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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the three month period ended March 31, 2019

## 1. READER ADVISORIES

This Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") was prepared as of May 2, 2019, to assist readers in understanding AutoCanada Inc.'s (the "Company" or "AutoCanada") consolidated financial performance for the three month period March 31, 2019, and significant trends that may affect AutoCanada's future performance. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes (the "Interim Consolidated Financial Statements") of AutoCanada as at and for the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the audited annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes (the "Consolidated Financial Statements") of AutoCanada as at and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2018. Results are reported in Canadian dollars. Certain dollars have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

To provide more meaningful information, this MD&A typically refers to the operating results for the three

month period ended March 31, 2019, of the Company, and compares these to the operating results of the Company for the three month period ended March 31, 2018.

This MD&A contains forward-looking statements. Please see the section "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties and assumptions used to develop our forward-looking information. This MD&A also makes reference to certain non-GAAP measures to assist users in assessing AutoCanada's performance. Non-GAAP measures do not have any standard meaning prescribed by GAAP and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. These measures are identified and described under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".

Additional information regarding our Company, including our 2018 Annual Information Form, dated March 14, 2019, is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and our website www.autocan.ca. Such additional information is not incorporated by reference herein, unless otherwise specified, and should not be deemed to be made part of this MD&A.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### **Adoption of IFRS 16**

The Company has adopted IFRS 16 retrospectively on January 1, 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific provisions in the new standard. The cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard is recognized on January 1, 2019. The standard introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognize a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. The impact on the Company's net income is the recognition of depreciation related to the recorded right-of-use-assets, an interest charge on the lease liability and the reversal of the operating lease expense. Refer to Note 4 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019 regarding the Company's adoption of IFRS 16 Leases on January 1, 2019.

The adoption of IFRS 16 results in a significant increase in EBITDA in 2019 which may not provide for a meaningful comparison to 2018 given that the comparatives for 2018 have not been restated. The adoption of IFRS 16 resulted in the recognition of depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets of \$6.5 million, lease liability interest charge of \$4.5 million and a reduction to rent expense of \$9.7 million, for the three month period ended March 31, 2019.

Depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets and lease liability interest are included in the reconciliations presented in Section 6 for EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders.

#### **Performance vs. the First Quarter of Prior Year**

The following table summarizes the Company's operations for the quarter:

|  | Three Moi  | nths Ended M | arch 31  |
|--|------------|--------------|----------|
| Consolidated Operational Data  | 2019       | 2018         | % Change |
| EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1, 2, 4</sup>                    | 16,518     | 15,694       | 5.2%     |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1, 2, 4</sup>           | 17,808     | 15,689       | 13.5%    |
| Net (loss) income attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1</sup>               | (4,127)    | 4,832        | (185.4)% |
| Adjusted net (loss) earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1, 2</sup> | (3,185)    | 4,832        | (165.9)% |
| Basic EPS  | (0.15)     | 0.18         | (183.3)% |
| Adjusted diluted EPS <sup>2</sup>  | (0.12)     | 0.18         | (166.7)% |
| Weighted average number of shares - Basic  | 27,418,197 | 27,388,859   | 0.1%     |
| Weighted average number of shares - Diluted <sup>3</sup>                             | 27,418,197 | 27,475,458   | (0.2)%   |
| New retail vehicles sold (units)   | 8,002      | 6,664        | 20.1%    |
| New fleet vehicles sold (units)  | 1,064      | 1,476        | (27.9)%  |
| New vehicles sold (units)  | 9,066      | 8,140        | 11.4%    |
| Used retail vehicles sold (units)  | 5,650      | 4,527        | 24.8%    |
| Total vehicles sold  | 14,716     | 12,667       | 16.2%    |
| Revenue  | 739,371    | 620,485      | 19.2%    |
| Gross profit   | 126,699    | 104,344      | 21.4%    |
| Gross profit %   | 17.1%      | 16.8%        | 1.9%     |
| Operating expenses   | 122,827    | 95,781       | 28.2%    |
| Operating expenses % of gross profit   | 96.9%      | 91.8%        | 5.6%     |
| Operating profit   | 12,310     | 15,906       | (22.6)%  |
| Free cash flow <sup>2</sup>  | 881        | (14,388)     | (106.1)% |
| Adjusted free cash flow <sup>2</sup>   | 4,269      | 3,721        | 14.7%    |
| Same store new retail vehicles sold (units)  | 5,669      | 5,981        | (5.2)%   |
| Same store new fleet vehicles sold (units)   | 963        | 1,305        | (26.2)%  |
| Same store used retail vehicles sold (units)   | 4,100      | 4,053        | 1.2%     |
| Same store total vehicles sold   | 10,732     | 11,339       | (5.4)%   |
| Same store revenue   | 549,184    | 558,166      | (1.6)%   |
| Same store gross profit  | 97,653     | 95,861       | 1.9%     |
| Same store gross profit %  | 17.8%      | 17.2%        | 3.5%     |

<sup>1</sup> Represents the portion attributable to AutoCanada shareholders.

<sup>2</sup> These financial measures have been calculated as described under "NON-GAAP MEASURES" and should not be considered substitutes or alternatives for GAAP measures. These are not defined terms under IFRS and do not have standard meanings, so may not be a reliable way to compare us to other companies.

<sup>3</sup> For the three months ended March 31, 2019, Weighted average number of shares - Diluted, is presented as the same figure as Basic due to an anti-dilutive impact in the quarter.

<sup>4</sup> For 2019, the adoption of IFRS 16 contributed \$9.6 million to EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders. Refer to Section 6, Result of Operations.

#### **2019 First Quarter Highlights**

- Total revenue was \$739.4 million, up 19.2% compared with the first quarter of 2018. The U.S. Operations revenue contribution was \$103.9 million, representing 14% of total revenue.
- Gross profit was \$126.7 million, which includes \$13.7 million gross profit from U.S. Operations. As a percentage of revenue, gross profit increased to 17.1% from 16.8%. Same store gross profit was \$97.7 million, up 1.9% from the same quarter in 2018
- Operating expenses were \$122.8 million, up 28.2% or \$27.0 million from the same period last year. A large contributor to the increase was the addition of the U.S. Operations as operating expenses in the U.S. Operations amounted to \$21.0 million in the current period.
- Operating expenses as a percentage of gross profit were up to 96.9% from 91.8% in the same period in 2018. Operating expenses in the U.S. Operations exceeded gross profit by \$7.2 million. In addition, the Canadian operating expenses include approximately \$1.3 million of management transition costs.
- New vehicle retail sales, which included 1,511 U.S. retail sales, was 8,002, up 20.1% from the same period in 2018. Revenue from the sale of new retail and fleet vehicles was \$399.0 million, up 18.0% from the same period in 2018. The sale of new retail and fleet vehicles accounted for 54.0% of the Company's total revenue and 21.7% of gross profit, versus 54.5% of revenue and 22.5% of gross profit in the first quarter of 2018.
- Used retail vehicle sales were 5,650, up 24.8% compared with the same quarter last year 889 of those sales were in our U.S. Operations. Total revenue from the sale of used vehicles was \$188.6 million, up 19.5% from the same quarter last year. The sale of used vehicles accounted for 25.5% of the Company's total revenue and 8.8% of gross profit, versus 25.4% of revenue and 8.2% of gross profit in the first quarter of 2018.
- Total parts, service and collision repair generated \$116.9 million of revenue, up 21.9% from the same period in 2018. This accounted for 13.0% of the Company's total revenue and 44.0% of its gross profit, down from 15.5% of revenue and up from 43.6% of gross profit in the same quarter of 2018. The U.S. Operations parts, service and collision repair revenue was \$16.2 million.
- Total finance and insurance revenue was \$34.9 million, an increase of 21.6% from the same period in 2018. This accounted for 4.7% of the Company's total revenue and 25.5% of its gross profit, in line with 4.6% of revenue and 25.7% of gross profit in the same guarter of 2018. The U.S.

- Operations finance and insurance revenue was \$4.4 million.
- EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders was \$16.5 million. The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders compared to last year as we have not restated 2018 comparatives; this contributed \$9.6 million.
- Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders was \$17.8 million. The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders compared to last year as we have not restated 2018 comparatives; this contributed \$9.6 million.
- The Company generated a net loss attributable to AutoCanada shareholders of \$4.1 million (Adjusted net loss attributable to AutoCanada shareholders of \$3.2 million), or \$(0.15) per share (Adjusted net loss per share attributable to AutoCanada shareholders \$(0.12)) versus net income of \$4.8 million in 2018 (\$4.8 million on an adjusted basis) or \$0.18 per share (\$0.18 on an adjusted basis).
- The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to the net loss attributable to
   AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted net loss attributable to AutoCanada shareholders
   compared to last year as we have not restated
   2018 comparatives; this contributed \$(0.8)
   million to the net loss in 2019.
- Included in EBITDA and net earnings is a gain of \$2.7 million from a sale-leaseback transaction in respect of two dealership properties, as well as, a pre-tax gain of \$4.3 million from the sale of Toronto Dodge.
- Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders from the Canadian operations without the pre-tax gains from the sale-leaseback transactions and the sale of Toronto Dodge was \$16.2 million. The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders from Canadian operations compared to last year as we have not restated 2018 comparatives; this contributed \$7.6 million.
- Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders from the U.S. operations was negative at \$(5.5) million. The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders from U.S. Operations compared to last year as we have not restated 2018 comparatives; this contributed \$2.0 million.

## 3. OUTLOOK

Macroeconomic factors create a degree of uncertainty for AutoCanada's business. Central banks in Canada and the United States have recently held key interest rates flat but there is a possibility of future interest rate hikes over the next year. Higher rates will adversely impact borrowing expenses on variable interest rate debt such as vehicle floorplan financing, which would increase our costs. Monthly loan payments for new and used vehicles are also typically linked to market interest rates, meaning rising interest rates will likely make vehicle ownership less affordable at the same time as other household debt becomes more expensive.

The auto industry in North America is coming off several record-setting years and the sale of new vehicles is beginning to trend downwards. While many analysts expect sales to remain healthy, most expect a decline in volume in 2019. Over the last few months, there has been greater concern over the strength of the economy in both Canada and the United States. If these concerns materialize, the volume of vehicle sales could decrease more than analysts expect. New car sales in the U.S. and Canada dropped more than expected during the first quarter of 2019 and many dealers are reacting by shifting to used cars and cutting costs. Some of the blame for the reduction of new car sales over the first quarter is being placed on a severe winter and delayed emergence of spring weather across Canada. While vehicle leasing and manufacturer incentives remain at high levels, if those incentives are scaled back, it could impact sales volumes.

While macroeconomic factors determine total vehicle demand, we expect to deliver materially better results in our Canadian operations as we continue to implement our Go Forward Plan, even if the broader industry faces varying headwinds. This will come through a combination of focusing on less cyclical parts of our business and on lines of our business that generate higher margins. As part of our Go Forward Plan, we expect to materially increase the number of used vehicles we retail. Margins on used vehicles tend to be higher than new vehicles and retailing more vehicles will increase our returns from our finance and insurance and our parts and service lines of business.

We are also optimizing our finance and insurance offerings for used vehicles at our dealerships. We expect to earn a material profit share on these new offerings. We have also created a new special finance division and a new wholesale division. Our new special finance division arranges loans for customers who cannot qualify for traditional loans offered by banks and affiliates of vehicle manufacturers. We expect that our special finance division will continue to increase both new and used vehicle sales at our dealerships and through a recently launched online site (www.rightride.ca). We expect that our new wholesale division will be accretive by taking advantage of the arbitrage opportunities with the sale of used vehicles in different geographical locations. Other aspects of the Company's Go Forward Plan are expected to continue to decrease operational expenses at our dealerships and at our collision centers, as we better leverage our buying power to achieve meaningful cost reductions in our Canadian operations.

The key issue with our U.S. Operations in 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 was the high cost structure. We have designed a go forward plan for our U.S. Operations focusing on reducing the operating expenses in our U.S. dealerships and optimizing our U.S. portfolio with a view to creating a sustainable platform in the U.S.

The fragmented nature of the automotive dealership sector will provide us with the opportunity to diversify our geographical presence and drive earnings growth through accretive acquisitions. While our principal focus at this time is to continue executing our Go Forward Plan and optimizing all of our lines of business, we expect to grow our business by making accretive acquisitions as opportunities may arise.

## 4. MARKET

The Company's geographical profile is illustrated below by number of dealerships and revenues and gross profit by province and state for the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018.

|                            | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 |                         |         |                       |                 |                            |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Location of<br>Dealerships | Number of Franchises 1            | Number of Dealerships 1 | Revenue | Revenue<br>% of Total | Gross<br>Profit | Gross Profit<br>% of Total |  |  |  |
| British<br>Columbia        | 12                                | 10                      | 107,705 | 15%                   | 18,285          | 14%                        |  |  |  |
| Alberta                    | 23                                | 20                      | 225,508 | 30%                   | 45,990          | 36%                        |  |  |  |
| Saskatchewan               | 4                                 | 4                       | 57,085  | 8%                    | 10,332          | 8%                         |  |  |  |
| Manitoba                   | 4                                 | 4                       | 45,150  | 6%                    | 8,433           | 7%                         |  |  |  |
| Ontario                    | 9                                 | 8                       | 72,628  | 10%                   | 11,668          | 9%                         |  |  |  |
| Quebec                     | 6                                 | 4                       | 97,761  | 13%                   | 15,292          | 12%                        |  |  |  |
| Atlantic                   | 2                                 | 2                       | 29,599  | 4%                    | 2,967           | 2%                         |  |  |  |
| Illinois                   | 15                                | 14                      | 103,935 | 14%                   | 13,732          | 11%                        |  |  |  |
| Total                      | 75                                | 66                      | 739,371 | 100%                  | 126,699         | 100%                       |  |  |  |

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Dealerships" refers to each physical storefront; while "Franchises" refers to each separate franchise agreement.

|                         | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 |                         |         |                       |                 |                            |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Location of Dealerships | Number of Franchises <sup>1</sup> | Number of Dealerships 1 | Revenue | Revenue<br>% of Total | Gross<br>Profit | Gross Profit<br>% of Total |  |  |  |
| British<br>Columbia     | 12                                | 10                      | 122,461 | 20%                   | 19,443          | 19%                        |  |  |  |
| Alberta                 | 25                                | 22                      | 216,908 | 35%                   | 38,476          | 37%                        |  |  |  |
| Saskatchewan            | 4                                 | 4                       | 51,980  | 8%                    | 10,243          | 10%                        |  |  |  |
| Manitoba                | 4                                 | 4                       | 42,175  | 7%                    | 7,749           | 7%                         |  |  |  |
| Ontario                 | 9                                 | 8                       | 62,684  | 10%                   | 9,680           | 9%                         |  |  |  |
| Quebec                  | 6                                 | 4                       | 95,378  | 15%                   | 14,826          | 14%                        |  |  |  |
| Atlantic                | 2                                 | 2                       | 28,899  | 5%                    | 3,927           | 4%_                        |  |  |  |
| Total                   | 62                                | 54                      | 620,485 | 100%                  | 104,344         | 100%                       |  |  |  |

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Dealerships" refers to each physical storefront; while "Franchises" refers to each separate franchise agreement.

The Company's manufacturer profile is illustrated below by number of dealerships and revenues by manufacturer for the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018.

|                      | Three M                | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 |         |                          |                        |                         |         |                          |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Manufacturer         | Number of Franchises 1 | Number of Dealerships 1           | Revenue | Revenue<br>% of<br>Total | Number of Franchises 1 | Number of Dealerships 1 | Revenue | Revenue<br>% of<br>Total |
| FCA                  | 22                     | 16                                | 267,487 | 36%                      | 23                     | 17                      | 285,352 | 46%                      |
| General<br>Motors    | 8                      | 7                                 | 78,875  | 11%                      | 5                      | 5                       | 58,256  | 9%                       |
| Hyundai              | 11                     | 11                                | 75,954  | 10%                      | 9                      | 9                       | 41,995  | 7%                       |
| Nissan /<br>Infiniti | 7                      | 7                                 | 48,981  | 7%                       | 7                      | 7                       | 69,882  | 11%                      |
| Volkswagen /<br>Audi | 8                      | 8                                 | 60,408  | 8%                       | 8                      | 8                       | 59,690  | 10%                      |
| BMW / MINI           | 4                      | 2                                 | 67,678  | 9%                       | 4                      | 2                       | 64,958  | 10%                      |
| Other                | 15                     | 15                                | 139,988 | 19%                      | 6                      | 6                       | 40,352  | 7%                       |
| Total                | 75                     | 66                                | 739,371 | 100%                     | 62                     | 54                      | 620,485 | 100%                     |

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Dealerships" refers to each physical storefront; while "Franchises" refers to each separate franchise agreement.

#### Performance vs. the Canadian New Vehicle Market

The Canadian automotive retail sector for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 decreased by (4.1)% compared to the prior year. Larger declines were seen in Manitoba and Alberta where new vehicle sales for the period were down (27.7)% and (5.7)%, respectively. For the three month period ended March 31, 2019, 36.6% (in 2018 - 41.8%) of the Company's revenues were generated in Manitoba and Alberta.

#### Canadian New Vehicle Sales by Province<sup>1, 2</sup>

|                  | 2019    | 2018    | Percent<br>Change | Unit Change |
|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| British Columbia | 47,748  | 50,338  | (5.1)%            | (2,590)     |
| Alberta          | 48,552  | 51,484  | (5.7)%            | (2,932)     |
| Saskatchewan     | 10,597  | 10,524  | 0.7%              | 73          |
| Manitoba         | 11,831  | 16,358  | (27.7)%           | (4,527)     |
| Ontario          | 177,165 | 180,809 | (2.0)%            | (3,644)     |
| Quebec           | 89,878  | 94,729  | (5.1)%            | (4,851)     |
| Atlantic         | 25,694  | 25,016  | 2.7%              | 678         |
| Total            | 411,465 | 429,258 | (4.1)%            | (17,793)    |

<sup>1</sup> DesRosiers Automotive Consultants Inc.

