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### Rob Myers

As chairman and founder of the RM Group of Companies, Rob Myers' entire career has been devoted to the classic car industry. Rob started his first restoration shop in a single-car garage in Chatham, Ontario, in 1976, quickly developing a powerful reputation and strong following among car collectors across Canada and the United States. As Rob's reputation grew, so did his business, eventually partnering with Dan Warrener and Mike Fairbairn to expand their services and facilities beyond restoration and into sales and auctions. Rob also has a strong interest in motorcycles, owning an impressive collection in addition to his notable assortment of classic cars. Rob's strong entrepreneurial spirit and incredible business acumen led him to build a state-of-the-art Harley-Davidson dealership in Chatham-Kent, as well as renovate and restore a dilapidated section of Historic Downtown Chatham, leading to the opening of the Retro Suites, a unique boutique hotel. Rob's understanding of classic cars is unparalleled, and he continues to play a very significant role as a car specialist for RM.



### Mike Fairbairn

As one of the three founding partners of RM Sotheby's, Mike Fairbairn has a longstanding interest in the classic car industry. Graduating from the University of Alberta with a degree in Commerce, Mike began his career while still a student by restoring, and subsequently selling, older American cars. With a major in Marketing and a minor in Computing Science, Mike engaged in several entrepreneurial ventures that facilitated his growing passion for collecting vintage automobiles. He now possesses a modest but interesting personal collection of cars and motorcycles that span a wide range of eras. As one of RM's most experienced and knowledgeable car specialists, Mike's primary area of interest is pre-war American and European classics, along with interesting post-war sports cars. A true gearhead, Mike has many additional motorized interests outside the world of cars. He is a licensed pilot and holds captain's papers for sail and power boats.



### Augustin Sabatié-Garat

Augustin Sabatié-Garat joined RM Europe in 2012 as a senior car specialist after more than a decade in the collector car hobby. Graduating from the Université de Technologie de Compiègne (UTC) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and Project Management, Augustin also served as a classic car consultant during his academic years. In 2002, Augustin joined Artcurial in Paris, France, as a junior car specialist, playing an integral role in the Rolf Meyer Mercedes Auction. His extensive experience in the auction business also includes a role in Sotheby's 2005 Maranello Auction. Fluent in French, English, and Italian, Augustin specializes in numerous European marques, including Ferrari, post-war Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Lamborghini, Bugatti, Hispano-Suiza, Jaguar, and Citroën. He is also knowledgeable of Aston Martin, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, Austin-Healey, and Riva (boats). Fully immersed in the classic car hobby, Augustin regularly attends classic car rallies throughout Europe and practices his mechanical proficiency by restoring the cars in his collection.



### Gord Duff

Gord joined RM Sotheby's in 1998 and was initially responsible for the transportation and logistics of the company's Auction and Restoration divisions. Through these professional capacities, he fostered close relationships with RM clients and developed an extensive technical familiarity with virtually every vintage marque. This naturally led to a transition into the Car Specialist department, where Gord utilizes the knowledge he has acquired from his various roles at RM, as well as from growing up with his father, a car dealer for over 50 years. An active participant in the hobby, Gord regularly competes in a number of historic rallies, including the Copperstate 1000 and the Colorado Grand. Appreciative and knowledgeable of all marques and eras, he specializes in European sports cars, Shelbys, and Cobras, and has a special affinity for American pre-war classics, including Duesenbergs and Packards.

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### Donnie Gould

Donnie Gould joined the RM team in 2002 as a partner and car specialist after more than two decades in the vintage automobile auction and restoration industries. Donnie's vast knowledge of classic cars stems from learning first-hand from his father, Tiny Gould, one of the first full-time antique automobile dealers in the country and a pioneer in the field. Donnie has played an integral role in developing RM's Florida auction presence over the years, and was a natural choice for president when RM established its subsidiary company, Auctions America, in 2010. An experienced Vintage Cup racer, he has a strong familiarity with a wide variety of vintage marques, with a particular specialization in Shelby Mustangs and Ford Performance products.



### Tonnie van der Velden

Tonnie van der Velden joined RM Sotheby's European division in July 2015 as a car specialist. A lifelong enthusiast, Tonnie traces his love for classic cars back to 1975, when his brother bought a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster. His brother's purchase quickly turned into buying and selling as a hobby, exposing Tonnie to a broad variety of makes and models at a young age. In 1982, Tonnie bought his first classic car: a 1963 Alfa Romeo Giulietta SS. He went into business with his brother in 1987 buying and selling marques, including Ferrari, Maserati, and Mercedes-Benz, and they soon found themselves selling modern sports cars to collectors in the United States and as far away as Japan. When the market took a turn in the early 1990s, Tonnie's brother decided to leave the car business and Tonnie took over, a decision that eventually led him to an RM auction in 2008, where he sold a Ferrari 250 GT Lusso and first met the RM Sotheby's team. While Tonnie's passion for automobiles spans the spectrum of the market – from pre-war to modern sports cars – he has a particular penchant for Ferraris.



