

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q/A**

Amendment No. 1

ý **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005

OR

o **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-31262

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**ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

01-0609375  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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**622 Third Avenue, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**New York, New York**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10017**  
(Zip Code)

**(212) 885-2500**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of August 3, 2005, was 32,745,053 (net of 1,586,587 treasury shares).

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

We are filing Amendment No. 1 to the Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 to change the presentation of certain floor plan notes payable information. We finance substantially all of our new and at times a portion of our used vehicle inventories under revolving floor plan notes payable with various lenders. Consistent with industry practice, the Company previously reported all floor plan notes payable as a single line on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and all cash flow activity relating to floor plan notes payable in the operating activities section of our Consolidated Statement of Cash flows. In addition, we historically considered all borrowings and repayments of floor plan notes payable associated with inventory acquired through a dealership acquisition and inventory sold through a dealership divestiture, non-cash activities. Floor plan notes payable to a party unaffiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle, and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, have been restated as floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related non-manufacturer affiliated cash flows have been restated from operating activities to financing activities on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments. In addition, we have included floor plan notes payable activity associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

The changes in presentation have no effect on net income, earnings per share, stockholder's equity or our conclusion that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2005. However, because we are restating the financial statements included in our Form 10-Q, our financial statements include the effects of entities which became discontinued operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. In addition, we have made certain other immaterial reclassifications to conform to current presentation. All other information in this amendment is as of the date of the original filing and does not reflect any subsequent information or events occurring after the date of the original filing. Forward looking statements made reflect our expectations as of the date of our original filing and have not been adjusted to reflect subsequent information.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Consolidated Financial Statements**



## ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands, except share and per share data)

	June 30, 2005 (Unaudited) (Restated)*	December 31, 2004 (Restated)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,049	\$ 28,093
Contracts-in-transit	112,432	105,360
Restricted investments	1,813	1,645
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$2,224 and \$2,073, respectively)	150,183	148,196
Inventories	722,160	761,557
Deferred income taxes	15,576	15,576
Prepaid and other current assets	58,512	56,831
Assets held for sale	43,424	25,748
Total current assets	1,115,149	1,143,006
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	205,982	195,788
GOODWILL	464,947	461,650
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS, net of current portion	3,282	2,478
OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS	99,139	95,037
Total assets	\$ 1,888,499	\$ 1,897,959
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Floor plan notes payable manufacturer affiliated	\$ 181,414	\$ 336,369
Floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated	431,723	314,579
Current maturities of long-term debt	32,936	33,880
Accounts payable	66,649	53,078
Accrued liabilities	88,992	89,066
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	27,619	20,538
Total current liabilities	829,333	847,510
LONG-TERM DEBT	476,408	492,536
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	38,375	40,360
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	39,927	35,821
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 13)		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share, 10,000,000 shares authorized		
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share, 90,000,000 shares authorized 34,195,206 and 34,163,759 shares issued, including shares held in treasury, respectively	342	342
Additional paid-in capital	413,490	413,094
Retained earnings	113,532	87,905
Treasury stock, at cost; 1,586,587 shares held	(15,032)	(15,032)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,876)	(4,577)
Total shareholders equity	504,456	481,732
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 1,888,499	\$ 1,897,959

\* See Note 2 Restatement



See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(In thousands, except per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
New vehicle	\$ 880,684	\$ 786,669	\$ 1,659,191	\$ 1,450,818
Used vehicle	350,740	300,639	673,312	583,993
Parts, service and collision repair	160,635	142,237	315,012	276,501
Finance and insurance, net	39,386	34,917	75,134	63,329
Total revenues	1,431,445	1,264,462	2,722,649	2,374,641
<b>COST OF SALES:</b>				
New vehicle	820,187	730,750	1,545,450	1,346,046
Used vehicle	320,654	275,400	614,325	533,927
Parts, service and collision repair	77,588	66,666	151,868	131,234
Total cost of sales	1,218,429	1,072,816	2,311,643	2,011,207
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>213,016</b>	<b>191,646</b>	<b>411,006</b>	<b>363,434</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Selling, general and administrative	162,706	147,801	323,600	284,721
Depreciation and amortization	4,782	4,753	9,489	9,325
Income from operations	45,528	39,092	77,917	69,388
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):</b>				
Floor plan interest expense	(7,541)	(4,724)	(14,147)	(8,831)
Other interest expense	(10,270)	(10,132)	(19,871)	(20,396)
Interest income	171	106	436	373
Other income, net	337	84	452	208
Total other expense, net	(17,303)	(14,666)	(33,130)	(28,646)
Income before income taxes	28,225	24,426	44,787	40,742
<b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b>	<b>10,584</b>	<b>8,982</b>	<b>16,795</b>	<b>15,100</b>
<b>INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>17,641</b>	<b>15,444</b>	<b>27,992</b>	<b>25,642</b>
<b>DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax</b>	<b>(1,655)</b>	<b>(696)</b>	<b>(2,365)</b>	<b>(530)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 15,986</b>	<b>\$ 14,748</b>	<b>\$ 25,627</b>	<b>\$ 25,112</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:</b>				
<b>Basic</b>				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.79
Discontinued operations	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.02)
Net income	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.77
<b>Diluted</b>				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.78
Discontinued operations	(0.05)	(0.02)	(0.07)	(0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.77
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:</b>				
Basic	32,604	32,470	32,596	32,452
Diluted	32,725	32,656	32,753	32,688

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005 (Restated)*	2004 (Restated)*
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 25,627	\$ 25,112
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities-		
Depreciation and amortization	9,489	9,325
Depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations	1,100	1,341
Amortization of deferred financing fees	1,013	1,170
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	151	(327)
(Gain) loss on sale of discontinued operations	(10)	474
Other adjustments	2,993	3,543
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures-		
Contracts-in-transit	(7,072)	(2,482)
Accounts receivable	(10,375)	(35,511)
Proceeds from the sale of accounts receivable	8,126	9,976
Inventories	31,705	(63,735)
Prepaid and other current assets	(13,190)	(6,454)
Floor plan notes payable manufacturer affiliated	(141,120)	25,078
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,097	16,578
Other long-term assets and liabilities	770	(7,202)
Net cash used in operating activities	(77,696)	(23,114)
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures non-financed	(16,942)	(18,391)
Capital expenditures financeable	(18,236)	(16,130)
Construction reimbursements associated with sale-leaseback agreements	2,595	9,493
Acquisitions	(11,562)	(100,403)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	7,989	3,522
Other investing activities	(878)	913
Net cash used in investing activities	(37,034)	(120,996)
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Floor plan borrowings non-manufacturer affiliated	1,753,115	1,185,266
Floor plan repayments non-manufacturer affiliated	(1,629,643)	(1,130,882)
Proceeds from borrowings	20,734	3,850
Repayments of debt	(41,989)	(6,813)
Payments of debt issuance costs	(4,927)	
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	396	857
Net cash provided by financing activities	97,686	52,278
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(17,044)	(91,832)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	28,093	106,711
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	\$ 11,049	\$ 14,879

See Note 12 for supplemental cash flow information

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\* See Note 2 Restatement

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

**ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. is a national automotive retailer, operating 94 dealership locations (129 franchises) as of June 30, 2005. We offer an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicles, financing and insurance, vehicle maintenance and collision repair services, replacement parts and service contracts. We offer 33 domestic and foreign brands of new vehicles, including four heavy truck brands. We also operate 23 collision repair centers that serve our markets. Our retail network is organized into regional dealership groups, formerly called platforms, in 23 metropolitan markets, which are marketed under different local brands.

During the first quarter of 2005, we reorganized our platforms into principally four regions: (i) Florida (comprising our Coggin dealerships, operating primarily in Jacksonville and Orlando, and our Courtesy dealerships operating in Tampa), (ii) West (comprising our McDavid dealerships operating throughout Texas, our Thomason dealerships operating in Portland, Oregon, our Spirit dealerships operating primarily in Los Angeles, California and our Northern California Dealerships operating in Sacramento and Fresno, California), (iii) Mid-Atlantic (comprising our Crown dealerships operating in North Carolina, South Carolina and Southern Virginia) and (iv) South (comprising our Nalley dealerships operating in Atlanta, Georgia, and our North Point dealerships operating in Little Rock, Arkansas.) Our Plaza dealerships operating in St. Louis, Missouri and our Gray Daniels dealerships operating in Jackson, Mississippi remain standalone operations.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect the consolidated accounts of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and our wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2005, and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 have been included. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. Our interim unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and the effects of revisions are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary.

*Restatement*

Subsequent to the issuance of the Company's December 31, 2004 financial statements, we determined that certain information in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows should be restated for all periods presented to comply with the guidance under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows, and Rule 5-02(19)(a) of Regulation S-X. Historically, we reported all cash flows arising in connection with changes in floor plan notes payable as an operating activity and considered all borrowings and repayments of floor plan notes payable associated with inventory acquired through a dealership acquisition and inventory sold through a dealership divestiture, non-cash activities. Therefore, the changes in floor plan notes payable associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures were not included in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. As a result, we have (i) restated floor plan notes payable to a party other than the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle, and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, as floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (ii) restated the related non-manufacturer affiliated cash flows as a financing activity on our Consolidated Statements of Cash flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments and (iii) included floor plan notes payable activity associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. A summary of the significant effects of the restatement are as follows:

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(In thousands)		As of June 30, 2005
Floor plan notes payable	previously reported	\$ 613,137
Floor plan notes payable	manufacturer affiliated - previously reported	\$
Floor plan notes payable	manufacturer affiliated	181,414
Floor plan notes payable	manufacturer affiliated restated	\$ 181,414
Floor plan notes payable	non-manufacturer affiliated - previously reported	\$
Floor plan notes payable	non-manufacturer affiliated	431,723
Floor plan notes payable	non-manufacturer affiliated restated	\$ 431,723

(In thousands)		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
		2005	2004
Cash provided by operating activities	previously reported	\$ 43,394	\$ 4,651
Floor plan notes payable	manufacturer affiliated	(121,343)	(27,393)
Other		253	(372)
Cash used in operating activities	restated	\$ (77,696)	\$ (23,114)
Cash used in investing activities	previously reported	\$ (34,652)	\$ (94,377)
Acquisitions		(6,870)	(28,809)
Proceeds from the sale of assets		4,741	1,818
Other		(253)	372
Cash used in investing activities	restated	\$ (37,034)	\$ (120,996)
Cash used in financing activities	previously reported	\$ (25,786)	\$ (2,106)
Floor plan borrowings	non-manufacturer affiliated	1,753,115	1,185,266
Floor plan repayments	non-manufacturer affiliated	(1,629,643)	(1,130,882)
Cash provided by financing activities	restated	\$ 97,686	\$ 52,278

*Revenue Recognition*

Revenue from the sale of new and used vehicles is recognized upon delivery, passage of title, signing of the sales contract and approval of financing. Revenue from the sale of parts, service and collision repair is recognized upon delivery of parts to the customer or at the time vehicle service or repair work is completed. Manufacturer vehicle incentives and rebates, including holdbacks, are recognized as a component of new vehicle cost of sales when earned, generally at the time the related vehicles are sold.

We receive commissions from the sale of vehicle service contracts, credit life insurance and disability insurance to customers. In addition, we receive commissions from financing institutions for arranging customer financing. We may be charged back ( chargebacks ) for finance, insurance or vehicle service contract commissions in the event a contract is terminated. The revenues from financing fees and commissions are recorded at the time the vehicles are sold and a reserve for future chargebacks is established based on historical operating results and the termination provisions of the applicable contracts. Finance, insurance and vehicle service contract commissions, net of estimated chargebacks, are included in Finance and insurance, net in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*





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Upon adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, on January 1, 2002, we determined that each of our platforms qualified as a reporting unit since we operate in one segment, our platforms are one level below our corporate level, discrete financial information existed for each platform and the management of each platform directly reviewed the platform s performance. In late 2004, we began the process of reorganizing our platforms into four regions. Within this more streamlined structure, we will evaluate our operations and financial results by dealership in the aggregate,

rather than by platform. The general managers, with direction from a centralized management team, including corporate and regional management, will continue to have the independence and flexibility to respond effectively to local market conditions. Based on the changes in our management, operational and reporting structure during the first quarter of 2005, we evaluate goodwill at the operating segment level.

