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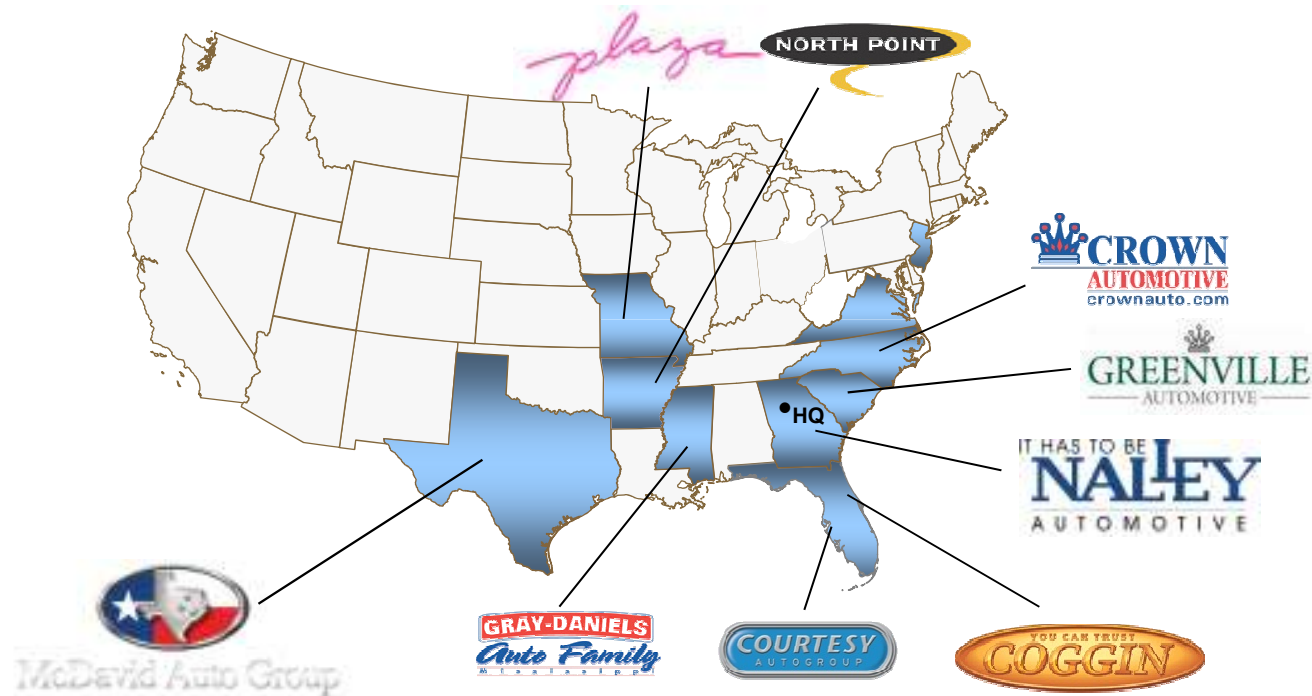
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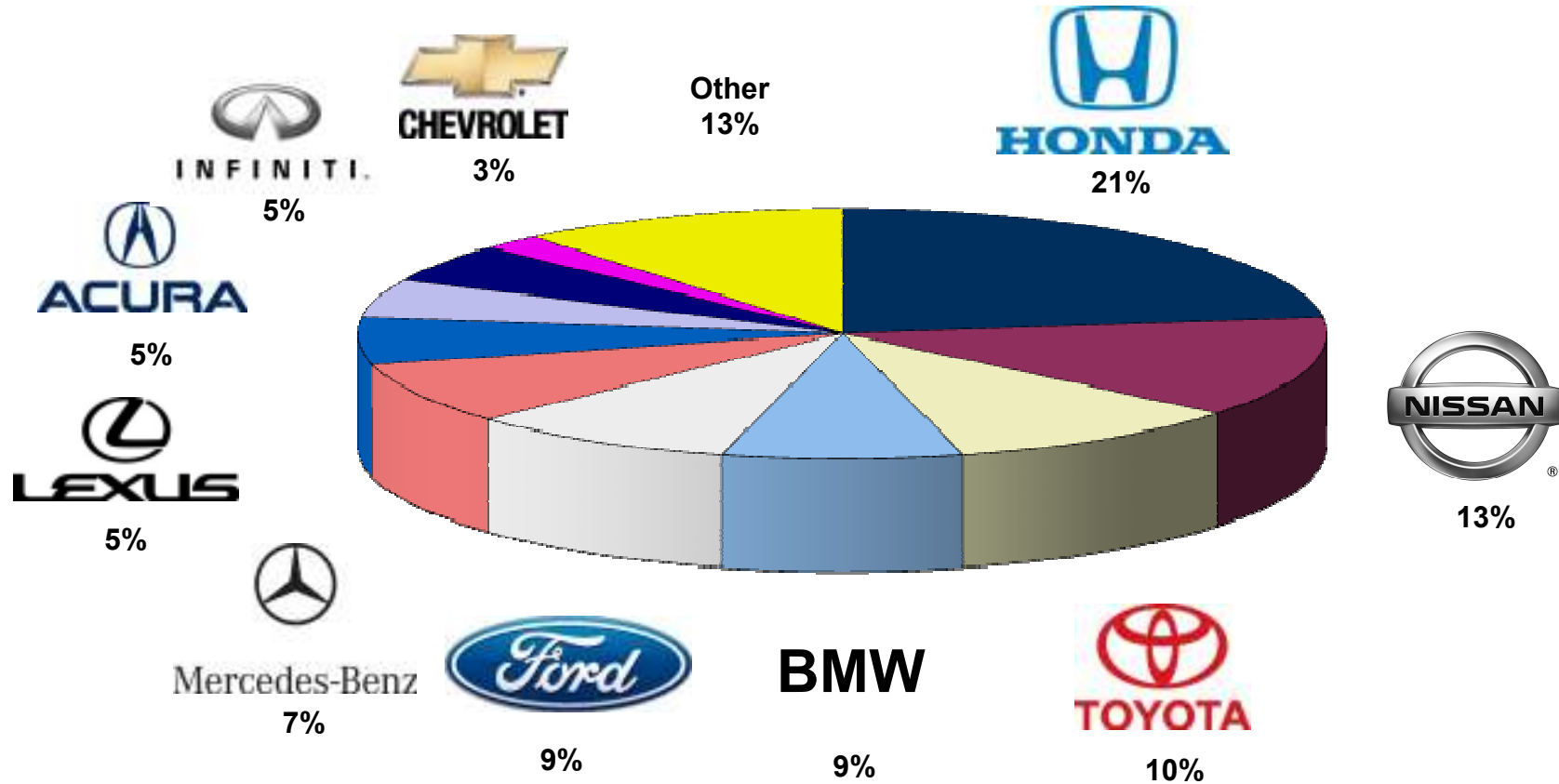
# Asbury Automotive Group (NYSE:ABG)

