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Torqata Names Vice President of Partnerships, Business Development

Torqata has announced that Jill Trotta, a 30-year automotive industry veteran and ASE Certified Technician and Advisor, has joined the company as vice president of partnerships & business development, reporting to CEO Tim Eisenmann. At Torqata, Trotta will lead all partnership and business development efforts. This includes growing the network of shop management system (SMS) vendors that connect to Torqata and expanding strategic partnerships with automotive data providers to increase its market data and service coverage. Trotta brings a wealth of industry experience and relationships in the automotive aftermarket and repair sector to Torqata. She started her auto career as a technician and progressed professionally as a service advisor, service manager, parts director, and shop owner before making the jump into software in 2013 and joining then-startup RepairPal. At RepairPal, Trotta grew the company's certified repair network from 100 to over 2800 of the top shops in the industry by developing rigorous certification programs that evaluated shops based on technical training, processes, customer service and industry knowledge. During her tenure she was promoted several times into roles across sales, marketing, and product, eventually becoming a member of the executive team. Trotta is also a recognized speaker and thought leader, having spoken on topics such as price transparency and its impacts on independent repair shops, as well as female representation and empowerment in the automotive industry. "I'm very excited to join Torqata and help solve data challenges that have existed in our industry for a long time," Trotta said. "The company's unrivaled data assets, great team, and focus on diversity, equity and inclusion from the top are just some of the reasons I had to say yes." "We're thrilled to have Jill join the Torqata team," said Tim Eisenmann, CEO at Torqata. "Her deep knowledge of the industry, record of ambassadorship, and thought leadership, especially in an industry that could use more female representation, make her the best possible fit for this critical role." *Source: Aftermarket News*

GM adds former Tesla, Lyft exec to board

General Motors is adding a former Tesla and Lyft executive to its board of directors. Jon McNeill, 55, was Tesla's president of global sales, delivery and service from 2015 to 2018. He was Lyft's chief operating officer for a year and a half before leaving to co-found the venture capital firm DVx Ventures. At Tesla, McNeill oversaw all customer-facing operations during a period when the company's sales more than doubled. He was known to occasionally contact owners who had complained about their vehicle on social media or online message boards. "Jon's passion for customers and track record driving growth in the transportation sector will be a tremendous asset to GM as we accelerate toward an all-electric future," GM CEO Mary Barra said in a statement Tuesday. "His experience driving constructive disruption to grow businesses and his commitment to making a positive impact on society will be invaluable as we reimagine how our customers and communities move through the world." GM's board now has 13 members, six of whom are women. GM added Joanne Crevoiserat, a CEO from the fashion industry, to the panel in August. McNeill, who has an economics degree from Northwestern University, is CEO of DVx, which is focused on forming and growing breakthrough businesses that will have a positive impact on the world, GM said. Before being hired at Tesla, he was CEO of software company Enservio and founded and sold other businesses, including Midwest Cycling, Sterling Collision Centers and Before You Move. He also is on the board of apparel retailer Lululemon Athletica. "I am excited to help GM unlock the opportunities enabled by its transformative investments in technology," McNeill said in GM's statement. "GM is rapidly changing to meet the world's need for cleaner and safer transportation and they're uncovering new growth opportunities with e very hardware and software innovation they're introducing." *Source: Automotive News*

Former Toyota North America CEO Jim Lentz joins Lithia board

Lithia Motors Inc. has added former Toyota Motor North America CEO Jim Lentz to its board of directors, expanding it from seven to eight members. The dealership group's board elected Lentz to fill a vacancy created by an expansion from seven to eight directors on Sept. 30, according to a document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Lentz's service on the board began Oct. 1, Lithia said in the filing. Lentz, 66, retired from Toyota in March 2020. He had been with Toyota for 38 years and began his automotive career as a management trainee in Ford Motor Co.'s Denver region in 1978. A 2017 Automotive News All-Star, Lentz oversaw the expansion of Toyota's North American sales and operations, while guiding the company during a crisis over unintended acceleration in late-model cars. He also helped steer Toyota North America's successful corporate relocation from Southern California to greater Dallas. Lithia said Lentz will receive an annual retainer of \$100,000 as compensation for his board duties, to be paid in equal monthly installments. Lentz also was granted restricted stock units with a value of \$99,000 that will vest upon meeting certain conditions and targets, Lithia said. Lithia, in the filing, said it anticipates that Lentz will serve on the board's compensation and audit committees. Company founder Sid DeBoer is chairman of Lithia's board. Lithia, of Medford, Ore., ranked No. 2 on Automotive News' most recent list of the top 150 dealership groups, retailing 260,738 new vehicles in 2021. *Source: Automotive News*

Navistar Names EVP of Service Solutions

Fabio Souza has been appointed executive vice president, Service Solutions at Navistar. In this newly established role, Souza is part of Navistar's Executive Board and reports to Mathias Carlbaum, president and CEO. In alignment with its strategy and vision to accelerate the impact of sustainable mobility, Navistar has placed a renewed emphasis on the service solutions and digitalization areas of its business. Souza will be responsible for aftersales, with a focus on expanding total service solutions, digital strategy, and new business models to best support customer's future needs. "Our customers have the incredibly difficult task to reduce carbon emissions and at the same time deliver profitability," said Carlbaum. "Navistar strives to support our dealers and customers by offering turnkey solutions. With Fabio's background and customer-centric mindset, I am confident we will bring all aspects of service solutions to our customers, even those that we haven't thought of yet." Prior to his current role, Souza was the





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vice president and general manager of commercial operations at Scania in Brazil. He delivered innovative solutions to meet customer needs, introduced vehicle connectivity and pioneered the flexible maintenance program for Scania in the Brazilian market. “Navistar has the greatest potential in the North American market, and I am truly honored to join this diverse, global executive leadership team,” said Souza. “Through collaboration and with the strength of the TRATON GROUP, I am confident that we will capitalize on Navistar’s potential and create new business models where it makes most sense for our customers.” Souza has held many roles at Scania since he started as a parts analyst in 2001. In addition to Scania Brazil, he also worked as the services director at Scania Mexico and the managing director of Scania’s Commercial Operations in South Africa. Souza’s vast history in the commercial trucking industry is supported by his involvement in South Africa as a member of the board of Scania Financial Solutions and the vice president of heavy vehicles of NAAMSA, a local association of motor vehicle manufacturers. Souza holds an industrial and mechanical engineering degree from The University Center of Faculty of Industrial Engineering (FEI) in Brazil. In addition, he attained a postgraduate degree in business administration and marketing from the Higher School of Advertising and Marketing in Brazil (ESPM). Souza also holds a specialization in administration and management from Stockholm School of Economics. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Clore Automotive Names New CFO