*Stock-Based Compensation*

We account for stock-based compensation issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. APB Opinion No. 25 requires the use of the intrinsic value method, which measures compensation cost as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the measurement date over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. We have adopted the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure-An amendment of FASB Statement No. 123.

The following table illustrates the effect on net income and net income per share had stock-based employee compensation been recorded based on the fair value method under SFAS No. 123 Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation :

(In thousands, except per share data)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income	\$ 15,986	\$ 14,748	\$ 25,627	\$ 25,112
Adjustments to net income:				
Stock-based compensation expense included in net income, net of tax		62	1	83
Pro forma stock-based compensation expense, net of tax	(674)	(1,406)	(1,340)	(2,595)
Pro forma net income	\$ 15,312	\$ 13,404	\$ 24,288	\$ 22,600
Net income per common share basic (as reported)	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.77
Net income per common share diluted (as reported)	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.77
Pro forma net income per common share basic	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.70
Pro forma net income per common share diluted	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.69

We use the Black-Scholes option valuation model ( Black-Scholes ), which is the measure of fair value most often utilized under SFAS No. 123. Traded options, unlike our stock-based awards, are not subject to vesting restrictions, are fully transferable and may use lower expected stock price volatility measures than those assumed below. We estimated the fair value of stock-based compensation issued to employees during each respective period using Black-Scholes with the following weighted average assumptions:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Risk free interest rate	3.7%	3.6%	3.8%	3.3%
Expected life of options	4 years	4 years	4 years	4 years
Expected stock price volatility	45%	51%	45%	51%

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Expected dividend yield	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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*Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*

We utilize derivative financial instruments to manage our capital structure. The types of risks hedged are those relating to the variability of cash flows and changes in the fair value of our financial instruments caused by movements in interest rates. We document our risk management strategy and assess hedge effectiveness at the inception and during the term of each hedge. Derivatives are reported at fair value on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The changes in fair value of the effective portion of cash flow hedges are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are reclassified to interest expense to the

extent the hedge becomes ineffective. The change in fair value of fair value hedges are recorded as a component of interest expense. Changes in the fair value of the associated hedged exposures (senior subordinated notes) are also recorded as a component of interest expense.

Measurements of hedge effectiveness are based on comparisons between the gains or losses of the actual interest rate swaps and the gains or losses of hypothetical interest rate swaps which are designed to reflect the critical terms of the defined hedged exposures. Ineffective portions of these interest rate swaps are reported as a component of interest expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. We recognized minor ineffectiveness during the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and no ineffectiveness during the three and six months ended June 30, 2004.

*Discontinued Operations*

**In accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, certain amounts reflected in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, have been classified as Assets Held for Sale and Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale. In addition, the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, have been reclassified to reflect the status of our discontinued operations as of September 30, 2005.**



*Statements of Cash Flows*





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Borrowings and repayments of floor plan notes payable to a party unaffiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle, and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, are classified as financing activities on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments. The net change in floor plan notes payable to a party affiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle is classified as an operating activity on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

The net change in service loaner vehicle financing is reflected as an operating activity in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, as these borrowings and repayments are with lenders affiliated with the vehicle manufacturer from which we purchase the related vehicles.

Construction reimbursements from third parties in connection with sale-leaseback agreements for the construction of new dealership facilities or leasehold improvements on our dealership facilities are included in investing activities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Financeable capital expenditures include all expenditures that we have financed during the reporting period or intend to finance in future reporting periods through sale-leaseback transactions or mortgage financing. In addition, in connection with the sale of one of our dealerships, we purchased the real estate on which the dealership is located for approximately \$5.4 million and the buyer of our dealership has agreed to purchase the real estate from us for \$5.4 million. We have classified this transaction as a financeable capital expenditure in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. Non-financed capital expenditures include all capital expenditures that are not included in financeable capital expenditures.

### *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*



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In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-based Payment. This statement requires compensation costs related to share-based payment transactions to be recognized in the financial statements. With limited exceptions, the amount of compensation cost will be measured based on the grant-date fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. Compensation cost will be recognized over the period that an employee provides service in exchange for the award. SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004) replaces SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. In April 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a new rule that amends the compliance dates for SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004). Registrants would have been required to implement the standard as of the beginning of the first interim or annual period that begins after September 15, 2005. The Commission's new rule allows companies to implement SFAS No. 123 (Revised 2004) at the beginning of their next fiscal year, instead of the next reporting period, that begins after September 15, 2005. We are currently evaluating the effect of this statement on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

**3. INVENTORIES**

Inventories consist of the following:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2005	As of	December 31, 2004
New vehicles	\$ 563,414	\$	619,098
Used vehicles	114,429		98,071
Parts and accessories	44,317		44,388
Total inventories	\$ 722,160	\$	761,557

The lower of cost or market reserves for inventory totaled \$4.4 million and \$4.9 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

**4. ACQUISITIONS**

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we acquired one dealership location (one franchise) for an aggregate purchase price of \$12.0 million, of which \$4.7 million was paid in cash through the use of available funds, \$6.8 million was borrowed from our floor plan facilities, with the remaining \$0.5 million representing the fair value of future payments. During the six months ended June 30, 2004, we acquired six dealership locations (six franchises) for an aggregate purchase price of \$102.6 million, of which \$71.6 million was paid in cash through the use of available funds, \$28.8 million was borrowed from our floor plan facilities, with the remaining \$2.2 million representing the fair value of future payments associated with one of our acquisitions.

The allocation of purchase price for acquisitions is as follows:

(In thousands)	2005	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	2004
Inventories	\$ 6,878	\$	32,540
Fixed assets	278		3,774
Other assets			1,681
Goodwill	3,541		53,101
Franchise rights	1,350		11,500
Total purchase price	\$ 12,047	\$	102,596

The allocation of purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed for certain current and prior year acquisitions was based on preliminary estimates of fair value and may be revised as additional information concerning valuation of such assets and liabilities becomes available.

**5. GOODWILL AND MANUFACTURER FRANCHISE RIGHTS**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the six months ended June 30, 2005 are as follows:

*(In thousands)*

Balance, December 31, 2004	\$	461,650
Current year acquisitions		3,541
Adjustments associated with prior year acquisitions		519
Current year divestitures		(763)
Balance, June 30, 2005	\$	464,947

The changes in the carrying amount of manufacturer franchise rights, which are included in Other Long-Term Assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, are as follows:

(In thousands)

Balance, December 31, 2004	\$	42,013
Current year acquisitions		1,350
Current year divestitures		(500)
Other		(294)
Balance, June 30, 2005	\$	42,569

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we sold two dealership locations (four franchises) resulting in the removal of \$0.8 million of goodwill from our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Two of the franchises sold had been allocated a total of \$0.5 million of manufacturer franchise rights, which were also removed from our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we acquired one dealership location (one franchise) and allocated \$1.4 million of the purchase price to manufacturer franchise rights.

## 6. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE

Assets and liabilities classified as held for sale include (i) assets and liabilities associated with discontinued operations held for sale at each balance sheet date, (ii) costs of completed construction projects included in pending sale-leaseback transactions where an unaffiliated third party has reimbursed us or will reimburse us funds for the cost of construction and (iii) costs of completed construction projects included in pending sale-leaseback transactions where an unaffiliated third party has agreed to purchase the assets from us upon completion of the construction.

Assets and liabilities associated with discontinued operations include three dealership locations (five franchises) as of June 30, 2005, and two dealership locations (four franchises) as of December 31, 2004. During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we sold real estate associated with one former dealership location with a book value of \$0.8 million for \$0.9 million. Assets associated with discontinued operations totaled \$43.4 million and \$11.2 million, and liabilities associated with discontinued operations totaled \$27.6 million and \$7.4 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

Included in Assets Held for Sale as of December 31, 2004 was \$14.5 million of costs associated with one completed project included in a pending sale-leaseback transaction. As of December 31, 2004, Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale included \$13.1 million of funds reimbursed by an unaffiliated third party associated with the completed construction project. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we received \$1.4 million of funds from the unaffiliated third party and completed this pending sale-leaseback transaction, which resulted in the removal of \$14.5 million of Assets Held for Sale and Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale from our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

A summary of assets and liabilities held for sale is as follows:

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(In thousands)	As of	
	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2004
<b>Assets:</b>		
Inventories	\$ 30,722	\$ 7,846
Property and equipment, net	12,702	17,902
Total assets	43,424	25,748
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Floor plan notes payable	27,619	7,456
Other liabilities		13,082
Total liabilities	27,619	20,538
Net assets held for sale	\$ 15,805	\$ 5,210

Included in Prepaid and Other Current Assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets are costs associated with construction projects, which we intend to sell through sale-leaseback transactions but have not been completed and therefore are not available for sale. In connection with these construction projects, we have entered into sale-leaseback agreements whereby an unaffiliated third party purchased the land and is either reimbursing us for the cost of construction of dealership facilities being constructed on the land or has agreed to purchase the assets from us upon completion of the project. We capitalize the cost of the construction and lease payments during the construction period and record a corresponding liability equal to the amount reimbursed.

Upon completion of the construction, we will execute the sale-leaseback transaction, remove the cost of construction and the related liability from our Consolidated Balance Sheets and amortize the capitalized lease payments on a straight-line basis over the lease term. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we completed one sale-leaseback transaction associated with a construction project that was completed subsequent to December 31, 2004, which resulted in the removal of \$1.2 million of Assets Held for Sale and Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale from our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The book value of assets associated with construction projects that have not been completed as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 totaled \$10.2 million and \$7.1 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the book value of liabilities associated with these construction projects totaled \$1.6 million.

## 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

(In thousands)	June 30, 2005	As of December 31, 2004
9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 (\$200.0 million face value, net of hedging activity of \$446 and \$2,736, respectively)	199,554	197,264
Mortgage notes payable	24,727	49,732
Notes payable collateralized by loaner vehicles	22,810	21,627
Committed Credit Facility	5,000	
Capital lease obligations	4,370	4,421
Other notes payable	2,883	3,372
	509,344	526,416
Less current portion	(32,936)	(33,880)
Long-term debt	\$ 476,408	\$ 492,536

During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we borrowed \$15.0 million from our committed credit facility, of which \$8.2 million was used for the purchase of real estate on which two of our dealerships are located. The remainder of the borrowings was used for general corporate purposes. During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we repaid \$10.0 million of the amounts borrowed from our committed credit facility and subsequent to the end of the quarter we repaid the remaining \$5.0 million.

## 8. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITY

We have entered into two forward interest rate swaps with a combined notional principal amount of \$170.0 million, to provide a hedge against changes in the interest rates of our variable rate floor plan notes payable for a period of eight years beginning in March 2006. The swap agreements were designated and qualify as cash flow hedges of our variable rate floor plan notes payable and will contain minor ineffectiveness. The swaps are scheduled to expire in March 2006. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swaps had a fair value of \$12.3 million and \$7.1 million and are included in Accrued Liabilities and Other Long-term Liabilities, respectively, on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.



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We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$200.0 million as a hedge against changes in the fair value of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we are required to make variable rate payments based on six-month LIBOR and receive a fixed rate of 8.0%. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and did not contain any ineffectiveness. As a result our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 have been adjusted by the fair market value of the related swap. The swap is scheduled to expire in March 2006. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$0.4 million and \$2.7 million and is included in Accrued Liabilities and Other Long-Term Liabilities, respectively, on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$15.2 million as a hedge against future changes in the interest rate of our variable rate mortgage notes payable. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we are required to make payments at a fixed rate of 6.08% and receive a variable rate based on LIBOR. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge of changes in the interest rate of our variable rate mortgage notes payable and will contain minor ineffectiveness. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$0.2 million, which was included in Other Long-Term Liabilities on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income to comprehensive income:

(In thousands)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income	\$ 15,986	\$ 14,748	\$ 25,627	\$ 25,112
Other comprehensive income:				
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	(8,368)	8,751	(5,279)	1,001
Income tax benefit (expense) associated with cash flow hedges	3,138	(3,282)	1,980	(404)
Comprehensive income	\$ 10,756	\$ 20,217	\$ 22,328	\$ 25,709

**10. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we sold two dealership locations (four franchises) and real estate associated with one former dealership location and placed three dealership locations (five franchises) into discontinued operations. As of June 30, 2005, three dealership locations (five franchises) and real estate associated with one former dealership location were pending disposition. In addition, during the period between June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005 we sold two franchises. As of September 30, 2005, eight dealership locations (eight franchises) were pending disposition. The accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, have been reclassified to reflect the status of our discontinued operations as of September 30, 2005.

