

## NEW MANAGEMENT AT ITALDESIGN GIUGIARO

- **Italian designer Walter de Silva nominated President of the Board of Directors**
- **Jörg Astalosch is the new Chief Executive Officer**
- **Filippo Perini nominated responsible for design**

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Since September 2015 Walter de Silva is the President of Italdesign Giugiaro. De Silva will also remain Head of Group Design of the Volkswagen Group.

At the same time Jörg Astalosch becomes Chief Executive Officer.

Astalosch has been working for the Volkswagen Group since 1988; in 2004 moved to Audi where he worked in the Finance and Control department of Audi of America. From 2012 to 2014 he was CFO of MAN and then he worked again directly for Volkswagen Group's Supervisory Board Chairman.

Filippo Perini will be responsible of design, after a significant experience as Director of the Automobili Lamborghini Centro Stile.

## **WALTER MARIA DE SILVA - BIO**

Walter Maria de Silva was born on February 27, 1951 in Lecco, Italy.

His long automotive career began in 1972 at Fiat Design Centre in Turin, followed by a four-year experience, from 1975 to 1979, at Studio Bonetto in Milan. He subsequently joined and spent some seven years at the Institute Idea in Turin as Head of the Industrial Design and Automobiles Area.

By 1986, after a short stint working for "Trussardi Design Milano", de Silva was made in charge of the Alfa Romeo Design Centre in Milan, a role he maintained until the late 1990s.

In 1999 he was enrolled at SEAT as Head of the SEAT S. A. Design Centre. Since March 2002, de Silva has been responsible for design within the Audi brand group, comprising the brands Audi, Lamborghini and SEAT. He was appointed Head of Group Design for Volkswagen AG on February 2007 and since then he has assumed design responsibility for all brands within the Group.

On September 2015 he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Italdesign Giugiaro.

## **JÖRG ASTALOSCH - BIO**

Jörg Astalosch was born on April 30, 1972 in Germany. His career within the Volkswagen Group began in 1988 in Wolfsburg. After an Apprenticeship and Studies he worked in various roles in Procurement and General Management.

From 1999 he worked for the CEO of the Volkswagen AG, from 2002 for the Chairman of the Supervisory Board. In 2004 Astalosch was appointed Head of Controlling and Finance of Audi of America and Audi Canada; from 2007 he worked as a General Secretary to Prof. Rupert Stadler at AUDI AG. Later that year he started to work again for the Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

From 2012 to 2014 he was Chief Financial Officer at MAN Truck & BUS AG, Munich, where he was responsible for Controlling, Accounting, IT, Legal, Export Control & Foreign Trade Issues and Treasury. From mid 2014 to 2015 he worked again directly for Volkswagen Group's Supervisory Board Chairman. Starting from September 2015 he is Italdesign Giugiaro CEO.

## **FILIPPO PERINI – BIO**

Filippo Perini was born on April 13, 1965 in Piacenza (Northeastern Italy). From 1993 through to 1995 he worked as a freelance designer for Alfa Romeo, FIAT Auto, MET Helmets, Aprilia, BCS, Ferrari, Castoldi Jet, Cantieri Nautici, Off Corse and as a consultant for FAST (a Federation of Scientific and Technical Associations).

In 1995 he joined the Alfa Romeo Design Centre, where he worked on the interior and exterior design of GTV and Spider, as well as their Restyling versions, I56, I66, the concept car Nuvola and the SUV Kamal. In 2001 he was appointed Director of the Exterior Design of Alfa Romeo I59 and of the 8C Competizione concept car.

After two years, in 2003, he joined AUDI AG as Exterior Designer and the following year, 2004, was appointed Lamborghini Head of Exterior Design for projects such as Miura Concept, Murciélago LP 640, Murciélago LP 640 Roadster, Gallardo, Concept S. Since 2006 Filippo Perini is the Director of the Automobili Lamborghini Centro Stile, where he managed extremely successful projects such as Gallardo LP 570-4 Superleggera, Gallardo LP 570-4 Spyder Performante, Reventón and Aventador as well as new concept cars and advanced projects.

In September 2015 Filippo Perini is appointed Head of Styling at Italdesign Giugiaro.