Clore Automotive, a manufacturer of automotive service equipment for professionals and consumers, has announced that Eric Batdorf will join the company as vice president and chief financial officer (CFO). Batdorf will succeed Mike Canipe, who will retire as executive vice president and CFO at the end of 2022. Batdorf brings to Clore deep expertise and extensive experience leading finance and operational teams in a variety of manufacturing industries, most recently serving as CFO of Brunson Instrument Co. Prior to Brunson, he served as CFO and COO for Harlan Global Manufacturing. He is a licensed CPA in the State of Missouri. He will lead Clore Automotive’s finance, accounting, IT and supply chain teams. “We are excited to have Eric join Clore Automotive. He complements our strong performance-oriented and customer-focused culture. We believe his impressive history of execution and his results-driven mindset make him the ideal choice to succeed Mike Canipe and build on our track record of consistent, long-term growth,” said Jim Chasm, CEO. Batdorf has more than 20 years of extensive international financial, operational and information technology experience. He has successfully spearheaded major initiatives in the areas of strategic planning, human capital deployment and optimization, budget management, forecasting, international expansion, and IT transformation. Eric holds an MBA in Accounting/Finance/Strategy from Washington University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Miami University. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Ted Hughes Named AWDA Executive Director

The Auto Care Association today announced the addition of Ted Hughes as its new senior director of community engagement and AWDA executive director. Hughes will lead the association’s efforts to evolve community engagement among its members while also serving as the liaison between the association and its Aftermarket Warehouse Distributors Association (AWDA) community. In his role as senior director of community engagement, Hughes will be a key leader in establishing engagement strategies; communicating membership benefits to existing and prospective members while also strengthening the communities’ membership base; and implementing community practices and policies to provide association members with maximum value. As executive director of AWDA, Hughes will provide guidance and primary administrative support for all AWDA-related organizational activities, including assistance in the engagement, growth and retention of this 600+ member community. “I am very excited to have Ted on board,” said Bill Hanvey, president and CEO, Auto Care Association. “Ted’s experience in the aftermarket as well as his communication and customer relation skills made him a natural fit for this position. Our communities—especially AWDA, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary—are the backbone of the association and we are looking forward to further enhancing our community engagement for the betterment of the industry and the association.” “As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, it could not be more fitting than to have Ted as our executive director,” said Ryan Samuels, chair, AWDA and vice president, Buy Wise Auto Parts. “Our market and dynamics are changing, and we look forward to the new energy that Ted will bring to AWDA while helping to preserve our legacy.” Hughes brings more than 20 years of aftermarket experience to the association, with his most recent role being the head of marketing for MAHLE Aftermarket Inc. In his role as head of marketing, Hughes was responsible for promotions, public relations, advertising, motorsports programs and the advancement of all electronic and Web-based activities. Since 2020, Hughes has served as the vice chair of the Auto Care Association’s Marketing Communications Committee since 2020 the chair of the Marketing Executives Committee for AASA. *Source: Aftermarket News*

DENSO Appoints Santosh Singh SVP North America

DENSO announced it appointed Santosh Singh to senior vice president, where he oversees Human Resources, Legal, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications groups in the region and serve as the North America chief compliance officer. Singh joined DENSO in August 2021 as vice president of North America Human Resources, and in his new role, he will remain based at the company’s regional headquarters in Southfield, Michigan. “Santosh has played a pivotal role in our efforts to reimagine the future of work, adapt how we collaborate and enable team members’ growth in our journey towards a sustainable future,” said Seiji Maeda, CEO of DENSO’s North American operations and a senior director of DENSO Corporation. “His servant leadership, data-driven approach and savvy business insights will help DENSO leap ahead to a clean, safe and efficient mobility future.” “DENSO is an organization driven by strong purpose and sincere care for all employees. I look forward to further enabling a purpose-driven, growth-mindset culture and shaping key external partnerships as we continue to transform for a new era of mobility,” said Singh. “To do that,





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we're committed to working together toward common goals and to continuously seeking new ways to support, collaborate and innovate across all aspects of business. We are on a mission to serve society and to contribute to a better world." *Source: Aftermarket News*

Race Winning Brand Strengthens Its Leadership Team

As a leading manufacturer of performance components for the powersports and automotive markets, Race Winning Brands (RWB) continues to evolve its dedicated team of performance professionals with the addition of Scott Neely as director of powersports sales and the transition of current RWB veteran, Scott Highland, to director of marketing. Bringing more than 20 years of experience in both the powersports and automotive sectors with him, Neely says he feels right at home in his new role with RWB. Previously, he has held multiple roles during his extensive tenure at Cometic Gasket, most recently handling leading responsibilities with powersports and automotive OEM and retail accounts. Neely is a lifelong powersports enthusiast who caught the bug early, tearing up the family's lawn in a go-kart before quickly moving to dirt bikes, competing at various levels over the years. To date, Neely is an avid dual sport rider and off-roader, spending his free time behind the handlebars. "I've loved going fast and anything with a motor my entire life, so working in the industry was a dream come true for me," stated Neely. "Bob Gorman and his family gave me an opportunity a long time ago to join their business at Cometic Gasket and I ran with it. Fast forward to today and I still get just as excited as I did back then when helping Race Winning Brands customers!" "Scott Neely's experience with various levels of channel partners and end users over the years in all facets of the powersports business, both domestic and international, has lent itself to a very well-rounded understanding of the powersports industry," said Cary Redman, vice president of sales and category management for RWB. "This is a benefit that will support RWB's ongoing efforts to adapt and grow with evolving powersports markets." Scott Highland brought more than 30 years of powersports and automotive industry experience when he joined the RWB team in 2018. After originally being hired into the director of powersports role, Highland found himself naturally expanding to RWB's marketing efforts in all segments of the business. He is no stranger to the marketing world, having contributed leading efforts to marketing objectives in several automotive and powersports groups before RWB. Newly appointed as director of marketing, this transition for Highland reinforces RWB's commitment to actively sharing its passion for performance with the automotive and powersports communities, as well as supports RWB's crucial efforts in product support and education for RWB's partners and end users in the marketplace. "As a lifetime enthusiast and racer, I've thoroughly enjoyed my first four years here with RWB," said Highland. "RWB's desire to service customers, expand product development, invest in resources and grow its portfolio of brands is a winning combination. There's no doubt we've been growing over the recent years, and I look forward to accelerating these iconic brands." Neely and Highland will both report directly to Redman in their roles representing RWB and its brands, effective immediately. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Kinedyne Taps 2 Execs to Lead Company Segments