The following table provides further information regarding our discontinued operations as of September 30, 2005, and includes the results of businesses sold prior to September 30, 2005, and businesses pending disposition as of September 30, 2005:

(Dollars in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2005			For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2004		
	Sold(a)	Pending Disposition(b)	Total	Sold(c)	Pending Disposition(b)	Total
Franchises	4	8	12	19	8	27
Revenues	\$ 9,087	\$ 85,329	\$ 94,416	\$ 57,764	\$ 87,129	\$ 144,893
Cost of sales	8,036	72,635	80,671	48,954	73,778	122,732
Gross profit	1,051	12,694	13,745	8,810	13,351	22,161
Operating expenses	1,304	13,591	14,895	8,779	13,339	22,118
Income (loss) from operations	(253)	(897)	(1,150)	31	12	43
Other expense, net	(407)	(715)	(1,122)	(641)	(210)	(851)
Loss on disposition of discontinued operations	(376)		(376)	(306)		(306)
Loss before income taxes	(1,036)	(1,612)	(2,648)	(916)	(198)	(1,114)
Income tax benefit	383	610	993	338	80	418

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Discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	(653)	\$	(1,002)	\$	(1,655)	\$	(578)	\$	(118)	\$	(696)
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(Dollars in thousands)	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005			For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004		
	Sold	Pending Disposition(b)	Total	Sold(d)	Pending Disposition(b)	Total
Franchises	6	8	14	20	8	28
Revenues	\$ 18,962	\$ 165,965	\$ 184,927	\$ 117,824	\$ 162,856	\$ 280,680
Cost of sales	16,351	140,863	157,214	99,623	137,267	236,890
Gross profit	2,611	25,102	27,713	18,201	25,589	43,790
Operating expenses	3,113	26,468	29,581	18,007	24,477	42,484
Income (loss) from operations	(502)	(1,366)	(1,868)	194	1,112	1,306
Other expense, net	(851)	(1,076)	(1,927)	(1,292)	(388)	(1,680)
Gain (loss) on disposition of discontinued operations	10		10	(474)		(474)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,343)	(2,442)	(3,785)	(1,572)	724	(848)
Income tax (expense) benefit	496	924	1,420	593	(275)	318
Discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (847)	\$ (1,518)	\$ (2,365)	\$ (979)	\$ 449	\$ (530)

- (a) Businesses were sold between April 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005
- (b) Businesses pending disposition as of September 30, 2005
- (c) Businesses were sold between April 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005
- (d) Businesses were sold between January 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005

## 11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average common shares and common share equivalents outstanding during the periods presented.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

(In thousands, except per share data)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income:				
Continuing operations	\$ 17,641	\$ 15,444	\$ 27,992	\$ 25,642
Discontinued operations	(1,655)	(696)	(2,365)	(530)
Net income	\$ 15,986	\$ 14,748	\$ 25,627	\$ 25,112
Earnings per share - basic and diluted:				
Continuing operations - basic	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.79
Discontinued operations - basic	(0.05)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.02)

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Net income	\$	0.49	\$	0.45	\$	0.79	\$	0.77
Continuing operations - diluted	\$	0.54	\$	0.47	\$	0.85	\$	0.78
Discontinued operations - diluted		(0.05)		(0.02)		(0.07)		(0.01)
Net income	\$	0.49	\$	0.45	\$	0.78	\$	0.77

Common shares and common share equivalents:

Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	32,604	32,470	32,596	32,452
Common share equivalents (stock options)	121	186	157	236
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	32,725	32,656	32,753	32,688

## 12. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we made interest payments, net of amounts capitalized, totaling \$36.3 million and \$29.8 million, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we received \$2.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, of proceeds associated with our interest rate swap agreement that was entered into in December 2003 in connection with the issuance of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we made income tax payments totaling \$8.2 million and \$9.3 million, respectively.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we completed two sale-leaseback transactions, which resulted in the sale of approximately \$15.7 million of Assets Held for Sale and the removal of \$15.7 million of Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale from our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

## 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A significant portion of our vehicle business involves the sale of vehicles, parts or vehicles composed of parts that are manufactured outside the United States of America. As a result, our operations are subject to customary risks of importing merchandise, including fluctuations in the relative values of currencies, import duties, exchange controls, trade restrictions, work stoppages and general political and socio-economic conditions in foreign countries. The United States of America or the countries from which our products are imported may, from time to time, impose new quotas, duties, tariffs or other restrictions, or adjust presently prevailing quotas, duties or tariffs, which may affect our operations and our ability to purchase imported vehicles and/or parts at reasonable prices.

Manufacturers may direct us to implement costly capital improvements to dealerships as a condition upon entering into franchise agreements with them. Manufacturers also typically require that their franchises meet specific standards of appearance. These factors, either alone or in combination, could cause us to divert our financial resources to capital projects from uses that management believes may be of higher long-term value, such as acquisitions.

Substantially all of our facilities are subject to federal, state and local provisions regarding the discharge of materials into the environment. Compliance with these provisions has not had, nor do we expect such compliance to have, any material effect upon our capital expenditures, net earnings, financial condition, liquidity or competitive position. We believe that our current practices and procedures for the control and disposition of such materials comply with applicable federal, state and local requirements.

From time to time, we and our dealerships are named in claims involving the manufacture and sale or lease of motor vehicles, including but not limited to the charging of administrative fees, the operation of dealerships, contractual disputes and other matters arising in the ordinary course of our business. With respect to certain of these claims, the sellers of our acquired dealerships have indemnified us. We do not expect that any potential liability from these claims will materially affect our financial condition, liquidity, results of operations or financial statement disclosures.

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Our dealerships hold dealer agreements with a number of vehicle manufacturers. In accordance with the individual dealer agreements, each dealership is subject to certain rights and restrictions typical of the industry. The ability of the manufacturers to influence the operations of the dealerships or the loss of a dealer agreement could have a negative impact on our operating results.

We have guaranteed a loan made by a financial institution directly to a non-consolidated entity controlled by a former executive, which totaled approximately \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2005. This loan was made by a corporation we acquired in October 1998, and guarantees an industrial revenue bond, which we are legally required to guarantee. The primary obligor of the note is a non-dealership business entity and that entity's partners as individuals.

### **14. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 are guaranteed by all of our current subsidiaries, other than our current Toyota and Lexus dealership subsidiaries, and all of our future domestic restricted subsidiaries, other than our future Toyota and Lexus dealership facilities. The following tables set forth, on a condensed consolidating basis, our balance sheets, statements of income and statements of cash flows, for our guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries for all financial statement periods presented in our interim consolidated financial statements.

**Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet****As of June 30, 2005****(In thousands)****(Restated)**

	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 11,049	\$	\$	\$ 11,049
Inventories		668,522	53,638		722,160
Other current assets		282,270	56,246		338,516
Assets held for sale		43,424			43,424
Total current assets		1,005,265	109,884		1,115,149
Property and equipment, net		200,708	5,274		205,982
Goodwill		403,635	61,312		464,947
Other assets		99,376	3,045		102,421
Investment in subsidiaries	504,456	132,159		(636,615)	
Total assets	\$ 504,456	\$ 1,841,143	\$ 179,515	\$ (636,615)	\$ 1,888,499
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>					
Current liabilities:					
Floor plan notes payable affiliated	Manufacturer	\$ 181,414	\$	\$	\$ 181,414
Floor plan notes payable Manufacturer affiliated	Non	389,379	42,344		431,723
Other current liabilities		184,539	4,038		188,577
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale		27,619			27,619
Total current liabilities		782,951	46,382		829,333
Long-term debt		476,377	31		476,408
Other liabilities		77,359	943		78,302
Shareholders equity	504,456	504,456	132,159	(636,615)	504,456
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 504,456	\$ 1,841,143	\$ 179,515	\$ (636,615)	\$ 1,888,499



**Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2004**  
(In thousands)

(Restated)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 28,093	\$	\$	\$ 28,093
Inventories		713,205	48,352		761,557
Other current assets		286,675	40,933		327,608
Assets held for sale		25,748			25,748
Total current assets		1,053,721	89,285		1,143,006
Property and equipment, net		190,706	5,082		195,788
Goodwill		400,338	61,312		461,650
Other assets		79,435	18,080		97,515
Investment in subsidiaries	481,732	130,098		(611,830)	
Total assets	\$ 481,732	\$ 1,854,298	\$ 173,759	\$ (611,830)	\$ 1,897,959
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS</b>					
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Current liabilities:					
Floor plan notes payable affiliated	\$	\$ 336,369	\$	\$	\$ 336,369
Floor plan notes payable Manufacturer affiliated		277,170	37,409		314,579
Other current liabilities		170,227	5,797		176,024
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale		20,538			20,538
Total current liabilities		804,304	43,206		847,510
Long-term debt		492,499	37		492,536
Other liabilities		75,763	418		76,181
Shareholders' equity	481,732	481,732	130,098	(611,830)	481,732
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 481,732	\$ 1,854,298	\$ 173,759	\$ (611,830)	\$ 1,897,959

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income**  
**For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2005**  
(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 1,264,661	\$ 168,612	\$ (1,828)	\$ 1,431,445
Cost of sales		1,075,959	144,298	(1,828)	1,218,429
Gross profit		188,702	24,314		213,016
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative		145,559	17,147		162,706
Depreciation and amortization		4,427	355		4,782
Income from operations		38,716	6,812		45,528
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense		(7,112)	(429)		(7,541)
Other interest expense		(8,969)	(1,301)		(10,270)
Other income, net		503	5		508
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	15,986	3,065		(19,051)	
Total other expense, net	15,986	(12,513)	(1,725)	(19,051)	(17,303)
Income before income taxes	15,986	26,203	5,087	(19,051)	28,225
Income tax expense		8,675	1,909		10,584
Income from continuing operations	15,986	17,528	3,178	(19,051)	17,641
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(1,542)	(113)		(1,655)
Net income	\$ 15,986	\$ 15,986	\$ 3,065	\$ (19,051)	\$ 15,986

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income**  
**For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2004**  
(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 1,118,991	\$ 148,456	\$ (2,985)	\$ 1,264,462
Cost of sales		947,184	128,617	(2,985)	1,072,816
Gross profit		171,807	19,839		191,646
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative		132,558	15,243		147,801
Depreciation and amortization		4,428	325		4,753
Income from operations		34,821	4,271		39,092
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense		(4,399)	(325)		(4,724)
Other interest expense		(9,083)	(1,049)		(10,132)
Other income, net		158	32		190
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	14,748	1,854		(16,602)	
Total other expense, net	14,748	(11,470)	(1,342)	(16,602)	(14,666)
Income before income taxes	14,748	23,351	2,929	(16,602)	24,426
Income tax expense		7,883	1,099		8,982
Income from continuing operations	14,748	15,468	1,830	(16,602)	15,444
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(720)	24		(696)
Net income	\$ 14,748	\$ 14,748	\$ 1,854	\$ (16,602)	\$ 14,748

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income**  
**For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005**  
(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 2,409,517	\$ 316,840	\$ (3,708)	\$ 2,722,649
Cost of sales		2,045,023	270,328	(3,708)	2,311,643
Gross profit		364,494	46,512		411,006
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative		290,054	33,546		323,600
Depreciation and amortization		8,799	690		9,489
Income from operations		65,641	12,276		77,917
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense		(13,367)	(780)		(14,147)
Other interest expense		(17,402)	(2,469)		(19,871)
Other income, net		873	15		888
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	25,627	5,493		(31,120)	
Total other expense, net	25,627	(24,403)	(3,234)	(31,120)	(33,130)
Income before income taxes	25,627	41,238	9,042	(31,120)	44,787
Income tax expense		13,403	3,392		16,795
Income from continuing operations	25,627	27,835	5,650	(31,120)	27,992
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(2,208)	(157)		(2,365)
Net income	\$ 25,627	\$ 25,627	\$ 5,493	\$ (31,120)	\$ 25,627

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income**  
**For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004**  
(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Revenues	\$	\$ 2,088,000	\$ 292,147	\$ (5,506)	\$ 2,374,641
Cost of sales		1,764,896	251,817	(5,506)	2,011,207
Gross profit		323,104	40,330		363,434
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative		255,174	29,547		284,721
Depreciation and amortization		8,701	624		9,325
Income from operations		59,229	10,159		69,388
Other income (expense):					
Floor plan interest expense		(8,228)	(603)		(8,831)
Other interest expense		(18,400)	(1,996)		(20,396)
Other income, net		554	27		581
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	25,112	4,979		(30,091)	
Total other expense, net	25,112	(21,095)	(2,572)	(30,091)	(28,646)
Income before income taxes	25,112	38,134	7,587	(30,091)	40,742
Income tax expense		12,255	2,845		15,100
Income from continuing operations	25,112	25,879	4,742	(30,091)	25,642
Discontinued operations, net of tax		(767)	237		(530)
Net income	\$ 25,112	\$ 25,112	\$ 4,979	\$ (30,091)	\$ 25,112

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005**  
(In thousands)

(Restated)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	\$ (68,431)	\$ (9,265)	\$	\$ (77,696)
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(34,707)	(471)		(35,178)
Acquisitions		(11,562)			(11,562)
Other investing activities		9,705	1		9,706
Net cash used in investing activities		(36,564)	(470)		(37,034)
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Floor Plan Borrowings non-manufacturer affiliated		1,474,852	278,263		1,753,115
Floor Plan Repayments non-manufacturer affiliated		(1,356,316)	(273,327)		(1,629,643)
Proceeds from borrowings		20,734			20,734
Repayments of debt		(41,983)	(6)		(41,989)
Intercompany financing		(4,805)	4,805		
Other financing activities		(4,531)			(4,531)
Net cash provided by financing activities		87,951	9,735		97,686
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(17,044)			(17,044)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period					
		28,093			28,093
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$ 11,049	\$	\$	\$ 11,049

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004**  
(In thousands)

(Restated)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$	\$ (36,505)	\$ 13,391	\$	\$ (23,114)
Cash flow from investing activities:					
Capital expenditures		(32,771)	(1,750)		(34,521)
Payments for acquisitions		(100,403)			(100,403)
Other investing activities		13,928			13,928
Net cash used in investing activities		(119,246)	(1,750)		(120,996)
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Floor Plan Borrowings non-manufacturer affiliated		943,049	242,217		1,185,266
Floor Plan Repayments non-manufacturer affiliated		(895,677)	(235,205)		(1,130,882)
Proceeds from borrowings		3,850			3,850
Repayments of debt		(6,808)	(5)		(6,813)
Intercompany financing		26,432	(26,432)		
Other financing activities		857			857
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		71,703	(19,425)		52,278
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(84,048)	(7,784)		(91,832)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period					
		98,927	7,784		106,711
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$ 14,879	\$	\$	\$ 14,879

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.:

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of June 30, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of income for the three and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, and statements of cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2005 and 2004. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2 Restatement, the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been restated.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated March 14, 2005 (March 14, 2006 as to the effects of the restatement discussed in Note 2 Restatement and discontinued operations discussed in Note 16 Discontinued Operations), we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2004 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP  
New York, New York

August 4, 2005 (March 14, 2006 as to the effects of the restatement discussed in Note 2 Restatement and discontinued operations discussed in Note 10 Discontinued Operations)



## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Subsequent to the issuance of our December 31, 2004 financial statements, we determined that certain information in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows should be restated for all periods presented to comply with the guidance under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows, and Rule 5-02(19)(a) of Regulation S-X. Floor plan notes payable to a party unaffiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle, and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, have been restated as floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated on the Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related non-manufacturer affiliated cash flows have been restated from operating activities to financing activities on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments. In addition, we have restated our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to include floor plan notes payable activity in connection with our dealership acquisitions and divestitures. Consistent with industry practice, we previously reported all cash flow activity relating to floor plan notes payable as operating cash flows and considered floor plan notes payable activity associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures, non-cash activities. This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations has been updated for the effects of the restatement and for the effects of entities which became discontinued operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. In addition, we have made certain other immaterial reclassifications to conform to current presentation. Forward looking statements made reflected our expectations as of the date of our original filing and have not been adjusted to reflect subsequent information.

We are one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States, operating 94 dealership locations (129 franchises) in 23 metropolitan markets within 11 states as of June 30, 2005. We offer 33 different brands of new vehicles, including four heavy truck brands. We also operate 23 collision repair centers that serve our markets.

We have grown our business through the acquisition of large dealership groups formerly referred to as platforms and numerous tuck-in acquisitions. Tuck-in acquisitions refer to the purchase of dealerships in the market areas in which we have existing dealerships. We use tuck-in acquisitions to increase the number of vehicle brands we offer in a particular market area and to create a larger gross profit base over which to spread overhead costs.

During the first quarter of 2005, we reorganized our dealerships into principally four regions: (i) Florida (comprising our Coggin dealerships, operating primarily in Jacksonville and Orlando, and our Courtesy dealerships operating in Tampa), (ii) West (comprising our McDavid dealerships operating throughout Texas, our Thomason dealerships operating in Portland, Oregon, our Spirit dealerships operating primarily in Los Angeles, California and our Northern California Dealerships operating in Sacramento and Fresno, California), (iii) Mid-Atlantic (comprising our Crown dealerships operating in North Carolina, South Carolina and Southern Virginia) and (iv) South (comprising our Nalley dealerships operating in Atlanta, Georgia and our North Point dealerships operating in Little Rock, Arkansas). Our Plaza dealerships operating in St. Louis, Missouri and our Gray Daniels dealerships operating in Jackson, Mississippi remain standalone operations. Within this more streamlined structure, we will evaluate our operations and financial results by dealership in the aggregate, rather than by platform. The general managers, with direction from a centralized management team, including corporate and regional management, will continue to have the independence and flexibility to respond effectively to local market conditions. We expect a significant improvement in management effectiveness as a result of this reorganization, as well as added operating and cost efficiencies. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we incurred \$3.6 million in severance and other costs related to our regional reorganization. We expect to complete the final phases of our reorganization during the remainder of 2005. Currently, we estimate that the regional reorganization will have a negative impact on income from continuing operations of \$0.03 per diluted share during 2005 and will improve income from continuing operations by approximately \$3.0 million or \$0.10 per diluted share each year beginning in 2006. During the third quarter of 2005, we entered into agreements to divest of all our Thomason dealerships in Portland, Oregon and our Spirit Nissan store in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. When those sales close, we will exit the Portland, Oregon and Rancho Santa Margarita markets, thereby reducing our number of metropolitan markets to 21.

Our revenues are derived primarily from four offerings: (i) the sale of new vehicles to individual retail customers (new retail) and the sale of new vehicles to commercial customers (fleet) (the terms new retail and fleet being collectively referred to as new); (ii) the sale of used vehicles to

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individual retail customers ( used retail ) and the sale of used vehicles to other dealers at auction ( wholesale ) (the terms used retail and wholesale being collectively referred to as used ); (iii) maintenance and collision repair services and the sale of automotive parts (collectively referred to as fixed operations ); and (iv) the arrangement of vehicle financing and the sale of various insurance and warranty products (collectively referred to as F&I ). We evaluate the results of our new and used vehicle sales based on unit volumes and gross profit per vehicle retailed ( PVR ), our fixed operations based on aggregate gross profit, and F&I based on gross profit PVR. We assess the organic growth of our revenue and gross profit by comparing the year-to-year results of stores that we have operated for at least twelve months ( same store ).

Our gross profit percentage varies with our revenue mix. The sale of vehicles generally results in lower gross profit percentages than our fixed operations. As a result, when fixed operations revenue increases as a percentage of total revenue, we expect our overall gross profit percentage to increase.

Selling, general and administrative ( SG&A ) expenses consist primarily of fixed and incentive-based compensation, advertising, rent, insurance, utilities and other customary operating expenses. A significant portion of our selling expenses is variable (such as sales commissions), or controllable expenses (such as advertising), generally allowing our cost structure to adapt in response to trends in our business. We evaluate commissions paid to salespeople as a percentage of retail vehicle gross profit and all other SG&A expenses in the aggregate as a percentage of total gross profit.

Sales of vehicles (particularly new vehicles) have historically fluctuated with general macroeconomic conditions, including consumer confidence, availability of consumer credit and fuel prices. Although these factors may impact our business, we believe that any future negative trends will be mitigated by increased used vehicle sales, stability in our fixed operations, our variable cost structure, our regional diversity and our advantageous brand mix. Historically, our brand mix, which is weighted towards luxury and mid-line import brands, has been less affected by market volatility than the U.S. automobile retailing industry as a whole. We expect the recent industry-wide gain in market share of the luxury and mid-line import brands to continue in the near future.

Our operations are generally subject to modest seasonal variations as we tend to generate more revenue and operating income in the second and third quarters than in the first and fourth quarters of a calendar year. Historically, the seasonal variations in our operations have been caused by factors relating to weather conditions, model changeovers and consumer buying patterns, among other things. Over the past several years, certain automobile manufacturers have used a combination of vehicle pricing and financing incentive programs to generate increased customer demand for new vehicles. In addition to the traditional manufacturer incentive programs, domestic manufacturers have begun to offer customers employee discount pricing . The extensive use of manufacturer incentive programs and pricing promotions has impacted the historical cyclicality of new vehicle sales in the United States as customers have been conditioned to postpone the purchase of a vehicle until a manufacturer program or promotion is available.

The manufacturer incentive programs on new vehicles have also served to increase competition with late-model used vehicles. We anticipate that the manufacturers will continue to use these incentive programs in the future and, as a result, we will continue to monitor and adjust our used vehicle inventory mix in response to these programs. In addition, we will continue to expand our service capacity in order to meet anticipated future demand as we expect the relatively high volume of new vehicle sales, resulting from the highly incentivized new vehicle market, will drive future service demand at our dealership locations.

Interest rates over the past several years have been at historic lows. We do not believe that changes in interest rates significantly impact customer overall buying patterns, as changes in interest rates do not dramatically increase the monthly payment of a financed vehicle. For example, the monthly payment for a typical vehicle financing transaction in which a customer finances \$25,000 at 7.0% over 60 months increases by approximately \$5.90 with each 0.5% increase in interest rates.

## **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**



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**Three Months Ended June 30, 2005, Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2004**

Net income increased \$1.3 million to \$16.0 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$14.7 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2004.

Income from continuing operations increased \$2.2 million to \$17.6 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$15.4 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share, for the three months ended June 30, 2004.

The 8% increase in net income and 14% increase in income from continuing operations resulted from several factors, including: (i) increases in new and used vehicle sales volumes, (ii) an improvement in the average gross profit of used vehicles, (iii) substantial increases in our fixed operations gross profit, (iv) significant increases in same store F&I revenue resulting from a combination of an increase in platform F&I PVR and an increase in new and used retail vehicle sales and (v) a significant improvement in our wholesale business. These factors were partially offset by the following: (i) margin pressure on new vehicle retail sales and (ii) increased floor plan expense due to rising interest rates.

*Revenues-*

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(Dollars in thousands)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
<b>New vehicle data:</b>				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 815,874	\$ 764,764	\$ 51,110	7%
Retail revenues-acquisitions	30,825			
Total new retail revenues	846,699	764,764	81,935	11%
Fleet revenues-same store (1)	32,766	21,905	10,861	50%
Fleet revenues-acquisitions	1,219			
Total fleet revenues	33,985	21,905	12,080	55%
New vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 880,684	\$ 786,669	\$ 94,015	12%
New retail units-same store (1)	26,450	25,516	934	4%
New retail units-actual	27,678	25,516	2,162	8%
<b>Used vehicle data:</b>				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 259,607	\$ 220,969	\$ 38,638	17%
Retail revenues-acquisitions	7,310			
Total used retail revenues	266,917	220,969	45,948	21%
Wholesale revenues-same store (1)	80,907	79,670	1,237	2%
Wholesale revenues-acquisitions	2,916			
Total wholesale revenues	83,823	79,670	4,153	5%
Used vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 350,740	\$ 300,639	\$ 50,101	17%
Used retail units-same store (1)	15,020	14,007	1,013	7%
Used retail units-actual	15,535	14,007	1,528	11%
<b>Parts, service and collision repair:</b>				
Revenues-same store (1)	\$ 158,408	\$ 142,237	\$ 16,171	11%
Revenues-acquisitions	2,227			
Parts, service and collision repair revenue, as reported	\$ 160,635	\$ 142,237	\$ 18,398	13%
<b>Finance and insurance, net:</b>				
Platform revenues-same store (1)	\$ 36,455	\$ 33,011	\$ 3,444	10%
Platform revenues-acquisitions	1,564			
Platform finance and insurance revenue	38,019	33,011	5,008	15%
Corporate revenues	1,367	1,906		
Finance and insurance revenue, as reported	\$ 39,386	\$ 34,917	\$ 4,469	13%
<b>Total revenue:</b>				
Same store (1)	\$ 1,384,017	\$ 1,262,556	\$ 121,461	10%
Corporate	1,367	1,906		
Acquisitions	46,061			
Total revenue, as reported	\$ 1,431,445	\$ 1,264,462	\$ 166,983	13%

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

Total revenues increased 13% to \$1.4 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$1.3 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2004. Same store revenues increased 10% to \$1.4 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$1.3 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2004.

Same store new retail revenue increased 7% for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the prior year period, reflecting a 4% increase in new retail unit sales due to the employee pricing programs and an increase in the percentage of luxury and mid-line import sales, which on average have a higher selling price. Same store used vehicle retail revenue increased 17% to \$259.6 million, compared to \$221.0 million for the prior year period. Our same-store used retail unit sales increased 7% due to the strength of the used vehicle market during the quarter. We anticipate that the manufacturer incentives on new vehicles will continue to drive customers toward new vehicles during 2005, which may create a challenging used vehicle retail market in the near future. However, we do believe that opportunities to increase unit sales exist in the used vehicle retail market, especially with respect to customers interested in lower priced inventory, which we view as a separate market from higher priced used and new vehicle inventory.

Fixed operations revenue increased 13%, to \$160.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$142.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. Same store fixed operations revenue increased 11%, for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004, where we had substantial growth across each line of our fixed business (10% increase in parts, 16% increase in service and 7% increase in collision repair) driven by customer pay and warranty work. The growth in our customer pay business is a result of (i) our continued service adviser training, (ii) expansion of our product offerings



and (iii) the implementation of more aggressive advertising campaigns. Our warranty business continued its positive performance driven by continued manufacturer recall programs and increased work on imported vehicles, which typically generates higher revenue due to customer retention. We expect fixed operations to continue to grow as we expand our service capacity in 2005 with the addition of approximately 100 service stalls, the hiring of 200 to 250 technicians and a focused effort on more rigorous and consistent training of our service advisors.

Platform F&I revenue increased 10% to \$36.5 million on a same store basis for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004. The increase in Platform F&I is attributable to (i) increased service contract penetration, (ii) utilization of menus in the F&I sales process and (iii) maturation of our corporate-sponsored programs. Platform F&I excludes revenue resulting from contracts negotiated by our corporate office, which is attributable to retail units sold during prior periods. Corporate F&I revenue was \$1.4 million for the three month periods ended June 30, 2005, compared to \$1.9 million for the prior year period. We expect this revenue to decrease significantly over the next few years and ultimately be zero by 2008 as the portfolio runs off.

We expect total revenue to increase as we continue to acquire dealerships, expand our service capacity and improve our platform F&I PVR. However, future revenue growth will rely heavily on our performance in the vehicle retail business, in particular our ability to maintain or improve upon our sales volumes of new and used vehicles.

***Gross Profit-***



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(Dollars in thousands, except for per vehicle data)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
<b>New vehicle data:</b>				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 57,734	\$ 55,279	\$ 2,455	4%
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	1,930			
Total new retail gross profit	59,664	55,279	4,385	8%
Fleet gross profit-same store (1)	841	640	201	31%
Fleet gross profit-acquisitions	(8)			
Total fleet gross profit	833	640	193	30%
New vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 60,497	\$ 55,919	\$ 4,578	8%
New retail units-same store (1)	26,450	25,516	934	4%
New retail units-actual	27,678	25,516	2,162	8%
<b>Used vehicle data:</b>				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 29,277	\$ 26,068	\$ 3,209	12%
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	724			
Total used retail gross profit	30,001	26,068	3,933	15%
Wholesale gross profit-same store (1)	111	(829)	940	113%
Wholesale gross profit-acquisitions	(26)			
Total wholesale gross profit	85	(829)	914	110%
Used vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 30,086	\$ 25,239	\$ 4,847	19%
Used retail units-same store (1)	15,020	14,007	1,013	7%
Used retail units-actual	15,535	14,007	1,528	11%
<b>Parts, service and collision repair:</b>				
Gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 81,550	\$ 75,571	\$ 5,979	8%
Gross profit-acquisitions	1,497			
Parts, service and collision repair gross profit, as reported	\$ 83,047	\$ 75,571	\$ 7,476	10%

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(Dollars in thousands, except for per vehicle data)	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
Finance and insurance, net:				
Platform gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 36,455	\$ 33,011	\$ 3,444	10%
Platform gross profit-acquisitions	1,564			
Platform finance and insurance gross profit (2)	38,019	33,011	5,008	15%
Gross profit-corporate	1,367	1,906		
Finance and insurance gross profit, as reported	\$ 39,386	\$ 34,917	\$ 4,469	13%
Platform gross profit PVR-same store (1)	\$ 879	\$ 835	\$ 44	5%
Platform gross profit PVR-actual (2)	\$ 880	\$ 835	\$ 45	5%
Gross profit PVR-actual	\$ 911	\$ 883	\$ 28	3%
Total gross profit:				
Same store (1)	\$ 205,968	\$ 189,740	\$ 16,228	9%
Corporate	1,367	1,906		
Acquisitions	5,681			
Total gross profit, as reported	\$ 213,016	\$ 191,646	\$ 21,370	11%

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

(2) Refer to Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information for further discussion regarding platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR.

Gross profit increased 11% to \$213.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$191.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. Same store gross profit increased 9% to \$206.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004.

Same store gross profit on new retail vehicle sales increased \$2.5 million to \$57.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004. The overall increase in same store gross profit on new retail vehicle sales was directly attributable to a 4% increase in unit sales. We expect that margins on new vehicles will continue to be under pressure for the foreseeable future, as the automotive manufacturers continue offer incentive programs and pricing promotions to contend with overcapacity in their factories.

Same store gross profit on used vehicle retail sales increased \$3.2 million to \$29.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004. Due to a strong market during the first part of the quarter, we were able to increase average same store gross profit dollars earned per vehicle retailed by 5% over the prior year period. In addition, the strength of the used vehicle market enabled us to generate a modest profit in our wholesale business, compared to a wholesale loss of \$0.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004.

Same store gross profit from fixed operations increased 8% to \$81.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$75.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004, resulting primarily from customer pay and warranty work.

Same-store platform F&I PVR revenue increased 5% to \$879 for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$835 for the three months ended June 30, 2004. The increase in F&I PVR is attributable to (i) increased service contract penetration, (ii) utilization of menus in the F&I sales process and (iii) maturation of our corporate-sponsored programs. We anticipate that the positive trends in platform F&I PVR will continue in

the future as we focus on improving F&I PVR levels at our lowest performing stores and continue to add new products.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses-*

SG&A expenses increased \$14.9 million to \$162.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$147.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit for the three months ended June 30, 2005, improved slightly to 76.4%, from 77.1% for the prior year period. SG&A expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2005, includes incremental rent of \$2.3 million resulting from the refinancing of 20 of our dealerships using a sale-leaseback transaction early in the third quarter of 2004. Excluding rent expense from both periods, SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit decreased to 70.8% for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to 72.9% for the three months ended June 30, 2004. The improvement in SG&A expense as a percentage of gross profit, after adjusting for the incremental rent expense, was attributable to the reorganization of the company into regions largely completed during the first quarter of 2005, a strategic reduction in new vehicle advertising and lower insurance costs principally in the area of workman's compensation.

Although there are many variables which impact the ratio of SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit, including the seasonality of the automotive retail business, we believe our regional reorganization demonstrates our commitment to reducing our fixed cost structure and, absent other factors, will result in a decrease in SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit in future periods. During the first six months of 2005 we incurred approximately \$3.6 million in severance and other costs related to our regional reorganization. We expect to incur between \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million of additional reorganization costs during the remainder of 2005. Currently, we estimate that our regional reorganization will reduce SG&A expenses by approximately \$5.0 million annually, beginning in 2006.

*Depreciation and Amortization-*

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$4.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, as depreciation and amortization expense related to property and equipment additions and dealership facilities purchased during 2004, were offset by reductions in property and equipment sold in a sale-leaseback transaction completed in the third quarter of 2004.

We expect depreciation and amortization expense to increase in the future as we continue to upgrade our facilities, expand our service centers and acquire additional dealerships.

*Other Income (Expense)-*

Floor plan interest expense increased \$2.8 million to \$7.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$4.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. The increase in floor plan interest expense over the prior year period is principally attributable to higher interest rates. We expect interest rates to continue to rise in the future.

Other interest expense increased \$0.2 million to \$10.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$10.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004. We expect that our outstanding debt balances will remain relatively consistent for the near future, as we anticipate our next several acquisitions will be funded with our available cash. Fluctuations in other interest expense during the remainder of 2005 will be affected by potential changes in interest rates on our variable rate debt.

*Income Tax Expense-*

Income tax expense increased \$1.6 million to \$10.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, from \$9.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004, due to a \$3.8 million increase in income before income taxes for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2004. In addition, our effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2005, was 37.5% compared to 36.8% for the three months ended June 30, 2004, as we received a state tax benefit of \$0.2 million during the second quarter of 2004, which reduced our tax provision. As a result of operating nationally, our effective tax rate is dependent upon our geographic revenue mix, and we evaluate our effective tax rate periodically based on our revenue sources. We expect that our annual effective tax rate will be approximately 37.5% for the year ending December 31, 2005.

*Discontinued Operations-*

During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we sold one dealership location (two franchises), and as of June 30, 2005, we were actively pursuing the sale of three dealership locations (five franchises). During the period between June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005, we sold two franchises and as of September 30, 2005 we were actively pursuing the sale of eight dealership locations (eight franchises). The \$1.7 million loss from discontinued operations is attributable to the net loss on the sale of dealerships during the quarter and the operating losses of the franchises mentioned above. The loss from discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2004, of \$0.7 million includes the results of operations of the dealerships mentioned above; eleven dealership locations (fifteen franchises) that were sold or closed between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005; and the net loss on the sale of businesses during the three months ended June 30, 2004.

**Six Months Ended June 30, 2005, Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2004**

Net income increased \$0.5 million to \$25.6 million, or \$0.78 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$25.1 million, or \$0.77 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

Income from continuing operations increased \$2.4 million to \$28.0 million, or \$0.85 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$25.6 million, or \$0.78 per diluted share, for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

The 2% increase in net income and 9% increase in income from continuing operations resulted from several factors, including: (i) increases in new and used vehicle sales volumes, (ii) an improvement in the average gross profit of used vehicles, (iii) substantial increases in our fixed operations gross profit, (iv) significant increases in same store F&I revenue resulting from a

combination of an increase in platform F&I PVR and an increase in new and used retail vehicle sales and (v) a significant improvement in our wholesale business. These factors were partially offset by the following: (i) margin pressure on new vehicle retail sales and (ii) increased floor plan expense due to rising interest rates.

