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

For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2012

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

For the transition period from to
Commission file number 1-9183

Harley-Davidson, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin 39-1382325
(State of organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3700 West Juneau Avenue 53208
Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Zip code)

Registrants telephone number: (414) 342-4680

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered
COMMON STOCK, \$.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one).

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company, as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant at July 1, 2012: \$10,329,347,573

Number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding at January 31, 2013: 226,249,774 shares

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Part III of this report incorporates information by reference from registrant's Proxy Statement for the annual meeting of its shareholders to be held on April 27, 2013.

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PART I

Note regarding forward-looking statements

The Company intends that certain matters discussed by the Company are “forward-looking statements” intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such by reference to this note or because the context of the statement will include words such as the Company “believes,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “plans,” or “estimates” or words of similar meaning. Similarly, statements that describe future plans, objectives, outlooks, targets, guidance or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated as of the date of this report. Certain of such risks and uncertainties are described in close proximity to such statements or elsewhere in this report, including under the caption “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this report and under “Cautionary Statements” in Item 7 of this report. Shareholders, potential investors, and other readers are urged to consider these factors in evaluating the forward-looking statements and cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this report are made as of the date indicated or, if a date is not indicated, as of the date of the filing of this report (February 22, 2013) and the Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Item 1. Business

Harley-Davidson, Inc. was incorporated in 1981, at which time it purchased the Harley-Davidson® motorcycle business from AMF Incorporated in a management buyout. In 1986, Harley-Davidson, Inc. became publicly held. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the “Company” include Harley-Davidson, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries. The Company operates in two segments: the Motorcycles & Related Products (Motorcycles) segment and the Financial Services (Financial Services) segment. The Company’s reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately based on the fundamental differences in their operations.

The Motorcycles segment designs, manufactures and sells at wholesale heavyweight (street legal with engine displacement of 651+cc) Harley-Davidson motorcycles as well as a line of motorcycle parts, accessories, general merchandise and related services. The Company’s products are sold to retail customers through a network of independent dealers. The Company conducts business on a global basis, with sales in North America, Europe/Middle East/Africa (EMEA), Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

In 2009, the Company decided to exit its former Buell product line and ceased production of Buell motorcycles. The sale of remaining Buell motorcycle inventory to independent dealers and/or distributors was substantially completed during 2010. The majority of independent dealers continue to provide ongoing service and replacement parts to owners of Buell products that the Company sold.

In 2010, the Company completed the sale of MV Augusta (MV). The results of MV have been presented as a discontinued operation for all periods.

The Motorcycles segment discussion that follows is specific to the Harley-Davidson brand unless otherwise specifically noted.

The Financial Services segment consists of Harley-Davidson Financial Services (HDFS). HDFS provides wholesale and retail financing and provides insurance and insurance-related programs primarily to Harley-Davidson dealers and their retail customers. HDFS conducts business principally in the United States and Canada.

See Note 20 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for financial information related to the Company’s business segments.

Motorcycles and Related Products

Motorcycles – The primary business of the Motorcycles segment is to design and manufacture premium motorcycles for the heavyweight market and sell them at wholesale. The Company’s worldwide motorcycle sales generated approximately 76%, 76% and 76% of the total net revenue in the Motorcycles segment during 2012, 2011 and 2010,

respectively.

Harley-Davidson branded motorcycle products feature classic styling, innovative design, durability and quality. The Company manufactures five families of motorcycles: Touring, Dyna[®], Softail[®], Sportster[®] and V-Rod[®]. The first four of these motorcycle families are powered by an air-cooled, twin-cylinder engine with a 45-degree “V” configuration. The V-Rod[®] family is powered by a liquid-cooled, twin-cylinder engine with a 60-degree “V” configuration. The Company also offers

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limited-edition, factory-custom motorcycles through its Custom Vehicle Operation (CVO™) program. The Company's Harley-Davidson engines range in displacement size from 883cc to 1802cc.

The total heavyweight motorcycle market is comprised of the following categories:

- Traditional (a basic motorcycle which usually features upright seating for one or two passengers);
- Sportbike (incorporates racing technology, aerodynamic styling, low handlebars with a "sport" riding position and high performance tires);
- Cruiser (emphasizes styling and owner customization);
- Touring (incorporates features such as saddlebags, fairings, or large luggage compartments and emphasizes rider comfort and load capacity); and
- Dual (designed with the capability for use on public roads as well as for off-highway recreational use).

The Company competes in the touring and cruiser categories of the heavyweight motorcycle market. The touring category of the heavyweight market was pioneered by the Company and includes the Harley-Davidson Touring family of motorcycles, including three-wheeled motorcycles, which are generally equipped with fairings, windshields, saddlebags and/or Tour Pak® luggage carriers. The cruiser category of the market includes motorcycles featuring the distinctive styling associated with classic Harley-Davidson motorcycles and includes the Company's Dyna, Softail, V-Rod® and Sportster motorcycle families.

Competition in the heavyweight motorcycle market is based upon a number of factors, including price, quality, reliability, styling, product features, customer preference, warranties and availability of financing. The Company's motorcycle products continue to generally command a premium price at retail relative to competitors' comparable motorcycles. The Company emphasizes quality, reliability, customization and styling in its products and generally offers a two-year warranty for its motorcycles. The Company promotes a comprehensive motorcycling experience across a wide demographic range through events, rides, rallies including those sponsored by Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®). The Company considers the availability of a line of motorcycle parts and accessories and general merchandise and the availability of financing through HDFS as competitive advantages.

In 2012, the U.S. and European regions accounted for approximately 80% of the total annual independent dealer retail sales of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The Company also competes in other markets around the world. The most significant other markets, based on the Company's retail sales data, are Canada, Japan, Australia and Brazil.

Harley-Davidson has been the historical market share leader in the U.S. heavyweight motorcycle market. Competitors in the U.S. market offer heavyweight motorcycles in all categories of the market including products that compete directly with the Company's offerings in the touring and cruiser categories.

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, the touring and cruiser categories accounted for approximately 81%, 84% and 85% of total heavyweight retail unit registrations in the U.S. during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. During 2012, the heavyweight portion of the market represented approximately 62% of the total U.S. motorcycle market (street legal models including both on-highway and dual purpose models and three-wheeled vehicles) in terms of new units registered.

The following chart includes U.S. retail registration data for Harley-Davidson motorcycles for the years 2010 through 2012:

U.S. Heavyweight Motorcycle Registration Data^{(a)(b)}
(Units in thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|---|
| Total new heavyweight motorcycle registrations | 282.0 | 271.0 | 259.7 | |
| Harley-Davidson new registrations | 161.3 | 150.9 | 142.7 | |
| | 57.2 | % 55.7 | % 54.9 | % |

(a) Heavyweight data includes street legal 651+cc models. Street legal 651+cc models include on-highway and dual purpose models and three-wheeled vehicles.

(b) U.S. industry data is derived from information provided by Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). This third party data is subject to revision and update. The retail registration data for Harley-Davidson motorcycles presented in

this table may differ slightly from the Harley-Davidson retail sales data presented in Item 7 of this report. The Company's source for retail sales data in Item 7 of this report is sales and warranty registrations provided by Harley-Davidson dealers as compiled by the Company. The differences are not significant and generally relate to the timing of data submissions to the independent sources.

The European heavyweight motorcycle market (as defined below) is slightly smaller than the U.S. market; and customer preferences differ from those of U.S. customers. For example, in Europe, the sportbike category represented nearly 36% of the total heavyweight market in 2012 while the touring category represented 39% of the European heavyweight motorcycle market.

The following chart includes European retail registration data for Harley-Davidson for the years 2010 through 2012:

European Heavyweight Motorcycle Registration Data^{(a)(b)}

(Units in thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|---|
| Total new heavyweight motorcycle registrations | 268.3 | 292.5 | 301.3 | |
| Harley-Davidson new registrations | 35.6 | 40.0 | 38.0 | |
| | 13.3 | % 13.7 | % 12.7 | % |

(a) Heavyweight data includes street legal 651+cc models. Street legal 651+cc models include on-highway and dual purpose models and three-wheeled vehicles.

Europe data includes retail sales in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Industry retail motorcycle registration data is derived from information provided by Association des Constructeurs Europeens de Motocycles (ACEM), an independent agency. This third party data is subject to revision and update. The retail registration data for Harley-Davidson motorcycles presented in this table may differ slightly from the Harley-Davidson retail sales data presented in Item 7 of this report. The Company's source for retail sales data in Item 7 of this report is sales and warranty registrations provided by Harley-Davidson dealers as compiled by the Company. The differences are not significant and generally relate to the timing of data submissions to the independent sources.

Parts & Accessories – Parts and Accessories (P&A) products are comprised of replacement parts (Genuine Motor Parts) and mechanical and cosmetic accessories (Genuine Motor Accessories). Worldwide P&A net revenue comprised 17.4%, 17.5% and 17.9% of net revenue in the Motorcycles segment in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

General Merchandise – Worldwide General Merchandise net revenue, which includes revenue from MotorClothe® apparel and riding gear, comprised 6.1%, 5.9% and 6.2% of net revenue in the Motorcycles segment in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Licensing – The Company creates an awareness of the Harley-Davidson brand among its customers and the non-riding public through a wide range of products for enthusiasts by licensing the name “Harley-Davidson” and other trademarks owned by the Company. The Company's licensed products include t-shirts, vehicle accessories, jewelry, small leather goods, toys, footwear and numerous other products. The majority of licensing activity currently occurs in the U.S.

Royalty revenues from licensing, included in Motorcycles segment net revenue, were \$49.1 million, \$43.2 million and \$39.8 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Harley-Davidson Museum – In 2008, the Company opened the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Museum is a unique experience that the Company believes builds and strengthens bonds between riders and the Company and enhances the brand among the public at large. The 130,000 square foot museum campus houses the Harley-Davidson Museum and Archives, a restaurant, café, retail store and special event space. The Museum gives the Company a unique way to create memories for customers – through visiting, planning rides and hosting special events at the Museum.

Other Services – The Company also provides a variety of services to its independent dealers including motorcycle service and business management training programs and customized dealer software packages. Motorcycle rentals are available through many of the Company's independent dealers under the Company's Authorized Rentals Program.

International Sales – The Company's revenue from the sale of motorcycles and related products to independent dealers and distributors located outside of the United States was approximately \$1.58 billion, \$1.51 billion and \$1.36 billion, or approximately 32%, 32% and 33% of net revenue of the Motorcycles segment, during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Patents and Trademarks – The Company strategically manages its portfolio of patents, trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks and other intellectual property.

The Company and its subsidiaries own, and continue to obtain, patent rights that relate to its motorcycles and related products and processes for their production. Certain technology-related intellectual property is also protected, where appropriate, by license agreements, confidentiality agreements or other agreements with suppliers, employees and other third parties. The Company diligently protects its intellectual property, including patents and trade secrets, and its rights to innovative and proprietary technology. This protection, including enforcement, is important as the Company moves forward

with investments in new products, designs and technologies. While the Company believes patents are important to its business operations and in the aggregate constitute a valuable asset, the success of the business is not dependent on any one patent or group of patents. The Company's active patent portfolio has an average age for patents of approximately nine years. A patent review committee, which is comprised of a number of key executives, manages the patent strategy and portfolio of the Company.

Trademarks are important to the Company's motorcycle business and licensing activities. The Company has a vigorous worldwide program of trademark registration and enforcement to maintain and strengthen the value of the trademarks and prevent the unauthorized use of those trademarks. The HARLEY-DAVIDSON trademark and the Bar and Shield trademark are each highly recognizable to the public and are very valuable assets. Additionally, the Company uses numerous other trademarks, trade names and logos which are registered worldwide. The following are among the Company's trademarks: HARLEY-DAVIDSON, H-D, HARLEY, the Bar & Shield Logo, MOTORCLOTHES, the MotorClothes Logo, RIDER'S EDGE, HARLEY OWNERS GROUP, H.O.G., the H.O.G. Logo, SOFTAIL, SPORTSTER and V-ROD. The HARLEY-DAVIDSON trademark has been used since 1903 and the Bar and Shield trademark since at least 1910. Substantially all of the Company's trademarks are owned by H-D U.S.A., LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, which also manages the Company's trademark strategy and portfolio.

Marketing – The Company is executing a multi-generational and multi-cultural marketing strategy; the Company measures the success of this strategy by monitoring market shares (where available) across its various customer definitions, as well as monitoring brand health in various markets.

U.S. retail purchasers of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles include both core and outreach customers and are diverse in terms of age, gender and ethnicity. The Company defines its U.S. core customer base as Caucasian men over the age of 35 and its U.S. outreach customers as women, young adults, African-American adults, and Latino adults. In 2011, which is the most recent data available, the Company was the market share leader in U.S. new motorcycle registrations of heavyweight motorcycles within its core and outreach customers. In the U.S., the Company was also the market share leader in 2011 across all (street legal) motorcycle registrations, regardless of engine displacement, within its core and outreach customers. (Source: R. L. Polk & Co. 2011 motorcycle registrations)

In 2012, the average U.S. retail purchaser of a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle had a median household income of approximately \$89,500. More than three-quarters of the U.S. retail sales of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles were to purchasers with at least one year of education beyond high school, and 34% of the buyers had college/graduate degrees. (Sources: 2012 Company Studies)

The Company is in the process of implementing its multi-generational and multi-cultural customer marketing strategy outside of the U.S. The Company's definition of core and outreach customers outside the U.S. varies depending on the profile of its customers in each market. In general, the Company defines its core customers outside the U.S. as men over the age of 35 and its outreach customers outside the U.S. as women and young adults.

The Company's products are marketed to retail customers worldwide primarily through advertising and promotional activities via television, print, radio, direct mailings, as well as electronic advertising and social media. Additionally, local marketing efforts are accomplished through a cooperative program with the Company's independent dealers. Customer experiences have traditionally been at the center of much of the Company's marketing. To attract customers and achieve its goals, the Company not only participates in motorcycle rallies around the world, but also in major motorcycle consumer shows, racing activities, music festivals, mixed martial arts activities and other special promotional events.

Since 1983, the Company has promoted its Harley-Davidson products and the related lifestyle through the Harley Owner's Group (H.O.G.), which has approximately 1 million members worldwide and the Company believes is the industry's largest company-sponsored motorcycle enthusiast organization. This group also sponsors many motorcycle events, including rallies and rides for Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the world.

In 2000, the Company initiated Rider's Edge – the Harley-Davidson Academy of Motorcycling. Rider's Edge offers a series of rider education experiences that provide both new and experienced riders with deeper engagement in the sport of motorcycling by teaching basic and advanced motorcycling skills and knowledge. Since its inception, Rider's Edge has trained more than 300,000 riders. The courses are conducted by a network of select Harley-Davidson dealerships throughout the U.S., enabling students to experience the Harley-Davidson lifestyle, environment, people,

and products as they learn.

In 2011, the Company launched a new global Harley-Davidson Authorized Tours Program that offers Harley-Davidson riders the opportunity to experience riding opportunities worldwide. Riders can also rent Harley-Davidson motorcycles worldwide from participating dealers through the Company's Authorized Rentals Program.

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The Company also uses its website (www.harley-davidson.com) to market its products and services.

Harley-Davidson Distribution – The Company’s products are retailed through an independent dealer network, of which the majority sells Harley-Davidson motorcycles exclusively. The Company’s independent dealerships stock and sell the Company’s motorcycles, P&A, general merchandise and licensed products, and perform service for the Company’s motorcycles. The Company’s independent dealers may also have secondary retail locations (SRLs) to meet additional retail and service needs of the Company’s riding customers. SRLs also provide P&A, general merchandise and licensed products and are authorized to sell and service new motorcycles. The Company’s independent dealers also sell P&A, general merchandise and licensed products through “non-traditional” retail outlets. The “non-traditional” outlets, which are extensions of the main dealership, consist of Alternate Retail Outlets (AROs) and Seasonal Retail Outlets (SROs). AROs are located primarily in high traffic locations such as malls, airports or popular vacation destinations and focus on selling the Company’s general merchandise and licensed products. SROs are located in similar high traffic areas, but operate on a seasonal basis out of temporary locations such as vendor kiosks. AROs and SROs are not authorized to sell new motorcycles.

The Company’s North American region consists of the United States and Canada. In the United States, the Company distributes its motorcycles and related products to a network of independently-owned full-service Harley-Davidson dealerships and the Overseas Military Sales Corporation, an entity that retails the Company’s products to members of the U.S. military. The Company distributes its motorcycles to its dealers in the U.S. based on dealer orders but subject to an allocation system that the Company designed to be forward-looking and market-driven to align the distribution of motorcycles with the demand in individual dealer markets. The allocation system can affect the number of units of particular models that dealers are able to order and the timing of shipments to dealers. In Canada, the Company sells its motorcycles and related products at wholesale to a single independent distributor, Deeley Harley-Davidson Canada/Fred Deeley Imports Ltd., which in turn sells to independent dealers in the Canadian market.

The Company’s operations in the EMEA region are managed out of its Oxford, England regional headquarters. In the EMEA region, the Company distributes all products sold to independent dealers through its subsidiaries located in Austria, Czech Republic, Dubai, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and three independent distributors located in Greece, Sweden and Finland.

The Company’s operations in the Asia-Pacific region are managed out of its Singapore regional headquarters. In the Asia-Pacific region, the Company distributes all products sold to independent dealers in Australia, China, India and Japan through subsidiaries in those countries. The Company distributes all products sold to independent dealers for the remaining Asia-Pacific markets in which its motorcycles are sold from its U.S. operations.

The Company’s operations in the Latin America region are managed out of its Miami, Florida regional headquarters. The Company distributes all products sold to independent dealers in Mexico and Brazil through subsidiaries in those countries. The Company distributes all products sold to independent dealers for the remaining Latin American markets in which its motorcycles are sold from its U.S. operations.

The following table includes the number of worldwide Harley-Davidson independent dealerships by geographic region as of December 31, 2012:

| | North America Region | | EMEA Region | Asia-Pacific Region | Latin America Region | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | United States | Canada | | | | |
| Full Service Dealerships and SRLs | 695 | 73 | 371 | 281 | 47 | 1,467 |
| Non-Traditional | 87 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 30 | 137 |

Outside of the U.S., the Company’s strategy calls for the international dealer network to open 100 to 150 new dealerships from the end of 2009 through the end of 2014. Through December 31, 2012, the Company added 93 new international dealers. This excludes international dealers closed in the normal course of business.

Retail Customer and Dealer Financing – The Company believes that HDFFS, as well as other financial services companies, provide adequate financing to Harley-Davidson independent distributors, dealers and their retail customers. HDFFS provides financing to Harley-Davidson independent dealers and the retail customers of those dealers in the U.S. and Canada. HDFFS also provides financing to the Company’s Canadian distributor. The Company’s

independent distributors, dealers and their retail customers in the EMEA, Asia-Pacific and Latin America regions are not financed by HDFS, but have access to financing through other established financial services companies, some of which have licensing or branding agreements with the Company.

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Seasonality – The timing of retail sales made by the Company’s independent dealers tracks closely with regional riding seasons.

The Company has historically produced and shipped motorcycles at wholesale to its North America region dealers at approximately the same level throughout the year. Consequently, the Company’s independent dealers in the North America region typically built their inventory levels in the late fall and winter in anticipation of the spring and summer selling season. As a result of new manufacturing capabilities, discussed more fully below, beginning in the first half of 2013, the Company plans to more closely correlate the timing of motorcycle production and wholesale shipments to the riding season. In advance of the new manufacturing capabilities, wholesale motorcycle shipments in the fourth quarter of 2012 were down compared to the fourth quarter of 2011 and retail inventory of independent dealers in the U.S. was approximately 1,200 units lower than at the end of 2011.

In markets outside of the North America region, the Company typically distributes motorcycles through its local warehouses. This allows the dealers in those markets to carry fewer motorcycles in stock as compared to dealers in the North America region. Consequently, independent dealers and distributors in markets outside of the North America region typically do not build inventory levels in the non-riding season, and as a result, the Company’s wholesale shipments to these markets are generally lower in the non-riding season than in the riding season.

Motorcycle Manufacturing – The Company’s manufacturing strategy is designed to continuously improve product quality and productivity while reducing costs and increasing flexibility to respond to continuously changing customer expectations and preferences.

The Company believes that flexible manufacturing processes and flexible supply chains combined with cost-competitive and flexible labor agreements are critical to enabling the Company to respond to customers in a cost effective manner. The restructuring of the Company’s U.S. manufacturing plants, which commenced in 2009, supports the Company’s efforts to become more flexible and cost competitive allowing it to more effectively get the right product at the right time to the customer. Significant restructuring accomplishments include: consolidation of motorcycle production onto a single production line at the Company’s motorcycle manufacturing facility in York, Pennsylvania; consolidation of the Wisconsin powertrain production facilities into the Menomonee Falls location; and the ratification of new more flexible labor agreements at all of the Company’s U.S. manufacturing locations. In the first half of 2013, the Company began implementing flexible production capabilities at the York facility by adding flexible workers thus enabling the Company to increase manufacturing production in the first half of 2013 to more closely match retail demand. The Company expects to implement flexible production capabilities at its motorcycle manufacturing facility in Kansas City, Missouri in 2014.

To support the Company’s international growth initiatives, the Company operates two CKD (Complete Knock Down) assembly plants. A CKD plant assembles motorcycles from component kits produced by the Company’s U.S. plants and by the Company’s suppliers. The Company’s first CKD plant is in Brazil and has been in operation since 1999, and its second CKD plant is in India and has been in operation since 2011.

Raw Materials and Purchased Components – The Company continues to establish and reinforce long-term, mutually beneficial relationships with its suppliers. Through these collaborative relationships, the Company gains access to technical and commercial resources for application directly to product design, development and manufacturing initiatives. This strategy has generated improved product quality, technical integrity, application of new features and innovations and faster manufacturing ramp-up of new vehicle introductions. Through a continued focus on collaboration and strong supplier relationships, the Company believes it will be positioned to achieve strategic objectives and deliver cost and quality improvement over the long-term.

The Company purchases all of its raw materials, principally steel and aluminum castings, forgings, steel sheets and bars. The Company also purchases certain motorcycle components, including, but not limited to, electronic fuel injection systems, batteries, tires, seats, electrical components and instruments. In 2011, the Company announced that it will close New Castalloy, its Australian facility that currently manufactures the majority of the wheels for its motorcycles. The Company is in the process of sourcing these components through existing suppliers, and it anticipates this transition will be completed in 2013. The Company closely monitors the overall viability of its supply base. At this time, the Company does not anticipate difficulties in obtaining raw materials or components.

Research and Development – The Company is executing a strategy that it commenced in 2011 to transform product development with the objectives of reducing cost and time to market and ensuring the Company delivers relevant products for an increasingly diverse customer base. The objectives of the strategy include implementing a new product development methodology and organization structure that support greater innovation, flexibility, capacity and focus on consumer insight. The Company incurred research and development expenses of \$137.3 million, \$145.4 million and \$136.2 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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Regulation – International, federal, state and local authorities have various environmental control requirements relating to air, water and noise that affect the business and operations of the Company. The Company strives to ensure that its facilities and products comply with all applicable environmental regulations and standards.

The Company's motorcycles that are sold in the United States are subject to certification by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for compliance with applicable emissions and noise standards. Harley-Davidson motorcycle products have been designed to comply with EPA standards and the Company believes it will comply with future requirements when they go into effect. Additionally, the Company's motorcycle products must comply with the motorcycle emissions, noise and safety standards of Canada, the European Union, Japan, Brazil and certain other foreign markets where they are sold, and the Company believes its products currently comply with those standards. Because the Company expects that environmental standards will become even more stringent over time, the Company will continue to incur some level of research, development and production costs in this area for the foreseeable future. The Company, as a manufacturer of motorcycle products, is subject to the U.S. National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which is administered by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Company has certified to NHTSA that its motorcycle products comply fully with all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards and related regulations. The Company has from time to time initiated certain voluntary recalls. During the last three years, the Company has initiated 12 voluntary recalls related to Harley-Davidson motorcycles at a total cost of \$17.2 million. The Company reserves for all estimated costs associated with recalls in the period that the recalls are announced.

Employees – As of December 31, 2012, the Motorcycles segment had approximately 5,800 employees. Unionized employees at the manufacturing facilities in Menomonee Falls and Tomahawk, Wisconsin and Kansas City, Missouri are represented by the United Steelworkers of America (USW), as well as the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers (IAM). Production workers at the motorcycle manufacturing facility in York, Pennsylvania are represented by the IAM. In September 2010, the Company's unionized employees in Wisconsin ratified three separate new seven-year labor agreements which took effect April 1, 2012 and will expire on March 31, 2019. The collective bargaining agreement with the Kansas City USW and IAM unions took effect on August 1, 2011 and will expire on July 31, 2018, and the collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsylvania-IAM union took effect on February 2, 2010 and will expire on February 2, 2017. Please refer to the Overview section of Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for further discussion of the Company's restructuring activities and the impact on the number of employees.

Internet Access – The Company's internet website address is www.harley-davidson.com. The Company makes available free of charge (other than an investor's own internet access charges) through its internet website the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after it electronically files such material with, or furnishes such material to, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). In addition, the Company makes available, through its website, the following corporate governance materials: (a) the Company's Corporate Governance Policy; (b) Committee Charters approved by the Company's Board of Directors for the Audit Committee, Human Resources Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Sustainability Committee; (c) the Company's Financial Code of Ethics; (d) the Company's Code of Business Conduct (the Code of Conduct) in nine languages including English; (e) the Conflict of Interest Process for Directors, Executive Officers and Other Employees (the Conflict Process); (f) a list of the Company's Board of Directors; (g) the Company's By-laws; (h) the Company's Environmental Policy; (i) the Company's Policy for Managing Disclosure of Material Information; (j) the Company's Supplier Code of Conduct; (k) the Sustainability Strategy Report; (l) the list of compensation survey participants used as market reference points for various components of compensation as reported in the Company's Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 26, 2012, which compensation relates to the Company's named executive officers; and (m) the California Transparency in Supply Chain Act Disclosure. This information is also available from the Company upon request. The Company satisfies the disclosure requirements under the Code of Conduct, the Conflict Process and applicable New York Stock Exchange listing requirements regarding waivers of the Code of Conduct or the Conflict Process by disclosing the information in the Company's proxy statement for its annual meeting of shareholders or on the Company's website. The Company is not including the information contained on or

available through its website as a part of, or incorporating such information by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Financial Services

HDFS is engaged in the business of financing and servicing wholesale inventory receivables and retail consumer loans, primarily for the purchase of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. HDFS is an agent for certain unaffiliated insurance companies providing property/casualty insurance and also sells extended service contracts, gap coverage and debt protection products to motorcycle owners. HDFS conducts business principally in the United States and Canada, and primarily through certain subsidiaries such as Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., Eaglemark Savings Bank, Harley-Davidson Insurance Services, Inc., and Harley-Davidson Financial Services Canada, Inc.

Wholesale Financial Services – HDFS provides wholesale financial services to Harley-Davidson dealers and distributors, including floorplan and open account financing of motorcycles and motorcycle parts and accessories. HDFS offers wholesale financial services to Harley-Davidson dealers in the United States and Canada, and during 2012 approximately 97% of such dealers utilized those services. HDFS also offers financial services to the Harley-Davidson distributor in Canada. The wholesale finance operations of HDFS are located in Plano, Texas.

Retail Financial Services – HDFS provides retail financing to consumers, consisting primarily of installment lending for the purchase of new and used Harley-Davidson motorcycles. HDFS' retail financial services are available through most Harley-Davidson dealers in the United States and Canada. HDFS' retail finance operations are principally located in Carson City, Nevada and Plano, Texas.

Insurance Services – HDFS operates an insurance agency that offers point-of-sale protection products to Harley-Davidson dealers in both the U.S. and Canada, including motorcycle insurance, extended service contracts, credit protection and motorcycle maintenance protection. HDFS also direct-markets motorcycle insurance to owners of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. In addition, HDFS markets a comprehensive package of business insurance coverages and services to owners of Harley-Davidson dealerships. The HDFS insurance operations are located in Carson City, Nevada and Chicago, Illinois.

Funding – The Company believes a diversified and cost effective funding strategy is important to meet HDFS' goal of providing credit while delivering appropriate returns and profitability. Financial Services operations have been funded with unsecured debt, unsecured commercial paper, asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities, committed unsecured bank facilities, term asset-backed securitizations and intercompany borrowings.

Competition – The Company regards its ability to offer a package of wholesale and retail financial services in the U.S. and Canada as a significant competitive advantage. Competitors in the financial services industry compete for business based largely on price and, to a lesser extent, service. HDFS competes on convenience, service, brand association, dealer relations, industry experience, terms and price.

In the United States, HDFS financed 50.9% of the new Harley-Davidson motorcycles retailed by independent dealers during 2012, as compared to 51.0% in 2011. In Canada, HDFS financed 28.6% of the new Harley-Davidson motorcycles retailed by independent dealers during 2012, as compared to 30.4% in 2011. Competitors for retail motorcycle finance business are primarily banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. In the motorcycle insurance business, competition primarily comes from national insurance companies and from insurance agencies serving local or regional markets. For insurance-related products such as extended service contracts, HDFS faces competition from certain regional and national industry participants as well as dealer in-house programs. Competition for the wholesale motorcycle finance business primarily consists of banks and other financial institutions providing wholesale financing to Harley-Davidson dealers in their local markets.

Trademarks – HDFS uses various trademarks and trade names for its financial services and products which are licensed from H-D U.S.A., LLC, including HARLEY-DAVIDSON, H-D and the Bar & Shield logo.

Seasonality – In the U.S. and Canada, motorcycles are primarily used during warmer months. Accordingly, HDFS experiences seasonal variations in wholesale and retail financing activities. In general, from mid-March through August, retail financing volume increases while wholesale financing volume decreases as dealer inventories decline. From September through mid-March, there is generally a decrease in retail financing volume while dealer inventories generally build and turn over more slowly, thereby increasing wholesale finance receivables. As discussed under Motorcycle and Related - Products Seasonality, the Company is implementing flexible production capabilities which may reduce the seasonality of dealer inventory levels.

Regulation – The operations of HDFS (both U.S. and foreign) are subject, in certain instances, to supervision and regulation by state and federal administrative agencies and various foreign governmental authorities. Many of the statutory and regulatory requirements imposed by such entities are in place to provide consumer protection as it pertains to the selling and ongoing servicing of financial products and services. Therefore, operations may be subject to various regulations, laws and judicial and/or administrative decisions imposing requirements and restrictions, which among other things: (a) regulate credit

granting activities, including establishing licensing requirements, in applicable jurisdictions; (b) establish maximum interest rates, finance charges and other charges; (c) regulate customers' insurance coverage; (d) require disclosure of credit and insurance terms to customers; (e) govern secured transactions; (f) set collection, foreclosure, repossession and claims handling procedures and other trade practices; (g) prohibit discrimination in the extension of credit and administration of loans; (h) regulate the use and reporting of information related to a borrower; (i) require certain periodic reporting; (j) govern the use and protection of non-public personal information; (k) regulate the use of information reported to the credit reporting agencies; (l) regulate the reporting of information to the credit reporting agencies; and/or (m) regulate insurance solicitation and sales practices.

Depending on the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations, the interpretation of laws and regulations and the specific facts and circumstances involved, violations of or non-compliance with these laws may limit the ability of HDFS to collect all or part of the principal or interest on applicable loans. In addition, these violations or non-compliance may entitle the borrower to rescind the loan or to obtain a refund of amounts previously paid, could subject HDFS to the payment of damages or penalties and administrative sanctions, including "cease and desist" orders, and could limit the number of loans eligible for HDFS securitization programs.

Such regulatory requirements and associated supervision could limit the discretion of HDFS in operating its business. Noncompliance with applicable statutes or regulations could result in the suspension or revocation of any charter, license or registration at issue, as well as the imposition of civil fines, criminal penalties and administrative sanctions. The Company cannot assure that the applicable laws or regulations will not be amended or construed differently, that new laws and regulations will not be adopted or that interest rates charged by HDFS will not rise to maximum levels permitted by law, the effect of any of which could be to adversely affect the business of HDFS or its results of operations.

A subsidiary of HDFS, Eaglemark Savings Bank (ESB), is a Nevada state thrift chartered as an Industrial Loan Company (ILC). As such, the activities of this subsidiary are governed by federal regulations and State of Nevada banking laws and are subject to examination by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Nevada state bank examiners. ESB originates retail loans and sells the loans to a non-banking subsidiary of HDFS. This process allows HDFS to offer retail products with many common characteristics across the United States and to similarly service loans to U.S. retail customers.

Employees – As of December 31, 2012, the Financial Services segment had approximately 600 employees.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

An investment in Harley-Davidson, Inc. involves risks, including those discussed below. These risk factors should be considered carefully before deciding whether to invest in the Company.

The Company may not be able to successfully execute its long-term business strategy. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to drive growth to the extent desired through its focus of efforts and resources on the Harley-Davidson brand or to enhance productivity and profitability to the extent desired through continuous improvement.

Expanding international sales subjects the Company to risks that may have a material adverse effect on its business. Expanding international sales is a part of the Company's long-term business strategy. To support that strategy, the Company must increase its presence outside the U.S., including additional employees and investment in business infrastructure and operations. International operations and sales are subject to various risks, including political and economic instability, local labor market conditions, the imposition of foreign tariffs and other trade barriers, the impact of foreign government regulations and the effects of income and withholding taxes, governmental expropriation and differences in business practices. The Company may incur increased costs and experience delays or disruptions in product deliveries and payments in connection with international operations and sales that could cause loss of revenues and earnings. Unfavorable changes in the political, regulatory and business climate could have a material adverse effect on the Company's net sales, financial condition, profitability or cash flows.

The Company sells its products at wholesale and must rely on a network of independent dealers and distributors to manage the retail distribution of its products. The Company depends on the capability of its independent dealers and distributors to develop and implement effective retail sales plans to create demand among retail purchasers for the motorcycles and related products and services that the dealers and distributors purchase from the Company. If the Company's independent dealers and distributors are not successful in these endeavors, then the Company will be unable to maintain or grow its revenues and meet its financial expectations. Further, independent dealers and distributors may experience difficulty in funding their day-to-day cash flow needs and paying their

obligations resulting from adverse business conditions such as weakened retail sales and tightened credit. If dealers are unsuccessful, they may exit or be forced to exit the business or, in some cases, the Company may seek to terminate relationships with certain dealerships. As a result, the Company could face additional adverse consequences related to the termination of dealer relationships. Additionally, liquidating a former dealer's inventory of new and used motorcycles can add downward pressure on new and used motorcycle prices. Further, the unplanned loss of any of the Company's independent dealers may lead to inadequate market coverage for retail sales of new motorcycles and for servicing previously sold motorcycles, create negative impressions of the Company with its retail customers, and adversely impact the Company's ability to collect wholesale receivables that are associated with that dealer.

Changes in general economic conditions, tightening of credit, political events or other factors may adversely impact dealers' retail sales. The motorcycle industry is impacted by general economic conditions over which motorcycle manufacturers have little control. These factors can weaken the retail environment and lead to weaker demand for discretionary purchases such as motorcycles. Tightening of credit can limit the availability of funds from financial institutions and other lenders and sources of capital which could adversely affect the ability of retail consumers to obtain loans for the purchase of motorcycles from lenders, including HDFS. Should general economic conditions or motorcycle industry demand decline, the Company's results of operations and financial condition may be substantially adversely affected. The motorcycle industry can also be affected by political conditions and other factors over which motorcycle manufacturers have little control.