Cargo control solutions manufacturer Kinedyne LLC announced it hired Lance Hickey as market segment manager for Curtainside Solutions and Joe Vergel de Dios as market segment manager for Decking Solutions. "We are excited to add these industry veterans to our management team," says Dan Schlotterbeck, Kinedyne president. "With their extensive industry experience and skills, they will lead strategic business growth for these market segments for Kinedyne. They are well-suited to demonstrate to customers how Kinedyne Curtainside and Decking Solutions can help optimize fleets to do more with less." Hickey's focus is on growing and expanding sales of Kinedyne's curtainside products such as Kin-Sider and Kin-Slider through original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and distribution channels. Kinedyne says its curtainside products are designed to provide quick and easy access to cargo anywhere on a trailer to reduce cargo loading and unloading times and create scheduling flexibility. Vergel de Dios leads sales of Kaptive Beam K1 and K2 double-decking trailer systems that can double the capacity of a dry van and make it possible to secure up to twice as much freight, Kinedyne says. He is charged with the development and further growth of this market segment throughout North America. Kinedyne adds both executives bring a wealth of experience to their respective roles. Hickey has over 20 years of sales and business development experience, marked by progressive growth and extensive formal training in sales and sales leadership. He has managed territories for a range of trucking industry suppliers, run a start-up ELD subscription-based service and managed a truck and trailer upfitter's parts and services department. Vergel de Dios has more than 15 years of leadership experience in trucking, transportation, and logistics. He holds an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management and is a United States Marine Corps veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Hitachi Astemo Americas Names Aftermarket Marketing Manager

Hitachi Astemo Americas Inc. has announced that Hannah Hua has been named the new marketing manager for the Hitachi Astemo Americas Aftermarket Division. Hua assumes the role that was vacated by Ryan Pelkey, who recently became Hitachi Astemo Americas Aftermarket director of sales. As Marketing Manager for Hitachi Astemo Americas Aftermarket Division, Hua will work closely with sales managers and lead a small team. As a skilled marketing professional, Hua will bring effective strategies to increase retailer and distributor interest in and awareness of the premium quality parts Hitachi Astemo is known for. Hitachi Astemo says her background in data-driven marketing and new product development is ideal for this company, which is constantly adding new applications to its product lines. "I am excited to build on what the Hitachi Astemo Americas Aftermarket Marketing team has started and foster even more growth," said Hua. "Since Hitachi products are the highest quality, implementing ideas to bring in more potential customers and ultimately increase sales are goals that I and the team are ready to meet." Prior to joining Hitachi Astemo, Hua held positions at Motorcar Parts of America, US Auto Parts Network, Inc. (now CarParts.com), and American Condenser & Coil. Her well-rounded and automotive-focused career has included developing and launching new product lines, overseeing pricing, inventory and purchasing, and increasing





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online visibility for brands. Ryan Pelkey says he believes Hua is a great fit for his previous position and was part of the hiring team. “Hannah is results-oriented, and her experience makes her a perfect fit for this team,” Pelkey said. “As we continue to focus on delivering more high-quality products and service to our customers, Hannah will help guide us through messaging, outreach, and other marketing details like a pro.” *Source: Aftermarket News*

SEMA Names New SVP, Public and Government Affairs

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has hired Karen Bailey-Chapman to lead its Washington, D.C., office as senior vice president, Public & Government Affairs. SEMA represents the \$50.9 billion specialty-automotive industry and created the position to strengthen and grow the industry’s legislative and advocacy program. “As the automotive aftermarket is increasingly impacted and threatened by government actions, it is critical that SEMA continues to represent and protect the industry in Washington, D.C.,” said Mike Spagnola, SEMA President and CEO. “Karen will be instrumental in raising visibility of the specialty-equipment market. She is a highly experienced legislative strategist who will elevate SEMA’s advocacy efforts.” Bailey-Chapman has a proven track record of success in local, state, federal and global government affairs and advocacy campaigns. Most recently, Bailey-Chapman served as senior vice president of external affairs for American Beverage Association. Previous experience includes senior roles with casino company Penn National Gaming and the D.C.-based public affairs firm DCI Group. Bailey-Chapman will oversee all government affairs efforts for SEMA and the Performance Racing Industry (PRI), a subsidiary of SEMA dedicated to the motorsports market. She will lead programs related to legislation, regulations, and government policies on issues affecting climate change, consumer choice, business opportunities, and more. The new senior-level role is the most recent expansion of SEMA’s legislative program. SEMA recently introduced an individual membership program designed to strengthen its PAC, and last month the association hosted the SEMA DC Rally – a two-day fly-in event consisting of about 100 in-person meetings on the Hill. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Nissens North America Names Jeff Hansen President

Nissens, manufacturer of most essential thermal, efficiency, and emissions system components, announced the appointment of Jeff Hansen as the new President of Nissens North America (NNA), effective October 1, 2022. The announcement was made by current NNA president, Peter Henry, who will continue with the company as an executive consultant. Hansen previously served as Nissens North America Sales Director. Mr. Henry will continue work with Nissens North America on a part time basis as an executive consultant to help streamline a smooth and successful management transition. “I am delighted to be able to place the leadership of this fast-growing organization in the hands of someone with Jeff’s expertise and experience,” said Henry. “Jeff is a results-focused leader with a strong background in strategic business development, plan execution, and business strategy.” “I am honored to be selected to lead the North America division for Nissens. Our team is passionate about continuing to distinguish Nissens as an essential provider of key climate, engine cooling, and efficiency and emissions system parts to our valued channel partners,” said Hansen. “I look forward to working with our product marketing, engineering, and manufacturing teams to provide our customers with the highest-quality products and best-in-class service that they’ve come to expect from Nissens.” Before joining Nissens, Hansen spent several years at Valeo as Director of Aftermarket Sales for North America. Prior to Valeo, he served in various executive and sales management roles for several automotive aftermarket organizations serving the wholesale, retail, and fleet business segments. Hansen holds an MBA in Finance from Rutgers University and a BS in Business Administration from East Carolina University. He is also a member of AASA and a Lean / Six Sigma Green Belt. Nissens also announced these additions to the North American team: Jordey Lacava has joined Nissens as Catalog Manager, coming from WHI International and Olivia Brinlee has joined Nissens in a sales and customer service support function. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Former Delphi VP Named CAR Board Chair

