

Investor Presentation Q4/2019



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#### **Asbury Automotive Group (NYSE:ABG)**

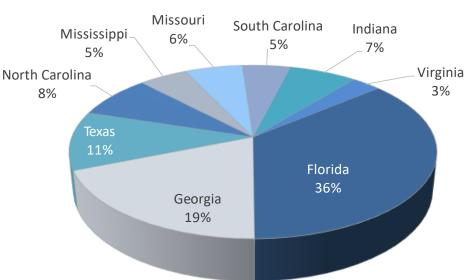


- Fortune 500 automotive retailer
- 7<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. based franchised auto retailer
- \$7.2 billion in total revenues<sup>(1)</sup>
- 88 dealership locations; 107 franchises<sup>(2)</sup>
- Best-in-class SG&A margins

- 31 vehicle brands<sup>(2)</sup>
- Sold over 193,000 retail vehicles<sup>(1)</sup>
- Handled over 2.2 million repair orders<sup>(1)</sup>
- Operating 25 collision repair centers<sup>(2)</sup>
- Best-in-class operating margins

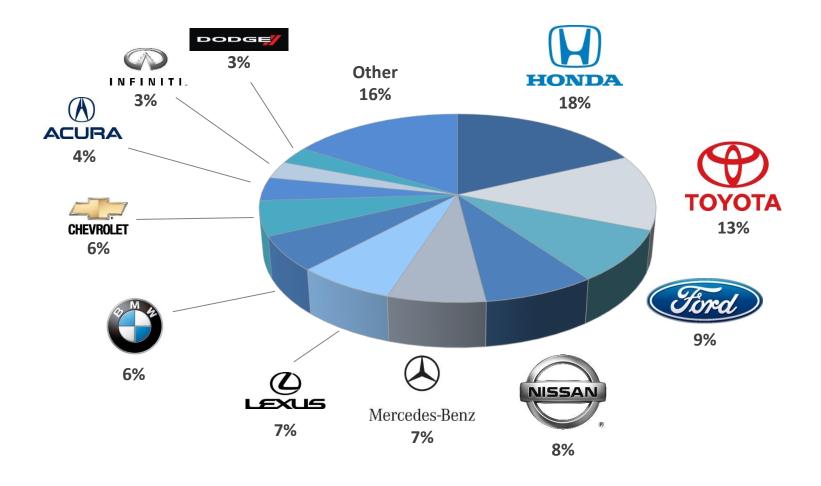


#### New Vehicle Revenue by State(2)



Fortune 500 automotive dealer group with attractive geographic presence





Very attractive portfolio of brands; high concentration of import and luxury

#### **Our Strategy**



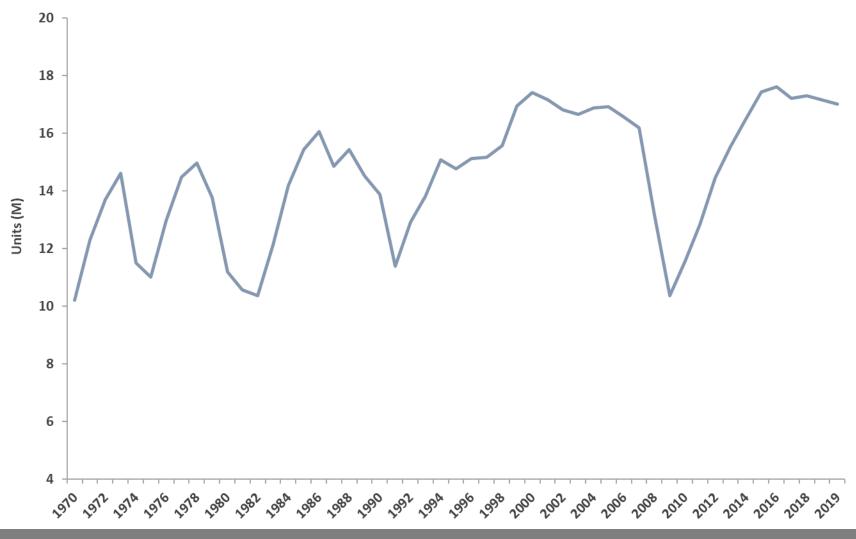
#### 1. Drive Operational Excellence

- Attract and retain the best talent
- Implement best practices and improve productivity
- Provide an exceptional guest experience
- Centralize, streamline and automate processes
- Leverage our scale and cost structure to improve our operating efficiencies

