

Take 5 Carolinas and ClayCon Oil Combine to Form Founders Automotive Services Team ('FAST')

CHARLOTTE, NC, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Take 5 Carolinas, LLC ("Take 5 Carolinas"), the first franchisee in the Take 5 Oil Change system, and ClayCon Oil ("ClayCon"), the brand's third franchisee, today announced that they have combined to form Founders Automotive Services Team ("FAST" or the "Company"), a unified quick-lube and automotive service operating



platform that owns and operates 52 Take 5 Oil Change service centers across North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana, and Colorado. The FAST name reflects the two companies' founding legacy within the Take 5 Oil Change system and the speed that defines the service they provide to their customers. The combined platform creates the largest Take 5 Oil Change franchisee in the country by revenue, with a foothold in some of the most compelling markets across the United States.

FAST, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is led by Brannan Lahoda, President and Chief Operating Officer. Brannan brings more than 10 years of experience operating automotive service platforms, including leading all North American company-owned operations for Take 5 Oil Change during its initial growth phase from 65 to 650 locations. The Company will continue to operate as a Take 5 Oil Change franchisee.

"Bringing Take 5 Carolinas and ClayCon together under FAST unites two teams that know how to develop and operate great locations. We share a deep commitment to the Take 5 Oil Change brand and its culture of customer service. Our fundamentals are strong and getting stronger. With one team and the right infrastructure in place, we are well-positioned to keep expanding for many years to come," Lahoda said.

The combined company's scale and resources will accelerate growth while sustaining the high level of service and reliability customers have come to expect. FAST has a defined plan for near-term growth initiatives and carries a substantial pipeline of new stores in development,

positioning the business for continued expansion across its markets.

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