The Center for Automotive Research (CAR) has announced the appointment of a new chair to the CAR Board of Directors. Dr. Andrew Brown Jr. has been appointed board chair effective Oct. 1, following the retirement of Dr. James Jacobs. “I look forward to continuing to enhance CAR’s ability to contribute and grow in our global automotive and transportation industry,” said Brown. Brown has been a CAR board member since 2015. He retired as vice president and chief technologist for Delphi Automotive, where he was inducted into the Delphi Innovation Hall of Fame. Brown’s accomplished career has included serving as the site selection manager on the prestigious Saturn Project, chair emeritus of Convergence, and, more recently, the 2010 SAE International chairman and president. He is a member of the National Academies, where they appointed him chair of the board on Energy & Environmental Systems and chair of Committee on Fuel Consumption Reduction for Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles. He has participated on the Cummins Science & Technology Council and currently served on the Deere & Company Global Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (GTIAC). He has served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Energy and Environmental Sciences Directorate. For several years, he has been a Technology & Innovation Judge for PACE, CES, and the National Academy of Medicine. “Andy’s history of leadership and experience in the automotive & transportation industry makes him an ideal person for this role. I look forward to working closely with Andy to ensure CAR helps to enable a safer, more sustainable automotive industry. We greatly appreciate Jim’s guidance over the past 12 years, including his tenure as board chair. We wish him well in his next chapter.” said Alan Amici, CAR president and CEO. Jacobs has been a CAR board member since 2010 and assumed the role of board chair in 2020. Jacobs assumed the presidency of Macomb Community College on July 1, 2008. Prior to his appointment, he concurrently served as director for the Center for Workforce Development and Policy at the college and as associate director, Community College Research Center (CCRC), Teachers College, Columbia University. *Source: Aftermarket News*





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DENSO Names Government Affairs Lead in Washington D.C.

DENSO has hired Jared Eichhorn as a senior manager and government affairs lead in Washington D.C. In this role, Eichhorn will work with DENSO team members, legislators and industry groups to promote American manufacturing and cleaner, safer, more efficient mobility. Both are vital to DENSO's "Two Great Causes": Green – achieving carbon neutrality by 2035 – and Peace of Mind – creating a safe and seamless world for all. "This is an exciting opportunity to build on DENSO's solid government affairs foundation in Washington, D.C.," said Eichhorn. "I'm inspired by DENSO's legacy of innovation and its transformative approach to personal mobility. As we look toward the 118th Congress, I welcome the opportunity to share DENSO's story with policymakers on Capitol Hill and in the Administration, and to explore how we can work together to create a sustainable future." Eichhorn joins DENSO from his previous role as director of Federal Affairs at the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, an automotive trade association in which DENSO is a member. He brings with him extensive experience in government affairs specializing in the automotive industry. Eichhorn has advocated before Congress on behalf of U.S. automakers, suppliers and value chain partners on a variety of policy issues, with a focus on the industry's transition to electric vehicles, EV infrastructure, trade, supply chains and more. He also has over a decade of professional experience on Capitol Hill from his time in the U.S. House of Representatives as a cloakroom director and floor assistant for multiple congressional leaders. "We're thrilled to welcome Jared to DENSO," said Bob Townsend, vice president of Corporate Services and head of Government Affairs at DENSO. "He'll play a key role in creating positive outcomes not only for DENSO, but also for the industry, our communities and the environment." *Source: Aftermarket News*

Alan Amici Named President and CEO of CAR

The Center for Automotive Research (CAR) in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has a new leader in the driver's seat, Alan Amici, who took over as president and CEO on Sept. 1. He succeeds Carla Bailo, who retired after helming CAR for five years, which capped off a 35-year career that also included senior leadership positions at General Motors, Nissan, SAE International, and Ohio State University. Like his predecessor, Amici brings a wealth of experience to the job, having held executive positions in engineering, manufacturing and service. Most recently, he was vice president and chief technical officer at Tier 2 supplier TE Connectivity. Amici previously spent 30 years at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (which merged with PSA Group last year to become Stellantis N.V.) and its Chrysler and DaimlerChrysler predecessors. During his tenure at FCA, Amici served as head of global Uconnect, advancing the company's infotainment and connected car platform, and head of electrical/electronics engineering. Amici holds three degrees from the University of Michigan, owns two patents and received the Walter P. Chrysler Technology Award. *Source: Aftermarket News*

NGK Spark Plugs Taps Kirt Denman as Director of Aftermarket

NGK Spark Plugs (U.S.A.), Inc. announced that Kirt Denman has joined the company as Director of Aftermarket. Denman has specialized in the automotive aftermarket and retail market for over 35 years, the company says. "I am pleased to announce that Kirt Denman has accepted the position of Director of Aftermarket," said NGK SVP of Commercial Business Operations, Brian Norko. "Kirt joins us with extensive knowledge and a deep understanding of the automotive Aftermarket in North America. We are excited to welcome him to the NGK team." NGK says Denman will serve as a leadership team member and be responsible for developing a strategy to drive the aftermarket forward and achieve established company goals. In addition, he will be responsible for the oversight and shared strategy of all sales and marketing programs, product launches, and excess and obsolete inventory that provide growth and profitability. "I am excited to join the NGK Team," said Denman. "NGK's outstanding reputation for quality, value, service, and performance are ones to which I know my background will further contribute. I look forward to sharing my expertise and insight in the aftermarket industry to drive the organization to future success." *Source: Aftermarket News*

Kumho Tire Appoints New CEO

Kumho Tire announced it has appointed Nam Hwa (Ed) Cho as the new CEO of North America, effective Oct. 1. He also will lead the sales and operations efforts for Kumho's Canadian and South American divisions. Cho has more than 30 years of history with Kumho Tire, where he has held various leadership positions as the managing director of Kumho Australia and Kumho USA as well as the senior vice president of global supply chain management and global marketing. He received his MBA from Purdue University and joins Kumho Tire after his most recent position within the company as the president of its European branch. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Auto Care Association Promotes Jonathan Larsen

