

## **Calsonic Kansei Appoints Andy Koehler as Chief Procurement Officer**

*Purchasing and supply chain veteran joins to amplify speed, agility and cost-effectiveness*

SAITAMA, Japan – September 3, 2018 – Calsonic Kansei, a leading global manufacturer of automotive parts, today announced the appointment of Andy Koehler as Chief Procurement Officer, effective September 1 2018. Mr. Koehler will be based in Japan, and will report directly to Calsonic Kansei CEO, Beda Bolzenius.

As Chief Procurement Officer, Mr. Koehler will be responsible for the execution of Calsonic Kansei's global procurement and sourcing strategy. Working closely with Tsukasa Fujii, who continues in his role as Calsonic Kansei's Chief Competitive Officer (CCO), Mr. Koehler's role will be critical in further developing the company's cost efficiency, agility, and speed in taking products to market.

Beda Bolzenius, CEO, Calsonic Kansei, said "Mr. Koehler has an extremely strong track record in defining and implementing innovative purchasing and supply chain management strategies, which lead to tangible results. With his breadth of experience working in the automotive supply, sports, and consumer goods industries, we believe that Mr. Koehler's knowledge will help Calsonic Kansei solidify its position as a competitive, global leader."

Mr. Koehler joins Calsonic Kansei from his position as Founder and CEO of start-up company ART Carbon International. Prior to this, Mr. Koehler was Chief Operating Officer at Puma, after moving from Adidas where he served as Head of Global Sourcing in Hong Kong. Mr. Koehler started his career in the automotive supply industry, spending two decades at companies including Eaton and Siebe Fluid Systems as Managing Director, TRW Automotive as Director of Strategic Sourcing, and Johnson Controls International as Vice President Purchasing for Europe, Africa and South America.

Mr. Koehler said, "I'm extremely honored to join Calsonic Kansei and contribute to the success of "Compass 2021". Calsonic Kansei has tremendous potential to position itself as a global leader, and I am especially eager to be part of this exciting journey."

### **About Calsonic Kansei:**

Headquartered in Japan, Calsonic Kansei is a global automotive components manufacturer. Calsonic Kansei is an important partner to automotive manufacturers across the world and is proud to supply the world's leading automotive brands.

All Calsonic Kansei plants, including the Testing Research Center, R&D Center and Headquarters have obtained the ISO 14001 Environment Management System certification and all Calsonic Kansei plants have obtained the IATF 16949 Quality Management System certification for the automotive industry.

For additional information about Calsonic Kansei Corporation, please visit Calsonic Kansei's website at [www.calsonickansei.co.jp/english/index.html](http://www.calsonickansei.co.jp/english/index.html).

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