Retail sales of the Company's independent dealers may be adversely impacted by declining prices for used motorcycles and excess supplies of new motorcycles. The Company has observed that when prices for used Harley-Davidson motorcycles have declined, it has had the effect of reducing demand among retail purchasers for new Harley-Davidson motorcycles (at or near manufacturer's suggested retail prices). Also, while the Company has taken steps designed to balance production volumes for its new motorcycles with demand, the Company's competitors could choose to supply new motorcycles to the market in excess of demand at reduced prices which could also have the effect of reducing demand for new Harley-Davidson motorcycles (at or near manufacturer's suggested retail prices). Ultimately, reduced demand among retail purchasers for new Harley-Davidson motorcycles leads to reduced shipments by the Company.

The Company may not be able to successfully execute its manufacturing strategy. The Company's manufacturing strategy is designed to continuously improve product quality and increase productivity, while reducing costs and increasing flexibility to respond to ongoing changes in the marketplace. The Company believes flexible manufacturing, including flexible supply chains and flexible labor agreements, is the key element to enable improvements in the Company's ability to respond to customers in a cost effective manner. To implement this strategy, the Company must be successful in its continuous improvement efforts which are dependent on the involvement of management, production employees and suppliers. Any inability to achieve these objectives could adversely impact the profitability of the Company's products and its ability to deliver the right product at the right time to the customer.

The Company's ability to remain competitive is dependent upon its capability to develop and successfully introduce new, innovative and compliant products. The motorcycle market continues to change in terms of styling preferences and advances in new technology and, at the same time, be subject to increasing regulations related to safety and emissions. The Company must continue to distinguish its products from its competitors' products with unique styling and new technologies and to protect its intellectual property from imitators. In addition, these new products must comply with applicable regulations worldwide and satisfy the potential demand for products that produce lower emissions and achieve better fuel economy. The Company must make product advancements while maintaining the classic look, sound and feel associated with Harley-Davidson products. The Company must also be able to design and manufacture these products and deliver them to the marketplace in an efficient and timely manner. There can be no assurances that the Company will be successful in these endeavors or that existing and prospective customers will like or want the Company's new products.

The Company must invest in and successfully implement new information systems and technology. The Company is continually modifying and enhancing its systems and technology to increase productivity and efficiency. The Company has several strategic projects in process. As new systems and technologies (and related strategies) are implemented, the Company could experience unanticipated difficulties resulting in unexpected costs and adverse impacts to its manufacturing and other business processes. When implemented, the systems and technology may not provide the benefits anticipated and could add costs and complications to ongoing operations, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company and its independent dealers must successfully adjust to a more seasonal retail motorcycle sales pattern. The Company records the wholesale sale of a motorcycle when it is shipped to the Company's independent dealers and distributors. The Company began flexible production at its York, Pennsylvania facility in the first half of 2013, which the Company expects will shift some motorcycle production to the first half of 2013 that did not occur in the fourth quarter of 2012, to, among other things, address the seasonal retail sales cycle. Any difficulties in implementing flexible production could result in lost production or sales. The Company and its independent dealers and distributors must be able to successfully manage changes in production rates, inventory levels and other business processes associated with flexible production. Failure by the Company and its independent dealers to make such adjustments may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company relies on third party suppliers to obtain raw materials and provide component parts for use in the manufacture of its motorcycles. The Company may experience supply problems such as unfavorable pricing or untimely delivery of raw materials and components. In certain circumstances, the Company relies on a single supplier to provide the entire requirement of a specific part, and a change in this established supply relationship may cause disruption in the Company's production schedule. In addition, the price and availability of raw materials and component parts from suppliers can be adversely affected by factors outside of the Company's control such as the supply of a necessary raw material or natural disasters. Further, Company suppliers may experience difficulty in funding their day-to-day cash flow needs because of tightening credit caused by financial market disruption. In addition, adverse economic conditions and related pressure on select suppliers due to difficulties in the global manufacturing arena could adversely affect their ability to supply the Company. These supplier risks may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company relies on third party outsourcing companies to perform certain operating and administrative functions. The Company has outsourced a number of operations to third parties in an effort to focus on competencies that provide the Company a competitive advantage. Similar to suppliers of raw materials and components, the Company may experience problems with outsourced services, such as unfavorable pricing, untimely delivery of services, or poor quality. Also, outsourcing companies may experience adverse economic conditions due to difficulties in the global economy that could lead to difficulties supporting the Company's operations. These service provider risks may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company's financial services operations rely on external sources to finance a significant portion of its operations. Liquidity is essential to the Company's financial services business. Disruptions in financial markets may cause lenders and institutional investors to reduce or cease to loan money to borrowers, including financial institutions. The Company's financial services operations may be negatively affected by the difficulty in raising capital in the long-term and short-term capital markets. These negative consequences may in turn adversely affect the Company's business and results of operations in various ways, including through higher costs of capital, reduced funds available through its financial services operations to provide loans to independent dealers and their retail customers, and dilution to existing share value through the use of alternative sources of capital.

The Company's financial services operations are highly dependent on accessing capital markets to fund their operations at competitive interest rates, the Company's access to capital and its cost of capital are highly dependent upon its credit ratings, and any negative credit rating actions will adversely affect its earnings and results of operations. The ability of the Company and its financial services operations to access unsecured capital markets is influenced by their short-term and long-term credit ratings. If the Company's credit ratings are downgraded or its ratings outlook is negatively changed, the Company's cost of borrowing will increase, resulting in reduced earnings and interest margins, or the Company's access to capital may be disrupted or impaired.

The Company's financial services operations are exposed to credit risk on its retail and wholesale receivables. Credit risk is the risk of loss arising from a failure by a customer to meet the terms of any contract with the Company's

financial services operations. Credit losses are influenced by general business and economic conditions, including unemployment rates, bankruptcy filings and other factors that negatively affect household incomes, as well as contract terms, customer credit profiles and the new and used motorcycle market. Negative changes in general business, economic or market factors may have an additional adverse impact on the Company's financial services credit losses and future earnings. While HDFS experienced historically low levels of retail credit losses during 2012, the Company believes HDFS' retail credit losses may increase over time due to changing consumer credit behavior and HDFS' efforts to increase prudently structured loan approvals in the near-prime and sub-prime lending environment. Credit losses are also adversely impacted by increases in the frequency of loss and by decreases in the value of repossessed Harley-Davidson branded motorcycles. If there are adverse circumstances that involve a material decline in values of

Harley-Davidson branded motorcycles, those circumstances or any related decline in resale values for Harley-Davidson-branded motorcycles could contribute to increased delinquencies and credit losses.

The Company must effectively execute the Company's restructuring plans within expected costs. During 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Company announced a combination of restructuring actions that are designed to reduce administrative costs, eliminate excess capacity and exit non-core business operations. Effectively executing these plans within expected costs and realizing expected benefits will depend upon a number of factors, including the time required to complete planned actions and effective collaboration with the unions representing the Company's employees, the absence of material issues associated with workforce reductions, availability of and effective use of third party service providers to assist in implementing the actions, avoidance of unexpected disruptions in production, retention of key employees involved in implementing the restructuring plans and the ability of the Company to dispose of vacated facilities in a cost effective manner.

The Company has a number of competitors, some of which have greater financial resources than the Company. Many of the Company's competitors are more diversified than the Company, and they may compete in all segments of the motorcycle market, other powersports markets and/or the automotive market. Also, the Company's manufacturer's suggested retail price for its motorcycles is generally higher than its competitors, and if price becomes a more important competitive factor for consumers in the heavyweight motorcycle market, the Company may be at a competitive disadvantage. In addition, the Company's financial services operations face competition from various banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions that may have access to additional sources of capital at more competitive rates and terms, particularly for borrowers in higher credit tiers. Failure to adequately address and respond to these competitive pressures worldwide and in the U.S. may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company's marketing strategy of appealing to and growing sales to multi-generational and multi-cultural customers worldwide may not continue to be successful. The Company has been successful in marketing its products in large part by promoting the experience of motorcycling. To sustain and grow the business over the long-term, the Company must continue to be successful selling products and promoting the experience of motorcycling to both core customers and outreach customers such as women, young adults and ethnically diverse adults. The Company must also execute its multi-generational and multi-cultural strategy without adversely impacting the strength of the brand with core customers.

The Company's success depends upon the continued strength of the Harley-Davidson brand. The Company believes that the Harley-Davidson brand has significantly contributed to the success of its business and that maintaining and enhancing the brand is critical to expanding its customer base. Failure to protect the brand from infringers or to grow the value of the Harley-Davidson brand may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in foreign exchange rates, commodity prices and interest rates. The Company sells its products internationally and in most markets those sales are made in the foreign country's local currency. Shifting foreign exchange rates can adversely affect the Company's revenue and margin, and cause volatility in results of operations. The Company is also subject to risks associated with changes in prices of commodities. Earnings from the Company's financial services business are affected by changes in interest rates. Although the Company uses derivative financial instruments to attempt to manage foreign currency exchange rates, commodity price and interest rate risks, these instruments generally do not extend beyond one year and may expose the Company to credit risk in the event of counterparty default to the derivative financial instruments. There can be no assurance that in the future the Company will successfully manage these risks.

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The Company's operations are dependent upon attracting and retaining skilled employees, including executive officers and other senior leaders. The Company's future success depends on its continuing ability to identify, hire, develop, motivate, retain and promote skilled personnel for all areas of its organization. The Company's current and future total compensation arrangements, which include benefits and incentive awards, may not be successful in attracting new employees and retaining and motivating the Company's existing employees. In addition, the Company must cultivate and sustain a work environment where employees are engaged and energized in their jobs to maximize their performance. If the Company does not succeed in attracting new personnel, retaining existing personnel, implementing effective succession plans and motivating and engaging personnel, including executive officers, the Company may be unable to develop and distribute products and services and effectively execute its plans and strategies.

The Company incurs substantial costs with respect to employee pension and healthcare benefits. The Company's cash funding requirements and its estimates of liabilities and expenses for pensions and healthcare benefits for both active and retired employees are based on several factors that are outside the Company's control. These factors include funding requirements of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the rate used to discount the future estimated liability, the rate of return on plan assets, current and projected healthcare costs, healthcare reform or legislation, retirement age and mortality. Changes in these factors can impact the expense, liabilities and cash requirements associated with these benefits which could have a material adverse effect on future results of operations, liquidity or shareholders' equity. In addition, costs associated with these benefits put the Company under significant cost pressure as compared to its competitors that may not bear the costs of similar benefit plans. Furthermore, costs associated with complying with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act may produce additional cost pressure on the Company and its health care plans.

The Company manufactures products that create exposure to product liability claims and litigation. To the extent plaintiffs are successful in showing that personal injury or property damage result from defects in the design or manufacture of the Company's products, the Company may be subject to claims for damages that are not covered by insurance. The costs associated with defending product liability claims, including frivolous lawsuits, and payment of damages could be substantial. The Company's reputation may also be adversely affected by such claims, whether or not successful.

The Company must maintain stakeholder confidence in its operating ethics and corporate governance practices. The Company believes it has a history of good corporate governance. Prior to the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Company had in place many of the corporate governance procedures and processes now mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related rules and regulations, such as Board Committee Charters and a Corporate Governance Policy. In 1992, the Company established a Code of Business Conduct that defines how employees interact with various Company stakeholders and addresses issues such as confidentiality, conflict of interest and fair dealing. Failure to maintain its reputation for good corporate governance may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company is and may in the future become subject to legal proceedings and commercial or contractual disputes. These are typically claims that arise in the normal course of business. The uncertainty associated with substantial unresolved claims and lawsuits may harm the Company's business, financial condition, reputation and brand. The defense of the lawsuits may result in the expenditures of significant financial resources and the diversion of management's time and attention away from business operations. In addition, although the Company is unable to determine the amount, if any, that it may be required to pay in connection with the resolution of the lawsuits by settlement or otherwise, any such payment may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations. Refer to the Company's disclosures concerning legal proceedings in the periodic reports that the Company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission for additional detail regarding lawsuits and other claims against the Company.

The Company must comply with governmental laws and regulations that are subject to change and involve significant costs. The Company's sales and operations in areas outside the U.S. may be subject to foreign laws, regulations and the legal systems of foreign courts or tribunals. These laws and policies governing operations of foreign-based companies may result in increased costs or restrictions on the ability of the Company to sell its products in certain countries. The Company's international sales operations may also be adversely affected by U. S. laws affecting foreign trade and taxation.

The Company is subject to income and non-income based taxes in the U.S. and in various foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's worldwide income tax liabilities and other tax liabilities. The Company believes that it complies with applicable tax law. If the governing tax authorities have a different interpretation of the applicable law or if there is a change in tax law, the Company's financial condition

and/or results of operations may be adversely affected.

The Company's domestic sales and operations are subject to governmental policies and regulatory actions of agencies of the United States Government, including the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), SEC, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Labor and Federal Trade Commission. In addition, the Company's sales and operations are also subject to laws and actions of state legislatures and other local regulators, including dealer statutes and licensing laws. Changes in regulations or the imposition of additional regulations may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company's motorcycle products use internal combustion engines. These motorcycle products are subject to statutory and regulatory requirements governing emissions and noise, including standards imposed by the EPA, state regulatory agencies, such as California Air Resources Board, and regulatory agencies in certain foreign countries where the Company's motorcycle products are sold. The Company is also subject to statutory and regulatory requirements governing emissions and noise in the conduct of the Company's manufacturing operations. Any significant change to the regulatory requirements governing emissions and noise may substantially increase the cost of manufacturing the Company's products. If the Company fails to meet existing or new requirements, then the Company may be unable to sell certain products or may be subject to fines or penalties. Further, in response to concerns about global climate changes, the Company may face greater regulatory or customer pressure to develop products that generate less emissions. This may require the Company to spend additional funds on research, product development, and implementation costs and subject the Company to the risk that the Company's competitors may respond to these pressures in a manner that gives them a competitive advantage.

The Company's financial services operations are governed by various foreign, federal and state laws that more specifically affect general financial and lending institutions. The financial services operations originate the majority of its consumer loans through its subsidiary, Eaglemark Savings Bank, a Nevada state thrift chartered as an industrial loan company. Congress has previously considered and may in the future impose additional regulation and supervision over the financial services industry.

Depending on the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations, the interpretation of laws and regulations and the specific facts and circumstances involved, violations of or non-compliance with these laws may limit the ability of HDFS to collect all or part of the principal or interest on applicable loans, may entitle the borrower to rescind the loan or obtain a refund of amounts previously paid, could subject HDFS to payment of damages or penalties and administrative sanctions, including "cease and desist" orders, and could limit the number of loans eligible for HDFS securitizations programs. Such regulatory requirements and associated supervision could limit the discretion of HDFS in operating its business. Noncompliance with applicable statutes or regulations could result in the suspension or revocation of any charter, license or registration at issue, as well as the imposition of civil fines, criminal penalties and administrative sanctions. The Company cannot assure that the applicable laws or regulations will not be amended or construed differently, that new laws and regulations will not be adopted or that interest rates charged by HDFS will not rise to maximum levels permitted by law, the effect of any of which could be to adversely affect the business of HDFS or its results of operations.

In 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was passed into law. The Dodd-Frank Act is a sweeping piece of legislation, and the financial services industry is still assessing the impacts. Congress detailed some significant changes, but the Dodd-Frank Act leaves many details to be determined by regulation and further study. The full impact will not be fully known for months or even years, as regulations that are intended to implement the Dodd-Frank Act are adopted by the appropriate agencies, and the text of the Dodd-Frank Act is analyzed by impacted stakeholders and possibly the courts. The Dodd-Frank Act also created the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection ("CFPB"), housed in the Federal Reserve. The CFPB has been granted significant enforcement and rule-making authority in the area of consumer financial products and services. The direction that the CFPB will take, the regulations it will adopt, and its interpretation of existing laws and regulations are all elements that are not yet known. Compliance with the law may be costly and could affect operating results as the implementation of new forms, processes, procedures and controls and infrastructure may be required to comply with the regulations. Compliance may create operational constraints and place limits on pricing. Failure to comply with these regulations, changes in these or other regulations, or the imposition of additional regulations, could affect HDFS' earnings, limit its access to capital, limit the number of loans eligible for HDFS securitization programs and have a material adverse effect on HDFS' business and results of operations.

In addition, the Company is also subject to policies and actions of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). Many major competitors of the Company are not subject to the requirements of the SEC or the NYSE rules. As a result, the

Company may be required to disclose certain information that may put the Company at a competitive disadvantage to its principal competitors.

A cybersecurity breach involving digital consumer or employee personal data may adversely affect the Company's reputation, revenue and earnings. The Company and certain of its third-party vendors receive and store digital personal information in connection with its human resources operations, financial services operations, the Harley Owners Group and other aspects of its business. Any system failure, accident or security breach could result in disruptions to the Company's operations. To the extent that any disruptions or security breach results in a loss or damage to the Company's data, or in inappropriate disclosure of confidential information, it could cause significant

damage to the Company's reputation, affect its relationships with customers, lead to claims against the Company and ultimately harm the Company's business. In addition, the Company may be required to incur significant costs to protect against damage caused by these disruptions or security breaches in the future.

The Company's Motorcycles segment is dependent upon unionized labor. Substantially all of the hourly production employees working in the Motorcycles segment are represented by unions and covered by collective bargaining agreements. Harley-Davidson Motor Company is currently a party to five collective bargaining agreements with local affiliates of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the United Steelworkers of America. Current collective bargaining agreements with hourly employees in Pennsylvania, Missouri and Wisconsin will expire in 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively. Collective bargaining agreements generally cover wages, healthcare benefits and retirement plans, seniority, job classes and work rules. There is no certainty that the Company will be successful in negotiating new agreements with these unions that extend beyond the current expiration dates or that these new agreements will be on terms that will allow the Company to be competitive. Failure to renew these agreements when they expire or to establish new collective bargaining agreements on terms acceptable to the Company and the unions could result in the relocation of production facilities, work stoppages or other labor disruptions which may have a material adverse effect on customer relationships and the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company's operations may be affected by greenhouse emissions and climate change and related regulations. Climate change is receiving increasing attention worldwide. Many scientists, legislators and others attribute climate change to increased levels of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, which has led to significant legislative and regulatory efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Congress has previously considered and may in the future implement restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, several states, including states where the Company has manufacturing plants, have previously considered and may in the future implement greenhouse gas registration and reduction programs. Energy security and availability and its related costs affect all aspects of the Company's manufacturing operations in the United States, including the Company's supply chain. The Company's manufacturing plants use energy, including electricity and natural gas, and certain of the Company's plants emit amounts of greenhouse gas that may be affected by these legislative and regulatory efforts. Greenhouse gas regulation could increase the price of the electricity the Company purchases, increase costs for use of natural gas, potentially restrict access to or the use of natural gas, require the Company to purchase allowances to offset the Company's own emissions or result in an overall increase in costs of raw materials, any one of which could increase the Company's costs, reduce competitiveness in a global economy or otherwise negatively affect the Company's business, operations or financial results. Many of the Company's suppliers face similar circumstances. Physical risks to the Company's business operations as identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other expert bodies include scenarios such as sea level rise, extreme weather conditions and resource shortages. Extreme weather may disrupt the production and supply of component parts or other items such as natural gas, a fuel necessary for the manufacture of motorcycles and their components. Supply disruptions would raise market rates and jeopardize the continuity of motorcycle production.

- New regulations related to conflict minerals may force the Company to incur additional expenses. The SEC recently adopted additional disclosure requirements related to certain minerals sourced from the Democratic Republic of Congo and surrounding countries, or "conflict minerals", that are necessary to the functionality of a product manufactured, or contracted to be manufactured, by an SEC reporting company. The minerals that the final rules cover are commonly referred to as "3TG" and include tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold. Implementation of the new disclosure requirements could affect the sourcing and availability of some of the minerals that the Company uses in the manufacture of its products. The Company's supply chain is complex, and if it is not able to conclusively verify the origins for all conflict minerals used in its products or that its products are "conflict free", then the Company may face reputational challenges with customers or investors. Additionally, as there may be only a limited number of suppliers offering "conflict free" minerals, the

Company cannot be sure that it will be able to obtain necessary metals from such suppliers in sufficient quantities or at competitive prices. Accordingly, the Company could incur significant costs related to the compliance process, including potential difficulty or added costs in satisfying the disclosure requirements.

The Company must detect issues with the Company's motorcycles or manufacturing processes to avoid recall campaigns, increased warranty costs or litigation, and delays in new model launches. The Company must also complete any recall campaigns within cost expectations. The Company must continually improve and adhere to product development and manufacturing processes to ensure high quality products are shipped to dealers. If product designs or manufacturing processes are defective, the Company could experience delays in new model launches, product recalls, conventional warranty claims, and product liability or unconventional warranty claims, which may

involve purported class actions. While the Company uses reasonable methods to estimate the cost of warranty, recall and product liability costs and appropriately reflect those in the financial statements, there is a risk the actual costs could exceed estimates. Further, shipping products with poor quality may also adversely affect the Company's reputation.

The Company disclaims any obligation to update these Risk Factors or any other forward-looking statements. The Company assumes no obligation (and specifically disclaims any such obligation) to update these Risk Factors or any other forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or other factors affecting such forward-looking statements.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

The following is a summary of the principal operating properties of the Company as of December 31, 2012: Motorcycles & Related Products Segment

| Type of Facility | Location | Approximate Square Feet | Status |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Corporate Office | Milwaukee, WI | 515,000 | Owned |
| Museum | Milwaukee, WI | 130,000 | Owned |
| Manufacturing ⁽¹⁾ | Wauwatosa, WI | 430,000 | Owned |
| Product Development Center | Wauwatosa, WI | 409,000 | Owned |
| Distribution Center ⁽²⁾ | Franklin, WI | 255,000 | Owned |
| Manufacturing ⁽³⁾ | Menomonee Falls, WI | 881,600 | Owned |
| Manufacturing ⁽⁴⁾ | Tomahawk, WI | 226,000 | Owned |
| Airplane hangar | Milwaukee, WI | 14,600 | Owned |
| Office | Cleveland, OH | 23,000 | Lease expiring 2014 |
| Manufacturing and Materials Velocity Center ⁽⁵⁾ | Kansas City, MO | 450,000 | Owned |
| Warehouse | Kansas City, MO | 20,000 | Lease expiring 2013 |
| Manufacturing ⁽⁶⁾ | York, PA | 610,000 | Owned |
| Training Center | York, PA | 12,300 | Lease expiring 2015 |
| Motorcycle Testing | Naples, FL | 82,000 | Owned |
| Office | Miami, FL | 12,700 | Lease expiring 2017 |
| Motorcycle Testing | Yucca, AZ | 79,000 | Lease expiring 2019 |
| Office and Training Facility | Monterrey, Mexico | 8,300 | Lease expiring 2014 |
| Manufacturing and Office ⁽⁷⁾ | Manaus, Brazil | 100,000 | Lease expiring 2016 |
| Office | Sao Paulo, Brazil | 1,200 | Lease expiring 2015 |
| Office and Warehouse | Oxford, England | 39,000 | Lease expiring 2017 |
| Office | Rijswijk, The Netherlands | 6,000 | Lease expiring 2021 |
| Office | Creteil, France | 8,500 | Lease expiring 2016 |
| Office | Neu-Isenberg, Germany | 27,600 | Lease expiring 2032 |
| Office | Sant Cugat, Spain | 3,400 | Lease expiring 2017 |
| Office | Zurich, Switzerland | 2,000 | Lease expiring 2014 |
| Office and Warehouse | Arese, Italy | 17,000 | Lease expiring 2015 |
| Office | Prague, Czech Republic | 1,900 | Lease expiring 2019 |
| Office | Dubai, United Arab Emirates | 3,700 | Lease expiring 2015 |
| Office | Vienna, Austria | 2,700 | Lease expiring 2016 |
| Office | Gurgaon, India | 9,400 | Lease expiring 2016 |
| Manufacturing ⁽⁸⁾ | Bawal, India | 68,200 | Lease expiring 2016 |
| Office | Moscow, Russia | 2,500 | Lease expiring 2013 |
| Warehouse | Yokohama, Japan | 15,000 | Lease expiring 2013 |
| Office | Akishima, Japan | 13,000 | Lease expiring 2028 |
| Office | Shanghai, China | 9,900 | Lease expiring 2017 |
| Office | Singapore | 8,800 | Lease expiring 2015 |
| Office | Cape Town, South Africa | 3,500 | Lease expiring 2013 |
| Office | Sydney, Australia | 21,800 | Lease expiring 2017 |
| Manufacturing ⁽⁹⁾ | Adelaide, Australia | 485,000 | Lease expiring 2013 |

(1) Facility was idled during 2010 and production moved to Menomonee Falls, WI.

(2) The P&A warehousing and distribution activity at this facility was moved to an outsourced facility during 2011.

(3) Motorcycle powertrain production.

(4) Fiberglass/plastic parts production and painting.

(5) Motorcycle parts fabrication, painting and Dyna, Sportster® and V-Rod® assembly.

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- (6) Motorcycle parts fabrication, painting and Softail® and touring model assembly.
 - (7) Assembly of select models for the Brazilian market.
 - (8) Assembly of select models for the Indian market.
 - (9) The Company anticipates that the motorcycle wheel production will be fully outsourced in 2013.
- Financial Services Segment

| Type of Facility | Location | Approximate Square Feet | Status |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Office | Chicago, IL | 26,000 | Lease expiring 2022 |
| Office | Plano, TX | 61,500 | Lease expiring 2014 |
| Office | Carson City, NV | 100,000 | Owned |

The Financial Services segment has three office facilities: Chicago, Illinois (corporate headquarters); Plano, Texas (wholesale and retail operations); and Carson City, Nevada (retail and insurance operations).

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company is subject to lawsuits and other claims related to environmental, product and other matters. In determining required reserves related to these items, the Company carefully analyzes cases and considers the likelihood of adverse judgments or outcomes, as well as the potential range of possible loss. The required reserves are monitored on an ongoing basis and are updated based on new developments or new information in each matter.

Environmental Protection Agency Notice

In December 2009, the Company received formal, written requests for information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding: (i) certificates of conformity for motorcycle emissions and related designations and labels, (ii) aftermarket parts, and (iii) warranty claims on emissions related components. The Company promptly submitted written responses to the EPA's inquiry and engaged in discussions with the EPA. It is possible that a result of the EPA's investigation will be some form of enforcement action by the EPA that will seek a fine or other relief. However, at this time the Company does not know and cannot reasonably estimate the impact of any remedies the EPA might seek.

York Environmental Matters:

The Company is involved with government agencies and groups of potentially responsible parties in various environmental matters, including a matter involving the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination at its York, Pennsylvania facility. The York facility was formerly used by the U.S. Navy and AMF prior to the purchase of the York facility by the Company from AMF in 1981. Although the Company is not certain as to the full extent of the environmental contamination at the York facility, it has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) since 1986 in undertaking environmental investigation and remediation activities, including an ongoing site-wide remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS). In January 1995, the Company entered into a settlement agreement (the Agreement) with the Navy. The Agreement calls for the Navy and the Company to contribute amounts into a trust equal to 53% and 47%, respectively, of future costs associated with environmental investigation and remediation activities at the York facility (Response Costs). The trust administers the payment of the Response Costs incurred at the York facility as covered by the Agreement.

In February 2002, the Company was advised by the EPA that it considers some of the Company's remediation activities at the York facility to be subject to the EPA's corrective action program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and offered the Company the option of addressing corrective action under a RCRA facility lead agreement. In July 2005, the York facility was designated as the first site in Pennsylvania to be addressed under the "One Cleanup Program." The program provides a more streamlined and efficient oversight of voluntary remediation by both PADEP and EPA and will be carried out consistent with the Agreement with the Navy. As a result, the RCRA facility lead agreement has been superseded.

The Company estimates that its share of the future Response Costs at the York facility will be approximately \$3.2 million and has established a reserve for this amount which is included in accrued liabilities in the Condensed

Consolidated Balance Sheets. As noted above, the RI/FS is still underway and given the uncertainty that exists concerning the nature and scope of additional environmental investigation and remediation that may ultimately be required under the RI/FS or otherwise at the York facility, we are unable to make a reasonable estimate of those additional costs, if any, that may result.

The estimate of the Company's future Response Costs that will be incurred at the York facility is based on reports of independent environmental consultants retained by the Company, the actual costs incurred to date and the estimated costs to complete the necessary investigation and remediation activities. Response Costs related to the remediation of soil are expected to be incurred primarily over a period of several years ending in 2015. Response Costs related to ground water remediation may continue for some time beyond 2015.

Product Liability Matters:

Additionally, the Company is involved in product liability suits related to the operation of its business. The Company accrues for claim exposures that are probable of occurrence and can be reasonably estimated. The Company also maintains insurance coverage for product liability exposures. The Company believes that its accruals and insurance coverage are adequate and that product liability will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures
Not Applicable

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchase of Equity Securities
Harley-Davidson, Inc. common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. The high and low market prices for the common stock, reported as New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Composite Transactions, were as follows:

| 2012 | Low | High | 2011 | Low | High |
|----------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|
| First quarter | \$38.93 | \$50.96 | First quarter | \$34.56 | \$43.14 |
| Second quarter | \$43.79 | \$54.32 | Second quarter | \$34.70 | \$43.15 |
| Third quarter | \$37.84 | \$47.62 | Third quarter | \$31.50 | \$46.88 |
| Fourth quarter | \$40.59 | \$49.76 | Fourth quarter | \$31.93 | \$40.92 |

The Company paid the following dividends per share:

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| First quarter | \$0.155 | \$0.100 | \$0.10 |
| Second quarter | 0.155 | 0.125 | 0.10 |
| Third quarter | 0.155 | 0.125 | 0.10 |
| Fourth quarter | 0.155 | 0.125 | 0.10 |
| | \$0.620 | \$0.475 | \$0.400 |

As of January 31, 2013 there were 83,194 shareholders of record of Harley-Davidson, Inc. common stock.

The following table contains detail related to the repurchase of common stock based on the date of trade during the quarter ended December 31, 2012:

| 2012 Fiscal Month | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| October 1 to November 4 | 634,806 | \$43 | 634,806 | 14,703,317 |
| November 5 to December 2 | 283,000 | \$47 | 283,000 | 14,624,096 |
| December 3 to December 31 | 281,656 | \$47 | 281,656 | 14,525,205 |
| Total | 1,199,462 | \$45 | 1,199,462 | |

The Company has an authorization (originally adopted in December 1997) by its Board of Directors to repurchase shares of its outstanding common stock under which the cumulative number of shares repurchased, at the time of any repurchase, shall not exceed the sum of (1) the number of shares issued in connection with the exercise of stock options occurring on or after January 1, 2004 plus (2) one percent of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company on January 1 of the current year, adjusted for any stock split. The Company repurchased 0.4 million shares during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2012 under this authorization. As of December 31, 2012, there were no shares available under this authorization.

In December 2007, the Company's Board of Directors separately authorized the Company to buy back up to 20.0 million shares of its common stock with no dollar limit or expiration date. The Company repurchased 0.8 million shares during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2012 under this authorization. As of December 31, 2012, 14.5 million shares remained under this authorization.

From time to time, the Company may enter into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan for the purpose of repurchasing shares under either the 1997 or 2007 authorization.

The Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (exhibit 10.5) and predecessor stock plans permit participants to satisfy all or a portion of the statutory federal, state and local withholding tax obligations arising in connection with plan awards by electing to (a) have the Company withhold Shares otherwise issuable under the award, (b) tender back shares received in connection with such award or (c) deliver other previously owned Shares, in each case having a value equal to the amount to be withheld. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company acquired 5,750 shares of common stock that employees presented to the Company to satisfy withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards.

Item 12 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K contains certain information relating to the Company's equity compensation plans.

The following information in this Item 5 is not deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into such a filing: the SEC requires the Company to include a line graph presentation comparing cumulative five year Common Stock returns with a broad-based stock index and either a nationally recognized industry index or an index of peer companies selected by the Company. The Company has chosen to use the Standard & Poor's 500 Index as the broad-based index and the Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index as a more specific comparison. The Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index was chosen because the Company does not believe that any other published industry or line-of-business index adequately represents the current operations of the Company. The graph assumes a beginning investment of \$100 on December 31, 2007 and that all dividends are reinvested.

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) | (\$) |
| Harley-Davidson, Inc. | 100 | 38 | 58 | 81 | 92 | 117 |
| Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index | 100 | 64 | 88 | 111 | 109 | 129 |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index | 100 | 63 | 80 | 92 | 94 | 109 |

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 2011 ⁽¹⁾ | 2010 ⁽¹⁾ | 2009 ⁽²⁾ | 2008 ⁽²⁾ |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Statement of operations data: | | | | | |
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Motorcycles & Related Products | 4,942,582 | 4,662,264 | 4,176,627 | 4,287,130 | 5,578,414 |
| Financial Services | 637,924 | 649,449 | 682,709 | 494,779 | 376,970 |
| Total revenue | 5,580,506 | 5,311,713 | 4,859,336 | 4,781,909 | 5,955,384 |
| Income from continuing operations | 623,925 | 548,078 | 259,669 | 70,641 | 684,235 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax | — | 51,036 | (113,124) | (125,757) | (29,517) |
| Net income (loss) | 623,925 | 599,114 | 146,545 | (55,116) | 654,718 |
| Weighted-average common shares: | | | | | |
| Basic | 227,119 | 232,889 | 233,312 | 232,577 | 234,225 |
| Diluted | 229,229 | 234,918 | 234,787 | 233,573 | 234,477 |
| Earnings per common share from continuing operations: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$2.75 | \$2.35 | \$1.11 | \$0.30 | \$2.92 |
| Diluted | \$2.72 | \$2.33 | \$1.11 | \$0.30 | \$2.92 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.48) | \$(0.54) | \$(0.13) |
| Diluted | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.48) | \$(0.54) | \$(0.13) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$2.75 | \$2.57 | \$0.63 | \$(0.24) | \$2.80 |
| Diluted | \$2.72 | \$2.55 | \$0.62 | \$(0.24) | \$2.79 |
| Dividends paid per common share | \$0.620 | \$0.475 | \$0.400 | \$0.400 | \$1.290 |
| Balance sheet data: | | | | | |
| Total assets | 9,170,773 | 9,674,164 | 9,430,740 | 9,155,518 | 7,828,625 |
| Total debt | 5,102,649 | 5,722,619 | 5,752,356 | 5,636,129 | 3,914,887 |
| Total equity | 2,557,624 | 2,420,256 | 2,206,866 | 2,108,118 | 2,115,603 |

The Company began consolidating formerly off-balance sheet qualifying special purpose entities as required by the (1) new guidance within Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810, "Consolidations" and ASC Topic 860, "Transfers and Servicing" in 2010.

(2) 2009 and 2008 total assets include assets of discontinued operations of \$181.2 million and \$238.7 million, respectively.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Harley-Davidson, Inc. is the parent company for the groups of companies doing business as Harley-Davidson Motor Company (HDMC) and Harley-Davidson Financial Services (HDFS). HDMC produces heavyweight cruiser and touring motorcycles. HDMC manufactures five families of motorcycles: Touring, Dyna[®], Softail[®], Sportster[®] and V-Rod[®]. HDFS provides wholesale and retail financing and insurance programs primarily to Harley-Davidson dealers and customers.

