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RENAULT GOT THE RIGHT BOSS AT THE RIGHT TIME



IN THE AFTERMATH of Carlos Ghosn's arrest in late 2018, the dizzying unravelling of the empire he'd created made you question the long-term future of Renault. So complete was his control over the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance and so shocking was his downfall that it was hard to see how anyone could repair the damage done to Renault, which by now was firmly ambling along to obscurity in the mid-market.

Poor Thierry Bolloré, Ghosn's immediate successor at Renault, never stood a chance.

Yet Luca de Meo arrived soon after, fresh from plenty of success at Seat and seemingly undaunted by a challenge similar in scale to that faced by Herbert Diess to transform Volkswagen after Dieselgate. De Meo has walked into Renault, quickly identified its problems and rapidly developed his hugely ambitious 'Renalution' plan. But as you can read in Steve Croypley's interview on p48, he's done so with such charisma and enthusiasm that you don't doubt it can - and will - succeed.

That Bolloré, freed from Ghosn's shadow, is doing similar things at Jaguar Land Rover is a reminder that success in the car industry isn't just about making cars: it's also about great leadership. And, in de Meo, Renault has one of the best.

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