- Over \$4 billion in revenues
- 30 vehicle brands (84% luxury / import)
- 79 retail locations; 99 franchises
- 6<sup>th</sup> largest auto retailer
- Retailed over 110,000 vehicles



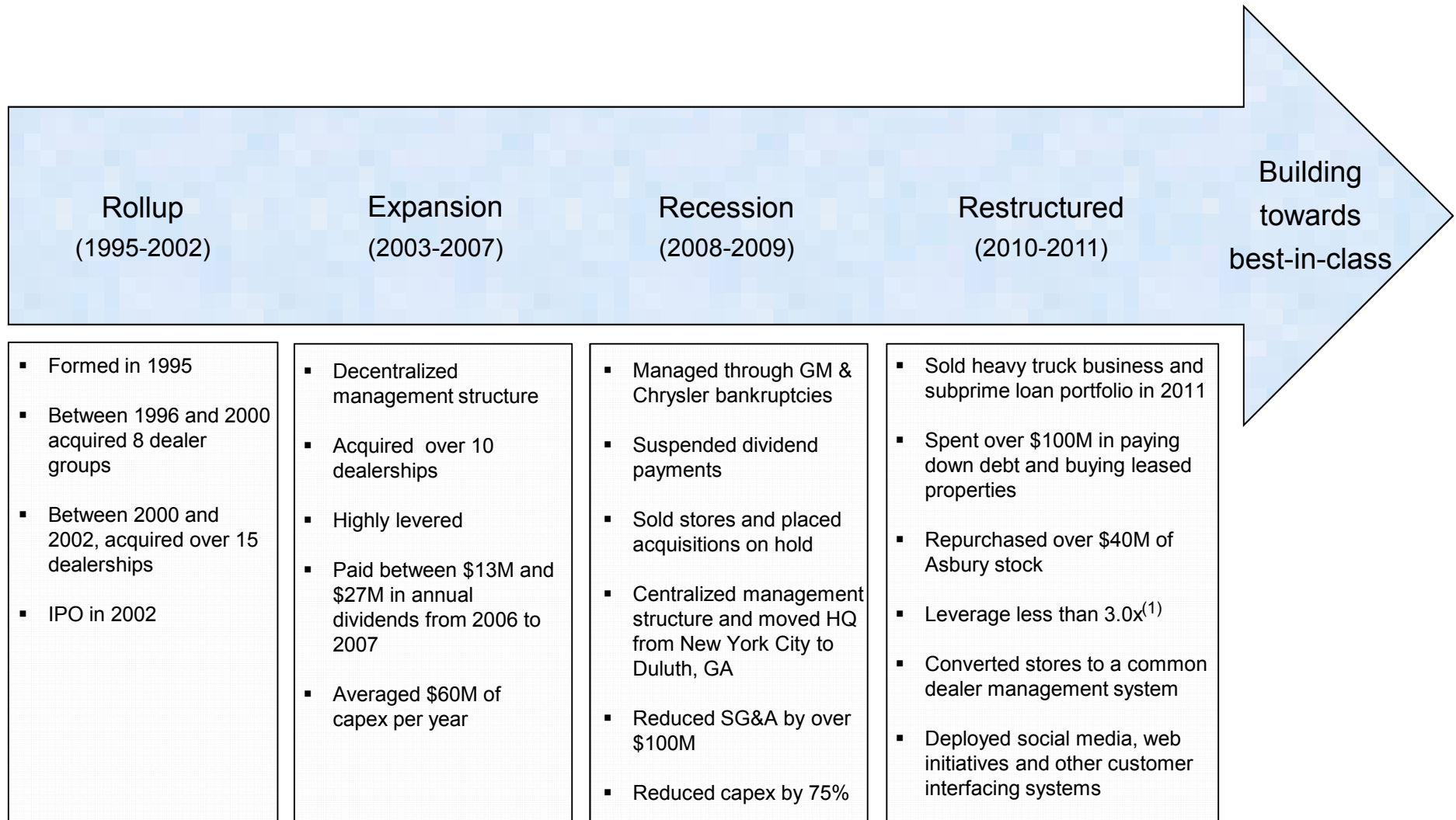
*Diversified public automotive dealer group*

# Attractive Brand Mix



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

# Asbury Yesterday – Timeline



*Today, we are a very different company*

(1) Includes \$30 million mortgage principle reduction as reported in Q3 2011 subsequent events

## Asbury Today – Results Achieved

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- Strong balance sheet, leverage less than 3.0x<sup>(1)</sup>
- Financial flexibility – able to opportunistically deploy capital to highest returns
- New senior management team and operating structure in place
- Common systems across all stores
- Standardized processes

*A strong, stable, firm now ready to go on the offensive*

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## Drive Operational Performance

- Improve productivity
- Maintain high customer satisfaction
- Attract and retain the best talent
- Implement best practices
- Centralize processes

## Maximize Portfolio Returns

- Maintain diversified portfolio to reduce brand risk
- Opportunistically acquire value added franchises

## Deploy Capital to Highest Returns

- Invest in our business and technologies
- Retire leases and debt to maintain a strong balance sheet
- Repurchase stock and return capital to shareholders

