# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
## FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2013

## Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. <br> (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

$\qquad$
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

## 001-31262

(Commission File Number)

01-0609375
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2905 Premiere Parkway NW Suite 300
Duluth, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)

30097
(Zip Code)
(770) 418-8200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
None
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued an earnings release on February 19, 2012, announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2012. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

The information furnished in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report.
Exhibit No. $\quad$ Description

## SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

## ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

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# ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP ANNOUNCES RECORD 2012 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR-END FINANCIAL RESULTS 

Record Fourth quarter EPS from continuing operations of \$0.72 per diluted share, up $31 \%$ over adjusted prior period quarter

Record Full year 2012 EPS from continuing operations of $\mathbf{\$ 2 . 6 4}$ per diluted share, up $\mathbf{4 9 \%}$ over adjusted prior period year

Duluth, GA, February 19, 2013 - Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (NYSE: ABG), one of the largest automotive retail and service companies in the U.S., today reported income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter 2012 of $\$ 22.6$ million, or $\$ 0.72$ per diluted share, versus adjusted income from continuing operations in the fourth quarter 2011 of \$17.5 million, or $\$ 0.55$ per diluted share, a $31 \%$ increase per diluted share. Net income for the fourth quarter 2012 was $\$ 22.8$ million, or $\$ 0.73$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 21.5$ million, or $\$ 0.68$ per diluted share in the prior year period. See attached reconciliation for reported adjustments.

Fourth Quarter 2012 Highlights (compared to the prior year period, as reported):

- Total revenues increased $15 \%$ to $\$ 1.2$ billion
- New vehicle retail revenues increased 21\%
- Used vehicle retail revenues up 5\%
- Finance and insurance revenues up 23\%
- Total gross profit up $11 \%$ with increases from all business lines
- SG\&A expense as a percent of gross profit improved 230 basis points to $72.2 \%$


## 2012 Strategic Updates:

- Continued to drive operational excellence through investments in people, technology, and process improvements
- Repurchased $\$ 23$ million of Asbury common stock in 2012, or approximately $3 \%$ of our common shares outstanding; \$50 million remaining under new Board Authorization
- Completed $\$ 18$ million in lease buy-outs
- Purchased $\$ 13$ million of real estate in anticipation of future lease expirations
- Continued fine tuning our dealership portfolio; acquired a VW and a Bentley franchise and divested a Honda and a Volvo franchise
- Reduced fourth quarter leverage to 2.4 x Total Debt/Adjusted EBITDA compared to 2.8 x at the end of fourth quarter 2011
"We are pleased to announce record fourth quarter and full year results," said Craig Monaghan, Asbury's President and Chief Executive Officer. "These results demonstrate the benefits of the operating leverage we have built into our business model, which we expect will continue yielding strong results as North American automotive sales continue to recover. We expect the recovery of automotive sales to continue in 2013 due to the increasing average age of vehicles in the U.S., extremely attractive financing rates, and the availability of exciting new products."
Asbury's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Michael Kearney added, "We continue to focus on providing our customers with the highest levels of service in our sales departments and our service lanes. Our new vehicle unit sales significantly out-performed the industry, increasing $21 \%$ due to the strength of our brand portfolio and excellent sales execution. We are also very encouraged with the traction we are seeing in our parts and service growth."
For the full year 2012, the Company reported income from continuing operations of $\$ 83.3$ million, or $\$ 2.64$ per diluted share, versus adjusted income from continuing operations of $\$ 57.8$ million, or $\$ 1.77$ per diluted share, in the prior period. Net income for the full year 2012 was $\$ 82.2$ million, or $\$ 2.61$ per diluted share, compared to $\$ 67.9$ million, or $\$ 2.08$ per diluted share in the prior period. See attached reconciliation for reported adjustments. Revenues for the full year 2012 totaled $\$ 4.6$ billion, an increase of $12 \%$ compared to the prior period.
Asbury will host a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter and year-end results this morning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The call will be simulcast live on the Internet and can be accessed by logging onto http://www.asburyauto.com or http://www.ccbn.com. In addition, a live audio of the call will be accessible to the public by calling (888) 312-3048 (domestic), or (719) 457-2645 (international); passcode - 1976747. Callers should dial in approximately 5 to 10 minutes before the call begins.