#### Year to Date Canadian New Vehicle Sales by Brand 1,2

|                               | March 31,<br>2019 | March 31,<br>2018 | Percent<br>Change | Unit Change |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Audi                          | 6,404             | 7,936             | (19.3)%           | (1,532)     |
| BMW                           | 7,516             | 8,210             | (8.5)%            | (694)       |
| FCA                           | 54,336            | 61,082            | (11.0)%           | (6,746)     |
| Ford                          | 62,319            | 61,012            | 2.1%              | 1,307       |
| GM                            | 55,260            | 64,931            | (14.9)%           | (9,671)     |
| Hyundai                       | 24,263            | 21,314            | 13.8%             | 2,949       |
| Infiniti                      | 2,890             | 2,855             | 1.2%              | 35          |
| Mazda                         | 13,819            | 16,075            | (14.0)%           | (2,256)     |
| Mercedes-Benz                 | 10,232            | 12,072            | (15.2)%           | (1,840)     |
| MINI                          | 1,139             | 1,257             | (9.4)%            | (118)       |
| Nissan                        | 28,655            | 30,986            | (7.5)%            | (2,331)     |
| Subaru                        | 10,992            | 11,305            | (2.8)%            | (313)       |
| Volkswagen                    | 13,906            | 13,940            | (0.2)%            | (34)        |
| Total - AutoCanada Brands     | 291,731           | 312,975           | (6.8)%            | (21,244)    |
| Other - Non-AutoCanada Brands | 119,734           | 116,283           | 3.0%              | 3,451       |
| Total                         | 411,465           | 429,258           | (4.1)%            | (17,793)    |

<sup>1</sup> DesRosiers Automotive Consultants Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Readers are cautioned that the above table includes sales channels that the Company does not fully participate in, such as daily rentals, and small and medium size leasing companies that are not part of the franchise dealership network.

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#### **List of Dealerships**

The following table sets forth the dealerships that we currently own and operate and the date opened or acquired by the Company or its predecessors, organized by location.

|                     |  |               | Year<br>Opened | 0                           | 0                            |
|---------------------|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Location            | Operating Name                                     | Franchise     | or<br>Acquired | Same<br>Stores <sup>1</sup> | Owned or Leased <sup>2</sup> |
| Wholly-Owned Dealer | ships:   |               | -              |                             |                              |
| Abbotsford, BC      | Abbotsford Volkswagen                              | Volkswagen    | 2011           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Chilliwack, BC      | Chilliwack Volkswagen                              | Volkswagen    | 2011           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Kelowna, BC         | Okanagan Chrysler Jeep Dodge FIAT                  | FCA           | 2003           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Maple Ridge, BC     | Maple Ridge Chrysler Jeep Dodge FIAT<br>ALFA ROMEO | FCA           | 2005           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Maple Ridge, BC     | Maple Ridge Volkswagen                             | Volkswagen    | 2008           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Prince George, BC   | Northland Chrysler Jeep Dodge                      | FCA           | 2002           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Prince George, BC   | Northland Hyundai                                  | Hyundai       | 2005           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Prince George, BC   | Northland Nissan                                   | Nissan        | 2007           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Victoria, BC        | Victoria Hyundai                                   | Hyundai       | 2006           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Airdrie, AB         | Airdrie Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram                    | FCA           | 2015           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Courtesy Chrysler Dodge                            | FCA           | 2013           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Calgary Hyundai                                    | Hyundai       | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Crowfoot Hyundai                                   | Hyundai       | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Northland Volkswagen                               | Volkswagen    | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Fish Creek Nissan                                  | Nissan        | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Hyatt Infiniti                                     | Infiniti      | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Calgary, AB         | Tower Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram                      | FCA           | 2014           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Edmonton, AB        | Crosstown Chrysler Jeep Dodge FIAT                 | FCA           | 1994           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Edmonton, AB        | Capital Chrysler Jeep Dodge FIAT                   | FCA           | 2003           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Edmonton, AB        | Mercedes-Benz Heritage Valley                      | Mercedes-Benz | 2018           | Q1 2021                     | Leased                       |
| Grande Prairie, AB  | Grande Prairie Chrysler Jeep Dodge FIAT            | FCA           | 1998           | Y                           | Owned                        |
| Grande Prairie, AB  | Grande Prairie Hyundai                             | Hyundai       | 2005           | Ϋ́                          | Owned                        |
| Grande Prairie, AB  | Grande Prairie Subaru                              | Subaru        | 1998           | Ϋ́                          | Owned                        |
| Grande Prairie, AB  | Grande Prairie Nissan                              | Nissan        | 2007           | Ϋ́                          | Owned                        |
| Grande Prairie, AB  | Grande Prairie Volkswagen                          | Volkswagen    | 2013           | Y                           | Owned                        |
| Ponoka, AB          | Ponoka Chrysler Jeep Dodge                         | FCA           | 1998           | Y                           | Owned                        |
| Sherwood Park, AB   | Sherwood Park Hyundai                              | Hyundai       | 2006           | Y                           | Owned                        |
|                     | ,  | •             |                |                             |                              |
| Sherwood Park, AB   | Sherwood Park Volkswagen                           | Volkswagen    | 2017           | Q2 2019                     | Leased                       |
| Spruce Grove, AB    | Grove Dodge Chrysler Jeep                          | FCA           | 2015           | Y                           | Leased                       |
| Saskatoon, SK       | Dodge City Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram                 | FCA           | 2014           | Y                           | Leased                       |
| Winnipeg, MB        | Audi Winnipeg                                      | Audi          | 2013           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Winnipeg, MB        | St. James Volkswagen                               | Volkswagen    | 2013           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Winnipeg, MB        | Eastern Chrysler Jeep Dodge                        | FCA           | 2014           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Cambridge, ON       | Cambridge Hyundai                                  | Hyundai       | 2008           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Mississauga, ON     | 401 Dixie Hyundai                                  | Hyundai       | 2008           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Guelph, ON          | Guelph Hyundai                                     | Hyundai       | 2016           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Guelph, ON          | Wellington Motors                                  | FCA           | 2016           | Υ                           | Owned                        |
| Ottawa, ON          | Hunt Club Nissan                                   | Nissan        | 2015           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Ottawa, ON          | 417 Nissan   | Nissan        | 2015           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Ottawa, ON          | 417 Infiniti                                       | Infiniti      | 2015           | Υ                           | Leased                       |
| Windsor, ON         | Rose City Ford                                     | Ford          | 2018           | Q1 2021                     | Leased                       |
| Montreal, QB        | Mercedes-Benz Rive-Sud                             | Mercedes-Benz | 2017           | Q4 2019                     | Leased                       |
| Moncton, NB         | Moncton Chrysler Jeep Dodge                        | FCA           | 2001           | Υ                           | Owned                        |

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| Location                   | Operating Name                 | Franchise      | Year<br>Opened<br>or<br>Acquired | Same<br>Stores <sup>1</sup> | Owned or<br>Leased <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dartmouth, NS              | Dartmouth Chrysler Jeep Dodge  | FCA            | 2006                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Chicago, IL                | Grossinger City Cadillac       | General Motors | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Chicago, IL                | Grossinger City Chevrolet      | General Motors | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Chicago, IL                | Grossinger City Toyota         | Toyota         | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Chicago, IL                | North City Honda               | Honda          | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Lincolnwood, IL            | Grossinger Hyundai Palatine    | Hyundai        | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Lincolnwood, IL            | Grossinger Kia                 | Kia            | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Lincolnwood, IL            | Grossinger Toyota North        | Toyota         | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Bloomington/<br>Normal, IL | Grossinger Motors <sup>3</sup> | Various        | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| Palatine, IL               | Grossinger Palatine Chevrolet  | General Motors | 2018                             | Q3 2020                     | Leased                          |
| <b>Majority Owned:</b>     |                                |                |                                  |                             |                                 |
| Duncan, BC                 | Island Chevrolet Buick GMC     | General Motors | 2013                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| North Battleford, SK       | Bridges Chevrolet Buick GMC    | General Motors | 2014                             | Υ                           | Owned                           |
| Prince Albert, SK          | Mann-Northway Auto Source      | General Motors | 2014                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Saskatoon, SK              | Saskatoon Motor Products       | General Motors | 2014                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Winnipeg, MB               | McNaught Cadillac Buick GMC    | General Motors | 2014                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Laval, QC                  | BMW Laval and MINI Laval       | BMW / MINI     | 2014                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Montreal, QC               | BMW Canbec and MINI Mont Royal | BMW / MINI     | 2014                             | Υ                           | Leased                          |
| Montreal, QC               | Planete Mazda                  | Mazda          | 2017                             | Q1 2020                     | Leased                          |

<sup>1</sup> Same Stores (indicated with the letter "Y" in the table above) means the franchised automobile dealership has been owned for at least two full years since acquisition. The dealership is then included in the quarter, thereafter, for Same Stores analysis. If the dealership is not indicated with the letter "Y", in the indicated quarter is the first quarter in which the dealership will be included for Same Store analysis.

<sup>2</sup> This column summarizes whether the dealership property is owned or leased.

<sup>3</sup> This dealership consists of the following individual storefronts and franchises: Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Lincoln, Subaru, Volkswagen and Volvo.

## 5. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following table shows the unaudited results of the Company for each of the eight most recently completed quarters. The results of operations for these periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected in any given comparable period.

| (in thousands of dollars, except<br>Gross Profit %, Earnings per share,<br>and Operating Data)      | Q1<br>2019 | Q4<br>2018 | Q3<br>2018 | Q2<br>2018  | Q1<br>2018 | Q4<br>2017 | Q3<br>2017 | Q2<br>2017 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income Statement Data   |            |            |            |             |            |            |            |            |
| New vehicles  | 398,983    | 432,756    | 509,281    | 522,150     | 338,016    | 417,626    | 497,711    | 558,682    |
| Used vehicles   | 188,619    | 192,988    | 206,668    | 198,597     | 157,901    | 175,251    | 192,473    | 182,913    |
| Parts, service and collision repair   | 116,902    | 121,304    | 113,087    | 121,476     | 95,893     | 107,156    | 104,816    | 113,983    |
| Finance, insurance and other  | 34,867     | 35,742     | 37,882     | 38,365      | 28,675     | 33,027     | 39,571     | 39,324     |
| Revenue   | 739,371    | 782,790    | 866,918    | 880,588     | 620,485    | 733,060    | 834,571    | 894,902    |
| New vehicles  | 27,527     | 25,861     | 29,150     | 30,648      | 23,473     | 30,033     | 36,806     | 38,555     |
| Used vehicles   | 11,112     | 8,637      | 12,955     | 13,173      | 8,562      | 7,563      | 11,140     | 13,095     |
| Parts, service and collision repair   | 55,744     | 60,380     | 57,206     | 60,868      | 45,533     | 56,915     | 53,805     | 56,306     |
| Finance, insurance and other  | 32,316     | 33,326     | 35,524     | 35,891      | 26,776     | 30,699     | 36,218     | 35,867     |
| Gross Profit  | 126,699    | 128,204    | 134,835    | 140,580     | 104,344    | 125,210    | 137,969    | 143,823    |
| Gross profit %  | 17.1%      | 16.4%      | 15.6%      | 16.0%       | 16.8%      | 17.1%      | 16.5%      | 16.1%      |
| Operating expenses <sup>7</sup>   | 122,827    | 125,039    | 126,492    | 127,492     | 95,781     | 104,626    | 110,560    | 112,897    |
| Operating expenses as a% of gross profit <sup>7</sup>   | 96.9%      | 97.5%      | 93.8%      | 90.7%       | 91.8%      | 83.6%      | 80.1%      | 78.5%      |
| Operating profit (loss) <sup>7</sup>  | 12,310     | (576)      | (5,259)    | (42,719)    | 15,906     | 26,505     | 30,287     | 46,539     |
| Impairment (recovery) of non-<br>financial assets <sup>7</sup>                                      | _          | 23,828     | 19,569     | 58,097      | _          | (816)      | _          | _          |
| Net (loss) income attributable to<br>AutoCanada shareholders <sup>7</sup>                           | (4,127)    | (32,886)   | (15,563)   | (40,458)    | 4,832      | 17,089     | 12,100     | 24,978     |
| Adjusted net (loss) earnings<br>attributable to AutoCanada<br>shareholders <sup>2, 4, 8, 7, 8</sup> | (3,185)    | (9,299)    | 333        | 5,298       | 4,832      | 8,935      | 13,581     | 15,547     |
| EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>2,7,9</sup>                                     | 16,518     | 16,521     | 11,972     | 12,042      | 15,694     | 28,127     | 25,827     | 43,722     |
| EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders as a % of sales <sup>2,7,9</sup>                     | 2.2%       | 2.1%       | 1.4%       | 1.4%        | 2.5%       | 3.8%       | 3.1%       | 4.9%       |
| Free cash flow <sup>2, 7</sup>  | 881        | (9,677)    | 6,992.88   | (11,731.12) | (14,388)   | 29,496     | 31,114     | 10,982     |
| Adjusted free cash flow <sup>2, 7</sup>   | 4,269      | 12,573     | (965)      | (5,672)     | 3,721      | 15,996     | 23,296     | 36,277     |
| Basic earnings per share <sup>7</sup>   | (0.15)     | (0.98)     | (0.57)     | (1.48)      | 0.18       | 0.62       | 0.44       | 0.91       |
| Diluted earnings per share <sup>7</sup>   | (0.15)     | (0.98)     | (0.57)     | (1.48)      | 0.18       | 0.62       | 0.44       | 0.91       |
| Basic adjusted earnings per share <sup>2,4,6,7,8</sup>  | (0.12)     | (0.34)     | 0.01       | 0.19        | 0.18       | 0.33       | 0.50       | 0.57       |
| Diluted adjusted earnings per share <sup>2, 4, 6, 7, 8</sup>  | (0.12)     | (0.34)     | 0.01       | 0.19        | 0.18       | 0.33       | 0.50       | 0.57       |
| Dividends declared per share  | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10        | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10       | 0.10       |
| Operating Data  | 31.0       |            |            |             |            |            |            |            |
| Vehicles (new and used) sold <sup>3</sup>   | 14,716     | 16,024     | 18,863     | 18,519      | 12,667     | 14.475     | 17,132     | 18,490     |
| New vehicles sold <sup>3</sup>  | 9,066      | 10,331     | 12,474     | 12,506      | 8,140      | 9,822      | 12,014     | 13,429     |
| New retail vehicles sold <sup>3</sup>   | 8,002      | 9,214      | 10,353     | 10,264      | 6,664      | 8,444      | 10,334     | 10,545     |
| New fleet vehicles sold <sup>3</sup>  | 1,064      | 1,117      | 2,121      | 2,242       | 1,476      | 1,378      | 1,680      | 2,884      |
| Used retail vehicles sold <sup>3</sup>  | 5,650      | 5,693      | 6,389      | 6,013       | 4,527      | 4,653      | 5,118      | 5,061      |
| # of service and collision repair orders completed <sup>3</sup>                                     | 213,672    | 245,682    | 241,103    | 248,167     | 180,429    | 224,006    | 220,669    | 228,872    |
| Absorption rate <sup>2</sup>  | 86%        | 87%        | 82%        | 88%         | 84%        | 90%        | 87%        | 87%        |
| # of dealerships at period end  | 66         | 68         | 63         | 63          | 54         | 58         | 57         | 57         |
| # of same stores dealerships <sup>1</sup>   | 48         | 47         | 49         | 49          | 49         | 49         | 48         | 47         |
| # of service bays at period end   | 1,113      | 1,157      | 1,106      | 1,106       | 906        | 999        | 977        | 977        |
| Same stores revenue growth <sup>1</sup>   | (1.6)%     | (3.0)%     | (3)%       | (5.1)%      | 4.6%       | 11.1%      | 2.9%       | 0.1%       |
| Same stores gross profit growth 1   | 1.9%       | (3.0)%     | (8.5)%     | (4.3)%      | 1.0%       | 1.4%       | 6.3%       | 1.1%       |

- 1 Same stores revenue growth and same stores gross profit growth is calculated using franchised automobile dealerships that we have owned for at least two full years. Same stores growth is in comparison with the same quarter in the prior year.
- 2 These financial measures have been calculated as described under "NON-GAAP MEASURES".
- 3 This number includes 100% of vehicles and service and collision repair orders sold by these dealerships in which we have less than 100% investment.
- 4 In Q1 2018, the Company redefined the calculation of adjusted net earnings to include the effect of dealership divestitures.
- The results from operations have historically been lower in the first and fourth quarters of each year, largely due to consumer purchasing patterns during the holiday season, inclement weather and the reduced number of business days during the holiday season. As a result, our financial performance is generally not as strong during the first and fourth quarters than during the other quarters of each fiscal year. The timing of acquisitions may have also caused significant fluctuations in operating results from quarter to quarter.
- 6 These Q2 2018 numbers have been restated from those presented in our second quarter MD&A due to a previous computation error.
- 7 In Q1 2019 and Q4 2018, the Company recorded adjustments related to the fair value of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed as part of the Grossinger Auto Group acquisition. The results as disclosed for Q2 2018, Q3 2018 and Q4 2018 have been restated as if the fair value changes to net identifiable assets had been completed as of the acquisition date. Refer to Note 16 of the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 and Note 11 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019.
- 8 In Q4 2018, the Company adjusted the definition of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net earnings to include non-recurring legal and loss provisions related to dealership fraud. As a result, the figures for Q2 2018 have been adjusted from previously presented figures.
- 9 For 2019, the adoption of IFRS 16 contributed \$9.6 million to EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders. Refer to Section 6, Result of Operations.

## 6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### **Adoption of IFRS 16**

The adoption of IFRS 16 results in a significant increase in EBITDA in 2019 which may not provide for a meaningful comparison to 2018 given that the comparatives for 2018 have not been restated. The adoption of IFRS 16 resulted in amounts attributable to AutoCanada shareholders for the recognition of depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets of \$6.4 million, lease liability interest charge of \$4.3 million and a reduction to rent expense of \$9.6 million, for the three month period ended March 31, 2019.

#### **First Quarter Operating Results**

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders

When compared to the results of the Company for the same period in the prior year, EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders for the quarter increased by \$0.8 million or 5.2% to \$16.5 million. Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, increased by \$2.1 million or 13.5% from \$15.7 million to \$17.8 million, when compared to the results of the Company for the same quarter in the prior year. However, the increase to EBITDA is solely attributable to the adoption of IFRS 16.