***Revenues-***



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(Dollars in thousands)	For the Six Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
<b>New vehicle data:</b>				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 1,509,167	\$ 1,406,695	\$ 102,472	7%
Retail revenues-acquisitions	67,935			
Total new retail revenues	1,577,102	1,406,695	170,407	12%
Fleet revenues-same store (1)	80,597	44,123	36,474	83%
Fleet revenues-acquisitions	1,492			
Total fleet revenues	82,089	44,123	37,966	86%
New vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 1,659,191	\$ 1,450,818	\$ 208,373	14%
New retail units-same store (1)	48,714	46,773	1,941	4%
New retail units-actual	51,335	46,773	4,562	10%
<b>Used vehicle data:</b>				
Retail revenues-same store (1)	\$ 490,496	\$ 431,110	\$ 59,386	14%
Retail revenues-acquisitions	16,623			
Total used retail revenues	507,119	431,110	76,009	18%
Wholesale revenues-same store (1)	159,235	152,883	6,352	4%
Wholesale revenues-acquisitions	6,958			
Total wholesale revenues	166,193	152,883	13,310	9%
Used vehicle revenue, as reported	\$ 673,312	\$ 583,993	\$ 89,319	15%
Used retail units-same store (1)	29,085	27,635	1,450	5%
Used retail units-actual	30,137	27,635	2,502	9%
<b>Parts, service and collision repair:</b>				
Revenues-same store (1)	\$ 306,879	\$ 276,501	\$ 30,378	11%
Revenues-acquisitions	8,133			
Parts, service and collision repair revenue, as reported	\$ 315,012	\$ 276,501	\$ 38,511	14%
<b>Finance and insurance, net:</b>				
Platform revenues-same store (1)	\$ 69,452	\$ 60,180	\$ 9,272	15%
Platform revenues-acquisitions	3,112			
Platform finance and insurance revenue	72,564	60,180	12,384	21%
Corporate revenues	2,570	3,149		
Finance and insurance revenue, as reported	\$ 75,134	\$ 63,329	\$ 11,805	19%
<b>Total revenue:</b>				
Same store (1)	\$ 2,615,826	\$ 2,371,492	\$ 244,334	10%
Corporate	2,570	3,149		
Acquisitions	104,253			
Total revenue, as reported	\$ 2,722,649	\$ 2,374,641	\$ 348,008	15%

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

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Total revenues increased 15% to \$2.7 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$2.4 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2004. Same store revenue grew 10% to \$2.6 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$2.4 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

Same store new vehicle retail revenue grew \$102.5 million, or 7%, during the first six months of 2005, compared to the first six months of 2004, reflecting a 4% increase in new retail unit sales and an increase in our sales mix toward luxury and mid-line import sales. Same store used vehicle retail revenue increased \$59.4 million, or 14%, to \$490.5 million on a 5% increase in unit sales and 8% increase in average selling price per vehicle retailed in the first six months of 2005, compared to the same period of 2004.

Fixed operations revenue increased 14%, 11% on a same store basis, for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004. Our warranty business continued its positive performance, driven by continued manufacturer recall programs and increased work on import brands, which typically generate higher revenues than domestic brands.

Platform F&I increased \$9.3 million to \$69.5 million on a same store basis for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004. Corporate F&I revenue was \$2.6 million for the six month periods ended June 30, 2005, compared to \$3.1 million for the prior year period.

*Gross Profit-*

(Dollars in thousands, except for per vehicle data)	For the Six Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
<b>New vehicle data:</b>				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 107,772	\$ 103,792	\$ 3,980	4%
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	4,571			
Total new retail gross profit	112,343	103,792	8,551	8%
Fleet gross profit-same store (1)	1,402	980	422	43%
Fleet gross profit-acquisitions	(4)			
Total fleet gross profit	1,398	980	418	43%
New vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 113,741	\$ 104,772	\$ 8,969	9%
New retail units-same store (1)	48,714	46,773	1,941	4%
New retail units-actual	51,335	46,773	4,562	10%

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(Dollars in thousands, except for per vehicle data)	For the Six Months Ended June 30,		Increase (Decrease)	% Change
	2005	2004		
<b>Used vehicle data:</b>				
Retail gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 56,215	\$ 51,018	\$ 5,197	10%
Retail gross profit-acquisitions	1,598			
Total used retail gross profit	57,813	51,018	6,795	13%
<b>Wholesale gross profit-same store (1)</b>				
Wholesale gross profit-same store (1)	1,162	(952)	2,114	222%
Wholesale gross profit-acquisitions	12			
Total wholesale gross profit	1,174	(952)	2,126	223%
Used vehicle gross profit, as reported	\$ 58,987	\$ 50,066	\$ 8,921	18%
<b>Used retail units-same store (1)</b>				
Used retail units-same store (1)	29,085	27,635	1,450	5%
Used retail units-actual	30,137	27,635	2,502	9%
<b>Parts, service and collision repair:</b>				
Gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 158,636	\$ 145,267	\$ 13,369	9%
Gross profit-acquisitions	4,508			
Parts, service and collision repair gross profit, as reported	\$ 163,144	\$ 145,267	\$ 17,877	12%
<b>Finance and insurance, net:</b>				
Platform gross profit-same store (1)	\$ 69,452	\$ 60,180	\$ 9,272	15%
Platform gross profit-acquisitions	3,112			
Platform finance and insurance gross profit (2)	72,564	60,180	12,384	21%
Gross profit-corporate	2,570	3,149		
Finance and insurance gross profit, as reported	\$ 75,134	\$ 63,329	\$ 11,805	19%
<b>Platform gross profit PVR-same store (1)</b>				
Platform gross profit PVR-same store (1)	\$ 893	\$ 809	\$ 84	10%
Platform gross profit PVR-actual (2)	\$ 891	\$ 809	\$ 82	10%
Gross profit PVR-actual	\$ 922	\$ 851	\$ 71	8%
<b>Total gross profit:</b>				
Same store (1)	\$ 394,639	\$ 360,285	\$ 34,354	10%
Corporate	2,570	3,149		
Acquisitions	13,797			
Total gross profit, as reported	\$ 411,006	\$ 363,434	\$ 47,572	13%

(1) Same store amounts include the results of dealerships for the identical months for each period presented in the comparison, commencing with the first full month in which the dealership was owned by us.

(2) Refer to Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information for further discussion regarding platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR.

Gross profit increased 13% to \$411.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$363.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004. Same store gross profit increased 10% to \$394.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$360.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

Same store gross profit on new retail vehicle sales increased 4% for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004 due to a 4% increase in unit sales.

Same store gross profit on used vehicle retail sales increased 10% to \$56.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$51.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, due to a strong used vehicle market in the during the first half of 2005.

Same store gross profit from fixed operations increased 9% to \$158.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$145.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, resulting primarily from increased customer pay and warranty work in both parts and service.

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Same-store platform F&I PVR revenue increased 10% to \$893 for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$809 for the six months ended June 30, 2004. The increase in F&I PVR is attributable to (i) increased service contract penetration, (ii) utilization of menus in the F&I sales process and (iii) maturation of our corporate-sponsored programs.

### *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses-*

For the six months ended June 30, 2005, SG&A expenses increased \$38.9 million to \$323.6 million, from \$284.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004. SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit for the six months ended June 30, 2005 increased to 78.7%, from 78.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2004. Excluding the \$3.6 million of reorganization costs, SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit for the six months ended June 30, 2005, improved to 77.9%, from 78.3% for the prior year period. In addition, SG&A expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2005, includes incremental rent of \$4.6 million resulting from the refinancing of 20 of our dealerships using a sale-leaseback transaction in the third quarter of 2004. Excluding rent expense from both periods, as well as the previously discussed reorganization costs, SG&A expenses as a percentage of gross profit decreased to 72.1% for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to 74.0% for the prior year period. The improvement in SG&A expense as a percentage of gross profit, after adjusting for reorganization costs and rent expense, was attributable to the reorganization of the company into regions, a reduction in advertising expense PVR and lower insurance costs principally in the area of workman's compensation.

### *Depreciation and Amortization-*

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$0.2 million to \$9.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$9.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004. The slight increase in depreciation and amortization was primarily related to the addition of property and equipment acquired during 2004 and 2005, offset by a reduction in property and equipment sold in sale-leaseback transactions completed during 2004 and 2005.

### *Other Income (Expense)-*

Floor plan interest expense increased \$5.3 million to \$14.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, from \$8.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004. This increase was attributable to higher average interest rates on our floor plan note payable.

Other interest expense decreased \$0.5 million to \$19.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004, as a result of our decision to repay approximately \$29.0 million of our variable rate mortgage notes payable during 2005.

### *Income Tax Provision-*



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Income tax expense increased \$1.7 million to \$16.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004, due, in part, to the \$4.0 million increase in income from continuing operations before taxes for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004. In addition, our effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2005, was 37.5% compared to 37.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

### *Discontinued Operations-*

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we sold two dealership locations (four franchises), and as of June 30, 2005, we were actively pursuing the sale of three dealership locations (five franchises). During the period between June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005 we sold two franchises and as of September 30, 2005 we were actively pursuing the sale of eight dealership locations (eight franchises). The \$2.4 million loss from discontinued operations is attributable to the net gain on sale of dealerships sold during the six months ended June 30, 2005, and the operating losses of the franchises mentioned above. The loss from discontinued operations for the six months ended June 30, 2004, of \$0.5 million includes the net operating losses of the dealerships mentioned above; ten dealership locations (fourteen franchises), that were sold during 2004, and the net loss on the sale of businesses during the six months ended June 30, 2004.

### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

We require cash to fund working capital needs, finance acquisitions of new dealerships and fund capital expenditures. We believe that our cash and cash equivalents on hand as of June 30, 2005, our funds generated through future operations and the funds available for borrowings under our committed credit facility, floor plan financing agreements, mortgage notes payable and proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions will be sufficient to fund our debt service and working capital requirements, commitments and contingencies, acquisitions and any seasonal operating requirements for the foreseeable future.

As of June 30, 2005, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$11.0 million and working capital of \$285.8 million. In addition, we had \$145.0 million available for borrowings under our committed credit facility for working capital, general corporate purposes and acquisitions.

#### *Committed Credit Facility*

On March 23, 2005, we entered into a committed credit facility (the *Committed Credit Facility*) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 17 other financial institutions (the *Syndicate*) and Ford Motor Credit Corporation (*FMCC*), collectively the Lenders. Concurrently with entering into the *Committed Credit Facility* we terminated our First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with *FMCC*, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (*GMAC*) and DaimlerChrysler Financial Services North America LLC. The *Committed Credit Facility* provides us with \$650.0 million of new and used vehicle inventory financing (*Floor Plan Tranche*) and \$150.0 million of working capital borrowing capacity (*Working Capital Tranche*). In addition, *FMCC* and *GMAC* have committed \$150.0 million and \$100.0 million of floor plan financing outside of the *Syndicate* to finance inventory at our *Ford Family* (Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Mazda, Volvo, Jaguar and Land Rover) and General Motors dealerships, respectively. In total, these commitments give us \$150.0 million of working capital borrowing capacity and \$900.0 million of floor plan borrowing capacity. Floor plan notes payable to a party affiliated with the manufacturers from which we purchase new vehicle inventory are classified as *Floor Plan Notes Payable - manufacturer affiliated* on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. All other floor plan notes payable are classified as *Floor Plan Notes Payable - non-manufacturer affiliated*.

During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we borrowed \$15.0 million from our *Committed Credit Facility*, of which \$8.2 million was used for the purchase of real estate on which two of our dealerships are located. The remainder of the borrowings was used for general corporate purposes. During the three months ended June 30, 2005, we repaid \$10.0 million of the amounts borrowed from our *Committed Credit Facility* and subsequent to the end of the quarter we repaid the remaining \$5.0 million.