The Auto Care Association has promoted Jonathan Larsen to vice president of standards and digital products. In this new role, Larsen will be responsible for the direction, oversight and growth of all aspects of the Auto Care Association's data standards products, tools, resources and data, including external-facing platforms and content. Part of the Auto Care Association staff for eight years, Larsen has been integral to several core product team efforts, including: The team that launched autocarevip.com in 2017, which brings the most up-to-date vehicle data to standards users; The association's first e-learning platform launched in 2021, which educates users on how to efficiently utilize ACES and PIES in their organization for more sales and reduced returns; and The team overseeing the technical development and deployment of the TrendLens and Demand Index interactive data platform, which were accelerated to meet member needs in response to the pandemic in 2020. Larsen has a wealth of experience in databases and business application development, having spent 15 years at MAHLE in Farmington Hills, Michigan, as a catalog manager as well as





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several years at a manufacturing facility prior to that. "Jonathan is an incredible fit for this new role due to his insatiable desire to improve the member experience when it comes to our products," said Bill Hanvey, president and CEO, Auto Care Association. "His passion for helping the industry reduce cost out of the overall supply chain while identifying new data points will reap benefits for our members for years to come." *Source: Aftermarket News*

Lance Woelfer tapped to lead Honda brand sales

American Honda Motor Co. has tapped longtime associate Lance Woelfer to head up the Honda brand sales division amidst a robust product rollout and efforts to ready itself for electric vehicles. Woelfer's promotion comes as Honda battles to build back lost momentum after suffering one of the industry's tightest inventory supplies. He fills the spot left by Mike Kistemaker following his departure to Ken Garff Automotive. "Lance is essentially a pure Honda 'product,'" Mamadou Diallo, vice president of auto sales for American Honda Motor Co., told Automotive News. "He is 26 years in and everything he's done so far has prepared him for this moment. "His entire career has been on the sales side, with a couple of stints in the back office, and we are super excited to have him on board," Diallo added. After a more than 10-year run managing sales in Honda's mid-Atlantic region out of Maryland, Woelfer returned to California in 2020 to oversee the Honda and Acura brands in the western region. From 2008 to 2009, he served as Honda's Northwest zone manager. Woelfer joined the company in 1997 as a sales analyst. He holds a bachelor's degree from Portland State University. *Source: Automotive News*

US Motor Works Announces Management Changes

US Motor Works, a manufacturer and distributor of cooling system components, fuel system components, heat transfer components and high-performance products for the automotive and heavy-duty markets, announced the following management changes in its organization. Effective immediately, Todd Erwin, current vice president and general manager of its OSC Heat Transfer Division, is taking over the role of vice president of sales for all US Motor Works brands. Erwin and the sales team's responsibilities will be all product lines and brands offered by the company to the automotive and heavy-duty market segments, according to Gil Benjamin, president and CEO, US Motor Works, LLC. In addition, Tom Longo, current vice president of sales and marketing, will maintain marketing responsibility and take on the customer service responsibility with his new role of vice president of marketing and customer service. "With the continued growth of our sales, product categories and brands, this organization change will help us better align the expertise needed to maintain the trajectory and level of service to support our customers and ultimately the end users of our products," said Benjamin. *Source: Aftermarket News*

PPG Elects Tim Knavish President and CEO

PPG has announced that Tim Knavish, chief operating officer, has been named president and chief executive officer (CEO), effective Jan. 1, 2023. Knavish will join the company's board of directors, effective Oct. 20, 2022. Knavish, who has served as PPG's chief operating officer since March, will succeed Chairman and CEO Michael McGarry, in the role of CEO. McGarry, who has served as CEO since September 2015, will become executive chairman, also effective Jan. 1, 2023. In addition, McGarry has announced to the PPG Board of Directors his intention to retire as executive chairman and as a director of the company, effective October 1, 2023. "I want to thank Michael and the PPG board of directors for their trust and confidence as we continue to drive PPG forward. Our global business portfolio remains well-positioned for future growth and to successfully navigate through the current global economic challenges," said Knavish. "I look forward to continuing to work with the more than 50,000 PPG people across the world to support our customers, deliver excellent business performance and create additional shareholder value." "Tim is a highly respected business leader who has played an instrumental role in PPG's growth across the markets we serve," McGarry said. "His leadership has been invaluable as PPG has executed several important strategic actions, including PPG's recent acquisitions and successful integrations of Tikkurila and Ennis-Flint, now PPG's Traffic Solutions business. Tim's proven ability to lead the implementation of our global business strategies, and his focus on continuously strengthening our operations and energizing our diverse workforce will be important in delivering on our growth strategy." "On behalf of the PPG board of directors, we want to congratulate Tim and also recognize Michael's outstanding leadership and strategic vision in guiding PPG through some of the most challenging periods in its nearly 140-year history," said Hugh Grant, PPG independent lead director and retired chairman and CEO, Monsanto Company. "Michael's leadership in completing several of PPG's largest acquisitions has made a significant impact on expanding the company's portfolio and reach in key growth markets. We thank him for his many contributions and look forward to benefiting from his continued leadership as executive chairman of PPG's Board of Directors. As we look ahead, the board fully supports Tim and the entire PPG team as they work to achieve future growth and increased value for our shareholders." McGarry has served as chairman and CEO of PPG since September 2016. During his more than 40 years with PPG, he has served in a variety of key business and functional leadership roles in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and led several strategic actions that transformed PPG's business portfolio. McGarry currently serves on the board of directors of United States Steel Corp., Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd., and the National Association of Manufacturers. He is a former member of the board of Axiall Corp., and former chairman of the board of directors of The American Coatings Association (ACA). Knavish joined PPG in 1987 at PPG's global headquarters in Pittsburgh. He advanced through roles of increasing responsibility in several key businesses and functions, including serving as plant manager for the East Point, Georgia, architectural coatings manufacturing facility. In 2005, Knavish moved to Australia as managing director, Australia and New Zealand coatings, and general manager, automotive refinish. In 2007, Knavish returned to the U.S. where he assumed responsibility for automotive coatings, Americas, and in early 2010, he was named a vice president. In 2012, he was appointed global vice president, protective and marine coatings and in 2016





