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Lithia UK – Hatfields announcement
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LITHIA UK ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF HATFIELDS GROUP
Deal aligns with Lithia’s strategic network plans, increasing Northern foothold

Lithia UK, one of the UK’s leading automotive retailers, has confirmed that it has acquired Hatfields Group. The deal completed on **30th September 2025**.

This purchase sees Lithia UK acquire its first OMODA JAECOO store and four Land Rover new car sales sites from the former family-run business. This now brings Lithia’s total Land Rover store count to 11 including sites also serving Jaguar clients with used car sales, servicing and repair workshops.

The move increases Lithia’s presence in the North of England, with additional sites now in Hull, Liverpool, Pickering and Shrewsbury - reflecting the retailer’s strategic network plans.

Paul Westaway, Managing Director of Hatfields and Stratstone Exotics at Lithia UK, said: “Range Rover, Defender, Discovery and Jaguar are consistently amongst the top performing luxury car brands in the UK, so it’s fantastic to have expanded our offering to more customers across the UK with this acquisition. We are honoured to now have the Hatfields team within the Stratstone luxury and exotics division.”

Patrick McGillicuddy, Managing Director, JLR (UK) said; “We welcome Lithia UK’s acquisition of Hatfields Group, which marks a significant expansion of their retail footprint and cements their position as one of our largest UK partners. This move reflects Lithia’s continued confidence in the strength and appeal of our brands — Range Rover, Defender, Discovery and Jaguar — and their commitment to delivering exceptional customer experiences.

“Lithia’s investment and strategic growth are a powerful endorsement of JLR’s vision and the enduring desirability of our modern luxury portfolio. We look forward to building on this momentum together.”

Lithia UK, who operate the Evans Halshaw and Stratstone retail groups, will retain the Hatfields name as part of this acquisition, maintaining the reputation and recognition of the previously family run business. They will also continue to employ all Hatfields colleagues, ensuring the highest level of service for existing and new customers.

The OMODA JAECOO Hull store will move under Lithia UK’s Evans Halshaw retail operation, which also comprises retail stores for OEMs including BYD, Ford, Vauxhall and more.

Gary Armstrong, Managing Director of Evans Halshaw, commented: “It’s fantastic to add Chery as a new OEM to the Evans Halshaw retail family with our very first OMODA JAECOO store. As one of the fastest growing global automotive brands, we look forward to now being able to offer the all-electric OMODA and JAECOO vehicle ranges to new and existing motorists.”

Established by Ernest Hatfield in 1922, Hatfields is synonymous with selling quality cars and providing excellent customer service. Hatfields has won many OEM awards over its 100+ year history, including in 2024, when it was awarded 1st place for Partner of the Year (Jaguar).

Neil Williamson, Regional President of Lithia UK, added: “We are delighted to welcome Hatfields to Lithia UK. This acquisition is consistent with our strategy to expand specific regions and widens our representation of JLR’s Range Rover, Defender, Discovery and Jaguar brands. We look forward to welcoming all new colleagues to the business and will ensure the Hatfields excellent reputation continues for many more years to come.”

For more information, visit <https://www.lithia.co.uk/>

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About Lithia UK

Established on 1st February 2024, Lithia UK combines the expertise and innovation of Jardine Motors Group, Stratstone, Evans Halshaw, Hatfields Motors, QuickCo and Pendragon Vehicle Management. This unified UK automotive retail group focusses on growth and creating exceptional customer experiences.

Representing some 36 brands across over 150 stores with their passion to Earn Customers for Life, Lithia UK supports the wider group vision to drive the modernisation of personal transportation solutions wherever, whenever and however consumers desire.

Lithia UK is owned by Lithia & Driveway (NYSE: LAD) who are recognised globally as one of the largest automotive retailers.