



## **Dr. Dirk Abendroth**

**Chief Technology Officer, Continental Automotive** (starting January 1, 2019)

**Dr. Dirk Abendroth (43)** will become the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the future Continental Automotive group sector effective January 1, 2019. In this role, he will be responsible for the corresponding global research and development activities. The multi-award-winning development manager is an expert in the development of systems for automated driving, connected mobility and electric vehicle drives. In his role as CTO, Dirk Abendroth will function as the central contact for customers and business partners with regards to strategic technology and innovation in the Continental Automotive group sector.

In 2004, following his studies in electrical engineering and his subsequent dissertation at the Hamburg University of Technology, Dirk Abendroth started as a development engineer at BMW in Munich, where he held various management positions in the areas of powertrain strategy, powertrain design, benchmarking and prototypes from 2008 to 2011. From 2011 to 2014, he was in charge of the Software Development and System Integration of Electrified Powertrain division. In 2014 he became the head of electric powertrains, including those for the BMW i3 and i8 models.

Since 2016, Dirk Abendroth has been responsible for the Autonomous Driving and Powertrain units at Byton.