The Company operates in two business segments: Motorcycles & Related Products (Motorcycles) and Financial Services (Financial Services). The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately based on the fundamental differences in their operations.

The "% Change" figures included in the "Results of Operations" section were calculated using unrounded dollar amounts and may differ from calculations using the rounded dollar amounts presented.

Overview

The Company's income from continuing operations for 2012 was \$623.9 million, or \$2.72 per diluted share compared to \$548.1 million, or \$2.33 per diluted share, in 2011. The increase in 2012 income from continuing operations was driven by strong financial performance in both the Motorcycles and the Financial Services segments. Operating income from the Motorcycles segment was up \$154.3 million over 2011 on a 6.2% increase in wholesale shipments of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, lower manufacturing costs and a decrease in restructuring expense. Operating income from the Financial Services segment was also up over the prior year, increasing \$15.9 million, or 5.9%, driven primarily by a decrease in interest expense.

In 2012, worldwide independent dealer retail sales of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles grew 6.2% compared to 2011, including a 6.6% increase in the U.S. and a 5.6% increase in international markets. The Company believes the improvement in retail sales of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles reflects the strength of the Harley-Davidson brand and the appeal of model- year 2012 and 2013 products, worldwide dealer efforts and continued investment in growth opportunities around the world.

Please refer to the "Results of Operations 2012 Compared to 2011" for additional details concerning the results for 2012.

(1) Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The Company intends that certain matters discussed in this report are "forward-looking statements" intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such by reference to this footnote or because the context of the statement will include words such as the Company "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," or "estimates" or words of similar meaning. Similarly, statements that describe future plans, objectives, outlooks, targets, guidance or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated as of the date of this report. Certain of such risks and uncertainties are described in close proximity to such statements or elsewhere in this report, including under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A and under "Cautionary Statements" in Item 7 of this report. Shareholders, potential investors, and other readers are urged to consider these factors in evaluating the forward-looking statements and cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this report are made only as of the date of the filing of this report (February 22, 2013), and the Company disclaims

any obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Outlook⁽¹⁾

On January 29, 2013 the Company announced the following expectations for 2013.

The Company expects to ship 259,000 to 264,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles during 2013, with 71,000 to 76,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles expected to ship in the first quarter of 2013. The 2013 shipment estimates take several factors into consideration, including new model-year 2013 and 2014 products, the continued success of outreach efforts in the U.S., the improved product availability in the U.S., continued expansion of the international distribution network and the strong appeal of the Harley-Davidson brand. At the same time, the Company remains cautious on the world economies, in particular in the U.S. and Europe.

Shipment expectations for the first quarter of 2013 reflect an increase of approximately 10% to 18% compared to the first quarter of 2012. This increase is expected to be supported by the new surge manufacturing capability launched at the York, Pennsylvania (York) facility at the start of 2013. The surge manufacturing capabilities at York will rely on a new seasonal workforce and will be supported by similar efforts at the Company's Wisconsin manufacturing facilities that supply York. The surge manufacturing capability is expected to enable the Company to increase manufacturing capacity in the first half of 2013 to more closely match retail demand. As a result, U.S. retail inventory is expected to increase by the end of the first quarter as dealers replenish inventory to prepare for the 2013 selling season.

The Company expects to implement surge manufacturing capabilities at its Kansas City, Missouri (Kansas City) facility in 2014. Consequently, the Company expects U.S. retail inventory to be slightly lower on a year over year basis at the end of 2013 as dealers more closely align inventory with the seasonal low point for retail sales in advance of the expected surge manufacturing capability at the Kansas City facility.

In addition, the Company expects full year 2013 gross margin to be between 35.25% and 36.25%. In 2013 gross margin is expected to be positively impacted by approximately \$25 million in incremental restructuring savings, approximately \$16 million less in temporary inefficiencies, a lower fixed cost per unit on higher production and higher pricing. To a lesser extent, gross margin is also expected to be favorably impacted by changes in product mix. However, these positive benefits are expected to be offset by unfavorable currency impacts due in part to less favorable hedge positions, higher pension expense and pressure on material costs.

The Company believes operating income from financial services in 2013 will be modestly lower than 2012 as the business benefited from \$17 million in credit loss allowance releases which may not repeat in 2013. In addition, the Company expects changing consumer behavior, HDFS' funding of additional prudently structured loans in the near-prime and sub-prime segments and lower recoveries resulting from lower charge-offs in prior periods to result in modestly higher credit losses in 2013.

The Company's capital expenditure estimates for 2013 are between \$200 million and \$220 million. The Company anticipates it will have the ability to fund all capital expenditures in 2013 with cash flows generated by operations. The Company also announced on January 29, 2013 that it expects the full year 2013 effective income tax rate to be approximately 34.8% for continuing operations which includes the impact of the reinstatement of the Federal Research and Development tax credit with the enactment of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. This guidance excludes the effect of any potential future adjustments such as changes in tax legislation or audit settlements which are recorded as discrete items in the period in which they are settled.

Restructuring Activities⁽¹⁾

2011 Restructuring Plans

In December 2011, the Company made a decision to cease operations at New Castalloy, its Australian subsidiary and producer of cast motorcycle wheels and wheel hubs, and source those components through other existing suppliers. The Company expects the transition of supply from New Castalloy to be complete in 2013. The decision to close New Castalloy comes as part of the Company's overall long term strategy to develop world-class manufacturing capability throughout the Company by restructuring and consolidating operations for greater competitiveness, efficiency and flexibility. In connection with the 2011 New Castalloy restructuring plan, the Company will reduce its workforce by approximately 200 employees by the end of 2013.

In February 2011, the Company's unionized employees at its facility in Kansas City, Missouri ratified a new seven-year labor agreement. The new agreement took effect on August 1, 2011. The new contract is similar to the labor agreements ratified

at the Company's Wisconsin facilities in September 2010 and its York facility in December 2009, and allows for similar flexibility, increased production efficiency and the addition of a flexible workforce component. The 2011 Kansas City restructuring plan results in approximately 145 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Kansas City facility than would be required under the previous contract.

2010 Restructuring Plan

In September 2010, the Company's unionized employees in Wisconsin ratified three separate new seven-year labor agreements which took effect in April 2012 when the prior contracts expired. The new contracts are similar to the labor agreement ratified at York in December 2009 and allow for similar flexibility, increased production efficiency and the addition of a flexible workforce component.

The 2010 restructuring plan results in approximately 250 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Milwaukee-area facilities than would be required under the previous contract and approximately 75 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Tomahawk facility than would be required under the previous contract.

2009 Restructuring Plan

During 2009, in response to the U.S. economic recession and worldwide slowdown in consumer demand, the Company committed to a volume reduction and a combination of restructuring actions that were expected to be completed at various dates between 2009 and 2012. The actions were designed to reduce administrative costs, eliminate excess capacity and exit non-core business operations. The Company's announced actions include the restructuring and transformation of its York production facility including the implementation of a new more flexible unionized labor agreement which allows for the addition of a flexible workforce component; consolidation of facilities related to engine and transmission production; outsourcing of certain distribution and transportation activities and exiting the Buell product line. In addition, the Company implemented projects under this plan involving the outsourcing of select information technology activities and the consolidation of an administrative office in Michigan into its corporate headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The 2009 restructuring plan results in a reduction of approximately 2,700 to 2,900 hourly production positions and approximately 800 non-production, primarily salaried positions within the Motorcycles segment and approximately 100 salaried positions in the Financial Services segment.

Restructuring Costs and Savings

During 2012, the Company incurred \$28.5 million in restructuring expense related to its combined restructuring plan activities. This is in addition to \$455.8 million in restructuring and impairment expense incurred in prior years since its restructuring activities were initiated in 2009. On January 29, 2013, the Company provided an estimate for restructuring expenses related to its combined restructuring plan activities that it expects to incur from 2009 to 2013 of approximately \$495 million which is within the range of expected cost of \$490 million to \$510 million that the Company previously provided. The Company continues to expect approximately 35% of the amounts to be non-cash. The estimated restructuring expense includes an estimate of \$13 million in 2013, which was revised up from the previous estimate of \$5 million to \$10 million reflecting a shift in expected expense from 2012 to 2013.

The Company anticipates annual ongoing total savings from restructuring activities initiated since early 2009 of approximately \$320 million upon completion of all announced restructuring activities. The Company has realized or estimates that it will realize cumulative savings from these restructuring activities, measured against 2008, as follows:

- 2009 - \$91 million (91% operating expense and 9% cost of sales) (actual);
- 2010 - \$172 million (64% operating expense and 36% cost of sales) (actual);
- 2011 - \$217 million (51% operating expense and 49% cost of sales) (actual);
- 2012 - \$280 million (42% operating expense and 58% cost of sales) (actual);
- 2013 - \$305 million (approximately 40% operating expense and approximately 60% cost of sales) (estimated);
- Ongoing annually upon completion - \$320 million (approximately 35% operating expense and approximately 65% cost of sales) (estimated).

Results of Operations 2012 Compared to 2011
Consolidated Results

| (in thousands, except earnings per share) | 2012 | 2011 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|----|
| Operating income from motorcycles & related products | \$715,489 | \$561,176 | \$154,313 | 27.5 | % |
| Operating income from financial services | 284,687 | 268,791 | 15,896 | 5.9 | % |
| Operating income | 1,000,176 | 829,967 | 170,209 | 20.5 | % |
| Investment income | 7,369 | 7,963 | (594) | (7.5) |)% |
| Interest expense | 46,033 | 45,266 | 767 | 1.7 | % |
| Income before income taxes | 961,512 | 792,664 | 168,848 | 21.3 | % |
| Provision for income taxes | 337,587 | 244,586 | 93,001 | 38.0 | % |
| Income from continuing operations | 623,925 | 548,078 | 75,847 | 13.8 | % |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes | — | 51,036 | (51,036) | NM | |
| Net income | \$623,925 | \$599,114 | \$24,811 | 4.1 | % |
| Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations | \$2.72 | \$2.33 | \$0.39 | 16.7 | % |
| Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.22) | NM | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$2.72 | \$2.55 | \$0.17 | 6.7 | % |

Operating income for the Motorcycles segment during 2012 improved by \$154.3 million compared to 2011 driven by a 6.2% increase in motorcycle shipments, price increases, decreases in manufacturing costs and lower restructuring expenses compared to the prior year. Operating income for the Financial Services segment improved by \$15.9 million during 2012 primarily due to lower interest expense. Please refer to the “Motorcycles and Related Products Segment” and “Financial Services Segment” discussions following for a more detailed discussion of the factors affecting operating income.

The effective income tax rate for 2012 was 35.1% compared to 30.9% for 2011. The lower 2011 effective tax rate was mainly driven by a change in the 2011 Wisconsin income tax law associated with certain net operating losses, the favorable settlement of an IRS audit and the impact of the federal Research and Development Tax Credit.

In 2011, the Company recognized a \$51.0 million benefit on income from discontinued operations, driven by the reversal of tax amounts reserved in prior years related to the divestiture of the Company’s MV Agusta subsidiaries. The amounts had been reserved pending an agreement that the Company and the IRS reached on the tax treatment of the transaction in December 2011.

Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations was \$2.72 in 2012, up 16.7% over 2011. The increase in diluted earnings per share was driven primarily by the 13.8% increase in income from continuing operations, but also benefited from lower diluted weighted average shares outstanding. Diluted weighted average share outstanding decreased from 234.9 million in 2011 to 229.2 million in 2012 driven by the Company's repurchase of common stock over the last two years. Please refer to "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for additional information concerning the Company's share repurchase activity.

Motorcycles and Related Products Segment

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Retail Sales

Worldwide independent dealer retail sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles increased 6.2% during 2012 compared to 2011. Retail sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles increased 6.6% in the United States and 5.6% internationally in 2012. International retail sales as a percent of total retail sales were down slightly compared to 2011 reflecting the tough market conditions in Europe. International retail sales represented 35.3% and 35.5% of total retail sales in 2012 and 2011, respectively. Given the fact that the Company's European business was down in 2012 and the economic concerns that remain in Europe for the near term, the Company no longer believes it will meet its goal of international retail sales exceeding 40% of total retail sales by 2014. However, the Company continues to believe international retail sales will grow at a faster rate than domestic sales through 2014⁽¹⁾.

The following table includes retail unit sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles:

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Retail Sales^(a)

Heavyweight (651+cc)

| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|--|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| North America Region | | | | | |
| United States | 161,678 | 151,683 | 9,995 | 6.6 | % |
| Canada | 10,573 | 10,502 | 71 | 0.7 | |
| Total North America Region | 172,251 | 162,185 | 10,066 | 6.2 | |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa Region (EMEA) | | | | | |
| Europe ^(b) | 37,027 | 39,334 | (2,307) | (5.9) |) |
| Other | 6,000 | 5,006 | 994 | 19.9 | |
| Total EMEA Region | 43,027 | 44,340 | (1,313) | (3.0) |) |
| Asia Pacific Region | | | | | |
| Japan | 10,642 | 10,401 | 241 | 2.3 | |
| Other | 13,839 | 11,015 | 2,824 | 25.6 | |
| Total Asia Pacific Region | 24,481 | 21,416 | 3,065 | 14.3 | |
| Latin America Region | 10,090 | 7,247 | 2,843 | 39.2 | |
| Total Worldwide Retail Sales | 249,849 | 235,188 | 14,661 | 6.2 | % |

Data source for retail sales figures shown above is new sales warranty and registration information provided by (a) Harley-Davidson dealers and compiled by the Company. The Company must rely on information that its dealers supply concerning retail sales and this information is subject to revision.

(b) Data for Europe include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The following table includes industry retail motorcycle registration data:

Heavyweight Motorcycle Registration Data^(a)

| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|----|
| United States ^(b) | 281,974 | 271,029 | 10,945 | 4.0 | % |
| Europe ^(c) | 268,299 | 292,533 | (24,234) | (8.3) |)% |

(a) Heavyweight data includes street legal 651+cc models. Street legal 651+cc models include on-highway and dual purpose models and three-wheeled vehicles.

(b)

United States industry data is derived from information provided by Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). This third party data is subject to revision and update. Prior periods have been adjusted to include all dual purpose models that were previously excluded.

Europe data includes Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Industry retail motorcycle registration data (c) includes 651+cc models derived from information provided by Association des Constructeurs Europeens de Motocycles (ACEM), an independent agency. This third-party data is subject to revision and update.

Motorcycle Unit Shipments

The following table includes wholesale motorcycle unit shipments for the Motorcycles segment:

| | 2012 | | 2011 | | Increase | % Change | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------------|---|
| United States | 160,477 | 64.8 | % 152,180 | 65.3 | % 8,297 | 5.5 | % |
| International | 87,148 | 35.2 | % 80,937 | 34.7 | % 6,211 | 7.7 | |
| Harley-Davidson motorcycle units | 247,625 | 100.0 | % 233,117 | 100.0 | % 14,508 | 6.2 | % |
| Touring motorcycle units | 99,496 | 40.2 | % 92,002 | 39.5 | % 7,494 | 8.1 | % |
| Custom motorcycle units* | 96,425 | 38.9 | % 91,459 | 39.2 | % 4,966 | 5.4 | |
| Sportster motorcycle units | 51,704 | 20.9 | % 49,656 | 21.3 | % 2,048 | 4.1 | |
| Harley-Davidson motorcycle units | 247,625 | 100.0 | % 233,117 | 100.0 | % 14,508 | 6.2 | % |

* Custom motorcycle units, as used in this table, include Dyna, Softail, V-Rod and CVO models.

During 2012, wholesale shipments of Harley-Davidson motorcycles were up 6.2% compared to the prior year and within the Company's most recent expected shipment range of 245,000 to 250,000 motorcycles. As expected, wholesale motorcycle shipments in the fourth quarter of 2012 were down compared to the fourth quarter of 2011 in advance of the launch of seasonal surge manufacturing at the Company's York facility in early 2013. Consequently, retail inventory in the U.S. was approximately 1,200 units lower than at the end of 2011.

Segment Results

The following table includes the condensed statement of operations for the Motorcycles segment (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | (Decrease) Increase | % Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Motorcycles | \$3,764,794 | \$3,554,547 | \$210,247 | 5.9 | % |
| Parts & Accessories | 859,945 | 816,569 | 43,376 | 5.3 | |
| General Merchandise | 299,403 | 274,124 | 25,279 | 9.2 | |
| Other | 18,440 | 17,024 | 1,416 | 8.3 | |
| Total revenue | 4,942,582 | 4,662,264 | 280,318 | 6.0 | |
| Cost of goods sold | 3,222,394 | 3,106,288 | 116,106 | 3.7 | |
| Gross profit | 1,720,188 | 1,555,976 | 164,212 | 10.6 | |
| Selling & administrative expense | 846,894 | 788,565 | 58,329 | 7.4 | |
| Engineering expense | 129,330 | 138,243 | (8,913) | (6.4) |) |
| Restructuring expense | 28,475 | 67,992 | (39,517) | (58.1) |) |
| Operating expense | 1,004,699 | 994,800 | 9,899 | 1.0 | |
| Operating income from motorcycles | \$715,489 | \$561,176 | \$154,313 | 27.5 | % |

The following table includes the estimated impact of the significant factors affecting the comparability of net revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit from 2011 to 2012 (in millions):

| | Net Revenue | Cost of Goods Sold | Gross Profit |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2011 | \$4,662 | \$3,106 | \$1,556 |
| Volume | 293 | 197 | 96 |
| Price | 30 | — | 30 |
| Foreign currency exchange rates and hedging | (76 |) (59 |) (17 |
| Shipment mix | 34 | 29 | 5 |
| Raw material prices | — | (7 |) 7 |
| Manufacturing costs | — | (43 |) 43 |
| Total | 281 | 117 | 164 |
| 2012 | \$4,943 | \$3,223 | \$1,720 |

The following factors affected the comparability of net revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit from 2011 to 2012:

Volume increases were driven by the increase in wholesale shipments of motorcycle units as well as higher sales volumes for Parts & Accessories and General Merchandise.

On average, wholesale prices on the Company's 2012 and 2013 model year motorcycles are higher than the preceding model years resulting in the favorable impact on revenue and gross profit during the period.

Foreign currency exchange rates during 2012 resulted in a negative impact on net revenue, which was partially offset by the favorable impact of gains associated with foreign currency hedging included in cost of goods sold.

Shipment mix changes resulted primarily from favorable product mix changes between motorcycle families.

Raw material prices were lower in 2012 relative to 2011 primarily due to lower metal costs.

Manufacturing costs were favorably impacted by savings related to restructuring initiatives. Temporary inefficiencies associated with the Company's restructuring and transformation at its York facility were \$33 million in 2012 compared to \$32 million in 2011.

The net increase in operating expense was primarily due to incremental investments to support the Company's growth initiatives and increases in employee costs including pension. These cost increases were partially offset by lower restructuring expense related to the Company's previously announced restructuring activities as well as lower engineering expense. For further information regarding the Company's previously announced restructuring activities, refer to Note 4 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Financial Services Segment Segment Results

The following table includes the condensed statements of operations for the Financial Services segment (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Interest income | \$583,700 | \$598,675 | \$(14,975) | (2.5) |
| Other income | 54,224 | 50,774 | 3,450 | 6.8 |
| Financial services revenue | 637,924 | 649,449 | (11,525) | (1.8) |
| Interest expense | 195,990 | 229,492 | (33,502) | (14.6) |
| Provision for credit losses | 22,239 | 17,031 | 5,208 | 30.6 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|---|
| Operating expenses | 135,008 | 134,135 | 873 | 0.7 | |
| Financial services expense | 353,237 | 380,658 | (27,421) | (7.2) |) |
| Operating income from financial services | \$284,687 | \$268,791 | \$15,896 | 5.9 | % |

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Interest income decreased during 2012 primarily due to lower average retail finance receivables outstanding. Interest expense benefited from lower debt levels related to lower average retail finance receivables outstanding, a more favorable cost of funds, and a \$5.3 million lower loss on the extinguishment of medium-term notes as compared to 2011.

The provision for credit losses was unfavorable by \$5.2 million in 2012 as compared to 2011. The retail motorcycle provision increased by \$6.6 million on smaller allowance releases during 2012 as compared to 2011, although both years experienced favorable credit performance. The provision for credit losses related to wholesale motorcycle finance receivables increased by \$3.0 million in 2012 primarily due to larger dealer performance-related allowance releases in 2011 as compared to 2012. The wholesale and retail motorcycle provision increases were offset by decreases in the provision for credit losses related to other retail receivables.

Annual losses on HDFS' retail motorcycle loans were 0.79% during 2012 compared to 1.20% in 2011. The decrease in credit losses from 2011 resulted from changes in underwriting and collections, as well as a lower frequency of loss. The 30-day delinquency rate for retail motorcycle loans at December 31, 2012 increased to 3.94% from 3.85% at December 31, 2011. HDFS has not experienced a year-end 30-day delinquency rate below 4.50% in over ten years and believes the credit quality of its retail portfolio will remain strong in 2013⁽¹⁾.

Changes in the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 125,449 | \$ 173,589 |
| Provision for credit losses | 22,239 | 17,031 |
| Charge-offs, net of recoveries | (40,021 |) (65,171 |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 107,667 | \$ 125,449 |

At December 31, 2012, the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables was \$101.4 million for retail receivables and \$6.2 million for wholesale receivables. At December 31, 2011, the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables was \$116.1 million for retail receivables and \$9.3 million for wholesale receivables.

HDFS' periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables is generally based on HDFS' past loan loss experience, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, current economic conditions and the estimated value of any underlying collateral. Please refer to Note 6 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding the Company's allowance for credit losses on finance receivables.

Results of Operations 2011 Compared to 2010
Consolidated Results

| (in thousands, except earnings per share) | 2011 | 2010 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|----|
| Operating income from motorcycles & related products | \$561,176 | \$378,758 | \$182,418 | 48.2 | % |
| Operating income from financial services | 268,791 | 181,873 | 86,918 | 47.8 | |
| Operating income | 829,967 | 560,631 | 269,336 | 48.0 | |
| Investment income | 7,963 | 5,442 | 2,521 | 46.3 | |
| Interest expense | 45,266 | 90,357 | (45,091) | (49.9) |) |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | — | 85,247 | (85,247) | NM |) |
| Income before income taxes | 792,664 | 390,469 | 402,195 | 103.0 | |
| Provision for income taxes | 244,586 | 130,800 | 113,786 | 87.0 | |
| Income from continuing operations | 548,078 | 259,669 | 288,409 | 111.1 | |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes | 51,036 | (113,124) | 164,160 | (145.1) |) |
| Net income | \$599,114 | \$146,545 | \$452,569 | 308.8 | % |
| Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations | \$2.33 | \$1.11 | \$1.22 | 109.9 | % |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations | \$0.22 | \$(0.48) | \$0.70 | (145.8) |)% |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$2.55 | \$0.62 | \$1.93 | 311.3 | % |

Operating income for the Motorcycles segment during 2011 improved by \$182.4 million compared to 2010 primarily due to increased motorcycle shipments and lower spending on the Company's ongoing restructuring activities. Operating income for the Financial Services segment improved by \$86.9 million during 2011 primarily due to improved credit performance in the retail motorcycle finance receivable portfolio. Please refer to the "Motorcycles and Related Products Segment" and "Financial Services Segment" discussions following for a more detailed discussion of the factors affecting operating income.

Interest expense for 2011 related to the Company's senior unsecured notes, was approximately \$45 million lower than in 2010. The decrease in interest expense on the senior unsecured notes is due to the Company's repurchase of \$297.0 million of the \$600.0 million senior unsecured notes during the fourth quarter of 2010.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company repurchased \$297.0 million of the \$600.0 million senior unsecured notes at a price of \$380.8 million. As a result of the transaction, the Company incurred a loss on debt extinguishment of \$85.2 million which also includes \$1.4 million of capitalized debt issuance costs that were written-off. The Company used cash on hand for the repurchase and the repurchased notes were canceled.

The effective income tax rate for 2011 was 30.9% compared to 33.5% for 2010. The lower 2011 effective tax rate was mainly driven by a change in the 2011 Wisconsin income tax law associated with certain net operating losses and a one-time tax charge in 2010 associated with the federal healthcare legislation.

In 2011, the Company recognized a \$51.0 million benefit on income from discontinued operations, driven by the reversal of tax amounts reserved in prior years related to the divestiture of the Company's MV Augusta subsidiaries. The amounts had been reserved pending an agreement that was reached by the Company and the IRS on the tax treatment of the transaction in December 2011. This compares to a \$113.1 million loss from discontinued operations in 2010 due primarily to impairment charges related to a decrease in the fair value of MV Augusta.

Motorcycles and Related Products Segment

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Retail Sales

Worldwide independent dealer retail sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles increased 5.9% during 2011 compared to 2010. Retail sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles increased 5.8% in the United States and 6.1% internationally in 2011. The following table includes retail unit sales of Harley-Davidson motorcycles:

Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Retail Sales^(a)
Heavyweight (651+cc)

| | 2011 | 2010 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|--|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| North America Region | | | | | |
| United States | 151,683 | 143,391 | 8,292 | 5.8 | % |
| Canada | 10,502 | 10,376 | 126 | 1.2 | |
| Total North America Region | 162,185 | 153,767 | 8,418 | 5.5 | |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa Region (EMEA) | | | | | |
| Europe ^(b) | 39,334 | 37,378 | 1,956 | 5.2 | |
| Other | 5,006 | 3,810 | 1,196 | 31.4 | |
| Total EMEA Region | 44,340 | 41,188 | 3,152 | 7.7 | |
| Asia Pacific Region | | | | | |
| Japan | 10,401 | 11,405 | (1,004) | (8.8) |) |
| Other | 11,015 | 9,582 | 1,433 | 15.0 | |
| Total Asia Pacific Region | 21,416 | 20,987 | 429 | 2.0 | |
| Latin America Region | 7,247 | 6,168 | 1,079 | 17.5 | |
| Total Worldwide Retail Sales | 235,188 | 222,110 | 13,078 | 5.9 | % |

Data source for retail sales figures shown above is new sales warranty and registration information provided by (a) Harley-Davidson dealers and compiled by the Company. The Company must rely on information that its dealers supply concerning retail sales and this information is subject to revision.

(b) Data for Europe include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The following table includes industry retail motorcycle registration data:

Heavyweight Motorcycle Registration Data^(a)

| | 2011 | 2010 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------|----|
| United States ^(b) | 271,029 | 259,733 | 11,296 | 4.3 | % |
| Europe ^(c) | 292,533 | 301,321 | (8,788) | (2.9) |)% |

(a) Heavyweight data includes street legal 651+cc models. Street legal 651+cc models include on-highway and dual purpose models and three-wheeled vehicles.

United States industry data is derived from information provided by Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC). This third party data is subject to revision and update. Prior periods have been adjusted to include all dual purpose models that were previously excluded.

Europe data includes Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Industry retail motorcycle registration data

(c) includes 651+cc models derived from information provided by Association des Constructeurs Europeens de Motocycles (ACEM), an independent agency. Europe market data is reported on a one-month lag. This third-party data is subject to revision and update.

Motorcycle Unit Shipments

The following table includes wholesale motorcycle unit shipments for the Motorcycles segment:

| | 2011 | | 2010 | | Increase(Decrease) | | % Change | |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------|---------|-------------|--|
| United States | 152,180 | 65.3 | % 131,636 | 62.5 | % 20,544 | 15.6 | % | |
| International | 80,937 | 34.7 | % 78,858 | 37.5 | % 2,079 | 2.6 | | |
| Harley-Davidson motorcycle units | 233,117 | 100.0 | % 210,494 | 100.0 | % 22,623 | 10.7 | % | |
| Touring motorcycle units | 92,002 | 39.5 | % 81,927 | 38.9 | % 10,075 | 12.3 | % | |
| Custom motorcycle units* | 91,459 | 39.2 | % 87,158 | 41.4 | % 4,301 | 4.9 | | |
| Sportster motorcycle units | 49,656 | 21.3 | % 41,409 | 19.7 | % 8,247 | 19.9 | | |
| Harley-Davidson motorcycle units | 233,117 | 100.0 | % 210,494 | 100.0 | % 22,623 | 10.7 | % | |
| Buell motorcycle units | 274 | | 2,614 | | (2,340) | (89.5) | % | |

* Custom motorcycle units, as used in this table, include Dyna, Softail, V-Rod and CVO models.

During 2011, wholesale shipments of Harley-Davidson motorcycles were up 10.7% compared to the prior year. Temporary production constraints resulting from restructuring efforts at the Company's York facility that impacted its production for 2011 eased during the fourth quarter of 2011, allowing a slightly higher mix of Touring motorcycles compared to the prior year. Sportster shipment mix was also higher than in 2010 and near the high end of the historical range of 18% to 22% due to strong retail demand for Sportster models.

Segment Results

The following table includes the condensed statement of operations for the Motorcycles segment (in thousands):

| | 2011 | 2010 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Revenue: | | | | | |
| Harley-Davidson motorcycles | \$3,553,291 | \$3,136,987 | \$416,304 | 13.3 | % |
| Buell motorcycles | 1,256 | 16,280 | (15,024) | (92.3) | |
| Parts & Accessories | 816,569 | 749,240 | 67,329 | 9.0 | |
| General Merchandise | 274,124 | 259,125 | 14,999 | 5.8 | |
| Other | 17,024 | 14,995 | 2,029 | 13.5 | |
| Total revenue | 4,662,264 | 4,176,627 | 485,637 | 11.6 | |
| Cost of goods sold | 3,106,288 | 2,749,224 | 357,064 | 13.0 | |
| Gross profit | 1,555,976 | 1,427,403 | 128,573 | 9.0 | |
| Selling & administrative expense | 788,565 | 756,177 | 32,388 | 4.3 | |
| Engineering expense | 138,243 | 128,960 | 9,283 | 7.2 | |
| Restructuring expense | 67,992 | 163,508 | (95,516) | (58.4) | |
| Operating expense | 994,800 | 1,048,645 | (53,845) | (5.1) | |
| Operating income from motorcycles | \$561,176 | \$378,758 | \$182,418 | 48.2 | % |

The following table includes the estimated impact of the significant factors affecting the comparability of net revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit from 2010 to 2011 (in millions):

| | Net Revenue | Cost of Goods Sold | Gross Profit |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2010 | \$4,177 | \$2,749 | \$1,428 |
| Volume | 365 | 250 | 115 |
| Price | 15 | — | 15 |
| Foreign currency exchange rates and hedging | 89 | 84 | 5 |
| Shipment mix | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| Raw material prices | — | 32 | (32 |
| Manufacturing costs | — | (24 |) 24 |
| Total | 485 | 357 | 128 |
| 2011 | \$4,662 | \$3,106 | \$1,556 |

The following factors affected the comparability of net revenue, cost of goods sold and gross profit from 2010 to 2011:

Volume increases were driven by the 10.7% increase in wholesale shipments of Harley-Davidson motorcycle units as well as higher sales volumes for Parts & Accessories and General Merchandise.

On average, wholesale prices on the Company's 2012 model year motorcycles are higher than the prior model year resulting in the favorable impact on revenue and gross profit during the period.

Foreign currency exchange rates during 2011 relative to 2010 resulted in a positive impact on net revenue. Gains and losses associated with the revaluation of foreign-denominated assets and liabilities and foreign currency hedging (included in cost of goods sold) were unfavorable when compared to 2010 which offset the majority of the positive impact of currency included in net revenue.

Shipment mix changes positively impacted net revenue and resulted primarily from product mix changes both between and within the Company's motorcycle families. However, the impact of these mix changes on cost of goods sold mostly offset the benefits included in revenue.

Raw material prices were higher in 2011 relative to 2010 due to increased metals and fuel costs.

Manufacturing costs were favorably impacted by savings related to restructuring and continuous improvement initiatives, partially offset by temporary inefficiencies associated with the Company's restructuring and transformation at its York facility. During 2011, the Company experienced \$32 million in temporary inefficiencies compared to \$9 million in 2010.

The increase in selling, administrative and engineering expense was primarily due to increased spending on growth initiatives and higher recall expenses offset by savings realized from the Company's restructuring efforts and continuous improvement initiatives. In addition, during 2010 the Company incurred approximately \$15 million of non-recurring costs in connection with the Company's efforts to expand its presence in Brazil. Restructuring expense was lower in 2011 than in 2010. For further information regarding the Company's previously announced restructuring activities, refer to Note 4 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Financial Services Segment

Segment Results

The following table includes the condensed statements of operations for the Financial Services segment (in thousands):

| | 2011 | 2010 | Increase (Decrease) | % Change | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|----|
| Interest income | \$598,675 | \$635,207 | \$(36,532) | (5.8) |)% |
| Other income | 50,774 | 47,502 | 3,272 | 6.9 |) |
| Financial services revenue | 649,449 | 682,709 | (33,260) | (4.9) |) |
| Interest expense | 229,492 | 272,484 | (42,992) | (15.8) |) |
| Provision for credit losses | 17,031 | 93,118 | (76,087) | (81.7) |) |
| Operating expenses | 134,135 | 135,234 | (1,099) | (0.8) |) |
| Financial services expense | 380,658 | 500,836 | (120,178) | (24.0) |) |
| Operating income from financial services | \$268,791 | \$181,873 | \$86,918 | 47.8 | % |

Interest income decreased during 2011 due to lower average retail and wholesale finance receivables outstanding.

Interest expense benefited from lower debt levels related to lower average retail and wholesale finance receivables outstanding and a more favorable cost of funds, partially offset by a \$9.6 million loss on the extinguishment of debt.

The provision for credit losses related to retail motorcycle and wholesale receivables decreased by \$70.1 million and \$7.1 million, respectively, in 2011 compared to 2010. The decrease in the provision for retail motorcycle credit losses was primarily driven by favorable finance receivable credit loss performance. The decrease in provision for wholesale credit losses was primarily due to favorable finance receivable performance.

Annual losses on HDFS' retail motorcycle loans were 1.20% during 2011 compared to 2.11% in 2010. The decrease in credit losses from 2010 was due to a lower frequency of loss and a modest improvement in the recovery values of repossessed motorcycles. The 30-day delinquency rate for retail motorcycle loans at December 31, 2011 decreased to 3.85% from 5.07% at December 31, 2010.

Changes in the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$173,589 | \$150,082 |
| Allowance related to newly consolidated finance receivables | — | 49,424 |
| Provision for credit losses | 17,031 | 93,118 |
| Charge-offs, net of recoveries | (65,171) | (119,035) |
| Balance, end of period | \$125,449 | \$173,589 |

At December 31, 2011, the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables was \$116.1 million for retail receivables and \$9.3 million for wholesale receivables. At December 31, 2010, the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables was \$157.8 million for retail receivables and \$15.8 million for wholesale receivables.

As part of the January 1, 2010 adoption of the new accounting guidance within Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810 "Consolidations" and ASC Topic 860 "Transfers and Servicing", the Company consolidated an initial allowance for credit losses of \$49.4 million related to the previously unconsolidated securitized finance receivables through an adjustment to retained earnings. Subsequent changes in the provision for credit losses are included in the statement of operations.

HDFS' periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables is generally based on HDFS' past loan loss experience, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, current economic conditions and the estimated value of any underlying collateral. Please refer to Note 6 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding the Company's allowance for credit losses on finance receivables.

