

## SCIO Automation Group Announces Leadership Transition

*CEO Michael Goepfarth to remain on the Advisory Board; Interim Leadership by Clemens Lay and Antonio Cavotta*

Frankenthal, January 15, 2026 – SCIO Automation (“SCIO” or the “Company”), a leading industrial automation group bringing together intralogistics and production automation, announces a change in executive management. Group CEO Michael Goepfarth has stepped back from his role and, going forward, will continue to serve on the Company’s Advisory Board.

Michael Goepfarth founded SCIO as a global automation platform together with Quadriga Capital in 2019 and has played a pivotal role in the successful development and expansion of the company. Over his seven years as CEO, he has been instrumental in establishing SCIO as a leading player in the Industrial Automation sector.

After seven years of close collaboration, the SCIO Group and Michael Goepfarth have mutually agreed that the time has come for a new impetus and strategic direction within the Group.

Following a transition period, Michael Goepfarth will retire from his executive role and join the Advisory Board, where he will continue to support the SCIO Group as an advisor.

Until further notice the Group will be jointly led by Clemens Lay (CFO) and Antonio Cavotta (Executive Vice President, Production Solutions), who will take on CEO responsibilities in addition to their current roles.

Clemens Lay, who joined SCIO in January 2025 as Chief Financial Officer, brings extensive experience from previous CFO and CEO positions and plays a key role in advancing the Group’s financial integration and strategic scaling. Antonio Cavotta, who joined SCIO in 2021 as Head of Sales and Managing Director of SCIO Automation Munich, later advanced to Executive Vice President of the Production Solutions business segment. In this role, he has been instrumental in shaping and expanding the segment – one of SCIO’s core competence areas in Europe and North America.

### About SCIO Automation Group

SCIO Automation Group is a global end-to-end automation platform that passionately believes in its mission to support companies on their journey towards Industry 4.0. As a system integrator, SCIO automates production and logistics processes. As an innovator, SCIO develops value-adding, tailor-made automation solutions in the fields of autonomous mobile robots, software, cleanroom and food intralogistics, and industrial labeling. SCIO Automation and its member of SCIO brands bring together 1,800 employees across more than 60 locations worldwide. Together, they enable smart factory solutions for global players and hidden champions across a wide range of industries.

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