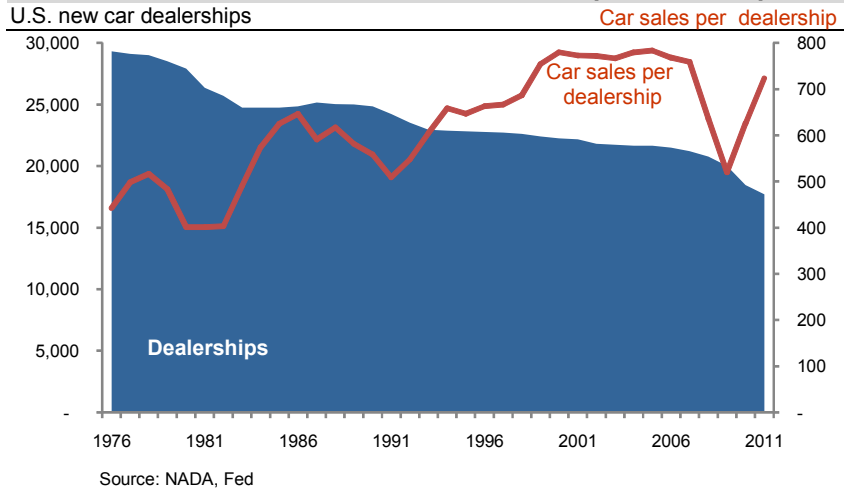
*Drive shareholder value*

## **Auto Retailer Industry**

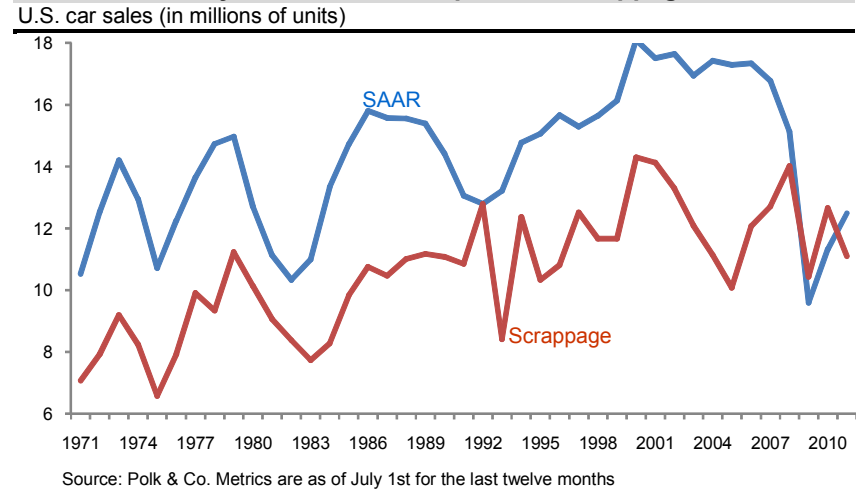


# Macro Economic Forces Shaping U.S. Vehicle Unit Sales

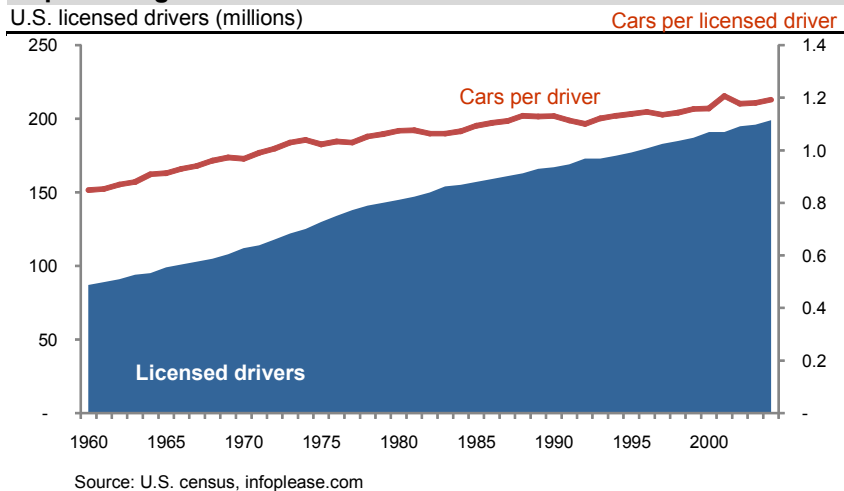
## Consolidated dealer base has increased sales per dealership



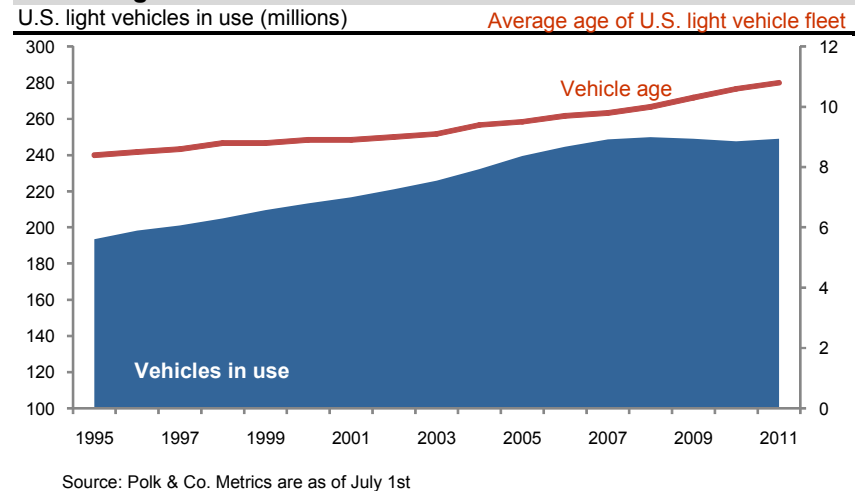
## Auto sales are cyclical and near depressed scrappage levels



## Population growth has driven increased cars sales



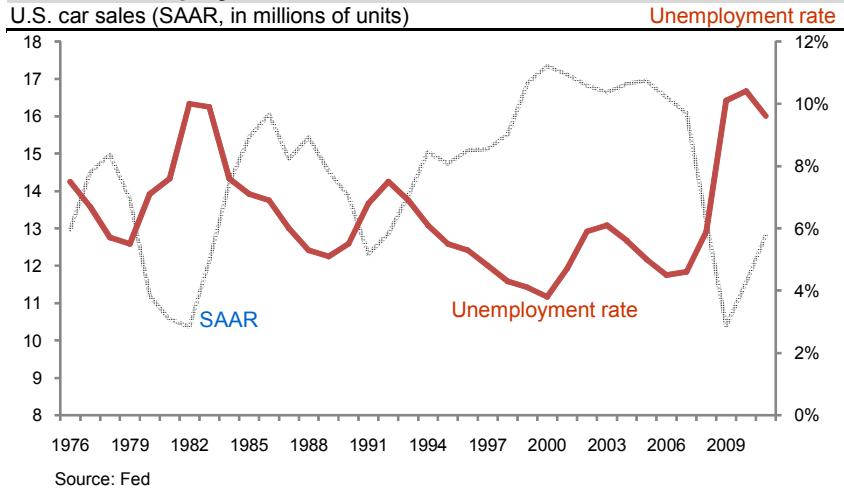
## Vehicle age has increased while vehicles in use has leveled off



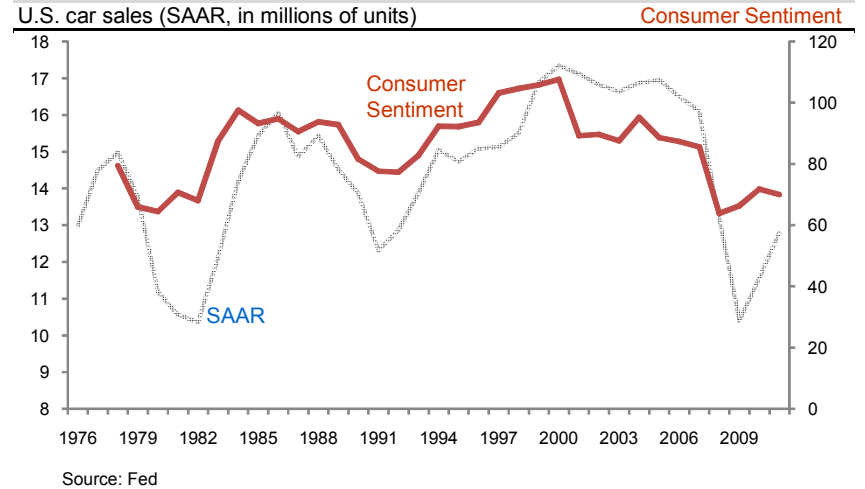
*A consolidating dealer base, a depressed SAAR near scrappage levels, an aging fleet, and an increasing population are positive signs for per store sales*

