



## Newslines

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The Bric is crumbling.

Renault-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn said Russia's car market will probably shrink by another fifth this year, putting pressure on the alliance he leads after it teamed up with AvtoVAZ to strengthen its leading position in the country.

Renault and Opel/Vauxhall will step up their efforts this year to replace Ford as Europe's No. 2 brand by vehicle sales.

Ford fought off both rivals last year and industry watchers expect the automaker to finish 2015 in second place again but Renault, however, will replace Opel in the No. 3 spot, analysts at IHS Automotive predict.

The hunt for the UK's best young automotive apprentices commences on the 9 February, with the opening of online registrations for the 2015 IMI Skill Auto competition.

Young people will compete in the fields of Autobody, Autorefinishing and Autotech for a place at the Skill Auto final, which takes place at the Skills Show in November.

For the first time ever, the new Autogas approved conversion scheme provides drivers with a dedicated branded experience where they can expect to receive the highest levels of service and attention, including quality engine conversions by Autogas assessed engineers. Shell Drivers' Club and £50 worth of free fuel is also included in the conversion.

Top-level automotive journalists from all over the globe are now assessing potential frontrunners for the 2015 World Car Awards.



The annual Awards, of which Newspress is the official media partner, are extremely prestigious with 75 judges casting their votes for cars which must be sold on at least two continents and in at least five countries.

The new Superb comes to the UK in autumn.

The aim of ŠKODA's engineers and designers was to create a superior inner space, with a more modern, elegant and sophisticated look.

Hyundai Motor has unveiled its first hints about the design of the upcoming All-New Tucson, compact SUV, which will premiere at the 2015 Geneva Motor Show, on 3March.

Commenting on the All-New Tucson which will replace the iX35, Peter Schreyer, President and Chief Design Officer of Hyundai Motor Group, said, "Our new compact SUV will be a big step forward for the Hyundai brand globally."

This year's sell-out Fleet Show at Silverstone sponsored by Barclaycard in association with TMC has attracted a record number of vehicle manufacturers, including several who have never participated in the event before.

Newcomers to this year's Show on Tuesday 12 May include fleet market-leader, Ford Motor Company, and the Fiat Group, with its four main brands: Alfa Romeo, Chrysler, Jeep and Fiat itself.