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Growth: ŠKODA's deliveries, sales revenue and operating profit increase in first quarter

- > **Record-breaking quarter: 265,100 ŠKODA deliveries (up 7.2%)**
- > **Sales revenue: €3.2 billion (up 6.3%)**
- > **Operating profit: €242 million (up 30.9%)**
- > **New era: New ŠKODA Superb is in the starting blocks**

Mladá Boleslav, 30 April 2015 – ŠKODA's growth has continued in the first quarter of 2015 with the company recording increases in deliveries, sales revenue and operating profit. The Czech brand sold more cars between January and March than ever before in the first three months of a year, delivering 265,100 vehicles (increase of 7.2%). Sales revenue increased in the same period by 6.3% to over €3 billion (€3.175 billion); operating profit by 30.9% to €242 million.

"ŠKODA's success has seamlessly continued from 2014 into the first quarter of 2015, says ŠKODA CEO Prof. Dr. h.c. Winfried Vahland. "The development of our sales figures and financial results in the first three months is a solid basis for the company's positive development in the future. 2015 remains a challenging year for the automotive industry; the situation on some markets is not yet showing any sign of improvement. We are continuing to focus on profitable growth, however, with our attractive model range."

ŠKODA's sales revenue rose sharply between January and March 2015 by 6.3% to €3.175 billion (first quarter of 2014: €2.986 billion). The operating profit increased 30.9% to €242 million (first quarter of 2014: €185 million). The operating margin reached 7.6% compared to 6.2% in the first quarter last year. The higher profitability was mainly due to positive volume and mix effects.

"ŠKODA grew profitably in the first quarter, strengthening their financial position and earnings potential," says ŠKODA Financial Director Winfried Krause. "Despite a challenging market environment and highly volatile foreign exchange rates, we continue to operate from a position of financial strength."



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ŠKODA AUTO Group – Key figures quarterly comparison, January to March 2015/2014:

	Units	January - March		2015/2014
		2015	2014	% Change*
Deliveries to customers (DTC)	Cars	265,100	247,200	+7.2
DTC without China	Cars	193,400	185,200	+4.5
Production	Cars	205,600	199,000	+3.3
Sales	Cars	216,800	214,000	+1.3
Sales revenue	Million EUR	3,175	2,986	+6.3
Operating profit	Million EUR	242	185	+30.9
Operating profit as % of sales revenue	%	7.6	6.2	-
Investments (w/o capitalized development costs)	Million EUR	68	73	- 6.8
Net liquidity	Million EUR	2,395	1,754	+36.5

* Deviations in the percentages are due to calculations using unrounded figures.

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New ŠKODA Superb in the starting blocks

ŠKODA continues to focus on profitable growth with their attractive model range. The new ŠKODA Superb will be available on the first markets in June.

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ŠKODA AUTO

- › is one of the longest-established vehicle production companies in the world. In 1895, the Czech headquarters in Mladá Boleslav began producing bicycles, followed by the production of motorbikes and cars.
- › currently has seven passenger car models: Citigo, Fabia, Roomster/Praktik, Rapid, Octavia, Yeti and Superb.
- › in 2014 delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide for the first time in a single year.
- › has belonged to Volkswagen since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful automotive groups in the world. ŠKODA, in association with the Group, independently manufactures and develops vehicles, as well as components, engines and gear transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic, produces in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan through local partners.
- › employs over 25,900 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.