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## FORVIA Technology & Customer Center opens in Hanover

After Faurecia's acquisition of Hella in February and the combination of the technological and industrial strengths of both companies, FORVIA is now the world's seventh-largest automotive supplier. Today, after two years of construction, the new Technology & Customer Center in Hanover Marienwerder was officially inaugurated together with representatives from politics and business, including Lower Saxony's Minister of Economic Affairs Dr Bernd Althusmann, Anja Ritschel (Head of Economic Affairs of the City of Hanover) and VDA Managing Director Andreas Rade.

**Patrick Koller, CEO of Faurecia:** "I am impressed by the work that has been done during the last two years to build this modern and sustainable work environment. Thanks to its location in the highly dynamic Science Area 30X business and science park and its immediate proximity to important education and research partners such as Leibniz University Hannover, the new site is perfectly positioned to attract talent and become a global innovation hub. It will play an important role in the development of automotive technologies of the future and thus in our plan to drive forward the further transformation of mobility as the FORVIA Group. It is also a clear commitment to Germany as a business location where Faurecia and Hella are present with more than 13.000 employees at over 40 sites. At the same time, the newly built site underlines our strong ties with German customers."

**Minister of Economic Affairs Dr Bernd Althusmann:** "Every second car produced worldwide is equipped with Forvia products. The fact that a global high-tech group has chosen Hanover as the location for its new Technology & Customer Center is an important and clear signal for the automotive industry in Lower Saxony."

The new building in the Science Area 30X in Hanover combines the former research and development activities of Faurecia Seating in Stadthagen with those of Faurecia Interiors in Peine as well as all functions of the German Faurecia Holding (Faurecia Automotive GmbH). The site employs 850 people.

### Modern and sustainable working environment

The building, designed in a modern campus style, brings together different working concepts and ecological aspects: Open-space offices, an in-house think tank ("Fabulous Laboratory") and a "working café" establish a working environment that fosters creativity and communication. All development steps of product creation up to series production are bundled at the location. High-tech validation facilities support this process, including a new crash facility, robot testing, acoustic/climate chambers, 6-axis shakers and 360 degree photography.

The ecologically sustainable construction of the Technology & Customer Center is confirmed by the DGNB Platinum Certificate, which was presented to the company today at the opening. The certificate evaluates building projects under various aspects and serves as a transparent quality control.

**Images:**

Picture 1: Opening speech - Patrick Koller (CEO Faurecia)

Picture 2: Ribbon cutting – from left to right

- **Murat Aksel** (Member of the Brand Board Volkswagen Passenger Cars, Procurement Division, Member of the Group Board of Management for Purchasing Volkswagen AG)
- **Anja Ritschel** (Head of Department for Economic and Environmental Affairs, City of Hanover)
- **Dr. Bernd Althusmann** (Lower Saxony Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour, Transport and Digitalisation and Deputy Minister President)
- **Patrick Koller** (Faurecia CEO)
- **Andreas Rade** (VDA Managing Director Politics & Society)
- **Gregor Baum** (Managing Director BAUM Group)
- **Johannes Kreißig** (Executive Director DGNB e.V. / Managing Director DGNB GmbH)

Picture 3: Exterior view of FORVIA Technology & Customer Center Hanover

Picture 4: Presentation of the DGNB certificate by – from left to right

- **Christian Beer** (Managing Director Faurecia Seating GmbH)
- **Gregor Baum** (Managing Director BAUM Group)
- **Johannes Kreißig** (Managing Director DGNB e.V. / Managing Director DGNB GmbH)
- **Gregor Knauer** (Managing Director Faurecia Interior Systems GmbH)

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Founded in 1997, Faurecia has grown to become a major player in the global automotive industry. With 266 industrial sites, 39 R&D centres and 114,000 employees in 35 countries, Faurecia is a global leader in its four areas of business: seating, interiors, Clarion Electronics and clean mobility. The Group's strong technological offering provides carmakers with solutions for the cockpit of the future and sustainable mobility. In 2020, the Group reported total turnover of €14.7 billion. Faurecia is listed on the Euronext Paris market and is a component of the CAC Next 20 index. [www.faurecia.com](http://www.faurecia.com)

**About FORVIA**

FORVIA comprises the complementary technology and industrial strengths of Faurecia and HELLA. With over 300 industrial sites and 77 R&D centers, 150,000 people, including more than 35,000 engineers across 40+ countries, FORVIA provides a unique and comprehensive approach to the automotive challenges of today and tomorrow. Composed of 6 business groups with 24 product lines, and a strong IP portfolio of over 14,000 patents, FORVIA is focused on becoming the preferred innovation and integration partner for OEMS worldwide. FORVIA aims to be a change maker committed to foreseeing and making the mobility transformation happen. [www.forvia.com](http://www.forvia.com)