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- **Olaf Bongwald, CEO Valmet Automotive Group**
- Olaf Bongwald has been appointed CEO of the Valmet Automotive Group in July 2018. Since then, the top manager has been driving the transition of Valmet Automotive from a vehicle contract manufacturer into a leading European manufacturer of electric vehicle battery systems and automotive kinematic systems (including electric vehicle charging flaps and active spoilers).
- Bongwald joined Valmet Automotive from American Axle. There, the mechanical engineer was president of AAM Driveline Europe and in this role had global responsibility for the Global Electric Drive and Hybrid Drive divisions. Prior to that, he worked for Magna for 18 years and held various leadership positions there. Bongwald held responsibility for Magna Electronics worldwide and was a member of the leadership team at Magna Powertrain.



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Manuel Ötsch, Vice President Operations EV Systems (EVS), Valmet Automotive

- Manuel Ötsch joined Valmet Automotive in February 2021. In his role as Managing Director Plant Kircharadt, Ötsch was responsible for the establishment and running of Valmet Automotive's first battery plant in Germany. In October 2022, Ötsch has been appointed as Vice President, EV Operations. In this role he is leading all EV plants of Valmet Automotive. Before joining Valmet Automotive Manuel Ötsch worked for the Motherson Group for eight years, where he managed various plants in Germany, the USA and Eastern Europe. Prior to that, the mechanical and automation engineer spent 12 years at Magna Mirrors, where he held various management positions in logistics and plant management.



Cahit Aksoy, Managing Director Battery Plant Kircharadt, Valmet Automotive

- Cahit Aksoy joined Valmet Automotive in July 2021. In his role as Production Director Plant Kircharadt, Aksoy was responsible for the establishment and running of Valmet Automotive's first battery production in Germany. In October 2022, Aksoy has been appointed as Managing Director, Plant Kircharadt. In this role he is leading all plant activities of Valmet Automotive in Kircharadt. Before joining Valmet Automotive Cahit Aksoy worked for Mahle, Valeo and Enayati for 31 years, where he held various management positions in quality and plant management.