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became senior vice president, automotive coatings. Knavish was named senior vice president, industrial coatings in 2017. In addition to global leadership of PPG's industrial coatings, packaging coatings and coatings services businesses, Knavish was responsible for the global procurement function and for PPG's Asia Pacific region. In January 2019, he was appointed senior vice president, architectural coatings and president, PPG Europe, Middle East and Africa. Prior to being named chief operating officer, Knavish served as executive vice president beginning in October 2019, where he was responsible for PPG's global architectural coatings businesses; the global automotive refinish business; the Latin America region; and the digital and information technology functions. A native of Pittsburgh, Knavish earned both a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. He currently serves on the board of directors of the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania. *Source: Aftermarket News*

RealTruck Promotes Christine Barringer to New Role

RealTruck, the premier manufacturer and online retailer of aftermarket truck parts and accessories, announced the promotion of Christine Barringer as its first chief accounting officer. In her new role, Barringer will be responsible for overseeing the company's strategic direction of the corporate accounting organization, financial-close processes, reporting, and continuous improvements in the accounting function to support the growth objectives of RealTruck. Previously, Barringer was the vice president, corporate controller for RealTruck. She will continue to report directly to Ted McCormick, who joined the company as chief financial officer in November 2021. "As I move into this new role, I will continue to work closely with Ted and the rest of the RealTruck team on the financial side of the business," said Barringer. "I'm eager to work toward our ongoing growth as a company. I'm honored to be a part of the leadership team at RealTruck." "Christine is an incredible leader who has done great work with our accounting team since 2015, and I could not be happier to see her elevated within our organization as chief accounting officer," said Ted McCormick. "We plan to work together closely to oversee many of the financial operations of RealTruck to support our growth plans for the company," he added. Since Barringer joined the RealTruck team just over seven years ago, she's built a corporate accounting team, implemented common accounting policies enterprise wide and led the business combination accounting and integration for eleven acquisitions. She was also a key contributing member of the management team that successfully executed two sale processes. "As I move into this new role, I will continue to work closely with Ted and the rest of the RealTruck team on the financial side of the business," said Barringer. "I'm eager to work toward our ongoing growth as a company. I'm honored to be a part of the leadership team at RealTruck." Barringer has more than twenty years of private and public-company experience. Prior to RealTruck, she held positions at HHI Group Holdings, TRW Automotive, Hayes Lemmerz, and KPMG. Barringer has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. RealTruck launched its "In The Real" campaign this past summer with its name change and rebrand. The company seeks to inspire its customers to get up, get out and live all of life's adventures. *Source: Aftermarket News*

The Coretec Group Names Matthew Hoffman COO

The Coretec Group, developers of silicon anode active materials for lithium-ion batteries and cyclohexasilane (CHS) for EV, cleantech, and emerging tech applications, announced Matthew Hoffman, the company's current Chief Financial Officer will be taking on the additional role of Chief Operating Officer (COO), as the company's operational activities increase and become more complex. Hoffman's background includes leadership roles of multiple early-stage high growth companies, covering the industries of energy, manufacturing, defense contracting and bio-technologies. Hoffman brings a valuable knowledge base to The Coretec Group operations from his past experiences with M&A, strategic and operational planning, business system architecture, ISO 9000, and a LEAN focus on business process improvement, the company says. His previous experience with government funding will also prove advantageous as he spearheads the Company's efforts into receiving funding through several possible financing avenues including the CHIPS Act, the Infrastructure Bill, and state funding, among others, The Coretec Group adds. "As The Coretec Group grows, we require an experienced team, capable of enabling us to scale and conduct broader commercial activity," said Matthew Kappers, chief executive officer of The Coretec Group. "We are becoming far more operational than in years past and need a strong executive who can oversee that change. Hoffman is absolutely the person for the job. He has the strong analytical and communication skills needed for the role, as well as the managerial and leadership prowess to help guide this transition successfully." *Source: Aftermarket News*

APA Names Chris Harman New Director of Information Technology

With almost two decades of industry experience, Harman is a B2B expert in technology. In this new role, Harman will work closely with shareholders and members and oversee day-to-day technology offerings from APA, including Epicor Data Warehouse, ebiz, SourceIT, APA Information and Pricing Portal, GCommerce, Elite Extra, the APA website and other technology offerings. Harman takes over for Paul Brokaw, who will retire at the end of the year. "When we could no longer avoid Paul's retirement, I knew we had to get this one right," said Steve Tucker, president of APA. No stranger to the aftermarket industry, Harman's most recent experience was spent with Automotive Distribution Network, where he served as information technology manager. According to Paul Brokaw, director of special projects, "Chris has a wealth of knowledge in the technology area as well as an outgoing and warm personality. Our shareholders and members will like Chris." *Source: Aftermarket News*

Norman Young Appointed 64th President of the ASC

The Automotive Sales Council was founded in 1958 and is limited to no more than 100 members. Membership in the Automotive Sales Council, founded in 1958, is limited to no more than 100 individuals who are key marketing executives of manufacturers in the automotive service industry.





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Members of the Council gather as a roundtable discussion group during the year. An active industry volunteer, Young has served the industry as an AASA/OAC Board member and as a member of the Automotive Sales Council Executive Committee, making valuable industry connections and learning through the experiences of other automotive and business professionals he worked with, as industry volunteers along the way. While supporting the industry as a volunteer, his "day jobs" have included serving as vice president of sales and global service for Delphi; President & CEO of ThyssenKrupp Crankshaft and president/CEO of Weld Racing, a producer of forged wheels and other high-performance accessories. Currently, he is the director at GT Technologies. With undergrad degrees in Automotive Sciences and Automotive Management from Ferris State University and an MBA from Northwood's DeVos Business School, the Canada-born executive said he feels that his time spent interacting with the many industry and economic presenters at Automotive Sales Council meetings greatly strengthens his business knowledge. Finding great value in the relationships built by networking with the members of the Council and realizing that the real value of being selected to join the Council in 2014 lies in the knowledge gained by interacting with the other 99 executive members attending the association meetings. Young and his wife Denise reside in Olathe, Kansas. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Jennifer LaClair steps down as Ally Financial CFO