Other Matters

Critical Accounting Estimates

The Company's financial statements are based on the selection and application of significant accounting policies, which require management to make significant estimates and assumptions. Management believes that the following are some of the more critical judgment areas in the application of accounting policies that currently affect the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Allowance for Credit Losses on Finance Receivables – The allowance for uncollectible accounts is maintained at a level management believes is adequate to cover the losses of principal in the existing finance receivables portfolio. HDFS performs a periodic and systematic collective evaluation of the adequacy of the retail allowance. HDFS utilizes loss forecast models which consider a variety of factors including, but not limited to, historical loss trends, origination or vintage analysis, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, the value of the underlying collateral, recovery rates and current economic conditions including items such as unemployment rates.

The wholesale portfolio is primarily composed of large balance, non-homogeneous finance receivables. HDFS' wholesale allowance evaluation is first based on a loan-by-loan review. A specific allowance is established for wholesale finance receivables determined to be individually impaired when management concludes that the borrower will not be able to make full payment of contractual amounts due based on the original terms of the loan agreement. The impairment is determined based on the cash that the Company expects to receive discounted at the loan's original interest rate or the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral-dependent. In establishing the allowance, management considers a number of factors including the specific borrower's financial performance as well as ability to repay. Finance receivables in the wholesale portfolio that are not individually evaluated for impairment are segregated, based on similar risk characteristics, according to the Company's internal risk rating system and collectively evaluated for impairment. The related allowance is based on factors such as the Company's past loan loss experience, current economic conditions as well as the value of the underlying collateral.

Product Warranty – Estimated warranty costs are reserved for motorcycles, motorcycle parts and motorcycle accessories at the time of sale. The warranty reserve is based upon historical Company claim data used in combination with other known factors that may affect future warranty claims. The Company updates its warranty estimates quarterly to ensure that the warranty reserves are based on the most current information available.

The Company believes that past claim experience is indicative of future claims; however, the factors affecting actual claims can be volatile. As a result, actual claims experience may differ from estimated which could lead to material changes in the Company's warranty provision and related reserves. The Company's warranty liability is discussed further in Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Pensions and Other Postretirement Healthcare Benefits – The Company has a defined benefit pension plan and several postretirement healthcare benefit plans, which cover employees of the Motorcycles segment. The Company also has unfunded supplemental employee retirement plan agreements (SERPA) with certain employees which were instituted to replace benefits lost under the Tax Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993.

U.S. GAAP requires that companies recognize in their statement of financial position a liability for defined benefit pension and postretirement plans that are underfunded or an asset for defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans that are overfunded.

Pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare obligations and costs are calculated through actuarial valuations. The valuation of benefit obligations and net periodic benefit costs relies on key assumptions including discount rates, long-term expected return on plan assets, future compensation and healthcare cost trend rates.

The Company determines its discount rate assumptions by referencing high-quality long-term bond rates that are matched to the duration of its own benefit obligations. Based on this analysis, the Company decreased the discount rate for pension and SERPA obligations from 5.30% as of December 31, 2011 to 4.23% as of December 31, 2012. The Company decreased the discount rate for postretirement healthcare obligations from 4.90% to 3.93%. The Company determines its healthcare trend assumption for the postretirement healthcare obligation by considering factors such as estimated healthcare inflation, the utilization of healthcare benefits and changes in the health of plan participants.

Based on the Company's assessment of this data as of December 31, 2012, the Company set its healthcare cost trend rate at 7.5% as of December 31, 2012. The Company expects the healthcare cost trend rate to reach its ultimate rate of

5.0% by 2019.⁽¹⁾ These assumption changes were reflected immediately in the benefit obligation and will be amortized into net periodic benefit costs over future periods.

Plan assets are measured at fair value and are subject to market volatility. In estimating the expected return on plan assets, the Company considers the historical returns on plan assets, adjusted to reflect the current view of the long-term investment market.

Changes in the funded status of defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans resulting from the difference between assumptions and actual results are initially recognized in other comprehensive income and amortized to expense over future periods. The following information is provided to illustrate the sensitivity of pension and postretirement healthcare obligations and costs to changes in these major assumptions (in thousands):

| | Amounts based on current assumptions | Impact of a 1% decrease in the discount rate | Impact of a 1% decrease in the expected return on assets | Impact of a 1% increase in the healthcare cost trend rate |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 2012 Net periodic benefit costs | | | | |
| Pension and SERPA | \$52,910 | \$21,946 | \$15,016 | n/a |
| Postretirement healthcare | \$19,868 | \$1,086 | \$1,179 | \$1,854 |
| 2012 Benefit obligations | | | | |
| Pension and SERPA | \$1,871,575 | \$314,517 | n/a | n/a |
| Postretirement healthcare | \$403,227 | \$42,841 | n/a | \$14,879 |

This information should not be viewed as predictive of future amounts. The calculation of pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare obligations and costs is based on many factors in addition to those discussed here. This information should be considered in combination with the information provided in Note 14 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Stock Compensation Costs – The total cost of the Company’s share-based equity awards is equal to the grant date fair value per award multiplied by the number of awards granted (adjusted for forfeitures). This cost is recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the service periods of the awards. Forfeitures are initially estimated based on historical Company information and subsequently updated over the life of the awards to ultimately reflect actual forfeitures. As a result, changes in forfeiture activity can influence the amount of stock compensation cost recognized from period to period.

The Company estimates the fair value of option awards as of the grant date using a lattice-based option valuation model which utilizes ranges of assumptions over the expected term of the options, including stock price volatility, dividend yield and risk free interest rate.

The valuation model uses historical data to estimate option exercise behavior and employee terminations. The expected term of options granted is derived from the output of the option valuation model and represents the average period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding.

The Company uses a weighted-average of historical and implied volatility to determine the expected volatility of its stock. The implied volatility is derived from options that are actively traded and the market prices of both the traded options and underlying shares are measured at a similar point in time to each other and on a date reasonably close to the grant date of the employee stock options. In addition, the traded options have exercise prices that are both (a) near-the-money and (b) close to the exercise price of the employee stock options. Finally, the remaining maturities of the traded options on which the estimate is based are at least one year.

Dividend yield was based on the Company’s expected dividend payments and the risk-free rate was based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant.

Changes in the valuation assumptions could result in a significant change to the cost of an individual option. However, the total cost of an award is also a function of the number of awards granted, and as result, the Company has the ability to control the cost of its equity awards by adjusting the number of awards granted.

Income Taxes – The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC Topic 740, “Income Taxes.” Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and other

loss carry-forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company is subject to income taxes in the United States and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining the Company's worldwide provision for income taxes and recording the related deferred tax assets and

liabilities. In the ordinary course of the Company's business, there are transactions and calculations where the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Accruals for unrecognized tax benefits are provided for in accordance with the requirements of ASC Topic 740. An unrecognized tax benefit represents the difference between the recognition of benefits related to exposure items for income tax reporting purposes and financial reporting purposes. The unrecognized tax benefit is included within other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company has a reserve for interest and penalties on exposure items, if applicable, which is recorded as a component of the overall income tax provision. The Company is regularly under audit by tax authorities. Although the outcome of tax audits is always uncertain, management believes that it has appropriate support for the positions taken on its tax returns and that its annual tax provision includes amounts sufficient to pay any assessments. Nonetheless, the amounts ultimately paid, if any, upon resolution of the issues raised by the taxing authorities may differ materially from the amounts accrued for each year.

Contractual Obligations

A summary of the Company's expected payments for significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2012 is as follows (in thousands):

| | 2013 | 2014 - 2015 | 2016 - 2017 | Thereafter | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Principal payments on debt | \$732,105 | \$2,113,867 | \$1,324,137 | \$932,540 | \$5,102,649 |
| Interest payments on debt | 193,255 | 252,679 | 151,263 | 29,094 | 626,291 |
| Operating lease payments | 12,556 | 15,913 | 10,206 | 14,269 | 52,944 |
| | \$937,916 | \$2,382,459 | \$1,485,606 | \$975,903 | \$5,781,884 |

Interest obligations include the impact of interest rate hedges outstanding as of December 31, 2012. Interest for floating rate instruments assumes December 31, 2012 rates remain constant.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company had no material purchase obligations other than those created in the ordinary course of business related to inventory and property, plant and equipment which generally have terms of less than 90 days.

The Company has long-term obligations related to its pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans at December 31, 2012. During 2012, the Company contributed \$244.4 million to its pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans, which included a \$200.0 million voluntary contribution to its pension plan. No additional contributions were required during 2012 beyond current benefit payments for SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans. In January 2013, the Company voluntarily contributed another \$175 million to its qualified pension plan to further fund its pension plan and the Company expects that no additional qualified pension plan contributions will be required in 2013. The Company expects it will continue to make on-going contributions related to current benefit payments for SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans. The Company's expected future contributions to these plans are provided in Note 14 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

As described in Note 13 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company has unrecognized tax benefits of \$48.8 million and accrued interest and penalties of \$20.6 million as of December 31, 2012. However, the Company cannot make a reasonably reliable estimate for the period of cash settlement for either the liability for unrecognized tax benefits or accrued interest and penalties.

Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to lawsuits and other claims related to environmental, product and other matters. In determining required reserves related to these items, the Company carefully analyzes cases and considers the likelihood of adverse judgments or outcomes, as well as the potential range of possible loss. The required reserves are monitored on an ongoing basis and are updated based on new developments or new information in each matter.

Environmental Protection Agency Notice

In December 2009, the Company received formal, written requests for information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding: (i) certificates of conformity for motorcycle emissions and related designations and labels, (ii) aftermarket parts, and (iii) warranty claims on emissions related components. The

Company promptly submitted written responses to the EPA's inquiry and engaged in discussions with the EPA. It is possible that a result of the EPA's investigation will be some form of enforcement action by the EPA that will seek a fine or other relief. However, at this time the Company does not know and cannot reasonably estimate the impact of any remedies the EPA might seek.

York Environmental Matters:

The Company is involved with government agencies and groups of potentially responsible parties in various environmental matters, including a matter involving the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination at its York, Pennsylvania facility. The York facility was formerly used by the U.S. Navy and AMF prior to the purchase of the York facility by the Company from AMF in 1981. Although the Company is not certain as to the full extent of the environmental contamination at the York facility, it has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) since 1986 in undertaking environmental investigation and remediation activities, including an ongoing site-wide remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS). In January 1995, the Company entered into a settlement agreement (the Agreement) with the Navy. The Agreement calls for the Navy and the Company to contribute amounts into a trust equal to 53% and 47%, respectively, of future costs associated with environmental investigation and remediation activities at the York facility (Response Costs). The trust administers the payment of the Response Costs incurred at the York facility as covered by the Agreement.

In February 2002, the Company was advised by the EPA that it considers some of the Company's remediation activities at the York facility to be subject to the EPA's corrective action program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and offered the Company the option of addressing corrective action under a RCRA facility lead agreement. In July 2005, the York facility was designated as the first site in Pennsylvania to be addressed under the "One Cleanup Program." The program provides a more streamlined and efficient oversight of voluntary remediation by both PADEP and EPA and will be carried out consistent with the Agreement with the Navy. As a result, the RCRA facility lead agreement has been superseded.

The Company estimates that its share of the future Response Costs at the York facility will be approximately \$3.2 million and has established a reserve for this amount which is included in accrued liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets⁽¹⁾. As noted above, the RI/FS is still underway and given the uncertainty that exists concerning the nature and scope of additional environmental investigation and remediation that may ultimately be required under the RI/FS or otherwise at the York facility, we are unable to make a reasonable estimate of those additional costs, if any, that may result.

The estimate of the Company's future Response Costs that will be incurred at the York facility is based on reports of independent environmental consultants retained by the Company, the actual costs incurred to date and the estimated costs to complete the necessary investigation and remediation activities. Response Costs related to the remediation of soil are expected to be incurred primarily over a period of several years ending in 2015. Response Costs related to ground water remediation may continue for some time beyond 2015.

Product Liability Matters:

Additionally, the Company is involved in product liability suits related to the operation of its business. The Company accrues for claim exposures that are probable of occurrence and can be reasonably estimated. The Company also maintains insurance coverage for product liability exposures. The Company believes that its accruals and insurance coverage are adequate and that product liability will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources as of December 31, 2012

Over the long-term, the Company expects that its business model will continue to generate cash that will allow it to invest in the business, fund future growth opportunities and return value to shareholders.⁽¹⁾ The Company believes the Motorcycles operations will continue to be primarily funded through cash flows generated by operations. The Company's Financial Services operations have been funded with unsecured debt, unsecured commercial paper, asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities, committed unsecured bank facilities, term asset-backed securitizations and intercompany borrowings.

The Company's strategy is to maintain a minimum of twelve months of its projected liquidity needs through a combination of cash and marketable securities and availability under credit facilities. The following table summarizes the Company's cash and marketable securities and availability under credit facilities (in thousands):

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| | December 31, 2012 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$1,068,138 |
| Marketable securities | 135,634 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities | 1,203,772 |
| Global credit facilities | 1,055,057 |
| Asset-backed U.S commercial paper conduit facility ^(a) | 600,000 |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility ^(b) | 25,782 |
| Total availability under credit facilities | 1,680,839 |
| Total | \$2,884,611 |

(a) The U.S. commercial paper conduit facility expires on September 13, 2013. The Company anticipates that it will renew this facility prior to expiration⁽¹⁾.

(b) The Canadian commercial paper conduit facility expires on August 30, 2013 and is limited to Canadian denominated borrowings. The Company anticipates that it will renew this facility prior to expiration⁽¹⁾.

Although the Company believes it has obtained the funding necessary to support HDFS' operations for 2013⁽¹⁾, the Company recognizes that it must continue to adjust its business to changes in the lending environment. The Company intends to continue with a diversified funding profile through a combination of short-term and long-term funding vehicles and to pursue a variety of sources to obtain cost-effective funding. The Financial Services operations could be negatively affected by higher costs of funding and the increased difficulty of raising, or potential unsuccessful efforts to raise, funding in the short-term and long-term capital markets.⁽¹⁾ These negative consequences could in turn adversely affect the Company's business and results of operations in various ways, including through higher costs of capital, reduced funds available through its Financial Services operations to provide loans to independent dealers and their retail customers, and dilution to existing shareholders through the use of alternative sources of capital.

The Company has long-term obligations related to its qualified pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans at December 31, 2012. During 2012, the Company contributed \$244.4 million to its qualified pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans, which includes a \$200.0 million voluntary contribution to its pension plans. In January 2013, the Company made a voluntary contribution of \$175.0 million to its qualified pension plans to further fund its pension plans and expects that no qualified pension plan contributions will be required in 2013.⁽¹⁾ The Company expects it will continue to make on-going contributions related to current benefit payments for SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans. The Company's expected future contributions to these plans are provided in Note 14 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash Flow Activity

The following table summarizes the cash flow activity of continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities ^(a) | \$801,458 | \$885,291 | \$1,163,418 |
| Net cash (used) provided by investing activities | (261,311 |) (63,542 |) 145,437 |
| Net cash (used) provided by financing activities ^(a) | (990,073 |) (308,944 |) (1,856,090 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (8,886 |) (7,788 |) 4,940 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | \$(458,812 |) \$505,017 | \$(542,295 |

(a)

The 2012 cash flow from operating activities and the 2012 cash flow from financing activities amounts presented above reflect revisions from the unaudited amounts presented in the Company's earnings press release published on January 29, 2013. The revisions resulted in an increase in cash flow from operating activities and an offsetting decrease to cash flow from financing activities of \$8.4 million; there was no change to the net decrease in cash and cash equivalents.

Operating Activities

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The decrease in operating cash flow in 2012 compared to 2011 was due primarily to working capital changes which resulted in lower operating cash inflows in 2012 as compared to 2011. This was due in part to the recognition of a prepaid income tax balance at the end of 2012 driven by accelerated depreciation deductions as well as the timing of quarterly earnings and related estimated tax payments during 2012. Additionally, the Company made voluntary contributions to its qualified pension plans totaling \$200 million in both 2012 and 2011, impacting operating cash flow in both years.

The decrease in operating cash flow for 2011 compared to 2010 was due primarily to the \$200.0 million voluntary contribution to the Company's qualified pension plan in 2011 and higher cash outflows related to an increase in wholesale finance receivables originations in 2011. In addition, working capital changes resulted in lower operating cash inflows in 2011 as compared to 2010. The working capital changes were driven by increases in inventory that were the result of a management decision to increase finished goods motorcycle inventories at the end of 2011 in preparation for the 2012 ERP implementation that was completed at the York facility.

Investing Activities

The Company's investing activities consist primarily of capital expenditures, net changes in retail finance receivables and short-term investment activity. Capital expenditures were \$189.0 million, \$189.0 million and \$170.8 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Net cash flows from finance receivables, which consisted primarily of retail finance receivables, for 2012 were \$228.7 million lower than 2011 as a result of an increase in retail motorcycle loan originations during 2012. Net cash flows from finance receivables, which consisted primarily of retail finance receivables, for 2011 were \$278.4 million lower than in 2010 as a result of an increase in retail motorcycle loan originations during 2011.

Changes in the Company's investment in marketable securities resulted in cash inflows of \$18.3 million in 2012 and cash outflows of \$12.5 million and \$100.1 million in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Financing Activities

The Company's financing activities consist primarily of dividend payments, share repurchases and debt activity.

The Company paid dividends of \$0.62 per share totaling \$141.7 million during 2012, \$0.475 per share totaling \$111.0 million during 2011 and \$0.40 per share totaling \$94.1 million in 2010.

Cash outflows from share repurchases were \$311.6 million, \$224.5 million and \$1.7 million for 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Share repurchases during 2012 and 2011 included 6.7 million and 6.2 million shares of common stock, respectively, related to discretionary share repurchases and shares of common stock that employees surrendered to satisfy withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards. Share repurchases in 2010 were limited to shares of common stock that employees surrendered to satisfy withholding taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards. As of December 31, 2012, 14.5 million shares remained on a board-approved share repurchase authorization. As of December 31, 2012, there were no shares available on a separate board-approved share repurchase authorization that is in place to offset option exercises and restricted stock grants.

The Company's total outstanding debt consisted of the following as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Global credit facilities | \$— | \$159,794 | \$213,772 |
| Unsecured commercial paper | 294,943 | 874,286 | 582,572 |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility | 175,658 | — | — |
| Medium-term notes | 2,881,272 | 2,298,193 | 1,897,778 |
| Senior unsecured notes | 303,000 | 303,000 | 303,000 |
| Term asset-backed securitization debt | 1,447,776 | 2,087,346 | 2,755,234 |
| Total debt | \$5,102,649 | \$5,722,619 | \$5,752,356 |

In order to access the debt capital markets, the Company relies on credit rating agencies to assign short-term and long-term credit ratings. Generally, lower credit ratings result in higher borrowing costs and reduced access to debt

capital markets.

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A credit rating agency may change or withdraw the Company's ratings based on its assessment of the Company's current and future ability to meet interest and principal repayment obligations. The Company's short-term debt ratings affect its ability to issue unsecured commercial paper. The Company's short- and long-term debt ratings as of December 31, 2012 were as follows:

| | Short-Term | Long-Term | Outlook |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Moody's | P2 | Baa1 | Positive |
| Standard & Poor's | A2 | BBB+ | Positive |
| Fitch | F2 | A- | Stable |

Global Credit Facilities – On April 13, 2012, the Company and HDFS entered into a new \$675.0 million five-year credit facility to refinance and replace a \$675.0 million three-year credit facility that was due to mature in April 2013. The new five-year credit facility matures in April 2017. The Company and HDFS also have a \$675.0 million four-year credit facility which matures in April 2015. The new five-year credit facility and the four-year credit facility (together, the Global Credit Facilities) bear interest at various variable interest rates, which may be adjusted upward or downward depending on certain criteria, such as credit ratings. The Global Credit Facilities also require the Company to pay a fee based upon the average daily unused portion of the aggregate commitments under the Global Credit Facilities. The Global Credit Facilities are committed facilities and primarily used to support HDFS' unsecured commercial paper program.

Unsecured Commercial Paper – Subject to limitations, HDFS could issue unsecured commercial paper of up to \$1.35 billion as of December 31, 2012 supported by the Global Credit Facilities. Outstanding unsecured commercial paper may not exceed the unused portion of the Global Credit Facilities. Maturities may range up to 365 days from the issuance date. HDFS intends to repay unsecured commercial paper as it matures with additional unsecured commercial paper or through other means, such as borrowing under the Global Credit Facilities, borrowing under its asset-backed U.S. commercial paper conduit facility or through the use of operating cash flow.⁽¹⁾

Medium-Term Notes – The Company has the following medium-term notes (collectively, the Notes) issued and outstanding at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

| Principal Amount | Rate | Issue Date | Maturity Date |
|------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| \$500,000 | 5.75% | November 2009 | December 2014 |
| \$600,000 | 1.15% | September 2012 | September 2015 |
| \$450,000 | 3.875% | March 2011 | March 2016 |
| \$400,000 | 2.70% | January 2012 | March 2017 |
| \$933,511 | 6.80% | May 2008 | June 2018 |

In January 2012, HDFS issued \$400.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in March 2017 and have an annual interest rate of 2.70%. In September 2012, HDFS issued \$600.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in September 2015 and have an annual interest rate of 1.15%. During 2011, HDFS issued \$450.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in March 2016 and have an annual interest rate of 3.875%. All of the Notes provide for semi-annual interest payments and principal due at maturity.

During 2012 and 2011, HDFS repurchased an aggregate \$16.6 million, and \$49.9 million, respectively, of its \$1.0 billion, 6.80% medium-term notes which mature in June 2018. As a result, HDFS recognized in financial services interest expense \$4.3 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, in loss on the extinguishment of debt, which included unamortized discounts and fees. During December 2012, \$400.0 million of 5.25% medium-term notes matured, and the principal and accrued interest were paid in full. Unamortized discounts on the Notes reduced the balance by \$2.2 million, \$1.9 million, and \$2.2 million at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Senior Unsecured Notes – In February 2009, the Company issued \$600.0 million of senior unsecured notes in an underwritten offering. The senior unsecured notes provide for semi-annual interest payments and principal due at maturity. The senior unsecured notes mature in February 2014 and have an annual interest rate of 15%. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company repurchased \$297.0 million of the \$600.0 million senior unsecured notes at a

price of \$380.8 million. As a result of the transaction, the Company incurred a loss on debt extinguishment in 2010 of \$85.2 million which included unamortized fees.

Asset-Backed U.S. Commercial Paper Conduit Facility VIE – In September 2012, HDFS amended and restated its

revolving asset-backed U.S. commercial paper conduit facility (U.S. Conduit) which provides for a total aggregate commitment of \$600.0 million. The agreement has terms that are similar to those of the prior agreement and is for the same amount. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, HDFS had no outstanding borrowings under the U.S. Conduit.

This debt provides for interest on outstanding principal based on prevailing commercial paper rates, or LIBOR plus a specified margin to the extent the advance is not funded by a conduit lender through the issuance of commercial paper. The U.S.

Conduit also provides for an unused commitment fee based on the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of \$600.0

million. There is no amortization schedule; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the related finance

receivable collateral are applied to outstanding principal. Upon expiration of the U.S. Conduit, any outstanding principal will

continue to be reduced monthly through available collections. Unless earlier terminated or extended by mutual agreement of

HDFS and the lenders, as of December 31, 2012, the U.S. Conduit expires September 13, 2013.

HDFS is considered to have the power over the significant activities of the U.S. Conduit VIE due to its role as servicer. Servicing fees are typically not considered potentially significant variable interests in a VIE. However, HDFS retains a residual interest in the VIE in the form of a debt security, which gives HDFS the right to receive benefits that could be potentially significant to the VIE. Therefore, the Company is the primary beneficiary and consolidates this VIE within its consolidated financial statements.

Asset-Backed Canadian Commercial Paper Conduit Facility – In August 2012, HDFS entered into an agreement with

a Canadian bank-sponsored asset-backed commercial paper conduit facility (Canadian Conduit). Under the agreement, the

Canadian Conduit is contractually committed, at HDFS' option, to purchase from HDFS eligible Canadian retail motorcycle

finance receivables for proceeds up to C\$200 million. The terms for this facility provide for interest on the outstanding principal based on prevailing market interest rates plus a specified margin. The Canadian Conduit also provides for a

program fee and an unused commitment fee based on the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of C\$200 million. There is no amortization schedule; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the

related finance receivables are applied to outstanding principal. Upon expiration of the Canadian Conduit, any outstanding principal will continue to be reduced monthly through available collections. Unless earlier terminated or

extended by mutual agreement of HDFS and the lenders, as of December 31, 2012, the Canadian Conduit has an expiration date of August 30, 2013. The contractual maturity of the debt is approximately 5 years.

During 2012, HDFS transferred \$230.0 million of Canadian retail motorcycle finance receivables to the Canadian Conduit for proceeds of \$201.3 million. HDFS maintains effective control over the transferred assets and therefore the transaction does not meet accounting sale requirements under ASC Topic 860, "Transfers and Servicing". As such, this transaction is treated as a secured borrowing. The transferred assets are restricted as collateral for the payment of the debt. At December 31, 2012, \$194.3 million of finance receivables and \$11.7 million of cash were restricted as collateral for the payment of \$175.7 million of debt. Approximately \$37.7 million of the debt was classified as current at December 31, 2012.

Term Asset-Backed Securitization VIEs – For all of its term asset-backed securitization transactions, HDFS transferred U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables to separate VIEs, which in turn issued secured notes, with

various maturities and interest rates to investors. All of the notes held by the VIEs are secured by future collections of the purchased U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables. The U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables included in the term asset-backed securitization transactions are not available to pay other obligations or claims of HDFS' creditors until the associated debt and other obligations are satisfied. Cash and cash equivalent balances held by the VIEs are used only to support the securitizations. There is no amortization schedule for the secured notes; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the related retail motorcycle finance receivables are applied to outstanding principal. The secured notes' contractual lives have various maturities ranging from 2013 to 2019.

HDFS is considered to have the power over the significant activities of its term asset-backed securitization VIEs due to

its role as servicer. Servicing fees are typically not considered potentially significant variable interests in a VIE.

However,

HDFS retains a residual interest in the VIEs in the form of a debt security, which gives HDFS the right to receive benefits that

could be potentially significant to the VIE. Therefore, the Company is the primary beneficiary and consolidates all of these

VIEs within its consolidated financial statements.

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company issued \$675.3 million of secured notes through one term asset-backed securitization transaction. Additionally, during the second quarter of 2012, the Company issued \$89.5 million of secured notes through the sale of notes that had been previously retained as part of the December 2009, August 2011, and November 2011 term asset-backed securitization transactions. These notes were sold at a premium, and at December 31, 2012, the unaccreted

premium associated with these notes was \$1.2 million. During 2011, the Company issued \$1.09 billion of secured notes through two term asset-backed securitization transactions.

As of December 31, 2012, the assets of the VIEs totaled \$2.28 billion, of which \$2.10 billion of finance receivables and \$176.3 million of cash were restricted as collateral for the payment of \$1.45 billion secured notes. Approximately \$399.5 million of the obligations under the secured notes were classified as current at December 31, 2012, based on the contractual maturities of the restricted finance receivables.

Intercompany Borrowings – HDFFS has a revolving credit line with the Company whereby HDFFS may borrow up to \$210.0 million from the Company at a market interest rate. As of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, HDFFS had no outstanding borrowings owed to the Company under this agreement.

During the fourth quarter of 2012, HDFFS and the Company entered into a \$400.0 million Term Loan Agreement which provides for monthly interest payments based on the prevailing commercial paper rates and principal due at maturity in January 2013 or upon earlier demand by the Company.

Intercompany loan balances and related interest are eliminated in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Support Agreement - The Company has a support agreement with HDFFS whereby, if required, the Company agrees to provide HDFFS with financial support in order to maintain HDFFS' fixed-charge coverage at 1.25 and minimum net worth of \$40.0 million. Support may be provided at the Company's option as capital contributions or loans. Accordingly, certain debt covenants may restrict the Company's ability to withdraw funds from HDFFS outside the normal course of business. No amount has ever been provided to HDFFS under the support agreement. Operating and Financial Covenants – HDFFS and the Company are subject to various operating and financial covenants related to the Global Credit Facilities and various operating covenants under the Notes and the U.S. and Canadian asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities. The more significant covenants are described below. The covenants limit the Company's and HDFFS' ability to:

- incur certain additional indebtedness;
- assume or incur certain liens;
- participate in certain mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions; and
- purchase or hold margin stock.

Under the financial covenants of the Global Credit Facilities, the consolidated debt to equity ratio of HDFFS cannot exceed 10.0 to 1.0. In addition, the Company must maintain a minimum interest coverage ratio of 2.25 to 1.0 for each fiscal quarter through June 2013 and 2.5 to 1.0 for each fiscal quarter thereafter. No financial covenants are required under the Notes or the U.S. or Canadian asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities.

At December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, HDFFS and the Company remained in compliance with all of the existing covenants.

Cash Flows from Discontinued Operations

There were no cash flows from discontinued operations during 2012 and 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2010, cash flows from discontinued operations were a net cash outflow of \$72.3 million.

Cautionary Statements

The Company's ability to meet the targets and expectations noted depends upon, among other factors, the Company's ability to:

- (i) execute its business strategy,
- (ii) adjust to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices,
- (iii) manage through inconsistent economic conditions, including changing capital, credit and retail markets,

- (iv) implement and manage enterprise-wide information technology solutions, including solutions at its manufacturing facilities, and secure data contained in those systems,
- (v) anticipate the level of consumer confidence in the economy,
- (vi) continue to realize production efficiencies at its production facilities and manage operating costs including materials, labor and overhead,
- (vii) manage production capacity and production changes,
- (viii) manage changes and prepare for requirements in legislative and regulatory environments for its products, services and operations,
- (ix) provide products, services and experiences that are successful in the marketplace,
- (x) manage risks that arise through expanding international operations and sales,
- (xi) manage the credit quality, the loan servicing and collection activities, and the recovery rates of HDFS' loan portfolio,
- (xii) successfully implement with our labor unions the agreements that we have executed with them that we believe will provide flexibility and cost-effectiveness to accomplish restructuring goals and long-term competitiveness,
- (xiii) effectively execute the Company's restructuring plans within expected costs and timing,
- (xiv) manage supply chain issues, including any unexpected interruptions or price increases caused by raw material shortages or natural disasters,
- (xv) develop and implement sales and marketing plans that retain existing retail customers and attract new retail customers in an increasingly competitive marketplace,,
- (xvi) adjust to healthcare inflation and reform, pension reform and tax changes,
- (xvii) retain and attract talented employees,
- (xviii) manage the risks that our independent dealers may have difficulty obtaining capital and managing through changing economic conditions and consumer demand,
- (xix) continue to have access to reliable sources of capital funding and adjust to fluctuations in the cost of capital,
- (xx) continue to develop the capabilities of its distributor and dealer network, and
- (xxi) detect any issues with our motorcycles or manufacturing processes to avoid delays in new model launches, recall campaigns, increased warranty costs or litigation.

In addition, the Company could experience delays or disruptions in its operations as a result of work stoppages, strikes, natural causes, terrorism or other factors. Other factors are described in "Risk Factors" under Item 1A which includes a discussion of additional risk factors and a more complete discussion of some of the cautionary statements noted above.

The Company's ability to sell its motorcycles and related products and services and to meet its financial expectations also depends on the ability of the Company's independent dealers to sell its motorcycles and related products and services to retail customers. The Company depends on the capability and financial capacity of its independent dealers and distributors to develop and implement effective retail sales plans to create demand for the motorcycles and related products and services they purchase from the Company. In addition, the Company's independent dealers and distributors may experience difficulties in operating their businesses and selling Harley-Davidson motorcycles and related products and services as a result of weather, economic conditions or other factors.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates. To reduce such risks, the Company selectively uses derivative financial instruments. All hedging transactions are authorized and executed pursuant to regularly reviewed policies and procedures, which prohibit the use of financial instruments for speculative trading purposes. Sensitivity analysis is used to manage and monitor foreign exchange and interest rate risk.

The Company sells its products internationally and in most markets those sales are made in the foreign country's local currency. As a result, the Company's earnings can be affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currency. The Company's most significant foreign currency risk relates to the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Japanese yen and

the Brazilian Real. The Company utilizes foreign currency contracts to mitigate the effect of the Euro, the Australian dollar and the Japanese yen fluctuations on earnings. The foreign currency contracts are entered into with banks and allow the Company to exchange a specified amount of foreign currency for U.S. dollars at a future date, based on a fixed exchange rate. At December 31, 2012, the notional U.S. dollar value of outstanding Euro, Australian dollar and Japanese yen foreign currency contracts was \$345.0 million. The Company estimates that a uniform 10% weakening in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the currencies underlying these contracts would result in a decrease in the fair value of the contracts of approximately \$35.2 million as of December 31, 2012. Further disclosure relating to the fair value of derivative financial instruments is included in Note 9 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The Company's earnings are affected by changes in interest rates. HDFS utilizes interest rate swaps to reduce the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on its debt. As of December 31, 2012, HDFS had an interest rate swap outstanding with a notional value of \$35.8 million. HDFS estimates that a 10% decrease in interest rates would result in a \$20 thousand decrease in the fair value of the agreement.

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on management's evaluation under the framework in Internal Control – Integrated Framework, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2012. Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and, as part of its audit, has issued an attestation report, included herein, on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. February 4, 2013

Keith E. Wandell
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

John A. Olin
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the Company's financial reporting process and the audit process. All of the Audit Committee members are independent in accordance with the Audit Committee requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed with management its assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control system over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012. Management has concluded that the internal control system was effective. Additionally, the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012 was audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2012 fiscal year. The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Company for the 2012 fiscal year with management as well as with representatives of Ernst & Young LLP. The Audit Committee has also discussed with Ernst & Young LLP matters required to be discussed under Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communications with Audit Committees (SAS 61), as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1, AU section 380) and adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. The Audit Committee has received written disclosures from Ernst & Young LLP regarding their independence as required by PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence, and has discussed with representatives of Ernst & Young LLP the independence of Ernst & Young LLP. Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the 2012 fiscal year be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the 2012 fiscal year.

February 4, 2013

Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

Richard I. Beattie

Michael J. Cave (as of December 2012)

George L. Miles, Jr.

