

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Thomas Klukas joins Formel D as COO

Troisdorf, June 2, 2020. The Formel D Group expands its board: Effective June 1, 2020, Dr. Thomas Klukas has assumed the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the quality service provider in the automotive industry. With many years of international experience across a variety of managerial positions, the 55-year-old now heads the Group's operational division. From this point on, Formel D's executive management will consist of Dr. Jürgen Laakmann (CEO), Gian Mario Deligios (CFO), and Dr. Thomas Klukas (COO).

Formel D has grown strongly in recent years, expanding its service portfolio and entering new international markets. The number of employees has more than doubled over the past three years. With this new board structure the Group can place an even greater focus on optimizing processes, digitalizing services, and expanding its range of products.

Many years of experience in international managerial positions

For the past 14 years, Thomas Klukas was employed by SGS SA, a world leading product testing company headquartered in Geneva, holding various international managerial positions. With a PhD in industrial engineering, he was responsible for the Transportation division as a member of the board. Before this, Thomas Klukas held various senior management positions at DEKRA SE.

“As a leading provider in the Automotive Service industry, Formel D has developed strongly in recent years, offering future-oriented growth potential on an international level,” emphasizes Thomas Klukas. “I am really looking forward to my new challenge and hope that I can work with the Formel D team to help guide our global customers to success over the long term.”



“With his international experience and outstanding technical expertise, Thomas Klukas is the perfect fit for us. I look forward to working with him,” adds Dr. Jürgen Laakmann. The Formel D CEO can now focus on the Group’s strategic development, and remains responsible for the integration and development of newly acquired subsidiaries.

About Formel D

Formel D is a globally active service provider to the automotive and supply industry. The Group develops concepts and scalable solutions for quality assurance and process optimization along the entire automotive value chain – from product development and production to aftersales. Founded in 1993 in Troisdorf near Cologne, Formel D now employs over 12,000 associates and is present across the globe with more than 90 locations in 22 countries. The Formel D Group’s subsidiaries include CPS Quality, Formel K GmbH, and Vdynamics GmbH.

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