

Press Release

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ALD International acquires the remaining 75% of the capital of its Ukrainian partner First Lease.

ALD Automotive Ukraine (the new name of the entity) is the market leader with a fleet of 1,990 vehicles.

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First Lease was originally set up in 1999 and its remarkably rapid development brought it to the position of top player on the Ukrainian Operational Leasing market. With a fleet of 1,990 vehicles at the end of 2005, its market share exceeds 40%.

In January 2005, ALD International and First Lease signed a partnership agreement by which ALD International acquired 25% of First Lease. Following the acquisition of the remaining 75%, ALD International now has total control of the company, which has been renamed ALD Automotive Ukraine.

Following this acquisition, ALD International is now the only foreign operational lessor operating in Ukraine.

ALD Automotive Ukraine is already a leasing provider for major international companies. The company is managed by Mr Frédéric Hamain and has a staff of 70.

This acquisition is a demonstration of ALD International's confidence in the economic development of the Central and Eastern European countries, and it also underlines its ambition to provide its international customers with service across the globe, including the emerging markets.

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- Employs **3,000 persons** dedicated to customer satisfaction

- Manages over 602.000 vehicles (January 2006)

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