N. Thomas Linebarger

James A. Norling, Chairman

Jochen Zeitz

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Harley-Davidson, Inc.:

We have audited Harley-Davidson, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Harley-Davidson, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Harley-Davidson, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Harley-Davidson, Inc. as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 of Harley-Davidson, Inc. and our report dated February 22, 2013 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 22, 2013

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Harley-Davidson, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Harley-Davidson, Inc. as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the index at item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Harley-Davidson, Inc. at December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Harley-Davidson, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 22, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February 22, 2013

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
Years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue: | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products | \$4,942,582 | \$4,662,264 | \$4,176,627 |
| Financial services | 637,924 | 649,449 | 682,709 |
| Total revenue | 5,580,506 | 5,311,713 | 4,859,336 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products cost of goods sold | 3,222,394 | 3,106,288 | 2,749,224 |
| Financial services interest expense | 195,990 | 229,492 | 272,484 |
| Financial services provision for credit losses | 22,239 | 17,031 | 93,118 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expense | 1,111,232 | 1,060,943 | 1,020,371 |
| Restructuring expense and asset impairment | 28,475 | 67,992 | 163,508 |
| Total costs and expenses | 4,580,330 | 4,481,746 | 4,298,705 |
| Operating income | 1,000,176 | 829,967 | 560,631 |
| Investment income | 7,369 | 7,963 | 5,442 |
| Interest expense | 46,033 | 45,266 | 90,357 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | — | — | 85,247 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 961,512 | 792,664 | 390,469 |
| Provision for income taxes | 337,587 | 244,586 | 130,800 |
| Income from continuing operations | 623,925 | 548,078 | 259,669 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax | — | 51,036 | (113,124) |
| Net income | \$623,925 | \$599,114 | \$146,545 |
| Earnings per common share from continuing operations: | | | |
| Basic | \$2.75 | \$2.35 | \$1.11 |
| Diluted | \$2.72 | \$2.33 | \$1.11 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations: | | | |
| Basic | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.48) |
| Diluted | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.48) |
| Earnings per common share: | | | |
| Basic | \$2.75 | \$2.57 | \$0.63 |
| Diluted | \$2.72 | \$2.55 | \$0.62 |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$0.620 | \$0.475 | \$0.400 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010
(In thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Net income | \$623,925 | \$599,114 | \$146,545 | |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | 1,400 | (5,616) |) 9,449 | |
| Derivative financial instruments: | | | | |
| Unrealized net gains (losses) arising during the period | (513 |) (966 |) (7,852 |) |
| Net losses (gains) reclassified into net income | (9,631 |) 19,185 | 4,880 | |
| Total derivative financial instruments | (10,144 |) 18,219 | (2,972 |) |
| Marketable securities: | | | | |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities | 350 | 460 | (133 |) |
| Net (gains) losses reclassified into net income | — | — | — | |
| Total marketable securities | 350 | 460 | (133 |) |
| Pension and postretirement benefit plans: | | | | |
| Amortization of net prior service (credit) cost | (563 |) (564 |) 925 | |
| Amortization of actuarial loss | 32,295 | 23,584 | 20,944 | |
| Pension and postretirement healthcare funded status adjustment | (158,213 |) (146,768 |) 18,431 | |
| Actuarial loss reclassified into net income due to settlement | 3,930 | 173 | 2,942 | |
| Prior service credit (cost) reclassified into net income due to net curtailment loss | — | 1 | (1,393 |) |
| Total pension and postretirement benefit plans | \$(122,551 |) \$(123,574 |) \$41,849 | |
| Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax | \$(130,945 |) \$(110,511 |) \$48,193 | |
| Comprehensive income | \$492,980 | \$488,603 | \$194,738 | |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2012 and 2011
(In thousands, except share amounts)

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$1,068,138 | \$1,526,950 |
| Marketable securities | 135,634 | 153,380 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 230,079 | 219,039 |
| Finance receivables, net | 1,743,045 | 1,760,467 |
| Inventories | 393,524 | 418,006 |
| Restricted cash | 188,008 | 229,655 |
| Deferred income taxes | 110,853 | 132,331 |
| Other current assets | 181,655 | 102,378 |
| Total current assets | 4,050,936 | 4,542,206 |
| Finance receivables, net | 4,038,807 | 4,026,214 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 815,464 | 809,459 |
| Goodwill | 29,530 | 29,081 |
| Deferred income taxes | 171,845 | 202,439 |
| Other long-term assets | 64,191 | 64,765 |
| | \$9,170,773 | \$9,674,164 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$257,386 | \$255,713 |
| Accrued liabilities | 513,591 | 564,172 |
| Short-term debt | 294,943 | 838,486 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 437,162 | 1,040,247 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,503,082 | 2,698,618 |
| Long-term debt | 4,370,544 | 3,843,886 |
| Pension liability | 330,294 | 302,483 |
| Postretirement healthcare liability | 278,062 | 268,582 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 131,167 | 140,339 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 16) | | |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, none issued | — | — |
| Common stock, 341,265,838 and 339,107,230 shares issued in 2012 and 2011, respectively | 3,413 | 3,391 |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 1,066,069 | 968,392 |
| Retained earnings | 7,306,424 | 6,824,180 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (607,678) | (476,733) |
| | 7,768,228 | 7,319,230 |
| Less: | | |
| Treasury stock (115,165,744 and 108,566,699 shares in 2012 and 2011, respectively), at cost | (5,210,604) | (4,898,974) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 2,557,624 | 2,420,256 |
| | \$9,170,773 | \$9,674,164 |

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Balances held by consolidated variable interest entities (Note 7) | | |
| Current finance receivables, net | \$470,134 | \$591,864 |
| Other assets | \$5,288 | \$7,221 |
| Non-current finance receivables, net | \$1,631,435 | \$2,271,773 |
| Restricted cash | \$176,290 | \$229,655 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$399,477 | \$640,331 |
| Long-term debt | \$1,048,299 | \$1,447,015 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010
(In thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations (Note 2) | \$801,458 | \$885,291 | \$1,163,418 |
| Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (189,002) | (189,035) | (170,845) |
| Origination of finance receivables | (2,858,701) | (2,622,024) | (2,252,532) |
| Collections on finance receivables | 2,768,089 | 2,760,049 | 2,668,962 |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (4,993) | (142,653) | (184,365) |
| Sales and redemptions of marketable securities | 23,296 | 130,121 | 84,217 |
| Net cash (used) provided by investing activities of continuing operations | (261,311) | (63,542) | 145,437 |
| Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations: | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of medium-term notes | 993,737 | 447,076 | — |
| Repayments of medium-term notes | (420,870) | (59,211) | (200,000) |
| Repayment of senior unsecured notes | — | — | (380,757) |
| Proceeds from securitization debt | 763,895 | 1,082,599 | 598,187 |
| Repayments of securitization debt | (1,405,599) | (1,754,568) | (1,896,665) |
| Borrowings of asset-backed commercial paper | 200,417 | — | — |
| Repayments of asset-backed commercial paper | (24,301) | (483) | (845) |
| Net (decrease) increase in credit facilities and unsecured commercial paper | (744,724) | 237,827 | 30,575 |
| Net change in restricted cash | 41,647 | 59,232 | 77,654 |
| Dividends | (141,681) | (111,011) | (94,145) |
| Purchase of common stock for treasury | (311,632) | (224,548) | (1,706) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payments | 13,065 | 6,303 | 3,767 |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock option plans | 45,973 | 7,840 | 7,845 |
| Net cash used by financing activities of continuing operations | (990,073) | (308,944) | (1,856,090) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (8,886) | (7,788) | 4,940 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (458,812) | 505,017 | (542,295) |
| Cash flows from discontinued operations: | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities of discontinued operations | — | — | (71,073) |
| Cash flows from investing activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations | — | — | (1,195) |
| | — | — | (72,268) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$(458,812) | \$505,017 | \$(614,563) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period | \$1,526,950 | \$1,021,933 | \$1,630,433 |
| Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations—beginning of period | — | — | 6,063 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (458,812) | 505,017 | (614,563) |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations—end of period | — | — | — |
| Cash and cash equivalents—end of period | \$1,068,138 | \$1,526,950 | \$1,021,933 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

(In thousands, except share amounts)

| | Common Stock | | | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other comprehensive income (loss) | Treasury Balance | Total |
|---|---------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------|
| | Issued Shares | Balance | Additional paid-in capital | | | | |
| Balance December 31, 2009 | 336,800,970 | \$3,368 | \$871,100 | \$6,324,268 | \$ (417,898) | \$(4,672,720) | \$2,108,118 |
| Net Income | — | — | — | 146,545 | — | — | 146,545 |
| Total other comprehensive income, net of tax (Note 11) | — | — | — | — | 48,193 | — | 48,193 |
| Adjustment for consolidation of QSPEs under ASC Topics 810 and 860 | — | — | — | (40,591) | 3,483 | — | (37,108) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (94,145) | — | — | (94,145) |
| Repurchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | — | (1,706) | (1,706) |
| Share-based compensation and 401(k) match made with Treasury shares | — | — | 26,961 | — | — | — | 26,961 |
| Issuance of nonvested stock | 823,594 | 8 | (8) | — | — | — | — |
| Exercise of stock options | 635,892 | 6 | 7,839 | — | — | — | 7,845 |
| Tax benefit of stock options and nonvested stock | — | — | 2,163 | — | — | — | 2,163 |
| Balance December 31, 2010 | 338,260,456 | \$3,382 | \$908,055 | \$6,336,077 | \$ (366,222) | \$(4,674,426) | \$2,206,866 |
| Net Income | — | — | — | 599,114 | — | — | 599,114 |
| Total other comprehensive income, net of tax (Note 11) | — | — | — | — | (110,511) | — | (110,511) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (111,011) | — | — | (111,011) |
| Repurchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | — | (224,551) | (224,551) |
| Share-based compensation and 401(k) match made with Treasury shares | — | — | 49,993 | — | — | 3 | 49,996 |
| Issuance of nonvested stock | 473,240 | 5 | (5) | — | — | — | — |
| Exercise of stock options | 373,534 | 4 | 7,836 | — | — | — | 7,840 |
| | — | — | 2,513 | — | — | — | 2,513 |

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|---|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Tax benefit of stock options and nonvested stock | | | | | | | |
| Balance December 31, 2011 | 339,107,230 | \$3,391 | \$968,392 | \$6,824,180 | \$ (476,733) | \$(4,898,974) | \$2,420,256 |
| Net Income | — | — | — | 623,925 | — | — | 623,925 |
| Total other comprehensive loss, net of tax (Note 11) | — | — | — | — | (130,945) | — | (130,945) |
| Dividends | — | — | — | (141,681) | — | — | (141,681) |
| Repurchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | — | (311,632) | (311,632) |
| Share-based compensation and 401(k) match made with Treasury shares | — | — | 42,056 | — | — | 2 | 42,058 |
| Issuance of nonvested stock | 535,807 | 6 | (6) | — | — | — | — |
| Exercise of stock options | 1,622,801 | 16 | 45,957 | — | — | — | 45,973 |
| Tax benefit of stock options and nonvested stock | — | — | 9,670 | — | — | — | 9,670 |
| Balance December 31, 2012 | 341,265,838 | \$3,413 | \$1,066,069 | \$7,306,424 | \$ (607,678) | \$(5,210,604) | \$2,557,624 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation – The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Harley-Davidson, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (the Company), including the accounts of the groups of companies doing business as Harley-Davidson Motor Company (HDMC) and Harley-Davidson Financial Services (HDFS). In addition, certain variable interest entities (VIEs) related to secured financing are consolidated as the Company is the primary beneficiary. All intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated.

All of the Company's subsidiaries are wholly owned and are included in the consolidated financial statements. Substantially all of the Company's international subsidiaries use their respective local currency as their functional currency. Assets and liabilities of international subsidiaries have been translated at period-end exchange rates, and revenues and expenses have been translated using average exchange rates for the period.

The Company operates in two principal business segments: Motorcycles & Related Products (Motorcycles) and Financial Services (Financial Services).

On October 15, 2009, the Company announced its intent to divest MV Agusta (MV) and completed the sale of MV on August 6, 2010. MV is presented as a discontinued operation for all periods.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Marketable Securities – The Company's marketable securities consisted of the following at December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Available-for-sale: | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 135,634 | \$ 153,380 |
| | \$ 135,634 | \$ 153,380 |

The Company's available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value with any unrealized gains or losses reported in other comprehensive income. During 2012 and 2011, the Company recognized gross unrealized gains of \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, or gains of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, net of tax, respectively, to adjust amortized cost to fair value. The marketable securities have contractual maturities that generally come due over the next 12 to 36 months.

Accounts Receivable – The Company's motorcycles and related products are sold to independent dealers and distributors outside the U.S. and Canada generally on open account and the resulting receivables are included in accounts receivable in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The allowance for doubtful accounts deducted from total accounts receivable was \$5.0 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011. Accounts receivable are written down once management determines that the specific customer does not have the ability to repay the balance in full. The Company's sales of motorcycles and related products in the U.S. and Canada are financed by the purchasing dealers or distributors through HDFS and the related receivables are included in finance receivables in the consolidated balance sheets.

Reclassifications - The Company has adjusted the format of its Consolidated Balance Sheets to present assets and liabilities held by consolidated VIEs in a table below the Consolidated Balance Sheets versus the previous format which included the assets and liabilities as separate line items within the Consolidated Balance sheets. The assets and liabilities held by consolidated VIEs are now included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets within finance receivables, net, restricted cash, other current assets, current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt. All periods presented have been adjusted.

Finance Receivables, Net – Finance receivables include both retail and wholesale finance receivables, net, including amounts held by VIEs. Finance receivables are recorded in the financial statements at historical cost net of an allowance for credit losses. The provision for credit losses on finance receivables is charged to earnings in amounts

sufficient to maintain the allowance for credit losses at a level that is adequate to cover losses of principal inherent in the existing portfolio. Portions of the allowance for credit losses are specified to cover estimated losses on finance receivables specifically identified for

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impairment. The unspecified portion of the allowance covers estimated losses on finance receivables which are collectively reviewed for impairment. Finance receivables are considered impaired when management determines it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the terms of the loan agreement. The retail portfolio primarily consists of a large number of small balance, homogeneous finance receivables. HDFS performs a periodic and systematic collective evaluation of the adequacy of the retail allowance for credit losses. HDFS utilizes loss forecast models which consider a variety of factors including, but not limited to, historical loss trends, origination or vintage analysis, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, the value of the underlying collateral, recovery rates and current economic conditions including items such as unemployment rates. Retail finance receivables are not evaluated individually for impairment prior to charge-off and therefore are not reported as impaired loans.

The wholesale portfolio is primarily composed of large balance, non-homogeneous loans. The Company's wholesale allowance evaluation is first based on a loan-by-loan review. A specific allowance for credit losses is established for wholesale finance receivables determined to be individually impaired when management concludes that the borrower will not be able to make full payment of contractual amounts due based on the original terms of the loan agreement. The impairment is determined based on the cash that the Company expects to receive discounted at the loan's original interest rate or the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral-dependent. In establishing the allowance, management considers a number of factors including the specific borrower's financial performance as well as ability to repay. As described below in the Financial Services Revenue Recognition policy, the accrual of interest on such finance receivables is discontinued when the collection of the account becomes doubtful. While a finance receivable is considered impaired, all cash received is applied to principal or interest as appropriate.

Finance receivables in the wholesale portfolio that are not individually evaluated for impairment are segregated, based on similar risk characteristics, according to the Company's internal risk rating system and collectively evaluated for impairment. The related allowance is based on factors such as the Company's past loan loss experience, current economic conditions as well as the value of the underlying collateral.

Impaired finance receivables also include loans that have been modified in troubled debt restructurings as a concession to borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. Generally, it is the Company's policy not to change the terms and conditions of finance receivables. However, to minimize the economic loss the Company may modify certain impaired finance receivables in troubled debt restructurings. Total restructured finance receivables are not significant.

Repossessed inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value and is reclassified from finance receivables to other current assets with any related loss recognized as a charge against the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables in the period during which the asset was transferred. Repossessed inventory was \$11.9 million and \$14.5 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Asset-Backed Financing – HDFS participates in asset-backed financing through both term asset-backed securitization transactions and through asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities. HDFS treats these transactions as secured borrowing because either they are transferred to consolidated VIEs or HDFS maintains effective control over the assets and does not meet the accounting sale requirements under ASC Topic 860, "Transfers and Servicing." In HDFS' asset-backed financing programs, HDFS transfers retail motorcycle finance receivables to special purpose entities (SPE), which are considered VIEs under U.S. GAAP. Each SPE then converts those assets into cash, through the issuance of debt.

HDFS is required to consolidate any VIEs in which it is deemed to be the primary beneficiary through having power over the significant activities of the entity and having an obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the VIE which are potentially significant to the VIE. HDFS is considered to have the power over the significant activities of its term asset-backed securitization and asset-backed U.S. commercial paper conduit facility VIEs due to its role as servicer. Servicing fees are typically not considered potentially significant variable interests in a VIE. However, HDFS retains a residual interest in the VIEs in the form of a debt security, which gives HDFS the right to receive benefits that could be potentially significant to the VIE. Therefore, the Company is the primary beneficiary and consolidates all of these VIEs within its consolidated financial statements.

HDFS is not the primary beneficiary of the asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility VIE; therefore, HDFS does not consolidate the VIE. However, HDFS treats the conduit facility as a secured borrowing as it maintains effective control over the assets transferred to the VIE and therefore does not meet the requirements for sale accounting under ASC Topic 860. As such, the Company retains the transferred assets and the related debt within its Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Servicing fees paid by VIEs to HDFS are eliminated in consolidation and therefore are not recorded on a consolidated basis. HDFS is not required, and does not currently intend, to provide any additional financial support to its VIEs. Investors and creditors only have recourse to the assets held by the VIEs.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Substantially all inventories located in the United States are valued using the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. Other inventories totaling \$195.0 million at December 31, 2012 and \$215.2 million at December 31, 2011 are valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Property, Plant and Equipment – Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation is determined on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following useful lives are used to depreciate the various classes of property, plant and equipment: buildings – 30 years; building equipment and land improvements – 7 years; machinery and equipment – 3 to 10 years; furniture and fixtures – 5 years; and software 3 to 7 years.

Accelerated methods of depreciation are used for income tax purposes.

Goodwill – Goodwill represents the excess of acquisition cost over the fair value of the net assets purchased. Goodwill is tested for impairment, based on financial data related to the reporting unit to which it has been assigned, at least annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. The impairment test involves comparing the estimated fair value of the reporting unit associated with the goodwill to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill must be adjusted to its implied fair value. During 2012 and 2011, the Company tested its goodwill balances for impairment and no adjustments were recorded to goodwill as a result of those reviews.

Long-lived Assets – The Company periodically evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used when events and circumstances warrant such review. If the carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived asset for assets to be held and used. The Company also reviews the useful life of its long-lived assets when events and circumstances indicate that the actual useful life may be shorter than originally estimated. In the event that the actual useful life is deemed to be shorter than the original useful life, depreciation is adjusted prospectively so that the remaining book value is depreciated over the revised useful life.

Asset groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell, and a loss is recognized for any initial adjustment required to reduce the carrying amount to the fair value less cost to sell in the period the held for sale criteria are met. The fair value less cost to sell must be assessed each reporting period the asset group remains classified as held for sale. Gains or losses not previously recognized resulting from the sale of an asset group will be recognized on the date of sale.

Product Warranty and Safety Recall Campaigns – The Company currently provides a standard two-year limited warranty on all new motorcycles sold worldwide, except for Japan, where the Company provides a standard three-year limited warranty on all new motorcycles sold. In addition, the Company started offering a one-year warranty for Parts & Accessories (P&A) in 2012. The warranty coverage for the retail customer generally begins when the product is sold to a retail customer. The Company maintains reserves for future warranty claims which are based primarily on historical Company claim information. Additionally, the Company has from time to time initiated certain voluntary safety recall campaigns. The Company reserves for all estimated costs associated with safety recalls in the period that the safety recalls are announced.

Changes in the Company's warranty and safety recall liability were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$54,994 | \$54,134 | \$68,044 |
| Warranties issued during the period | 54,394 | 44,092 | 36,785 |
| Settlements made during the period | (67,247) |) (55,386 |) (58,067 |
| Recalls and changes to pre-existing warranty liabilities | 18,122 | 12,154 | 7,372 |
| Balance, end of period | \$60,263 | \$54,994 | \$54,134 |

The liability for safety recall campaigns was \$4.6 million, \$10.7 million and \$3.2 million at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Derivative Financial Instruments – The Company is exposed to certain risks such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and commodity price risk. To reduce its exposure to such risks, the Company selectively uses derivative

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financial instruments. All derivative transactions are authorized and executed pursuant to regularly reviewed policies and procedures, which prohibit the use of financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

All derivative instruments are recognized on the balance sheet at fair value (see Note 8). In accordance with ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging," the accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and, further, on the type of hedging relationship. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated as fair value hedges, along with the gain or loss on the hedged item, are recorded in current period earnings. For derivative instruments that are designated as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of gains and losses that result from changes in the fair value of derivative instruments is initially recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI) and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the hedged item affects income. The Company assesses, at both the inception of each hedge and on an on-going basis, whether the derivatives that are used in its hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items. Any ineffective portion is immediately recognized in earnings. No component of a hedging derivative instrument's gain or loss is excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness. Derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recorded at fair value and any changes in fair value are recorded in current period earnings. Refer to Note 10 for a detailed description of the Company's derivative instruments.

Motorcycles and Related Products Revenue Recognition – Sales are recorded when products are shipped to wholesale customers (independent dealers and distributors) and ownership is transferred. The Company may offer sales incentive programs to both wholesale and retail customers designed to promote the sale of motorcycles and related products. The total costs of these programs are generally recognized as revenue reductions and are accrued at the later of the date the related sales are recorded or the date the incentive program is both approved and communicated.

Financial Services Revenue Recognition – Interest income on finance receivables is recorded as earned and is based on the average outstanding daily balance for wholesale and retail receivables. Accrued and uncollected interest is classified with finance receivables. Certain loan origination costs related to finance receivables, including payments made to dealers for certain retail loans, are deferred and amortized over the estimated life of the contract.

Retail finance receivables are contractually delinquent if the minimum payment is not received by the specified due date. Retail finance receivables are generally charged-off when the receivable is 120 days or more delinquent, the related asset is repossessed or the receivable is otherwise deemed uncollectible. All retail finance receivables accrue interest until either collected or charged-off. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, all retail finance receivables are accounted for as interest-earning receivables.

Wholesale finance receivables are delinquent if the minimum payment is not received by the contractual due date. Interest continues to accrue on past due finance receivables until the date the finance receivable becomes uncollectible and the finance receivable is placed on non-accrual status. HDFS will resume accruing interest on these accounts when payments are current according to the terms of the loans and future payments are reasonably assured. While on non-accrual status, all cash received is applied to principal or interest as appropriate. Wholesale finance receivables are written down once management determines that the specific borrower does not have the ability to repay the loan in full.

Insurance and protection product commissions as well as commissions on the sale of extended service contracts are recognized when contractually earned. Deferred revenue related to extended service contracts was \$8.3 million and \$12.2 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Research and Development Expenses – Expenditures for research activities relating to product development and improvement are charged against income as incurred and included within selling, administrative and engineering expenses in the consolidated statement of operations. Research and development expenses were \$137.3 million, \$145.4 million and \$136.2 million for 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Advertising Costs – The Company expenses the production cost of advertising the first time the advertising takes place. Advertising costs relate to the Company's efforts to promote its products and brands through the use of media. During 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company incurred \$80.7 million, \$82.3 million and \$75.8 million in advertising costs, respectively.

Shipping and Handling Costs – The Company classifies shipping and handling costs as a component of cost of goods sold.

Share-Based Award Compensation Costs – The Company recognizes the cost of its share-based awards in its statement of operations. The total cost of the Company’s equity awards is equal to their grant date fair value and is recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the service periods of the awards. The total cost of the Company’s liability for cash-settled awards is equal to their settlement date fair value. The liability for cash-settled awards is revalued each period based on a recalculated fair

value adjusted for vested awards. Total share-based award compensation expense recognized by the Company during 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$40.8 million, \$38.2 million and \$30.4 million, respectively, or \$25.7 million, \$24.0 million and \$19.2 million net of taxes, respectively.

Income Tax Expense – The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes.

New Accounting Standards

Accounting Standards Recently Adopted

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-4. "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS." ASU No. 2011-04 clarifies the application of the existing guidance within Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurement", to ensure consistency between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU No. 2011-04 also requires new disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements related to Level 3 measurements and also requires new disclosures around transfers into and out of Level 1 and 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The Company adopted ASU No. 2011-04 on January 1, 2012. The required new disclosures are presented in Note 9.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, "Presentation of Comprehensive Income". ASU No. 2011-05 amends the guidance within ASC Topic 220, "Comprehensive Income", to eliminate the option to present the components of other

comprehensive income as part of the statement of shareholders' equity. ASU No. 2011-05 requires that all nonowner changes in

shareholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but

consecutive statements. The Company decided to present comprehensive income in two separate but consecutive statements.

The Company adopted ASU No. 2011-05 on January 1, 2012. The adoption of ASU No. 2011-05 and the Company's decision

to present comprehensive income in two separate but consecutive statements required the presentation of an additional financial

statement, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, for all periods presented.

2. Additional Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Information

The following information represents additional detail for selected line items included in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31 and the statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31.

Balance Sheet Information:

Inventories, net (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Components at the lower of FIFO cost or market | | |
| Raw materials and work in process | \$ 111,335 | \$ 113,932 |
| Motorcycle finished goods | 205,660 | 226,261 |
| Parts and accessories and general merchandise | 122,418 | 121,340 |
| Inventory at lower of FIFO cost or market | 439,413 | 461,533 |
| Excess of FIFO over LIFO cost | (45,889 |) (43,527 |
| | \$ 393,524 | \$ 418,006 |

Inventory obsolescence reserves deducted from FIFO cost were \$22.9 million and \$24.8 million as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Property, plant and equipment, at cost (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Land and related improvements | 57,801 | 59,995 |
| Buildings and related improvements | 417,316 | 466,652 |
| Machinery and equipment | 2,042,484 | 1,920,485 |
| Construction in progress | 167,243 | 158,237 |
| | 2,684,844 | 2,605,369 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (1,869,380) | (1,795,910) |
| | 815,464 | 809,459 |
| Accrued liabilities (in thousands): | | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Payroll, employee benefits and related expenses | 215,461 | 226,381 |
| Restructuring reserves | 27,223 | 43,310 |
| Warranty and recalls | 60,263 | 54,994 |
| Sales incentive programs | 43,938 | 41,448 |
| Tax-related accruals | 19,923 | 57,706 |
| Fair value of derivative financial instruments | 7,920 | 5,136 |
| Other | 138,863 | 135,197 |
| | 513,591 | 564,172 |

Cash Flow Information:

The reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations is as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$623,925 | \$599,114 | \$146,545 |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations | — | 51,036 | (113,124) |
| Income from continuing operations | 623,925 | 548,078 | 259,669 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation | 168,978 | 180,408 | 255,171 |
| Amortization of deferred loan origination costs | 78,592 | 78,695 | 87,223 |
| Amortization of financing origination fees | 9,969 | 10,790 | 19,618 |
| Provision for employee long-term benefits | 71,347 | 59,441 | 79,630 |
| Contributions to pension and postretirement plans | (244,416) | (219,695) | (39,391) |
| Stock compensation expense | 40,815 | 38,192 | 30,431 |
| Net change in wholesale finance receivables related to sales | 2,513 | (2,335) | 81,527 |
| Provision for credit losses | 22,239 | 17,031 | 93,118 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | 4,323 | 9,608 | 85,247 |
| Pension and postretirement healthcare plan curtailment and settlement expense | 6,242 | 236 | 31,824 |
| Deferred income taxes | 128,452 | 87,873 | (17,591) |
| Foreign currency adjustments | 9,773 | 10,678 | (21,480) |
| Other, net | (7,216) | (15,807) | 11,910 |
| Changes in current assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (13,690) | 43,050 | 2,905 |
| Finance receivables – accrued interest and other | (4) | 5,027 | 10,083 |
| Inventories | 21,459 | (94,957) | 2,516 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (10,798) | 120,291 | 215,013 |
| Restructuring reserves | (16,087) | 8,072 | (32,477) |
| Derivative instruments | 2,758 | (2,488) | 5,339 |
| Prepaid and other | (97,716) | 3,103 | 3,133 |
| Total adjustments | 177,533 | 337,213 | 903,749 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations | \$801,458 | \$885,291 | \$1,163,418 |

Cash paid during the period for interest and income taxes (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest | \$225,228 | \$251,341 | \$346,855 |
| Income taxes | \$317,812 | \$84,984 | \$47,084 |

Interest paid represents interest payments of HDFS (included in financial services interest expense) and interest payments of the Company (included in interest expense).

3. Discontinued Operations

In October 2009, the Company unveiled a new business strategy to drive growth through a focus of efforts and resources on the unique strengths of the Harley-Davidson brand and to enhance productivity and profitability through continuous improvement. The Company's Board of Directors approved and the Company committed to the divestiture of MV as part of this strategy. The Company engaged a third party investment bank to assist with the marketing and sale of MV. During 2009, the Company recorded pre-tax impairment charges of \$115.4 million related to MV and a net tax benefit of \$40 million related to losses estimated in connection with the sale of MV. As of December 31, 2009, the Company estimated the total tax benefit associated with the losses related to the sale of MV to be \$66 million of which \$26 million was deemed uncertain and appropriately reserved against.

At each subsequent reporting date in 2010 through the date of sale of MV in August 2010, the fair value less selling costs was re-assessed and additional impairment charges totaling \$111.8 million and additional tax benefits totaling \$18 million were recognized in 2010. As the effort to sell MV progressed into 2010, adverse factors led to decreases in the fair value of MV. During 2010, challenging economic conditions continued to persist, negatively impacting the appetite of prospective buyers and the motorcycle industry as a whole. Information coming directly from the selling process, including discussions with the prospective buyers, indicated a fair value that was less than previously estimated.

On August 6, 2010, the Company concluded its sale of MV to MV Augusta Motor Holding S.r.l., a company controlled by the former owner of MV. Under the agreement relating to the sale, (1) the Company received nominal consideration in return for the transfer of MV and related assets; (2) the parties waived their respective rights under the stock purchase agreement and other documents related to the Company's purchase of MV in 2008, which included a waiver of the former owner's right to contingent earn-out consideration; and (3) the Company contributed 20 million Euros to MV as operating capital. The 20 million Euros contributed were factored into the Company's estimate of MV's fair value prior to the sale and were recognized in the 2010 impairment charges discussed above. As a result of the impairment charges recorded prior to the sale, the Company only incurred an immaterial loss on the date of sale, which was included in the loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, during the year ended December 31, 2010. As of August 6, 2010, assets and liabilities of discontinued operations that were sold consisted of \$0.6 million of accounts receivable, net; \$3.6 million of inventories; \$14.3 million of other assets; \$41.7 million of accounts payable and accrued liabilities and \$16.6 million of other liabilities.

As of December 31, 2010, the Company's estimated total tax benefit associated with the loss on the sale of MV was \$101 million, of which \$43.5 million was deemed uncertain and appropriately reserved against. As a result, the total cumulative net tax benefit recognized as of December 31, 2010 was \$57.5 million. The increase in the estimated tax benefit during 2010 was driven by an increase in the losses related to the sale of MV, not a change in the tax position. In determining the tax benefit recognized from October 2009 through December 2010, the Company engaged appropriate technical expertise and considered all relevant available information. In accordance with ASC 740, "Income Taxes," at each balance sheet date during this period, the Company re-evaluated the overall tax benefit, determined that it was at least more likely than not that it would be sustained upon review and calculated the amount of recognized tax benefit based on a cumulative probability basis.

Beginning in 2010, the Company voluntarily elected to participate in a pre-filing agreement process with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in order to accelerate the IRS' review of the Company's tax position related to MV. The IRS effectively completed its review in late 2011 and executed a Closing Agreement on Final Determination Covering Specific Matters with the Company.

There were no changes to the Company's estimated gross or recognized tax benefit associated with the loss on the sale of MV during the first three quarters of 2011. In the fourth quarter of 2011, given the outcome of the closing agreement, the Company recognized a \$43.5 million tax benefit by reversing the reserve recorded as of September 25, 2011 and recognized an incremental \$7.5 million tax benefit related to the final calculation of the tax basis in the loan to and the stock of MV.

The following table summarizes the net revenue, pre-tax loss, net income (loss) and earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations for the following years ended December 31 (in thousands except per share amounts):

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|----------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenue | \$— | \$— | \$48,563 |
| Loss before income taxes | \$— | \$(407 |) \$(131,034 |
| Net income (loss) | \$— | \$51,036 | \$(113,124 |
| Earnings (loss) per common share | \$— | \$0.22 | \$(0.48 |

4. Restructuring Expense and Other Impairments

2011 Restructuring Plans

In December 2011, the Company made a decision to cease operations at New Castalloy, its Australian subsidiary and producer of cast motorcycle wheels and wheel hubs, and source those components through other existing suppliers (2011 New Castalloy Restructuring Plan). The Company expects the transition of supply from New Castalloy to be complete in 2013. The decision to close New Castalloy comes as part of the Company's overall long term strategy to develop world-class manufacturing capability throughout the Company by restructuring and consolidating operations for greater competitiveness, efficiency and flexibility. In connection with this decision, the Company will reduce its workforce by approximately 200 employees by the end of 2013.

Under the 2011 New Castalloy Restructuring Plan restructuring expenses consist of employee severance and termination costs, accelerated depreciation and other related costs. The Company expects to incur about \$31 million in restructuring charges related to the transition through 2013. Approximately 35% of the \$31 million will be non-cash charges. On a cumulative basis, the Company has incurred \$22.2 million of restructuring expenses under the 2011 New Castalloy Restructuring Plan through 2012, of which \$12.8 million were incurred in the year ended December 31, 2012.

In February 2011, the Company's unionized employees at its facility in Kansas City, Missouri ratified a new seven-year labor agreement. The new agreement took effect on August 1, 2011. The new contract is similar to the labor agreements ratified at the Company's Wisconsin facilities in September 2010 and its York, Pennsylvania facility in December 2009, and allows for similar flexibility, increased production efficiency and the addition of a flexible workforce component.

The actions to implement the new ratified labor agreement (2011 Kansas City Restructuring Plan) result in approximately 145 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Kansas City facility than would have been required under the previous contract.

Under the 2011 Kansas City Restructuring Plan, restructuring expenses consist of employee severance and termination costs and other related costs. On a cumulative basis, the Company has incurred \$6.9 million of restructuring expenses under the 2011 Kansas City Restructuring Plan through 2012, of which approximately 10% are non-cash. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company released a portion of its Kansas City Restructuring Plan reserve related to severance costs as these costs are no longer expected to be incurred.

The following table summarizes the Motorcycle Segment's 2011 Kansas City Restructuring Plan and 2011 New Castalloy Restructuring Plan reserve activity and balances as recorded in accrued liabilities for the year ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | | New Castalloy | | | Consolidated | |
|------------------------------|---|-------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|----------|
| | Kansas City Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Other | Total | and Termination Costs | Accelerated Depreciation | Other | Total | Total |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$4,123 | \$— | \$4,123 | \$8,428 | \$— | \$305 | \$8,733 | \$12,856 |
| Restructuring expense | — | — | — | 3,180 | 8,212 | 1,427 | 12,819 | 12,819 |
| Utilized - cash | — | — | — | (2,302 |) — | (1,587 |) (3,889 |) (3,889 |
| Utilized - noncash | — | — | — | — | (8,212 |) — | (8,212 |) (8,212 |

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|-----------------------------|----------|-----|----------|----------|------|--------|-----------|
| Non-cash reserve release | (1,864) | — | (1,864) | — | — | — | (1,864) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 2,259 | \$— | \$ 2,259 | \$ 9,306 | \$ — | \$ 145 | \$ 9,451 |
| | | | | | | | \$ 11,710 |

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| | 2011 Kansas City Employee Severance and Termination Costs | | | New Castalloy Employee Severance and Termination Costs | | | Consolidated Total | |
|------------------------|---|--------|-----------------------------|---|--------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | Other | Total | Accelerated Depreciation | Other | Total | Total | Total | |
| Restructuring expense | \$ 8,447 | \$ 342 | \$ 8,789 | \$ 8,428 | \$ 656 | \$ 305 | \$ 9,389 | \$ 18,178 |
| Utilized - cash | (4,088) | (342) | (4,430) | — | — | — | — | (4,430) |
| Utilized - noncash | (236) | — | (236) | — | (656) | — | (656) | (892) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 4,123 | \$ — | \$ 4,123 | \$ 8,428 | \$ — | \$ 305 | \$ 8,733 | \$ 12,856 |

2010 Restructuring Plan

In September 2010, the Company's unionized employees in Wisconsin ratified three separate new seven-year labor agreements which took effect in April 2012 when the prior contracts expired. The new contracts are similar to the labor agreement ratified at the Company's York, Pennsylvania facility in December 2009 and allow for similar flexibility and increased production efficiency and the addition of a flexible workforce component.