Ally Financial CFO Jennifer LaClair stepped down Tuesday after nearly five years on the job, the company said in a government filing. Ally Corporate Treasurer Bradley Brown, 56, will serve as interim chief financial officer. CEO Jeffrey Brown (no relation) said the company has a "strong bench" to help him during the search for a permanent replacement. "Jenn has been instrumental in our company's evolution over the past five years," Jeffrey Brown told an earnings call Wednesday. Brown called LaClair "excited to pursue her next chapter of opportunities," something "hard to do while serving as a CFO." He said they agreed she should leave now "and in advance of an even more fluid macro environment." LaClair will remain with the company as a senior operating advisor, and could do so until March 3, 2023, according to the agreement shared in the government filing Tuesday. LaClair, 51, had led PNC Financial Services Group's business bank before joining Ally in December 2017. She called her time at Ally "some of the most rewarding in my career" and said she had accomplished the personal and professional goals she wished to reach. "I'm proud to be leaving Ally in a stronger, better position than when I arrived," LaClair said. Bradley Brown started at Ally in June 2011 as a structured funded executive. He had previously worked at Bank of America, Bank of America Merrill Lynch and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. *Source: Automotive News*

EV maker Mullen taps ex-GM executive John Schwegman

Mullen Automotive has tapped former General Motors executive John Schwegman to be the electric vehicle maker's chief commercial officer. Schwegman spent 35 years at GM in a variety of marketing-related roles, most recently senior director of global Chevrolet product marketing, according to his LinkedIn profile. Mullen, of Brea, Calif., said Schwegman will primarily focus on growing the electric Class 1 through Class 6 light- and medium-duty truck segment, including the Class 1 and Class 2 Mullen One, which are yet to be released. Schwegman's experience in fleet vehicle sales, particularly when he was GM's commercial product director in the 2010s, provides ample background for the task. Schwegman was a key player in GM's bid to compete with Ford in the commercial fleet market. "John has tremendous experience in commercial automotive sales, and this makes him a highly strategic addition to Mullen," David Michery, CEO of Mullen Automotive, said in a statement. Mullen last month acquired a controlling interest in fellow EV manufacturer Bollinger Motors, of Oak Park, Mich., for \$148 million — part of a bid to piece together struggling Detroit-area startups to break into a crowded EV market. The purchase brought Bollinger's recently announced Class 4 chassis cab, the B4, into the Mullen fold. Bollinger has been plagued by problems since its launch in 2015, especially around release windows. The automaker's B1 SUV and B2 pickup were indefinitely postponed last January. Mullen acquired all the assets of Electric Last Mile Solutions Inc., of Troy, Mich. — another struggling electric fleet startup — last week. Mullen placed a bid for the bankrupt company in September of "almost \$100 million in total consideration." Schwegman said in a statement that he's looking forward to his new role. "I was impressed with Mullen's strategic approach, including the portfolio, the plants and Mullen's speed to market," Schwegman said. "Mullen's strategy, combined with my experience in commercial vehicles and strong relationship with fleets and dealers, will allow us to build a very competitive commercial EV story." Despite buying financially wrought startups, Mullen has had plenty of financial troubles itself, with its stock declining over 93 percent in the last year. The automaker's share price is 50 cents. *Source: Automotive News*

Quadrac names David Wells Chief Operating Officer

Quadrac Inc. has recently announced that David Wells is assuming the role of chief operating officer (COO), effective immediately. Wells, a 25-year mainstay in the truck and off-road accessory aftermarket, had been the company's chief business development officer. "David is passionate about creating an engaging and rewarding workplace experience, and his drive consistently delivers results," said Ted Wentz III, Quadrac CEO. "He brings a wealth of experience, capability and energy to his new role and I'm confident his leadership will motivate and inspire teams across the company." As COO, Wells assumes primary responsibility for the overall business operations of Quadrac and will work with other senior leaders to implement the strategic vision and values of the company. He will also be responsible for planning, managing and overseeing the operations, wholesale, marketplace and fulfillment divisions. "Value-based companies are what is most important to me," Wells said. "Building and selling products that the customer sees and feels are a value for the purchase price. Often, companies focus on immediate sales and numbers to achieve budgeted goals rather than building value-based products that impress the consumer. Do that, and your future months and quarters will reflect the sales and margins you deserve, not what you say you deserve." Wells brings nearly three decades of truck and aftermarket accessory experience to his new role, with time spent both at long-established companies and enterprises he founded and led. Prior to joining Quadrac, Wells oversaw the development of a new





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fleet and upfitter truck center for the Ken Garff Automotive Group, a four-billion-dollar dealership network based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Wells also spent 10 years with Truck Hero as executive vice president of multiple company divisions, managing numerous brands and launching dozens of new products in the automotive aftermarket. Before being acquired by Truck Hero, Wells was president and one of the original founders of UnderCover Inc., the largest manufacturer of ABS Tonneau covers. *Source: Aftermarket News*

MPA Promotes Ron Aparicio to VP of Traditional Sales

Motorcar Parts of America (MPA) has announced the promotion of Ron Aparicio to vice president of traditional sales. Aparicio previously served as assistant vice president of traditional sales. Earlier, he served as director of traditional sales, joining the company in 2019 as director of retail sales. He has served as chairman of the California Arizona and Nevada Automotive Wholesaler's Association (CAWA) and is currently on the board of the Automotive Sales Council. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Ford-, VW-backed Argo AI to shut down

Self-driving startup Argo AI will shut down operations and its employees and parts will be absorbed by its main backers, Ford Motor Co. and Volkswagen Group, TechCrunch reported on Wednesday, citing people familiar with the matter. Argo employees were told that some of them would receive offers from the two automakers, TechCrunch said, adding that it was not clear how many employees would go to Ford, Volkswagen, or lose their jobs. Argo AI declined to comment. Ford did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment, but in its third-quarter report said Argo AI "had been unable to attract new investors." Ford said it recorded a \$2.7 billion non-cash, pretax impairment on its investment in Argo AI, which led to it taking a \$827 million net loss for the third quarter. Argo AI in July said it had laid off about 150 employees as it made adjustments to its business plans. It still had over 2,000 employees globally after the job cuts. Started in 2016, Pittsburgh-based Argo AI was developing the technology behind driverless vehicles. It had raised at least \$3.6 billion in investments, mainly from Ford and Volkswagen. *Source: Automotive News*