# Forces Shaping Consumers' Behavior

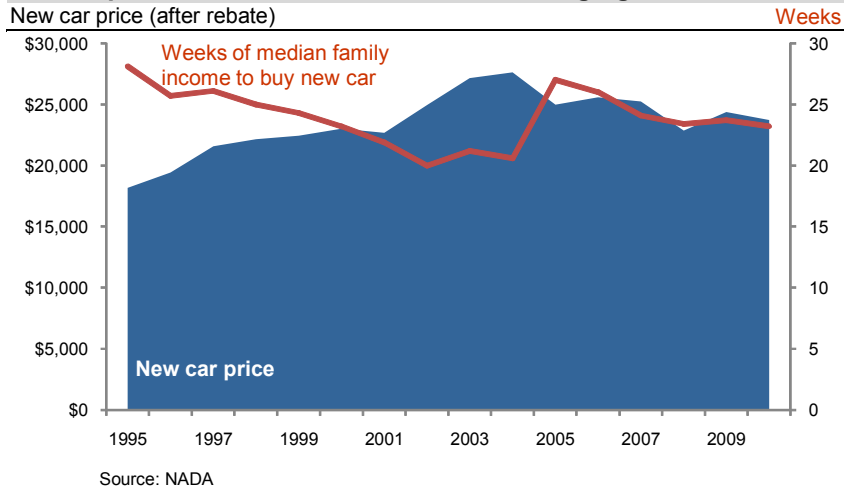
## Increased employment drives car sales



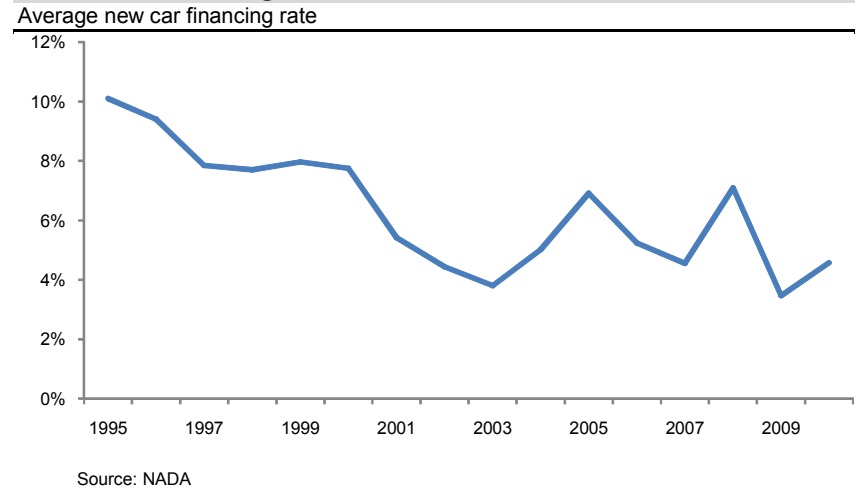
## Increased consumer confidence drives car sales



## Net car prices have decreased to reflect changing income levels



## Decreased financing rates made cars more affordable

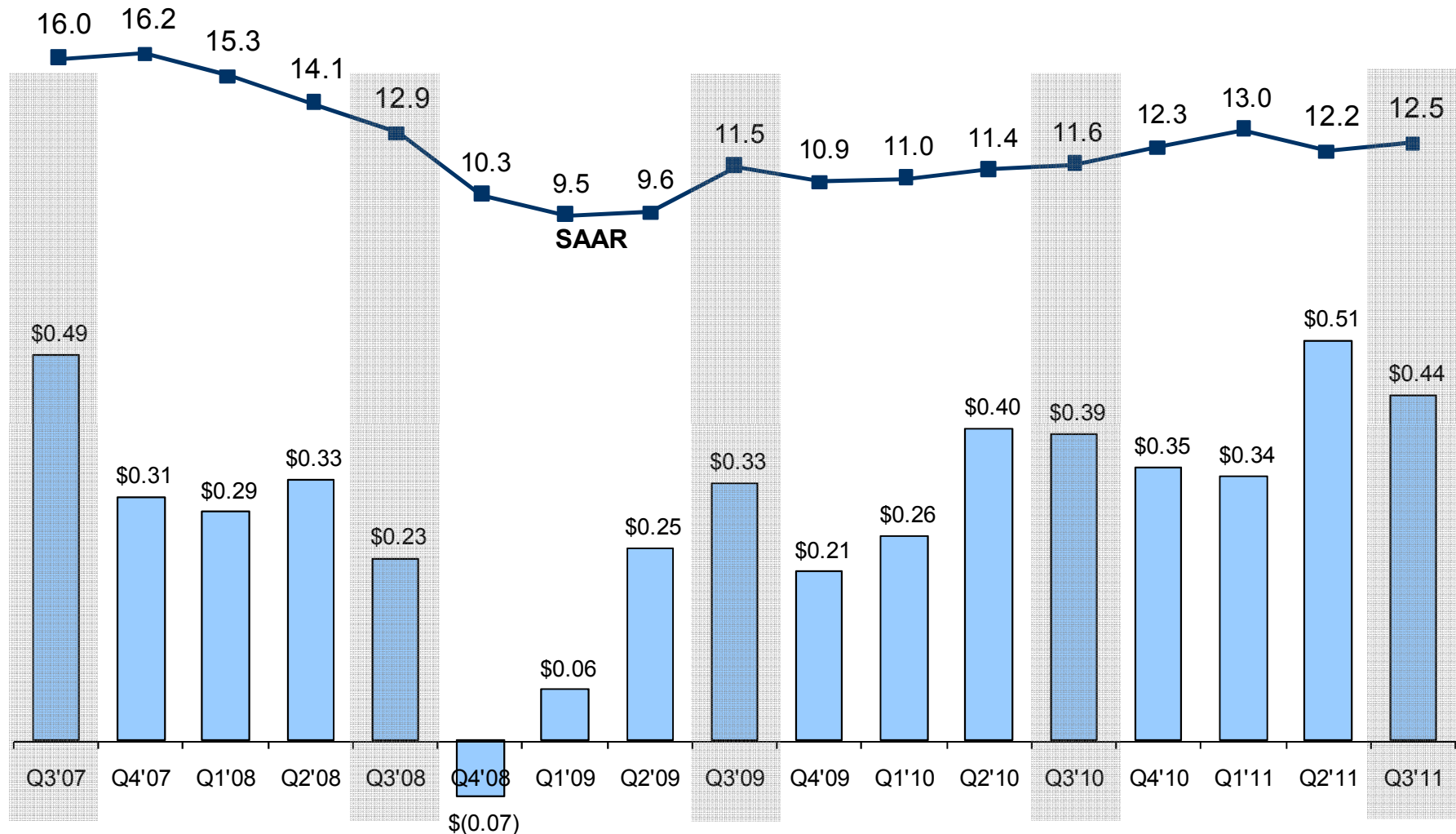


*Improving credit markets, consumer confidence, and employment situation are positive signs for the consumers' buying behaviors*