## About Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. ("Asbury"), headquartered in Duluth, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta, is one of the largest automobile retailers in the U.S. Built through a combination of organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, Asbury currently operates 77 retail auto stores, encompassing 98 franchises for the sale and servicing of 29 different brands of American, European and Asian automobiles. Asbury offers customers an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicle sales and related
financing and insurance, vehicle maintenance and repair services, replacement parts and service contracts.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical fact, and may include statements relating to goals, plans, market conditions and projections regarding Asbury's financial position, liquidity, results of operations, market position and dealership portfolio, the benefits of its business initiatives and future business strategy. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs 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, Asbury's relationships with, and the financial and operational stability of, vehicle manufacturers and other suppliers, acts of God which may adversely impact supply from vehicle manufacturers and/or present retail sales challenges, risks associated with Asbury's indebtedness (including available borrowing capacity, compliance with its financial covenants and ability to refinance or repay such indebtedness, particularly upcoming maturities, on favorable terms), Asbury's relationships with, and the financial stability of, its lenders and lessors, risks related to competition in the automotive retail and service industries, general economic conditions both nationally and locally, governmental regulations, legislation, adverse results in litigation and other proceedings, Asbury's ability to execute its IT initiatives and other operational strategies, Asbury's ability to leverage gains from its dealership portfolio, Asbury's ability to capitalize on opportunities to repurchase its debt and equity securities or purchase properties that it currently leases, and Asbury's ability to stay within its targeted range for capital expenditures. There can be no guarantees that Asbury's plans for future operations will be successfully implemented or that they will prove to be commercially successful.

These and other risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements are and will be discussed in Asbury's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, including its most recent annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ and any subsequently filed quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | For the Twelve Months Ended December31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
| REVENUES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle | \$ | 712.9 | \$ | 589.2 | \$ | 2,607.4 | \$ | 2,239.4 |
| Used vehicle |  | 320.9 |  | 295.9 |  | 1,301.0 |  | 1,208.1 |
| Parts and service |  | 141.4 |  | 137.4 |  | 565.3 |  | 555.6 |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 43.5 |  | 35.5 |  | 166.6 |  | 137.0 |
| Total revenues |  | 1,218.7 |  | 1,058.0 |  | 4,640.3 |  | 4,140.1 |
| COST OF SALES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle |  | 668.8 |  | 549.5 |  | 2,441.8 |  | 2,088.3 |
| Used vehicle |  | 296.5 |  | 273.8 |  | 1,197.4 |  | 1,108.1 |
| Parts and service |  | 59.2 |  | 60.1 |  | 237.5 |  | 244.7 |
| Total cost of sales |  | 1,024.5 |  | 883.4 |  | 3,876.7 |  | 3,441.1 |
| GROSS PROFIT |  | 194.2 |  | 174.6 |  | 763.6 |  | 699.0 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative |  | 140.2 |  | 130.0 |  | 556.1 |  | 531.6 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 5.7 |  | 5.8 |  | 22.6 |  | 22.5 |
| Other operating (income) expense, net |  | - |  | (2.4) |  | (1.0) |  | 13.7 |
| Income from operations |  | 48.3 |  | 41.2 |  | 185.9 |  | 131.2 |
| OTHER EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floor plan interest expense |  | (3.1) |  | (2.7) |  | (11.6) |  | (9.3) |
| Other interest expense, net |  | (9.0) |  | (8.8) |  | (35.6) |  | (39.6) |
| Swap interest expense |  | (1.2) |  | (1.3) |  | (5.0) |  | (5.5) |
| Convertible debt discount amortization |  | - |  | (0.2) |  | (0.4) |  | (0.8) |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt |  | - |  | (0.4) |  | - |  | (0.8) |
| Total other expenses, net |  | (13.3) |  | (13.4) |  | (52.6) |  | (56.0) |
| Income before income taxes |  | 35.0 |  | 27.8 |  | 133.3 |  | 75.2 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE |  | 12.4 |  | 10.6 |  | 50.0 |  | 28.7 |
| INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS |  | 22.6 |  | 17.2 |  | 83.3 |  | 46.5 |
| DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax |  | 0.2 |  | 4.3 |  | (1.1) |  | 21.4 |
| NET INCOME | \$ | 22.8 | \$ | 21.5 | \$ | 82.2 | \$ | 67.9 |

EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:

| Basic- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.73 | \$ | 0.55 | \$ | 2.68 | \$ | 1.46 |
| Discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.14 |  | (0.04) |  | 0.68 |
| Net income | \$ | 0.74 | \$ | 0.69 | \$ | 2.64 | \$ | 2.14 |
| Diluted- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.72 | \$ | 0.54 | \$ | 2.64 | \$ | 1.43 |
| Discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.14 |  | (0.03) |  | 0.65 |
| Net income | \$ | 0.73 | \$ | 0.68 | \$ | 2.61 | \$ | 2.08 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 31.0 |  | 31.0 |  | 31.1 |  | 31.8 |
| Stock options |  | - |  | 0.5 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.6 |
| Restricted stock |  | 0.2 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |
| Performance share units |  | 0.2 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |
| Diluted |  | 31.4 |  | 31.7 |  | 31.5 |  | 32.6 |



New Vehicle Metrics-

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase(Decrease) |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  |  | 2011 |  |  |  |
| Revenue per new vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 33,735 | \$ | 33,561 | \$ | 174 | 1 \% |
| Gross profit per new vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 2,090 | \$ | 2,261 | \$ | (171) | (8)\% |
| New vehicle gross margin-same store(1) |  | 6.2\% |  | 6.7\% |  | (0.5)\% | (7)\% |

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions, except for per vehicle data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail revenues-same store(1) | \$ | 267.6 | \$ | 255.5 | \$ | 12.1 | 5\% |
| Used vehicle retail revenues-acquisitions |  | 1.7 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle retail revenues |  | 269.3 |  | 255.5 |  | 13.8 | 5\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle wholesale revenues-same store(1) |  | 51.3 |  | 40.4 |  | 10.9 | 27\% |
| Used vehicle wholesale revenues-acquisitions |  | 0.3 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle wholesale revenues |  | 51.6 |  | 40.4 |  | 11.2 | 28\% |
| Used vehicle revenue, as reported | \$ | 320.9 | \$ | 295.9 | \$ | 25.0 | 8\% |
| Gross profit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail gross profit-same store(1) | \$ | 24.3 | \$ | 22.9 | \$ | 1.4 | 6\% |
| Used vehicle retail gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.3 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle retail gross profit |  | 24.6 |  | 22.9 |  | 1.7 | 7\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle wholesale gross profit-same store(1) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.8) |  | 0.6 | 75\% |
| Used vehicle wholesale gross profit-acquisitions |  | - |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle wholesale gross profit |  | (0.2) |  | (0.8) |  | 0.6 | 75\% |
| Used vehicle gross profit, as reported | \$ | 24.4 | \$ | 22.1 | \$ | 2.3 | 10\% |
| Used vehicle retail units: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail units—same store(1) |  | 13,611 |  | 13,483 |  | 128 | 1\% |
| Used vehicle retail units-acquisitions |  | 70 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail units-actual |  | 13,681 |  | 13,483 |  | 198 | 1\% |

## Used Vehicle Metrics-

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue per used vehicle retailed-same store(1) | \$ | 19,661 | \$ | 18,950 | \$ | 711 | 4\% |
| Gross profit per used vehicle retailed-same store(1) | \$ | 1,785 | \$ | 1,698 | \$ | 87 | 5\% |
| Used vehicle retail gross margin-same store(1) |  | 9.1\% |  | 9.0\% |  | 0.1\% | 1\% |

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increase } \\ \text { (Decrease) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parts and service revenue-same store(1) | \$ | 140.6 | \$ | 137.4 | \$ | 3.2 | 2 \% |
| Parts and service revenues-acquisitions |  | 0.8 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Parts and service revenue, as reported | \$ | 141.4 | \$ | 137.4 | \$ | 4.0 | 3 \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross profit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parts and service gross profit-same store(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer pay | \$ | 50.7 | \$ | 48.1 | \$ | 2.6 | $5 \%$ |
| Reconditioning and preparation |  | 16.5 |  | 14.9 |  | 1.6 | 11 \% |
| Warranty |  | 9.9 |  | 9.5 |  | 0.4 | 4 \% |
| Wholesale parts |  | 4.7 |  | 4.8 |  | (0.1) | (2)\% |
| Total parts and service gross profit-same store(1) |  | 81.8 |  | 77.3 |  | 4.5 | 6 \% |
| Parts and service gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.4 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Parts and service gross profit, as reported | \$ | 82.2 | \$ | 77.3 | \$ | 4.9 | 6 \% |
| Parts and service gross margin-same store(1) |  | 58.2\% |  | 56.3\% |  | 1.9\% | 3 \% |

