

Curriculum Vitae

Jean J. Botti

Jean Botti has been the Chief Technical and Innovation Officer at EADS N.V. – now Airbus Group¹ – since May 2006. He is currently also the Chairman of the EADS Corporate Foundation and, in the framework of 34 plans relating to the “New Industrial France” policy, manages the project for “electric aircraft”.

Jean Botti began his professional career at Renault in 1978 before joining the Chassis Engineering division of General Motors in the United States in 1989. Upon his return to France in 1992, he was appointed General Motors’ Director of European Engineering for chassis components. In 1997, he returned to the US to take over the reins of the Delphi Corporation’s Customer Solution Center, a position he held until 2002.



From 2002 to 2004, he managed the new corporate Dynamics, Propulsion and Thermal Innovation Center as the Chief Technical Officer. He rounded off his time at Delphi as the Director of the Powertrain Business Line, before taking up his position at EADS in 2006.

Botti holds 24 patents and four defensive publications for the work carried out over the course of his career, and he was also elected as a Delphi Hall of Fame fellow. Outside of Delphi, he holds a further 11 patents. Botti graduated from the National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA) in Toulouse in 1986, with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to pursue further studies in the United States, where he earned an MBA from Central Michigan University and a degree in Research and Development Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), both in 1991. Last but not least, he was awarded a PhD in mechanical engineering from the National Conservatory of Arts and Trades (CNAM), Paris in 1995, in collaboration with the University of Michigan.

Botti is involved with a number of research organisations. He was awarded honorary doctorates from Bath University in 2010 and Cardiff University in 2012, both in the UK. He also received the General Motors President’s Council Award in 1998, and was named a fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE).

Since 2014, Jean Botti is Senator of the German Academy of Science and Engineering, also known as acatech. He will henceforth advise the Academy on strategic matters. In 2013, Botti joined the French national Air and Space Academy, where he became a corresponding member of section II, “Applied Sciences and Air and Space Technology”. Since 2011, he has been an active member of the National Academy of Technologies of France, where he is regularly involved in discussions on better ways to put technology to use for the benefit of humankind. He provides important insights into new technologies, in particular on the Energy Committee, and actively contributes to reports produced by the academy to promote technology in training programmes. He was also elected to the European Research Area Board (ERAB) as the representative for aeronautics and space, and sits on the board of Onera, the French aerospace research lab. Finally, he is a member of the technical committee of the Federation of German Industries (BDI).

¹ The legal name change from EADS N.V. to Airbus Group is subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting.