realising similar projects in the future and cementing their well-earned place in the world of drive technology and worm gears.

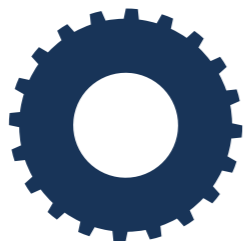
On to another milestone in the history of Genk technology!



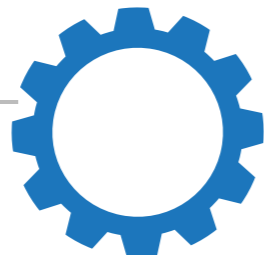
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Neukirchen



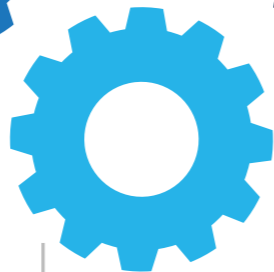
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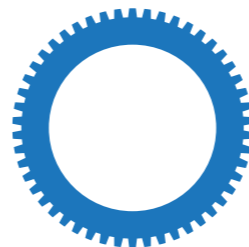
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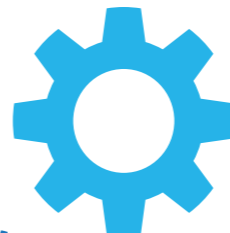
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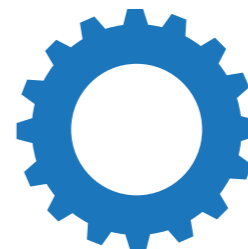
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Pool covers



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GMF on its own feet



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BUSINESS TRANSFER
Maarten Bynens



2023
GROWN
Into a stable employer



2020
AN INVESTMENT
For the future



OUR JOURNEY



G M F



1949

FOUNDER Neukirchen

W&H Neukirchen shoots out of the starting blocks, active as a manufacturer of worm gear drives for the textile industry. With some 180 employees, W&H Neukirchen is realising a stable business in Viersen (D.), with expansion lurking around the corner.



The GMF logo is positioned in the upper left corner of the image. It features the letters "GMF" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Above the letters are three curved, white lines that suggest motion or a stylized wave. The logo is set against a dark blue background that transitions into the main image of the factory floor.

GMF





FOUNDATION

GMF

In 1973, Genker Maschinenfabriek is founded as part of the German group W&H Neukirchen. Since then, GMF has been an active and much-discussed player in the drive technology market, more specifically as the only foreign manufacturer within the W&H Neukirchen group.

The subsidiary in Germany is responsible for purchasing and supplying material to GMF. After production in Genk, the finished products return to Germany, after which they enter the international market via this route.

In addition to GMF in Genk, the group naturally has numerous European dealers who achieve great results in close cooperation with GMF!



THE FIGHTING

GMF's first original branch was located at [Koerlostraat 3 in Genk](#). This was also the location where Luc Akkermans came into contact with GMF. He will then, some 22 years later he will take over the company as a proud owner.



DID YOU KNOW

Luc Akkermans earned a little extra money at the gas station in Genk-Zutendaal where German customers, employees of Ford Genk, filled up their petrol every day. Thus, little by little, Luc Akkermans mastered the German language, which marked the beginning of his career at the originally German GMF. First as a job student and later in 1975, Luc Akkermans became an official GMF staff member and immediately the first employee.



1976

GROWTH

EXPANSION

The first growth phase

Due to its continued success, GMF planned a move to a larger facility at Mieënbroekstraat 45 in Genk.



GENK
Mieënbroekstraat 45

1976



Luc Akkermans focuses more and more on sales within the Belgian market with deliveries to the larger roller shutter manufacturers in Zonhoven, Brussels, Antwerp, Avelgem and Luxembourg. A new trend has been set and, in addition to Germany, Belgium now occupies an important position within the sales market.



INDEPENDENT Opportunities

Via a large roller shutter manufacturer in Belgium, GMF Genk obtains a large order for a project in Libya. The Genk branch gains importance within the W&H Neukirchen group and seizes this growth opportunity with both hands.





1985

STABILITY

Building on success

Mr Neukirchen dies suddenly. A family succession combined with the existing management ensures further expansion of success. For the Genk site, Luc Akkermans takes on an important role in managing the site, thus stimulating the growth of this Limburg site. GMF is enjoying a stable period and is confident in familiar territory.



Dhr. Neukirchen





GENK
Mieënbroekstraat 45
1997



BUSINESS TRANSFER

Growth opportunities

Over the years, the W&H Neukirchen company undergoes a number of internal changes. The Genk-based GMF offers growth opportunities and Luc Akkermans, together with the 3 managers of GTE Industrielektronik GmbH, takes over GMF.