The adoption of IFRS 16 has resulted in an increase to EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders compared to last year as we have not restated 2018 comparatives; this contributed \$9.6 million.

The following table illustrates EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders, for the three month period ended March 31, over the last three years of operations:

| (in thousands of dollars)  | 2019    | 2018   | 2017   |
|--|---------|--------|--------|
| Period from January 1 to March 31                                    |         |        |        |
| Net (loss) income attributable to AutoCanada shareholders            | (4,127) | 4,832  | 3,678  |
| Income taxes <sup>2</sup>  | 434     | 1,860  | 1,249  |
| Depreciation of property and equipment <sup>2</sup>                  | 4,790   | 4,936  | 4,596  |
| Interest on long-term indebtedness <sup>2</sup>                      | 4,712   | 4,066  | 4,613  |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets <sup>2, 3</sup>                  | 6,374   | _      | _      |
| Interest on lease liabilities <sup>2, 3</sup>                        | 4,335   | _      |        |
| EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders 1                     | 16,518  | 15,694 | 14,136 |
| Add back:  |         |        |        |
| Share-based compensation attributed to changes in share price        | _       | (20)   | 4      |
| Revaluation of redemption liabilities                                | _       | _      | (310)  |
| Management transition costs  | 1,290   | _      | 1,684  |
| Revaluation of contingent consideration                              | _       | 15     | _      |
| Settlement income  | _       | _      |        |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1</sup> | 17,808  | 15,689 | 15,514 |

- 1 This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".
- 2 Represents the portion attributable to AutoCanada shareholders.
- 3 These line items relate to the Adoption of IFRS 16 in 2019 and have been included in order to present the resulting financial measures on a consistent basis as defined within Section 17 Non-GAAP Measures. They have been presented separately for ease of identification.
- 4 For 2019, the adoption of IFRS 16 contributed \$9.6 million to EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders.

Net earnings and Adjusted net earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders

Net earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders decreased by \$9.0 million to \$(4.1) million in the first quarter of 2019 from \$4.8 million when compared to the prior year.

Adjusted net earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders decreased by \$8.0 million or 165.9% to \$(3.2) million for the quarter from \$4.8 million in the same period of the prior year.

The following table reconciles net earnings to adjusted net earnings for the three month period ended March 31 for the last three years of operations:

| (in thousands of dollars)  | 2019       | 2018       | 2017       |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Net (loss) earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders                                | (4,127)    | 4,832      | 3,678      |
| Add back:  |            |            |            |
| Share-based compensation attributed to changes in share price, net of tax                  | _          | (15)       | 3          |
| Revaluation of redemption liabilities  | _          | _          | (310)      |
| Management transition costs, net of tax  | 942        | _          | 1,231      |
| Revaluation of contingent consideration  | _          | 15         |            |
| Adjusted net earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1</sup>                 | (3,185)    | 4,832      | 4,602      |
| Weighted average number of shares - Basic  | 27,418,197 | 27,388,859 | 27,358,766 |
| Weighted average number of shares - Diluted <sup>2</sup>                                   | 27,418,197 | 27,475,458 | 27,509,758 |
| Adjusted net earnings per share attributable to AutoCanada shareholders Basic <sup>1</sup> | (0.12)     | 0.18       | 0.17       |
| Adjusted net earnings per share attributable to AutoCanada shareholders Diluted 1,2        | (0.12)     | 0.18       | 0.17       |

<sup>1</sup> This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".

#### Revenues

The following table summarizes revenue for the three month period ended March 31:

|                                     | 2019<br>\$ | 2018<br>\$ | Change<br>\$ | Change<br>% |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| New vehicles                        | 398,983    | 338,016    | 60,967       | 18.0%       |
| Used vehicles                       | 188,619    | 157,901    | 30,718       | 19.5%       |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 116,902    | 95,893     | 21,009       | 21.9%       |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 34,867     | 28,675     | 6,192        | 21.6%       |
| Total revenue                       | 739,371    | 620,485    | 118,886      | 19.2%       |

#### **Gross Profit**

The following table summarizes gross profit for the three month period ended March 31:

|                                     | 2019<br>\$ | 2018<br>\$ | Change<br>\$ | Change<br>% |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| New vehicles                        | 27,527     | 23,473     | 4,054        | 17.3%       |
| Used vehicles                       | 11,112     | 8,562      | 2,550        | 29.8%       |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 55,744     | 45,533     | 10,211       | 22.4%       |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 32,316     | 26,776     | 5,540        | 20.7%       |
| Total gross profit                  | 126,699    | 104,344    | 22,355       | 21.4%       |

#### **New vehicles**

The increase in gross profit from new vehicles for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 is due to an increase in gross profit per unit of \$153 and an increase in new vehicles sold of 926, compared to the same period of the prior year.

#### **Used vehicles**

The increase in gross profit in the quarter from used vehicles is due to an increase in used vehicles sold of 1,123 and an increase in gross profit per unit of \$75.

#### Finance, insurance and other

Finance and insurance products are sold with both new and used vehicles. The quarterly year-over-year finance, insurance and other revenue increased by 21.6%. Finance and insurance gross per vehicle decreased by 1.1% or \$26, to \$2,367 in the quarter, from \$2,393 in the same period of the prior year.

<sup>2</sup> For the three months ended March 31, 2019, Weighted average number of shares - Diluted, is presented as the same figure as Basic due to an anti-dilutive impact in the quarter.

#### Parts, service and collision repair

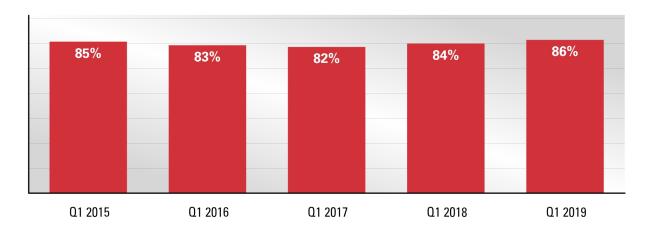
Gross profit in the quarter from parts, service and collision repair increased by 22.4% which is due to an increase in repair orders of 33,243.

#### Absorption rate 1

Absorption rate measures the extent to which the gross profits of a franchised automobile dealership from parts, service and collision repair cover the costs of these departments plus the fixed costs of operating the dealership.

Over the past five years, the absorption rate for the period ending March 31 has ranged between a low of 82% in 2017 to a high of 86% in 2019. For the period ended March 31, 2019, the Company had an absorption rate of 86%. The higher absorption rate indicates that our dealerships are actively managing expenses and increasing gross profit in fixed operations.

The following table summarizes absorption rate since the Q1 2015 period:



1 This financial measure has been calculated as described under "NON-GAAP MEASURES".

#### **Operating expenses**

Operating costs consist of four major categories:

#### **Employee costs**

Employee costs are the costs associated with employing staff both at the dealerships and at AutoCanada's head office. Dealership employees are largely commission based, resulting in employee costs being largely variable in nature. Our dealership pay structures are tied to meeting sales objectives, maintaining customer satisfaction indices, as well as improving gross profit and net income.

#### Administrative costs

Administrative costs comprise the remaining costs of running our dealerships. Advertising, utilities, service shop consumables, information processing, insurance, and consulting costs comprise a significant portion of the administrative costs. Administrative costs can be either fixed or variable in nature. The Company operates a centralized marketing department and information technology department, both of which provide services to the dealerships in order to leverage the size of the group as a means to lower the operating costs of the dealerships.

#### Facility lease costs

Facility lease costs relate to the cost of leasing dealership facilities not owned by AutoCanada. Facility lease costs are fixed in nature as lease contracts are based on the market value of the property and are long-term. Under IFRS 16, which was adopted on January 1, 2019, lease costs are no longer applicable. Refer to Note 4 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019 regarding the Company's adoption of IFRS 16 Leases on January 1, 2019.

#### Depreciation of property and equipment

Depreciation of property and equipment relates to the depreciation of the dealership assets, including buildings, machinery and equipment, leasehold improvements, company and lease vehicles, furniture, and computer hardware. Depreciation rates vary based on the nature of the asset. Since many operating expenses are variable in nature, management considers operating expenses as a percentage of gross profit to be a good indicator of expense control. The Company calculates its operating expenses as a percentage of gross margin excluding and including depreciation, and believes the percentage excluding depreciation is a more accurate measure of operating performance.

The adoption of IFRS 16 resulted in the recognition of depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets of \$6.5 million, lease liability interest charge of \$4.5 million and a reduction to rent expense of \$9.7 million, for the three month period ended March 31, 2019. The impact on operating expenses in 2019 is the addition of depreciation related to the right-of-use-assets and the removal of facility lease costs.

The following table summarizes operating expenses as a percentage of gross profit, broken into their fixed and variable components. Fixed expenses are costs that do not fluctuate with changes in sales volume while variable expenses are costs that vary depending on sales volume.

| Operating expense as a % of Gross Profit          | Three Mon | ths Ended M | larch 31 |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------|
|   | 2019      | 2018        | Change   |
| Employee costs before management transition costs | 53.8%     | 54.9%       | (1.1)%   |
| Management transition costs                       | 1.0%      | -%          | 1.0%     |
| Administrative costs - Variable                   | 26.6%     | 19.6%       | 7.0%     |
| Total variable expenses                           | 81.4%     | 74.5%       | 6.9%     |
| Administrative costs - Fixed                      | 6.5%      | 6.8%        | (0.3)%   |
| Facility lease costs <sup>1</sup>                 | -%        | 5.7%        | (5.7)%   |
| Fixed expenses before depreciation                | 6.5%      | 12.5%       | (6.0)%   |
| Operating expenses before depreciation            | 87.9%     | 87.0%       | 0.9%     |
| Depreciation of property and equipment            | 3.9%      | 4.8%        | (0.9)%   |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets <sup>1</sup>  | 5.2%      | -%          | 5.2%     |
| Total fixed expenses                              | 15.6%     | 17.3%       | (1.7)%   |
| Total operating expenses                          | 97.0%     | 91.8%       | 5.2%     |

<sup>1</sup> Facility lease costs for 2019 are presented as \$nil. Under IFRS 16, facility lease costs are presented as a depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets and a lease liability interest charge. Refer to Note 4 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019 regarding the Company's adoption of IFRS 16 Leases on January 1, 2019.

#### **Total Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses have increased in the quarter by \$27.0 million, compared to the same period of the prior year. Operating expenses as a percentage of gross profit have increased by 5.2% in the quarter. A large contributor to the increase was the addition of U.S. Operations in April 2018 — as operating expenses in the U.S. Operations amounted to \$21.0 million in the current period.

#### Variable Expenses

Total variable expenses for the quarter have increased by 6.9%, as compared to the same period of the prior year. Employee costs have decreased in the quarter by 0.1% as compared to the same period of the prior year.

Variable administrative costs increased by \$13.2 million, which relates to expenses incurred in the U.S. Operations that were not present in the comparative period. As a percentage of gross profit, variable administrative costs increased by 7.0% for the quarter ended March 31, 2019.

#### **Fixed Expenses**

Total fixed expenses for the guarter decreased by 1.7%, as compared to the same period of the prior year.

Fixed administrative costs increased by \$1.2 million, which is 0.3% on a year-over-year basis for the quarter, as a percentage of gross profit.

#### **Income Taxes**

The following table summarizes income taxes for the three months ended March 31:

|                               | 2019<br>\$ | 2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Current tax                   | 2,607      | 2,802      |
| Deferred tax                  | (2,135)    | (800)      |
| Income tax (recovery) expense | 472        | 2,002      |

Income tax (recovery) expense is recognized based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual rate used for the year ended March 31, 2019 was 27.0% (2018 - 26.8%).

#### **Finance costs**

The Company incurs finance costs on its revolving floorplan facilities, long-term indebtedness, banking arrangements and lease liabilities under IFRS 16.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, finance costs on our revolving floorplan facilities increased by 24.4% to \$5.9 million from \$4.7 million, in the same period of the prior year, due to the addition of the U.S. Operations, increased interest rates and higher inventory levels.

The following table details the floorplan interest during the three month period ended March 31:

|                           | Three Mon | Three Months Ended March 31 |        |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| (in thousands of dollars) | 2019      | 2018                        | Change |  |
| Floorplan financing       | 5,852     | 4,705                       | 1,147  |  |

#### **Canada and U.S. Segmented Operating Results**

The following table shows the segmented operating results for the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2019. Figures for the three months ended March 31, 2018 include only results from Canada as the Company did not have U.S. Operations at that time.

|   | Three Months | s Ended Marc | h 31, 2019  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, 2018<br>- Canada only |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|---|
|   | Canada<br>\$ | U.S.<br>\$   | Total<br>\$ | Total \$  |
| New vehicles  | 340,161      | 58,822       | 398,983     | 338,016   |
| Used vehicles   | 164,061      | 24,558       | 188,619     | 157,901   |
| Parts, service and collision repair                             | 100,739      | 16,163       | 116,902     | 95,893  |
| Finance, insurance and other                                    | 30,476       | 4,391        | 34,867      | 28,675  |
| Total revenue   | 635,437      | 103,934      | 739,371     | 620,485   |
| New vehicles  | 27,667       | (140)        | 27,527      | 23,473  |
| Used vehicles   | 10,068       | 1,044        | 11,112      | 8,562   |
| Parts, service and collision repair                             | 47,052       | 8,692        | 55,744      | 45,533  |
| Finance, insurance and other                                    | 28,180       | 4,136        | 32,316      | 26,776  |
| Total gross profit  | 112,967      | 13,732       | 126,699     | 104,344   |
| Employee costs  | 58,844       | 10,590       | 69,434      | 57,294  |
| Administrative costs  | 33,556       | 8,382        | 41,938      | 27,522  |
| Facility lease costs <sup>2</sup>                               | _            | _            | _           | 5,923   |
| Depreciation of property and equipment                          | 4,472        | 442          | 4,914       | 5,042   |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets <sup>2</sup>                | 4,987        | 1,554        | 6,541       | _   |
| Total operating expenses  | 101,859      | 20,968       | 122,827     | 95,781  |
| Operating profit (loss) before other income                     | 11,108       | (7,236)      | 3,872       | 8,563   |
| Operating data  |              |              |             |   |
| Vehicles (new and used) sold <sup>1</sup>                       | 12,311       | 2,405        | 14,716      | 12,667  |
| New vehicles sold <sup>1</sup>                                  | 7,550        | 1,516        | 9,066       | 8,140   |
| New retail vehicles sold <sup>1</sup>                           | 6,491        | 1,511        | 8,002       | 6,664   |
| New fleet vehicles sold <sup>1</sup>                            | 1,059        | 5            | 1,064       | 1,476   |
| Used retail vehicles sold <sup>1</sup>                          | 4,761        | 889          | 5,650       | 4,527   |
| # of service and collision repair orders completed <sup>1</sup> | 174,482      | 39,190       | 213,672     | 180,429   |
| # of dealerships at period end                                  | 52           | 14           | 66          | 54  |
| # of service bays at period end                                 | 913          | 200          | 1,113       | 906   |

<sup>1</sup> This number includes 100% of vehicles and service and collision repair orders sold by dealerships in which we have less than 100% investment.

<sup>2</sup> Facility lease costs for 2019 are presented as nil. Under IFRS 16 facility lease costs are presented as a depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets and a lease liability interest charge. Refer to Note 4 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019 regarding the Company's adoption of IFRS 16 Leases on January 1, 2019.

The following table shows the segmented operating expenses as a percentage of gross profit.

The Company has adopted IFRS 16 retrospectively on January 1, 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific provisions in the new standard.

|   | Three Months | Ended March | 31, 2019 | Three Months Ende<br>March 31, 201<br>- Canada onl |  |  |
|---|--------------|-------------|----------|--|--|--|
| Operating expense as a % of Gross Profit          | Canada       | U.S.        | Total    | Total  |  |  |
| Operating expenses as a % of gross profit         |              |             |          |  |  |  |
| Employee costs before management transition costs | 51.0%        | 76.9%       | 53.8%    | 54.9%  |  |  |
| Management transition costs                       | 1.1%         | 0.2%        | 1.0%     | 0.0%   |  |  |
| Administrative costs - Variable                   | 23.7%        | 50.3%       | 26.6%    | 19.6%  |  |  |
| Total variable expenses                           | 75.8%        | 127.4%      | 81.4%    | 74.5%  |  |  |
| Administrative costs - Fixed                      | 6.0%         | 10.8%       | 6.5%     | 6.8%   |  |  |
| Facility lease costs <sup>1</sup>                 | -%           | -%          | -%       | 5.7%   |  |  |
| Fixed expenses before depreciation                | 6.0%         | 10.8%       | 6.5%     | 12.5%  |  |  |
| Operating expenses before depreciation            | 81.8%        | 138.2%      | 87.9%    | 87.0%  |  |  |
| Depreciation of property and equipment            | 4.0%         | 3.2%        | 3.9%     | 4.8%   |  |  |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets <sup>1</sup>  | 4.4%         | 11.3%       | 5.2%     | -%   |  |  |
| Total fixed expenses                              | 14.4%        | 25.3%       | 15.6%    | 17.3%  |  |  |
| Total operating expenses                          | 90.2%        | 152.7%      | 97.0%    | 91.8%  |  |  |

<sup>1</sup> Facility lease costs for 2019 are presented as \$nil. Under IFRS 16 facility lease costs are presented as a depreciation expense related to right-of-use-assets and a lease liability interest charge. Refer to Note 4 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019 regarding the Company's adoption of IFRS 16 Leases on January 1, 2019.

