



Tire Group International Partners Up!

Tire Group International, Inc. (TGI) is pleased to announce that it has partnered with Transportation Resource Partners (TRP) and the McLarty Companies.

"TGI is very excited about our future; our goal has always been to be the best at what we do. We have partnered with companies that share the very same ideals as part of their core and also share the vision for the growth of TGI. TRP, with its close association with the Penske organization, and McLarty are leaders in their industries and bring a vast amount of resources to our business. Their expertise in distribution and building businesses both in the USA and Latin America will help TGI take the next step in its rapid growth. TGI has always called itself 'THE WINNING TEAM', now there is no doubt!" said Tony Gonzalez, CEO of TGI.

Dave Mitchell, Managing Director at TRP, added, "We are pleased to be partnering with TGI to continue to execute the company's growth strategy. Tony and his team have done a great job establishing TGI as the clear leader in distributing tires to Latin America. We are enthusiastic about providing capital, resources, and expertise to support the company's continued success."

Franklin McLarty, Sr VP of McLarty Companies, noted, "The McLarty Companies couldn't be more pleased to be partnering with TGI and TRP. Given our family's longstanding commitment to Latin America we believe that we're well positioned to work collaboratively with our partners to support TGI's growth in the region."

Tire Group International is one of the fastest-growing companies in the worldwide wholesale distribution of tires and South Florida's largest independent tire wholesaler. TGI carries over 40 brands of tires, covering the entire spectrum of the tire industry.



TGI distributes its own private labels Astro, Cosmo, Industar, Luna, and Orion, and represents many other brands including MRF, Cooper, Sumitomo, Kenda, and Mickey Thompson. TGI also carries several brands of tubes and various lines of automotive products. In addition to TGI's large inventory, it has access to millions of tires from global manufacturers, allowing for direct factory shipments to anywhere in the world. Visit our website at www.tiregroup.com.

Transportation Resource Partners is a \$245 million private equity fund that makes leveraged investments in growth-oriented companies operating in the transportation and transportation services industries. TRP's philosophy is to identify attractive investment situations where it can work in partnership with management to support growth. TRP's principals have extensive operating and investing experience in the transportation industry. TRP's funds have been responsible for managing over \$600 million of equity capital. For more information on TRP, please visit www.trpfund.com.

McLarty Companies is a fourth generation family transportation firm with automotive retail and distribution operations throughout the world. McLarty's automotive retail operations include Yanjun Auto Group (China), Caltabiano-McLarty Automotive (Brazil), and RLJ-McLarty-Landers (U.S.) which is a partnership with RLJ Companies founder Robert L. Johnson. McLarty also owns and operates GDV Imports Mexico which is the sole distributor of Jaguar/Land Rover for the country. McLarty Companies chairman, Mack McLarty, is also the founder and president of the Washington D.C. based international advisory firm McLarty Associates which advises over 150 clients worldwide.