#### 2. Deploy Capital to Highest Returns

- Continue to invest in the business
- Acquire dealerships meeting our criteria
- Return capital to stockholders



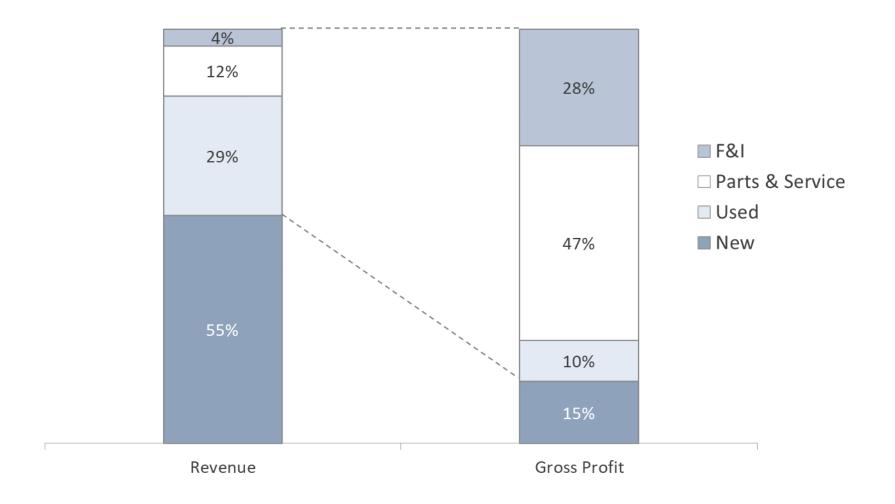


SAAR is hard to predict.
We attack what we can control: Used Vehicles, F&I and Parts & Service

# **The Four Key Components of Our Business**



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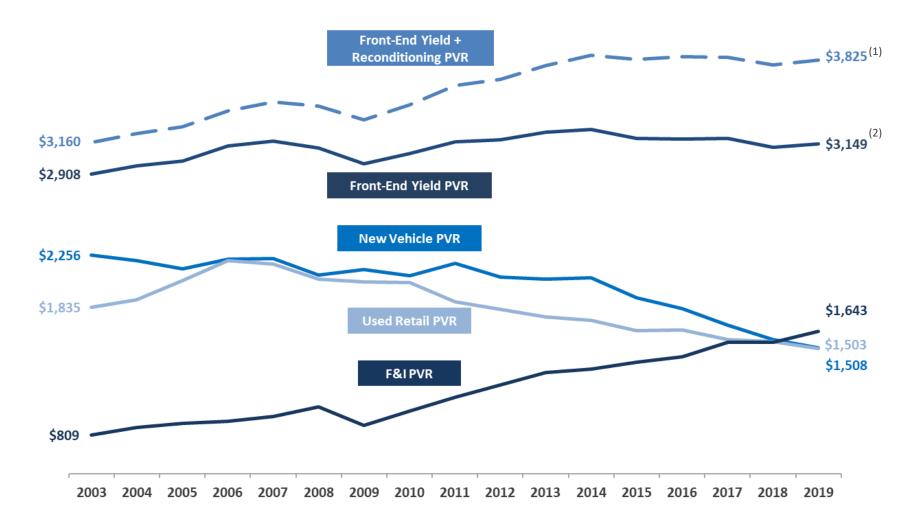


Used, Parts & Service and F&I account for 45% of revenue and 85% of gross profit

#### Front-End Yield and PVR Trends



(Same Store)