The following table illustrates the segmented EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders for the three month period ended March 31, 2019:

|   | Three Months | Ended March | 31, 2019 | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, 2018<br>- Canada only |
|---|--------------|-------------|----------|---|
| (in thousands of dollars)                                     | Canada       | U.S.        | Total    | Total   |
| Period from January 1 to March 31                             |              |             |          |   |
| Net (loss) income attributable to AutoCanada shareholders     | 5,893        | (10,020)    | (4,127)  | 4,832   |
| Income taxes <sup>2</sup>                                     | 434          | _           | 434      | 1,860   |
| Depreciation of property and equipment <sup>2</sup>           | 4,348        | 442         | 4,790    | 4,936   |
| Interest on long-term indebtedness <sup>2</sup>               | 2,976        | 1,736       | 4,712    | 4,066   |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets <sup>2, 3</sup>           | 4,820        | 1,554       | 6,374    | _   |
| Interest on lease liabilities <sup>2,3</sup>                  | 3,533        | 802         | 4,335    | _   |
| EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1</sup>   | 22,004       | (5,486)     | 16,518   | 15,694  |
| Add back:   |              |             |          |   |
| Share-based compensation attributed to changes in share price | _            | _           | _        | (20)  |
| Management transition costs                                   | 1,256        | 34          | 1,290    | _   |
| Revaluation of contingent consideration                       | _            | _           | _        | 15  |
| Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders 1,4   | 23,260       | (5,452)     | 17,808   | 15,689  |

- 1 This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".
- 2 Represents the portion attributable to AutoCanada shareholders.
- 3 These line items relate to the Adoption of IFRS 16 in 2019 and have been included in order to present the resulting financial measures on a consistent basis as defined within Section 17 Non-GAAP Measures. They have been presented separately for ease of identification.
- 4 For 2019, the adoption of IFRS 16 contributed \$7.6 million to Canada and \$2.0 million to U.S. respectively for EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders and Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada.

The following table reconciles segmented net earnings to adjusted net earnings for the three month period ended March 31, 2019:

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 |          |            |            |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|--|
| (in thousands of dollars)   | Canada                            | U.S.     | Total      | Total      |  |
| Net (loss) earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders                                       | 5,893                             | (10,020) | (4,127)    | 4,832      |  |
| Add back:   |                                   |          |            |            |  |
| Share-based compensation attributed to changes in share price, net of tax                         | _                                 | _        | _          | (15)       |  |
| Management transition costs, net of tax   | 917                               | 25       | 942        | _          |  |
| Revaluation of contingent consideration   | _                                 | _        | _          | 15         |  |
| Adjusted net earnings attributable to AutoCanada shareholders <sup>1</sup>                        | 6,810                             | (9,995)  | (3,185)    | 4,832      |  |
| Weighted average number of shares - Basic   |                                   |          | 27,418,197 | 27,388,859 |  |
| Weighted average number of shares - Diluted <sup>3</sup>  |                                   |          | 27,418,197 | 27,475,458 |  |
| Adjusted net earnings per share attributable to<br>AutoCanada shareholders Basic <sup>1</sup>     | 0.25                              | (0.36)   | (0.12)     | 0.18       |  |
| Adjusted net earnings per share attributable to<br>AutoCanada shareholders Diluted <sup>1,3</sup> | 0.25                              | (0.36)   | (0.12)     | 0.18       |  |

- 1 This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".
- $2\quad \textit{Represents the portion attributable to AutoCanada shareholders}.$
- 3 For the three months ended March 31, 2019, Weighted average number of shares Diluted, is presented as the same figure as Basic due to an anti-dilutive impact in the quarter.

## 7. SAME STORE RESULTS

Same store is defined as a franchised automobile dealership that has been owned for at least two full years since acquisition. The dealership is then included in the quarter thereafter, for same store analysis. The Company believes that it takes two years for an acquired dealership or Open Point to achieve normal operating results.

We continue to dedicate significant resources to newly acquired dealerships in order to successfully integrate acquisitions in an efficient manner. As a result, we expect to incur additional selling and administrative costs in the future in order to successfully integrate new dealerships into our model.

#### **Number of Same Store by Province**

The following table summarizes the number of same store for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 by Province:

|                 | British<br>Columbia | Alberta | Saskatchewan | Manitoba | Ontario | Quebec | Atlantic | Total |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|-------|
| FCA             | 3                   | 8       | 1            | 1        | 1       | _      | 2        | 16    |
| Hyundai         | 2                   | 4       | _            | _        | 3       | _      | _        | 9     |
| General Motors  | 1                   | _       | 3            | 1        | _       | _      | _        | 5     |
| Volkswagen      | 3                   | 2       | _            | 1        | _       | _      | _        | 6     |
| Nissan/Infiniti | 1                   | 3       | _            | _        | 3       | _      | _        | 7     |
| BMW/MINI        | _                   | _       | _            | _        | _       | 2      | _        | 2     |
| Audi            | _                   | _       | _            | 1        | _       | _      | _        | 1     |
| Subaru          |                     | 1       |              | _        | _       | _      |          | 1     |
| Total           | 10                  | 18      | 4            | 4        | 7       | 2      | 2        | 47    |

#### Same Store Revenue and Vehicles Sold

|                                     | Three Mon | Three Months Ended March 3 |          |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| (in thousands of dollars)           | 2019      | 2018                       | % Change |  |
| Revenue Source                      |           |                            |          |  |
| New vehicles - Retail               | 247,000   | 247,310                    | (0.1)%   |  |
| New vehicles - Fleet                | 42,366    | 53,829                     | (21.3)%  |  |
| Total New vehicles                  | 289,366   | 301,139                    | (3.9)%   |  |
| Used vehicles - Retail              | 118,814   | 103,262                    | 15.1%    |  |
| Used vehicles - Wholesale           | 26,165    | 41,411                     | (36.8)%  |  |
| Total Used vehicles                 | 144,979   | 144,673                    | 0.2%     |  |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 27,801    | 26,703                     | 4.1%     |  |
| Subtotal                            | 462,146   | 472,515                    | (2.2)%   |  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 87,038    | 85,651                     | 1.6%     |  |
| Total                               | 549,184   | 558,166                    | (1.6)%   |  |
| New retail vehicles sold (units)    | 5,669     | 5,981                      | (5.2)%   |  |
| New fleet vehicles sold (units)     | 963       | 1,305                      | (26.2)%  |  |
| Used retail vehicles sold (units)   | 4,100     | 4,053                      | 1.2%     |  |
| Total                               | 10,732    | 11,339                     | (5.4)%   |  |
| Total vehicles retailed (units)     | 9,769     | 10,034                     | (2.6)%   |  |

#### **Revenues - Same Store Analysis**

Same store revenue decreased by \$9.0 million or 1.6%, for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Same store new vehicle revenues decreased by \$11.8 million or 3.9% for the first quarter of 2019 over the prior year, which was primarily related to fleet sales which decreased by \$11.5 million. Total new vehicle units saw a decrease of 654 units of which 342 were fleet units. Average revenue per unit saw an increase per new vehicle sold of \$2,301 or 5.6%.

Same store used vehicle revenues increased by \$0.3 million or 0.2% for the three month period ended March 31, 2019, over the same period in the prior year due to an increase in retail used car volume by 47 units or 1.2%, coupled with an increase in the average revenue per used vehicle sold of \$3,501 or 13.7%.

Used vehicle wholesale revenue has decreased due to management's focus on retailing used vehicles versus wholesale. More retail sales give our dealerships the opportunity for finance and insurance income as well as the opportunity to earn used vehicle customers business going forward for our parts, service and collision departments.

Same store parts, service and collision repair revenue increased by \$1.4 million or 1.6% for the first quarter of 2019 compared to the prior period.

Same store finance, insurance and other revenue increased by \$1.1 million or 4.1% for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 over the same period in 2018. This was achieved despite a decrease in the number of new and used vehicles retailed of 265 units. Overall, we saw an increase in the average revenue per unit retailed of \$185 or 6.9%.

#### **Same Store Gross Profit and Gross Profit Percentage**

|                                     | Three Months Ended March 31 |                |          |       |       |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|-------|-------|--|--|
|                                     | Gi                          | Gross Profit % |          |       |       |  |  |
| (in thousands of dollars)           | 2019                        | 2018           | % Change | 2019  | 2018  |  |  |
| Revenue Source                      |                             |                |          |       |       |  |  |
| New vehicles - Retail               | 18,150                      | 19,885         | (8.7)%   | 7.3%  | 8.0%  |  |  |
| New vehicles - Fleet                | 1,249                       | 1,126          | 10.9%    | 2.9%  | 2.1%  |  |  |
| Total New vehicles                  | 19,399                      | 21,011         | (7.7)%   | 6.7%  | 7.0%  |  |  |
| Used vehicles - Retail              | 9,927                       | 8,295          | 19.7%    | 8.4%  | 8.0%  |  |  |
| Used vehicles - Wholesale           | 783                         | 780            | 0.4%     | 3.0%  | 1.9%  |  |  |
| Total Used vehicles                 | 10,710                      | 9,075          | 18.0%    | 7.4%  | 6.3%  |  |  |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 25,673                      | 24,841         | 3.3%     | 92.3% | 93.0% |  |  |
| Subtotal                            | 55,782                      | 54,927         | 1.6%     | 12.1% | 11.6% |  |  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 41,871                      | 40,934         | 2.3%     | 48.1% | 47.8% |  |  |
| Total                               | 97,653                      | 95,861         | 1.9%     | 17.8% | 17.2% |  |  |

#### **Gross Profit - Same Store Analysis**

Same store gross profit increased by \$1.8 million or 1.9% for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Same store new vehicle gross profit decreased by \$1.6 million or 7.7% in the three month period ended March 31, 2019, when compared to 2018, as a result of a decrease in new vehicle sales of 654 units or 9.0%, offset by an increase in the average gross profit per new vehicle sold of \$41 or 1.4%.

Same store used vehicle gross profit increased by \$1.6 million or 18.0% in the three month period ended March 31, 2019 over the prior year. This was the result of an increased focus on retailing used units and reducing wholesale activities. As a result, there was an

increase in the average gross profit per used vehicle retailed of \$373 or 16.7% and an increase in the number of used vehicles sold of 47 units or 1.2%.

Same store parts, service and collision repair gross profit increased by \$0.9 million or 2.3% in the three month period ended March 31, 2019, when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Same store finance and insurance gross profit increased by \$0.8 million or 3.3% in the three month period ended March 31, 2019, when compared to the prior year, as a result of an increase in the average gross profit per unit sold of \$152 or 6.2%.

The following table summarizes same store total revenue for the three month periods ended March 31 by Province:

|                           | Three Moi | Three Months Ended March 3 |          |  |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|--|--|
| (in thousands of dollars) | 2019      | 2018                       | % Change |  |  |
| British Columbia          | 107,706   | 122,364                    | (12.0)%  |  |  |
| Alberta                   | 189,758   | 199,693                    | (5.0)%   |  |  |
| Saskatchewan              | 57,085    | 51,980                     | 9.8%     |  |  |
| Manitoba                  | 45,150    | 42,176                     | 7.1%     |  |  |
| Ontario                   | 51,881    | 48,648                     | 6.6%     |  |  |
| Quebec                    | 67,678    | 64,373                     | 5.1%     |  |  |
| Atlantic                  | 29,926    | 28,932                     | 3.4%     |  |  |
| Total                     | 549,184   | 558,166                    | (1.6)%   |  |  |

The following table summarizes same store gross profit for the three month periods ended March 31 by Province:

|                           | Three Mo | Three Months Ended March 31 |          |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|--|--|
| (in thousands of dollars) | 2019     | 2018                        | % Change |  |  |
| British Columbia          | 18,285   | 19,427                      | (5.9)%   |  |  |
| Alberta                   | 36,887   | 35,367                      | 4.3%     |  |  |
| Saskatchewan              | 10,332   | 10,243                      | 0.9%     |  |  |
| Manitoba                  | 8,433    | 7,749                       | 8.8%     |  |  |
| Ontario                   | 8,863    | 8,361                       | 6.0%     |  |  |
| Quebec                    | 10,690   | 10,787                      | (0.9)%   |  |  |
| Atlantic                  | 4,163    | 3,927                       | 6.0%     |  |  |
| Total                     | 97,653   | 95,861                      | 1.9%     |  |  |

## 8. ACQUISITIONS, DIVESTITURES, RELOCATIONS AND REAL ESTATE

#### **Dealership Operations and Expansion**

Our goals are to maximize the profit potential of every store and to generate incremental growth through accretive acquisitions. We currently operate 66 dealerships, representing 75 franchises. We continue to focus on our acquisition strategy, focusing on a greater diversification in both geography and brand. The Company is being patient with our acquisition strategy, focusing on acquisitions that are accretive and provide diversification or other strategic benefits. Management and the Company have excellent relationships with our manufacturer partners, providing the Company with greater opportunities with brands we currently operate. Management and the Company believe we have established good relationships with manufacturers of brands we do not currently operate and expect to have opportunities with many of these brands in the near future.

#### **Dealership Open Points**

The retail automotive industry is a mature industry and rights to open new franchised automobile dealerships are rarely awarded by the automobile manufacturers. However, from time to time, automobile manufacturers may seek to establish new dealerships in attractive markets. The right to open a new franchised automobile dealership in a specific location granted by an automobile manufacturer to a dealer is referred to in the industry as an Open Point. Generally, a new franchised automobile dealership is fully performing within one to three years depending on the manufacturer and location.

Costs relating to open points are significant, and vary by dealership depending upon size and location. We generally believe that Open Points can be very costly given the time it takes to establish the business in the first couple of years of operation. However, in some cases, an Open Point can be very strategic.

#### **Dealership Divestiture**

On March 3, 2019, the Company sold substantially all of the operating and fixed assets of Toronto Dodge located in Toronto, Ontario, for cash consideration. Net proceeds of \$6.8 million, resulted in a pre-tax gain on divestiture of \$4.3 million, included in gain on disposal of assets in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income.

On March 31, 2019, the Company ceased operations of Grande Prairie Mitsubishi, located in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

#### Sale-Leaseback Transactions

On March 26, 2019, the Company executed an agreement to sell and subsequently leaseback two dealership properties to Automotive Properties Real Estate Investment Trust for a purchase price of \$24.0 million. On the transaction, the Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$2.7 million. Funds from this sale were used to pay down our revolving credit facilities.

#### **Capital Plan**

The Company maintains a capital plan for contemplated future capital projects. Details of the capital plan are described below:

#### Dealership Relocations

Management estimates the total capital requirements of currently planned dealership relocations to be approximately \$55.5 million to the end of 2023. The Company expects dealership relocations to provide long-term earnings sustainability and result in significant improvements in revenues and overall profitability. Management continually updates its capital plan and as such, the estimates provided may vary as delays occur or projects are added or removed. The Company expects that most of these capital requirements will be funded by landlords that own or will own the land.

## Current Dealership Expansion and Imaging Requirements

The Company has identified approximately \$70.0 million in capital costs that it may incur in order to expand or renovate various current locations through to the end of 2023. The Company is required by its manufacturers to undertake periodic imaging upgrades to its facilities. It is likely that a substantial portion of these capital costs will be funded by landlords that own the properties.

The following summarizes the capital plan for contemplated future capital projects:

| (in millions of dollars)                      | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Same store                                    |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Dealership relocations                        | 17.2 | 23.8 | 10.0 | 4.5  | _    | 55.5  |
| Dealership expansion and imaging requirements | 15.0 | 15.5 | 20.5 | 12.0 | _    | 63.0  |
| Capital plan                                  | 32.2 | 39.3 | 30.5 | 16.5 | _    | 118.5 |
| Expected to be financed                       | 27.8 | 26.5 | 23.5 | 14.0 |      | 91.8  |
| Cash outlay 1                                 | 4.4  | 12.8 | 7.0  | 2.5  | _    | 26.7  |
| Non-same store                                |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Dealership expansion and imaging requirements | _    | 4.0  | 3.0  | _    | _    | 7.0   |
| Open point opportunities                      | 0.5  | 1.0  | _    | _    | _    | 1.5   |
| Capital plan                                  | 0.5  | 5.0  | 3.0  | _    | _    | 8.5   |
| Expected to be financed                       | _    | 3.3  | 3.0  | _    | _    | 6.3   |
| Cash outlay 1                                 | 0.5  | 1.7  | _    | _    | _    | 2.2   |
| Total capital plan                            | 32.7 | 44.3 | 33.5 | 16.5 |      | 127.0 |
| Total cash outlay                             | 4.9  | 14.5 | 7.0  | 2.5  | _    | 28.9  |

<sup>1</sup> Refers to amount expected to be funded by internal Company cash flow.

Notwithstanding the capital plan laid out above, expected capital expenditures are subject to deferral due to issues in obtaining permits, construction delays, changes in re-imaging requirements, economic factors, or other delays that are normal to the construction process. The above is considered to be a guide for when the Company expects to incur capital expenditures, however, significant deferral may occur in the future and a significant portion of these capital expenditures may be funded by landlords. Management closely monitors the capital plan and adjusts as appropriate based on Company performance, manufacturer requirements, expected economic conditions, and individual dealership needs. Management performs an analysis on all future expenditures prior to the allocation of funds. Timing of dealership relocations is determined based on the dealership's current performance, the market, and expected return on invested capital.

## 9. LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our principal uses of funds are for capital expenditures, repayment of debt, funding the future growth of the Company and paying dividends to shareholders. We have historically met these requirements by using cash generated from operating activities and through short-term and long-term indebtedness.

Under our franchise agreements, manufacturers require us to maintain a minimum level of working capital. We maintain working capital in excess of manufacturer requirements which may be used for capital expenditures. The Company's analysis of its available capital based on the balance sheet at March 31, 2019, is as follows:

 The Company had drawn \$154.3 million on its \$420.0 million revolving term facility.

As a result of the above, as at March 31, 2019, the Company currently has approximately \$265.7 million in readily available liquidity, not including future retained cash from operations. However, the Company's ability to borrow under this facility requires it to comply with its financial covenants.

#### **Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

Cash provided by operating activities (including changes in non-cash working capital) of the Company for the three month period ended March 31, 2019, was \$2.5 million - cash provided by operating activities of \$5.9 million combined with a net change in non-cash working capital of \$(3.4) million - compared to \$(13.1) million - cash provided by operating activities of \$4.9 million combined with a change in non-cash working

capital of \$(18.0) million - in the same period of the prior year.

#### **Cash Flow from Investing Activities**

For the three month period ended March 31, 2019, cash flow provided by investing activities of the Company was \$32.6 million as compared \$27.3 million in the same period of the prior year.

#### **Cash Flow from Financing Activities**

For the three month period ended March 31, 2019, cash flow used in financing activities was \$(32.8) million as compared to \$(28.6) million in the same period of 2018.