### Alexander Weaver

Alexander Weaver joined RM Sotheby's in 2011 as a car specialist after graduating from Furman University in South Carolina. Born into a car family with a fourth-generation car dealership, Alexander grew up surrounded by collectible cars and was always encouraged by his father and grandfather to learn as much about them as possible. Noting that his father was always generous enough to share his car collection, Alexander says that driving and washing old cars are two of the most intimate ways to get to know a vehicle. A true enthusiast, thoroughly immersed in all aspects of the collector car hobby, Alexander fills his time with research and rallies, having participated in the Sarasota Exotic Car Rally, the 34th Annual Bastille Day Tour with the Petersen Museum and the California Mille, among others. Based in RM's California office, he is a member of the Petersen Museum's Checkered Flag 200 Club and the Shelby American Automobile Club. Alexander possesses a broad knowledge of a variety of marques and eras, but his passion and specialization lies in American and European sports cars, including Shelby and Ferrari, along with American muscle cars.



### David Swig

David Swig joined RM Sotheby's West Coast division as a car specialist in May 2015. A lifelong automobile enthusiast, he grew up immersed in the collector car hobby. His late father, well-known California motoring enthusiast and founder of the internationally renowned California Mille (which David and his brother Howard now organize each April), Martin Swig, introduced him to an eclectic and unique version of California car culture at a young age. Since graduation from Santa Clara University, David has been active in the field of collector car auctions and participated in a number of academic automotive pursuits, including lectures and panel discussions. He has served three times on the faculty at the Biennial Symposium on Connoisseurship and the Collectible Car, held at Miles Collier's museum in Naples, Florida. His background also includes automotive journalism, with internships completed at *Motor Trend* and *Road & Track*. David regularly participates in numerous historic car events, including circuit racing, road tours, and concours d'elegance. He is specialized in sports, sports racing, and rally cars, and can often be found racing his 1957 Monstertati Special at race meetings on the West Coast.

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### Don Rose

Don Rose joined RM Sotheby's in 2006 after many years of professionally trading sports and classic cars, and earning a reputation as a noted importer of European classics while living in London, England. Now residing in the Boston area, Don serves as the vice-chairman of the Aston Martin Owners Club North America and the editor emeritus of its magazine, *The Vantage Point*. Most knowledgeable about vehicles produced between 1945 and 1985, Don specializes in Aston Martin and sports and GT cars. He is also interested in European marques and the relatively new area of Japanese collector cars. A lifelong automotive enthusiast, Don has a personal collection of historic race cars and has participated in a variety of road rally events, such as the Carrera Panamericana and the Mille Miglia of Argentina (Mil Millas).



### Barney Ruprecht

Barney Ruprecht graduated from Boston University in 2013 with a degree in Hospitality Administration. In January 2015, he joined RM Sotheby's as a car specialist on our lead generation team. Barney brings with him a strong background in hospitality consulting and accounting/audit marketing, with a focus on winning business. He specializes in open-wheel, single-seat race cars and late model collectibles. Barney is especially interested in complexly engineered vehicles and spends much of his time studying aerodynamics, geometry, and packaging, as well as advanced materials used in the fabrication of automobiles.



### Pete Fisher

Pete Fisher was first introduced to antique cars in high school, working for Classic Coachworks in his hometown of Blenheim, Ontario. He attended McPherson College in Kansas, majoring in Restoration Technology and Business Management. Pete graduated in the spring of 2013 with a Bachelor of Science Degree, becoming the first Canadian alumnus of the college. While in school, he worked for Salina, Kansas, car collector Roger Morrison, and was very active in the traditional hot rod industry. Pete joined RM Sotheby's in the summer of 2010 as part of a college internship, working in the restoration department. Upon completion of his diploma, he joined RM on a full-time basis as a member of our specialist team. Pete has a strong passion for Early V-8 Fords, and in his spare time, enjoys working on his personal restoration projects in his home-based shop. In addition to a 1931 Model A Coupe and 1939 Ford Tudor Sedan, Pete is currently building a pre-war Dry Lakes 1932 Ford Roadster.



