

## Media Release

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### **AUTOSAR appoints a new chairman and a deputy-chairman**

The AUTOSAR (AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture) development partnership appointed Kenji Hontani as the new chairman and Rinat Asmus as the new deputy-chairman. Additionally, Christian Nickl is selected as the new speaker of the AUTOSAR Project Leader Team. Their terms of office run for twelve months from January to December 2020.

Kenji Hontani is an active member of the AUTOSAR steering committee representing Toyota Motor Corporation. He is responsible for vehicle software development at TMC and has represented TMC in AUTOSAR in various working groups. Formerly, he was part of the AUTOSAR Project Leader Team. In his new position, Kenji Hontani will oversee administration, finances, internal coordination and AUTOSAR business development for his term of office. He follows Michael Niklas, Head of Software Standards at Continental AG.

“First, I would like to thank Michael Niklas for his remarkable commitment during his term of office,” said Kenji Hontani. “Safety and security play a key role in the continuous improvement of the quality and features of both Classic and Adaptive Platform. With the next joint releases of all AUTOSAR platforms, we want to further strengthen the safety and security aspects so that the application of the standard, and its integration as a worldwide standard, successfully continues.”

Kenji Hontani is currently engaged in the pre-development of architectures for high-performance ECUs. From 2014 to 2017 he was temporary transferred to Toyota Motor Europe NV/SA and participated in AUTOSAR as a Project Leader, where he took over the role as a coach for security and system test working packages. He started his career at Toyota Motor Corp. in 2004 with electronic architecture, mainly gateway ECU and AUTOSAR software deployment. In 2002, he graduated from Osaka University with a degree in Information Systems Engineering.

Rinat Asmus holds a master’s degree in mechanics, robotics and automation engineering from the University of Applied Science in Würzburg-Schweinfurt and joined BMW in 2009. Since then, he has been engaged in positions as Software Architect, Electronic Engineer and AUTOSAR Project Leader. In 2020, Rinat Asmus takes over the role as AUTOSAR Steering Committee member representing BMW. His perspective is to enable AUTOSAR standardization as a comprehensive foundation and reusable baseline for ECU series development.

“I am looking forward to strategically contributing to the next steps of the AUTOSAR organization as deputy-chairman”, said Rinat Asmus. “The AUTOSAR software platforms, as the backbone of onboard vehicle E/E architectures, will tackle the next levels of automated driving and broader connectivity requirements. Therefore, it is more important than ever to find technical compatibility and an efficient international collaboration with other standards and technologies.”

In addition, Christian Nickl from Continental AG, who is working in the AUTOSAR Project Leader Team, is the new Speaker of the PL Team. As Speaker, he will support the Steering Committee and communicate internally as well as externally on behalf of the Project Leader Team to improve the quality and features of the AUTOSAR platforms.

#### **About AUTOSAR (AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture)**

AUTOSAR (AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture) is a global development partnership of car manufacturers, suppliers and other companies from the electronics, semiconductor and software industries. Since 2003, they have been working on the development and introduction of several open, standardized software platforms for the automotive industry. By simplifying replacement and update for software and hardware, the AUTOSAR approach forms the foundation for reliably controlling the growing complexity of electronic and software systems in today's and future vehicles. In addition, AUTOSAR improves cost efficiency by enabling its partners to cooperate in a competitive way. The "Core Partners" of AUTOSAR are the BMW Group, Bosch, Continental, Daimler, Ford, General Motors, the PSA Group, Toyota and the Volkswagen Group. In addition to these companies, more than 270 partners play an important role in the success of the partnership and can use the standards free of charge.

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