#### **Credit Facilities and Floor Plan Financing**

Details of the Company's credit facilities and floorplan financing are included in Note 29 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

On April 17, 2019, the syndicated credit agreement was amended whereby the Company is now provided with a \$680,000 facility for floorplan and lease financing of new, used and demonstrator vehicles, a \$230,000 facility for the financing of acquisitions and capital expenditures and a \$70,000 facility for general corporate purposes. The corresponding balances prior to the amendment were \$680,000, \$330,000 and \$70,000 respectively. The facility was amended to more appropriately accommodate current and future borrowing needs.

#### **Key Financial Covenants**

The Company is required by its debt agreements to comply with several financial covenants.

The following is a summary of the Company's actual performance against its financial covenants as at March 31, 2019:

| Financial Covenant                 | Requirement                        | Q1 2019<br>Calculation | Q4 2018<br>Calculation |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Syndicated Revolver:               |                                    |                        |                        |
| Senior Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio | Shall not exceed 2.75              | 2.02                   | 1.95                   |
| Total Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio  | Shall not exceed 4.50 <sup>1</sup> | 3.83                   | 3.51                   |
| Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio        | Shall not be less than 1.20        | 1.61                   | 1.84                   |
| Current Ratio                      | Shall not be less than 1.05        | 1.08                   | 1.12                   |

<sup>1</sup> This requirement will be reduced to 4.00 on July 1, 2019.

The covenants above are based on consolidated financial statements of the dealerships that are financed directly by the lender. As a result, the actual performance against the covenant does not necessarily reflect the actual performance of AutoCanada. The Company is required to comply with other covenants under the terms of its remaining credit agreements. The Company stress tests all covenants on a monthly and quarterly basis.

As at March 31, 2019, the Company is in compliance with all of its financial covenants.

#### **Financial Instruments**

Details of the Company's financial instruments, including risks and uncertainties are included in Note 26 of the annual audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the Company entered into an equity forward purchase agreement with a major Canadian financial institution to reduce its cash and income exposure to fluctuations in its share price relating to the RSU, DSU, and SARs programs. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company receives the economic benefit of share price appreciation while providing payments to the financial institution for the institution's cost of funds minus dividends.

There have been no other significant changes to the Company's financial instruments during the period.

#### **Growth vs. Non-Growth Capital Expenditures**

Non-growth capital expenditures are capital expenditures incurred to maintain existing levels of service. These include capital expenditures to replace property and equipment and any costs incurred to enhance the operational life of existing property and equipment. Non-growth capital expenditures can fluctuate from period to period depending on our needs to upgrade or replace existing property and equipment. Over time, we expect to incur annual non-growth capital expenditures in an amount approximating our amortization of property and equipment reported in each period.

Additional details on the components of non-growth property and equipment purchases are as follows:

| (in thousands of dollars) | January 1, 2019 to<br>March 31, 2019 | January 1, 2018 to<br>March 31, 2018 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Leasehold improvements    | 355                                  | 195                                  |
| Machinery and equipment   | 477                                  | 429                                  |
| Furniture and fixtures    | 313                                  | 240                                  |
| Computer equipment        | 523                                  | 357                                  |
|                           | 1,668                                | 1,221                                |

Amounts relating to the expansion of sales and service capacity are considered growth expenditures. Growth expenditures are discretionary, represent cash outlays intended to provide additional future cash flows and are expected to provide benefit in future periods.

Dealership relocations are included as growth expenditures if they contribute to the expansion of sales and service capacity of the dealership. During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, growth capital expenditures of \$2.77 million were incurred.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the purchase of property and equipment as reported on the Statement of Cash Flows to the purchase of non-growth property and equipment as calculated in the free cash flow section below:

| (in thousands of dollars)  | January 1, 2019 to<br>March 31, 2019 | January 1, 2018 to<br>March 31, 2018 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Purchase of property and equipment from the Statement of Cash Flows  | 4,442                                | 7,615                                |
| Less: Amounts related to the expansion of sales and service capacity | (2,774)                              | (6,394)                              |
| Purchase of non-growth property and equipment                        | 1,668                                | 1,221                                |

Repairs and maintenance expenditures are expensed as incurred and have been deducted from earnings for the period. Repairs and maintenance expense incurred during the three month period ended March 31, 2019, were \$1.8 million (\$1.6 million for the three month period ended March 31, 2018).

#### **Planned Capital Expenditures**

Our capital expenditures consist primarily of leasehold improvements, the purchase of furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, service vehicles, computer hardware and computer software. Management expects that our annual capital expenditures will increase in the future, as a function of increases in the number of locations requiring maintenance capital expenditures, the cost of opening new locations and increased spending on information systems.

For further information regarding planned capital expenditures, see "ACQUISITIONS, RELOCATIONS AND REAL ESTATE" above.

#### **Financial Position**

The following table shows selected audited balances of the Company (in thousands) for December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, as well as unaudited balances of the Company at March 31, 2019, September 30, 2018, June 30, 2018, March 31, 2018, September 30, 2017, and June 30, 2017:

| (in thousands of dollars)      | March 31,<br>2019 | December<br>31, 2018 | September<br>30, 2018 | June 30,<br>2018 | March 31,<br>2018 | December<br>31, 2017 | September<br>30, 2017 | June 30,<br>2017 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash<br>equivalents   | 25,917            | 25,324               | 41,610                | 43,483           | 81,177            | 94,660               | 104,966               | 95,417           |
| Trade and other receivables    | 157,983           | 131,152              | 151,408               | 153,418          | 130,388           | 79,931               | 137,155               | 157,275          |
| Inventories                    | 781,674           | 760,865              | 795,554               | 791,243          | 694,691           | 659,593              | 636,685               | 629,171          |
| Total Assets                   | 2,023,592         | 1,720,568            | 1,773,469             | 1,839,094        | 1,670,224         | 1,761,046            | 1,693,533             | 1,698,290        |
| Revolving floorplan facilities | 781,942           | 748,353              | 799,526               | 789,134          | 690,163           | 634,655              | 616,144               | 624,847          |
| Long-term<br>indebtedness      | 302,251           | 326,998              | 353,389               | 413,519          | 307,152           | 332,450              | 331,803               | 338,212          |

#### **Net Working Capital**

The automobile manufacturers represented by the Company require the Company to maintain net working capital for each individual dealership. At March 31, 2019, the aggregate of net working capital requirements was approximately \$116.7 million. The working capital requirements imposed by the automobile manufacturers may limit our ability to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions, dividends, or other commitments in the future if sufficient funds are not generated by the Company. Net working capital, as defined by automobile manufacturers, may not reflect net working capital as determined using GAAP measures. As a result, it is possible that the Company may meet automobile manufacturers' net working capital requirements without having sufficient aggregate working capital using GAAP measures. The Company defines net working capital amounts as current assets less current liabilities as presented in the consolidated financial statements.

The net working capital requirements above restrict the Company's ability to transfer funds up from its subsidiaries, as each subsidiary dealership is required to be appropriately capitalized as explained above. In addition, our VCCI Facilities require the VW and Audi dealerships to maintain minimum cash and equity, which also restricts our ability to transfer and consolidate funds.

## **10. OUTSTANDING SHARES**

As at March 31, 2019, the Company had 27,459,683 common shares outstanding. Basic and diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 were 27,418,197 and 28,890,142, respectively. For the three month period ended March 31, 2019, Weighted average number of shares - Diluted differs from the disclosed amounts on the March 31, 2019 Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income, due to an anti-dilutive impact in the guarter.

As at March 31, 2019, the value of the shares held in trust was \$1.0 million (2018 - \$1.8 million), which was comprised of 40,613 (2018 - 71,120) in shares. As at May 2, 2019, there were 27,459,683 common shares issued and outstanding.

### 11. DIVIDENDS

The following table summarizes the dividends declared by the Company in 2019:

| Record date   | Payment date   | Per Share<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| March 1, 2019 | March 15, 2019 | 0.10            | 2,742       |

On May 2, 2019, the Board declared a quarterly eligible dividend of \$0.10 per common share on AutoCanada's outstanding common shares, payable on June 15, 2019 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 31, 2019.

As per the terms of the Scotiabank facility, we are restricted from declaring dividends and distributing cash if (i) we are in breach of financial covenants; (ii) in breach of our available margin and facility limits; (iii) if such dividend would result in a breach of our covenants; or (iv) if such dividend would result in a breach of our available margin and facility limits. At this time, the Company is within its covenants.

## 12. FREE CASH FLOW

The Company has defined free cash flow to be cash flows provided by operating activities (including changes in non-cash operating working capital) less capital expenditures (excluding capital assets acquired by acquisitions or purchases of real estate).

| (in thousands of dollars,<br>except unit and per unit<br>amounts) | Q1 2019    | Q4 2018    | Q3 2018    | Q2 2018    | Q1 2018    | Q4 2017    | Q3 2017    | Q2 2017    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cash provided by operating activities <sup>1</sup>                | 2,549      | (7,849)    | 9,389      | (7,167)    | (13,106)   | 31,479     | 32,091     | 12,255     |
| Deduct:   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Purchase of non-growth property and equipment                     | (1,668)    | (1,829)    | (2,396)    | (4,564)    | (1,282)    | (1,983)    | (977)      | (1,273)    |
| Free cash flow <sup>2</sup>                                       | 881        | (9,677)    | 6,993      | (11,731)   | (14,388)   | 29,496     | 31,114     | 10,982     |
| Weighted average shares outstanding at end of period              | 27,418,197 | 27,417,434 | 27,399,238 | 27,390,620 | 27,388,859 | 27,389,167 | 27,389,473 | 27,378,919 |
| Free cash flow per share  | 0.03       | (0.35)     | 0.26       | (0.43)     | (0.53)     | 1.08       | 1.14       | 0.40       |
| Free cash flow - 12 month trailing                                | (13,535)   | (28,804)   | 10,370     | 34,491     | 57,204     | 72,213     | 66,141     | 65,924     |

<sup>1</sup> In Q1 2019 and Q4 2018, the Company recorded adjustments related to the fair value of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed as part of the Grossinger Auto Group acquisition. The results as disclosed for Q2 2018, Q3 2018 and Q4 2018 have been restated as if the fair value changes to net identifiable assets had been completed as of the acquisition date. Refer to Note 16 of the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 and Note 11 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".

Management believes that the free cash flow (see "NON-GAAP MEASURES") can fluctuate significantly as a result of historical fluctuations in our business operations that occur on a quarterly basis as well as the resulting fluctuations in our trade receivables and inventory levels and the timing of the payments of trade payables and revolving floorplan facilities.

Changes in non-cash working capital consist of fluctuations in the balances of trade and other receivables, inventories, finance lease receivables, assets held for sale, other current assets, trade and other payables, vehicle repurchase obligations and revolving floorplan facilities. Factors that can affect these items include seasonal sales trends, strategic decisions regarding inventory levels, the addition of new dealerships, and the day of the week on which period end cutoffs occur.

The following table summarizes the net decrease in cash due to changes in non-cash working capital for the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018:

| (in thousands of dollars)        | January 1, 2019<br>to March 31,<br>2019 | January 1, 2018<br>to March 31,<br>2018 |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Trade and other receivables      | (27,640)                                | (50,090)                                |
| Inventories                      | (35,631)                                | (36,020)                                |
| Current tax recoverable/payable  | (8,363)                                 | (12,753)                                |
| Other current assets             | (992)                                   | (3,765)                                 |
| Trade and other payables         | 21,501                                  | 26,622                                  |
| Vehicle repurchase obligations   | (121)                                   | 2,450                                   |
| Revolving floorplan facilities   | 48,128                                  | 55,508                                  |
| Derivative financial instruments | (270)                                   | <u> </u>                                |
|                                  | (3,388)                                 | (18,048)                                |

#### **Adjusted Free Cash Flow**

The Company has defined adjusted free cash flow to be cash flows provided by operating activities (before changes in non-cash operating working capital) less non-growth capital expenditures.

| (in thousands of dollars,<br>except unit and per unit<br>amounts)                             | Q1 2019    | Q4 2018    | Q3 2018    | Q2 2018    | Q1 2018    | Q4 2017    | Q3 2017    | Q2 2017    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cash provided by operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital <sup>1</sup> | 5,937      | 14,402     | 1,431      | (1,131)    | 4,942      | 17,486     | 24,070     | 37,355     |
| Deduct:   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Purchase of non-growth<br>property and<br>equipment   | (1,668)    | (1,829)    | (2,396)    | (4,541)    | (1,221)    | (1,490)    | (774)      | (1,078)    |
| Adjusted free cash flow <sup>2</sup>  | 4,269      | 12,573     | (965)      | (5,672)    | 3,721      | 15,996     | 23,296     | 36,277     |
| Weighted average shares<br>outstanding at end of<br>period                                    | 27,418,197 | 27,417,434 | 27,399,238 | 27,390,620 | 27,388,859 | 27,389,167 | 27,389,473 | 27,378,919 |
| Adjusted free cash flow per<br>share  | 0.16       | 0.46       | (0.04)     | (0.21)     | 0.14       | 0.58       | 0.85       | 1.32       |
| Adjusted free cash flow - 12 month trailing   | 10,205     | 9,657      | 13,080     | 37,341     | 79,290     | 90,786     | 87,923     | 92,393     |

<sup>1</sup> In Q1 2019 and Q4 2018, the Company recorded adjustments related to the fair value of certain assets acquired and liabilities assumed as part of the Grossinger Auto Group acquisition. The results as disclosed for Q2 2018, Q3 2018 and Q4 2018 have been restated as if the fair value changes to net identifiable assets had been completed as of the acquisition date. Refer to Note 16 of the Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 and Note 11 of the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> This financial measure is identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".

Management believes that non-growth property and equipment is necessary to maintain and sustain the current productive capacity of the Company's operations. Management also believes that maintenance capital expenditures should be funded by cash flow provided by operating activities. Capital spending for the expansion of sales and service capacity is expected to improve future free cash and as such is not deducted from cash flow provided by operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital in arriving at adjusted free cash flow.

Adjusted free cash flow is a measure used by management in forecasting and determining the Company's available resources for future capital expenditure, repayment of debt, funding the future growth of the Company and dividends to Shareholders.

In the three month period ending March 31, 2019, the Company paid approximately \$(5.6) million in 2019 tax installments (2018 - \$2.6 million in income tax installments). Accordingly, this reduced our adjusted free cash flow by this amount. See "RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS – Income Taxes" for further detail regarding the impact of corporate income taxes on cash flow.

#### **Adjusted Return on Capital Employed**

The Company has defined Adjusted Return on Capital Employed to be EBIT (EBITDA, as defined in "NON-GAAP MEASURES", less depreciation and amortization) divided by Average Capital Employed in the Company (average of shareholders' equity and interest bearing debt, excluding floorplan financing, for the period, less the comparative adjustment defined below). Calculations below represent the results on a quarterly basis, except for the adjusted return on capital employed – 12 month trailing which incorporates the results based on the trailing 12 months for the periods presented.

| (in thousands of dollars,                               |         |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| except unit and per unit amounts)                       | Q1 2019 | Q4 2018  | Q3 2018 | Q2 2018 | Q1 2018 | Q4 2017 | Q3 2017 | Q2 2017 |
| EBITDA <sup>1,2</sup>                                   | 11,710  | (14,439) | 13,205  | 11,694  | 16,253  | 31,124  | 29,978  | 47,757  |
| Deduct:   |         |          |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Depreciation of property and equipment                  | (4,914) | (4,463)  | (5,794) | (4,647) | (5,042) | (5,213) | (5,297) | (5,082) |
| Depreciation of right-of-<br>use-asset <sup>4</sup>     | (6,541) | _        | _       | _       | _       | _       | _       | _       |
| EBIT 1,2  | 255     | (18,902) | 7,411   | 7,047   | 11,211  | 25,911  | 24,681  | 42,675  |
| Average long-term debt                                  | 316,255 | 342,102  | 386,390 | 363,433 | 322,377 | 339,741 | 353,315 | 357,103 |
| Average shareholder's equity                            | 415,854 | 460,854  | 484,930 | 512,193 | 534,379 | 534,338 | 526,209 | 510,610 |
| Average capital employed <sup>1</sup>                   | 732,109 | 802,956  | 871,321 | 875,626 | 856,756 | 874,079 | 879,524 | 867,713 |
| Return on capital                                       | 0.0%    | (2.4)%   | 0.9%    | 0.8%    | 1.3%    | 3.0%    | 2.8%    | 4.9%    |
| Comparative adjustment <sup>3</sup>                     | 55,597  | 55,597   | 42,358  | 43,332  | 24,371  | 24,371  | 25,959  | 25,959  |
| Adjusted average capital employed                       | 787,706 | 851,933  | 914,166 | 909,477 | 881,126 | 899,244 | 905,482 | 893,672 |
| Adjusted return on capital employed <sup>1</sup>        | 0.0%    | (2.2)%   | 0.8%    | 0.8%    | 1.3%    | 2.9%    | 2.7%    | 4.8%    |
| Adjusted return on capital employed - 12 month trailing | (0.5)%  | 0.8%     | 5.7%    | 7.6%    | 11.9%   | 12.2%   | 12.1%   | 11.8%   |

- 1 These financial measures are identified and defined under the section "NON-GAAP MEASURES".
- 2 EBITDA and EBIT used in the calculation of Adjusted Return on Capital Employed is calculated using the financial results including non-controlling interests.
- 3 A comparative adjustment has been made in order to adjust for impairments and reversals of impairments of intangible assets. Due to the increased frequency of impairments and reversals of impairments, management has provided an adjustment in order to freeze intangible assets at the pre-IFRS amount of \$43,700. As a result, all differences from January 1, 2010 forward under IFRS have been adjusted at the post-tax rate at the time the adjustment to the intangible asset carrying amount was made. Management believes that the adjusted return on capital employed provides more useful information about the return on capital employed.
- 4 This line item relates to the Adoption of IFRS 16 in 2019 and has been included in order to present the resulting financial measures on a consistent basis as defined within Section 17 Non-GAAP Measures. It has been presented separately for ease of identification.

Management believes that Adjusted Return on Capital Employed (see "NON-GAAP MEASURES") is a good measure to evaluate the profitability of our invested capital. Management of AutoCanada may use this measure to compare potential acquisitions and other capital investments against our internally computed cost of capital to determine whether the investment is expected to create value for our shareholders. Management may also use this measure to look at past acquisitions, capital investments and the Company as a whole in order to ensure shareholder value is being enhanced by these capital investments.

