

Press Release

Personnel changes at DEKRA:

New Management Board Member of Finance, Human Resources and IT

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- Long-serving Automobil Managing Director joins Management Board
- Thomas Müllerschön to leave company as of December 31, 2018
- Guido Kutschera to take over as Head of DEKRA Automobil GmbH

Effective January 1, 2019, Wolfgang Linsenmaier (52) is to become a new member of the DEKRA SE Management Board. The new board member responsible for Finance, Human Resources and IT is being promoted from within the company and is currently Chairman of the Management Board of DEKRA Automobil GmbH, DEKRA's largest single company with revenue of EUR 1.3 billion.

Linsenmaier has been with the company since 1999. He began his career as the assistant to the Director of Finance, HR and IT. From 2006, he was the Managing Director of DEKRA Automobil GmbH in charge of Finance and IT, before being made the Chairman of the Management Board in April 2018.

Thomas Müllerschön is ending his contract as a member of the Management Board expressly at his own request and by mutual agreement with the supervisory and management bodies of the company.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Board of DEKRA SE, Thomas Pleines, thanks Thomas Müllerschön "for his positive, albeit short, tenure" and wishes him "all the best for his future career. I am delighted that we have been able to secure a top internal manager for this key position in Wolfgang Linsenmaier, and I am confident that with his help we will continue our successful trajectory."

Stefan Kölbl, CEO of DEKRA SE, adds: "I would like to thank Thomas Müllerschön for his collegial cooperation, and I wish him every success moving ahead. In Wolfgang Linsenmaier, the Management Board team is getting a proven financial expert as its new member. He has known our organization for almost two decades. I look forward to continuing our long-standing and trusting collaboration."

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Guido Kutschera (50) will succeed Wolfgang Linsenmaier in his role as the Chairman of the Management Board of DEKRA Automobil GmbH from January 1, 2019. Within DEKRA Automobil GmbH, Kutschera was the Managing Director in charge of expert appraisals services from 2013 and, as part of the management reshuffle in June of this year, he took on responsibility for market development and thus for the management of all 75 DEKRA branches.

Portrait image:

Wolfgang Linsenmaier, new Director of Finance, Human Resources and IT at DEKRA SE

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2017, DEKRA generated sales totalling more than 3.1 billion Euros. The company currently employs more than 44,000 people in more than 50 countries on all five continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.