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

Finance and Insurance, net-

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \begin{array}{c} \text { Change } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions, except for per vehicle data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance and insurance, net-same store(1) | \$ | 43.3 | \$ | 35.5 | \$ | 7.8 | 22\% |
| Finance and insurance, net-acquisitions |  | 0.2 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Finance and insurance, net as reported | \$ | 43.5 | \$ | 35.5 | \$ | 8.0 | 23\% |
| Finance and insurance, net per vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 1,251 | \$ | 1,144 | \$ | 107 | 9\% |

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| REVENUE MIX PERCENTAGES: |  |  |
| New vehicles | 58.5 \% | 55.7 \% |
| Used retail vehicles | 22.1 \% | 24.1 \% |
| Used vehicle wholesale | 4.2 \% | 3.8 \% |
| Parts and service | 11.6 \% | 13.0 \% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 3.6 \% | 3.4 \% |
| Total revenue | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT MIX PERCENTAGES: |  |  |
| New vehicles | 22.7 \% | 22.7 \% |
| Used retail vehicles | 12.7 \% | 13.2 \% |
| Used vehicle wholesale | (0.1)\% | (0.5)\% |
| Parts and service | 42.3 \% | 44.3 \% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 22.4 \% | 20.3 \% |
| Total gross profit | 100.0 \% | 100.0 \% |
| SG\&A EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS PROFIT | 72.2 \% | 74.5 \% |


|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions, except for per vehicle data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle revenue-same store(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Luxury | \$ | 959.2 | \$ | 828.1 | \$ | 131.1 | 16 \% |
| Mid-line import |  | 1,268.3 |  | 1,060.6 |  | 207.7 | 20 \% |
| Mid-line domestic |  | 374.1 |  | 350.7 |  | 23.4 | 7 \% |
| Total new vehicle revenue-same store(1) |  | 2,601.6 |  | 2,239.4 |  | 362.2 | 16 \% |
| New vehicle revenue-acquisitions |  | 5.8 |  | - |  |  |  |
| New vehicle revenue, as reported | \$ | 2,607.4 | \$ | 2,239.4 | \$ | 368.0 | 16 \% |
| Gross profit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle gross profit-same store(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Luxury | \$ | 72.6 | \$ | 63.4 | \$ | 9.2 | 15 \% |
| Mid-line import |  | 67.4 |  | 63.9 |  | 3.5 | 5 \% |
| Mid-line domestic |  | 25.1 |  | 23.8 |  | 1.3 | 5 \% |
| Total new vehicle gross profit-same store(1) |  | 165.1 |  | 151.1 |  | 14.0 | 9 \% |
| New vehicle gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.5 |  | - |  |  |  |
| New vehicle gross profit, as reported | \$ | 165.6 | \$ | 151.1 | \$ | 14.5 | 10 \% |
|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  | ease | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| New vehicle units: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle retail units-same store(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Luxury |  | 19,386 |  | 16,712 |  | 2,674 | 16 \% |
| Mid-line import |  | 48,067 |  | 40,560 |  | 7,507 | 19 \% |
| Mid-line domestic |  | 10,147 |  | 9,353 |  | 794 | 8 \% |
| Total new vehicle retail units-same store(1) |  | 77,600 |  | 66,625 |  | 10,975 | 16 \% |
| Fleet vehicles |  | 2,365 |  | 2,679 |  | (314) | (12)\% |
| Total new vehicle units-same store(1) |  | 79,965 |  | 69,304 |  | 10,661 | 15 \% |
| New vehicle units-acquisitions |  | 112 |  | - |  |  |  |
| New vehicle units-actual |  | 80,077 |  | 69,304 |  | 10,773 | 16 \% |

