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CHANDRA VASSER

Chandra Vasser is Chief Internal Audit Officer, Nissan Americas. She was appointed to this position in May 2025. In this role, Vasser is responsible for providing strategic direction for planning and implementing audits, reporting on audit findings, and making recommendations to senior management to manage risk, enhance operational efficiency and improve internal controls and governance processes.

Vasser began her career with Nissan in 2004 and has since served in a wide range of leadership roles. Most recently, she was vice president and chief diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) officer, Nissan Americas where she drove Nissan's inclusion strategies, while developing partnerships and plans to share the company's commitment with employees, customers and the community. Vasser also served as President of the Nissan Foundation, which annually awards grants to nonprofit organizations in support of innovative programming that breaks down societal barriers and builds inclusive communities. Prior to that, Vasser served in multiple director of finance roles, overseeing activities in the marketing & sales, aftersales, sales audit, quality, NMAC, remarketing and purchasing areas. She was also director of purchasing which included leadership of services procurement, administration and supplier diversity.

Externally Chandra serves as board chair of the Urban League of Middle TN and board member of the United Way of Greater Nashville and Center for Nonprofit Excellence of Middle TN. She is also a member of Leadership Nashville, Class of 2024 and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she serves as President of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter.

A certified public accountant, Vasser holds a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Tennessee State University and a master's in business administration from Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management. Chandra also completed the Fusion Leadership Development Circuit for Women and McKinsey Academy's Black Executive Leadership Program.

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Chandra has earned various honors. Most recently, she was named to the 2024 Essence Power 40 List, 2024 Leaders in Diversity by Nashville Business Journal, 2024 Emerging Leader by Rainbow Push Coalition and 2024 Power of Inclusion & Board Walk of Fame Individual Excellence Finalist by Cable. In 2023 she was named a Top 15 Chief Diversity Officer by Diversity Global Magazine and Most Influential Executives in Diversity & Inclusion by Savoy Magazine. She was listed among Americas Top Chief Diversity Officers in 2022 by Minority Business News USA.

Vasser was raised in Jackson, TN and has lived in Middle TN for 21 years. She currently resides in Nolensville, TN with her husband Rommie, son Rommie III and daughter Brooklyn Rose.