

Election of a new Board of Directors for the next three years

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Brussels, 11 December 2024 - ADPA General Assembly has appointed a new Board, representing the diversity of the publishers of technical information used for the servicing of vehicles and the maintaining of their safety and of their environmental performance, over their lifetime, in a reliable and affordable way.

ADPA Members have elected today the members of the Board of the association, who will be in charge of its daily operations for the next three years:

- Michael Pedersen, Managing Director at Hella Gutmann Solutions A/S, as President;
- Matthew Wright, Director OEM Relations & Information Insight at ALLDATA Europe GmbH, as Vice-President;
- Patrick Lo Pinto, Chief Executive Officer at Tekné Consulting srl, as Treasurer;
- Dennis de Buck, Executive Vice President Technical Data Products at TecAlliance GmbH, as Board Member;
- Michael Krampe, Global Sales Director -Key Accounts- at InfoPro Digital Automotive SAS, as Board Member.

Michael Pedersen, ADPA President, commented: "I feel humbled twice. First, because ADPA Members have entrusted us with the conducting of our vibrant association for the next three years. By doing so, they confirmed our assessment and shared our vision on how the independent automotive aftermarket can contribute to the safety, sustainability and affordability of road mobility if not hinged by undue monopolies put in place by powerful market players. Second, because succeeding to Ralf Pelkmann, who has successfully accompanied and directed ADPA during near a decade is not an easy task. He has been instrumental in enabling our still young association to grow and to become a leading voice of the automotive aftermarket. He leaves us a sound and strong legacy upon which we can build to protect ever further our companies and our customers, and we are deeply grateful for this precious contribution over the last years."

Matthew Wright, ADPA Vice-President, added: "This is the beginning of a new cycle for ADPA. With the new European Commission and the new European Parliament, the momentum is right to push for better legislation enabling consumers to choose the workshop of their choice to get their vehicles serviced. This imperative social need will remain a reality only if legislation ensures that these workshops and the value chain providing them with relevant inputs can access the increasingly complex and diverse technical information and data which are needed to service increasingly sophisticated vehicles and vehicles' components."

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ADPA, the European Automotive Data Publishers Association, aims to ensure fair access to automotive data and information needed for the repair and maintenance of the 280 millions vehicles on European roads, contributing to their continuous roadworthiness over their lifetime. Its members design and provide competitive, innovative and multibrand solutions to operators of the automotive aftermarket. Founded in 2016 and based in Brussels, ADPA is a Member of AFCAR, the Alliance for the Freedom of Car Repair in the European Union, and FAAS, the Forum for Automotive Aftermarket Sustainability.