The actions to implement the new ratified labor agreements (2010 Restructuring Plan) result in approximately 250 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Milwaukee-area facilities than would be required under the previous contract and approximately 75 fewer full-time hourly unionized employees in its Tomahawk facility than would have been required under the previous contract.

Under the 2010 Restructuring Plan, restructuring expenses consist of employee severance and termination costs and other related costs. On a cumulative basis, the Company has incurred \$59.7 million of restructuring and impairment expenses under the 2010 Restructuring Plan as of December 31, 2012, of which approximately 45% are non-cash. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company released a portion of its 2010 Restructuring Plan reserve related to severance costs as these costs are no longer expected to be incurred.

The following table summarizes the Motorcycle Segment's 2010 Restructuring Plan reserve activity and balances as recorded in accrued liabilities for the following years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 Employee Severance and Termination Costs | 2011 Employee Severance and Termination Costs | 2010 Employee Severance and Termination Costs |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 20,361 | \$ 8,652 | \$ — |
| Restructuring expense | 4,005 | 12,575 | 44,383 |
| Utilized – cash | (12,898) | (866) | (7,557) |
| Utilized – noncash | — | — | (28,174) |
| Non-cash reserve release | (1,312) | — | — |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 10,156 | \$ 20,361 | \$ 8,652 |

For the year ended December 31, 2010, restructuring expense included \$28.2 million of noncash curtailment losses related to the Company's pension and postretirement healthcare plans that cover employees of the affected facilities in Milwaukee and Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

2009 Restructuring Plan

During 2009, in response to the U.S. economic recession and worldwide slowdown in consumer demand, the Company committed to a volume reduction and a combination of restructuring actions that were expected to be completed at various dates between 2009 and 2012. The actions were designed to reduce administrative costs, eliminate excess capacity and exit non-core business operations. The Company's announced actions included the restructuring and transformation of its York, Pennsylvania production facility including the implementation of a new more flexible unionized labor agreement which allows for the addition of a flexible workforce component;

consolidation of facilities related to engine and transmission production; outsourcing of certain distribution and transportation activities and exiting the Buell product line. In addition, the Company

implemented projects under this plan involving the outsourcing of select information technology activities and the consolidation of an administrative office in Michigan into its corporate headquarters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The 2009 restructuring plan results in a reduction of approximately 2,700 to 2,900 hourly production positions and approximately 800 non-production, primarily salaried positions within the Motorcycles segment and approximately 100 salaried positions in the Financial Services segment.

Under the 2009 Restructuring Plan, restructuring expenses consist of employee severance and termination costs, accelerated depreciation on the long-lived assets that will be exited as part of the 2009 Restructuring Plan and other related costs. The Company expects total costs related to the 2009 Restructuring Plan to result in restructuring and impairment expenses of approximately \$397 million, of which approximately 30% are expected to be non-cash. On a cumulative basis, the Company has incurred \$395.4 million of restructuring and impairment expense under the 2009 Restructuring Plan as of December 31, 2012, of which \$14.8 million was incurred during the year ended December 31, 2012.

The following tables summarize the Company's 2009 Restructuring Plan reserve activity and balances as recorded in accrued liabilities for the following years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | | | Financial Services | | | Consolidated |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Accelerated Depreciation | Other | Total | Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Other | Total | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 10,089 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,089 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,089 |
| Restructuring expense | 4,099 | — | 13,154 | 17,253 | — | — | — | 17,253 |
| Utilized – cash | (6,566) | — | (12,993) | (19,559) | — | — | — | (19,559) |
| Utilized – noncash | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Noncash reserve release | (2,426) | — | — | (2,426) | — | — | — | (2,426) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 5,196 | \$ — | \$ 161 | \$ 5,357 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 5,357 |
| | 2011 | | | | Financial Services | | | Consolidated |
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Accelerated Depreciation | Other | Total | Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Other | Total | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 23,818 | \$ — | \$ 2,764 | \$ 26,582 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 26,582 |
| Restructuring expense | 5,062 | — | 34,470 | 39,532 | — | — | — | 39,532 |
| Utilized – cash | (16,498) | — | (37,234) | (53,732) | — | — | — | (53,732) |
| Utilized – noncash | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Noncash reserve release | (2,293) | — | — | (2,293) | — | — | — | (2,293) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 10,089 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,089 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 10,089 |

| | 2010 Motorcycles & Related Products | | | | Financial Services | | | Consolidated |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| | Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Accelerated Depreciation | Other | Total | Employee Severance and Termination Costs | Other | Total | Consolidated Total |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$36,070 | \$— | \$31,422 | \$67,492 | \$219 | \$— | \$219 | \$67,711 |
| Restructuring expense | 31,119 | 47,923 | 40,083 | 119,125 | — | — | — | 119,125 |
| Utilized – cash | (44,394) | — | (61,514) | (105,908) | (44) | — | (44) | (105,952) |
| Utilized – noncash | 1,023 | (47,923) | (3,406) | (50,306) | (175) | — | (175) | (50,481) |
| Noncash reserve release | — | — | (3,821) | (3,821) | — | — | — | (3,821) |
| Balance, end of period | \$23,818 | \$— | \$2,764 | \$26,582 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$26,582 |

Other restructuring costs include items such as the exit costs for terminating supply contracts, lease termination costs and moving costs. During 2012 and 2011, the Company released \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, of its 2009

Restructuring Plan reserve related to employee severance costs as these costs are no longer expected to be incurred. In addition, the Company released \$3.8 million of its 2009 Restructuring Plan reserve related to exiting the Buell product line during 2010, as these costs are no longer expected to be incurred.

5. Goodwill

The following table summarizes changes in the carrying amount of goodwill in the Company's Motorcycles segment for the following years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | Motorcycles |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | \$31,400 |
| Currency translation | (1,810) |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | \$29,590 |
| Currency translation | (509) |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$29,081 |
| Currency translation | \$449 |
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | \$29,530 |

The Company's Financial Services segment did not have a goodwill balance.

6. Finance Receivables

Finance receivables, net at December 31 for the past five years were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wholesale | | | | | |
| United States | \$776,633 | \$778,320 | \$735,481 | \$787,891 | \$1,074,377 |
| Canada | 39,771 | 46,320 | 78,516 | 82,110 | 89,859 |
| Total wholesale | 816,404 | 824,640 | 813,997 | 870,001 | 1,164,236 |
| Retail | | | | | |
| United States | 4,850,450 | 4,858,781 | 5,126,699 | 3,835,235 | 514,637 |
| Canada | 222,665 | 228,709 | 250,462 | 256,658 | 226,084 |
| Total retail | 5,073,115 | 5,087,490 | 5,377,161 | 4,091,893 | 740,721 |
| | 5,889,519 | 5,912,130 | 6,191,158 | 4,961,894 | 1,904,957 |
| Allowance for credit losses | (107,667) | (125,449) | (173,589) | (150,082) | (40,068) |
| | 5,781,852 | 5,786,681 | 6,017,569 | 4,811,812 | 1,864,889 |
| Investment in retained securitization interests | — | — | — | 245,350 | 330,674 |
| | \$5,781,852 | \$5,786,681 | \$6,017,569 | \$5,057,162 | \$2,195,563 |
| Retail - finance receivables held for sale | | | | | |
| United States | — | — | — | — | 2,443,965 |
| Total finance receivables, net | \$5,781,852 | \$5,786,681 | \$6,017,569 | \$5,057,162 | \$4,639,528 |

Prior to the second quarter of 2009, U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables intended for securitization at origination were classified as finance receivables held for sale. These finance receivables held for sale were carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair value. Any amount by which cost exceeded fair value was accounted for as a valuation adjustment. Included in finance receivables held for sale at December 31, 2008 is a lower of cost or market adjustment of \$31.7 million.

HDFS offers wholesale financing to the Company's independent dealers. Wholesale loans to dealers are generally secured by financed inventory or property and are originated in the U.S. and Canada.

HDFS provides retail financial services to customers of the Company's independent dealers in the U.S. and Canada. The origination of retail loans is a separate and distinct transaction between HDFS and the retail customer, unrelated to the Company's sale of product to its dealers. Retail finance receivables consist of secured promissory notes and installment loans. HDFS holds either titles or liens on titles to vehicles financed by promissory notes and installment loans. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately 12% and 11%, respectively, of gross outstanding finance receivables were originated in Texas.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, unused lines of credit extended to HDFS' wholesale finance customers totaled \$955.5 million and \$909.9 million, respectively. Approved but unfunded retail finance loans totaled \$137.7 million and \$139.3 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Wholesale finance receivables are related primarily to motorcycles and related parts and accessories sales to independent Harley-Davidson dealers and are generally contractually due within one year. Retail finance receivables are primarily related to sales of motorcycles to the dealers' customers. On December 31, 2012, contractual maturities of finance receivables were as follows (in thousands):

| | United States | Canada | Total |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2013 | \$1,685,921 | \$81,268 | \$1,767,189 |
| 2014 | 988,995 | 44,726 | 1,033,721 |
| 2015 | 1,117,929 | 50,035 | 1,167,964 |
| 2016 | 1,146,884 | 55,975 | 1,202,859 |
| 2017 | 601,981 | 30,432 | 632,413 |
| Thereafter | 85,373 | — | 85,373 |
| Total | \$5,627,083 | \$262,436 | \$5,889,519 |

As of December 31, 2012, all finance receivables due after one year were at fixed interest rates.

The allowance for credit losses on finance receivables is comprised of individual components relating to wholesale and retail finance receivables. Changes in the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables by portfolio for the year ended December 31 were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | Retail | Wholesale | Total |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$116,112 | \$9,337 | \$125,449 |
| Provision for credit losses | 25,252 | (3,013) |) 22,239 |
| Charge-offs | (86,963 |) (99 |) (87,062 |
| Recoveries | 47,041 | — | 47,041 |
| Balance, end of period | \$101,442 | \$6,225 | \$107,667 |
| | 2011 | | |
| | Retail | Wholesale | Total |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$157,791 | \$15,798 | \$173,589 |
| Provision for credit losses | 23,054 | (6,023) |) 17,031 |
| Charge-offs | (118,993 |) (503 |) (119,496 |
| Recoveries | 54,260 | 65 | 54,325 |
| Balance, end of period | \$116,112 | \$9,337 | \$125,449 |

Changes in the allowance for credit losses on finance receivables for the year ended December 31 were as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|--|------------|
| | 2010 |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 150,082 |
| Allowance related to newly consolidated finance receivables ⁽¹⁾ | 49,424 |
| Provision for credit losses | 93,118 |
| Charge-offs, net of recoveries | (119,035) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 173,589 |

(1) As a part of the required consolidation of formerly unconsolidated VIEs done in connection with the adoption of the new requirements within ASC Topics 810 and 860 on January 1, 2010, the Company consolidated a \$49.4 million allowance for credit losses related to the newly consolidated finance receivables.

The allowance for credit losses and finance receivables by portfolio, segregated by those amounts that are individually evaluated for impairment and those that are collectively evaluated for impairment, at December 31, were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Retail | Wholesale | Total |
| Allowance for credit losses, ending balance: | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 101,442 | 6,225 | 107,667 |
| Total allowance for credit losses | \$ 101,442 | \$ 6,225 | \$ 107,667 |
| Finance receivables, ending balance: | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 5,073,115 | 816,404 | 5,889,519 |
| Total finance receivables | \$ 5,073,115 | \$ 816,404 | \$ 5,889,519 |
| | 2011 | | |
| | Retail | Wholesale | Total |
| Allowance for credit losses, ending balance: | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 116,112 | 9,337 | 125,449 |
| Total allowance for credit losses | \$ 116,112 | \$ 9,337 | \$ 125,449 |
| Finance receivables, ending balance: | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 5,087,490 | 824,640 | 5,912,130 |
| Total finance receivables | \$ 5,087,490 | \$ 824,640 | \$ 5,912,130 |

Finance receivables are considered impaired when management determines it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the loan agreement. As retail finance receivables are collectively and not individually reviewed for impairment, this portfolio does not have specifically impaired finance receivables. A specific allowance is established for wholesale finance receivables determined to be individually impaired in accordance with the applicable accounting standards when management concludes that the borrower will not be able to make full payment of the contractual amounts due based on the original terms of the loan agreement. The impairment is determined based on the cash that the Company expects to receive discounted at the loan's original interest rate and the fair value of the collateral, if the loan is collateral-dependent. In establishing the allowance, management considers a number of factors including the specific borrower's financial performance as well as ability to repay. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were no wholesale finance receivables that were individually deemed to be impaired under ASC Topic 310, "Receivables".

Retail finance receivables accrue interest until either collected or charged-off. Interest continues to accrue on past due wholesale finance receivables until the finance receivable becomes uncollectible, at which time the finance receivable is placed on non-accrual status. The Company will resume accruing interest on these wholesale finance receivables when payments are current according to the terms of the loan agreements and future payments are reasonably assured. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, there were no wholesale finance receivables on non-accrual status.

An analysis of the aging of past due finance receivables at December 31 was as follows (in thousands):

| 2012 | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Current | 31-60 Days Past Due | 61-90 Days Past Due | Greater than 90 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Total Finance Receivables |
| Retail | \$4,894,675 | \$113,604 | \$37,239 | \$27,597 | \$178,440 | \$5,073,115 |
| Wholesale | 814,706 | 984 | 278 | 436 | 1,698 | 816,404 |
| Total | \$5,709,381 | \$114,588 | \$37,517 | \$28,033 | \$180,138 | \$5,889,519 |
| 2011 | | | | | | |
| | Current | 31-60 Days Past Due | 61-90 Days Past Due | Greater than 90 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Total Finance Receivables |
| Retail | \$4,915,711 | \$107,373 | \$36,937 | \$27,469 | \$171,779 | \$5,087,490 |
| Wholesale | 822,610 | 777 | 344 | 909 | 2,030 | 824,640 |
| Total | \$5,738,321 | \$108,150 | \$37,281 | \$28,378 | \$173,809 | \$5,912,130 |

The recorded investment of retail and wholesale finance receivables, excluding non-accrual status finance receivables, that are contractually past due 90 days or more at December 31 for the past five years was as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| United States | \$26,500 | \$27,171 | \$34,391 | \$24,629 | \$23,678 |
| Canada | 1,533 | 1,207 | 1,351 | 2,161 | 1,275 |
| Total | \$28,033 | \$28,378 | \$35,742 | \$26,790 | \$24,953 |

A significant part of managing HDFS' finance receivable portfolios includes the assessment of credit risk associated with each borrower. As the credit risk varies between the retail and wholesale portfolios, HDFS utilizes different credit risk indicators for each portfolio.

HDFS manages retail credit risk through its credit approval policy and ongoing collection efforts. HDFS uses FICO scores, a standard credit rating measurement, to differentiate the expected default rates of retail credit applicants enabling the Company to better evaluate credit applicants for approval and to tailor pricing according to this assessment. Retail loans with a FICO score of 640 or above at origination are considered prime, and loans with a FICO score below 640 are considered sub-prime. These credit quality indicators are determined at the time of loan origination and are not updated subsequent to the loan origination date.

The recorded investment of retail finance receivables, by credit quality indicator, at December 31 was as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Prime | \$4,035,584 | \$4,097,048 |
| Sub-prime | 1,037,531 | 990,442 |
| Total | \$5,073,115 | \$5,087,490 |

HDFS' credit risk on the wholesale portfolio is different from that of the retail portfolio. Whereas the retail portfolio represents a relatively homogeneous pool of retail finance receivables that exhibit more consistent loss patterns, the wholesale portfolio exposures are less consistent. HDFS utilizes an internal credit risk rating system to manage credit risk exposure consistently across wholesale borrowers and individually evaluates credit risk factors for each borrower. HDFS uses the following internal credit quality indicators, based on the Company's internal risk rating system, listed from highest level of risk to lowest level of risk for the wholesale portfolio: Doubtful, Substandard, Special Mention, Medium Risk and Low Risk. Based upon management's review, the dealers classified in the Doubtful category are the dealers with the greatest likelihood of being charged-off, while the dealers classified as Low Risk are least likely to be

charged-off. The internal rating system considers factors such as the specific borrowers' ability to repay and the estimated value of any collateral. Dealer risk rating classifications are reviewed and updated on a quarterly basis.

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The recorded investment of wholesale finance receivables, by internal credit quality indicator, at December 31 was as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Doubtful | \$8,107 | \$13,048 |
| Substandard | 2,593 | 5,052 |
| Special Mention | 3,504 | 14,361 |
| Medium Risk | 8,451 | 3,032 |
| Low Risk | 793,749 | 789,147 |
| Total | \$816,404 | \$824,640 |

7. Asset-Backed Financing

HDFS participates in asset-backed financing through both term asset-backed securitization transactions and through asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities. HDFS treats these transactions as secured borrowing because assets are either transferred to consolidated VIEs or HDFS maintains effective control over the assets and does not meet the accounting sale requirements under ASC Topic 860. See Note 1 for more information on the Company's accounting for asset-backed financings and VIEs.

The following table shows the assets and liabilities related to our asset-backed financings that were included in our financial statements at December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Finance receivables | Allowance for credit losses | Restricted cash | Other assets | Total assets | Asset-backed debt |
| On-balance sheet assets and liabilities | | | | | | |
| Consolidated VIEs | | | | | | |
| Term asset-backed securitizations | \$2,143,708 | \$(42,139) | \$176,290 | \$4,869 | \$2,282,728 | \$1,447,776 |
| Asset-backed U.S. commercial paper conduit facility | — | — | — | 419 | 419 | — |
| Unconsolidated VIEs | | | | | | |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility | 194,285 | (3,432) | 11,718 | 255 | 202,826 | 175,658 |
| | \$2,337,993 | \$(45,571) | \$188,008 | \$5,543 | \$2,485,973 | \$1,623,434 |
| | 2011 | | | | | |
| | Finance receivables | Allowance for credit losses | Restricted cash | Other assets | Total assets | Asset-backed debt |
| On-balance sheet assets and liabilities | | | | | | |
| Consolidated VIEs | | | | | | |
| Term asset-backed securitizations | \$2,916,219 | \$(65,735) | \$228,776 | \$6,772 | \$3,086,032 | \$2,087,346 |
| Asset-backed U.S. commercial paper conduit facility | 13,455 | (302) | 879 | 449 | 14,481 | — |
| Unconsolidated VIEs | | | | | | |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | \$2,929,674 | \$(66,037) | \$229,655 | \$7,221 | \$3,100,513 | \$2,087,346 |

Term Asset-Backed Securitization VIEs

The Company transfers U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables to SPEs which in turn issue secured notes to investors, with various maturities and interest rates, secured by future collections of the purchased U.S. retail

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motorcycle finance receivables. Each term asset-backed securitization SPE is a separate legal entity and the U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables included in the term asset-backed securitizations are only available for payment of the secured debt and other obligations arising from the term asset-backed securitization transactions and are not available to pay other obligations or claims of the Company's creditors until the associated secured debt and other obligations are satisfied. Cash and cash equivalent balances held by the SPEs are used only to support the securitizations. In 2012 and 2011, HDFs transferred \$715.7 million and \$1.21 billion, respectively, of U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables to three separate SPEs. The SPEs in turn issued \$675.3 million and \$1.09 billion, respectively, of secured notes. At December 31, 2012, the Company's consolidated balance sheet included outstanding balances related to the following secured notes with the related maturity dates and interest rates (in thousands):

| Issue Date | Principal Amount at Date of Issuance | Weighted-Average Rate at Date of Issuance | Contractual Maturity Date |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| July 2012 | \$675,306 | 0.59 | % August 2013 - June 2018 |
| November 2011 | \$513,300 | 0.88 | % November 2012 - February 2018 |
| August 2011 | \$573,380 | 0.76 | % September 2012 - August 2017 |
| November 2010 | \$600,000 | 1.05 | % December 2011 - April 2018 |
| December 2009 | \$562,499 | 1.55 | % December 2010 - June 2017 |

In addition, during 2012, the Company issued \$89.5 million of secured notes through the sale of notes that had been previously retained as part of the December 2009, August 2011 and November 2011 term asset-backed securitization transactions. These notes were sold at a premium and have contractual maturities ranging from June 2017 to April 2019.

Outstanding balances related to the following secured notes were included in the Company's consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2011 (in thousands) and the Company completed repayment of those balances during 2012:

| Issue Date | Principal Amount at Date of Issuance | Weighted-Average Rate at Date of Issuance | Contractual Maturity Date |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| October 2009 | \$700,000 | 1.16 | % October 2010 - April 2017 |
| July 2009 | \$700,000 | 2.11 | % July 2010 - February 2017 |
| May 2009 | \$500,000 | 2.77 | % May 2010 - January 2017 |
| February 2008 | \$486,000 | 3.94 | % February 2009 - December 2013 |
| August 2007 | \$782,000 | 5.50 | % September 2008 - May 2015 |
| May 2007 | \$950,000 | 5.20 | % May 2008 - August 2015 |

There are no amortization schedules for the secured notes; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the related U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables are applied to outstanding principal.

For the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the SPEs recorded interest expense on the secured notes of \$25.8 million and \$60.2 million, respectively, which is included in financial services interest expense. The weighted average interest rate of the outstanding term asset-backed securitization transactions was 1.09% and 1.96% at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Asset-Backed U.S. Commercial Paper Conduit Facility VIE

In September 2012, the Company amended and restated its third-party bank sponsored asset-backed commercial paper conduit facility (U.S. Conduit) which provides for a total aggregate commitment of up to \$600.0 million based on, among other things, the amount of eligible U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables held by the SPE as collateral. The amended agreement has similar terms as the prior agreement and is for the same amount. Under the facility, HDFs may transfer U.S. retail motorcycle finance receivables to a SPE, which in turn may issue debt to third-party bank-sponsored asset-backed commercial paper conduits.

The assets of the SPE are restricted as collateral for the payment of the debt or other obligations arising in the transaction and are not available to pay other obligations or claims of the Company's creditors. The terms for this debt

provide for interest on the outstanding principal based on prevailing commercial paper rates, or LIBOR plus a specified margin to the extent the advance is not funded by a conduit lender through the issuance of commercial paper. The U.S.

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Conduit also provides for an unused commitment fee based on the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of \$600.0 million. There is no amortization schedule; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the related finance receivables are applied to outstanding principal. Upon expiration of the U.S. Conduit, any outstanding principal will continue to be reduced monthly through available collections. Unless earlier terminated or extended by mutual agreement of HDFS and the lenders, the U.S. Conduit has an expiration date of September 13, 2013.

The SPE had no borrowings outstanding under the U.S. Conduit at December 31, 2012 or 2011; therefore, these assets are restricted as collateral for the payment of fees associated with the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of \$600.0 million.

For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the SPE recorded interest expense of \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, related to the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of \$600.0 million. Interest expense on the U.S. Conduit is included in financial services interest expense. There was no weighted average interest rate at December 31, 2012 or 2011 as HDFS had no outstanding borrowings under the U.S. Conduit during 2012 or 2011.

Asset-Backed Canadian Commercial Paper Conduit Facility

In 2012, HDFS entered into an agreement with a Canadian bank-sponsored asset-backed commercial paper conduit facility (Canadian Conduit). Under the agreement, the Canadian Conduit is contractually committed, at HDFS' option, to purchase from HDFS eligible Canadian retail motorcycle finance receivables for proceeds up to C\$200 million. The terms for this debt provide for interest on the outstanding principal based on prevailing market interest rates plus a specified margin. The Canadian Conduit also provides for a program fee and an unused commitment fee based on the unused portion of the total aggregate commitment of C\$200 million. There is no amortization schedule; however, the debt is reduced monthly as available collections on the related finance receivables are applied to outstanding principal. Upon expiration of the Canadian Conduit, any outstanding principal will continue to be reduced monthly through available collections. Unless earlier terminated or extended by mutual agreement of HDFS and the lenders, the Canadian Conduit expires on August 30, 2013. The contractual maturity of the debt is approximately 5 years.

During 2012, HDFS transferred \$230.0 million of Canadian retail motorcycle finance receivables for proceeds of \$201.3 million. This transaction is treated as a secured borrowing, and the transferred assets are restricted as collateral for payment of the debt.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, HDFS recorded interest expense of \$1.1 million on the secured notes. Interest expense on the Canadian Conduit is included in financial services interest expense. The weighted average interest rate of the outstanding Canadian Conduit was 1.95% at December 31, 2012.

As HDFS participates in and does not consolidate the Canadian bank-sponsored, multi-seller conduit VIE, the maximum exposure to loss associated with this VIE, which would only be incurred in the unlikely event that all the finance receivables and underlying collateral have no residual value, is \$27.2 million at December 31, 2012. The maximum exposure is not an indication of the Company's expected loss exposure.

8. Fair Value Measurements

Certain assets and liabilities are recorded at fair value in the financial statements; some of these are measured on a recurring basis while others are measured on a non-recurring basis. Assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis are those that are adjusted to fair value each time a financial statement is prepared. Assets and liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis are those that are adjusted to fair value when a significant event occurs. In determining fair value of assets and liabilities, the Company uses various valuation techniques. The availability of inputs observable in the market varies from instrument to instrument and depends on a variety of factors including the type of instrument, whether the instrument is actively traded, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. For many financial instruments, pricing inputs are readily observable in the market, the valuation methodology used is widely accepted by market participants, and the valuation does not require significant management discretion. For other financial

instruments, pricing inputs are less observable in the market and may require management judgment. The Company assesses the inputs used to measure fair value using a three-tier hierarchy. The hierarchy indicates the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market. Level 1 inputs include quoted prices for identical instruments and are the most observable.

Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and observable inputs such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity rates and yield curves. The Company uses the market approach to derive the fair value for its level 2 fair value measurements. Foreign currency exchange contracts are valued using publicly quoted spot and forward prices; commodity contracts are valued using publicly quoted prices, where available, or dealer quotes; interest rate swaps are valued using publicized swap curves; and investments in marketable debt and equity securities are valued using publicly quoted prices.

Level 3 inputs are not observable in the market and include management's judgments about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The use of observable and unobservable inputs is reflected in the hierarchy assessment disclosed in the following tables.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The following tables present information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31 (in thousands):

| | Balance as of 2012 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$852,979 | \$ 690,691 | \$162,288 | \$— |
| Marketable securities | 135,634 | — | 135,634 | — |
| Derivatives | 317 | — | 317 | — |
| | \$988,930 | \$ 690,691 | \$298,239 | \$— |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Derivatives | \$7,920 | \$ — | \$7,920 | \$— |
| | | | | |
| | Balance as of 2011 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$1,302,367 | \$ 1,122,375 | \$179,992 | \$— |
| Marketable securities | 153,380 | — | 153,380 | — |
| Derivatives | 16,443 | — | 16,443 | — |
| | \$1,472,190 | \$ 1,122,375 | \$349,815 | \$— |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Derivatives | \$5,136 | \$ — | \$5,136 | \$— |

The hierarchy classification for cash equivalents, in 2011, totaling \$180 million has been revised from level 1 to level 2.

9. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, trade receivables, finance receivables, net, trade payables, debt, foreign currency contracts and interest rate swaps (derivative instruments are discussed further in Note 10). Under U.S. GAAP certain of these items are required to be recorded in the financial statements at fair value, while others are required to be recorded at historical cost.

The following table summarizes the fair value and carrying value of the Company's financial instruments at December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | 2011 | |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,068,138 | \$ 1,068,138 | \$ 1,526,950 | \$ 1,526,950 |
| Marketable securities | \$ 135,634 | \$ 135,634 | \$ 153,380 | \$ 153,380 |
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 230,079 | \$ 230,079 | \$ 219,039 | \$ 219,039 |
| Derivatives | \$ 317 | \$ 317 | \$ 16,443 | \$ 16,443 |
| Finance receivables, net | \$ 5,861,442 | \$ 5,781,852 | \$ 5,888,040 | \$ 5,786,681 |
| Restricted cash | \$ 188,008 | \$ 188,008 | \$ 229,655 | \$ 229,655 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 257,386 | \$ 257,386 | \$ 255,713 | \$ 255,713 |
| Derivatives | \$ 7,920 | \$ 7,920 | \$ 5,136 | \$ 5,136 |
| Unsecured commercial paper | \$ 294,943 | \$ 294,943 | \$ 874,286 | \$ 874,286 |
| Global credit facilities | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 159,794 | \$ 159,794 |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility | \$ 175,658 | \$ 175,658 | \$ — | \$ — |
| Medium-term notes | \$ 3,199,548 | \$ 2,881,272 | \$ 2,561,458 | \$ 2,298,193 |
| Senior unsecured notes | \$ 338,594 | \$ 303,000 | \$ 376,513 | \$ 303,000 |
| Term asset-backed securitization debt | \$ 1,457,807 | \$ 1,447,776 | \$ 2,099,060 | \$ 2,087,346 |

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash, Accounts Receivable, Net and Accounts Payable – With the exception of certain money-market and commercial paper investments, these items are recorded in the financial statements at historical cost. The historical cost basis for these amounts is estimated to approximate their respective fair values due to the short maturity of these instruments.

Marketable Securities – Marketable securities are recorded in the financial statements at fair value. The fair value of marketable securities is based primarily on quoted market prices of similar financial assets. Changes in fair value are recorded, net of tax, as other comprehensive income and included as a component of shareholders' equity. Fair value is based on Level 1 or Level 2 inputs.

Finance Receivables, Net – Retail and wholesale finance receivables are recorded in the financial statements at historical cost less an allowance for credit losses. The fair value of retail finance receivables is generally calculated by discounting future cash flows using an estimated discount rate that reflects current credit, interest rate and prepayment risks associated with similar types of instruments. Fair value is determined based on Level 3 inputs. The historical cost basis of wholesale finance receivables approximates fair value because they either are short-term or have interest rates that adjust with changes in market interest rates.

Derivatives – Interest rate swaps, foreign currency exchange contracts and commodity contracts are derivative financial instruments and are carried at fair value on the balance sheet. The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined using pricing models that incorporate quoted prices for similar assets and observable inputs such as interest rates and yield curves. The fair value of foreign currency exchange contracts and commodity contracts are determined using publicly quoted prices. Fair value is calculated using Level 2 inputs.

Debt – Debt is generally recorded in the financial statements at historical cost. The carrying value of debt provided under Global Credit Facilities approximates fair value since the interest rates charged under the facilities are tied directly to market rates and fluctuate as market rates change. The carrying value of unsecured commercial paper approximates fair value due to its short maturity. Fair value is calculated using Level 2 inputs.

The carrying value of debt provided under the Canadian Conduit approximates fair value since the interest rates charged under the facility are tied directly to market rates and fluctuate as market rates change. Fair value is calculated using Level 2 inputs.

The fair values of the medium-term notes are estimated based upon rates currently available for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities. Fair value is calculated using level 2 inputs.

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The fair value of the senior unsecured notes is estimated based upon rates currently available for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities. Fair value is calculated using level 2 inputs.

The fair value of the debt related to term asset-backed securitization transactions is estimated based on pricing currently available for transactions with similar terms and maturities. Fair value is calculated using level 2 inputs.

10. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company is exposed to certain risks such as foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and commodity price risk. To reduce its exposure to such risks, the Company selectively uses derivative financial instruments. All derivative transactions are authorized and executed pursuant to regularly reviewed policies and procedures, which prohibit the use of financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

All derivative instruments are recognized on the balance sheet at fair value (see Note 9). In accordance with ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging," the accounting for changes in the fair value of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and, further, on the type of hedging relationship. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated as fair value hedges, along with the gain or loss on the hedged item, are recorded in current period earnings. For derivative instruments that are designated as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of gains and losses that result from changes in the fair value of derivative instruments is initially recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI) and subsequently reclassified into earnings when the hedged item affects income. The Company assesses, at both the inception of each hedge and on an on-going basis, whether the derivatives that are used in its hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged items. Any ineffective portion is immediately recognized in earnings. No component of a hedging derivative instrument's gain or loss is excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness. Derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recorded at fair value and any changes in fair value are recorded in current period earnings.

The Company sells its products internationally and in most markets those sales are made in the foreign country's local currency. As a result, the Company's earnings can be affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currency. The Company's most significant foreign currency risk relates to the Euro, the Australian dollar, Japanese yen and the Brazilian real. The Company utilizes foreign currency contracts to mitigate the effect of certain currencies' fluctuations on earnings. The foreign currency contracts are entered into with banks and allow the Company to exchange a specified amount of foreign currency for U.S. dollars at a future date, based on a fixed exchange rate.

The Company utilizes commodity contracts to hedge portions of the cost of certain commodities consumed in the Company's motorcycle production and distribution operations.

The Company's foreign currency contracts and commodity contracts generally have maturities of less than one year. The Company's earnings are affected by changes in interest rates. HDFS utilizes interest rate swaps to reduce the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on its unsecured commercial paper by converting a portion from a floating rate basis to a fixed rate basis. The fair value of HDFS' interest rate swaps is determined using pricing models that incorporate quoted prices for similar assets and observable inputs such as interest rates and yield curves.

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The following tables summarize the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments at December 31 (in thousands):

| Derivatives Designated As Hedging Instruments Under ASC Topic 815 | 2012 | | | 2011 | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Notional Value | Asset Fair Value ^(a) | Liability Fair Value ^(b) | Notional Value | Asset Fair Value ^(a) | Liability Fair Value ^(b) |
| Foreign currency contracts ^(c) | \$345,021 | \$169 | \$6,850 | \$306,450 | \$16,443 | \$1,852 |
| Commodities contracts ^(c) | 1,064 | 148 | 683 | 3,915 | — | 265 |
| Interest rate swaps – unsecured commercial paper ^(c) | 35,800 | — | 373 | 102,100 | — | 3,020 |
| Total | \$381,885 | \$317 | \$7,906 | \$412,465 | \$16,443 | \$5,137 |

| Derivatives Not Designated As Hedging Instruments Under ASC Topic 815 | 2012 | | | 2011 | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Notional Value | Asset Fair Value ^(a) | Liability Fair Value ^(b) | Notional Value | Asset Fair Value ^(a) | Liability Fair Value ^(b) |
| Commodities contracts | \$16,237 | \$— | \$14 | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| | \$16,237 | \$— | \$14 | \$— | \$— | \$— |

(a) Included in other current assets

(b) Included in accrued liabilities

(c) Derivative designated as a cash flow hedge

The following tables summarize the amount of gains and losses for the following years ended December 31 related to derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges (in thousands):

| Cash Flow Hedges | Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI | | |
|--|---|------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Foreign currency contracts | \$(344) | \$(304) | \$(6,896) |
| Commodities contracts | (427) | (558) | (1,164) |
| Interest rate swaps – unsecured commercial paper | (43) | (662) | (4,318) |
| Total | \$(814) | \$(1,524) | \$(12,378) |

| Cash Flow Hedges | Amount of Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from AOCI into Income | | | Expected to be Reclassified Over the Next Twelve Months |
|---|--|-------------|------------|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| Foreign currency contracts ^(a) | \$18,586 | \$(24,746) | \$(312) | \$ (5,731) |
| Commodities contracts ^(a) | (705) | (539) | (867) | (9) |
| Interest rate swaps – unsecured commercial paper ^(b) | (2,542) | (5,103) | (6,466) | (373) |
| Total | \$15,339 | \$(30,388) | \$(7,645) | \$ (6,113) |

(a)

Gain/(loss) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) to income is included in cost of goods sold.