New Vehicle Metrics-

|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase } \\ & \text { (Decrease) } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | 2012 |  | 011 |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue per new vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 32,534 | \$ | 32,313 | \$ | 221 | 1 \% |
| Gross profit per new vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 2,065 | \$ | 2,180 | \$ | (115) | (5)\% |
| New vehicle gross margin-same store(1) |  | 6.3\% |  | 6.7\% |  | (0.4)\% | (6)\% |

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|  |  | Twelve Mon | End | ecember 31, | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \% \text { enge } \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions, except for per velicle data) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail revenues-same store(1) | \$ | 1,099.2 | \$ | 1,021.5 | \$ | 77.7 | 8\% |
| Used vehicle retail revenues-acquisitions |  | 2.2 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle retail revenues |  | 1,101.4 |  | 1,021.5 |  | 79.9 | 8\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle wholesale revenues-same store(1) |  | 199.2 |  | 186.6 |  | 12.6 | 7\% |
| Used vehicle wholesale revenues-acquisitions |  | 0.4 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle wholesale revenues |  | 199.6 |  | 186.6 |  | 13.0 | 7\% |
| Used vehicle revenue, as reported | \$ | 1,301.0 | \$ | 1,208.1 | \$ | 92.9 | 8\% |
| Gross profit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail gross profit-same store(1) | \$ | 103.8 | \$ | 101.1 | \$ | 2.7 | 3\% |
| Used vehicle retail gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.2 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle retail gross profit |  | 104.0 |  | 101.1 |  | 2.9 | 3\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle wholesale gross profit-same store(1) |  | (0.5) |  | (1.1) |  | 0.6 | 55\% |
| Used vehicle wholesale gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.1 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Total used vehicle wholesale gross profit |  | (0.4) |  | (1.1) |  | 0.7 | 64\% |
| Used vehicle gross profit, as reported | \$ | 103.6 | \$ | 100.0 | \$ | 3.6 | 4\% |
| Used vehicle retail units: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail units-same store(1) |  | 57,345 |  | 54,009 |  | 3,336 | 6\% |
| Used vehicle retail units-acquisitions |  | 89 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Used vehicle retail units-actual |  | 57,434 |  | 54,009 |  | 3,425 | 6\% |

## Used Vehicle Metrics-

|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase(Decrease) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue per used vehicle retailed-same store(1) | \$ | 19,168 | \$ | 18,914 | \$ | 254 | $1 \%$ |
| Gross profit per used vehicle retailed-same store(1) | \$ | 1,810 | \$ | 1,872 | \$ | (62) | (3)\% |
| Used vehicle retail gross margin-same store(1) |  | 9.4\% |  | 9.9\% |  | (0.5)\% | (5)\% |

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

|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase (Decrease) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parts and service revenue-same store(1) | \$ | 564.2 | \$ | 555.6 | \$ | 8.6 | 2 \% |
| Parts and service revenues-acquisitions |  | 1.1 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Parts and service revenue, as reported | \$ | 565.3 | \$ | 555.6 | \$ | 9.7 | 2 \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross profit: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parts and service gross profit-same store(1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer pay | \$ | 202.4 | \$ | 193.1 | \$ | 9.3 | 5 \% |
| Reconditioning and preparation |  | 66.9 |  | 56.2 |  | 10.7 | 19 \% |
| Warranty |  | 38.8 |  | 42.8 |  | (4.0) | (9)\% |
| Wholesale parts |  | 19.1 |  | 18.8 |  | 0.3 | 2 \% |
| Total parts and service gross profit-same store(1) |  | 327.2 |  | 310.9 |  | 16.3 | 5 \% |
| Parts and service gross profit-acquisitions |  | 0.6 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Parts and service gross profit, as reported | \$ | 327.8 | \$ | 310.9 | \$ | 16.9 | 5 \% |
| Parts and service gross margin-same store(1) |  | 58.0\% |  | 56.0\% |  | 2.0\% | 4 \% |

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

Finance and Insurance, net-

|  | For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  | Increase |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | millions, | pt | hicle da |  |
| Finance and insurance, net-same store(1) | \$ | 166.4 | \$ | 137.0 | \$ | 29.4 | 21\% |
| Finance and insurance, net-acquisitions |  | 0.2 |  | - |  |  |  |
| Finance and insurance, net as reported | \$ | 166.6 | \$ | 137.0 | \$ | 29.6 | 22\% |
| Finance and insurance, net per vehicle sold-same store(1) | \$ | 1,212 | \$ | 1,111 | \$ | 101 | 9\% |

