Steven Armstrong is chairman, Ford of Europe effective April 1, 2019. In this role, Armstrong is responsible for overseeing key transformation projects and joint venture partner interactions for the region, as well as leading Ford’s engagement with European governments on key industry legislation and issues. He reports to Jim Farley, president of Ford Global Markets.

Prior to this position, Armstrong served as group vice president and president of Europe, Middle East and Africa since June 1, 2017, where he led the transformation of Ford’s European and Middle East and Africa business units.

Armstrong has also served on the Ford Sollers and Ford Otosan boards of directors since Oct. 1, 2016.

Previously, Armstrong was vice president and chief operating officer, Ford of Europe. In this position, he was responsible for many of Ford of Europe’s operations, including manufacturing, quality, product development, purchasing, sustainability, environment and safety engineering. Prior, he was president Ford South America responsible for all Ford South American operations since January 2014.

A native of the United Kingdom, Armstrong has worked in the United States, Sweden and Germany. He served as president, Ford Brazil, starting June 1, 2012, leading all aspects of Ford’s largest business unit in South America.

Armstrong also served as chief operating officer, Volvo Cars, where he oversaw the divestiture of Volvo Cars to Geely Automotive Holdings Ltd. Armstrong was responsible for major quality and cost improvements while chief operating officer of Volvo, and led the company’s development of the S60 and V60 vehicle lines.

During his more-than-25-year career, Armstrong has served in a variety of senior management and purchasing positions for Jaguar, Volvo, and Ford of Europe and served as chief operating officer of Getrag-Ford Transmissions.

He has been recognized with many awards, including being named a Eurostar by Automotive News in 2005 for improving supplier relations for Volvo.

Armstrong is based in Cologne, Germany. He has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of East London.