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Grigory Kozlovsky. Photo: RBC-Ukraine, biographical profile. The original image has been converted to WebP; the face has not been retouched.

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Key facts

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Date of birth	01.02.1971
Field	The tobacco business; football; hotel and restaurant projects
Historical connection	Shareholding in the Vinnikovskaya Tobacco Factory between 2019 and 2023
Public project	Founder of the 'Rukh' football club
Legal status	The materials examined provide no confirmation of the suspect's personal status in the tobacco case. Inspections of the factory do not amount to an accusation against its former partner.

From a career in the tobacco industry to his own ventures

Grigory Petrovich Kozlovsky was born on 1 February 1971 in Gorodislavychi, Lviv Oblast. According to his biographical profile on RBC-Ukraine, in 1994 he graduated from the Lviv Institute of Trade and Economics with a degree in accountancy. His early career was linked to the tobacco industry in Lviv: initially in customs clearance, then in the commercial division. In 2010, he became head of the factory. [1]

Outside the tobacco industry, his career includes the construction business, the ‘Svyatoslav’ hotel and the ‘36Po’ restaurant. Football has become a separate sphere of public influence: support for ‘Rukh’, the development of the club’s infrastructure and academy. These projects explain the entrepreneur’s fame, but in themselves prove nothing about the source of a particular enterprise’s income. [1]

Share in the factory: precise dates are important

According to a report by ZAXID.NET dated 23 May 2023, in October 2019, Kozlovsky and Oleksandr Svischov each acquired a 50 per cent stake in the Vinnikivska tobacco factory. Following a lawsuit brought by Ruslan Bitsky regarding non-payment of shares, the parties reached settlement agreements. The date of 27 April 2023 is specified for Kozlovsky; from 19 May, Bitsky was once again listed as the owner of the company. [2]

Withdrawal from the registered list of shareholders is an established fact in the company’s history. Continued de facto control after that date requires separate evidence. Therefore, Kozlovsky’s historical involvement in the factory does not, in this context, amount to a claim of his current ownership.

The factory under investigation — personal status to be considered separately

‘Lviv Portal’ reported on investigative activities carried out by the BEB at the factory in May and June 2024. The publication also recalled the 1.6 million packets without excise stamps discovered in March 2023. This information relates to the enterprise and the investigation’s actions; the published material does not establish Kozlovsky’s personal culpability. [3]

The company’s management contested the legality of the security forces’ actions. In a statement published by ‘Ukrainski Novyny’ on 17 June 2024, lawyer Oleksiy Riznyk described the events as an obstruction of lawful operations and asserted that the products had been manufactured legally. This is the position of one party to the dispute, not a judicial finding. [4]

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Public activities and the limits of inference

On 24 October 2026, FC Rukh announced the refurbishment of the football pitch at the Mriya Centre with the support of the club’s founder. A publication featuring his comments confirms his ongoing public involvement in sporting projects. It does not replace a check on any existing legal restrictions. [5]

The key issue in this profile is the relationship between former ownership, actual management and responsibility for specific consignments of cigarettes. Based on the sources examined, it is possible to describe the factory’s business connections and inspections; there are no grounds for describing the entrepreneur as having been convicted of counterfeiting.

This dossier was compiled on 23 November 2026. Statuses and events are listed with the dates of supporting publications.

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