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

|  | For the Year Ended December 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| REVENUE MIX PERCENTAGES: |  |  |
| New vehicles | 56.2 \% | 54.1 \% |
| Used retail vehicles | 23.7 \% | 24.7 \% |
| Used vehicle wholesale | 4.3 \% | 4.5 \% |
| Parts and service | 12.2 \% | 13.4 \% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 3.6 \% | 3.3 \% |
| Total revenue | 100.0\% | $\underline{100.0 \%}$ |
| GROSS PROFIT MIX PERCENTAGES: |  |  |
| New vehicles | 21.7 \% | 21.6 \% |
| Used retail vehicles | 13.7 \% | 14.5 \% |
| Used vehicle wholesale | (0.1)\% | (0.2)\% |
| Parts and service | 42.9 \% | 44.5 \% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 21.8 \% | 19.6 \% |
| Total gross profit | 100.0 \% | 100.0 \% |
| SG\&A EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS PROFIT | 72.8 \% | 76.1 \% |

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|  | December 31, 2012 |  | December 31, 2011 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increase } \\ \text { (Decrease) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 6.2 | \$ | 11.4 | \$ | (5.2) | (46)\% |
| New vehicle inventory |  | 517.4 |  | 400.0 |  | 117.4 | 29 \% |
| Used vehicle inventory |  | 94.6 |  | 82.0 |  | 12.6 | 15 \% |
| Parts inventory |  | 36.5 |  | 37.5 |  | (1.0) | (3)\% |
| Total current assets |  | 986.4 |  | 792.5 |  | 193.9 | 24 \% |
| Floor plan notes payable |  | 556.7 |  | 434.0 |  | 122.7 | 28 \% |
| Total current liabilities |  | 779.8 |  | 636.3 |  | 143.5 | 23 \% |
| CAPITALIZATION: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt (including current portion) | \$ | 466.0 | \$ | 458.6 | \$ | 7.4 | 2 \% |
| Shareholders' equity |  | 402.8 |  | 326.6 |  | 76.2 | 23 \% |
| Total | \$ | 868.8 | \$ | 785.2 | \$ | 83.6 | 11 \% |

Brand Mix - New Vehicle Revenue by Brand-

|  | For the Year Ended December 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 | 2011 |
| Luxury |  |  |
| BMW | 9\% | 10\% |
| Mercedes-Benz | 7\% | 7\% |
| Lexus | 7\% | 6\% |
| Acura | 5\% | 5\% |
| Infiniti | 5\% | 4\% |
| Other luxury | 4\% | 5\% |
| Total luxury | 37\% | 37\% |
| Mid-Line Imports: |  |  |
| Honda | 21\% | 19\% |
| Nissan | 13\% | 13\% |
| Toyota | 11\% | 11\% |
| Other imports | 4\% | 4\% |
| Total imports | 49\% | 47\% |
| Mid-Line Domestic: |  |  |
| Ford | 8\% | 9\% |
| Chevrolet | 2\% | 3\% |
| Other domestics | 4\% | 4\% |
| Total domestic | 14\% | 16\% |
| Total New Vehicle Revenue | 100\% | 100\% |


|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  | Increase(Decrease) |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of Gross } \\ \text { Profit } \\ \text { Decrease } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of Gross } \\ \text { Profit } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \% \text { of Gross } \\ \text { Profit } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SG\&A, excluding rent expense | \$ | 131.4 | 67.7\% | \$ | 121.1 | 69.4\% | \$ | 10.3 | (1.7)\% |
| Rent expense |  | 8.8 | 4.5\% |  | 8.9 | 5.1\% |  | (0.1) | (0.6)\% |
| SG\&A-total | \$ | 140.2 | 72.2\% | \$ | 130.0 | 74.5\% | \$ | 10.2 | (2.3)\% |
| Gross profit | \$ | 194.2 |  | \$ | 174.6 |  |  |  |  |