## **Asbury's Performance**

# Historical Profitability vs. U.S. New Vehicle Unit Sales (MM)

## Adjusted Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations

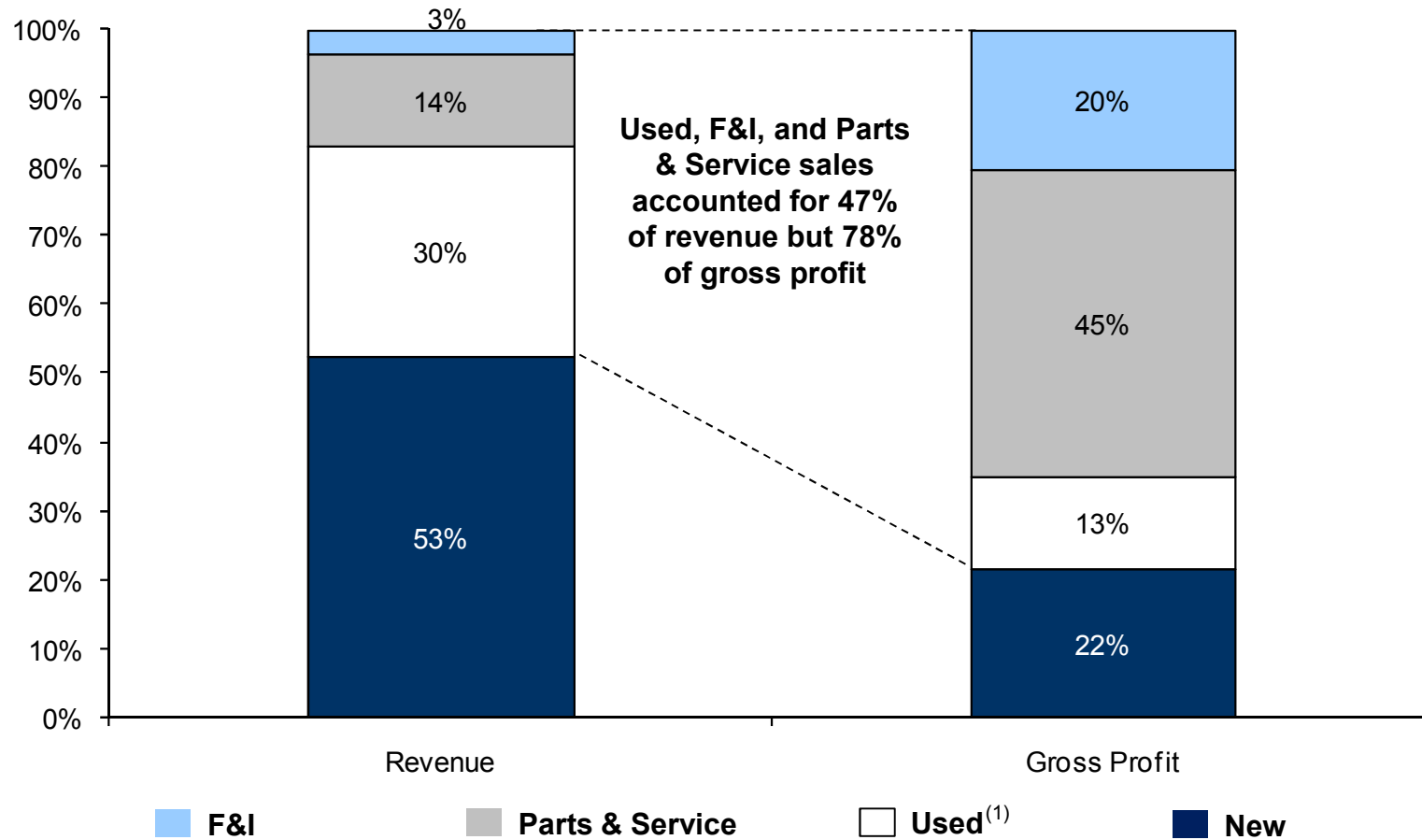


*Public auto retail model tested and proven during the recession; our initiatives have enabled us to operate near 2007 levels but at a 22% reduction in SAAR*

Note: Adjusted for reported non-core items. See appendix for GAAP reconciliation. Data has been updated to reflect the Company's discontinued operations status as of September 30, 2011.

# What Drives Gross Profit?

(Q3 2011, same store)

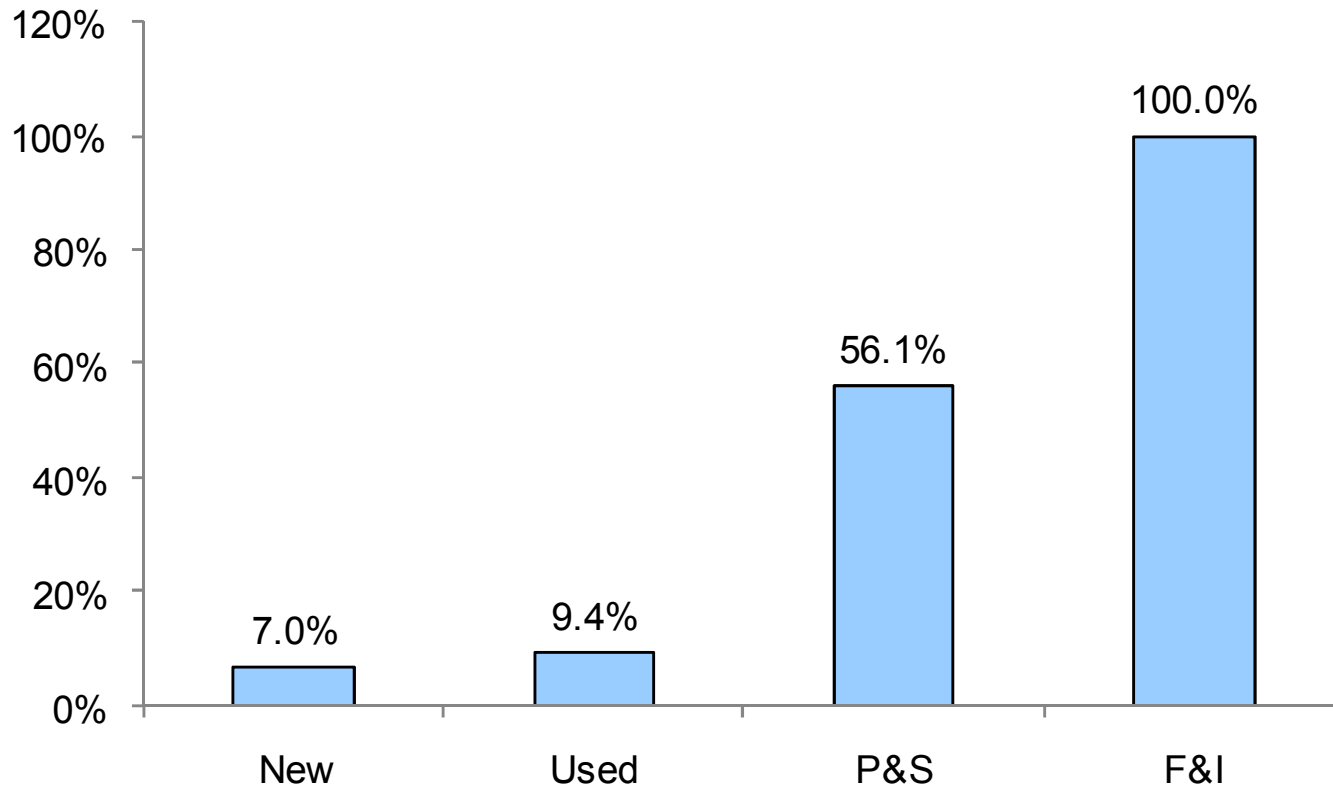


*Used, F&I, and Parts & Service businesses account for 78% of gross profit*

(1) includes wholesale business.

