

Grazia Vittadini

Chief Technology Officer of Rolls-Royce

Grazia Vittadini is the Chief Technology Officer of Rolls-Royce. She joined the company in November 2021.

She was formerly Chief Technology Officer for Airbus from 2018 to 2021.

Throughout her nearly 20-year career at Airbus, she progressed through different leadership roles, covering a broad range of operations, from Commercial Aircraft, Defence and Space to Technology and Innovation across the company. She complemented her technical profile with financial expertise, leading the company's worldwide Corporate Audit & Forensic team. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Airbus Executive Committee and to hold the title of Chief Technology Officer at Airbus.



Before joining Airbus as an A380 design engineer in 2002, she was part of the Italian team on the Eurofighter Consortium.

During her extensive career, Grazia has always led transnational teams around the globe, believing firmly that the best way to tackle industrial and technological complexity is by unleashing the full potential of individuals rooted in the principles of equality, diversity and inclusivity. Beyond her deep expertise in future mobility and aerospace (with a particular focus on sustainability and zero-emission drivers), she always maintained a forward-thinking and interdisciplinary approach, drawing on specialist fields such as AI and quantum technologies to leverage innovation and technological development.

In addition to her executive role, Grazia is also a member of the Siemens Supervisory Board and of the Senate of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. She also serves on the advisory board of The Exploration Company and of the DAER, the Department of Aerospace Science and Technology of Politecnico di Milano.

Grazia Vittadini was born in Italy and grew up between Milan and the USA. She holds a pilot's license and following her passion for aerospace and flying, she graduated in Aeronautical Engineering from the Politecnico di Milano where she specialized in Aerodynamics.

She was appointed Doctor in Science honoris causa by Cranfield University, and is Fellow of both the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Aeronautical Society.