|  | For the Year Ended December 31, |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase } \\ & \text { (Decrease) } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of Gross } \\ \text { Profit } \\ \text { Decrease } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | Gross ofit |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% of Gross } \\ \text { Profit } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SG\&A, excluding rent expense | \$ | 520.6 | 68.2\% | \$ | 495.3 | 70.9\% | \$ | 25.3 | (2.7)\% |
| Rent expense |  | 35.5 | 4.6\% |  | 36.3 | 5.2\% |  | (0.8) | (0.6)\% |
| SG\&A-total | \$ | 556.1 | 72.8\% | \$ | 531.6 | 76.1\% | \$ | 24.5 | (3.3)\% |
| Gross profit | \$ | 763.6 |  | \$ | 699.0 |  |  |  |  |

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## 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 income from continuing operations," "Adjusted diluted earnings per share ("EPS") from continuing operations," "Adjusted EBITDA," and "Adjusted leverage ratio." 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 connection 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 its 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.

|  | For the Twelve Months Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | December 31, 2012 |  | December 31, 2011 |  |
|  | (Dollars in millions) |  |  |  |
| Adjusted leverage ratio: |  |  |  |  |
| Book value of long-term debt (including current portion) | \$ | 466.0 | \$ | 458.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Calculation of adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted EBITDA"): |  |  |  |  |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ | 83.3 | \$ | 46.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Add: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 22.6 |  | 22.5 |
| Income tax expense |  | 50.0 |  | 28.7 |
| Convertible debt discount amortization |  | 0.4 |  | 0.8 |
| Swap and other interest expense |  | 40.6 |  | 45.1 |
| Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") |  | 196.9 |  | 143.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-core items - expense: |  |  |  |  |
| Lease termination charges |  | - |  | 1.0 |
| Real estate impairment charges |  | - |  | 0.9 |
| Litigation related expense |  | - |  | 9.0 |
| Executive separation cost |  | - |  | 6.6 |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt |  | - |  | 0.8 |
| Total non-core items |  | - |  | 18.3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$ | 196.9 | \$ | 161.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted leverage ratio |  | 2.4 |  | 2.8 |

The non-core operating items shown in the tables below are (i) legal claims related to operations from 2000 to 2006, (ii) expenses related to executive separation benefits, (iii) expenses related to lease termination charges, (iv) real estate impairment charges and (v) loss on extinguishment of long-term debt.

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
|  | (In millions, except per share data) |  |  |  |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 22.8 | \$ | 21.5 |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax |  | (0.2) |  | (4.3) |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 22.6 |  | 17.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-core items - expense (income): |  |  |  |  |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt |  | - |  | 0.4 |
| Tax benefit on non-core items above |  | - |  | (0.1) |
| Total non-core items |  | - |  | 0.3 |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations | \$ | 22.6 | \$ | 17.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted diluted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 0.73 | \$ | 0.68 |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax |  | (0.01) |  | (0.14) |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 0.72 |  | 0.54 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total non-core items |  | - |  | 0.01 |
| Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$ | 0.72 | \$ | 0.55 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted |  | 31.4 |  | 31.7 |


|  | er 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012 |  | 2011 |  |
|  | (In millions, except per share data) |  |  |  |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 82.2 | \$ | 67.9 |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax (i) |  | 1.1 |  | (21.4) |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 83.3 |  | 46.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-core items - expense (income): |  |  |  |  |
| Litigation related expense |  | - |  | 9.0 |
| Executive separation costs |  | - |  | 6.6 |
| Lease termination charges |  | - |  | 1.0 |
| Real estate impairment charges |  | - |  | 0.9 |
| Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt |  | - |  | 0.8 |
| Tax benefit on non-core items above |  | - |  | (7.0) |
| Total non-core items |  | - |  | 11.3 |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations | \$ | 83.3 | \$ | 57.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Adjusted diluted earningsper share (EPS) from continuing operations: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 2.61 | \$ | 2.08 |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax |  | 0.03 |  | (0.65) |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 2.64 |  | 1.43 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total non-core items |  | - |  | 0.34 |
| Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$ | 2.64 | \$ | 1.77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted |  | 31.5 |  | 32.6 |

(i) Discontinued operations, net of tax, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2011, includes $\$ 22.3$ million in net-of-tax gains on the sale of our heavy truck business, two additional franchises (two dealership locations) and one ancillary business.

