

**Maria Soklis**

President / Cox Automotive Canada

Maria Soklis was named President of Cox Automotive Canada on June 8, 2015. Maria, who leads the development and execution of Cox Automotive's Canadian business strategy and operations, is also responsible for the Manheim, NextGear Capital, Dealertrack Canada and Ready Logistics businesses, in addition to integrating other Cox Automotive businesses and brands into Canada.

Maria graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waterloo where she specialized in Social Development. She also attained a Diploma of Social Work from Renison University College, University of Waterloo. In 2009, Renison bestowed an Outstanding Alumna award on her; and in April 2012, she accepted an Honorary Senior Fellowship Award.

Prior to this role Maria was named Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Kia Canada Inc., where she led a team of 169 corporate staff, including four regional offices, and a parts warehouse. Nationally, she overlooked 184 Kia dealerships. Maria was the highest ranking female executive at Kia Motors globally, and was the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Global Automakers of Canada. She is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for dedicated service to peers, community, and Canada. Since becoming President of Cox Automotive Canada, Maria has driven the organization to becoming the leading international market for the global team.