

Bitfury AI Opens Offices in Italy and Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, March 3, 2020 – Today the Bitfury Group announced its artificial intelligence division, Bitfury AI, has opened two new offices. The first office, focused on R&D, is now open in the Dutch city of Eindhoven, a leading tech and innovation hub. The second office is a regional location in Milan, Italy.

Beginning with the appointment of veteran technologist Fabrizio Del Maffeo in August 2019, Bitfury's artificial intelligence team now has more than a dozen employees hailing from technology, AI and IoT powerhouses like Intel, Synopsys, Advantech and the ASUS Group. The team was also joined by two expert advisors in 2019, Prof. Dr. Luca Benini and Prof. Dr. Marian Verhelst. Prof. Dr. Luca Benini is the chair of Digital Circuits and Systems at D-ITET ETH Zurich, specializing in RISC V/CPU artificial intelligence accelerators. Prof. Dr. Marian Verhelst is the Senior Scientific Director of IMEC and professor at KU Leuven, specializing in digital and analog accelerators.

"Artificial intelligence is the emerging technology of the century," said Val Vavilov, CEO and co-founder of Bitfury. "This newly expanded team will help us fulfill our mission of making the world more trusted and secure by delivering intelligent solutions that help humanity take full advantage of the benefits of AI."

"Eindhoven is renowned internationally as an engineering and technological center, with major companies like Philips, Intel, Synopsys operating R&D divisions here," said Fabrizio Del Maffeo, head of Bitfury AI. "The expansion of our team into this region will help us have access to the best R&D expertise and resources in the Netherlands, while our Italy office will lead development of our AI turnkey solutions."

The Eindhoven R&D office is at the Eindhoven Evoluon (Noord Brabantlaan 1A, 5652 LA Eindhoven).

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