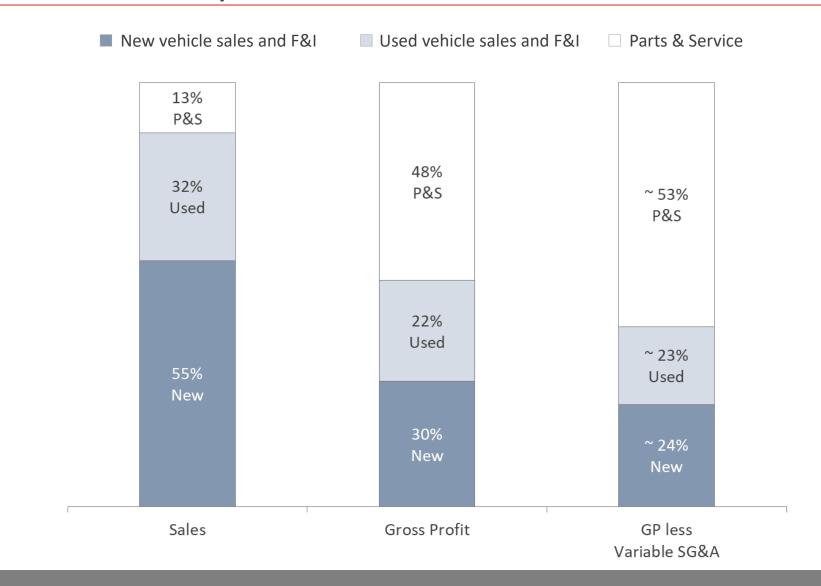


# Since 2003, improvement in F&I PVR has more than offset pressure on new and used margins

<sup>(1)</sup> Front End + Reconditioning PVR = new vehicle gross profit, used retail gross profit, F&I and Reconditioning gross profit divided by new and used retail unit sales

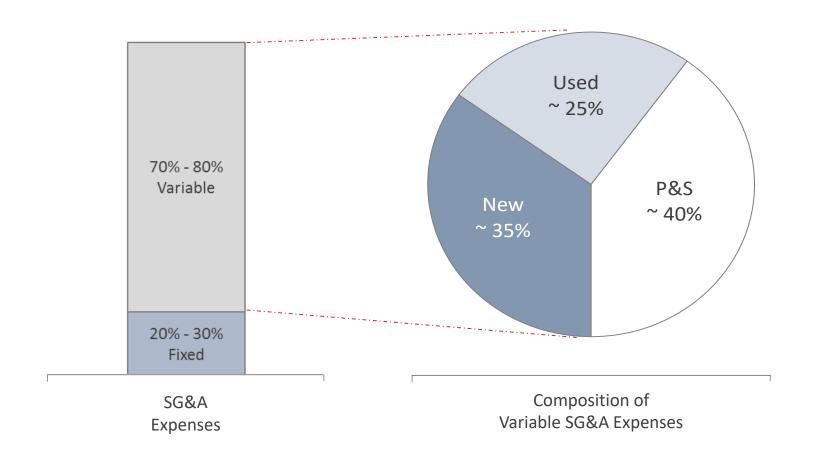
#### **SAAR** Is Not the Primary Business Driver





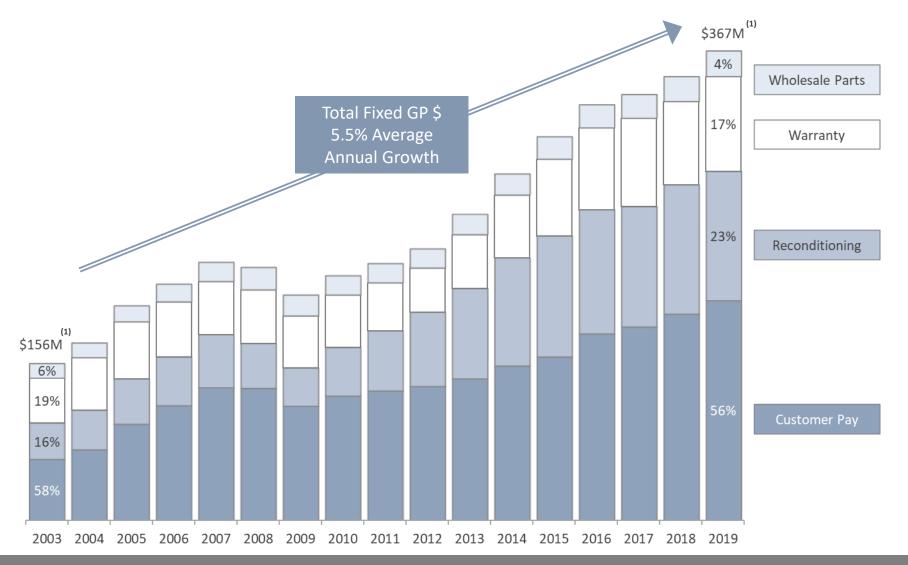
Large, stable and growing Parts & Service business offsets SAAR variability





