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SMART Financial acquires 5 more stores

Financial services company has acquired 68 stores in 30 months

ORLANDO, Fla. – SMART Financial, a specialty financial services and retail company, continues its meteoric growth by acquiring five Georgia stores this week. The company now owns and operates 68 stores across the United States and Canada – all just 30 months after its founding.

SMART Financial is the third-largest pawn store chain in North America based on total number of locations, according to founder John Thedford.

The company recently [secured an additional \\$80 million in funding](#) from Comvest Partners and Crystal Financial to facilitate its acquisition growth strategy. The company plans further expansion by acquisition as 2019 progresses.

“Expanding our presence in Georgia means we can bring our world-class customer service and employee opportunities to a competitive marketplace,” Thedford said. “We look forward to offering job opportunities, banking services and discounted necessities to these communities.”

[Ernst & Young recently recognized Thedford](#) for his leadership and the company’s rapid growth, naming him its Entrepreneur of the Year for financial services in Florida.

SMART Financial Enterprises offers non-recourse, fully collateralized pawn loans and a wide variety of retail merchandise. The company’s philosophy and practice of focusing on recruiting, training and incenting first-class talent is one of its key differentiators within the industry. SMART Financial operates stores in Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia and three Canadian provinces. Visit smartfinancialent.com to learn more.

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