#### *Floor Plan Financing-*

We finance substantially all of our new vehicle inventory and a portion of our used vehicle inventory. We consider floor plan notes payable to a party that is affiliated with vehicle manufacturers from which we purchase new vehicle inventory *floor plan notes payable - manufacturer affiliated* and all other floor plan notes payable *floor plan notes payable - non-manufacturer affiliated*. As of June 30, 2005, total borrowing capacity under the floor plan financing agreements with our vehicle floor plan providers totaled \$900.0 million. In addition, as of June 30, 2005, we had total borrowing capacity of \$32.2 million under ancillary floor plan financing agreements with Comerica Bank and Navistar Financial for our heavy trucks business in Atlanta, Georgia. As of June 30, 2005, we had \$640.7 million outstanding, including \$27.6 million classified as *Liabilities Associated with Assets Held for Sale*, to lenders affiliated and non-affiliated with the vehicle manufacturers from which we purchase our vehicle inventory.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we refinanced our floor plan notes payable through the repayment of \$334.7 million of floor plan notes payable *non-manufacturer affiliated* and \$93.4 million of floor plan notes payable *manufacturer affiliated* with borrowings from our *Committed Credit Facility*. As a result, during the six months ended June 30, 2005, *Floor plan notes payable - manufacturer affiliated* decreased by \$93.4 million and *Floor plan notes payable - non-manufacturer affiliated* increased by \$93.4 million. In addition, during the six months ended June 30, 2005 our *Floor plan borrowings - non-manufacturer affiliated* and *Floor plan repayments - non-manufacturer affiliated* increased by \$334.7 million.

#### *Acquisitions and Acquisition Financing-*



During the second quarter of 2005, we acquired one dealership location (one franchise) in Arkansas for a total purchase price of \$12.0 million, of which \$4.7 million was paid in cash through the use of our working capital, \$6.8 million was borrowed from our floor plan facilities, with the remaining \$0.5 million representing the fair value of future payments. We estimate annual revenues of the acquired franchises will total approximately \$35.0 million, based on historical performance. We plan to use our available cash, borrowings under our Committed Credit Facility or proceeds from future sale-leaseback transactions to finance future acquisitions.

*Sale-Leaseback Transactions*

During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we completed two sale-leaseback transactions, which resulted in the sale of approximately \$15.7 million of real estate and construction improvements and the commencement of long-term operating leases for the assets sold.

*Debt Covenants-*

We are subject to certain financial covenants in connection with our debt and lease agreements, including the financial covenants described below. Our Committed Credit Facility includes certain financial ratios with the following requirements: (i) an adjusted current ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 1.5 to 1 as of June 30, 2005; (ii) a fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 1.5 to 1 as of June 30, 2005; (iii) an adjusted leverage ratio of not more than 4.5 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 3.6 to 1 as of June 30, 2005 and (iv) a minimum adjusted net worth of not less than \$350.0 million, of which our adjusted net worth was approximately \$464.3 million as of June 30, 2005. A breach of these covenants could cause an acceleration of repayment of our Committed Credit Facility if not otherwise waived or cured. Certain of our lease agreements include financial ratios with the following requirements: (i) a liquidity ratio of at least 1.2 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 1.4 to 1 as of June 30, 2005 and (ii) an EBITDA based coverage ratio of at least 1.5 to 1, of which our ratio was approximately 2.8 to 1 as of June 30, 2005. A breach of these covenants would give rise to certain lessor remedies under our

various lease agreements, the most severe of which include the following: (a) termination of the applicable lease, (b) termination of certain of the tenant's lease rights, such as renewal rights and rights of first offer or negotiation relating to the purchase of the premises, and/or (c) a liquidated damages claim equal to the extent to which the accelerated rents under the applicable lease for the remainder of the lease term exceed the fair market rent over the same periods. As of June 30, 2005, we were in compliance with all our debt and lease agreement covenants.

#### Cash Flows for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004

Historically, we reported all cash flows arising in connection with changes in floor plan notes payable as an operating activity and considered all borrowings and repayments of floor plan notes payable associated with inventory acquired through a dealership acquisition and inventory sold through a dealership divestiture, non-cash activities. Therefore the changes in floor plan notes payable associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures were not included in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Subsequent to the issuance of the Company's December 31, 2004 financial statements, we determined that certain information in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows should be restated for all periods presented to comply with the guidance under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows, and Rule 5-02(19)(a) of Regulation S-X.

As a result we have (i) restated floor plan notes payable to a party unaffiliated with the manufacturer of a particular new vehicle, and all floor plan notes payable relating to pre-owned vehicles, as floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) restated the related non-manufacturer affiliated cash flows as a financing activity on our Consolidated Statements of Cash flows with borrowings reflected separately from repayments and (iii) included floor plan notes payable activity associated with dealership acquisitions and divestitures in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows have been restated, resulting in a \$121.1 million and \$27.8 million decrease in cash flows from operating activities; a \$2.4 million and a \$26.6 million decrease in cash flows from investing activities; and a \$123.5 million and \$54.4 million increase in cash flows from financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Floor plan borrowings are required by all vehicle manufacturers for the purchase of new vehicles, and our agreements with our floor plan providers require us to repay amounts borrowed for the purchase of a vehicle immediately after that vehicle is sold. As a result, changes in floor plan notes payable are directly linked to changes in new vehicle inventory and therefore are an integral part of understanding changes in our working capital and operating cash flow. Consequently, we have provided a reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities and financing activities, as if all changes in floor plan notes payable were classified as an operating activity.

(In thousands)	For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2005	2004
<i>Reconciliation of Cash used in Operating Activities to Adjusted Cash provided by Operating Activities</i>		
Cash used in operating activities restated	\$ (77,696)	\$ (23,114)
Floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated, net	123,472	54,384
Cash provided by operating activities as adjusted	\$ 45,776	\$ 31,270
<i>Reconciliation of Cash provided by Financing Activities to Adjusted Cash used in Financing Activities</i>		
Cash provided by financing activities restated	\$ 97,686	\$ 52,278
Floor plan borrowings non-manufacturer affiliated	(1,753,115)	(1,185,266)
Floor plan repayments non-manufacturer affiliated	1,629,643	1,130,882
Cash used in financing activities as adjusted	\$ (25,786)	\$ (2,106)

*Operating Activities-*

Net cash used in operating activities totaled \$77.7 million and \$23.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Net cash provided by operating activities, as adjusted, totaled \$45.8 million and \$31.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, and 2004, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities, as adjusted, includes net income adjusted for non-cash items and changes in working capital, including changes in floor plan notes payable related to vehicle inventory.

The increase in our cash provided by operating activities, as adjusted, for the six months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2004, was primarily attributable to (i) the timing of collection of accounts receivable, (ii) the timing of inventory purchases resulting from changes in the equity of our inventory and increased sales activity in June 2005 compared to June 2004, which caused contracts-in-transit to increase compared to June of last year and (iii) timing of payments of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and timing differences in prepaid assets and other assets and liabilities.

As of June 30, 2005, we had approximately \$64.7 million of equity in our vehicle inventory (vehicle inventory in excess of floor plan borrowings), as compared to \$66.2 million as of December 31, 2004. Had we maintained the same level of equity in our vehicle inventory as of June 30, 2005 as we had as of December 31, 2004, our cash provided by from operating activities, as adjusted, for the six months ended June 30, 2005, would have increased by approximately \$2.1 million. As of June 30, 2004, we had approximately \$30.0 million of equity in our vehicle inventory, as compared to \$5.7 million as of December 31, 2003. Had we maintained the same level of equity in our vehicle inventory as of June 30, 2004 as we had as of December 31, 2003, our cash flow provided by operating activities, as adjusted, for the six months ended June 30, 2004 would have improved by approximately \$23.3 million.

We borrowed \$6.8 million and \$28.8 million from our floor plan facilities for the purchase of inventory in connection with one and six franchise acquisitions during the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. In addition, we repaid \$4.7 million and \$2.1 million of floor plan notes payable in connection with four franchise divestitures during each of the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Acquisition and divestiture activity increased our cash provided by operating activities, as adjusted, by \$2.1 million and \$26.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

*Investing Activities*



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Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$37.0 million and \$121.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Cash flows from investing activities relate primarily to capital expenditures, acquisition and divestiture activity, sale of property and equipment and construction reimbursements from lessors in connection with our sale-leaseback agreements.

Capital expenditures were \$35.2 million and \$34.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively, of which \$18.2 million and \$16.1 million, were financed or were pending financing through sale-leaseback agreements or mortgage notes payable for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Our capital investments consisted of upgrades of our existing facilities and construction of new facilities. Future capital expenditures will relate primarily to upgrading existing dealership facilities and operational improvements that we expect will provide us with acceptable rates of return on our investments. During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we received \$2.6 million and \$9.5 million, respectively, in construction reimbursements from lessors in connection with our sale-leaseback agreements. We expect that capital expenditures during 2005 will total between \$80.0 million and \$90.0 million, of which we intend to finance between 60% and 70% principally through sale-leaseback agreements.

Cash used for acquisitions totaled \$11.6 million and \$100.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. We anticipate that we will spend between \$25.0 million to \$50.0 million on acquisitions in 2005.

Proceeds from the sale of assets totaled \$8.0 million and \$3.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The proceeds from the sale of assets include the sale of dealerships, real estate and property and equipment. We continuously monitor the profitability and market value of our dealerships and, under certain conditions, may strategically divest non-profitable dealerships.

### *Financing Activities*



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Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$97.7 million and \$52.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Net cash used in financing activities, as adjusted, totaled \$25.8 million and \$2.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, proceeds from borrowings amounted to \$20.7 million and \$3.9 million, which was used to finance construction on our dealership facilities and general corporate purposes. In addition, we incurred \$4.9 million of debt issuance costs associated with our Committed Credit Facility.

During the six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, we repaid debt of \$42.0 million and \$6.8 million, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2005, we repaid \$30.7 million of our outstanding mortgage notes payable, the majority of which resulted from our decision to repay approximately \$29.0 million of our variable rate mortgage notes payable.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Transactions**

We had no material off-balance sheet transactions during the periods presented other than those disclosed in Note 13 of our consolidated financial statements.

### **Stock Repurchase Restrictions**





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Pursuant to the indentures governing our 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2012, our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and our Committed Credit Facility, our ability to repurchase shares of our common stock is limited. As of June 30, 2005, our ability to repurchase shares was limited to an aggregate purchase price of \$29.6 million due to these restrictions. We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock during 2005 or 2004.

**APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and assumptions and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period in which they are determined to be necessary. The accounting policies described below are those that most frequently require management to make estimates and judgments, and therefore are critical to understanding our results of operations. Senior management has discussed the development and selection of these accounting estimates and the related disclosures with the audit committee of our board of directors.

*Inventories*



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Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. We use the specific identification method to value our vehicle inventories and the first-in, first-out method ( FIFO ) to account for our parts inventories. We maintain a reserve for specific inventory vehicles where cost basis exceeds fair value and for parts that we believe are excess or obsolete. In assessing lower of cost or market for new vehicles, we primarily consider the aging of vehicles and loss histories, along with the timing of annual and model changeovers. The assessment of lower of cost or market for used vehicles considers recent data and trends such as loss histories, current aging of the inventory and current market conditions. The assessment of excess and obsolete parts considers the sales activity of specific parts over the last twelve months. These reserves were \$4.4 million and \$4.9 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively.

*Notes Receivable Finance Contracts*



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As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, we had outstanding notes receivable from finance contracts of \$30.4 million and \$30.9 million, respectively (net of an allowance for credit losses of \$4.6 million and \$6.2 million, respectively). These notes have initial terms ranging from 12 to 60 months, and are collateralized by the related vehicles. The assessment of our allowance for credit losses considers historical loss ratios and the performance of the current portfolio with respect to past due accounts. We continually analyze our current portfolio against our historical performance. In addition, we attribute minimal value to the underlying collateral in our assessment of the reserve.