# Light Vehicle Gross Margins

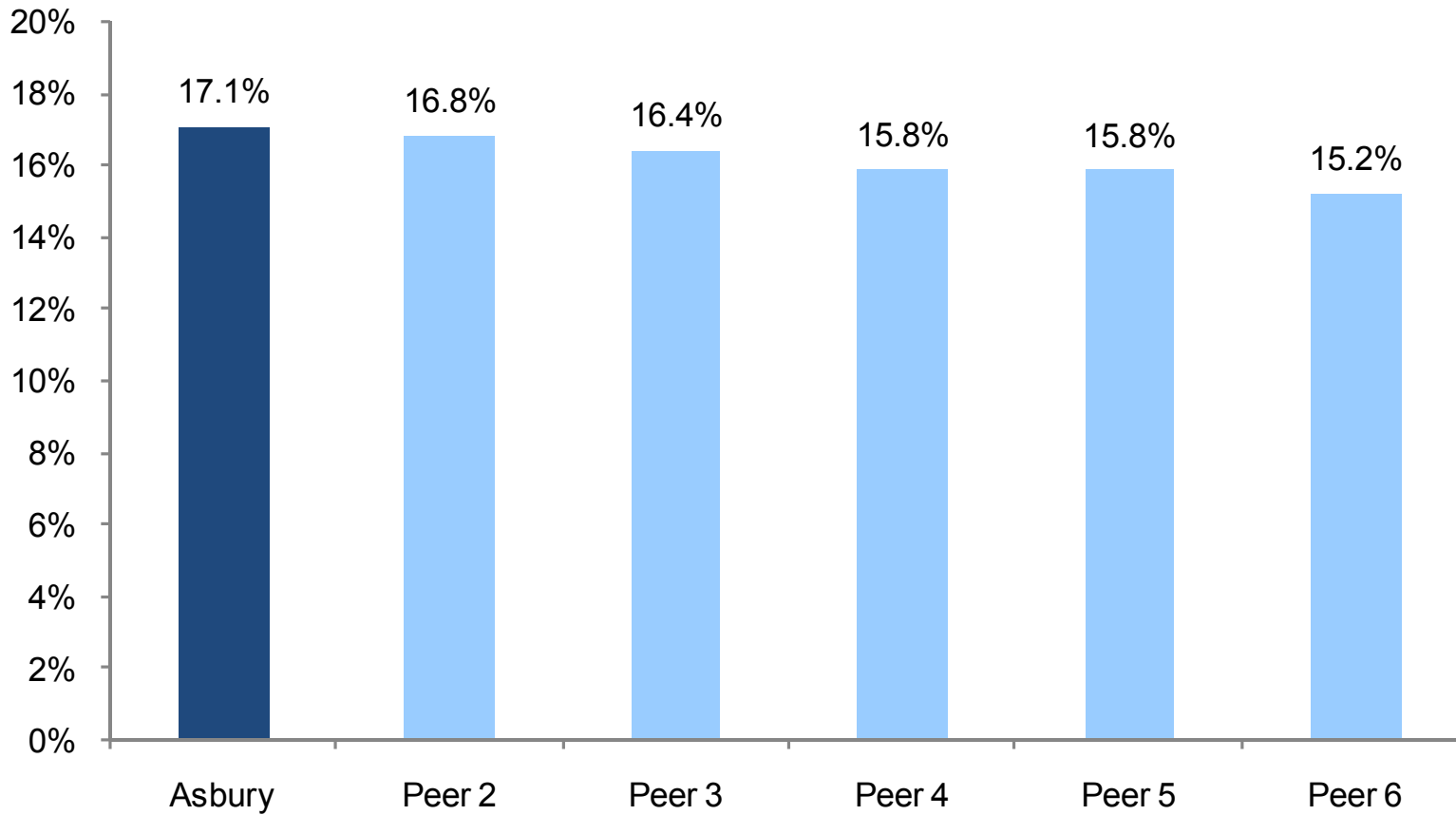
(Q3 2011, same store)



*F&I and Parts & Service have significantly higher gross margins than New and Used vehicle sales*

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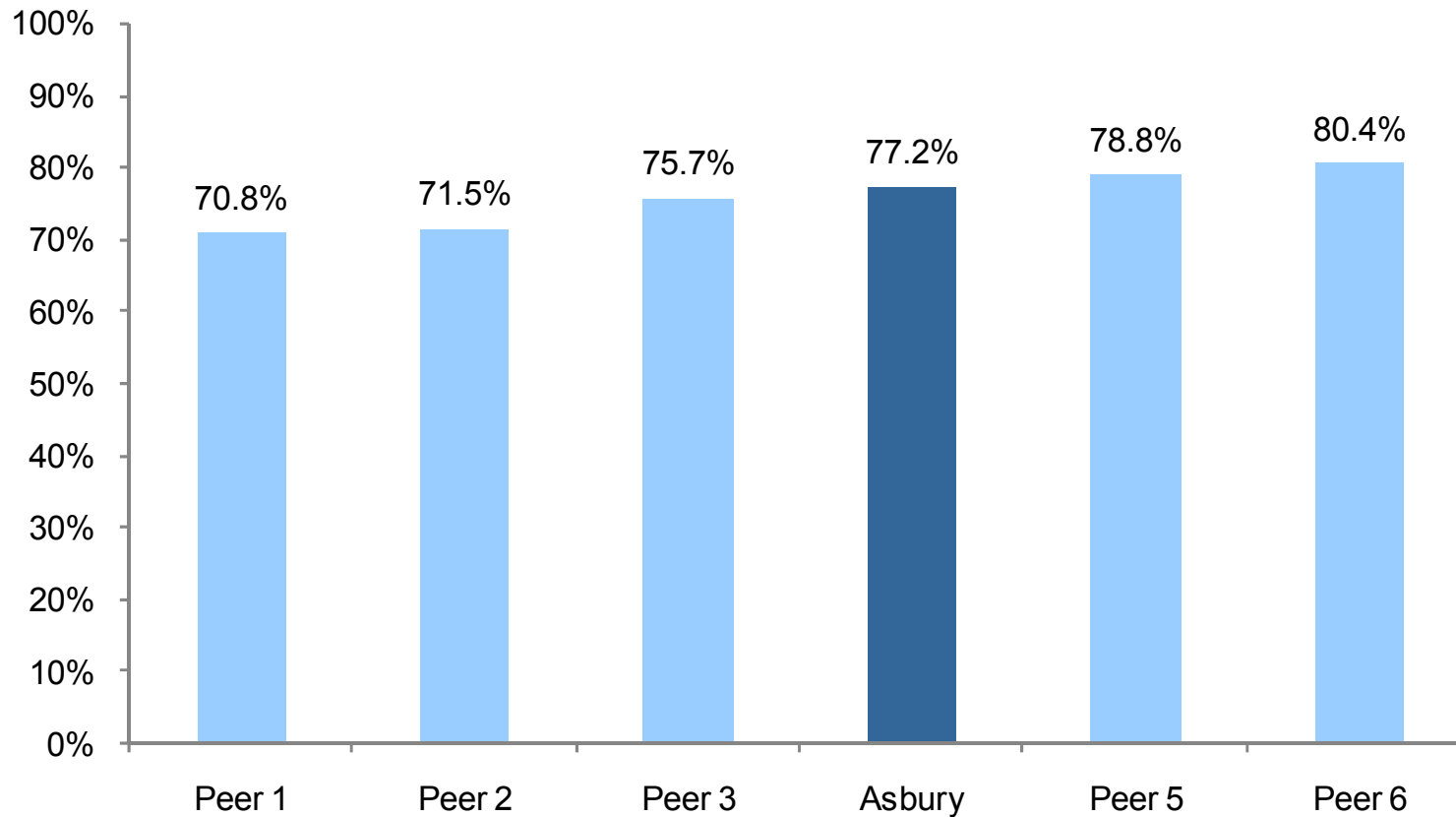
(Q3 2011)



