



Audi will open an R&D centre in the eastern Chinese city of Wuxi early next year to help steer development of autonomous vehicles.

The research hub and vehicle test centre will employ about 150 engineers. Audi received approval this month from the Wuxi city government to test vehicles equipped with L4 self-driving technologies on designated sections of local roads.

Audi also operate an r&d centre in Beijing, with about 280 employees developing customised interiors and infotainment products for vehicles sold in China.

The number of employees at the R&D centres in Beijing and Wuxi will rise to 650 by 2023 to advance the development of technologies used in autonomous driving, digitalisation and alternative energy vehicles.

Audi also plan to double the number of locally-produced models in China by 2022.