# 70% - 80% of SG&A is considered variable and disproportionately weighted towards new and used operations



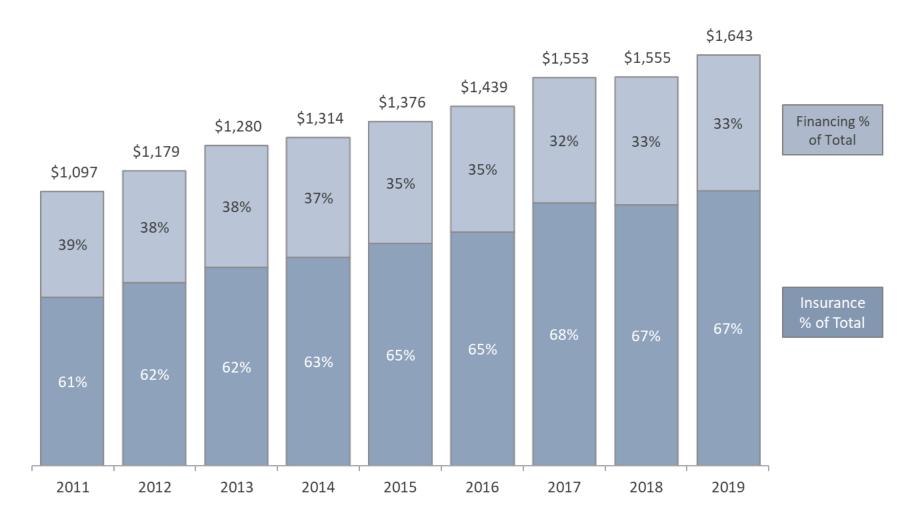


More units in operation, online scheduling capabilities and the complexity of modern vehicles should drive mid-single digit parts and service growth through economic cycles

#### **F&I Gross Profit per Unit Sold**

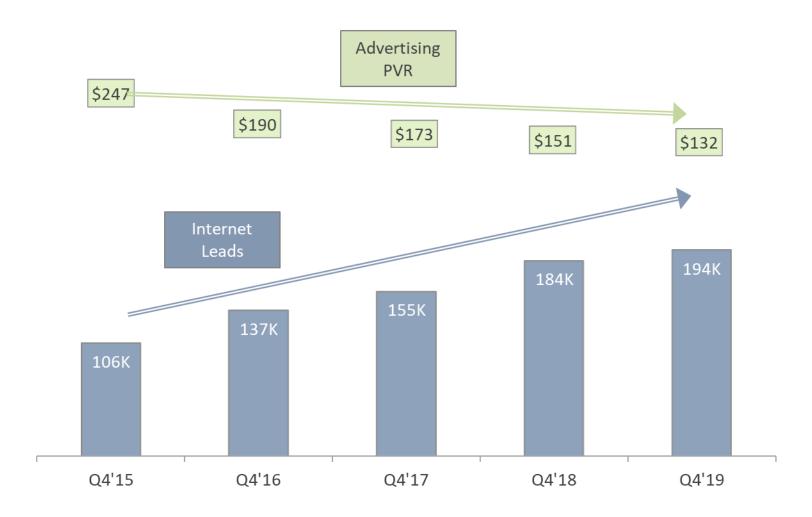


(Same store)



