

Magirus establishes Defense & Security as a new business unit

- Integration of the Radfeld site in Austria – Magirus Defense & Security established as an independent business unit
- Realisation of synergies while preserving the site's established identity
- Targeted investments to expand production capacities planned
- The Defense & Security business segment with enormous future potential: Magirus Group strategically strengthened

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Protecting first responders and the public requires technology that performs reliably under the most extreme conditions. Magirus is establishing Defense & Security as an independent strategic business unit within the Magirus Group. This step positions the company in a market segment that is gaining significant importance in light of the current geopolitical environment. Strengthening industrial capabilities and protection across Europe is becoming increasingly critical.

Consistent integration: realising synergies, preserving identity

The integration of the Radfeld site in Austria, which originated from the acquisition of Achleitner Fahrzeugbau GmbH, is progressing at full speed. The company's operational processes are being transferred into the structures of the Magirus Group. The rebranding of the Radfeld site into the Magirus Group is scheduled to be completed in April 2026. However, a merger of the legal entities is deliberately not envisaged: the focus is on the targeted realisation of synergies while fully preserving the established identity, experience and core competencies at the Radfeld site.

As part of the reorganisation, former Managing Director Ewald Gattermayr has left the company. "I would like to thank Ewald Gattermayr for his work and his contribution to the development of the company, and wish him all the best for his professional future," says Fatmir Veselaj, CEO of the Magirus Group. "With the integration of the Tyrolean site, we are consistently delivering on what we set out to do. The combination of specialised expertise and the strength of our Group creates a symbiosis that positions us excellently in the Defense & Security segment."

Future market Defense & Security: specialised technology for the highest demands

This business segment offers significant growth potential. Magirus Defense & Security develops and manufactures specialised vehicle solutions for armed forces, security authorities and operators of critical infrastructure, as well as highly specialised vehicles for deployment in demanding terrain. Technology that is of equal importance for civil protection as it is for governmental security operations. A field of expertise that not only represents a logical extension of the Magirus portfolio, but also offers significant commercial growth potential.

To unlock this potential consistently, targeted investments to scale production capacities at the Radfeld site are planned. The site is not only to be preserved, but strengthened as a central pillar of the Magirus Group in the Defense & Security business segment.

Protection as a mission: with a clear strategy and a strong foundation

With the establishment of Magirus Defense & Security, the Magirus Group is consistently expanding its scope beyond fire and disaster control. The commitment remains the same that has driven the company for over 160 years: to develop and build technology that protects people – the public as well as those who take on responsibility in the line of duty every day. With Defense & Security as a new strategic business segment, Magirus is well positioned for the challenges ahead.

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Image 1: Employees of the **Magirus Defence & Security** business unit with CEO Fatmir Veselaj [\[Download image 1\]](#)

Image 2: Magirus Defence & Security specialised vehicle at the Radfeld site [\[Download image 2\]](#)

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ABOUT MAGIRUS

Passion and precision, high-tech and craftsmanship. Since 1864, Magirus has stood for the fusion of innovation and tradition – in the service of those who protect our society. As a systems provider for fire and disaster control as well as Defense & Security, Magirus develops integrated solutions along the entire operational chain – from vehicles to technologies and digital systems – for fire services, emergency organisations, security authorities and all those who bear responsibility for protecting our society and critical infrastructure. The portfolio encompasses a broad spectrum of operational vehicles – from firefighting vehicles and turntable ladders to specialised and tactical vehicle solutions – complemented by digital fleet and mission management systems, robotics solutions, high-performance pumps as well as equipment and comprehensive service offerings. With over 1,700 employees at sites in Germany, Italy, France, Austria and Switzerland, Magirus maintains a strong international presence.

ABOUT MAGIRUS DEFENSE

Magirus Defense & Security is the business unit for tactical and protected vehicles as well as solutions in the field of defense and civil security. Building on the long-standing expertise of Achleitner, Magirus Defense develops and produces specialised vehicle solutions for armed forces, security authorities and operators of critical infrastructure. The focus is on protection, mobility and operational capability under the most demanding conditions. The main site is Radfeld in Austria, where over 110 employees are based.

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Fatmir Veselaj, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Magirus GmbH

Fatmir Veselaj has been CEO of Magirus since July 2025 and is responsible for the strategic direction and further development of the company. He previously served as Chief Restructuring Officer (CRO), initiating the first key steps to stabilise the company.

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