## 13. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ACCOUNTING POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

A complete listing of critical accounting policies, estimates, judgments and measurement uncertainty can be found in Notes 3, 6 and 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Updates related to the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements are disclosed in Note 5.

The Company has adopted IFRS 16 retrospectively on January 1, 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the new standard. The cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard is recognized on January 1, 2019. Refer to Note 4 of the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended March 31, 2019.

## 14. DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, there were no changes in the Company's disclosure controls or internal controls over financial reporting that materially affected, or would be reasonable likely to materially affect, such controls.

## 15. RISK FACTORS

We face a number of business risks that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those disclosed in this MD&A (See "FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS"). Investors and the public should carefully consider our business risks, other uncertainties and potential events as well as the inherent uncertainty of forward looking statements when making investment decisions with respect to AutoCanada. If any of the business risks identified by AutoCanada were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects could be materially adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of our shares could decline. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also adversely affect our business and operations. A comprehensive discussion of the known risk factors of AutoCanada and additional business risks is available in our 2018 Annual Information Form, dated March 14, 2019, available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

### 16. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in the MD&A are forward-looking statements and information (collectively "forward-looking statements"), within the meaning of the applicable Canadian securities legislation. We hereby provide cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Any statements that express, or involve discussions as to, expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, through the use of words or phrases such as "will likely result", "are expected to", "will continue", "is anticipated", "projection", "vision", "goals", "objective", "target", "schedules", "outlook", "anticipate", "expect", "estimate", "could", "should", "plan", "seek", "may", "intend", "likely", "will", "believe", "shall" and similar expressions) are not historical facts and are forward-looking and may involve estimates and assumptions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict.

Accordingly, these factors could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, any such forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout this document.

Details of the Company's material forward-looking statements are included in the Company's most recent Annual Information Form. The Company's most recent Annual Information Form and other documents filed with securities regulatory authorities (accessible through the SEDAR website www.sedar.com) describe the risks, material assumptions and other factors that could influence actual results and which are incorporated herein by reference.

Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and, except as required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all of such factors and to assess in advance the impact of each such factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

### 17. NON-GAAP MEASURES

Our MD&A contains certain financial measures that do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by Canadian GAAP. Therefore, these financial measures may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers. Investors are cautioned these measures should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings (loss) or to cash provided by (used in) operating, investing, and financing activities determined in accordance with Canadian GAAP, as indicators of our performance. We provide these measures to assist investors in determining our ability to generate earnings and cash provided by (used in) operating activities and to provide additional information on how these cash resources are used.

We list and define these "NON-GAAP MEASURES" below:

#### **Operating (Loss) Profit**

Operating profit is a measure commonly reported and widely used by investors as an indicator of a company's operating performance. The Company believes Operating profit assists investors in analyzing a company's performance before the costs of debt and other financing, also excluding other gains or losses and income taxes. References to "Operating profit" are to earnings before interest expense, interest income, other gains or losses and income taxes.

#### **EBITDA**

EBITDA is a measure commonly reported and widely used by investors as an indicator of a company's operating performance and ability to incur and service debt, and as a valuation metric. The Company believes EBITDA assists investors in comparing a company's performance on a consistent basis without regard to depreciation and amortization and asset impairment charges which are non-cash in nature and can vary significantly depending upon accounting methods or non-operating factors such as historical cost. References to "EBITDA" are to earnings before interest expense (other than interest expense on floorplan financing and other interest), income taxes. depreciation, amortization and asset impairment charges. EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders refers to the parent portion of consolidated financial results. Non-controlling interest (the portion of ownership not attributable to the parent) is excluded.

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

Adjusted EBITDA is an indicator of a company's operating performance and ability to incur and service debt. The portion of share-based compensation related to changes in the share price and its impact on the Company's cash-settled portions of its sharebased compensation programs, the revaluation of redemption liabilities, the revaluation of contingent considerations, the unrealized gain or loss on embedded derivatives, management transition costs, allowances and writedowns associated with the winding down of operations, provision for wholesale fraud and settlement income are added back to EBITDA to get to adjusted EBITDA. The Company believes adjusted EBITDA provides improved continuity with respect to the comparison of our operating results over a period of time. Adjusted EBITDA attributable to AutoCanada shareholders refers to the parent portion of consolidated financial results. Non-controlling interest (the portion of ownership not attributable to the parent) is excluded.

#### Adjusted Net Earnings, Adjusted Net Earnings Per Share and Adjusted Diluted Net Earnings Per Share

Adjusted net earnings, adjusted net earnings per share, and adjusted diluted net earnings per share are measures of our profitability. Adjusted net earnings is calculated by adding back the after-tax effect of impairment or reversals of impairment of intangible assets, impairments of goodwill, impairment of other assets, the revaluation of redemption liabilities, the revaluation of contingent considerations, the unrealized gain or loss on embedded derivatives, management transition costs, allowances and writedowns associated with the winding down of operations, provision for wholesale losses, settlement income and the portion of share-based compensation related to changes in the share price and its impact on the Company's cash-settled portions of its sharebased compensation programs. The Company considers this expense to be non-cash in nature. Adding back these amounts to net earnings allow management to assess the net earnings of the Company from ongoing operations. Adjusted net earnings per share is calculated by dividing adjusted net earnings by the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Adjusted diluted net earnings per share is calculated by dividing adjusted net earnings by the diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding.

#### **EBIT**

EBIT is a measure used by management in the calculation of Return on capital employed (defined below). Management's calculation of EBIT is EBITDA (calculated above) less depreciation and amortization.

#### **Free Cash Flow**

Free cash flow is a measure used by Management to evaluate its performance. While the closest Canadian GAAP measure is cash provided by operating activities, free cash flow is considered relevant because it provides an indication of how much cash generated by operations is available after capital expenditures. It shall be noted that although we consider this measure to be free cash flow, financial and non-financial covenants in our credit facilities and dealer agreements may restrict cash from being available for distributions, re-investment in the Company, potential acquisitions, or other purposes. Investors should be cautioned that free cash flow may not actually be available for such purposes. References to "Free cash flow" are to cash provided by (used in) operating activities (including the net change in non-cash working capital balances) less capital expenditure (not including acquisitions of dealerships and dealership facilities).

## **Adjusted Free Cash Flow**

Adjusted free cash flow is a measure used by Management to evaluate its performance. Adjusted free cash flow is considered relevant because it provides an indication of how much cash generated by operations before changes in non-cash working capital is available after deducting expenditures for non-growth capital assets. It shall be noted that although we consider this measure to be adjusted free cash flow, financial and non-financial covenants in our credit facilities and dealer agreements may restrict cash from being available for distributions, reinvestment in the Company, potential acquisitions, or other purposes. Investors should be cautioned that adjusted free cash flow may not actually be available for such purposes. References to "Adjusted free cash flow" are to cash provided by (used in) operating activities (before changes in non-cash working capital balances) less non-growth capital expenditures.

## **Absorption Rate**

Absorption rate is an operating measure commonly used in the retail automotive industry as an indicator of the performance of the parts, service and collision repair operations of a franchised automobile dealership. Absorption rate is not a measure recognized by GAAP and does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP. Therefore, absorption rate may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers that operate in the retail automotive industry. References to "absorption rate"

are to the extent to which the gross profits of a franchised automobile dealership from parts, service and collision repair cover the costs of these departments plus the fixed costs of operating the dealership, but does not include expenses pertaining to our head office. For this purpose, fixed operating costs include fixed salaries and benefits, administration costs, occupancy costs, insurance expense, utilities expense and interest expense (other than interest expense relating to floor plan financing) of the dealerships only.

#### **Average Capital Employed**

Average capital employed is a measure used by management to determine the amount of capital invested in AutoCanada and is used in the measure of Return on Capital Employed (described below). Average capital employed is calculated as the average balance of interest bearing debt for the period (including current portion of long-term debt, excluding revolving floorplan facilities) and the average balance of shareholders equity for the period. Management does not include future income tax, noninterest bearing debt, or revolving floorplan facilities in the calculation of average capital employed as it does not consider these items to be capital, but rather debt incurred to finance the operating activities of the Company.

## **Adjusted Average Capital Employed**

Adjusted average capital employed is a measure used by management to determine the amount of capital invested in AutoCanada and is used in the measure of Adjusted Return on Capital Employed (described below). Adjusted average capital employed is calculated as the average balance of interest bearing debt for the period (including current portion of longterm debt, excluding revolving floorplan facilities) and the average balance of shareholders equity for the period, adjusted for impairments of intangible assets, net of deferred tax. Management does not include future income tax, non-interest bearing debt, or revolving floorplan facilities in the calculation of adjusted average capital employed as it does not consider these items to be capital, but rather debt incurred to finance the operating activities of the Company.

## **Return on Capital Employed**

Return on capital employed is a measure used by management to evaluate the profitability of our invested capital. Management of AutoCanada may use this measure to compare potential acquisitions and other capital investments against our internally computed cost of capital to determine whether the investment enhances value for our shareholders. Management may also use this measure to look at past acquisitions, capital investments and the Company as a whole in order to ensure shareholder value is being

enhanced by these capital investments. Return on capital employed is calculated as EBIT (defined above) divided by Average Capital Employed (defined above).

## **Adjusted Return on Capital Employed**

Adjusted return on capital employed is a measure used by Management to evaluate the profitability of our invested capital. Management of AutoCanada may use this measure to compare potential acquisitions and other capital investments against our internally computed cost of capital to determine whether the investment enhances value for our shareholders. Management may also use this measure to look at past acquisitions, capital investments and the Company as a whole in order to ensure shareholder value is being enhanced by these capital investments. Adjusted return on capital employed is calculated as EBIT (defined above) divided by Adjusted Average Capital Employed (defined above).

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Non-GAAP Measures**

Operating Profit, EBITDA, EBIT, Free Cash Flow, Absorption Rate, Average Capital Employed, Return on Capital Employed, Adjusted Average Capital Employed and Adjusted Return on Capital Employed are not earnings measures recognized by GAAP and do not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP. Investors are cautioned that these non-GAAP measures should not replace net earnings or loss (as determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indicator of the Company's performance, of its cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities or as a measure of its liquidity and cash flows. The Company's methods of calculating Operating profit, EBITDA, EBIT, Free Cash Flow, Absorption Rate, Average Capital Employed, Return on Capital Employed. Adjusted Average Capital Employed and Adjusted Return on Capital Employed may differ from the methods used by other issuers. Therefore, the Company's EBITDA, EBIT, Free Cash Flow, Absorption Rate, Average Capital Employed, Return on Capital Employed, Adjusted Average Capital Employed and Adjusted Return on Capital Employed may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other issuers.

# **Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

March 31, 2019

## **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income**

(Unaudited)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars except for share and per share amounts)

|  | period                   | Three month<br>period<br>ended March<br>31, 2018<br>\$ |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Revenue (Note 6)   | 739,371                  | 620,485  |
| Cost of sales (Note 7)   | (612,672)                | (516,141)  |
| Gross profit   | 126,699                  | 104,344  |
| Operating expenses (Note 8)  | (122,827)                | (95,781)   |
| Operating profit before other income   | 3,872                    | 8,563  |
| Lease and other income, net  | 1,632                    | 2,438  |
| Gain on disposal of assets, net (Notes 16 and 23)                                  | 6,806                    | 4,905  |
| Operating profit   | 12,310                   | 15,906   |
| Finance costs (Note 9)   | (16,079)                 | ( , )  |
| Finance income (Note 9)  | 237                      | 263  |
| Other gains  | 19                       | 539  |
| Net (loss) income for the period before taxation                                   | (3,513)                  |  |
| Income taxes (Note 10)   | 472                      | 2,001  |
| Net (loss) income for the period   | (3,985)                  | 5,004  |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss | (070)                    |  |
| Foreign operations currency translation  | (670)                    | _  |
| Change in fair value of cash flow hedge  | (5,965)                  | _  |
| Income tax relating to these items   | 1,610                    |  |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period                                   | (5,025)                  |  |
| Comprehensive (loss) income for the period   | (9,010)                  | 5,004  |
| Net (loss) income for the period attributable to:                                  |                          |  |
| AutoCanada shareholders  | (4,127)                  | 4,832  |
| Non-controlling interest   | 142                      | 172  |
| -  | (3,985)                  | 5,004  |
| Comprehensive (loss) income for the period attributable to:                        |                          |  |
| AutoCanada shareholders  | (9,152)                  | 4,832  |
| Non-controlling interest   | 142                      | 172  |
|  | (9,010)                  | 5,004  |
| Net (loss) income per share attributable to AutoCanada shareholders:               | , , , , , , ,            | ,  |
| Basic  | (0.15)                   | 0.18   |
| Diluted  | (0.15)                   | 0.18   |
|  | (3.10)                   | 3.10   |
| Weighted average shares Basic (Note 21)  | 77 /10 107               | 27 200 OEA   |
| Diluted (Note 21)  | 27,418,197<br>27,418,197 | 27,388,859<br>27,475,458                               |
| Dilutea (Note 21)  | 27,418,197               | 21,413,458   |

## Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)

|  | March 31,<br>2019<br>(Unaudited)<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>Restated<br>(Note 11)<br>\$ |
|--|--|---|
| ASSETS                                     |  |   |
| Current assets                             |  |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 13)        | 25,917                                 | 25,324  |
| Trade and other receivables (Note 14)      | 157,983                                | 131,152   |
| Inventories (Note 15)                      | 781,674                                | 760,865   |
| Current tax recoverable                    | 10,857                                 | 10,685  |
| Other current assets                       | 6,918                                  | 6,513   |
| Assets held for sale (Note 12)             | 45,239                                 | 54,313  |
|  | 1,028,588                              | 988,852   |
| Property and equipment (Note 16)           | 226,749                                | 237,141   |
| Right-of-use assets (Note 4)               | 284,460                                | _   |
| Other long-term assets                     | 4,292                                  | 10,448  |
| Deferred income tax                        | 13,463                                 | 13,642  |
| Intangible assets                          | 409,077                                | 412,353   |
| Goodwill                                   | 56,963                                 | 58,132  |
|  | 2,023,592                              | 1,720,568   |
| LIABILITIES                                |  |   |
| Current liabilities                        |  |   |
| Trade and other payables (Note 18)         | 119,858                                | 101,280   |
| Revolving floorplan facilities (Note 19)   | 781,942                                | 748,353   |
| Vehicle repurchase obligations             | 7,533                                  | 7,654   |
| Current indebtedness (Note 19)             | 1,608                                  | 1,654   |
| Current lease liabilities (Note 4)         | 22,955                                 | _   |
| Redemption liabilities                     | 14,948                                 | 14,948  |
| Current intangible liabilities             | _                                      | 5,049   |
| Liabilities held for sale (Note 12)        | 5,993                                  | 5,281   |
|  | 954,837                                | 884,219   |
| Long-term indebtedness (Note 19)           | 302,251                                | 326,998   |
| Lease liabilities (Note 4)                 | 335,143                                | _   |
| Derivative financial instruments           | 9,456                                  | 3,762   |
| Long-term intangible liabilities (Note 11) | _                                      | 39,126  |
| Other long-term liabilities (Note 17)      | 3,466                                  | _   |
| Deferred income tax                        | 16,861                                 | 27,17C  |
|  | 1,622,014                              | 1,281,275   |
| EQUITY                                     |  |   |
| Attributable to AutoCanada shareholders    | 384,400                                | 420,554   |
| Attributable to Non-controlling interests  | 17,178                                 | 18,739  |
|  | 401,578                                | 439,293   |
|  | 2,023,592                              | 1,720,568   |

## **Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**

(Unaudited)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

|  |                        | Attribut            | able to AutoCa                    | anada sha                     | reholders           |                        |  |                       |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|  | Share<br>capital<br>\$ | Contributed surplus | Cumulative translation adjustment | OCI<br>hedge<br>reserve<br>\$ | Accumulated deficit | Total<br>capital<br>\$ | Non-<br>controlling<br>interests<br>\$ | Total<br>equity<br>\$ |
| Balance at December 31,<br>2018 as originally<br>presented | 509,538                | 5,109               | 6,136                             | (2,746)                       | (89,469)            | 428,568                | 18,739                                 | 447,307               |
| Measurement period<br>adjustments, net of tax<br>(Note 11) | _                      | _                   | _                                 | _                             | (8,014)             | (8,014)                | _                                      | (8,014)               |
| Change in accounting policy, net of tax (Note 4)           | _                      | _                   | _                                 | _                             | (20,028)            | (20,028)               | _                                      | (20,028)              |
| Balance, January 1, 2019                                   | 509,538                | 5,109               | 6,136                             | (2,746)                       | (117,511)           | 400,526                | 18,739                                 | 419,265               |
| Net (loss) income  | _                      | _                   | _                                 |                               | (4,127)             | (4,127)                | 142                                    | (3,985)               |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income                          | _                      | _                   | (670)                             | (4,355)                       | _                   | (5,025)                | _                                      | (5,025)               |
| Dividends declared on<br>common shares (Note<br>21)        | _                      | _                   | _                                 | _                             | (2,742)             | (2,742)                | _                                      | (2,742)               |
| Acquisition of non-<br>controlling interest                | _                      | _                   | _                                 | _                             | _                   | _                      | (1,703)                                | (1,703)               |
| Forward share purchase (Note 17)                           | (3,466)                | _                   | _                                 | _                             | _                   | (3,466)                | _                                      | (3,466)               |
| Dividends reinvested                                       | (27)                   | _                   | _                                 | _                             | _                   | (27)                   | _                                      | (27)                  |
| Shares settled from treasury (Note 20)                     | 65                     | (65)                | _                                 | _                             | _                   | _                      | _                                      | _                     |
| Share-based compensation                                   | _                      | (739)               | _                                 | _                             | _                   | (739)                  | _                                      | (739)                 |
| Balance, March 31, 2019                                    | 506,110                | 4,305               | 5,466                             | (7,101)                       | (124,380)           | 384,400                | 17,178                                 | 401,578               |

|  | Attributable to AutoCanada shareholders |                     |   |                        |  |                       |
|--|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
|  | Share<br>capital<br>\$                  | Contributed surplus | (Accumulated<br>deficit)/<br>Retained<br>earnings<br>\$ | Total<br>capital<br>\$ | Non-<br>controlling<br>interests<br>\$ | Total<br>equity<br>\$ |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 as originally presented                 | 508,768                                 | 5,389               | (25,885)  | 488,272                | 49,335                                 | 537,607               |
| Change in accounting policy  | _                                       | _                   | 367   | 367                    | _                                      | 367                   |
| Balance, January 1, 2018   | 508,768                                 | 5,389               | (25,518)  | 488,639                | 49,335                                 | 537,974               |
| Net and comprehensive income   | _                                       | _                   | 4,832   | 4,832                  | 172                                    | 5,004                 |
| Dividends declared on common shares (Note 21)                        | _                                       | _                   | (2,739)   | (2,739)                | _                                      | (2,739)               |
| Acquisition of non-controlling interests                             | _                                       | _                   | (2,675)   | (2,675)                | (14,674)                               | (17,349)              |
| Divestiture of subsidiary  | _                                       | _                   | _   | _                      | (20,774)                               | (20,774)              |
| Derecognition of redemption liability upon divestiture of subsidiary | _                                       | _                   | 26,404  | 26,404                 | _                                      | 26,404                |
| Dividends reinvested   | (7)                                     | _                   | _   | (7)                    | _                                      | (7)                   |
| Share-based compensation   | _                                       | 413                 | _   | 413                    | _                                      | 413                   |
| Balance, March 31, 2018  | 508,761                                 | 5,802               | 304   | 514,867                | 14,059                                 | 528,926               |