Reinforced development of electronic controls for GMF drives is started.

Following a bankruptcy of W&H Neukirchen in September, Luc Akkermans buys up numerous machines and the entire warehouse.



Later, the expansion of a new production hall and the doubling of the warehouse follows.

GROWTH



2000

GROWTH

Pool covers



From 2000 onwards, GMF hits the road of the swimming pool sector. Through contacts in France and the Netherlands, Luc Akkermans succeeds in putting GMF on the map and win a number of important exclusivity contracts as a manufacturer of swimming pool covers.

GMF develops new products and thus aims for further growth!



GENK
Mieënbroekstraat 45
2000

Due to exponential growth, the capacity within GMF doubles. In response to this expansion, GMF invests in expanding its production hall and warehouse.



REORGANISATION

GMF on its own feet

In 2004, Luc Akkermans takes over GMF completely. Luc Akkermans cherished the partnership with GTE and has always maintained it, making GTE still an important partner of GMF.





Maarten Bynens



BUSINESS TRANSFER

Maarten Bynens

After 22 years, a new business transfer is taking place at GMF! Due to a lack of family succession, Luc Akkermans starts looking for a new owner.

This search also ends in Genk with Maarten Bynens as a suitable candidate buyer.



Maarten Bynens takes over all shares of Genker Machinenfabriek with his industrial holding INITIUM and becomes Managing Director.

Luc Akkermans will remain active as an advisor for several more years.



AN INVESTMENT

For the future

In 2020, Maarten Bynens is investing in the construction of modern new offices and a state-of-the-art production hall. This will give GMF two separate, state-of-the-art facilities: a state-of-the-art production centre and an advanced assembly unit.

The new production hall will be a centre of innovation and precision. Equipped with the latest technological developments and operated by a team of skilled professionals.

GMF controls product development itself through its own R&D department. They create customer-oriented solutions at short notice. As a result, GMF delivers customised solutions of precision and exceptional quality for every project.

GENK
Mieënbroekstraat 45
2020





2023

GROWN

A stable employer

GMF has achieved balanced growth over the years and proudly continues to build on this with a dedicated team. Specialised in drive technology, combined with traditional craftsmanship and modern techniques, GMF has been passing on its knowledge for generations.

This is how GMF grew into a stable and reliable employer.



EMPLO





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FUTURE VISION



FUTURE VISION

Maarten Bynens

INNOVATION



After 50 successful years, our challenge is to further expand GMF by matching the success achieved. Moreover, it is our ambition to surpass this success and to continue building on the rich past and the solid foundations already in place!



STRONG NATURAL GROWTH

Maarten Bynens - managing director

The efforts and achievements of Luc Akkermans, combined with our own contributions in recent years, form the basis for strong natural growth towards a larger sales market. Broadening that base is of course also possible by incorporating industry peers or related



companies through, for example, an acquisition. Prospecting will play an important role in this.

We will bring existing products more into focus and by capitalising on innovation we will expand our product range to tap into new markets.

By making sustainability a priority, we are preparing GMF for a future in which environmental awareness is central.

Apart from our motivated goals for a successful future of GMF, the talented employees who dedicate themselves to the company every day with enthusiasm and drive make the difference. They are the main pillar of GMF's success. That is why we always put the personal and family character of GMF first and build a warm professional working environment day after day!





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PROJECTS



FIRE RESISTANT

GMF - custom-made products and solutions



Some realisations in cooperation with our customers



CRUISE SHIPS



TESLA



DEPARTMENT STORES

IKEA / Wijnegem Shopping Center



AIRPORTS

Hong Kong / München / Düsseldorf



SOCCER STADIUM

Johan Cruyff Arena / Schalke 04



POOL COVERS

GMF - custom-made products and solutions

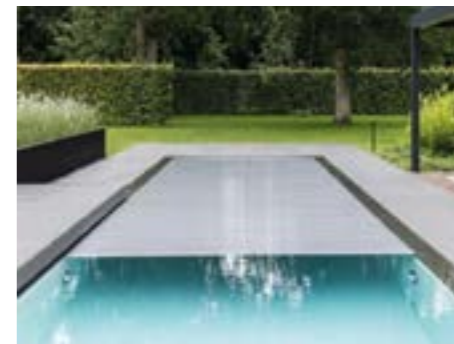


Some realisations in cooperation with our customers



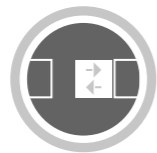
POOL MANUFACTURERS

The world's largest swimming pool manufacturers work with drives from GMF



POOL COVERS

More than 100,000 GMF pool cover drives applied in the private sector



SLIDING AND SWING GATES

GMF - custom-made products and solutions



Some realisations in cooperation with our customers



FRANCORCHAMPS



LOUVRE-LENS PARIS



PRISONS

Latin / Bruges / Haren



ROYAL PALACE

Brussels



FRENCH MILITARY AIRBASE

Gates up to 75m B - 9 tonnes



SPECIALS

GMF - custom-made products and solutions



Some realisations in cooperation with our customers



NESTLÉ

GMF drives for lifting the cover on the silos, in which powders for different milk products are mixed



