

AutoNation appoints Robert J. Brown to the Board of Directors

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Robert J. Brown is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of B&C Associates, Inc, a management, consulting, marketing research, and public relations firm that is celebrating its 50th year of existence. Founded in 1960, B&C has been privileged to serve many of the Fortune 500. Some of the current and past companies listed in B&C's extensive client portfolio include the Sara Lee Corporation, USAA, General Motors Corporation, Coca-Cola Company, Nissan Corporation, Michelin North America, Lowe's, Inc., AutoNation, Inc., Freddie Mac, Sprint, Rooms To Go, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, and Office Depot, DeBeers, Inc., Food Lion and Save-A-Lot.

Brown is also the Chairman and CEO of B&C International, Inc. and President of International BookSmart Foundation. Brown served as Special Assistant to the President of the United States under the Nixon Administration and was previously a director of AutoNation from 1997 to 2008.

Also appointed to the board was Michael Lawson, who is the Chief Investment Officer for William H. Gates III, a co-founder of the Microsoft Corporation and the Business Manager for Cascade Investment, L.L.C. (Which is wholly owned by Mr. Gates and holds his investments).

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