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Volkswagen Group joins the Tent Partnership for Refugees - a global business network mobilizing companies to support refugees around the world

- **Tent has already galvanized over 130 companies around the world to help refugees**
- **Volkswagen Group will bring its own experience from helping more than 4,500 refugees**

Wolfsburg, October 17, 2019 - The Volkswagen Group has today joined the Tent Partnership for Refugees (Tent), a global business network which mobilizes companies around the world to support refugees. As well as encouraging companies to make commitments to help refugees, Tent also shares best practice and companies' experiences to support the economic integration of refugees. To date, the companies in the network have helped over 200,000 refugees in 34 countries.

Ariane Kilian, Head of Volkswagen Group Refugee Aid, said: "The Volkswagen Group and its brands support a wide range of integration initiatives for refugees. These range from language courses and study scholarships, through to internships, qualifications, starting new careers, as well as support and mentoring by volunteers. Our wide-ranging experience has shown results: the integration of refugees requires patience on all sides - but it's worth it! As a new member of Tent, we are thrilled to share our experiences and to receive valuable input for our work."

Since 2015, the Volkswagen Group has run a number of integration initiatives across many of its brands that, through training, prepare young refugees for the job market. Over 4,500 refugees have already gone through these programs. Some of these initiatives include: the Wolfsburg pilot project "Training Perspective for Fugitives"; the "Porsche Integration Year"; and Audi offering classes on professional and cultural skills, as well as industrial internships at truck manufacturer MAN.

Gideon Maltz, Executive Director at the Tent Partnership for Refugees, said: "We're thrilled that the Volkswagen Group has joined Tent. Volkswagen has already shown great leadership in training and hiring refugees - joining Tent will mean building on this great work, and inspiring even more companies to follow in their footsteps."

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The Tent Partnership for Refugees mobilizes the business community to improve the lives and livelihoods of nearly 26 million refugees who have been forcibly displaced from their home countries. It believes that companies are uniquely positioned to alleviate the global refugee crisis by mobilizing their networks, resources, innovation, and entrepreneurship to integrate refugees into the global economy. Tent was launched in 2016. Over 130 global companies are currently members of the Tent Partnership.



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About the Volkswagen Group:

The Volkswagen Group, with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest carmaker in Europe. The Group comprises twelve brands from seven European countries: Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Audi, SEAT, ŠKODA, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Porsche, Ducati, Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles, Scania and MAN. The passenger car portfolio ranges from small cars all the way to luxury-class vehicles. Ducati offers motorcycles. In the light and heavy commercial vehicles sector, the products include ranges from pick-ups, buses and heavy trucks. Every weekday, 664,496 employees around the globe produce on average 44,567 vehicles, are involved in vehicle-related services or work in other areas of business. The Volkswagen Group sells its vehicles in 153 countries.

In 2018, the total number of vehicles supplied to customers by the Group globally was 10,83 million (2017: 10,741 million). The passenger car global market share was 12.3 per cent. In Western Europe 22.0 per cent of all new passenger cars come from the Volkswagen Group. Group sales revenue in 2018 totalled €235.8 billion (2017: €231 billion). Earnings after tax in 2017 amounted to €17.1 billion (2017: €11.6 billion).