*Asbury has industry leading gross margins*

# Enhance Productivity

## Q3 2011 SG&A as a % of Gross Profit

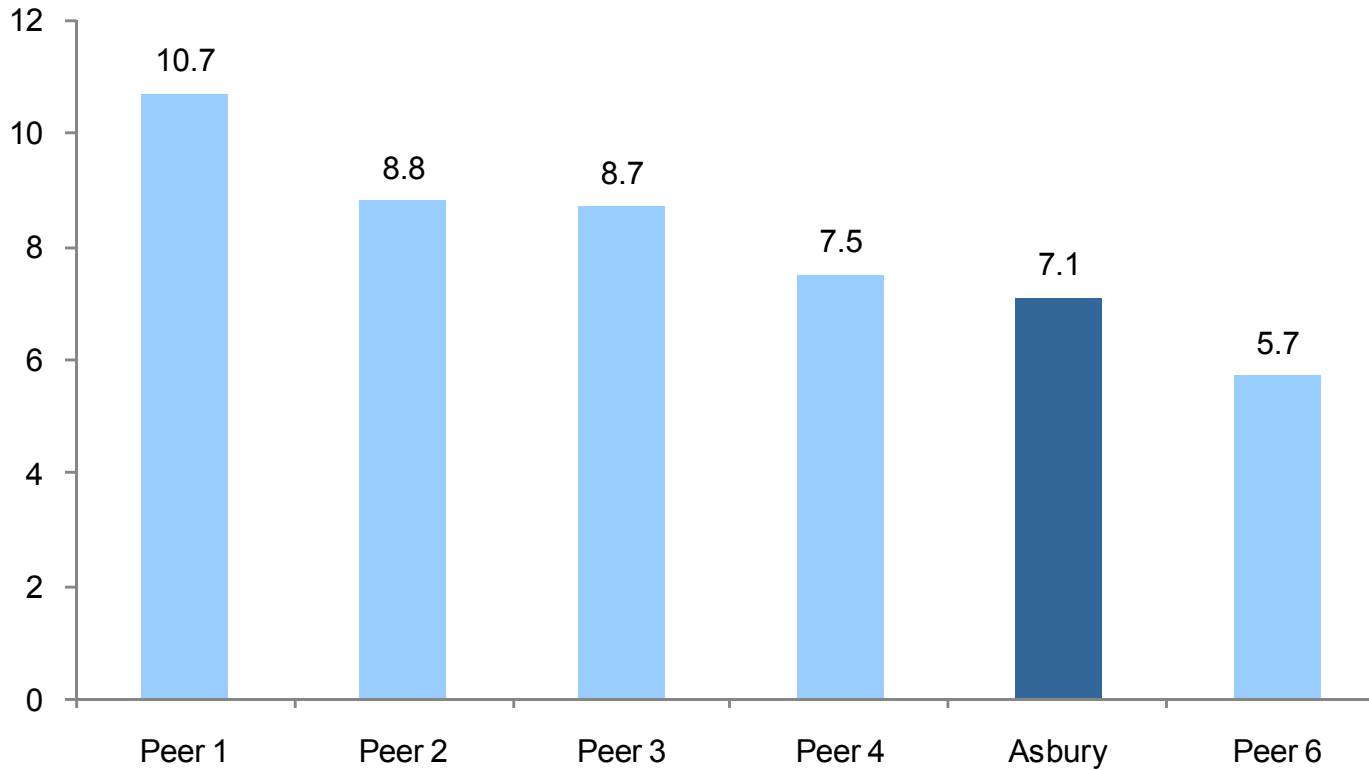


*Opportunity exists for continued improvement*



# Auto Retailer Valuations

Enterprise Value (EV)/EBITDA multiple



*Asbury receives a much lower multiple than the peer group*

## Why Asbury?

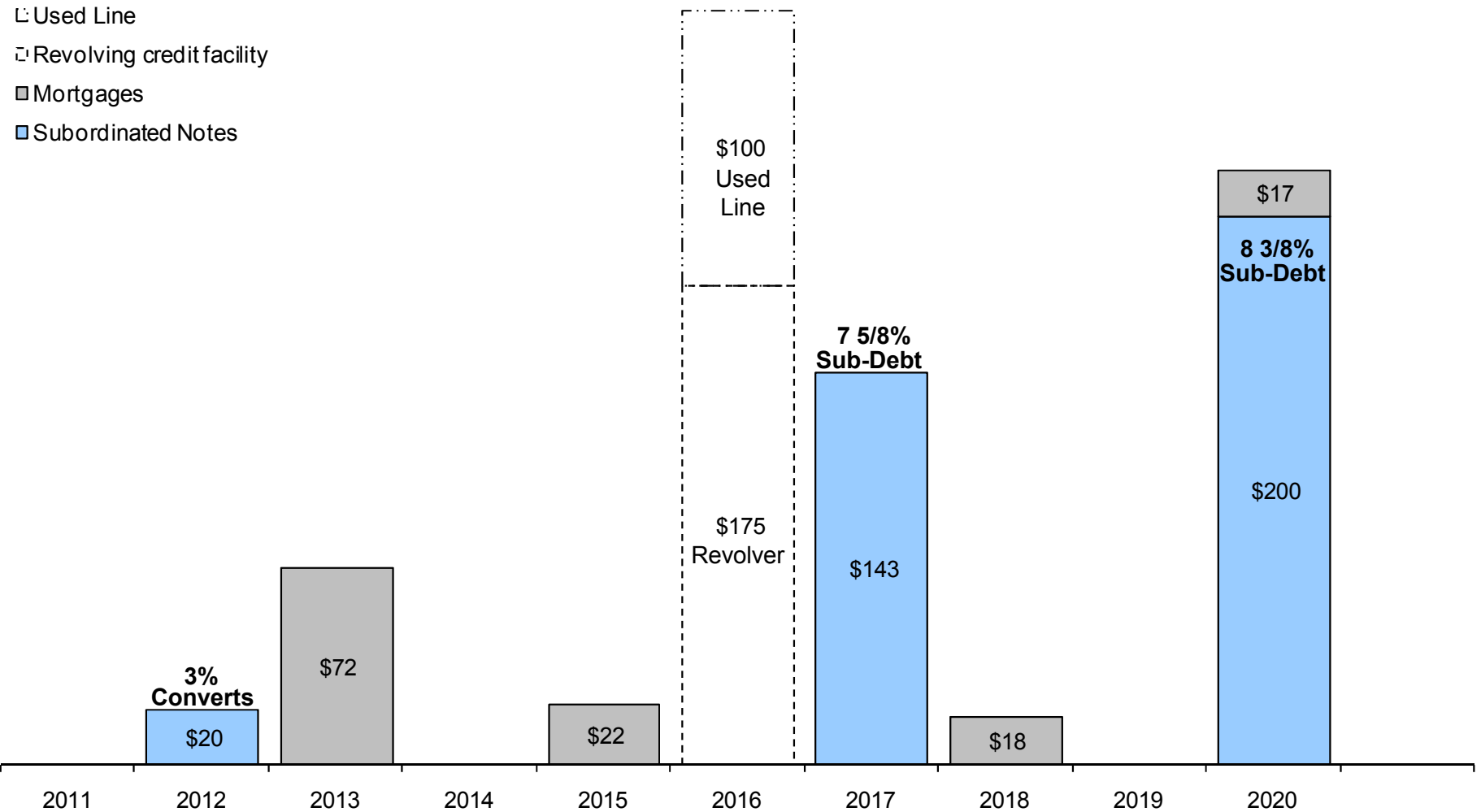
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- Focused on investing in highest return of capital
- Strong balance sheet
- Strong, stable, experienced management teams
- Attractive brand mix
- Attractive geographic footprint
- Expected earnings increase from investments in technology and processes
- Opportunity to participate in a recovery of US retail light vehicle sales (SAAR)
- Gap in multiple valuation relative to peers

*Focused on driving shareholder value*

# Appendix

# Debt Maturity Schedule



*We are focused on addressing our near-term maturities (converts) and paying down mortgages*

Note: Amounts shown are the face value of debt instruments.  
Does not include \$3.9m capital leases that expire in 2021

# Compensation Structure

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## **Indicative Variable Compensation Expense on Incremental Vehicle Sales (light vehicles):**

<b><i>Sales Commission (New and Used Vehicles)</i></b>	19-23% of New and Used Vehicle Gross Profit
<b><i>F&amp;I Commission</i></b>	13-17% of F&I Gross Profit
<b><i>Sales Manager Compensation</i></b>	10-14% of New, Used and F&I Gross Profit
<b><i>Management Compensation<sup>(1)</sup></i></b>	15-20% of Pre-tax Net Income

(1) Includes in-store and corporate compensation structure.

# Adjusted Diluted EPS From Continuing Operations

## (Non-GAAP Reconciliation)

	For the Three Months Ended:																
	Sep. 30, 2011	Jun. 30, 2011	Mar. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Sep. 30, 2010	Jun. 30, 2010	Mar. 31, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009	Sep. 30, 2009	Jun. 30, 2009	Mar. 31, 2009	Dec. 31, 2008	Sep. 30, 2008	Jun. 30, 2008	Mar. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2007	Sep. 30, 2007
	(in millions, except per share data)																
Income from continuing operations as reported (1)	12.8	14.1	4.4	4.1	10.8	13.1	8.9	6.0	10.1	6.9	2.1	-353.2	6.5	9.7	9.4	8.8	16.1
Impairment expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	535.9	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on extinguishment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	-	-	-	(34.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on extinguishment of long-term debt	0.4	-	-	11.3	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	-	-	-	-
Real estate related losses	0.4	1.5	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate generated F&I gain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4.7)	-	-	-	-	-
