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Volkswagen Passenger Cars strengthens IT competence worldwide

→ Dedicated IT organization at brand for tailor-made digitalization
→ Abdallah Shanti takes lead

Wolfsburg – The Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand is laying the groundwork for efficient and tailor-made digitalization within the company going forward with a new IT organization. Abdallah Shanti has been named Global Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Volkswagen brand and leads the IT function set up at the end of April this year. He will be in charge of IT at in excess of 50 locations belonging to the Volkswagen Passenger Cars brand worldwide.



Abdallah Shanti

Brand IT will be responsible for analyzing and providing the required IT technology in both production and non-production units, thereby accelerating the definition of new IT solutions and digitalization concepts even further in future and tailoring IT to the needs of the brand.

Abdallah Shanti is a computer scientist and engineer. From 2012 through 2018, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Volkswagen Group of America prior to assuming responsibility for Brand IT at Volkswagen Passenger Cars in mid-2018. Abdallah Shanti brings some 30 years of experience in IT and technical development in the automotive sector to the Volkswagen brand. Before joining Volkswagen, his previous appointments included Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at ANX, Vice President and CIO at American Axle & Manufacturing Inc., and General Director of Global System Engineering and Application Development at General Motors.

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About the Volkswagen brand:

Volkswagen Passenger Cars operates in more than 150 markets worldwide and produces vehicles at more than 50 locations in 14 countries. In 2018, Volkswagen produced around 6.2 million vehicles, including bestsellers such as the Golf, Tiguan, Jetta and Passat. Volkswagen has a current workforce of 195,878 employees around the globe. Added to this are more than 10,000 dealerships with 86,000 employees. Volkswagen is forging ahead consistently with the further development of automobile production. Electric mobility, smart mobility and digital transformation of the brand are the key strategic issues for the future.