

Press release

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4iG Space and Defence expands management with industry leaders and military experts

Company organises operations into five divisions, each to be led by professionals with domestic and international experience.

- **4iG Space and Defence Technologies Zrt. (4iG SDT) established five distinct business divisions aligned with market requirements and strategic focus areas, expanding operations with two new fields further.**
- **To support this new corporate structure, 4iG SDT announced the arrival of new executives and experts with decades of domestic and international experience in the space and defence industry.**
- **The new Deputy CEO, Gergely Sántha, brings pivotal economic and organisational expertise, drawing on his experience in investment and executive positions.**

In recent times, 4iG Group took major steps to strengthen its presence in the defence sector. 4iG SDT established new strategic areas adapted to its target markets, corporate competencies, and portfolio companies, and organises its operations into five main divisions: Space, Aero, Land Systems, Weapons and Ammunition, and Cyber and Defence Digitalisation.

As part of the ongoing expansion in the space and defence sector, 4iG SDT strengthens its top management with six internationally recognised professionals from October 2025. The extensive experience the new leaders represent is paramount in reinforcing 4iG SDT's market position in Hungary and internationally, as well as in delivering on long-term strategic objectives.

"My great honour to welcome such seasoned professionals and military experts from the corporate and defence sectors. We successfully integrated high-level knowledge from these key domains, establishing a strong bedrock for 4iG Space and Defence continued growth and international success," said **István Sárhegyi**, CEO of 4iG SDT.

Gergely Sántha joins 4iG SDT as Deputy CEO, bringing more than twenty years' executive experience in the economic, financial, investment, and sports sectors. Previously he held senior management roles at Raiffeisen Bank and Arago Investment Holding. As CEO of Észak-Magyarországi Fejlesztési Zrt., he gained extensive experience in managing strategic development projects and major corporate integrations.

Renato Bellarosa has been appointed Director of Satellite Programmes. With more than 25 years in space industry, he held senior positions at Airbus Defence and Space in Italy and in the United Kingdom, such as Chief Operating Officer, Director of Satellite and SATCOM Programmes, and

Head of Propulsion Products and Programmes. He participated in numerous European Space Agency and commercial missions, such as BepiColombo, Solar Orbiter, LISA Pathfinder, and JUICE, as well as geostationary satellite telecommunications projects.

Viktor Hajsó joins as Head of Aero Division, bringing more than 30 years of professional experience in the aviation and aircraft maintenance. He previously held senior leadership roles at Malév and Aeroplex, managing large-scale fleet replacement and maintenance programmes. He also served as Deputy CEO for Engineering and Maintenance Services at the Sayegh Group in the United Arab Emirates and worked as a consultant in aviation and industry services in Hungary and internationally.

Szilárd Gerőfi, Head of Defence Digitalisation, joined 4iG SDT earlier this year following thirty-six-year military service. His previous roles include Chief of Staff at EUFOR Sarajevo mission, Chief of the Infocommunications and Information Security Directorate, Hungarian Defence Forces General Staff, and senior positions in NATO and EU military organisations. With a background in electrical and military engineering, he contributes extensive expertise to 4iG SDT's defence digitalisation, IT, and cybersecurity systems.

László Tömböl joins as Chief Military Advisor to the CEO, following more than four decades in the military and defence industry. In 2009–2010 he was serving as Chief of Staff of the Hungarian Defence Forces. Earlier, as the first commander of the Hungarian Defence Forces Joint Forces Command, helped to establish a new command structure. As National Armaments Director and Government Commissioner, he coordinated air force and air defence projects within Zrínyi 2026 Defence Development Programme. His service was recognised with several international merits, including the French Legion of Honour, the German Golden Cross of Honour, and the Italian Order of Merit.

Nándor Kilián joins 4iG SDT as Chief Aviation Advisor. His extensive operational and flight safety experience provides significant value to the company. Following more than forty years of service, he retired from the Hungarian Defence Forces with the rank of Major General. Throughout his military career, he served as Commander of the MH 59 "Szentgyörgyi Dezső" Air Base in Kecskemét, Air Force Inspector at the Command of the Hungarian Defence Forces, and Military and Air Attaché representing Hungary in several Scandinavian countries.

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Background information

4iG SDT

4iG Space and Defence Technologies Zrt. (4iG SDT) is a member of 4iG Group. The company specialises in the research and development, system integration, and international



commercialisation of defence and space technologies. Its mission is to support the development of NATO-compatible defence capabilities through innovation and to serve as a bridge between Hungary's tech sector and the global defence industry. 4iG SDT is a key player in Hungary's defence innovation ecosystem and is actively involved in the civil application of dual-use technologies.

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