

# Suffolk Technologies Backs Speckle to Unlock AI-Ready Design Intelligence Across Construction

*The investment follows Suffolk Construction's deployment of Speckle, supporting AI workflows at scale and turning fragmented data into usable intelligence.*

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institutional venture capital platform investing in the built environment, today announced an investment in Speckle, the Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) industry's design intelligence layer that transforms fragmented design data into accessible, actionable intelligence. The investment underscores Suffolk Technologies' commitment to solving construction's most fundamental challenge: unlocking the [95.5% of captured project data](#) that currently goes unused and turning it into a decision-making asset across the enterprise to improve how projects are delivered.

Every building starts as design data: geometry, specifications and relationships between building systems. Yet despite the widespread adoption of Business Information Modeling (BIM) processes, that critical information remains locked inside complex workflows and siloed authoring tools, where it is largely inaccessible to most project stakeholders and systems. This means that when a structural beam moves or a Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) system changes, contractors can't easily understand the downstream impact on construction scope, materials, or schedule, [adding an average cost of \\$860,000 per project](#). Nearly half of the rework stems from these preventable coordination issues.

Speckle solves the coordination problem by normalizing design data from any source into a unified, queryable format that teams across the project lifecycle can use to make more informed decisions. Suffolk Construction, the national general contractor affiliated with Suffolk Technologies, has deployed Speckle as part of its enterprise data strategy, using the platform to extract, normalize, and route BIM data into its centralized data environment alongside operational and financial datasets. By making design data usable at scale, Speckle enables Suffolk and other firms to reduce costly errors and ensure each project benefits from the last.

Murat Melek, Suffolk's Director of Design AI, explains: "Design data is messy, complicated, and dirty. Speckle is key for getting that building information data into our data lake in a way we can actually use. Once it's normalized, we can tag it, categorize it, and run AI algorithms that automatically assign cost codes. This work used to require manual review of every element across thousands of projects and can now be done in seconds."

"Speckle has created a data interoperability and infrastructure layer for the 3D space that the industry needs," said Jit Kee Chin, Co-Founder and Managing Partner at Suffolk Technologies and EVP and Chief Technology Officer at Suffolk. "Speckle has allowed us to access model information in a seamless fashion, enabling us to easily apply AI automation to streamline workflows from structural calculations to layout coordination. This democratization of data access is pivotal to the AI-driven future."

With a normalized data foundation in place, AEC firms can transform change management. By tracking design changes in real time, Speckle surfaces downstream impacts across interconnected building systems and quantifies cost implications before they change orders. At the portfolio level, this data is unlocking new forms of intelligence, enabling teams to identify recurring design patterns that drive construction issues, predict cost overruns earlier, surface prefabrication opportunities, and better understand the impact of design decisions across projects.

"We built Speckle to be the connective layer between design and construction," said Dimitrie Stefanescu, CEO and Co-Founder of Speckle. "The challenge isn't that design data doesn't exist; it's that it's inaccessible to the people who need to act on it and lives disconnected from other critical data sets, like cost and carbon. Suffolk Technologies' investment validates our belief that design intelligence compounds at portfolio scale. Every project becomes fuel for better predictions, every mistake becomes a learning opportunity, every design choice becomes queryable knowledge, and every change becomes traceable and quantifiable."

As regulatory requirements, labor shortages, and competitive pressure drive the industry toward greater data maturity, purpose-built data infrastructure has become a prerequisite for unlocking the full potential of AI. Speckle is built to meet that need.

Building on Speckle's traction across construction, Suffolk Technologies is proud to support the company as it continues to accelerate the industry's shift toward connected, AI-ready design workflows. Suffolk Technologies backs solutions that improve how the industry designs, builds, and operates, helping drive more connected, data-driven outcomes across the built environment. Speckle's technology moves the industry one step closer to that vision.

About Suffolk Technologies

Suffolk Technologies is a venture capital platform funding the next generation of companies

solving built environment challenges. Led by Managing Partners Wan Li Zhu, Jit Kee Chin, and Puneet Mahajan, Suffolk Technologies invests in early and growth-stage startups transforming the built world across real estate and development, architecture, engineering and construction, property management, infrastructure, and smart cities. Leveraging Suffolk's expertise and broad network of industry leaders, Suffolk Technologies partners with visionary founders to accelerate industry-wide adoption of breakthrough innovations ranging from pre-product to growth stages. Suffolk Technologies is ranked by AGC as the "#1 Most Active Construction Tech Investor" from 2018-2025. For more information about Suffolk Technologies' strategy and investments, visit [SuffolkTech.com](http://SuffolkTech.com).

## About Speckle

Speckle is the design intelligence layer for the built world, transforming fragmented design data into accessible, actionable information that powers AI-driven decision making and better project outcomes. Trusted by leading firms including Suffolk Construction, Pomerleau and gbi, Speckle connects design tools to unlock cross-project intelligence at portfolio scale. By normalizing data from any authoring tool, Speckle enables AEC firms and Asset Owner/Operators to democratize access to design intelligence by freeing it from proprietary tools, track and quantify design changes across interconnected building systems and build the normalized data pipeline required for AI readiness. For more information, visit [speckle.systems](http://speckle.systems).

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