Josh Gordon Promoted to CEO of Spectra Premium

Spectra Premium Mobility Solutions has announced that Josh Gordon, who was previously president and chief operating officer of Spectra, has been appointed as president and CEO, effective immediately. Gordon joined Spectra in November 2021 and brings a wealth of experience in the automotive industry, with previous leadership roles at Fram Group and Old World Industries, as well as a rich commercial background in consumer products. Denis Chabot, Spectra's previous CEO is retiring but will remain closely involved with Spectra as a board member and senior advisor. "We are excited about all the positive momentum at Spectra Premium, which continues with the appointment of Josh as the new CEO. Josh is a proven leader in the industry, and we are confident that he will drive Spectra's future success," said Ilya Koffman, chairman of the Board at Spectra Premium Mobility Solutions. "We would also like to thank Denis for all his contributions to Spectra Premium and look forward to continuing to work with him in his role as a member of the board of directors." "Josh is the perfect person to lead Spectra forward. He has the right combination of experience, leadership, and temperament to realize Spectra's full potential," added Chabot. "I am excited to continue my engagement with this great team and this great business." Gordon will be leading the business transformation that started last November upon Spectra's acquisition by Turnspire Capital Partners. "Spectra Premium's primary objectives are to optimize our unique North American manufacturing capabilities, as well as our superior engineering expertise, to reduce supply chain risks and grow product categories for our valued customers," said Gordon. "With a healthy balance sheet, we have invested in improved service levels through inventory availability, production improvements and talent upgrades in key positions, all of which will enable us to serve our current and future aftermarket and OE customers." In addition to changes in executive leadership, new talent has been added to Spectra's Aftermarket and OE teams in recent weeks. Each of these new members will bring a fresh perspective to the team as well as further expertise and experience that will strengthen Spectra's value proposition. Below are a few of the exciting additions: Erich Schmidt – senior director, Aftermarket Sales; Simon Weallans – senior director, OE Sales; Jessica Hyde – marketing director; Scott Nash – category and product management director. Spectra Premium will continue to be a trusted partner in providing heat transfer, undercar, engine management and metal fabrication solutions that exceed the expectations of the market. Spectra has unique capabilities as a North American manufacturer as well as a management team and dedicated employees that are working together to deliver the same OE quality parts and category expertise that have made Spectra Premium a market leader. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Northwood Names New University of The Aftermarket Director

An accomplished high-performing executive with over 30 years of leadership experience has been named Northwood University's new executive director of the University of the Aftermarket. "We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Thomas L. Litzinger as the new leader of the University of the Aftermarket, which is an integral part of the North American aftermarket," stated Kristin Stehouwer, academic vice president and provost of Northwood University. Through the support of the University of the Aftermarket Foundation and other industry stakeholders, the University of Aftermarket provides industry-specific professional development to those working in the industry. Litzinger is no stranger to Northwood, as he earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration here, and his master of science degree in organizational leadership from the DeVos Graduate School of Management. He also participated in Leadership 2.0, an executive training program through the University of Aftermarket. "I have an extreme passion for Northwood and the Aftermarket, and I am looking forward to promoting our University and all facets of our industry," Litzinger stated. "I am honored to join the Northwood family and to renew and strengthen previous relationships, and to create new relationships on





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behalf of Northwood University and our amazing industry.” University of the Aftermarket educational programs are offered on campus in the Sloan Family Building for Aftermarket Studies, a state-of-the-art classroom facility on Northwood University’s residential campus in Midland, Michigan. Classes also are offered online, and the University of Aftermarket collaborates with companies, associations, and groups throughout the motor vehicle aftermarket to create custom industry-specific educational programs. Through a partnership with Northwood University, the University of the Aftermarket offers online university-level classes on a variety of business topics. These classes are the exact same classes offered to Northwood University undergraduate students and are taught by Northwood faculty. It is a convenient way for professionals to improve their skills while earning continuing education credits toward their Automotive Aftermarket Professional (AAP), Master Automotive Aftermarket Professional (MAAP), or Automotive Content Professional (ACP) professional designation. Prior to this appointment, Litzinger has served as a fleet relationship manager for Belle Tire Distributors Inc., as well as an automotive and heavy duty aftermarket adjunct professor for the Adult Degree Program at Northwood University. Previously, he served as senior director of business development for MAS Industries; senior vice president of sales and operations at Advanced Innovative Technologies/Trakmotive; and executive director of Motown Automotive Distributing Inc. After he received his master’s degree, he went on to earn his doctorate in education from Liberty University. *Source: Aftermarket News*

Adient Names Jerome Dorlack EVP & CFO

Adient, a global automotive seating provider, announced that Jerome Dorlack, Adient’s current executive vice president, Americas, and an automotive industry veteran, will be appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer (CFO), effective Dec. 1. Dorlack’s appointment follows Jeff Stafeil’s decision to resign from his role as Adient’s executive vice president and CFO, effective Nov. 30. With Dorlack’s appointment, Jim Conklin will become the executive vice president, Americas, also effective Dec. 1. “Jerome has been a key member of our leadership team and we are fortunate to have someone of his caliber step into the CFO role,” said Doug Del Grosso, Adient’s president and CEO. “Additionally, Jim’s long tenure and deep knowledge of our business make him ideally positioned to lead our Americas region. As a result of our leading market position, leadership depth and talented employees, I believe that Adient is strongly positioned to continue driving value for all of our stakeholders.” “On behalf of the entire team, I would like to thank Jeff for his commitment and many contributions to Adient,” continued Del Grosso. “Since joining the company in 2016, Jeff has been a valuable member of our management team and a key contributor to Adient’s success. We wish him well in his future endeavors.” “It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated and talented team,” said Stafeil. “I look forward to a smooth transition and am confident Adient is well-positioned for the future.” Conklin has been with Adient in various roles of increasing responsibility since October 2000, most recently serving as Adient’s vice president, North Americas operations. Jerome Dorlack has served as Adient’s executive vice president, Americas, since 2019. Dorlack previously served as vice president and chief purchasing officer of Adient from 2018 to 2019. Prior to joining Adient, he served as senior vice president and president, electrical distribution system and president, South America of Aptiv plc from 2017 to 2018, and vice president, powertrain systems and general manager, global powertrain products of Delphi Automotive plc from 2016 to 2017. Prior to that, Dorlack served as executive vice president global procurement of ZF Friedrichshafen from 2015 to 2016, and vice president, global purchasing, supplier development and logistics of ZF Friedrichshafen from 2013 to 2015. *Source: Aftermarket News*