*F&I Chargeback Reserve*





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We receive commissions from the sale of vehicle service contracts, credit life insurance and disability insurance to customers. In addition, we receive commissions from financing institutions for arranging customer financing. We may be charged back ( chargebacks ) for finance, insurance or vehicle service contract commissions in the event a contract is terminated. The revenues from financing fees and commissions are recorded at the time the vehicles are sold and a reserve for future chargebacks is established based on historical operating results and the termination provisions of the applicable contracts. This data is evaluated on a product-by-product basis. These reserves were \$12.0 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004.

### *Equity-Based Compensation*



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We account for stock-based compensation issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. APB Opinion No. 25 requires the use of the intrinsic value method, which measures compensation cost as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the measurement date over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. We have adopted the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure-An amendment of FASB Statement No. 123. See also *Recent Accounting Pronouncements* below for a discussion of the impact on our financial statements from the adoption of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-based Payment.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*



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In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, we do not amortize goodwill and other intangible assets that are deemed to have indefinite lives. We test these assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if any event occurs or circumstances change that indicate possible impairment. We have determined that manufacturer franchise rights have an indefinite life as there are no legal, contractual, economic or other factors that limit their useful lives and they are expected to generate cash flows indefinitely due to the historically long lives of the manufacturers brand names. Goodwill is allocated at the entity level and manufacturer franchise rights are allocated to each individual dealership franchise, respectively. Goodwill represents the excess cost of the businesses acquired over the fair market value

of the identifiable net assets. The fair market value of our manufacturer franchise rights is determined at the acquisition date through discounting the projected cash flows attributable to each franchise.

Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, on January 1, 2002, we determined that each of our platforms qualified as a reporting unit since we operate in one segment, our platforms are one level below our corporate level, discrete financial information existed for each platform and the management of each platform directly reviewed the platform's performance. In late 2004, we began the process of reorganizing our platforms into four regions. Within this more streamlined structure, we will evaluate our operations and financial results by dealership in the aggregate, rather than by platform. The general managers, with direction from a centralized management team, including corporate and regional management, will continue to have the independence and flexibility to respond effectively to local market conditions. Based on the changes in our management, operational and reporting structure during the first quarter of 2005, we evaluate goodwill at the operating segment level.

We review goodwill and indefinite lived manufacturer franchise rights for impairment annually on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, or more often if events or circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. We are subject to financial statement risk to the extent that intangible assets become impaired due to decreases in the related fair market value of our underlying businesses or entity.

All other intangible assets are deemed to have definite lives and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset ranging from 3 to 15 years and are tested for impairment when circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset might be impaired.

*Accrued Expenses*



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Payments owed to our various service providers are expensed during the month in which the applicable service is performed. The amount of these expenses is dependent upon information provided by our internal systems and processes. Due to the length of time necessary to receive accurate information, estimates of amounts due are necessary in order to record monthly expenses. In subsequent months, expenses are reconciled and adjusted where necessary. We continue to refine the estimation process based on an increased understanding of the time requirements and close working relationships with our service providers.

### **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**





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In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-based Payment. This statement requires compensation costs related to share-based payment transactions to be recognized in the financial statements. With limited exceptions, the amount of compensation cost will be measured based on the grant-date fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. Compensation cost will be recognized over the period that an employee provides service in exchange for the award. SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004) replaces SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. In April 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a new rule that amends the compliance dates for SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004). Registrants would have been required to implement the standard as of the beginning of the first interim or annual period that begins after September 15, 2005. The Commission's new rule allows companies to implement SFAS No. 123 (Revised 2004) at the beginning of their next fiscal year, instead of the next reporting period, that begins after September 15, 2005. We are currently evaluating the effect of this statement on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

**RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

*Adjusted cash provided by (used in) operating and financing activities*

(In thousands)	For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2005	2004
<i>Reconciliation of Cash used in Operating Activities to Adjusted Cash provided by Operating Activities</i>		
Cash used in operating activities restated	\$ (77,696)	\$ (23,114)
Floor plan notes payable non-manufacturer affiliated, net	123,472	54,384
Cash provided by operating activities as adjusted	\$ 45,776	\$ 31,270
<i>Reconciliation of Cash provided by Financing Activities to Adjusted Cash used in Financing Activities</i>		
Cash provided by financing activities restated	\$ 97,686	\$ 52,278
Floor plan borrowings non-manufacturer affiliated	(1,753,115)	(1,185,266)
Floor plan repayments non-manufacturer affiliated	1,629,643	1,130,882
Cash used in financing activities as adjusted	\$ (25,786)	\$ (2,106)

*Platform Finance and Insurance Gross Profit PVR-*

We evaluate our finance and insurance gross profit performance on a Per Vehicle Retailed ( PVR ) basis by dividing our total finance and insurance gross profit by the number of retail vehicles sold. During 2003, our corporate office renegotiated a contract with one of our third party finance and insurance product providers, which resulted in the recognition of revenue during the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, that was attributable to retail vehicles sold during prior periods. We believe that platform finance and insurance, which excludes the additional revenue derived from this contract, provides a more accurate measure of our finance and insurance operating performance.

The following table reconciles finance and insurance gross profit to platform finance and insurance gross profit, and provides the necessary components to calculate platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR:

(In thousands, except for unit and per vehicle data)	For the Three Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2005	2004
<i>Reconciliation of Finance and Insurance Gross Profit to Platform Finance and Insurance Gross Profit:</i>		
Finance and insurance gross profit, net (as reported)	\$ 39,386	\$ 34,917
Less: Corporate finance and insurance gross profit	(1,367)	(1,906)
Platform finance and insurance gross profit	\$ 38,019	\$ 33,011
Platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR	\$ 880	\$ 835
Retail units sold:		
New retail units	27,678	25,516
Used retail units	15,535	14,007
Total	43,213	39,523

<b>(In thousands, except for unit and per vehicle data)</b>	<b>For the Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>June 30, 2004</b>
<i>Reconciliation of Finance and Insurance Gross Profit to Platform Finance and Insurance Gross Profit:</i>		
Finance and insurance gross profit, net (as reported)	\$ 75,134	\$ 63,329
Less: Corporate finance and insurance gross profit	(2,570)	(3,149)
Platform finance and insurance gross profit	\$ 72,564	\$ 60,180
Platform finance and insurance gross profit PVR	\$ 891	\$ 809
Retail units sold:		
New retail units	51,335	46,773
Used retail units	30,137	27,635
Total	81,472	74,408

*Adjusted SG&A Expense-*

Our operating income was largely impacted by reorganization costs incurred during the first six months of 2005 and incremental rent expense associated with a sale-leaseback transaction that was entered into in the third quarter of 2004. During the first six months of 2005, we incurred severance costs of \$3.6 million associated with the reorganization of our regional structure. We believe that excluding the reorganization costs and rent expense from the selling, general and administrative expense provides a more meaningful basis to measure the results of our operations compared to that of the prior year period. A reconciliation of our adjusted selling, general and administrative expense is presented below.

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004
<i>Reconciliation of SG&amp;A Expense to Adjusted SG&amp;A Expense:</i>		
SG&A expense	\$ 162,706	\$ 147,801
Less: Rent expense	(11,829)	(8,173)
Adjusted SG&A expense	\$ 150,877	\$ 139,628
Gross Profit	\$ 213,016	\$ 191,647
Adjusted SG&A expense as a percentage of Gross Profit	70.8%	72.9%
	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2005	2004
<i>Reconciliation of SG&amp;A Expense to Adjusted SG&amp;A Expense:</i>		
SG&A expense	\$ 323,600	\$ 284,721
Less: Reorganization costs	(3,566)	
SG&A, net of reorganization costs	320,034	284,721
Less: Rent expense	(23,799)	(15,760)
Adjusted SG&A expense	\$ 296,235	\$ 268,961
Gross Profit	\$ 411,006	\$ 363,435
SG&A, net of reorganization costs, as a percentage of Gross Profit	77.9%	78.3%
Adjusted SG&A expense as a percentage of Gross Profit	72.1%	74.0%

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk****Interest Rate Risk**

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on a significant portion of our outstanding indebtedness. Based on \$877.0 million of total variable rate debt (excluding \$0.4 million of our fair value hedge which reduces the book value of our 8% Subordinated Notes due 2014 and including floor plan notes payable) outstanding as of June 30, 2005, a 1% change in interest rates would result in a change of approximately \$8.8 million to our annual other interest expense. Conversely, based on fixed-rate debt of \$273.6 million a 1% change in interest would mean we would not experience the impact of a \$2.7 million change in interest expense.

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We received \$14.6 million of interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers during the six months ended June 30, 2005. Interest credit assistance reduced new vehicle cost of sales from continuing operations for the six months ended June 30, 2005 by \$13.2 million and reduced new vehicle inventory by \$4.2 million and \$3.9 million as of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. Although we can provide no assurance as to the amount of future interest credit assistance, it is our expectation,

based on historical data that an increase in prevailing interest rates would result in increased interest credit assistance from certain automobile manufacturers.

#### **Interest Rate Hedges**

We have entered into two forward interest rate swaps with a combined notional principal amount of \$170.0 million, to provide a hedge against changes in the interest rates of our variable rate floor plan notes payable for a period of eight years beginning in March 2006. The swap agreements were designated and qualify as cash flow hedges of our variable rate floor plan notes payable and will contain minor ineffectiveness. The swaps are scheduled to expire in March 2006. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swaps had a fair value of \$12.3 million and \$7.1 million and are included in Accrued Liabilities and Other Long-term Liabilities, respectively, on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets

We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$200.0 million as a hedge against changes in the fair value of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we are required to make variable rate payments based on six-month LIBOR and receive a fixed rate of 8.0%. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge of our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and did not contain any ineffectiveness. As a result our 8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 have been adjusted by the fair market value of the related swap. The swap is scheduled to expire in March 2006. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$0.4 million and \$2.7 million and is included in Accrued Liabilities and Other Long-Term Liabilities, respectively, on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a notional principal amount of \$15.2 million as a hedge against future changes in the interest rate of our variable rate mortgage notes payable. Under the terms of the swap agreement, we are required to make payments at a fixed rate of 6.08% and receive a variable rate based on LIBOR. This swap agreement was designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge of changes in the interest rate of our variable rate mortgage notes payable and will contain minor ineffectiveness. As of June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the swap agreement had a fair value of \$0.2 million, which was included in Other Long-Term Liabilities on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**





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As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ( "Exchange Act" ). Based on this evaluation, the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that as of the end of such period such disclosure controls and procedures (i) were reasonably designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission and (ii) were effective.

There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

In addition, we have considered the restatement of our Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to comply with the guidance under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 95, "Statement of Cash Flows" and Rule 5-02(19)(a) of Regulation S-X as discussed in Note 2 "Restatement" and have concluded that such restatement does not represent a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements include statements relating to goals, plans and projections regarding our financial position, results of operations, market position, product development and business strategy. These statements are based on management's current expectations and involve significant risks and uncertainties that may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things:

market factors;

our relationships with vehicle manufacturers and other suppliers;

risks associated with our substantial indebtedness;

risks related to pending and potential future acquisitions;

general economic conditions both nationally and locally; and

governmental regulations and legislation.

There can be no guarantees that our plans for future operations will be successfully implemented or that they will prove to be commercially successful. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

The results of the votes cast at the Company's Annual Meeting on April 28, 2005 were as follows:

Election of Class I Directors:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Withheld</b>
Timothy C. Collins	27,919,315	3,304,680
Kenneth B. Gilman	30,989,588	234,407
Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.	27,919,115	3,304,880
Thomas F. McLarty, III	30,946,203	277,792

Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche L.L.P. as independent public accountants for 2005:

For	31,217,012
Against	1,240
Abstain	5,743

**Item 6. Exhibits**

Exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

- 10.1 1999 Stock Option Plan, as amended (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005)\*
- 10.2 Severance Pay Agreement of Charles B. Tomm, dated as of June 10, 2005 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005)\*
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- 15.1 Awareness letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 31.1 Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated March 14, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**



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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.**  
**(Registrant)**

Date: March 14, 2006

By: /s/ KENNETH B. GILMAN  
Name: Kenneth B. Gilman  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: March 14, 2006

By: /s/ J. GORDON SMITH  
Name: J. Gordon Smith  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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