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## ŠKODA AUTO gains additional capacity within VOLKSWAGEN Group's production network

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- › The extra capacity will be used to build additional cars of the popular ŠKODA KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs and for another ŠKODA model
- › Production of the highly profitable flagship SUV, the KODIAQ, and its successors will remain at the Czech plant in Kvasiny
- › ŠKODA AUTO will also be developing the next-generation SUPERB in Mladá Boleslav
- › Following India, the Czech brand now also has Group responsibility for the growth markets of Russia and North Africa

Mladá Boleslav, 13 November 2020 – ŠKODA AUTO is to gain additional capacity within VOLKSWAGEN Group's production network. By relocating the manufacture of the next-generation SUPERB from the Czech plant in Kvasiny to Bratislava in Slovakia, ŠKODA AUTO will free up the capacity in the Czech Republic required for the brand's plans for growth. The extra capacity will be used to build additional cars of the popular ŠKODA KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs and for another ŠKODA model. In this regard, it was decided that the next generation of the ŠKODA KODIAQ would continue to be produced in Kvasiny. The development of the next-generation SUPERB will remain with ŠKODA AUTO in the Czech Republic too. Following India, ŠKODA AUTO has now also been given responsibility for Russia and North Africa. Due to the INDIA 2.0 project, ŠKODA AUTO has a wealth of experience in developing emerging car markets.

ŠKODA AUTO CEO, Thomas Schäfer, said: "We welcome the decisions on the Group's planning regarding plant occupancy. It will provide us with the additional capacity in the Czech Republic that ŠKODA so urgently needs for growth. We have thus set the course for our brand's expansion while remaining highly profitable. I think it's an important sign that ŠKODA will also be assuming even more responsibility within VOLKSWAGEN Group. In addition to the region of India, we will also be managing the growth markets in Russia and North Africa. The fact that we've been entrusted with these tasks highlights the level of trust that VOLKSWAGEN Group's management places in the expertise of the ŠKODA team."

ŠKODA AUTO has been looking for additional production capacity for some time now. Relocating the manufacture of the next-generation SUPERB from Kvasiny to Bratislava in 2023 will enable ŠKODA AUTO to grow further. The relocation has been brought about by what the Group refers to as 'plant occupancy planning'. The concept defines at Group level which models are built in which plant. In addition to 'moving' the SUPERB to Bratislava, the plan also sets out that production of the brand's highly profitable flagship SUV, the KODIAQ, and its successor will remain in Kvasiny.

ŠKODA AUTO currently produces the ŠKODA KODIAQ and ŠKODA KAROQ SUVs as well as the SUPERB and the SUPERB IV plug-in hybrid at its Kvasiny plant. The availability of extra capacity will enable the company to increase the production numbers of both of these SUVs, which are in great



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demand, and to build another ŠKODA model at the site. What's more, customers will benefit from the overall increase in production capacity as they will be presented with shorter lead times.

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The ŠKODA SUPERB will be manufactured at the VOLKSWAGEN plant in Bratislava from 2023. ŠKODA AUTO will use the extra capacity in Kvasiny for building the brand's successful SUVs. The increase in production capacity will present customers with shorter lead times.

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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › is this year celebrating 125 years since the company was founded during the pioneering era of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car manufacturers in the world.
- › currently offers its customers ten passenger-car series: the CITIGO® iV, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ and ENYAQ iV.
- › delivered 1.24 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2019.
- › has been part of VOLKSWAGEN Group since 1991. VOLKSWAGEN Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs approximately 42,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer into the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.