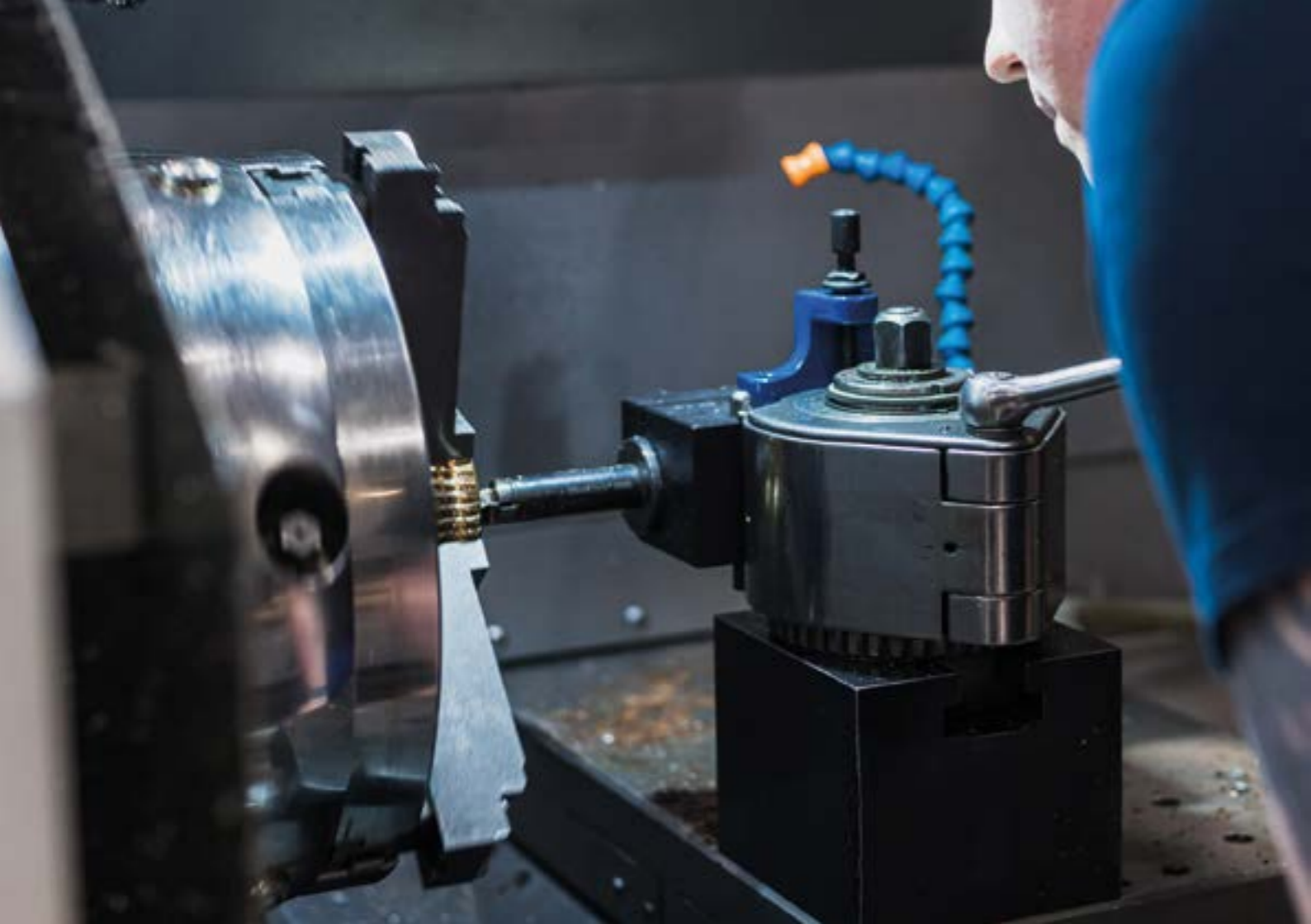
OPÉRA BASTILLE PARIS

The lifts for the decor are controlled by GMF drives



MOVIE INDUSTRY

From 1997, GMF drives for controlling projection screens



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