

# 1975 – 2015

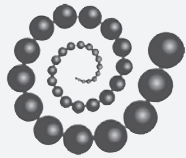
## 40 years Belimo

1975

**BELIMO**  
AUTOMATION



Foundation of BELIMO Automation AG in Gossau ZH, Switzerland, by Walter Burkhalter, Anton Heinrich Hütte, Ludwig Linsi, Walter Linsi, Werner Roner and Karl Stocker.



The founders applied the bottleneck-oriented strategy (EKS).

1976



First delivery of direct coupled damper motors. As worldwide innovation the actuator is mounted directly on the damper spindle. This reduced the installation time by two-thirds.

1977



Market entry in Europe with the foundation of the first distribution company in Germany.

1978

1979



Belimo moves from Gossau ZH to Wetzikon ZH because of shortage of space due to the rapid growth.

1980



On the peak of success of the first model series Belimo introduces an improved generation of direct coupled damper actuators.

**0.1**

Million actuators since foundation

1981

**50**

Employees

1982

1983

Implementation of electronic data processing.

1984



A new generation of spring return actuators for safety dampers is launched.

Introduction of the volumetric flow controllers.

1985

1986

**1**

Million actuators since foundation

1987

1988



Move into the new building in Hinwil ZH (5100 m<sup>2</sup>) in addition to the existing locations.

Introduction of a stronger motorized direct coupled damper motor (30 Nm).



Market entry in the Americas with the foundation of a subsidiary in the United States.

1989

1990

**250**

Employees

1991

**50**

Million sales in CHF

1992



Introduction of the brushless direct current motor. Actuators contain a microprocessor for the first time.

1993

**5**

Million actuators since foundation

1994

The Belimo Group prepared its first consolidated financial statements.

**100**

Million sales in CHF

1995



The product ranges of safety actuators and volumetric flow controllers were renewed. The tight connection between mechanics and electronics results in attractive products.

Initial public offering on the Swiss stock exchange.

1996



Expansion of the product range with a small actuator.

First Belimo homepage [www.belimo.com](http://www.belimo.com).

1997



Market entry in Asia/Pacific with the foundation of a subsidiary in Hong Kong.

**10**

Million actuators since foundation

1998

Decision on and positioning for the entry into the water application field.

1999



Launch of the Belimo characterized control valve (CCV) with specifically developed characterizing disk.

**500**

Employees

2000



Globe valve actuators are brought to market.

Introduction of the mission statement "Together to the top".

**200**

Million sales in CHF

2001



Adoption of multifunctional technology (MFT) in important standard products. The actuators are able to communicate through the Belimo proprietary MP-Bus.

2002



Move into the new production and administration building at today's headquarters in Hinwil, ZH (extension of the building constructed in 1988) (23 800 m<sup>2</sup>). Consolidation of all Swiss locations.

2003



Launch of the pressure-independent characterized control valve (PICCV).

2004

2005



The new generation of actuators without safety position is introduced within the following three years.

Extension of product guarantee period to five years.

Change of accounting principles from Swiss GAAP FER to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

2006

**30**

Million actuators since foundation

2007



Launch of a small compact actuator.

**1000**

Employees

2008

**400**

Million sales in CHF

2009

New building of a sales, training and distribution center in Sparks (Nevada, US) (1700 m<sup>2</sup>).



The introduction of the 6-way valves enables heating and cooling with only one valve.

2010

The new electronic pressure-independent valves (EPIV) build the basis for higher transparency in flow rates.

2011

The safety actuators were expanded with a strong spring return actuator (30 Nm) for big air dampers.

**50**

Million actuators since foundation

2012



The launched Belimo Energy Valve™ with built-in sensor technology and integrated intelligence enables energy-efficient operation of plants in all seasons.

2013



With the quick compact valve (QCV) Belimo brings the reliable characterized control valve technology to the zones.



The new generation of globe actuators is introduced.

2014



The Belimo Energy Valves™ and the electronic pressure-independent valves (EPIV) are given small diameters and a fail-safe function. The proprietary developed ultrasound sensor for flow rate measuring is used for the first time.

**1456**

Employees

**494**

Million sales in CHF



Move to the newly built production, logistics and administration building in Danbury (Connecticut, USA) (18 300 m<sup>2</sup>).

2015

Planned operation start of the logistics building expansion at headquarters in Hinwil ZH.



Introduction of new fire protection actuators.



Introduction of the new product range of pressure-independent quick compact valves (PIQCV) for zone applications.