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**2022 WORLD CAR PERSON OF THE YEAR
TOP FIVE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED TODAY**

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The World Car Awards five candidates for the **2022 World Car Person of the Year** were announced today.

To be eligible, award candidates must have made a significant contribution to the global automotive industry with global repercussions during the period January 1 to December 31, 2021 (not limited to one market or region). That contribution could include a significant impact to their brand or company, for example, or a significant safety, engineering, design or technical advancement or other significant benefit for the consumer.

This year's top five finalists represent the very best and most accomplished men and women in the industry, in very personal and different ways. Here they are, in alphabetical order:

Tata's **Shailesh Chandra**, Managing Director, Passenger Vehicle Business Unit, Tata Motors, has managed a remarkable turnaround for his brand in a highly challenging year. His electrification strategy is significant on an international scale, his products have been widely lauded for their advances in design and technology.

Hyundai Motor Group's Executive Vice President for Design and Chief Creative Officer **Luc Donckerwolke** has launched a number of highly innovative new models, including the Hyundai Ioniq 5, Genesis GV60 and Kia EV6. His restomod Pony and Grandeur models paid homage to the great and often neglected automotive heritage of Korea.

As creators and executive producers of the Netflix's Formula 1 Drive to Survive format, **James Gay-Rees and Paul Martin** - as a team - have done invaluable work to popularize Formula One and motorsports on a global scale.

Corvette's Executive Chief Engineer **Tadge Juechter** has overseen the launch of an entirely re-engineered, mid-engine Corvette, a vehicle that captures the imagination of enthusiasts globally like few others. Upcoming variations like the Z06 and a hybridised all-wheel drive version will push the proverbial envelope further.

Ford F-150 Lightning Chief Engineer **Linda Zhang** has led the development of the fully electric Ford F-150, a vehicle seen as pivotal in winning over truck buyers to electrification. The vehicle is brimming with new ideas and expected to act as a "game changer" for Ford and the entire industry.

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Previous World Car Person of the Year recipients were Akio Toyoda, President and CEO, Toyota Motor Corporation (2021), Carlos Tavares, CEO of PSA Group (2020), the late Sergio Marchionne, CEO, FCA; Chairman, CNH Industrial; and Chairman and CEO, Ferrari (2019) and Håkan Samuelsson, President and CEO, Volvo Car Group (2018).

The World Car Person of the Year award is just one of seven awards handed out annually by the World Car Awards. The awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace, as well as to recognize, reward and inspire excellence, leadership and innovation in a rapidly changing automotive industry.

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World Car Awards

It is the mission of the World Car Awards and its 100+ global jurors to recognize, reward and inspire automotive excellence, leadership and innovation in a rapidly changing automotive industry on a global scale.

To that end we test drive and evaluate new or fully redesigned vehicles that are for sale in multiple markets on more than one continent each year, voting to determine the World Car Design, World Luxury Car, World Performance Car, World Urban Car, World Electric Vehicle and World Car of the Year. Full vehicle eligibility requirements and our annual timeline can be found on our web site.

Now in their 18th year, the annual World Car Awards are the number one awards program in the world for the ninth consecutive year in terms of media reach and analysis of twenty-five top global markets in Cision Insight's 2021 media report.

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The awards are intended to complement, not compete, with existing national and regional Car of the Year programs.

New York International Auto Show

Owned and operated by the Greater New York Automobile Dealers Association, the New York Auto Show is an awesome combination of new ideas, technological innovation, exceptional concept cars and nearly 1,000 of the latest new cars and trucks. Over one million visitors are expected to visit the show this year to see what is truly possible from the automotive industry.

Important 2022 Auto Show Dates

Press Preview: April 13, 2022 (credentials required)

Public Sneak Preview: April 15, 2022

Public Show Date: April 15 – 25, 2022

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