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Big Five Tours & Expeditions Names Chris Hanna Vice President of Sales

Adventure travel veteran joins the family-owned Certified B Corporation™ as Paul Dorgan retires after nearly two decades

October 6, 2026, Stuart, FL — Big Five Tours & Expeditions (Big Five) has named Chris Hanna Vice President of Sales. Hanna joined the company on September 1 and will lead Big Five's travel advisor partnerships across North America while building out its outside sales team. He succeeds Paul Dorgan, who retires at the end of November after nearly two decades with the company.

Hanna steps into a company that has sold one way for more than fifty years: Big Five works exclusively through professional travel advisors. Advisors are not one channel among several of them, they are the only one, and the company does not compete with them for the client.

"Throughout my career, I've been fortunate to work alongside travel advisors while representing industry-leading companies and pioneers in adventure and expedition travel, including Quark Expeditions, A&K Sanctuaries, and Cruceros Australis," said Hanna. "I'm incredibly proud to now join Big Five, a company with more than 53 years of experience creating life-changing journeys. What makes Big Five especially meaningful to me is that success here is more than delivering extraordinary travel experiences. It's about making a positive impact on everyone involved: our travel advisor partners, their clients, our in-country partners, our own people, and the communities and destinations that welcome us. I'm honored to be part of that legacy and excited to help build on it in the years ahead".

The appointment closes a chapter that began by chance. President Ashish Sanghrajka met Paul Dorgan at a retreat in Canada in 2008.

"We didn't know then what we know now, that our collaboration over nearly two decades would yield the results it did," Sanghrajka said. "It is with the utmost gratitude that I say thank you to Paul. It is an honor to me personally that he chose to finish his career at Big Five. We are not just a family business. We are a family, run without any external investors, with the vision that our tenured team members finish their careers here."

Of Hanna, **Sanghrajka added:** *"Chris is someone many in this industry have been able to call a friend, me included, for quite some time. He will hit the ground running with his ideas, his humor, and his passion. His charge is to build on what Paul started."*

For more information, visit bigfive.com.

About Big Five Tours & Expeditions

Founded in Kenya in 1973 by the late Mahen Sanghrajka, Big Five Tours & Expeditions is renowned for customized, luxury adventure travel to destinations across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the South Pacific. Independently owned and 100% travel advisor focused, Big Five is a Certified B Corporation™ recognized by the travel industry for its sustainable tourism commitment and holds regional member designation with the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC). Learn more at bcorp.com. For more information, visit bigfive.com.

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