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- $\$ 3.7$ billion in revenues (FY 2009)
- Strong brand mix
- 87\% luxury and Mid-line Import
- 38 Brands
- 80 retail locations including 107 franchises in 11 states



Asbury has a very attractive portfolio of brands; high concentration of import and luxury


## 19\% of revenue produces 66\% of gross profit

## We faced:

- Credit market collapse
- Stock market collapse
- SAAR dropped $44 \%$ from 16 to 9 million units
- $4^{\text {th }}$ quarter operating loss
- \$500mm goodwill impairment
- Going concern opinion
- GM \& Chrysler bankruptcies
- $\quad$ Stock price fell to $\$ 1.60$

In the face of all this, we responded...

We responded:

- Repurchased $\$ 60 \mathrm{~mm}$ of sub debt; retired $10 \%$ of outstanding debt
- Amended covenants
- Managed through GM \& Chrysler bankruptcies
- Placed acquisitions on hold
- Sold three stores
- Suspended $\$ 29 \mathrm{~mm}$ dividend
- Reduced cap-ex by 75\% (2008 \$67mm; 2009 \$8.3mm)
- Decreased new inventory $\$ 255 \mathrm{~mm}$ and decreased DSI 43 days
- Reduced corporate staff by 25\%
- Eliminated six regional management offices
- Reduced SG\&A by over $\$ 100 \mathrm{~mm}$

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Our dramatic cost reduction actions and productivity initiatives have resulted in a profitable financial performance despite historically low SAAR levels


Once real estate finance decisions ("rent expense") are removed, the industry SG\&A margins are in a tight range; however, Asbury has room for improvement

Job Loss / Unemployment Data
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The unemployment rate decreased to 9.7\% in January and February 2010


Auto sales are highly cyclical and are at the lowest level in 27 years


## Retail SAAR has averaged 8.4 since Q4 2008

## Productivity and Cost Savings Initiatives

- Centralizing HR operations
- Migrating to a common dealer management system
- Automating manual processes, including:
- Bank reconciliations
- Floor plan reconciliations
- Inventory reconciliations
- Payment processing
- Investing in content management and paperless technologies
- Standardizing CRM system
- Expanding web initiatives at the local brand level


## Driving costs out of our business model



## Our cash remains healthy; we have plenty of borrowing capacity

## Debt Maturity Schedule as of December 31st, 2009

(\$ millions)


We have a well balanced debt maturity schedule and no large debt obligations coming due for two years

## Capital Allocation

1. Invest in the business
2. Acquire new stores
3. Repurchase debt

Invest capital where risk-adjusted returns exceed our cost of capital

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Stock } \\
& \text { Price }^{(1)}
\end{aligned}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\text { EV/EBITDA } \\
\text { Multiple }
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Assuming no multiple expansion, each $\$ 10$ million of debt repurchased could theoretically drive $\sim 30$ cents of shareholder value

## Board of Directors re-authorized us to repurchase up to $\$ 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ of debt over the next twelve months

1. Opportunity to participate in a recovery of US retail SAAR
2. Enhance earnings from investments in technology and processes
3. Opportunity to increase shareholder value through delevering
4. Attractive brand mix
5. Attractive geographic footprint
6. Entrepreneurial management teams

Asbury has the ability to change automotive vehicle retail


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[^0]:    Aggressively reduced costs and managed the balance sheet; we drastically reduced cash outflow for investing and financing activities