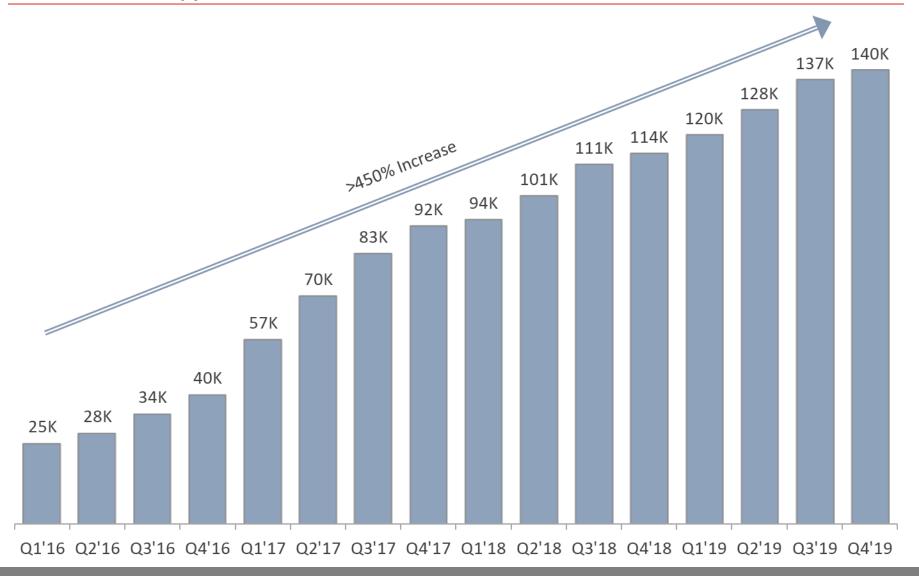
# Solid training and execution continue to drive F&I performance





Digital now represents approximately 80% of our advertising spend





Digital technology is driving business growth and enhancing the customer experience; quarterly online service appointment volume has grown over 450% since Q1'16



#### Sales



- Brand certified digital sales specialists manage online transactions (Guest Experience Center)
- Complete online transaction with alternative customer delivery options (PushSTART)

Parts & Services



- Online service appointment scheduling
- Online parts sales
- Online collision center estimates

#### **Payments**



- Instant financing decisions
- Online customer payments

Promotional Marketing



- In-house digital marketing team
- Targeted digital/social media marketing

Omni-channel initiatives are driving sales, creating operational efficiencies and enhancing the guest experience

#### **Leverage Varies Based on Business Conditions and Environment**





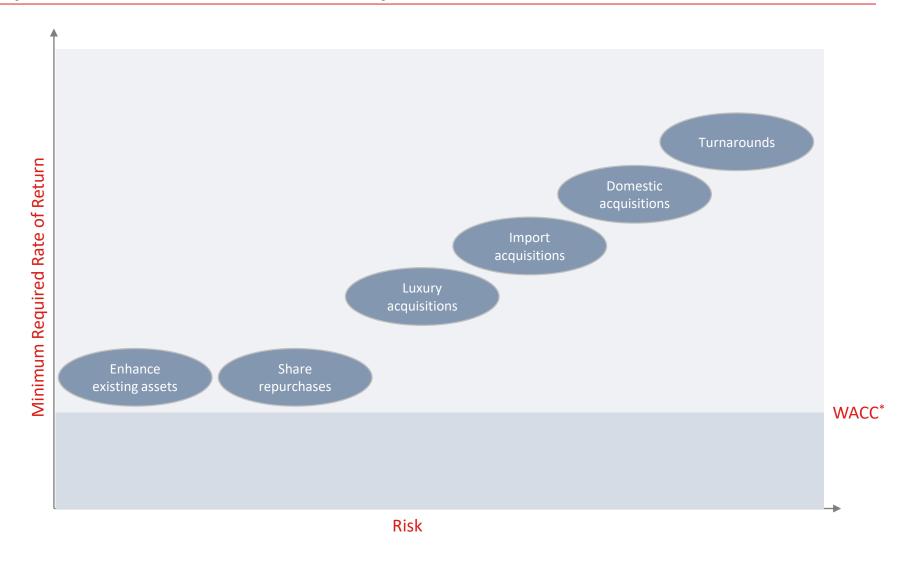
#### Factors Influencing Leverage



Equilibrium leverage target range balances financial flexibility with an efficient capital structure

