



Press Release

Clement de Valon appointed new Executive Vice President of the Independent Aftermarket at TMD Friction

Clement de Valon has been on board at TMD Friction since September.

As of 1 October, 2019, he will assume responsibility of the global aftermarket business.

Leverkusen, 8th of October 2019. Effective 1 October 2019, Clement de Valon, 46, will be responsible for the Independent Aftermarket at TMD Friction, one of the world's leading brake pad manufacturers. He takes over from David Baines, who was appointed CEO and President of TMD Friction Group on 1st August. In his role, de Valon will report directly to Baines. "I'm really looking forward to this exciting new challenge", says de Valon. "The automotive business is facing fundamental changes in terms of mobility, technology and the environment, and our team's goal is to further strengthen TMD Friction's position as a strong and sustainable partner for all our aftermarket customers."

Clement de Valon has many years of aftermarket expertise. In recent years he has held various management positions at the automotive suppliers Valeo and Garrett, and over the course of more than 24 years he has built up extensive know-how in this business in sales, marketing and general management. During his 17 years with Valeo his focus was always on the independent aftermarket. In his most recent role with the company, he was responsible for global activities for IAM wiper blades. After Valeo, de Valon moved on to Garrett in 2012, where he managed the global turbocharger aftermarket business until 2019.

De Valon has a deep understanding of international sales and intercultural cooperation. In the course of his previous activities, he was in direct contact with aftermarket customers in more than 100 countries around the world – all while leading sales & marketing teams on five different continents.



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TMD Friction, a wholly owned subsidiary of Nisshinbo Holdings Inc., is a leading global manufacturer of brake pads for the automotive and brake industries. In addition to disc and drum brake pads for cars and commercial vehicles, the company's product portfolio also includes brake pads for motor racing and industry-specific friction materials. TMD Friction supplies the worldwide spare parts market with the brands Textar, Nisshinbo, Mintex, Don, Pagid and Cobreq. Under the brand names Cosid and Dynotherm, TMD Friction also develops and produces friction pads for industry-specific applications. The TMD Friction Group has four locations in Germany and further locations in Europe, the US, Brazil, Mexico, China, Japan and South Africa. It employs approximately 4,700 people worldwide. More information is available at www.tmdfriction.com.

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