## Condensed Interim Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

|  | Three month<br>period<br>ended March<br>31, 2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period<br>ended March<br>31, 2018<br>\$ |
|--|--|--|
| Cash provided by (used in): Operating activities             | ·  | ·  |
| Net (loss) income for the period                             | (3,985)  | 5,004  |
| Income taxes (recovery) (Note 10)                            | 472  | 2,001  |
| Amortization of prepaid rent                                 | _  | 113  |
| Depreciation of property and equipment (Note 8)              | 4,914  | 5,042  |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 8)                 | 6,541  | _  |
| Gain on disposal of assets                                   | (6,806)  | (4,905)  |
| Share-based compensation - equity-settled                    | (804)  | 413  |
| Share-based compensation - cash-settled                      |  | 417  |
| Revaluation of contingent consideration                      | _  | 15   |
| Unrealized loss on embedded derivative                       | _  | (554)  |
| Income taxes (paid) recovered                                | 5,605  | (2,604)  |
| Net change in non-cash working capital (Note 22)             | (3,388)  | (18,048)   |
|  | 2,549  | (13,106)   |
| Investing activities   |  |  |
| Additions to restricted cash                                 | _  | (5,879)  |
| Purchases of property and equipment (Note 16)                | (4,442)  | (7,615)  |
| Proceeds on sale of property and equipment (Note 16)         | 24,192   | 81   |
| Income from loans to associates                              | _  | (294)  |
| Proceeds on divestiture of dealership (Note 12 and 23)       | 12,833   | _  |
| Proceeds from divestiture of investments in subsidiaries     | _  | 41,017   |
|  | 32,583   | 27,310   |
| Financing activities   | ·  | ,  |
| Proceeds from indebtedness                                   | _  | 12,381   |
| Repayment of indebtedness                                    | (24,793)   | (37,876)   |
| Common shares settled, net (Note 20)                         | 38   | (7)  |
| Dividends paid on common shares (Note 21)                    | (2,742)  | (2,739)  |
| Acquisition of non-controlling interests                     | _  | (18,708)   |
| Proceeds from loans to associates                            | _  | 18,394   |
| Principal portion of lease liabilities                       | (5,257)  | _  |
|  | (32,754)   | (28,555)   |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (1,785)  | 554  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents         | 593  | (13,797)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period (Note 13)   | 25,324   | 94,524   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period (Note 13)         | 25,917   | 80,727   |

# Notes to the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements For the Period Ended March 31, 2019

(Unaudited)

(In thousands of Canadian dollars except for share and per share amounts)

#### 1 General information

AutoCanada Inc. ("AutoCanada" or the "Company") is incorporated in Alberta, Canada with common shares listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol of "ACQ". The business of AutoCanada, held in its subsidiaries, is the operation of franchised automobile dealerships in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and in the State of Illinois in the United States. The Company offers a diversified range of automotive products and services, including new vehicles, used vehicles, vehicle leasing, vehicle parts, vehicle maintenance and collision repair services, extended service contracts, vehicle protection products and other after-market products. The Company also arranges financing and insurance for vehicles purchased by its customers through third-party finance and insurance sources. The address of its registered office is 200, 15511 123 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5V 0C3.

## 2 Basis of presentation

These condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements, including *IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting*, and Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as set out in the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting ("CPA Handbook").

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on May 2, 2019.

## 3 Significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are the same accounting policies and method of computation as disclosed in the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, except for the adoption of a new and amended standard as described in Note 4.

## 4 New accounting pronouncement adopted in 2019

#### **IFRS 16 Leases**

The Company has adopted IFRS 16 retrospectively on January 1, 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the new standard. The cumulative effect of initially applying the new standard is recognized on January 1, 2019.

On adoption of IFRS 16, the Company recognized lease liabilities in relation to leases, which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of IAS 17 Leases. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of January 1, 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on January 1, 2019 was 6.18% and 5.27% for the Canadian and U.S. leases, respectively.

There was no impact to lessor accounting from the adoption of IFRS 16.

|   | Canada<br>\$ | U.S.<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|---|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Operating lease commitments disclosed as at December 31, 2018                             | 342,728      | 99,280     | 442,008     |
| Add: Adjustments as a result of a different treatment of extension and termination option | 4,025        | 422        | 4,447       |
| (Less): Short-term leases recognized on a straight-line basis as an expense               | (235)        | _          | (235)       |
| (Less): Low-value leases recognized on a straight-line basis as an expense                | _            | (52)       | (52)        |
| Total adjusted operating lease commitments as at January 1, 2019                          | 346,518      | 99,650     | 446,168     |
| Discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019            | 264,475      | 82,754     | 347,229     |
| (Less): Prepaid rent expense  | (4,821)      |            | (4,821)     |
| Total lease liability recognized under IFRS 16  | 259,654      | 82,754     | 342,408     |
| Current lease liabilities   | 21,283       | 6,526      | 27,809      |
| Non-current lease liabilities   | 238,371      | 76,228     | 314,599     |
| Total lease liability recognized as at January 1, 2019                                    | 259,654      | 82,754     | 342,408     |

The associated right-of-use assets for property leases were measured on a retrospective basis as if the new rules had always been applied, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognized in the balance sheet as at December 31, 2018.

Off-market lease contracts related to intangible liabilities resulted in an adjustment to the right-of-use assets at the date of initial application for the Company's U.S. Operations.

The recognized right-of-use assets relate to properties:

|            | March 31,<br>2019 | January 1,<br>2019 |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|            | \$                | \$                 |
| Properties | 284,460           | 276,744            |

The impacts of adopting IFRS 16 as at January 1, 2019 are as follows:

| Assets           Other current assets         6,513         (452)         6,061           Total current assets         6,513         (452)         6,061           Right-of-use assets         -         276,744         276,744           Other long-term assets         10,448         (4,369)         6,079           Deferred income tax         13,642         6,684         20,326           Total assets         30,603         278,607         309,210           Liabilities and shareholders' equity           Current lease liabilities         -         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         -           Total current liabilities         -         314,599         314,599           Lease liabilities         -         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         -           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928           Total liabilities and shareholders' equity         464,729         278,607         743,336 |                                      | December 31,<br>2018<br>As originally<br>presented<br>\$ | IFRS 16<br>Adjustments<br>\$ | January 1, 2019<br>\$ |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total current assets         6,513         (452)         6,061           Right-of-use assets         —         276,744         276,744           Other long-term assets         10,448         (4,369)         6,079           Deferred income tax         13,642         6,684         20,326           Total assets         30,603         278,607         309,210           Liabilities and shareholders' equity         —         27,809         27,809           Current lease liabilities         —         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928  | Assets                               |  |                              |                       |
| Right-of-use assets       —       276,744       276,744         Other long-term assets       10,448       (4,369)       6,079         Deferred income tax       13,642       6,684       20,326         Total assets       30,603       278,607       309,210         Liabilities and shareholders' equity       —       27,809       27,809         Current lease liabilities       —       27,809       27,809         Current intangible liabilities       5,049       (5,049)       —         Total current liabilities       5,049       22,760       27,809         Lease liabilities       —       314,599       314,599         Long-term intangible liabilities       38,724       (38,724)       —         Total liabilities       43,773       298,635       342,408         Attributable to shareholders' equity       420,956       (20,028)       400,928   | Other current assets                 | 6,513  | (452)                        | 6,061                 |
| Other long-term assets         10,448         (4,369)         6,079           Deferred income tax         13,642         6,684         20,326           Total assets         30,603         278,607         309,210           Liabilities and shareholders' equity         -         27,809         27,809           Current lease liabilities         -         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         -           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         -         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         -           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Total current assets                 | 6,513  | (452)                        | 6,061                 |
| Deferred income tax         13,642         6,684         20,326           Total assets         30,603         278,607         309,210           Liabilities and shareholders' equity           Current lease liabilities         —         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Right-of-use assets                  | _  | 276,744                      | 276,744               |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity         —         27,809         27,809           Current lease liabilities         —         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Other long-term assets               | 10,448   | (4,369)                      | 6,079                 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity           Current lease liabilities         —         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Deferred income tax                  | 13,642   | 6,684                        | 20,326                |
| Current lease liabilities         —         27,809         27,809           Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928  | Total assets                         | 30,603   | 278,607                      | 309,210               |
| Current intangible liabilities         5,049         (5,049)         —           Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928  | Liabilities and shareholders' equity |  |                              |                       |
| Total current liabilities         5,049         22,760         27,809           Lease liabilities         —         314,599         314,599           Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Current lease liabilities            | _  | 27,809                       | 27,809                |
| Lease liabilities       —       314,599       314,599         Long-term intangible liabilities       38,724       (38,724)       —         Total liabilities       43,773       298,635       342,408         Attributable to shareholders' equity       420,956       (20,028)       400,928   | Current intangible liabilities       | 5,049  | (5,049)                      | _                     |
| Long-term intangible liabilities         38,724         (38,724)         —           Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928   | Total current liabilities            | 5,049  | 22,760                       | 27,809                |
| Total liabilities         43,773         298,635         342,408           Attributable to shareholders' equity         420,956         (20,028)         400,928  | Lease liabilities                    | _  | 314,599                      | 314,599               |
| Attributable to shareholders' equity 420,956 (20,028) 400,928   | Long-term intangible liabilities     | 38,724   | (38,724)                     | _                     |
|   |                                      | 43,773   | 298,635                      | 342,408               |
|   | Attributable to shareholders' equity | 420,956  | (20,028)                     | 400,928               |
|   |                                      |  |                              |                       |

The impacts on segment assets and segment liabilities as at January 1, 2019 are as follows:

|                                      | Canada<br>\$ | U.S.<br>\$ | IFRS 16<br>Adjustments<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Other current assets                 | (452)        | _          | (452)                        |
| Right-of-use assets                  | 239,352      | 37,392     | 276,744                      |
| Other long-term assets               | (4,369)      | _          | (4,369)                      |
| Deferred income tax                  | 6,684        | _          | 6,684                        |
| Current lease liabilities            | 21,283       | 6,526      | 27,809                       |
| Current intangible liabilities       | <del>-</del> | (5,049)    | (5,049)                      |
| Lease liabilities                    | 238,371      | 76,228     | 314,599                      |
| Long-term intangible liabilities     | _            | (38,724)   | (38,724)                     |
| Attributable to shareholders' equity | (18,438)     | (1,590)    | (20,028)                     |

In applying IFRS 16 for the first time, the Company has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- The use of a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- Reliance on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous;
- The accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at January 1, 2019, as short-term leases;
- The exclusion of initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application; and
- The use of hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Company has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date, the Company relied on its assessment made applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease.

#### The Company's accounting policy under IFRS 16 is as follows:

The Company leases various properties. Lease agreements range from 1 to 20 years but may have extension options as described below. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions.

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees, the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and payments of penalties for terminating the lease if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be determined, or the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability and any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs and restoration costs.

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low value assets comprise IT-equipment and office furniture.

Under IAS 17, Leases ("IAS 17"), the Company's accounting policy was as follows:

Lease obligations are classified as either operating or finance, based on the substance of the transaction at inception of the lease. Classification is re-assessed if the terms of the lease are changed.

#### (a) Finance leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred are classified as finance leases.

#### The Company as a lessor:

When assets are leased out under a finance lease, the present value of the lease payments is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income.

The method for allocating gross earnings to accounting periods is referred to as the "actuarial method". The actuarial method allocates rentals between finance income and repayment of capital in each accounting period in such a way that finance income will emerge as a constant rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the lease.

## The Company as a lessee:

Assets meeting finance lease criteria are capitalized at the lower of the present value of the related lease payments or the fair value of the leased asset at the inception of the lease. Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### (b) Operating leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

#### The Company as a lessor:

When assets are leased out under an operating lease, the asset is included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position based on the nature of the asset. Lease income on operating leases is recognised over the term of the lease on a straight-line basis.

#### The Company as a lessee:

Payments under an operating lease (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are recognized on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

## 5 Critical accounting estimates, judgments & measurement uncertainty

The critical accounting estimates, judgments, and measurement uncertainty used in the preparation of these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are the same as disclosed in the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, except for the adoption of a new and amended standard as described below.

#### **IFRS 16 Leases**

## i. Critical judgments in determining the lease term

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property leases that the Company is party to. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). Potential future cash outflows have not been included in the lease liability if it is not reasonably certain that the leases will be extended.

The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

## ii. Estimation uncertainty arising from variable lease payments

Certain leases contain variable payment terms that are linked to the consumer price index.

## 6 Revenue

|                                     | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| New vehicles                        | 398,983  | 338,016  |
| Used vehicles                       | 188,619  | 157,901  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 116,902  | 95,893   |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 34,867   | 28,675   |
| Revenue                             | 739,371  | 620,485  |

## 7 Cost of sales

|                                     | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| New vehicles                        | 371,456  | 314,543  |
| Used vehicles                       | 177,507  | 149,339  |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 61,158   | 50,360   |
| Finance, insurance and other        | 2,551  | 1,899  |
| Cost of sales                       | 612,672  | 516,141  |

## 8 Operating expenses

|  | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|--|--|--|
| Employee costs <sup>1</sup>            | 69,434   | 57,294   |
| Administrative costs <sup>2</sup>      | 41,938   | 27,522   |
| Facility lease costs <sup>3</sup>      | _  | 5,923  |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets    | 6,541  | _  |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 4,914  | 5,042  |
| Operating expenses                     | 122,827  | 95,781   |

<sup>1</sup> Employee costs includes management transition expenses.

<sup>2</sup> Administrative costs include professional fees, consulting fees, technology-related expenses, marketing, and other general and administrative costs.

<sup>3</sup> Operating expenses related to facility lease costs and depreciation of right-of-use assets have been affected by the adoption of IFRS 16 — Refer to Note 4.

## 9 Finance costs and finance income

|  | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|--|--|--|
| Finance costs:                             |  |  |
| Interest on long-term indebtedness         | (4,712)  | (4,206)  |
| Floorplan financing                        | (5,852)  | (4,705)  |
| Interest on lease liabilities <sup>1</sup> | (4,488)  | _  |
| Other finance costs                        | (1,027)  | (792)  |
|  | (16,079)   | (9,703)  |
| Finance income:                            |  |  |
| Short-term bank deposits                   | 237  | 263  |

<sup>1</sup> Interest on lease liabilities relates to the adoption of IFRS 16 — Refer to Note 4.

Cash interest paid during the three month period ended March 31, 2019 was \$8,654 (2018 - \$7,495).

#### 10 Taxation

Components of income tax were as follows:

|                                     | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Current tax                         | 2,607  | 2,801  |
| Deferred tax                        | (2,135)  | (800)  |
| Total income tax (recovery) expense | 472  | 2,001  |

Income tax (recovery) expense is recognized based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual statutory rate used for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 was 27.0% (2018 - 26.9%).

## 11 Business acquisitions

As disclosed in the December 31, 2018 Consolidated Annual Financial Statements, the Company acquired the Grossinger Auto Group in April of 2018. During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, new information was obtained about circumstances that existed at the acquisition date, which resulted in certain adjustments to the fair value of net identifiable assets acquired. Specifically, an intangible liability related to the extension of an off-market lease was recognized in the amount of \$7,612, which gave rise to additional goodwill of \$5,592 and an increase in deferred tax assets of \$2,020.

The Company determined the impact of these adjustments on its post-acquisition earnings in 2018, which resulted in an increase in goodwill impairment and future tax expense in the fourth quarter totaling an increase in the reported net loss for the year of \$8,014. This amount is reflected as a measurement period adjustment in the March 31, 2019 Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

## 12 Assets and liabilities held for sale

## Land and buildings

The Company has committed to a plan and entered into agreements to sell land and buildings. The agreements are subject to customary closing conditions. The net assets and liabilities have been reclassified as held for sale as at the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date. During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the Company disposed of two properties that were previously held for sale as at December 31, 2018 for proceeds of \$6,048, which resulted in a loss of \$(152) recognized in the current quarter.

#### Dealerships

The Company has committed to a plan and entered into agreements to sell the operating assets of three franchised locations. The agreements are subject to customary closing conditions. The net assets and liabilities have been reclassified as held for sale as at the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the Company sold Toronto Dodge which was previously held for sale as at December 31, 2018, for cash consideration. Net proceeds of \$6,785 resulted in a pre-tax gain on divestiture of \$4,320 included in gain on disposal of assets in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income. Refer to Note 23.