#### **Capital Allocation Framework: Each Project Stands on its Own**





Sophisticated and dynamic approach focused on maximizing shareholder value

#### Summary



- Attractive brand mix and geographic footprint
- Operational excellence:
  - Best in class operating margins and strong growth track record
  - Omni-channel initiatives are driving sales, efficiencies and the guest experience
- Diversified business lines:
  - SAAR is not the primary overall business driver
  - The majority of profit comes from the more stable business lines
- ☐ Flexible business model:
  - Variable cost structure moderates downside scenarios
- Disciplined transparent capital allocation strategy focused on risk adjusted returns
  - Operating assets & capabilities focused on the future of automotive retail
  - Value added acquisitions
  - Return of capital to shareholders
- Strong balance sheet
  - Leverage balances an efficient capital structure with financial flexibility
  - Over \$400 million of liquidity



# **Appendix**

#### Non-GAAP Financial Disclosure and Reconciliation



In addition to evaluating the financial condition and results of our operations in accordance with GAAP, from time to time management evaluates and analyzes results and any impact on the Company of strategic decisions and actions relating to, among other things, cost reduction, growth, and profitability improvement initiatives, and other events outside of normal, or "core," business and operations, by considering certain alternative financial measures not prepared in accordance with GAAP. These measures include "Adjusted leverage ratio," "Adjusted income from operations," "Adjusted net income," "Adjusted operating margins, "Adjusted EBITDA," and "Adjusted diluted earnings per share ("EPS")." Further, management assesses the organic growth of our revenue and gross profit on a same store basis. We believe that our assessment on a same store basis represents an important indicator of comparative financial performance and provides relevant information to assess our performance at our existing locations. Same store amounts consist of information from dealerships for identical months in each comparative period, commencing with the first month we owned the dealership. Additionally, amounts related to divested dealerships are excluded from each comparative period. Non-GAAP measures do not have definitions under GAAP and may be defined differently by and not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. As a result, any non-GAAP financial measures considered and evaluated by management are reviewed in conjunction with a review of the most directly comparable measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Management cautions investors not to place undue reliance on such non-GAAP measures, but also to consider them with the most directly comparable GAAP measures. In their evaluation of results from time to time, management excludes items that do not arise directly from core operations, or are otherwise of an unusual or non-recurring nature. Because these non-core, unusual or non-recurring charges and gains materially affect Asbury's financial condition or results in the specific period in which they are recognized, management also evaluates, and makes resource allocation and performance evaluation decisions based on, the related non-GAAP measures excluding such items. In addition to using such non-GAAP measures to evaluate results in a specific period, management believes that such measures may provide more complete and consistent comparisons of operational performance on a period-over-period historical basis and a better indication of expected future trends. Management discloses these non-GAAP measures, and the related reconciliations, because it believes investors use these metrics in evaluating longer-term period-over-period performance, and to allow investors to better understand and evaluate the information used by management to assess operating performance.

#### **Q4 2019 Summary**



#### Total Company:

- Total revenue increased 6%; gross profit increased 7%
- Gross margin increased 10 basis points to 15.9%
- SG&A as a percentage of gross profit increased 10 basis points to 68.3%
- Adjusted operating margin increased 10 basis point to 4.6%
- Adjusted EPS increased 15%

#### Same Store:

- Total revenue increased 2%; gross profit increased 3%
- Gross margin increased 20 basis points to 16.0%
- New vehicle revenue decreased 3%; gross profit decreased 4%
- Used vehicle retail revenue increased 10%; gross profit increased 1%
- Finance and insurance revenue and gross profit increased 4%
- Parts and service revenue increased 5%; gross profit increased 4%

With SAAR down 3%, we grew same store total revenue 2% and increased adjusted EPS 15%

#### Q4 2019 Summary (continued)



#### Strategic Highlights:

- Signed an agreement to acquire 20 Park Place luxury franchises that we expect to close in March 2020, subject to customary closing conditions. We expect these dealerships to generate approximately \$1.9 billion in annualized revenue.
- Acquired a Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram store in the Denver market in late January 2020.
   We expect this store to generate approximately \$124 million in annual revenues.
- Signed an agreement to divest all five stores in the Mississippi market that we expect to close in March 2020, subject to customary closing conditions. These dealerships generated approximately \$334 million in annualized revenue.
- Signed an agreement to divest our Nissan Atlanta store that we expect to close in February 2020, subject to customary closing conditions. This dealership generated approximately \$77 million in annualized revenue.

