



## **Jayar Car Parts expands to 70 branches following Independent Motor Factors acquisition**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 (Maidstone, Kent) – [Jayar Car Parts](#) is delighted to announce the total acquisition of Independent Motor Factors (IMF) – increasing its branch network to 70 and becoming one of the largest independent motor factors in England.**

Having already held a share in IMF – a fellow IFA member – both parties have agreed to a complete takeover. Initially, IMF will continue to operate as usual as a subsidiary of Jayar, maintaining all existing staff, supplier relationships and day-to-day operations. Jayar’s long-term strategy for the IMF brand and its 22 branches will be shared in due course.

By acquiring IMF, Jayar – celebrating 50 years of serving the trade in 2026 – is better positioned to accelerate its growth, expanding its branch network, increasing stockholding and strengthening product availability across a wider geographical footprint.

Jayar’s immediate priority is to retain and support all IMF staff, with teams within both companies integral to future success.

Jayar Car Parts General Manager, Tom Curtis, said: “The acquisition of IMF marks a significant milestone in Jayar’s proud 50-year history. It also highlights our ambition to grow as a business, strengthen our presence across England, and provide even greater support to our customers and suppliers.

“Retaining and investing in the talented teams at IMF is a priority, and we look forward to combining our expertise so we can continue to deliver the quality service our customers are accustomed to.”

IMF Managing Director, John Austin, said: “We are excited to join the Jayar family and look forward to the opportunities this brings. It’s business as usual for our customers, as we continue to deliver outstanding service to both existing and new customers.

“Together with Jayar, we will continue to train and develop our staff to ensure everyone is aligned and build on our success across the trade.”

For more information about Jayar Car Parts, visit <https://jayar.co.uk>

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**About Jayar Car Parts:**

Jayar Car Parts was established in 1976 by John Ratcliffe, who began supplying the motor trade from a prefab he built in Aylesford, Maidstone. The company initially focused on commercial vehicle parts, with its first dedicated car parts branch, AJAY, opening in Aylesford in 1991. Jayar's head office remains in Maidstone.

Fifty years in business, Jayar Car Parts remains family run under the leadership of Nick Ratcliffe, son of the founder, who serves as managing director and is also a co-founder of Independent Motor Factors. The company has grown to become one of the largest independent distributors of car parts and accessories in the South of England, with over 70 branches.

Jayar Car Parts supplies its customers with a significant, versatile and readily available range of stock. Brands include Allied Nippon, Febi, Blue Print, Yuasa, Borg & Beck, Granville, NGK, Dayco, Continental Direct, WAI, MAHLE, KYB, Beckermann, GT Automotive, BGA, Klarius, LuK, Granville and Valeo.

Jayar Car Parts is a proud member of the International Motor Factors Associated LTD (IFA) and AD International.

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