The assets and liabilities held for sale are included in the Canadian Operations segment and summarized as follows:

|                                 | Land and<br>buildings<br>\$ | Dealerships<br>\$ | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Net cash and cash equivalents   | _                           | 1,474             | 1,474                   |
| Trade and other receivables     | _                           | 643               | 643                     |
| Inventories                     | _                           | 13,208            | 13,208                  |
| Property and equipment          | 25,831                      | 554               | 26,385                  |
| Intangible assets               | _                           | 3,408             | 3,408                   |
| Other assets                    |                             | 121               | 121                     |
| Net assets held for sale        | 25,831                      | 19,408            | 45,239                  |
| Trade and other payables        | _                           | 985               | 985                     |
| Revolving floorplan liabilities | _                           | 5,008             | 5,008                   |
| Net liabilities held for sale   | _                           | 5,993             | 5,993                   |

Assets and liabilities held for sale as at December 31, 2018 included land and buildings of \$31,915, dealership net assets of \$22,398 and net liabilities of \$5,281.

#### 13 Cash and cash equivalents

|                           | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand  | 25,403                  | 23,061                     |
| Short-term deposits       | 514                     | 2,263                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 25,917                  | 25,324                     |

#### 14 Trade and other receivables

|                               | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Trade receivables             | 157,127                 | 129,338                    |
| Less: Expected loss allowance | (3,508)                 | (3,208)                    |
| Net trade receivables         | 153,619                 | 126,130                    |
| Other receivables             | 4,364                   | 5,022                      |
| Trade and other receivables   | 157,983                 | 131,152                    |

#### 15 Inventories

|                       | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| New vehicles          | 596,327                 | 580,216                    |
| Demonstrator vehicles | 47,914                  | 48,856                     |
| Used vehicles         | 103,226                 | 98,109                     |
| Parts and accessories | 34,207                  | 33,684                     |
| Inventories           | 781,674                 | 760,865                    |

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, \$593,063 of inventory (2018 - \$503,409) was expensed as cost of goods sold which included net recovery of write-downs on used vehicles of \$175 (2018 - net recovery of \$153). During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, \$2,276 of demonstrator expense (2018 - \$1,258) was included in administration costs. During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, demonstrator reserves decreased by \$1,292 (2018 - decreased by \$23). As at March 31, 2019, the Company had recorded reserves for inventory write-downs of \$9,126 (2018 - \$7,315).

## 16 Property and equipment

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the Company purchased \$4,442 (2018 - \$7,615) of property and equipment — including land and buildings additions of \$270 (2018 - \$6,334) to be used for dealership relocations, dealership re-imaging, and dealership open points.

## Sale and leaseback transactions

During the quarter, the Company sold two dealership facilities to Automotive Properties Real Estate Investment Trust and the properties were leased back to the Company. The Company received proceeds of \$2,950 for the sale, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$2,716 recognized in the current quarter. The minimum annual lease payments under the operating leases are \$1,665.

## 17 Forward share purchase

The Company has entered into a equity forward purchase agreement with a major Canadian financial institution to reduce its cash and income exposure to fluctuations in its share price relating to the RSU, DSU, and SARs. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company receives the economic benefit of share price appreciation and suffers the economic loss of share price depreciation, while providing payments to the financial institution for the institution's cost of funds minus dividends.

For the period ended period March 31, 2019, the equity forward agreement covered 329,000 (2018 - \$nil) common shares of the Company. The associated long term liability financial instrument was valued at \$3,466 (2018 - \$nil) at March 31, 2019.

## 18 Trade and other payables

|                                     | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Trade payables                      | 70,215                  | 49,805                     |
| Accruals and provisions             | 20,271                  | 22,751                     |
| Sales tax payable                   | 7,293                   | 5,852                      |
| Wages and withholding taxes payable | 22,079                  | 22,872                     |
| Trade and other payables            | 119,858                 | 101,280                    |

#### 19 Indebtedness

|                                | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | December 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Revolving floorplan facilities | 786,950                 | 752,637                    |
| Held for sale (Note 12)        | 5,008                   | 4,284                      |
| Carrying value                 | 781,942                 | 748,353                    |
| Indebtedness                   |                         |                            |
| Senior unsecured notes         | 148,576                 | 148,442                    |
| Revolving term facilities      | 152,783                 | 177,602                    |
| Other debt                     | 2,500                   | 2,608                      |
| Carrying value                 | 303,859                 | 328,652                    |
| Current indebtedness           | 1,608                   | 1,654                      |
| Long-term indebtedness         | 302,251                 | 326,998                    |

## 20 Share-based payments

The Company operates a combination of cash and equity-settled compensation plans under which it receives services from employees as consideration for share-based and cash payments.

## **Restricted Share Units (RSUs)**

The following table shows the change in the number and value of RSUs for the three month periods ended:

|   | March 31, 2019 |              | March 31, 2018 |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | Number of RSUs | Amount<br>\$ | Number of RSUs | Amount<br>\$ |
| Outstanding, beginning of the period            | 54,789         | 622          | 20,032         | 454          |
| Settled - equity                                | (6,071)        | (65)         | (4,080)        | (84)         |
| Settled - cash                                  | _              | _            | (4,080)        | (84)         |
| Granted   | 4,440          | 49           | 33,862         | 693          |
| Forfeited units                                 | (12,739)       | (133)        | _              | _            |
| Dividends reinvested                            | 321            | 4            | 96             | 2            |
| Impact of movements in share price <sup>1</sup> |                |              | _              | 38           |
| Outstanding, end of the period                  | 40,740         | 477          | 45,830         | 1,019        |

<sup>1</sup> As a result of the 2018 modification to the RSU plan resulting in awards to be settled in shares, there is no impact of movements in share price for the period ended March 31, 2019.

#### **Deferred Share Units (DSUs)**

The following table shows the change in the number and value of DSUs for the three month periods ended:

|   | March 31       | March 31, 2019 |                | , 2018       |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|   | Number of DSUs | Amount<br>\$   | Number of DSUs | Amount<br>\$ |
| Outstanding, beginning of the period            | 79,618         | 904            | 49,716         | 1,126        |
| Granted   | 12,566         | 141            | 3,499          | 76           |
| Dividends reinvested                            | 589            | 7              | 255            | 5            |
| Impact of movements in share price <sup>1</sup> | _              | _              | _              | (18)         |
| Outstanding, end of the period                  | 92,773         | 1,052          | 53,470         | 1,189        |

<sup>1</sup> As a result of the 2018 modification to the DSU plan resulting in awards to be settled in shares, there is no impact of movements in share price for the period ended March 31, 2019.

#### **Stock Option Plan**

The following table shows the change in the number of stock options for the three month period ended March 31, 2019:

|   | Average<br>exercise price<br>per share option<br>\$ | Share options<br># |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Outstanding, beginning of the period      | 10.72   | 2,743,332          |
| Granted <sup>1</sup>                      | 11.49   | 370,000            |
| Forfeited                                 | 12.31   | (813,332)          |
| Outstanding, end of the period            | 10.28   | 2,300,000          |
| Vested and exercisable, end of the period | _   | _                  |

A make whole equity settlement will be provided for these stock options to align the grant price to \$10.05, if the stock options are exercised.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, no options were exercised or expired.

The following table shows the expiry date and exercise price for the share options outstanding for the three month period ended March 31, 2019:

| Grant date  | Expiry date     | Exercise<br>price<br>\$ | Share<br>options<br># |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| August 14, 2018   | August 14, 2028 | 10.05                   | 1,930,000             |
| March 19, 2019 <sup>1</sup>   | August 14, 2028 | 11.49                   | 370,000               |
| Total   |                 |                         | 2,300,000             |
| Weighted average remaining contractual life of options outstanding, end of the period |                 |                         | 9.38 years            |

A make whole equity settlement will be provided for these stock options to align the grant price to \$10.05, if the stock options are exercised.

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the assessed weighted average fair value at grant date of options granted was \$3.29 per option. The fair value at grant date is determined using an adjusted form of the Black-Scholes Model that takes into account probabilities using the Monte Carlo simulation, as well as the exercise price, the expected life of the option, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield of the underlying share and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option.

The model inputs for options granted during the three month period ended March 31, 2019 include:

Options are granted for no consideration and vest based on varying service and market price
conditions over a three year period. For example, a portion of the options vest on the later of 2 years
from the date of grant and the share price reaching at least \$15.08 and another portion only vests at
the later of three years and the share price reaching at least \$20.10. Vested options are exercisable
until August 14, 2028.

• Exercise price: \$11.49

Grant date: March 19, 2019

• Life of option: 9.4 years

• Share price at grant date: \$11.49

Expected price volatility of the company's shares: 32.8%

Expected dividend yield: 3.62%

Risk-free interest rate: 2.18%

Expected price volatility was determined at the time of grant using the AutoCanada share price on a historical basis. It reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome.

The market price condition was factored into the fair value of the options granted using the Monte Carlo simulation to determine the probability that the options will vest based on the market price vesting condition.

#### **Share Appreciation Rights (SARs)**

The following table shows the change in the number of share appreciation rights for the three months ended March 31, 2019:

|   | Weighted average<br>exercise price per share<br>appreciation right<br>\$ | Share<br>appreciation<br>rights<br># |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Outstanding, beginning of the period      | 11.18  | 1,043,950                            |
| Granted                                   | 11.13  | 65,500                               |
| _ Forfeited                               | 12.00  | (27,500)                             |
| Outstanding, end of the period            | 10.93  | 1,081,950                            |
| Vested and exercisable, end of the period | 12.00  | 8,250                                |

During the three months ended March 31, 2019, no share appreciation rights were exercised or expired.

The weighted average contractual life remaining for these share appreciation rights as at March 31, 2019 is 4.20 years.

The assessed weighted average fair value at grant date of the share appreciation rights granted during the three months ended March 31, 2019 was \$1.98 per option. The fair value at grant date has been determined using the Black-Scholes Model. The weighted average model inputs for the share appreciation rights granted during the three months ended March 31, 2019 include:

• Exercise price: \$11.13

Expected life of option: 2.74 years

• Share price at grant date: \$11.39

• Expected price volatility of the company's shares: 31.77%

Expected dividend yield: 3.52%

• Risk-free interest rate: 1.82%

Expected price volatility was determined at the time of grant using the AutoCanada share price on a historical basis, adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility due to publicly available information. It reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may not necessarily be the actual outcome.

Total expenses net of recoveries arising from share-based payment transactions recognized, during the three month periods ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018, included in employee costs (Note 8) are as follows:

|                                  | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stock options:                   |                         |                         |
| Expenses                         | 1,373                   | 172                     |
| Recoveries                       | (1,823)                 |                         |
|                                  | (450)                   | 172                     |
| Share appreciation rights:       |                         |                         |
| Expenses                         | 182                     | _                       |
| Recoveries                       | (7)                     |                         |
|                                  | 175                     |                         |
| Total expenses net of recoveries | (275)                   | 172                     |

## 21 Share capital

Common shares of the Company are voting shares and have no par value. The authorized share capital is an unlimited number of common shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares. No preferred shares are issued and outstanding.

The following table shows the change in shareholders' capital for the three month periods ended:

|                                      | March 31,<br>2019<br>Number of<br>common<br>shares | March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | March 31,<br>2018<br>Number of<br>common<br>shares | March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Outstanding, beginning of the period | 27,417,062   | 509,538                 | 27,388,900   | 508,768                 |
| Dividends reinvested                 | (348)  | (27)                    | (337)  | (7)                     |
| Treasury shares settled              | 2,356  | 65_                     | <u> </u>   | <u> </u>                |
| Outstanding, end of the period       | 27,419,070   | 509,576                 | 27,388,563   | 508,761                 |

As at March 31, 2019, 40,613 (2018 - 71,120) common shares were held in trust for the Restricted Share Unit Plan, resulting in a total of 27,459,683 (2018 - 27,459,683) common shares issued.

## **Dividends**

Dividends are discretionary and are determined based on a number of factors. Dividends are subject to approval of the Board of Directors. During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, eligible dividends totaling \$0.10 (2018 - \$0.10) per common share were declared and paid, resulting in total payments of \$2,742 (2018 - \$2,739).

#### Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share was calculated by dividing earnings attributable to common shares by the sum of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. Basic earnings per share are adjusted by the dilutive impact of the DSUs, RSUs, SARs and stock options to calculate the diluted earnings per share.

The following table shows the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the three month periods ended:

|   | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019 | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018 |
|---|--|--|
| Basic   | 27,418,197                                       | 27,388,859                                       |
| Effect of dilution from DSUs                      | _  | 24,416   |
| Effect of dilution from RSUs                      | _  | _  |
| Effect of dilution from share appreciation rights | _  | _  |
| Effect of dilution from stock options             | <u> </u>   | 62,183   |
| Diluted   | 27,418,197                                       | 27,475,458                                       |

For the three month period ended March 31, 2019, potential common shares related to DSUs (87,282), RSUs (52,431), SARs (1,081,950) and stock options (250,282) were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive.

## 22 Net change in non-cash working capital

The following table summarizes the net increase (decrease) in cash due to changes in non-cash working capital for the three month periods ended:

|                                  | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2019<br>\$ | Three month<br>period ended<br>March 31,<br>2018<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Trade and other receivables      | (27,640)   | (50,090)   |
| Inventories                      | (35,631)   | (36,020)   |
| Current tax recoverable/payable  | (8,363)  | (12,753)   |
| Other current assets             | (992)  | (3,765)  |
| Trade and other payables         | 21,501   | 26,622   |
| Vehicle repurchase obligations   | (121)  | 2,450  |
| Revolving floorplan facilities   | 48,128   | 55,508   |
| Derivative financial instruments | (270)  | _  |
|                                  | (3,388)  | (18,048)   |

## 23 Dealership divestiture

#### **Toronto Dodge**

On March 3, 2019, the Company sold substantially all of the operating and fixed assets of Toronto Dodge, located in Toronto, Ontario, for cash consideration. Net proceeds of \$6,785 resulted in a pre-tax gain on divestiture of \$4,320, included in gain on disposal of assets in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive (Loss) Income.

The dealership divestiture completed during the three month period ended March 31, 2019 is summarized as follows:

|                                 | Toronto Dodge<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Inventories                     | 11,845              |
| Property and equipment          | 615                 |
| Intangible assets               | 1,456               |
| Total assets                    | 13,916              |
| Trade and other payables        | 124                 |
| Revolving floorplan facilities  | 11,327              |
| Total liabilities               | 11,451              |
| Net assets disposed of          | 2,465               |
| Net proceeds on divestiture     | 6,785               |
| Net pre-tax gain on divestiture | 4,320               |

## 24 Segmented reporting

During the three month period ended March 31, 2019, the Executive Chair served as the function of the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM). The Executive Chair is responsible for allocating resources and assessing the performance of the following segments: Canadian Operations and U.S. Operations.

Each reportable operating segment is comprised of retail automobile dealerships.

Transactions between reportable segments are accounted for in accordance with the accounting policies described in the summary of significant accounting policies.

Our CODM measures the performance of each operating segment based on operating (loss) profit. The segmented information is set out in the following tables:

|                       | Three i             | Three month period ended March 31, 2019 |                                       |             |  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|
|                       | Canada <sup>1</sup> | U.S.<br>\$                              | Eliminations and<br>Adjustments<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |  |
| Revenues              |                     |   |                                       |             |  |
| External revenues     | 635,437             | 103,934                                 | _                                     | 739,371     |  |
| Inter-segment revenue | _                   | _                                       | _                                     | _           |  |
| Total revenues        | 635,437             | 103,934                                 | _                                     | 739,371     |  |

<sup>1</sup> AutoCanada's corporate office has been included with the Canadian operating segment, as it is located in Canada.

|   | Three month period ended March 31, 2019 |            |                                      |             |
|---|---|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|   | Canada <sup>1</sup>                     | U.S.<br>\$ | liminations and<br>Adjustments<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
| Operating profit (loss) before other income | 11,108                                  | (7,236)    | _                                    | 3,872       |
| Lease and other income, net                 | 1,297                                   | 335        | _                                    | 1,632       |
| Gain on disposal assets, net                | 6,806                                   | _          | _                                    | 6,806       |
| Operating profit (loss)                     | 19,211                                  | (6,901)    | _                                    | 12,310      |
| Finance costs                               |   |            |                                      | (16,079)    |
| Finance income                              |   |            |                                      | 237         |
| Other gains                                 |   |            |                                      | 19          |
| Net (loss) for the period before taxation   |   |            |                                      | (3,513)     |

AutoCanada's corporate office has been included with the Canadian operating segment, as it is located in Canada.

|                      |                     | As at March 31, 2019 |                                       |             |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                      | Canada <sup>1</sup> | U.S.<br>\$           | Eliminations and<br>Adjustments<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
| Assets held for sale | 45,239              | _                    | _                                     | 45,239      |
| Segment assets       | 1,739,944           | 283,649              | _                                     | 2,023,592   |
| Capital expenditures | 4,128               | 314                  | _                                     | 4,442       |
| Segment liabilities  | 1,381,040           | 240,974              | _                                     | 1,622,014   |

<sup>1</sup> AutoCanada's corporate office has been included with the Canadian operating segment, as it is located in Canada.

## 25 Seasonal nature of the business

The Company's results from operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2019 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year due to seasonal variations in sales levels. The results from operations of the Company have historically been lower in the first and fourth quarters of each year, largely due to consumer purchasing patterns during the holiday season, inclement weather and the number of business days during the period. As a result, the Company's financial performance is generally not as strong during the first and fourth quarters than during the other quarters of each fiscal year. The timing of acquisitions and divestitures may also cause substantial fluctuations in operating results from quarter to quarter.

## 26 Subsequent events

#### **Dividends**

Management reviews the Company's financial results on a monthly basis. The Board of Directors reviews the financial results periodically to determine whether a dividend shall be paid based on a number of factors with a goal to efficiently allocate capital to fuel AutoCanada's future growth while also rewarding and sharing the company's success with our shareholders.

On May 2, 2019, the Board declared a quarterly eligible dividend of \$0.10 per common share on AutoCanada's outstanding common shares, payable on June 15, 2019 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 31, 2019.

## **Syndicated Credit Facility**

On April 17, 2019, the syndicated credit agreement was amended whereby the Company is now provided with a \$680,000 facility for floorplan and lease financing of new, used and demonstrator vehicles, a \$230,000 facility for the financing of acquisitions and capital expenditures and a \$70,000 facility for general corporate purposes. The corresponding balances prior to the amendment were \$680,000, \$330,000 and \$70,000 respectively. The facility was amended to more appropriately accommodate current and future borrowing needs.



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