



Knut Hilles is the Senior Director for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer at Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations, LLC.

Volkswagen Chattanooga was established in 2010 as a greenfield-plant and is the only VW manufacturing plant in the US, home of the Passat Sedan, Atlas SUV family and starting in 2022 the electric ID.4.

Knut was part of the initial leadership team to build up the plant as Process Integration Officer “Production & Logistics”. He was promoted to CIO in 2013 and has held several Sales & IT leadership roles within the Volkswagen Group in Puebla (Mexico), Auburn Hills (Michigan) & Wolfsburg (Germany) since 1998.

The primary responsibilities for his office is the continued development & operations of an innovative, robust, and secure technology environment. He provides leadership for the Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT).

Additionally Knut he is responsible, in a matrix organization, for the IT Governance for all Volkswagen Group companies in the Region Americas.

He holds a Diploma (BSc) of Industrial Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Karlsruhe (Germany) and MBA from the Oakland University, MI. He also completed the Senior Executive Leadership programs from IESE Business School (USA) and TEC de Monterrey (Mexico).

He also serves on the Board of Trustees at the Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga.