(b) Gain/(loss) reclassified from AOCI to income is included in financial services interest expense.

For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the cash flow hedges were highly effective and, as a result, the amount of hedge ineffectiveness was not material. No amounts were excluded from effectiveness testing.

The following tables summarize the amount of gains and losses for the years ended December 31 related to derivative financial instruments designated as fair value hedges (in thousands):

| Fair Value Hedges | Amount of (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | | |
|--|--|------|------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Interest rate swaps – medium-term notes ^(a) | \$— | \$— | \$(6,072) |

(a) Gain/(loss) recognized in income is included in financial services interest expense.

| Fair Value Hedges | Amount of Gain Recognized in Income on Hedged Debt | | |
|--|---|------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Interest rate swaps – medium-term notes ^(a) | \$— | \$— | \$6,072 |

(a) Gain/(loss) recognized in income is included in financial services interest expense.

The following table summarizes the amount of gains and losses for the years ended December 31 related to derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments (in thousands):

| Derivatives not Designated as Hedges | Amount of Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative | | |
|---|---|------|------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Commodities contracts ^(a) | \$(535) | \$— | \$— |
| Derivatives – securitization transaction ^(b) | — | — | (8) |
| Derivatives – conduit facility ^(b) | — | — | (6,343) |
| | \$(535) | \$— | \$(6,351) |

(a) Gain/(loss) recognized in income is included in cost of goods sold.

(b) Gain/(loss) recognized in income is included in financial services revenue.

11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table sets forth the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL) for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | AOCL beginning balance | Gross other comprehensive income (loss) | Tax benefit (expense) | Net other comprehensive income (loss) | AOCL ending balance |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | \$49,935 | \$ 2,212 | \$(812) | \$ 1,400 | \$51,335 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities | 327 | 556 | (206) | 350 | 677 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 6,307 | (16,153) | 6,009 | (10,144) | (3,837) |
| Pension and postretirement benefit plans | (533,302) | (194,649) | 72,098 | (122,551) | (655,853) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$(476,733) | \$(208,034) | \$77,089 | \$(130,945) | \$(607,678) |
| | 2011 | | | | |
| | AOCL beginning balance | Gross other comprehensive income (loss) | Tax benefit (expense) | Net other comprehensive income (loss) | AOCL ending balance |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | \$55,551 | \$(6,251) | \$635 | \$(5,616) | \$49,935 |
| | (133) | 731 | (271) | 460 | 327 |

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Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Derivative financial instruments | (11,912) | 28,864 | (10,645) | 18,219 | 6,307 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit plans | (409,728) | (196,274) | 72,700 | (123,574) | (533,302) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$(366,222) | \$(172,930) | \$62,419 | \$(110,511) | \$(476,733) |

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| | 2010 | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| | AOCL beginning balance | Gross other comprehensive income (loss) | Tax benefit (expense) | Net other comprehensive income (loss) | | Cumulative effect of accounting change ^(a) | AOCL ending balance |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | \$46,102 | \$ 10,577 | \$(1,128) | \$ 9,449 | | \$— | \$55,551 |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities | — | (211) | 78 | (133) | | — | (133) |
| Derivative financial instruments | (8,940) | (4,756) | 1,784 | (2,972) | | — | (11,912) |
| Pension and postretirement benefit plans | (451,577) | 66,469 | (24,620) | 41,849 | | — | (409,728) |
| Investment in retained securitization interests | (3,483) | — | — | — | | 3,483 | — |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$(417,898) | \$ 72,079 | \$(23,886) | \$ 48,193 | | \$ 3,483 | \$(366,222) |

(a) Net of tax of \$1,959

12. Debt

Debt with contractual terms less than one year is generally classified as short-term debt and consisted of the following as of December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unsecured commercial paper | \$294,943 | \$838,486 |

Debt with a contractual term greater than one year is generally classified as long-term debt and consisted of the following as of December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Unsecured commercial paper | \$— | \$35,800 |
| Bank borrowings | | |
| Credit facilities | — | 159,794 |
| Secured debt | | |
| Asset-backed Canadian commercial paper conduit facility | 175,658 | — |
| Term asset-backed securitization debt | 1,447,776 | 2,087,346 |
| Unsecured notes | | |
| 5.25% Medium-term notes due in 2012 (\$400.0 million par value) | — | 399,916 |
| 5.75% Medium-term notes due in 2014 (\$500.0 million par value) | 499,705 | 499,544 |
| 1.15% Medium-term notes due in 2015 (\$600.0 million par value) | 599,269 | — |
| 3.88% Medium-term notes due in 2016 (\$450.0 million par value) | 449,829 | 449,775 |
| 2.70% Medium-term notes due in 2017 (\$400.0 million par value) | 399,929 | — |
| 6.80% Medium-term notes due in 2018 (\$933.5 million par value) | 932,540 | 948,958 |
| 15.00% senior unsecured notes due in 2014 (\$600.0 million par value) | 303,000 | 303,000 |
| Gross long-term debt | 4,807,706 | 4,884,133 |
| Less: current portion of long-term debt | (437,162) | (1,040,247) |
| Long-term debt | \$4,370,544 | \$3,843,886 |

At December 31, 2012, unsecured commercial paper is classified as short-term debt. At December 31, 2011, the Company has classified \$195.6 million related to its unsecured commercial paper and its Global Credit Facilities as long-term debt. This amount was excluded from short term debt as it was expected to be outstanding for an uninterrupted period extending beyond one year from the balance sheet date.

Commercial paper maturities may range up to 365 days from the issuance date. The weighted-average interest rate of outstanding commercial paper balances was 0.75% and 1.05% at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The December 31, 2012 and 2011 weighted-average interest rates include the impact of interest rate swap agreements.

On April 13, 2012, the Company and HDFS entered into a new \$675.0 million five-year credit facility to refinance and replace a \$675.0 million three-year credit facility that was due to mature in April 2013. The new five-year credit facility matures in April 2017. The Company and HDFS also have a \$675.0 million four-year credit facility which matures in April 2015. The new five-year credit facility and the four-year credit facility (together, the Global Credit Facilities) bear interest at various variable interest rates, which may be adjusted upward or downward depending on certain criteria, such as credit ratings. The Global Credit Facilities also require the Company to pay a fee based upon the average daily unused portion of the aggregate commitments under the Global Credit Facilities. The Global Credit Facilities are committed facilities and primarily used to support HDFS' unsecured commercial paper program.

On September 14, 2012, the Company amended and restated its revolving asset-backed U.S. Conduit which provides for a total aggregate commitment of \$600.0 million. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, HDFS had no outstanding borrowings under the U.S. Conduit. Refer to Note 7 for further discussion on the U.S. Conduit.

In August 2012, HDFS entered into an agreement with a Canadian bank-sponsored asset-backed commercial paper conduit facility. Under the agreement, the Canadian Conduit is contractually committed, at HDFS' option, to purchase from HDFS eligible Canadian retail motorcycle financial receivables for proceeds up to C\$200 million. During 2012, HDFS transferred \$230.0 million of Canadian retail motorcycle finance receivables for proceeds of \$201.3 million. Approximately \$37.7 million of the debt was classified as current at December 31, 2012. Refer to Note 7 for further discussion on the Canadian Conduit.

During 2012, the Company issued \$675.3 million of secured notes through one term asset-backed securitization transaction. Additionally, during 2012, the Company issued \$89.5 million of secured notes through the sale of notes that had been previously retained as part of the December 2009, August 2011, and November 2011 term asset-backed securitization transactions. These notes were sold at a premium, and at December 31, 2012, the unaccreted premium associated with these notes was \$1.2 million. During 2011, the Company issued \$1.09 billion of secured notes through two term asset-backed securitization transactions. Approximately \$399.5 million and \$640.3 million of the obligations under the secured notes were classified as current at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, based on the contractual maturities of the restricted finance receivables. The term-asset backed securitization transactions are further discussed in Note 7.

In January 2012, HDFS issued \$400.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in March 2017 and have an annual interest rate of 2.70%. In September 2012, HDFS issued \$600.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in September 2015 and have an annual interest rate of 1.15%. During 2011, HDFS issued \$450.0 million of medium-term notes which mature in March 2016 and have an annual interest rate of 3.875%. All of HDFS' medium-term notes (collectively, the Notes) provide for semi-annual interest payments and principal due at maturity. During 2012 and 2011, HDFS repurchased an aggregate of \$16.6 million and \$49.9 million, respectively, of its \$1.0 billion, 6.80% medium-term notes which mature in June 2018. As a result, HDFS recognized in financial services interest expense \$4.3 million and \$9.6 million of loss on extinguishment of debt, respectively, which included unamortized discounts and fees. During December 2012, the \$400 million, 5.25% medium-term notes matured, and the principal and accrued interest were paid in full. Unamortized discounts on the Notes reduced the balance by \$2.2 million and \$1.9 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

In February 2009 the Company issued \$600.0 million of senior unsecured notes in an underwritten offering. The senior unsecured notes provide for semi-annual interest payments and principal due at maturity. The senior unsecured notes mature in February 2014 and have an annual interest rate of 15%. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company repurchased \$297.0 million of the \$600.0 million senior unsecured notes at a price of \$380.8 million. As a result of the transaction, the Company incurred a loss on debt extinguishment of \$85.2 million which also included \$1.4 million of capitalized debt issuance costs that were written-off. The Company used cash on hand for the repurchase and the repurchased notes were canceled.

HDFS and the Company are subject to various operating and financial covenants related to the Global Credit Facilities and various operating covenants under the Notes and the U.S. and Canadian asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities. The more significant covenants are described below.

The covenants limit the Company's and HDFS' ability to:

incur certain additional indebtedness;
assume or incur certain liens;
participate in certain mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions; and
purchase or hold margin stock.

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Under the financial covenants of the Global Credit Facilities, the consolidated debt to equity ratio of HDFFS cannot exceed 10.0 to 1.0. In addition, the Company must maintain a minimum interest coverage ratio of 2.25 to 1.0 for each fiscal quarter ended through June 2013 and 2.5 to 1.0 for each fiscal quarter thereafter. No financial covenants are required under the Notes or the U.S. or Canadian asset-backed commercial paper conduit facilities.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, HDFFS and the Company remained in compliance with all of these covenants.

13. Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31 consists of the following (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Current: | | | |
| Federal | \$ 191,006 | \$ 135,232 | \$ 138,221 |
| State | 4,221 | 12,177 | 6,919 |
| Foreign | 13,189 | 5,776 | 4,486 |
| | 208,416 | 153,185 | 149,626 |
| Deferred: | | | |
| Federal | 121,934 | 104,723 | (18,428) |
| State | 7,697 | (12,201) | (1,361) |
| Foreign | (460) | (1,121) | 963) |
| | 129,171 | 91,401 | (18,826) |
| Total | \$ 337,587 | \$ 244,586 | \$ 130,800 |

The components of income before income taxes for the years ended December 31 were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Domestic | \$ 946,592 | \$ 782,896 | \$ 377,416 |
| Foreign | 14,920 | 9,768 | 13,053 |
| | \$ 961,512 | \$ 792,664 | \$ 390,469 |

The provision for income taxes differs from the amount that would be provided by applying the statutory U.S. corporate income tax rate due to the following items for the years ended December 31:

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---|
| Provision at statutory rate | 35.0 | % 35.0 | % 35.0 | % |
| State taxes, net of federal benefit | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | |
| Domestic manufacturing deduction | (1.6) | (1.8) | (3.2) |) |
| Research and development credit | — | (0.6) | (1.0) |) |
| Unrecognized tax benefits including interest and penalties | 0.1 | (1.1) | (0.2) |) |
| Valuation allowance adjustments | (0.3) | (2.0) | 0.7 |) |
| Medicare Part D | — | — | 3.4 | |
| Tax audit settlements | (0.1) | (1.1) | (0.4) |) |
| Investments in low-income housing partnerships | — | — | 0.6 | |
| Adjustments for previously accrued taxes | (0.4) | 0.3 | (2.8) |) |
| Other | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | |
| Provision for income taxes | 35.1 | % 30.9 | % 33.5 | % |

The principal components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31 include the following (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Deferred tax assets: | | |
| Accruals not yet tax deductible | \$ 118,434 | \$ 123,514 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit plan obligations | 227,593 | 219,071 |
| Stock compensation | 28,001 | 32,486 |
| Net operating loss carryforward | 32,276 | 28,914 |
| Valuation allowance | (16,314 |) (14,914 |
| Other, net | 45,053 | 49,253 |
| | 435,043 | 438,324 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: | | |
| Depreciation, tax in excess of book | (117,743 |) (77,787 |
| Other | (34,602 |) (25,767 |
| | (152,345 |) (103,554 |
| Total | \$ 282,698 | \$ 334,770 |

The Company reviews its deferred tax asset valuation allowances on a quarterly basis, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that a review is required. In determining the requirement for a valuation allowance, the historical and projected financial results of the legal entity or consolidated group recording the net deferred tax asset is considered, along with any positive or negative evidence such as tax law changes. Since future financial results and tax law may differ from previous estimates, periodic adjustments to the Company's valuation allowances may be necessary.

At December 31, 2012, the Company had approximately \$420.8 million state net operating loss carry-forwards expiring in 2031. At December 31, 2012 the Company also had Wisconsin research and development credit carryforwards of \$15.3 million expiring in 2026. The Company had a deferred tax asset of \$31.8 million as of December 31, 2012 for the benefit of these losses and credits. A valuation allowance of \$15.8 million has been established against the deferred tax asset.

At December 31, 2012, the Company had \$1.4 million federal capital loss carryforwards expiring in 2013. The Company had a deferred tax asset of \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2012 for the benefit of this loss. A valuation allowance of \$0.5 million has been established against the deferred tax asset.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes. Changes in the Company's gross liability for unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, were as follows (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Unrecognized tax benefits, beginning of period | \$ 57,137 | \$ 69,805 |
| Increase in unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions taken in a prior period | 1,806 | 13,745 |
| Decrease in unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions taken in a prior period | (6,439 |) (21,574 |
| Increase in unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions taken in the current period | 3,737 | 3,036 |
| Statute lapses | (415 |) (2,249 |
| Settlements with taxing authorities | (7,074 |) (5,626 |
| Unrecognized tax benefits, end of period | \$ 48,752 | \$ 57,137 |

The amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2012 that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate was \$35.5 million.

The total gross amount of income related to interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits recognized during 2012 in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations was \$3.0 million due to favorable settlements and statute lapses.

The total gross amount of interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits recognized at December 31, 2012 in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets was \$20.6 million.

The Company does not expect a significant increase or decrease to the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits related to continuing operations during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. However, the Company is under regular audit by tax authorities. The Company believes that it has appropriate support for the positions taken on its tax returns and that its annual tax provision includes amounts sufficient to pay any assessments. Nonetheless, the amounts ultimately paid, if any, upon resolution of the issues raised by the taxing authorities may differ materially from the amounts accrued for each year.

The Company or one of its subsidiaries files income tax returns in the United States federal and Wisconsin state jurisdictions and various other state and foreign jurisdictions. The Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations for Wisconsin state income taxes before 2009 or for United States federal income taxes before 2009.

14. Employee Benefit Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits

The Company has a qualified defined benefit pension plan and several postretirement healthcare benefit plans, which cover employees of the Motorcycles segment. The Company also has unfunded supplemental employee retirement plan agreements (SERPA) with certain employees which were instituted to replace benefits lost under the Tax Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993. During 2012, the Company consolidated four qualified defined benefit pension plans into one qualified pension plan. The consolidation had no impact on participant benefits.

Pension benefits are based primarily on years of service and, for certain plans, levels of compensation. Employees are eligible to receive postretirement healthcare benefits upon attaining age 55 after rendering at least 10 years of service to the Company. Some of the plans require employee contributions to partially offset benefit costs.

Obligations and Funded Status:

The following table provides the changes in the benefit obligations, fair value of plan assets and funded status of the Company's pension, SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans as of the Company's December 31, 2012 and 2011 measurement dates (in thousands):

| | Pension and SERPA Benefits | | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Change in benefit obligation | | | | |
| Benefit obligation, beginning of period | \$ 1,570,930 | \$ 1,390,374 | \$ 380,625 | \$ 378,341 |
| Service cost | 33,681 | 37,341 | 7,413 | 7,630 |
| Interest cost | 83,265 | 80,805 | 18,310 | 19,644 |
| Actuarial losses (gains) | 276,069 | 127,259 | 23,367 | (1,364) |
| Plan participant contributions | 1,459 | 3,441 | 1,561 | 1,527 |
| Early Retirement Reinsurance Program Proceeds | — | — | — | 2,249 |
| Benefits paid, net of Medicare Part D subsidy | (93,829) | (68,525) | (28,049) | (27,402) |
| Net curtailments and settlements | — | 235 | — | — |
| Benefit obligation, end of period | 1,871,575 | 1,570,930 | 403,227 | 380,625 |
| Change in plan assets: | | | | |
| Fair value of plan assets, beginning of period | 1,253,916 | 1,105,487 | 109,160 | 121,064 |
| Actual return on plan assets | 160,731 | 8,129 | 13,946 | 820 |
| Company contributions | 216,741 | 205,383 | 27,675 | 14,111 |
| Plan participant contributions | 1,459 | 3,441 | 1,561 | 1,527 |
| Benefits paid | (93,829) | (68,524) | (29,236) | (28,362) |
| Fair value of plan assets, end of period | 1,539,018 | 1,253,916 | 123,106 | 109,160 |
| Funded status of the plans, December 31 | \$(332,557) | \$(317,014) | \$(280,121) | \$(271,465) |
| Amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, December 31: | | | | |
| Accrued benefit liability (current liabilities) | \$(2,263) | \$(14,531) | \$(2,059) | \$(2,883) |
| Accrued benefit liability (long-term liabilities) | (330,294) | (302,483) | (278,062) | (268,582) |

Net amount recognized \$(332,557) \$(317,014) \$(280,121) \$(271,465)

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Benefit Costs:

Components of net periodic benefit costs for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | Pension and SERPA Benefits | | | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Service cost | \$33,681 | \$37,341 | \$42,889 | \$7,413 | \$7,630 | \$9,957 |
| Interest cost | 83,265 | 80,805 | 77,996 | 18,310 | 19,644 | 20,774 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (117,110) | (106,612) | (97,376) | (9,423) | (9,386) | (9,781) |
| Amortization of unrecognized: | | | | | | |
| Prior service cost (credit) | 2,958 | 2,981 | 4,383 | (3,853) | (3,878) | (2,914) |
| Net loss | 43,874 | 30,266 | 23,872 | 7,421 | 7,192 | 9,394 |
| Net curtailment loss | — | 236 | 15,508 | — | — | 11,643 |
| Settlement loss | 6,242 | 274 | 4,673 | — | — | — |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$52,910 | \$45,291 | \$71,945 | \$19,868 | \$21,202 | \$39,073 |

The 2010 Restructuring Plan actions discussed in Note 5 resulted in the pension and postretirement healthcare plan net curtailment losses noted in the table above and were included in restructuring expense in the consolidated income statement.

Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, at December 31, 2012 which have not yet been recognized in net periodic benefit cost are as follows (in thousands):

| | Pension and SERPA Benefits | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Prior service cost (credit) | \$3,489 | \$ (15,921) | \$(12,432) |
| Net actuarial loss | 577,140 | 91,145 | 668,285 |
| | \$580,629 | \$ 75,224 | \$655,853 |

Amounts expected to be recognized in net periodic benefit cost, net of tax, during the year ended December 31, 2013 are as follows (in thousands):

| | Pension and SERPA Benefits | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Prior service cost (credit) | \$1,099 | \$ (2,426) | \$(1,327) |
| Net actuarial loss | 36,900 | 5,382 | 42,282 |
| | \$37,999 | \$ 2,956 | \$40,955 |

Assumptions:

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations and net periodic benefit cost at December 31 were as follows:

| | Pension and SERPA Benefits | | | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| Assumptions for benefit obligations: | | | | | | | |
| Discount rate | 4.23 | % 5.30 | % 5.79 | % 3.93 | % 4.90 | % 5.28 | % |
| Rate of compensation | 4.00 | % 3.49 | % 3.49 | % n/a | n/a | n/a | |
| Assumptions for net periodic benefit cost: | | | | | | | |
| Discount rate | 5.30 | % 5.79 | % 6.00 | % 4.90 | % 5.28 | % 5.65 | % |
| Expected return on plan assets | 7.80 | % 8.00 | % 8.25 | % 8.00 | % 8.00 | % 8.25 | % |
| Rate of compensation increase | 3.49 | % 3.49 | % 3.66 | % n/a | n/a | n/a | |

Pension and SERPA Accumulated Benefit Obligation:

Each of the Company's pension and SERPA plans has a separately determined accumulated benefit obligation (ABO) and plan asset value. The ABO is the actuarial present value of benefits based on service rendered and current and past compensation levels. This differs from the projected benefit obligation (PBO) in that it includes no assumption about future compensation levels. The total ABO for all the Company's pension and SERPA plans combined was \$1.73 billion and \$1.46 billion as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The following table summarizes information related to Company pension plans with a PBO in excess of the fair value of plan assets at December 31 (in millions):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Pension plans with PBOs in excess of fair value of plan assets: | | |
| PBO | \$ 1,833.8 | \$ 1,530.0 |
| Fair value of plan assets | \$ 1,539.0 | \$ 1,253.9 |
| Number of plans | 1 | 4 |

The following table summarizes information related to Company pension plans with an ABO in excess of the fair value of plan assets at December 31 (in millions):

| | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Pension plans with ABOs in excess of fair value of plan assets: | | |
| ABO | \$ 1,708.1 | \$ 1,436.8 |
| Fair value of plan assets | \$ 1,539.0 | \$ 1,253.9 |
| Number of plans | 1 | 4 |

The Company's SERPA plans, which can only be funded as claims are paid, had projected and accumulated benefit obligations of \$37.8 million and \$20.1 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2012 and \$41.0 million and \$27.4 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2011.

Plan Assets:

The Company's investment objective is to ensure assets are sufficient to pay benefits while mitigating the volatility of retirement plan assets or liabilities recorded in the balance sheet. The company mitigates volatility through asset diversification and partial asset/liability matching. The investment portfolio contains a diversified blend of equity and fixed-income investments. The Company's current overall targeted asset allocation as a percentage of total market value was approximately 68% equities and 32% fixed-income. Assets are rebalanced regularly to keep the actual allocation in line with targets. Equity holdings primarily include investments in small-, medium- and large-cap companies in the U.S. (including Company stock), investments in developed and emerging foreign markets and alternative investments such as private equity and real estate. Fixed-income holdings consist of U.S. government and agency securities, state and municipal bonds, corporate bonds from diversified industries and foreign obligations. In addition, cash equivalent balances are maintained at levels adequate to meet near-term plan expenses and benefit payments. Investment risk is measured and monitored on an ongoing basis through quarterly investment portfolio reviews.

The following tables present the fair values of the plan assets related to the Company's pension and postretirement healthcare plans within the fair value hierarchy as defined in Note 8.

The fair values of the Company's pension plan assets as of December 31, 2012 are as follows (in thousands):

| | Balance as of December 31, 2012 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$42,625 | \$ — | \$42,625 | \$— |
| Equity holdings: | | | | |
| U.S. companies | 540,579 | 540,578 | 1 | — |
| Foreign companies | 85,415 | 85,415 | — | — |
| Harley-Davidson common stock | 62,189 | 62,189 | — | — |
| Pooled equity funds | 309,878 | 309,878 | — | — |
| Limited partnership interests | 35,954 | — | — | 35,954 |
| Other | 628 | — | — | 628 |
| Total equity holdings | 1,034,643 | 998,060 | 1 | 36,582 |
| Fixed-income holdings: | | | | |
| U.S. Treasuries | 55,014 | 55,014 | — | — |
| Federal agencies | 14,302 | — | 14,302 | — |
| Corporate bonds | 189,643 | — | 189,643 | — |
| Pooled fixed income funds | 165,192 | 48,528 | 116,664 | — |
| Foreign bonds | 29,149 | — | 29,149 | — |
| Municipal bonds | 8,450 | — | 8,450 | — |
| Total fixed-income holdings | 461,750 | 103,542 | 358,208 | — |
| Total pension plan assets | \$1,539,018 | \$ 1,101,602 | \$400,834 | \$36,582 |

Included in the pension plan assets are 1,273,592 shares of the Company's common stock with a market value of \$62.2 million at December 31, 2012.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

| | Total | Limited Partnership Interests | Other |
|---|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$42,127 | \$ 40,016 | \$2,111 |
| Actual return on plan assets: | | | |
| Relating to assets still held at the reporting date | (820 |) (930 |) 110 |
| Purchases, sales and settlements | (4,725 |) (3,132 |) (1,593 |
| Balance, end of period | \$36,582 | \$ 35,954 | \$628 |

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The fair values of the Company's postretirement healthcare plan assets, which did not contain any Level 3 assets, as of December 31, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

| | Balance as of December 31, 2012 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 5,522 | \$— | \$5,522 |
| Equity holdings: | | | |
| U.S. companies | 60,658 | 60,658 | — |
| Foreign companies | 13,625 | 13,625 | — |
| Pooled equity funds | 27,617 | 27,617 | — |
| Total equity holdings | 101,900 | 101,900 | — |
| Fixed-income holdings: | | | |
| U.S. Treasuries | 5,370 | 5,370 | — |
| Federal agencies | 3,489 | — | 3,489 |
| Corporate bonds | 6,033 | — | 6,033 |
| Foreign bonds | 659 | — | 659 |
| Municipal bonds | 133 | — | 133 |
| Total fixed-income holdings | 15,684 | 5,370 | 10,314 |
| Total postretirement healthcare plan assets | \$ 123,106 | \$107,270 | \$15,836 |

The fair values of the Company's pension plan assets as of December 31, 2011 are as follows (in thousands):

| | Balance as of December 31, 2011 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 48,286 | \$ — | \$48,286 | \$— |
| Equity holdings: | | | | |
| U.S. companies | 533,030 | 529,630 | 3,400 | — |
| Foreign companies | 55,555 | 55,555 | — | — |
| Harley-Davidson common stock | 49,505 | 49,505 | — | — |
| Pooled equity funds | 166,460 | 166,460 | — | — |
| Limited partnership interests | 40,016 | — | — | 40,016 |
| Other | 2,111 | — | — | 2,111 |
| Total equity holdings | 846,677 | 801,150 | 3,400 | 42,127 |
| Fixed-income holdings: | | | | |
| U.S. Treasuries | 50,715 | 50,715 | — | — |
| Federal agencies | 51,290 | — | 51,290 | — |
| Corporate bonds | 77,295 | — | 77,295 | — |
| Pooled fixed income funds | 172,968 | 172,968 | — | — |
| Foreign bonds | 6,312 | — | 6,312 | — |
| Municipal bonds | 373 | — | 373 | — |
| Total fixed-income holdings | 358,953 | 223,683 | 135,270 | — |
| Total pension plan assets | \$ 1,253,916 | \$ 1,024,833 | \$186,956 | \$42,127 |

Included in the pension plan assets are 1,273,592 shares of the Company's common stock with a market value of \$49.5 million at December 31, 2011.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

| | Total | Limited Partnership Interests | Other |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$42,632 | \$ 40,421 | \$2,211 |
| Actual return on plan assets: | | | |
| Relating to assets still held at the reporting date | (2,888 |) (3,018 |) 130 |
| Purchases, sales and settlements | 2,383 | 2,613 | (230 |
| Balance, end of period | \$42,127 | \$ 40,016 | \$2,111 |

The fair values of the Company's postretirement healthcare plan assets, which did not contain any Level 3 assets, as of December 31, 2011, are as follows (in thousands):

| | Balance as of December 31, 2011 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,858 | \$— | \$1,858 |
| Equity holdings: | | | |
| U.S. companies | 79,544 | 79,091 | 453 |
| Foreign companies | 10,365 | 10,365 | — |
| Total equity holdings | 89,909 | 89,456 | 453 |
| Fixed-income holdings: | | | |
| U.S. Treasuries | 7,237 | 7,237 | — |
| Federal agencies | 4,172 | — | 4,172 |
| Corporate bonds | 5,537 | — | 5,537 |
| Foreign bonds | 307 | — | 307 |
| Municipal bonds | 140 | — | 140 |
| Total fixed-income holdings | 17,393 | 7,237 | 10,156 |
| Total postretirement healthcare plan assets | \$ 109,160 | \$96,693 | \$12,467 |

No plan assets are expected to be returned to the Company during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

For 2013, the Company's overall expected long-term rate of return on assets is 7.75%. The expected long-term rate of return is based on the portfolio as a whole and not on the sum of the returns on individual asset categories. The return is based on historical returns adjusted to reflect the current view of the long-term investment market.

Postretirement Healthcare Cost:

The weighted-average healthcare cost trend rate used in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation of the healthcare plans was as follows:

| | 2012 | 2011 | |
|---|------|-------|---|
| Healthcare cost trend rate for next year | 7.5 | % 8.5 | % |
| Rate to which the cost trend rate is assumed to decline (the ultimate rate) | 5.0 | % 5.0 | % |
| Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate | 2019 | 2019 | |

This healthcare cost trend rate assumption can have a significant effect on the amounts reported. A one-percentage-point change in the assumed healthcare cost trend rate would have the following effects (in thousands):

| | One Percent Increase | One Percent Decrease |) |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Total of service and interest cost components in 2012 | \$814 | \$(789 |) |
| Accumulated benefit obligation as of December 31, 2012 | \$14,879 | \$(13,948 |) |

Future Contributions and Benefit Payments:

In January 2013, the Company voluntarily contributed \$175.0 million to further fund its qualified pension plans. No additional pension plan contributions are required in 2013. The Company expects it will continue to make on-going contributions related to current benefit payments for SERPA and postretirement healthcare plans in 2013⁽¹⁾.

The expected benefit payments and Medicare subsidy receipts for the next five years and thereafter are as follows (in thousands):

| | Pension Benefits | SERPA Benefits | Postretirement Healthcare Benefits | Medicare Subsidy Receipts |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2013 | \$66,638 | \$2,262 | \$30,054 | \$1,418 |
| 2014 | \$67,587 | \$2,725 | \$30,449 | \$1,639 |
| 2015 | \$68,536 | \$1,611 | \$30,735 | \$1,851 |
| 2016 | \$70,042 | \$1,691 | \$30,247 | \$2,104 |
| 2017 | \$72,095 | \$2,113 | \$29,679 | \$2,301 |
| 2018-2022 | \$414,800 | \$12,346 | \$146,714 | \$15,240 |

Defined Contribution Plans:

The Company has various defined contribution benefit plans that in total cover substantially all full-time employees. Employees can make voluntary contributions in accordance with the provisions of their respective plan, which includes a 401(k) tax deferral option. The Company expensed \$15.3 million, \$12.5 million and \$12.6 million for Company contributions during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

15. Leases

The Company operates certain administrative, manufacturing, warehouse and testing facilities and equipment under lease arrangements that are accounted for as operating leases. Total rental expense was \$13.5 million, \$11.6 million and \$11.0 million for 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Future minimum operating lease payments at December 31, 2011 were as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| 2013 | \$12,556 |
| 2014 | 8,211 |
| 2015 | 7,702 |
| 2016 | 6,423 |
| 2017 | 3,783 |
| After 2017 | 14,269 |
| Total operating lease payments | \$52,944 |

16. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to lawsuits and other claims related to environmental, product and other matters. In determining required reserves related to these items, the Company carefully analyzes cases and considers the likelihood of adverse

judgments or outcomes, as well as the potential range of possible loss. The required reserves are monitored on an ongoing basis and are updated based on new developments or new information in each matter.

Environmental Protection Agency Notice

In December 2009, the Company received formal, written requests for information from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding: (i) certificates of conformity for motorcycle emissions and related designations and labels, (ii) aftermarket parts, and (iii) warranty claims on emissions related components. The Company promptly submitted written responses to the EPA's inquiry and engaged in discussions with the EPA. It is possible that a result of the EPA's investigation will be some form of enforcement action by the EPA that will seek a fine or other relief. However, at this time the Company does not know and cannot reasonably estimate the impact of any remedies the EPA might seek.

York Environmental Matters:

The Company is involved with government agencies and groups of potentially responsible parties in various environmental matters, including a matter involving the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination at its York, Pennsylvania facility. The York facility was formerly used by the U.S. Navy and AMF prior to the purchase of the York facility by the Company from AMF in 1981. Although the Company is not certain as to the full extent of the environmental contamination at the York facility, it has been working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) since 1986 in undertaking environmental investigation and remediation activities, including an ongoing site-wide remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS). In January 1995, the Company entered into a settlement agreement (the Agreement) with the Navy. The Agreement calls for the Navy and the Company to contribute amounts into a trust equal to 53% and 47%, respectively, of future costs associated with environmental investigation and remediation activities at the York facility (Response Costs). The trust administers the payment of the Response Costs incurred at the York facility as covered by the Agreement.

In February 2002, the Company was advised by the EPA that it considers some of the Company's remediation activities at the York facility to be subject to the EPA's corrective action program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and offered the Company the option of addressing corrective action under a RCRA facility lead agreement. In July 2005, the York facility was designated as the first site in Pennsylvania to be addressed under the "One Cleanup Program." The program provides a more streamlined and efficient oversight of voluntary remediation by both PADEP and EPA and will be carried out consistent with the Agreement with the Navy. As a result, the RCRA facility lead agreement has been superseded.

The Company estimates that its share of the future Response Costs at the York facility will be approximately \$3.2 million and has established a reserve for this amount which is included in accrued liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. As noted above, the RI/FS is still underway and given the uncertainty that exists concerning the nature and scope of additional environmental investigation and remediation that may ultimately be required under the RI/FS or otherwise at the York facility, the Company is unable to make a reasonable estimate of those additional costs, if any, that may result.

The estimate of the Company's future Response Costs that will be incurred at the York facility is based on reports of independent environmental consultants retained by the Company, the actual costs incurred to date and the estimated costs to complete the necessary investigation and remediation activities. Response Costs related to the remediation of soil are expected to be incurred primarily over a period of several years ending in 2015. Response Costs related to ground water remediation may continue for some time beyond 2015.

Product Liability Matters:

The Company is involved in product liability suits related to the operation of its business. The Company accrues for claim exposures that are probable of occurrence and can be reasonably estimated. The Company also maintains insurance coverage for product liability exposures. The Company believes that its accruals and insurance coverage are adequate and that product liability will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

17. Capital Stock

Common Stock:

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The Company is authorized to issue 800,000,000 shares of common stock of \$0.01 par value. There were 226.1 million and 230.5 million common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. During 2012, the Company repurchased 6.7 million shares of its common stock at a weighted-average price of \$46. This includes shares of common stock that were repurchased from employees that surrendered stock to satisfy withholding taxes in

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connection with the vesting of restricted stock awards. The remaining repurchases were made pursuant to the following authorizations (in millions of shares):

| Board of Directors' Authorization | Shares Repurchased | | | Authorization Remaining at December 31, 2012 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|--|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| 1997 Authorization | 4.3 | 6.2 | 0.1 | — |
| 2007 Authorization | 2.2 | — | — | 14.5 |
| Total | 6.5 | 6.2 | 0.1 | 14.5 |

1997 Authorization – The Company has an authorization from its Board of Directors (originally adopted December 1997) to repurchase shares of its outstanding common stock under which the cumulative number of shares repurchased, at the time of any repurchase, shall not exceed the sum of (1) the number of shares issued in connection with the exercise of stock options occurring on or after January 1, 2004, plus (2) 1% of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company on January 1 of the current year, adjusted for any stock split. There were no shares available under this authorization at December 31, 2012.