# **Q4 2019 Earnings Highlights & Key Metrics**



	Q4 '19	Q4 '18	Change
Volume Metrics (SS)			
US Auto Sales (M)	4.32	4.30	0.5%
New Units	26,059	27,450	(5.1%)
Used Retail Units	20,905	19,050	9.7%
Used to New Ratio	80.2%	69.4%	1080 bps
Fixed Gross Profit (\$M)	\$135.1	\$129.8	4.1%
Margin Metrics (SS)			
New Margin	4.3%	4.3%	0 bps
Used Retail Margin	6.3%	6.9%	(60 bps)
Fixed Margin	61.9%	62.2%	(30 bps)
F&I PVR	\$1,695	\$1,643	\$52
Front End PVR <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,211	\$3,204	\$7
Performance Metrics			
SG&A %GP	68.6%	68.0%	60 bps
Adj. EBITDA (\$M) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$87.5	\$80.0	9.4%
EPS	\$2.26	\$2.06	9.7%
Adj. EPS <sup>(2)</sup>	\$2.53	\$2.20	15.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Front end PVR = new vehicle gross profit, used retail gross profit, and F&I gross profit divided by new and used retail unit sales

<sup>(2)</sup> See Non-GAAP reconciliations

### **Non-GAAP Reconciliations**



(\$ in Millions, except per share amounts)

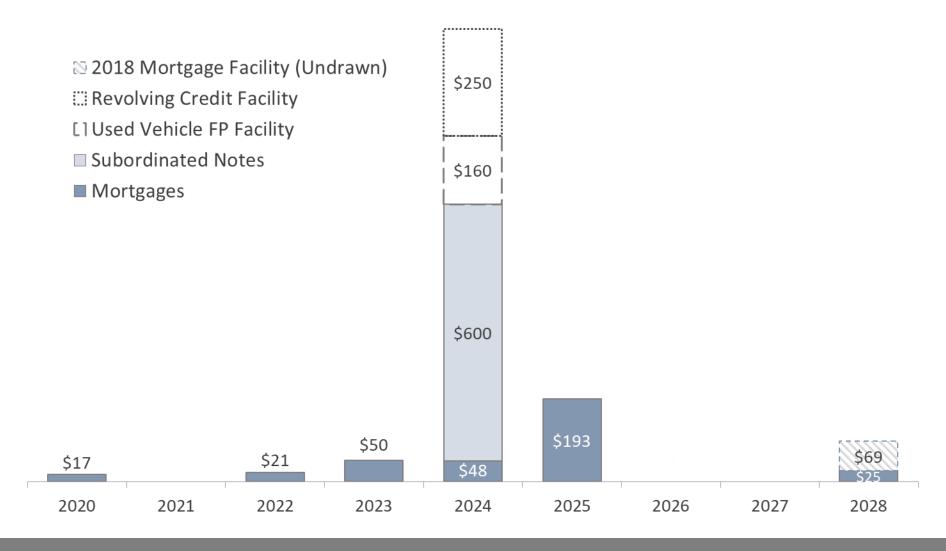
Adjusted EBITDA	Q4 '19	Q4 '18
Net Income	\$43.6	\$40.4
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	9.5	8.5
Income tax expense	13.6	13.7
Swap and other interest expense	13.7	13.7
EBITDA	\$80.4	\$76.3
Non-core items		
Franchise rights impairment	7.1	3.7
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Operating Income	Q4 '19	Q4 '18
Income from operations	\$79.1	\$77.3
Non-core items		
Franchise rights impairment	7.1	3.7
Real estate related charges	0.6	-
Legal settlements	(0.6)	-
Adjusted income from operations	\$86.2	\$81.0
Adjusted diluted EPS	Q4 '19	Q4 '18
Diluted EPS	\$2.26	\$2.06
Total non-core items	\$0.27	\$0.14
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$2.53	\$2.20

# **Debt Maturity Schedule**



(\$ in Millions)



Our near-term debt maturities remain minimal, with a large "stack" in 2024