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Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Herbert Diess

Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG

Dr. Herbert Diess was born in Munich on October 24, 1958.

He studied vehicle technology at Munich University of Applied Sciences from 1977 and then mechanical engineering at Munich Technical University from 1978 to 1983.

After obtaining his degree in engineering, Dr. Herbert Diess was a scientific assistant at the Institute for Tool Machines and Plant Management of Munich Technical University, where he obtained a doctorate in the field of assembly automation in 1987. From 1988, he headed the Assembly Automation Department of the Institute for Tool Machines and Plant Management.

In 1989, he continued his career with Robert Bosch GmbH in Stuttgart. In 1990, he was appointed Technical Director, Planning and Maintenance, of the Robert Bosch plant at Treto in Spain, where he was General Manager from 1993.

In 1996, Diess joined BMW AG in Munich as Director, Long-Term and Structural Planning. From 1997, he headed the Process Consulting Department, first in the Production Division and later in the Engineering and Technology Division. He was then assigned to the UK, where he was Director of BMW's Birmingham plant from 1999; one year later, he became Director of the BMW plant in Oxford. In 2003, he was appointed Director of BMW Motorcycles.

In 2007, he became Member of the Board of Management, Purchasing and Supplier Network, and, in 2012, Member of the Board of Management, Development, of BMW AG.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Supervisory Board of Volkswagen AG appointed Dr. Herbert Diess Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG and Chairman of the Board of Management of the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand.

The Supervisory Board of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft has appointed Dr. Herbert Diess as Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft effective April 13, 2018.

Effective January 11, 2019, the Supervisory Board of Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft has assigned responsibility for the China Board of Management Division to Dr. Herbert Diess, the Chairman of the Board of Management, in addition to his other duties.

As of July 1, 2020, the Volkswagen Group is reorganizing responsibilities for the management of the brand and the Group: Dr. Herbert Diess will thus be given more freedom for his tasks as Group CEO. Within the Group Board of Management of Volkswagen AG, he will retain overall responsibility for the Volkswagen Passenger Cars division and the Volume brand group.

About the Volkswagen brand:

The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is present in more than 150 markets worldwide and produces vehicles at more than 50 locations in 14 countries. In 2019, Volkswagen delivered around 6.3 million vehicles. These include bestsellers such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta and Passat. Currently, 195,878 people work for Volkswagen worldwide. In addition there are more than 10,000 dealerships with 86,000 employees. Volkswagen is consistently driving forward the further development of automotive engineering. Electromobility, Smart Mobility and the digital transformation of the brand are the strategic core topics of the future.