### Shelby Myers

Shelby Myers grew up with the classic car industry infused into every aspect of his life. He had the unique opportunity to watch the RM restoration facility and auction house be built from the ground up, gaining a great deal of valuable hands-on experience during this time. Having graduated from Mount Allison University with a degree in Accounting and Economics, Shelby played an instrumental role in the establishment and growth of RM's European branch, including the record-breaking *Ferrari: Leggenda e Passione* sales, along with the company's London, Monaco, and Villa d'Este auctions. Shelby has a broad knowledge of the collector car market, spanning from American classics to European sports cars and Brass Era automobiles. In his spare time, he continues to be an active participant in the hobby, regularly competing in various rallies around the world, in addition to being a member of many clubs, including the Bentley Drivers Club, the Bugatti Owners Club, and the Petersen Museum Checkered Flag 200 Club.

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### Jake Auerbach

Jake Auerbach got his start in the automotive industry at an early age, spending his summers during high school working at a classic car restoration shop in Long Island, New York. He graduated from Pace University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Photography, and spent two years managing a classic car facility in New York before joining the RM Group of Companies in February 2015. Jake's primary passion is for competition vehicles and post-war European sports and touring cars. He is a member of the Vintage Sports Car Club of America (VSCCA) and the Aston Martin Owners Club (AMOC) and has competed in a number of long-distance road rallies, including the Great Race and the Trans-America Challenge.



### Matt Malamut

A longtime car enthusiast and Southern California native, Matt studied automotive technology at San Diego Miramar College and completed his education in communication at the University of Southern California. After graduation, he juggled work for BMW in auto sales, with freelancing as an automotive journalist, before joining the RM Group of Companies in 2012. Matt credits his love and knowledge for cars to his father—a Porsche mechanic and collector. As a PCA, Early 911S Registry, and 356 Club Member, he continues to further his knowledge and share his affinity for the Porsche marque. An active participant, fully immersed in the hobby, Matt regularly takes part in many automotive events, including North Meets South, the Los Angeles Lit Meet, and Rennsport. He also has his SCCA track license. Matt's knowledge expands to other German marques, including Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, and BMW. He also boasts a strong passion for Italian sports and rally cars along with Japanese cars.



### Oliver Camelin

Oliver Camelin joined RM Sotheby's in the spring of 2016 as a UK-based car specialist, working out of our London office. The son of a German mother and French father, he attributes his love for cars to his German roots and his uncle, former German race car driver Reinhold Joest, who successfully competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans on various occasions. Exposed to the world of automobiles at a young age, Oliver immediately found himself fascinated by all things automotive, developing a particular love for the curves and lines of American automobiles of the 1950s and '60s. Fluent in French, German, and English, Oliver joins RM Sotheby's with more than 15 years' experience in the collector car industry, as well as an expert knowledge of modern exotics from marques such as Porsche, BMW, Ferrari, and Lamborghini. He also specializes in "youngtimers"—sport cars from the late 1970s to 2000s.



### Paul Darvill

Paul Darvill joined the RM Sotheby's European team at the beginning of 2015. Paul holds a degree in French and Politics from the University of Bath and Sciences Po, Paris. Having studied international relations in Paris, Paul is also fluent in French. A lifelong classic car enthusiast, Paul's route into the world of auctions was somewhat atypical. After graduation, he accepted a job in the aviation industry dealing with the private jet travel of high-net-worth individuals and multinational companies—that is, until the classic car bug got the better of him and he decided to turn his enthusiasm and knowledge of classic cars into a career. Paul's passion for classic cars started with French marques, and he maintains a great enthusiasm for unusual and technically advanced classics. Today, Paul has a broad area of expertise, with a particular passion for British sports cars, pre- and post-war French cars, and Italian and German marques.

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### Michael Squire

Michael Squire joined RM Sotheby's European Division in the summer of 2016. He comes to RM with a prestigious racing background and equipped with an in-depth knowledge of the market, having worked with various prominent dealers and restorers across the United Kingdom. After receiving his masters in Mechanical Engineering from London's Imperial College, Michael joined legendary engineer Gordon Murray's design consultancy, where he was involved in several projects for OEMs, including a flat-pack truck! After his stint working in modern engineering, Michael moved back into the world of historic cars, most recently managing CKL Developments' racing and sales interests. In addition to his professional and academic experience, Michael and his father are regular participants in various historic car events, including historic racing, rallies, and concours d'elegance. Michael is particularly specialized in modern and British competition cars, with an additional interest in vintage Bentleys.



### Kurt Forry

Kurt Forry joined the RM Group of Companies with more than a decade of experience on the North American auction scene and a well-rounded knowledge of automobilia, having previously worked in Bonhams' automobilia department for more than 10 years. While he maintains a strong interest in cars, Kurt has a deep passion for the history of collectibles and has been responsible for bringing many rare finds to market and assisting to set numerous auction benchmarks over the years. While he has a firm grasp on all things "automotive collectible", his particular expertise lies with Lalique glass mascots, along with bronzes and other bespoke mascots, as well as automotive fine art and photography. Among his career highlights, Kurt played a key role in helping secure the record 2012 sale of the rare Lalique "Le Renard" (The Fox) for an outstanding \$338,000. Kurt attributes much of his success to his hands-on approach, and while based on the West Coast, he is frequently on the road looking for new, fascinating, and undiscovered treasures to present on the auction podium.



