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Volkswagen Group achieves strong growth of nearly 50 percent to around 19,000 vehicles in India in 2008

Mumbai, January 16th, 2009 – The Volkswagen Group in India has closed the year 2008 with an impressive achievement. The three brands of the Group – Audi, Skoda and Volkswagen – delivered in total 18,725 vehicles to customers as compared to 12,718 cars sold in 2007, up by 6007 cars, taking the company's growth to a record of 47 percent.

"This achievement for the Volkswagen Group in India stands testimony to our success in the country since the start of our operations. It was an exciting year 2008 with launches of the Audi A4, Audi TT, Audi R8, the Skoda Fabia and the Volkswagen Jetta. In addition to that we have also successfully strengthened our dealership network for all three brands across the country and created a pan India presence. As a Group, we have become synonymous with cutting edge technology and engineering, comfort and safety which is what customers look for. This makes us more confident of our journey ahead and encourages us to move forward to realise our plans for the Indian market", said Mr. Joerg Mueller, President and Managing Director Volkswagen Group India.

The year 2008 has been quite rewarding for the Volkswagen Group as it has been honoured with some of the most prestigious awards in the auto fraternity

- the Skoda Fabia awarded the title of Car of the Year and Compact Car of the Year by CNBC-Overdrive
- the Volkswagen Jetta awarded the title of Executive Car of the Year by UTVi-Autocar and Premium Car of the Year by CNBC-Overdrive
- the Audi A4 awarded the title of Driver's Car of the Year by UTVi-Autocar and Performance Car of the Year by CNBC-Overdrive

Snapshot of sales achieved in India – 2008 v / s 2007

BRAND	2007	2008	Growth
Audi	349	1,050	201 %
Skoda	12,170	16,046	32 %
Volkswagen Passenger Cars	199	1,629	719 %
Total	12,718	18,725	47 %

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About Volkswagen Group: The Volkswagen Group with its headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany, is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers and the largest car producer in Europe. The Group consists of nine brands: Volkswagen, Audi, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Scania, SEAT, Skoda and Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. Each brand has its own character and operates as an independent entity on the market. The product range extends from low-consumption small cars to luxury class vehicles. In the commercial vehicle sector, the product offering spans pick ups, busses and trucks.

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