Tax related items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Executive separation benefits expense	1.6	2.7	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	-	-
Reversal of tax reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(0.8)	-	-	-	-	(1.1)	-	-	-
Legal settlement expenses	-	-	9.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.9	0.3
Legal settlement benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.7	1.3	3.3	1.5	-	-	-	-
Dealer management system transition implementation costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	-	-	-	-
Tax benefit of non-core items above	(0.9)	(1.6)	(4.4)	(4.7)	(1.2)	-	-	(0.1)	(0.9)	(0.6)	-	(149.4)	(1.4)	(0.7)	-	(0.7)	(0.1)
Total non-core items	1.5	2.6	6.9	7.6	1.9	-	-	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.0	351.0	0.9	1.0	-	1.2	0.2
Adjusted income from continuing operations	\$ 14.3	\$ 16.7	\$ 11.3	\$ 11.7	\$ 12.7	\$ 13.1	\$ 8.9	\$ 7.1	\$ 10.8	\$ 8.1	\$ 2.1	\$ (2.2)	\$ 7.4	\$ 10.7	\$ 9.4	\$ 10.0	\$ 16.3
Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations, as reported (1)	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.06	\$ (11.14)	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.58
Adjusted Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.07)	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.49
Weighted average common shares outstanding (diluted)	32.5	32.9	33.6	33.6	33.1	33.0	33.3	33.0	33.1	33.2	32.3	31.7	32.1	32.2	32.3	32.2	33.2

### Non-GAAP Financial Disclosure

Our operations during 2010, 2009 and 2008 were impacted by certain items that are not core dealership operating items, which we believe are important to highlight when reviewing our results and should be considered when forecasting our future results.

We believe that it is important to highlight these operating and non-operating components of our results to allow a more thorough understanding of our results and to compare our results to that of our competitors. As a result, we use the non-GAAP measure "Adjusted Earnings Per Share ("EPS") from Continuing Operations."

Adjusted EPS from Continuing Operations, is not a measure of operating performance under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and should not be considered as an alternative or substitute for GAAP profitability measures such as EPS from Continuing Operations. This non-GAAP operating performance measure has material limitations and as a result should be evaluated in conjunction with the directly comparable GAAP measure. For example, this non-GAAP measure is not defined by GAAP and our definition of the measure may differ from and therefore may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, thereby limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure. In order to compensate for these limitations, we also review the related GAAP measures. Investors should not consider non-GAAP measures in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results as reported under GAAP.

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