### Jake O'Gorman

Jake O'Gorman's passion for collector cars developed at a very young age, eventually landing him a high school internship at Harry Sherry's restoration shop in Warsaw, Ontario, which specializes in Marmon Sixteens. He pursued his interest in mechanics at the renowned McPherson College in Kansas, where Jake earned his Bachelor of Science in Automotive Restoration Technology in 2016. Upon graduation, Jake received the Jay Leno/Autoweek Award for dedication to excellence in automotive restoration, which also earned him an internship with Duesenberg historian Randy Ema. Though Jake joined RM Sotheby's as a Car Specialist in 2017, he is no stranger to the RM team or clientele. Jake has interned in various RM departments from Marketing to Research since 2013, while also assisting with logistics and mechanics at auction events. A member of numerous car clubs, Jake's area of expertise lies in Veteran and early Brass Era motor cars, with a particular affinity for Packard, Oldsmobile Limited, Thomas Flyer, and Mercer. Jake's extensive restoration background allows him to advise clients on both the mechanical and physical condition of vehicles, as well as their authenticity.



### Will Smith

Will Smith joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in the fall of 2017. Will has been immersed in the collector car auction world for nearly a decade since graduating from law school. He is an experienced international auction negotiator and a passionate enthusiast at heart. Will specializes in British Classics and has also been involved in numerous record-setting sales for modern classics from the 1980s and 1990s. In his spare time, Will can be found tinkering with his 1959 Mini, 1983 Alpina B9, and stepnose Alfa Romeo. A commitment to customer service, reliable valuations, and a personable attitude make for an enjoyable buying or selling experience with Will. Feel free to contact him to discuss your important car or simply for an impartial discussion on the classic car industry.

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### Nick Wiles

Nick Wiles joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in the fall of 2017. A lifelong car enthusiast, Nick found himself working as a broker in the London finance industry after university before realizing that his true passion lies in the automotive world. He has now been working at the forefront of the UK and European collector car scene for more than 12 years. Nick comes to RM Sotheby's with valuable experience and knowledge of the market having consigned automobiles to over 100 classic car auctions. This exposure has allowed Nick to develop a wide network of collectors as well as provided vast experience dealing with pre-war motoring through to modern supercars. Nick prides himself in keeping his finger on the pulse when it comes to locating and bringing fresh cars to market, with career highlights to date including a Ferrari 250 GT Series 1 Pininfarina Cabriolet, a Lamborghini Miura, and an ex-Le Mans Porsche 550 Spyder.



### Evan Shone

Evan Shone joined RM Sotheby's North American team as a Car Specialist in July 2017. Evan developed a passion for cars at a young age, gazing at his Mercer Raceabout wallpaper and working on his father's 1932 Buick. His education in the automotive world has been life long, working as an apprentice at an auto upholstery shop and buying his first car—a 1967 Plymouth Barracuda with a 273 "Commando" engine—before he even had a license. Evan comes to RM Sotheby's following tenure at the duPont Registry, Lamborghini USA, Ferrari, and an independent dealership. Further to his professional involvement in the classic car world, Evan has also attended many driving schools, participated in numerous vintage rallies, and is a proud member of the Ferrari Owners Group in Northern California. Although Evan appreciates all of history's great cars, he has a particular affinity for contemporary European sports cars from the 1970s to today. He has even been fortunate enough to have experienced and owned hundreds of cars that fall into this category. It's one thing to read about them, but quite another to get behind the wheel!



### Felix Archer

Felix Archer joined RM Sotheby's European Division as a Car Specialist in August 2017. Son of well-known Aston Martin author and historian Stephen Archer, Felix developed a passion for cars at a young age, with most of his weekends being spent watching his father compete in his Porsche 964 RS. After finishing school at 18, Felix joined a band as the drummer, signed to Sony Music, and embarked on three years of international touring. Having scored chart success, achieved over 60 million streams, performed on various television shows, and played to large festival crowds, Felix took to the track and began racing in a variety of Porsches and modern GT4 Astons. He also carried out demos with Bruno Senna at the Aston Martin Owners Club Centenary Meeting in an Ulster and GTE car. Felix maintains a broad range of expertise in European marques, with a particular soft spot for Aston Martin, Porsche, and a wide range of competition cars from the 1960s to the present day.

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