

## Dr Stefan Knirsch Is New Board Member For Technical Development At Audi Ag

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Dr. Stefan Knirsch (49) will become the new Member of the Board of Management for Technical Development at AUDI AG. This was decided upon by the Supervisory Board in its meeting on Thursday. Knirsch will take over this position as of January 1, 2016.

“Stefan Knirsch has a broad experience of the automotive industry, and not only from the perspective of a car manufacturer, but also of a supplier. These are excellent qualifications for his new task,” stated Matthias Müller, new Supervisory Board Chairman at Audi.

Audi Board of Management Chairman Rupert Stadler values Knirsch as a proven automotive specialist: “Stefan Knirsch has a good knowledge of the Group and of Technical Development at Audi. We know him as a creative and visionary man of action. With him, we will make a strong new start in this challenging situation.”

Stefan Knirsch came to Audi's Engine Development department as a young engineer in 1990. In 1996, he moved to Porsche AG as a project manager, where he worked as head of base engine development from 2001 onwards.

After gaining a doctor's degree at the Institute for Materials Technology of the University of Magdeburg in 2006, he took over the position of head of aftersales in the sales department of Porsche AG in 2007. In 2010, he became head of the corporate quality department at Porsche. After that, Knirsch moved as CEO of the Board of Management of Pierburg GmbH to the automotive division of Rheinmetall. He returned to Audi in May 2013 and took over the position of Head of Powertrain.

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