

GM Shuffles International Operations Management Team

General Motors is making top leadership changes in its International Operations management team to focus on China, the world's largest auto market.

Tim Lee will become chairman of GM China with responsibility for 12 joint ventures, two wholly owned foreign enterprises and more than 55,000 employees.

Lee has spent nearly four years in charge of GM's International Operations. He will continue in his role as executive vice president, Global Manufacturing.

Bob Socia, president of GM China, will continue to report to Lee.

Stefan Jacoby, most recently the CEO of Volvo Cars, will become executive vice president, Consolidated International Operations, leading the company's op-

erations in more than 100 countries and territories in Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East.

"Stefan is a great addition to an already strong team," said GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson. "We expect him to continue building on his record of delivering results in markets around the world."

In addition to running Volvo Cars, Jacoby's nearly 30-year career includes positions at Mitsubishi and several key jobs at Volkswagen. Jacoby reports to Akerson and began serving in his new post Aug. 5.

GM's customer focus and momentum are two reasons Jacoby said he is joining GM.

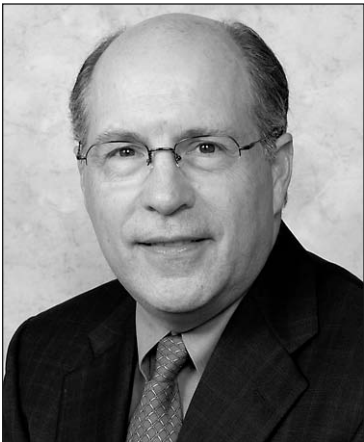
"I'm excited to join a company that's delivering beautiful, high-quality and fascinating vehicles

and is committed to improving the total customer experience," he said. "The GM team has plans to win in every market, and I'm eager to contribute."

In his role as executive vice president, Global Manufacturing, Lee has responsibility for manufacturing, labor and manufacturing engineering.

GM and its joint venture partners produce vehicles, engines, transmissions and components in 168 manufacturing plants in more than 30 countries on six continents.

"GM leads in the U.S. and China, the two most important auto markets in the world," said Akerson. "We are also in the midst of the most aggressive product roll-out in our history. Tim is critical to building on our success in Chi-



Tim Lee

na and to ensuring flawless vehicle launches around the globe."

Globally, GM will launch more than 60 vehicles in 2013-14.

Cosma's Millmun Takes Vari-Form Development Role

Dan Millmun has been named Business Development Director – China for Oakland County-based Vari-Form. In this role, Millmun is spearheading the development of new business opportunities throughout Asia.

"Mr. Millmun brings more than 30 years of industry knowledge to Vari-Form globalization initiatives," said Terry Nardone, head of Sales and Business Development. "His well-developed business and operational expertise has opened doors and built lasting relationships with partners in North America, China, Germany and Japan. These skills are of great value as we expand sourcing of our patented Pressure-Sequence Hydroforming technology among automotive manufacturers and suppliers in China, Asia and around the world."

Prior to joining Vari-Form, Millmun was director of Sales with the Cosma International Group of Magna International, where he specialized in working with both traditional and non-traditional customers, Nardone said. He is a graduate of the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario.

Applying its proprietary hydroforming process, Vari-Form is manufacturing engine cradles for two high-volume Chinese-built midsize sedans. The company has also announced an expanded relationship with Ultra Parts Inc., an exclusive supplier sales agency with offices in the U.S. and China.

Nardone said Vari-Form is also strengthening its European and Asia-Pacific businesses by pursuing merger, acquisition and strategic partnership opportunities on a number of global fronts.

Malibu Takes Home Top Safety Rating – This Time China

The 2013 Chevrolet Malibu midsize sedan is again scoring a top safety ranking, this time receiving a maximum five-star rating from the China New Car Assessment Program.

Malibu earlier received the highest ratings for safety in independent crash tests conducted in Europe, North America, South Korea and Australia, said Chad Lyons, GM Communications spokesperson for the Malibu and Impala. He added that the Malibu is engineered to meet occupant safety requirements of customers in more than 100 countries.

In the U.S., Malibu was the first 2013 midsize car to earn a 5-Star Overall Vehicle Score from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and a 2013 Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Both are the highest ratings possible, Lyons said.

The Malibu offers these standard and available safety features:

- Dual-stage driver and front passenger air bags;
- Pelvic/thorax side-impact air bags for all outboard occupants, front and rear;
- Driver and passenger knee air bags;
- Roof rail air bags with rollover protection;
- Available second-row head/thorax side-impact air bags;
- Available lane departure warning system with forward collision alert;
- Available rearview camera system.

In the event of a crash, Malibu provides a structure that is 20 percent stiffer than the model it replaced, Lyons said. It comprises 65 percent high-strength and ultra-high-strength steels, full-length frame rails, a reinforced safety cage and impact-absorbing crush zones.

This structure is designed to absorb the energy created in a crash and help preserve the structural integrity of the occupant compartment.

Malibu has three powertrains, including the Malibu Eco, which uses fuel-saving eAssist technology to enable EPA-estimated fuel economy of 25 city/37 highway. Malibu also offers a fuel-efficient and powerful Ecotec 2.5L four-

cylinder engine and an Ecotec 2.0L turbo that makes 259 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque, Lyons said.



2013 Malibu pictured with 10 standard air bags

Applebee's Gives to Wounded Warrior

The Wounded Warriors Project will be the beneficiary of a restaurant remodeling.

The Sterling Heights Applebee's restaurant at 16 Mile and Van Dyke is being entirely remodeled and everything is being sold from the dining room.

All the proceeds from the furnishings sale will be sent to the Wounded Warriors Project.

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