



UFI Group joins the GROUPAUTO International (GAI) network

- UFI Group joins GAI's supplier portfolio thanks to its OE pedigree
- The agreement with GROUPAUTO International (GAI) opens up new global growth prospects for the UFI and SOFIMA brands
- Consistent growth is forecast in the next few years

Nogarole Rocca, 7 July 2026 - UFI, a global leader in filtration, thermal management and green hydrogen technologies, has joined GROUPAUTO International's supplier portfolio, signifying the expansion of both its UFI and SOFIMA brands.

A true benchmark in the distribution of Aftermarket components and products for professional repairers, GAI is one of the leading networks in the industry. Headquartered in Levallois-Perret, France, it is present in 118 countries on five continents, where it has 30 regional members, nearly 2,000 distributors, a network of more than 35,000 workshops for passenger car repair, and over 2,500 workshops for truck repair.

With its Original Equipment (OE) pedigree, the UFI Group joins GAI's portfolio of over 67 suppliers – one of the most prestigious networks for the automotive Aftermarket, which generates sales of over 40 billion euros across the passenger car and heavy-duty sectors.

UFI Group was selected to join GAI because of its many strengths, which include a presence in the OE segment, technological innovations (with over 360 internationally recognised patents), the quality of the UFI and SOFIMA brand distribution network in Europe and further afield, and the potential to develop business on a global scale.

The partnership with GAI is an important move enabling UFI to grow market share and turnover across both the UFI and SOFIMA brands in Europe and beyond, with consistent growth expected in the next few years.

Paolo Cataldi, Aftermarket Business Unit General Manager at UFI, comments: "We are aware of the importance of networks and are extremely proud of this valuable partnership. It constitutes another step in the UFI Group's organic growth strategy, which has seen us establish partnerships with other international groups since 2014. We want to offer the market our technological strength and logistical flexibility, and we have the added advantage of being an OE supplier to the most important brands in the passenger car and heavy-duty sectors."

"We are pleased to welcome UFI as a new partner within our supply base," emphasises **GAI President & CEO, Günter Weber, and Director Business Development, Benoît Pradaud**. "This is another step towards our continuous goal of expanding our offering to the automotive Aftermarket with high-quality products."

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The UFI Group:

Founded in 1971, the UFI Group is a global System Solution Provider active in the fields of filtration, thermal management and green hydrogen technologies. With over 4,300 professionals in 21 countries, 22 production sites and 57 sales offices, UFI serves the mobility, motorsport, aerospace, marine, industrial and energy sectors worldwide. Its proprietary solutions – from advanced filter media developed in FormulaUFI, to thermal management systems for combustion, electric and hybrid vehicles, to UFI MEA membranes for green hydrogen – drive forward innovation and sustainability. UFI is a key partner for leading manufacturers of vehicles, heavy-duty vehicles (on-road and off-road) and agricultural machinery, as well as all Formula 1 teams. UFI provides vehicle maintenance services through its aftermarket brands UFI and SOFIMA. The Group holds over 360 patents and reinvests 5% of its revenue in Research & Development, with 80% of new projects focused on green technologies.

GROUPAUTO International (GAI):

GROUPAUTO International is a leading international trading group in the automotive aftermarket, established in 1990. Our extensive network of distributors, service providers, and repair specialists for passenger cars and commercial vehicles spans five continents and 118 countries.

We offer businesses, fleets, and private vehicle owners a genuine alternative to car manufacturer service networks – delivering equivalent quality, fast availability, at lower costs.

With over 67 premium supplier partners, we provide OE-quality (original equipment) spare parts across all market segments, ensuring reliability, performance, and global consistency.

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