2007 Authorization – In December 2007, the Company's Board of Directors separately authorized the Company to buy back up to 20.0 million shares of its common stock with no dollar limit or expiration date. There are 14.5 million shares remaining under this authorization at December 31, 2012.

Preferred Stock:

The Company is authorized to issue 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock of \$1.00 par value, none of which is outstanding.

18. Share-Based Awards

The Company has a share-based compensation plan which was approved by its Shareholders in April 2009 (Plan) under which the Board of Directors may grant to employees share-based awards including nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units (RSUs). The options and SARs granted under the Plan have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the date of grant and, prior to 2010, generally vested ratably over a four-year period with the first 25% becoming exercisable one year after the date of grant. Beginning with awards granted in 2010, options and SARs granted under the Plan will vest ratably over a three-year period with the first one-third of the grant becoming exercisable one year after the date of grant. The options and SARs expire 10 years from the date of grant. Shares of restricted stock and RSUs that were issued under the Plan prior to 2010 generally vested over periods ranging from 2 to 5 years with certain of the shares and RSUs subject to accelerated vesting should the Company meet certain performance conditions. Beginning with awards granted in 2010, shares of restricted stock and RSUs granted under the Plan vest ratably over a three-year period with the first one-third of the grant vesting one year after the date of grant. Dividends are paid on shares of restricted stock and dividend equivalents are paid on RSUs. At December 31, 2012, there were 12.1 million shares of common stock available for future awards under the Plan.

Stock Options:

The Company estimates the grant date fair value of its option awards granted using a lattice-based option valuation model. The Company believes that the lattice-based option valuation model provides a more precise estimate of fair value than the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Lattice-based option valuation models utilize ranges of assumptions over the expected term of the options. The Company uses a weighted-average of implied and historical volatility to determine the expected volatility of its stock. The Company uses historical data to estimate option exercise and employee termination within the valuation model. The expected term of options granted is derived from the output of the option valuation model and represents the average period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant.

Assumptions used in calculating the lattice-based fair value of options granted during 2012, 2011 and 2010 were as follows:

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| Expected average term (in years) | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.9 | |
| Expected volatility | 32% - 50% | 39% - 52% | 42% - 60% | |
| Weighted average volatility | 41 | % 43 | % 48 | % |
| Expected dividend yield | 1.1 | % 1.0 | % 1.8 | % |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.1% - 2.1% | 0.1% - 3.7% | 0.1% - 3.7% | |

The following table summarizes the stock option transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands except for per share amounts):

| | Options | Weighted-Average Price |
|--|---------|------------------------|
| Options outstanding, beginning of period | 6,311 | \$37 |
| Options granted | 480 | \$45 |
| Options exercised | (1,666) |) \$28 |
| Options forfeited | (665) |) \$52 |
| Options outstanding, end of period | 4,460 | \$38 |
| Exercisable, end of period | 3,065 | \$42 |

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$14, \$15 and \$8, respectively.

As of December 31, 2012, there was \$2.3 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.5 years.

The following table summarizes the aggregate intrinsic value related to options outstanding, exercisable and exercised as of and for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Exercised | \$34,443 | \$7,919 | \$12,710 |
| Outstanding | \$60,963 | \$55,701 | \$53,249 |
| Exercisable | \$35,873 | \$22,926 | \$8,545 |

The Company's policy is to issue new shares of common stock upon the exercise of employee stock options. The Company has a continuing authorization from its Board of Directors to repurchase shares to offset dilution caused by the exercise of stock options which is discussed in Note 17.

Stock options outstanding at December 31, 2012 (options in thousands):

| Price Range | Weighted-Average Contractual Life | Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| \$10.01 to \$20 | 6.0 | 910 | \$13 |
| \$20.01 to \$30 | 6.9 | 695 | \$23 |
| \$30.01 to \$40 | 4.7 | 503 | \$39 |
| \$40.01 to \$50 | 8.0 | 910 | \$43 |
| \$50.01 to \$60 | 1.6 | 706 | \$52 |
| \$60.01 to \$70 | 2.5 | 736 | \$65 |
| Options outstanding | 5.1 | 4,460 | \$38 |
| Options exercisable | 7.6 | 3,065 | \$42 |

Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs)

SARs vest under the same terms and conditions as options; however, they are settled in cash equal to their settlement date fair value. As a result, SARs are recorded in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as a liability until the date of exercise.

The fair value of each SAR award is estimated using a lattice-based valuation model. In accordance with ASC Topic 718, "Stock Compensation", the fair value of each SAR award is recalculated at the end of each reporting period and the liability and expense adjusted based on the new fair value and the percent vested.

The assumptions used to determine the fair value of the SAR awards at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | |
| Expected average term (in years) | 1.3 - 5.6 | 2.2 - 6.2 | |
| Expected volatility | 31% - 45% | 40% - 49% | |
| Expected dividend yield | 1.3 | % 1.0 | % |
| Risk-free interest rate | .1% - 1.8% | 0.1% - 2.2% | |

The following table summarizes the SAR transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands except for per share amounts):

| | SARs | Weighted-Average Price |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| Outstanding, beginning of period | 273 | \$21 |
| Granted | 21 | \$45 |
| Exercised | (40 |) \$22 |
| Forfeited | (1 |) \$22 |
| Outstanding, end of period | 253 | \$23 |
| Exercisable, end of period | 160 | \$22 |

The weighted-average fair value of SARs granted during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$14, \$15 and \$8, respectively.

Restricted (Nonvested) Stock:

The fair value of restricted stock is determined based on the market price of the Company's shares on the grant date.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands except for per share amounts):

| | Restricted Shares | Grant Date Fair Value Per Share |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nonvested, beginning of period | 1,941 | \$26 |
| Granted | 521 | \$45 |
| Vested | (687 |) \$32 |
| Forfeited | (83 |) \$29 |
| Nonvested, end of period | 1,692 | \$29 |

As of December 31, 2012, there was \$24.4 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock that is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.4 years.

Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)

Restricted stock units vest under the same terms and conditions as restricted stock; however, they are settled in cash equal to their settlement date fair value. As a result, RSUs are recorded in the Company's consolidated balance sheets as a liability until the date of vesting.

The fair value of RSUs is determined based on the market price of the Company's shares on the grant date. The following table summarizes the RSU transactions for the year ended December 31, 2012 (in thousands except for per share amounts):

| | Restricted Stock Unit | Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Nonvested, beginning of period | 245 | \$47 |
| Granted | 80 | \$48 |
| Vested | (81 |) \$46 |
| Forfeited | (2 |) \$48 |
| Nonvested, end of period | 242 | \$47 |

19. Earnings Per Share

The Company has a share-based compensation plan under which employees may be granted share-based awards including shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units (RSUs). Non-forfeitable dividends are paid on unvested shares of restricted stock and non-forfeitable dividend equivalents are paid on unvested RSUs. As such, shares of restricted stock and RSUs are considered participating securities under the two-class method of calculating earnings per share as described in ASC Topic 260, "Earnings per Share." The two-class method of calculating earnings per share did not have a material impact on the Company's earnings per share calculation as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations for the years ended December 31 (in thousands except per share amounts):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Numerator: | | | |
| Income from continuing operations used in computing basic and diluted earnings per share | \$623,925 | \$548,078 | \$259,669 |
| Denominator: | | | |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share-weighted-average common shares | 227,119 | 232,889 | 233,312 |
| Effect of dilutive securities – employee stock compensation plan | 2,110 | 2,029 | 1,475 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share- adjusted weighted-average shares outstanding | 229,229 | 234,918 | 234,787 |
| Earnings per common share from continuing operations: | | | |
| Basic | \$2.75 | \$2.35 | \$1.11 |
| Diluted | \$2.72 | \$2.33 | \$1.11 |

Options to purchase 2.1 million, 3.8 million and 4.2 million weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, were not included in the Company's computation of dilutive securities because the exercise price was greater than the market price and therefore the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

20. Business Segments and Geographic Information

Business Segments:

The Company operates in two business segments: Motorcycles and Financial Services. The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately based on the fundamental differences in their operations.

The Motorcycles segment designs, manufactures and sells at wholesale heavyweight (engine displacement of 651+cc) cruiser and touring motorcycles as well as a line of motorcycle parts, accessories, general merchandise and related services.

The Financial Services segment provides wholesale and retail financing and provides insurance and insurance-related programs primarily to Harley-Davidson dealers and their retail customers. HDFS conducts business principally in the United States and Canada.

Information by segment is set forth below for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Motorcycles net revenue | \$4,942,582 | \$4,662,264 | \$4,176,627 |
| Gross profit | 1,720,188 | 1,555,976 | 1,427,403 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expense | 976,224 | 926,808 | 885,137 |
| Restructuring expense and other impairments | 28,475 | 67,992 | 163,508 |
| Operating income from Motorcycles | \$715,489 | \$561,176 | \$378,758 |
| Financial services revenue | \$637,924 | \$649,449 | \$682,709 |
| Financial services expense | 353,237 | 380,658 | 500,836 |
| Operating income from Financial Services | \$284,687 | \$268,791 | \$181,873 |

Financial Services revenue includes \$11.5 million, \$10.5 million and \$9.2 million of interest that HDMC paid to HDFS on wholesale finance receivables in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. This interest was paid on behalf of HDMC's independent dealers as a way to enable dealers to manage seasonal increases in inventory. The offsetting cost of these interest incentives was recorded as a reduction to Motorcycles revenue.

Information by industry segment is set forth below as of December 31 (in thousands):

| | Motorcycles | Financial Services | Consolidated |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2012 | | | |
| Total assets | \$2,751,018 | \$6,419,755 | \$9,170,773 |
| Depreciation | \$162,659 | \$6,319 | \$168,978 |
| Capital expenditures | \$180,416 | \$8,586 | \$189,002 |
| 2011 | | | |
| Total assets | \$2,959,333 | \$6,714,831 | \$9,674,164 |
| Depreciation | \$173,959 | \$6,449 | \$180,408 |
| Capital expenditures | \$179,988 | \$9,047 | \$189,035 |
| 2010 | | | |
| Total assets | \$2,701,965 | \$6,728,775 | \$9,430,740 |
| Depreciation | \$248,246 | \$6,925 | \$255,171 |
| Capital expenditures | \$167,730 | \$3,115 | \$170,845 |

Geographic Information:

Included in the consolidated financial statements are the following amounts relating to geographic locations for the years ended December 31 (in thousands):

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue from Motorcycles ^(a) : | | | |
| United States | \$3,363,640 | \$3,155,608 | \$2,818,032 |
| Europe | 710,861 | 781,432 | 699,492 |
| Japan | 244,907 | 229,427 | 234,247 |
| Canada | 186,550 | 154,314 | 157,606 |
| Australia | 186,674 | 141,392 | 136,172 |
| Other foreign countries | 249,950 | 200,091 | 131,078 |
| | \$4,942,582 | \$4,662,264 | \$4,176,627 |
| Revenue from Financial Services ^(a) : | | | |
| United States | \$607,909 | \$619,214 | \$652,849 |
| Europe | 5,483 | 4,471 | 3,497 |
| Canada | 24,532 | 25,764 | 26,363 |
| | \$637,924 | \$649,449 | \$682,709 |
| Long-lived assets ^(b) : | | | |
| United States | \$825,509 | \$822,089 | \$842,461 |
| International | 56,143 | 59,571 | 62,192 |
| | \$881,652 | \$881,660 | \$904,653 |

(a) Revenue is attributed to geographic regions based on location of customer.

(b) Long-lived assets include all long-term assets except those specifically excluded under ASC Topic 280, "Segment

Reporting," such as deferred income taxes and finance receivables.

21. Related Party Transactions

The Company has the following material related party transactions. A director of the Company is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and an equity owner of Fred Deeley Imports Ltd. (Deeley Imports), the exclusive distributor of the Company's motorcycles in Canada. The Company recorded motorcycles and related products revenue and financial services revenue from Deeley Imports during 2012, 2011 and 2010 of \$187.1 million, \$155.2 million and \$158.7 million, respectively, and had finance receivables balances due from Deeley Imports of \$9.2 million, \$14.5 million and \$21.0 million at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. All such products were provided in the ordinary course of business at prices and on terms and conditions that the Company believes are the same as those that would result from arm's-length negotiations between unrelated parties.

22. Supplemental Consolidating Data

The supplemental consolidating data for the periods noted is presented for informational purposes. The supplemental consolidating data may be different than segment information presented elsewhere due to the allocation of intercompany eliminations to reporting segments. All supplemental data is presented in thousands.

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| | Year Ended December 31, 2012 | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products | \$4,952,748 | \$— | \$(10,166 |) \$4,942,582 |
| Financial services | — | 639,482 | (1,558 |) 637,924 |
| Total revenue | 4,952,748 | 639,482 | (11,724 |) 5,580,506 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products cost of goods sold | 3,222,394 | — | — | 3,222,394 |
| Financial services interest expense | — | 195,990 | — | 195,990 |
| Financial services provision for credit losses | — | 22,239 | — | 22,239 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expense | 977,782 | 145,174 | (11,724 |) 1,111,232 |
| Restructuring expense | 28,475 | — | — | 28,475 |
| Total costs and expenses | 4,228,651 | 363,403 | (11,724 |) 4,580,330 |
| Operating income | 724,097 | 276,079 | — | 1,000,176 |
| Investment income | 232,369 | — | (225,000 |) 7,369 |
| Interest expense | 46,033 | — | — | 46,033 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 910,433 | 276,079 | (225,000 |) 961,512 |
| Provision for income taxes | 233,385 | 104,202 | — | 337,587 |
| Income from continuing operations | 677,048 | 171,877 | (225,000 |) 623,925 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax | — | — | — | — |
| Net income | \$677,048 | \$171,877 | \$(225,000 |) \$623,925 |
| Year Ended December 31, 2011 | | | | |
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products | \$4,671,942 | \$— | \$(9,678 |) \$4,662,264 |
| Financial services | — | 649,474 | (25 |) 649,449 |
| Total revenue | 4,671,942 | 649,474 | (9,703 |) 5,311,713 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products cost of goods sold | 3,106,288 | — | — | 3,106,288 |
| Financial services interest expense | — | 229,492 | — | 229,492 |
| Financial services provision for credit losses | — | 17,031 | — | 17,031 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expense | 926,832 | 143,814 | (9,703 |) 1,060,943 |
| Restructuring expense | 67,992 | — | — | 67,992 |
| Total costs and expenses | 4,101,112 | 390,337 | (9,703 |) 4,481,746 |
| Operating income | 570,830 | 259,137 | — | 829,967 |
| Investment income | 132,963 | — | (125,000 |) 7,963 |
| Interest expense | 45,266 | — | — | 45,266 |

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| | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Income before provision for income taxes | 658,527 | 259,137 | (125,000 |) 792,664 |
| Provision for income taxes | 150,756 | 93,830 | — | 244,586 |
| Income from continuing operations | 507,771 | 165,307 | (125,000 |) 548,078 |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax | 51,036 | — | — | 51,036 |
| Net income | \$558,807 | \$165,307 | \$(125,000 |) \$599,114 |

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| | Year Ended December 31, 2010 | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products | \$4,176,627 | \$— | \$— | \$4,176,627 |
| Financial services | — | 683,329 | (620) |) 682,709 |
| Total revenue | 4,176,627 | 683,329 | (620) |) 4,859,336 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Motorcycles and related products cost of goods sold | 2,749,224 | — | — | 2,749,224 |
| Financial services interest expense | — | 272,484 | — | 272,484 |
| Financial services provision for credit losses | — | 93,118 | — | 93,118 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expense | 881,888 | 139,103 | (620) |) 1,020,371 |
| Restructuring expense | 163,508 | — | — | 163,508 |
| Total costs and expenses | 3,794,620 | 504,705 | (620) |) 4,298,705 |
| Operating income | 382,007 | 178,624 | — | 560,631 |
| Investment income | 5,442 | — | — | 5,442 |
| Interest expense | 90,357 | — | — | 90,357 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | 85,247 | — | — | 85,247 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 211,845 | 178,624 | — | 390,469 |
| Provision for income taxes | 66,495 | 64,305 | — | 130,800 |
| Income from continuing operations | 145,350 | 114,319 | — | 259,669 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax | (113,124) |) — | — | (113,124) |
| Net income | \$32,226 | \$114,319 | \$— | \$146,545 |

| | December 31, 2012 | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$727,716 | \$340,422 | \$— | \$1,068,138 |
| Marketable securities | 135,634 | — | — | 135,634 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 781,642 | — | (551,563) |) 230,079 |
| Finance receivables, net | — | 1,743,045 | — | 1,743,045 |
| Inventories | 393,524 | — | — | 393,524 |
| Restricted cash | — | 188,008 | — | 188,008 |
| Deferred income taxes | 84,486 | 26,367 | — | 110,853 |
| Other current assets | 146,419 | 31,242 | 3,994 | 181,655 |
| Total current assets | 2,269,421 | 2,329,084 | (547,569) |) 4,050,936 |
| Finance receivables, net | — | 4,038,807 | — | 4,038,807 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 783,068 | 32,396 | — | 815,464 |
| Goodwill | 29,530 | — | — | 29,530 |
| Deferred income taxes | 175,839 | — | (3,994) |) 171,845 |
| Other long-term assets | 116,925 | 19,468 | (72,202) |) 64,191 |
| | \$3,374,783 | \$6,419,755 | \$(623,765) |) \$9,170,773 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$221,064 | \$587,885 | \$(551,563) |) \$257,386 |
| Accrued liabilities | 439,144 | 74,447 | — | 513,591 |
| Short-term debt | — | 294,943 | — | 294,943 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | — | 437,162 | — | 437,162 |
| Total current liabilities | 660,208 | 1,394,437 | (551,563) |) 1,503,082 |
| Long-term debt | 303,000 | 4,067,544 | — | 4,370,544 |
| Pension liability | 330,294 | — | — | 330,294 |
| Postretirement healthcare liability | 278,062 | — | — | 278,062 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 114,476 | 16,691 | — | 131,167 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 16) | | | | |
| Total shareholders' equity | 1,688,743 | 941,083 | (72,202) |) 2,557,624 |
| | \$3,374,783 | \$6,419,755 | \$(623,765) |) \$9,170,773 |

| | December 31, 2011 | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$943,330 | \$583,620 | \$— | \$1,526,950 |
| Marketable securities | 153,380 | — | — | 153,380 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 393,615 | — | (174,576) |) 219,039 |
| Finance receivables, net | — | 1,760,467 | — | 1,760,467 |
| Inventories | 418,006 | — | — | 418,006 |
| Restricted cash | — | 229,655 | — | 229,655 |
| Deferred income taxes | 96,120 | 36,211 | — | 132,331 |
| Other current assets | 71,303 | 31,075 | — | 102,378 |
| Total current assets | 2,075,754 | 2,641,028 | (174,576) |) 4,542,206 |
| Finance receivables, net | — | 4,026,214 | — | 4,026,214 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 779,330 | 30,129 | — | 809,459 |
| Goodwill | 29,081 | — | — | 29,081 |
| Deferred income taxes | 203,605 | 2,538 | (3,704) |) 202,439 |
| Other long-term assets | 118,774 | 14,922 | (68,931) |) 64,765 |
| | \$3,206,544 | \$6,714,831 | \$(247,211) |) \$9,674,164 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts payable | 220,957 | 209,332 | (174,576) |) 255,713 |
| Accrued liabilities | 482,838 | 85,038 | (3,704) |) 564,172 |
| Short-term debt | — | 838,486 | — | 838,486 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | — | 1,040,247 | — | 1,040,247 |
| Total current liabilities | 703,795 | 2,173,103 | (178,280) |) 2,698,618 |
| Long-term debt | 303,000 | 3,540,886 | — | 3,843,886 |
| Pension liability | 302,483 | — | — | 302,483 |
| Postretirement healthcare liability | 268,582 | — | — | 268,582 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 126,036 | 14,303 | — | 140,339 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 16) | | | | |
| Total shareholders' equity | 1,502,648 | 986,539 | (68,931) |) 2,420,256 |
| | 3,206,544 | 6,714,831 | (247,211) |) 9,674,164 |

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| | Year Ended December 31, 2012 | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations & Adjustments | Consolidated |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$677,048 | \$171,877 | \$(225,000) | \$623,925 |
| Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation | 162,659 | 6,319 | — | 168,978 |
| Amortization of deferred loan origination costs | — | 78,592 | — | 78,592 |
| Amortization of financing origination fees | 473 | 9,496 | — | 9,969 |
| Provision for employee long-term benefits | 67,612 | 3,735 | — | 71,347 |
| Contributions to pension and postretirement plans | (244,416) | — | — | (244,416) |
| Stock compensation expense | 37,544 | 3,271 | — | 40,815 |
| Net change in wholesale finance receivables | — | — | 2,513 | 2,513 |
| Provision for credit losses | — | 22,239 | — | 22,239 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | — | 4,323 | — | 4,323 |
| Pension and postretirement healthcare plan curtailment and settlement expense | 6,242 | — | — | 6,242 |
| Deferred income taxes | 117,772 | 10,680 | — | 128,452 |
| Foreign currency adjustments | 9,773 | — | — | 9,773 |
| Other, net | (2,290) | (4,926) | — | (7,216) |
| Change in current assets and current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 9,323 | — | (23,013) | (13,690) |
| Finance receivables—accrued interest and other | — | (4) | — | (4) |
| Inventories | 21,459 | — | — | 21,459 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (6,368) | (27,443) | 23,013 | (10,798) |
| Restructuring reserves | (16,087) | — | — | (16,087) |
| Derivative instruments | 2,906 | (148) | — | 2,758 |
| Prepaid and other | (95,162) | (2,554) | — | (97,716) |
| Total adjustments | 71,440 | 103,580 | 2,513 | 177,533 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations | 748,488 | 275,457 | (222,487) | 801,458 |
| Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations: | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (180,416) | (8,586) | — | (189,002) |
| Origination of finance receivables | — | (6,544,828) | 3,686,127 | (2,858,701) |
| Collections of finance receivables | — | 6,456,729 | (3,688,640) | 2,768,089 |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (4,993) | — | — | (4,993) |
| Sales and redemptions of marketable securities | 23,296 | — | — | 23,296 |
| Net cash (used by) provided by investing activities of continuing operations | (162,113) | (96,685) | (2,513) | (261,311) |
| Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations: | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of medium-term notes | — | 993,737 | — | 993,737 |
| Repayments of medium-term notes | — | (420,870) | — | (420,870) |
| Intercompany borrowing activity | (400,000) | 400,000 | — | — |

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| Proceeds from securitization debt | — | 763,895 | — | 763,895 |
| Repayments of securitization debt | — | (1,405,599 |) — | (1,405,599) |
| Borrowings of asset-backed commercial paper | — | 200,417 | — | 200,417 |
| Repayments of asset-backed commercial paper | — | (24,301 |) — | (24,301) |
| Net (decrease) increase in credit facilities and unsecured commercial paper | — | (744,724 |) — | (744,724) |
| Net change in restricted cash | — | 41,647 | — | 41,647 |
| Dividends | (141,681 |) (225,000 |) 225,000 | (141,681) |
| Purchase of common stock for treasury | (311,632 |) — | — | (311,632) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payments | 13,065 | — | — | 13,065 |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock option plans | 45,973 | — | — | 45,973 |

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| Net cash used by financing activities of continuing operations | (794,275) | (420,798) | 225,000 | (990,073) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (7,714) | (1,172) | — | (8,886) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (215,614) | (243,198) | — | (458,812) |
| Cash flows from discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Cash flows from investing activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$(215,614) | \$(243,198) | \$— | \$(458,812) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period | \$943,330 | \$583,620 | \$— | \$1,526,950 |
| Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations—beginning of period | — | — | — | — |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (215,614) | (243,198) | — | (458,812) |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations—end of period | — | — | — | — |
| Cash and cash equivalents—end of period | \$727,716 | \$340,422 | \$— | \$1,068,138 |

| | Year Ended December 31, 2011 | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations & Adjustments | Consolidated |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Net income | \$558,807 | \$165,307 | \$(125,000) | \$599,114 |
| Income from discontinued operations | 51,036 | — | — | 51,036 |
| Income from continuing operations | 507,771 | 165,307 | (125,000) | 548,078 |
| Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation | 173,959 | 6,449 | — | 180,408 |
| Amortization of deferred loan origination costs | — | 78,695 | — | 78,695 |
| Amortization of financing origination fees | 473 | 10,317 | — | 10,790 |
| Provision for employee long-term benefits | 55,942 | 3,499 | — | 59,441 |
| Contributions to pension and postretirement plans | (219,695) | — | — | (219,695) |
| Stock compensation expense | 35,404 | 2,788 | — | 38,192 |
| Net change in wholesale finance receivables | — | — | (2,335) | (2,335) |
| Provision for credit losses | — | 17,031 | — | 17,031 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | — | 9,608 | — | 9,608 |
| Pension and postretirement healthcare plan curtailment and settlement expense | 236 | — | — | 236 |
| Deferred income taxes | 71,555 | 16,318 | — | 87,873 |
| Foreign currency adjustments | 10,678 | — | — | 10,678 |

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|--|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Other, net | (16,650 |) 843 | — | (15,807 |) |
| Change in current assets and current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 60,403 | — | (17,353 |) 43,050 | |
| Finance receivables – accrued interest and other | — | 5,027 | — | 5,027 | |
| Inventories | (94,957 |) — | — | (94,957 |) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 81,670 | (25,989 |) 64,610 | 120,291 | |
| Restructuring reserves | 8,072 | — | — | 8,072 | |
| Derivative instruments | (2,519 |) 31 | — | (2,488 |) |
| Prepaid and other | 1,154 | 49,524 | (47,575 |) 3,103 | |
| Total adjustments | 165,725 | 174,141 | (2,653 |) 337,213 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations | 673,496 | 339,448 | (127,653 |) 885,291 | |
| Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations: | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (179,988 |) (9,047 |) — | (189,035 |) |
| Origination of finance receivables | — | (6,056,242 |) 3,434,218 | (2,622,024 |) |
| Collections of finance receivables | — | 6,191,932 | (3,431,883 |) 2,760,049 | |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (142,653 |) — | — | (142,653 |) |

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| Sales and redemptions of marketable securities | 130,121 | — | — | 130,121 |
| Net cash (used by) provided by investing activities of continuing operations | (192,520 |) 126,643 | 2,335 | (63,542) |
| Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations: | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance medium-term notes | — | 447,076 | — | 447,076 |
| Repayments of medium-term notes | — | (59,211 |) — | (59,211) |
| Proceeds from securitization debt | — | 1,082,599 | — | 1,082,599 |
| Repayments of securitization debt | — | (1,754,568 |) — | (1,754,568) |
| Net increase in credit facilities and unsecured commercial paper | — | 237,827 | — | 237,827 |
| Repayments of asset-backed commercial paper | — | (483 |) — | (483) |
| Net change in restricted cash | — | 59,232 | — | 59,232 |
| Dividends paid | (111,011 |) (125,000 |) 125,000 | (111,011) |
| Purchase of common stock for treasury, net of issuances | (224,548 |) — | — | (224,548) |
| Excess tax benefits from share based payments | 6,303 | — | — | 6,303 |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock option plans | 7,840 | — | — | 7,840 |
| Net cash used by financing activities of continuing operations | (321,416 |) (112,528 |) 125,000 | (308,944) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (8,021 |) (85 |) 318 | (7,788) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | 151,539 | 353,478 | — | 505,017 |
| Cash flows from discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Cash flows from investing activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | \$ 151,539 | \$ 353,478 | \$ — | \$ 505,017 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period | \$ 791,791 | \$ 230,142 | \$ — | \$ 1,021,933 |
| Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations – beginning of period | — | — | — | — |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | 151,539 | 353,478 | — | 505,017 |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations – end of period | — | — | — | — |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of period | \$ 943,330 | \$ 583,620 | \$ — | \$ 1,526,950 |

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| | Year ended December 31, 2010 | | | Consolidated |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Motorcycles & Related Products Operations | Financial Services Operations | Eliminations & Adjustments | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | |
| Net income | \$32,226 | \$114,319 | \$— | \$146,545 |
| Loss from discontinued operations | (113,124) | — | — | (113,124) |
| Income from continuing operations | 145,350 | 114,319 | — | 259,669 |
| Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation | 248,246 | 6,925 | — | 255,171 |
| Amortization of deferred loan origination costs | — | 87,223 | — | 87,223 |
| Amortization of financing origination fees | 878 | 18,740 | — | 19,618 |
| Provision for employee long-term benefits | 78,812 | 818 | — | 79,630 |
| Contributions to pension and postretirement plans | (39,391) | — | — | (39,391) |
| Stock compensation expense | 28,105 | 2,326 | — | 30,431 |
| Net change in wholesale finance receivables | — | — | 81,527 | 81,527 |
| Provision for credit losses | — | 93,118 | — | 93,118 |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | 85,247 | — | — | 85,247 |
| Pension and postretirement healthcare plan curtailment and settlement expense | 31,824 | — | — | 31,824 |
| Deferred income taxes | (16,774) | (817) | — | (17,591) |
| Foreign currency adjustments | (21,480) | — | — | (21,480) |
| Other, net | 13,178 | (1,268) | — | 11,910 |
| Change in current assets and current liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (101,462) | — | 104,367 | 2,905 |
| Finance receivables – accrued interest and other | — | 10,083 | — | 10,083 |
| Inventories | 2,516 | — | — | 2,516 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 196,155 | 170,832 | (151,974) | 215,013 |
| Restructuring reserves | (32,258) | (219) | — | (32,477) |
| Derivative instruments | (813) | 6,152 | — | 5,339 |
| Prepaid and other | 3,888 | (48,330) | 47,575 | 3,133 |
| Total adjustments | 476,671 | 345,583 | 81,495 | 903,749 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations | 622,021 | 459,902 | 81,495 | 1,163,418 |
| Cash flows from investing activities of continuing operations: | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (167,730) | (3,115) | — | (170,845) |
| Origination of finance receivables | — | (5,319,738) | 3,067,206 | (2,252,532) |
| Collections of finance receivables | — | 5,817,695 | (3,148,733) | 2,668,962 |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (184,365) | — | — | (184,365) |
| Sales and redemptions of marketable securities | 84,217 | — | — | 84,217 |
| Net cash (used by) provided by investing activities of continuing operations | (267,878) | 494,842 | (81,527) | 145,437 |
| Cash flows from financing activities of continuing operations: | | | | |
| Repayment of medium-term notes | — | (200,000) | — | (200,000) |

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| Repayment of senior unsecured notes | (380,757 |) — | — | (380,757 |) |
| Proceeds from securitization debt | — | 598,187 | — | 598,187 | |
| Repayments of securitization debt | — | (1,896,665 |) — | (1,896,665 |) |
| Net (decrease)/increase in credit facilities and unsecured commercial paper | (178,292 |) 208,867 | — | 30,575 | |
| Repayments of asset-backed commercial paper | — | (845 |) — | (845 |) |
| Net change in restricted cash | — | 77,654 | — | 77,654 | |
| Dividends paid | (94,145 |) — | — | (94,145 |) |
| Purchase of common stock for treasury, net of issuances | (1,706 |) — | — | (1,706 |) |

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|---|--------------|--------------|-----|--------------|
| Excess tax benefits from share based payments | 3,767 | — | — | 3,767 |
| Issuance of common stock under employee stock option plans | 7,845 | — | — | 7,845 |
| Net cash used by financing activities of continuing operations | (643,288) | (1,212,802) | — | (1,856,090) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | 5,279 | (371) | 32 | 4,940 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations | (283,866) | (258,429) | — | (542,295) |
| Cash flows from discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities of discontinued operations | (71,073) | — | — | (71,073) |
| Cash flows from investing activities of discontinued operations | — | — | — | — |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations | (1,195) | — | — | (1,195) |
| | (72,268) | — | — | (72,268) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$(356,134) | \$(258,429) | \$— | \$(614,563) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period | \$1,141,862 | \$488,571 | \$— | \$1,630,433 |
| Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations – beginning of period | 6,063 | — | — | 6,063 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (356,134) | (258,429) | — | (614,563) |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations – end of period | — | — | — | — |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of period | \$791,791 | \$230,142 | \$— | \$1,021,933 |

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Quarterly financial data (unaudited)

(In millions, except per share data)

| | 1 st Quarter | | 2 nd Quarter | | 3 rd Quarter | | 4 th Quarter | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | April 1, 2012 | Mar 27, 2011 | July 1, 2012 | June 26, 2011 | Sep 30, 2012 | Sep 25, 2011 | Dec 31, 2012 | Dec 31, 2011 |
| Motorcycles: | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$1,273.4 | \$1,063.0 | \$1,569.0 | \$1,339.7 | \$1,089.3 | \$1,232.7 | \$1,010.9 | \$1,026.8 |
| Operating income ^(a) | \$208.1 | \$125.1 | \$309.6 | \$219.8 | \$144.8 | \$180.7 | \$53.1 | \$35.6 |
| Financial Services: | | | | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$156.3 | \$161.9 | \$160.6 | \$165.9 | \$161.0 | \$164.6 | \$160.0 | \$157.2 |
| Operating income | \$67.4 | \$67.9 | \$82.0 | \$82.1 | \$72.4 | \$62.0 | \$63.0 | \$56.8 |
| Consolidated: | | | | | | | | |
| Income before taxes | \$265.9 | \$182.9 | \$382.1 | \$292.3 | \$207.1 | \$233.9 | \$106.4 | \$83.6 |
| Income from continuing operations | \$172.0 | \$119.3 | \$247.3 | \$190.6 | \$134.0 | \$183.6 | \$70.6 | \$54.6 |
| Income from discontinued operations ^(b) | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$51.0 |
| Net income | \$172.0 | \$119.3 | \$247.3 | \$190.6 | \$134.0 | \$183.6 | \$70.6 | \$105.6 |
| Earnings per common share from continuing operations: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.75 | \$0.51 | \$1.08 | \$0.81 | \$0.59 | \$0.79 | \$0.31 | \$0.24 |
| Diluted | \$0.74 | \$0.51 | \$1.07 | \$0.81 | \$0.59 | \$0.78 | \$0.31 | \$0.24 |
| Earnings per common share from discontinued operations: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$0.22 |
| Diluted | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$0.22 |
| Earnings per common share: | | | | | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.75 | \$0.51 | \$1.08 | \$0.81 | \$0.59 | \$0.79 | \$0.31 | \$0.46 |
| Diluted | \$0.74 | \$0.51 | \$1.07 | \$0.81 | \$0.59 | \$0.78 | \$0.31 | \$0.46 |

(a) Operating income for the Motorcycles segment includes restructuring expense as discussed in Note 4 for the following periods (in millions):

| | 1 st Quarter | | 2 nd Quarter | | 3 rd Quarter | | 4 th Quarter | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | April 1, 2012 | Mar 27, 2011 | July 1, 2012 | June 26, 2011 | Sep 30, 2012 | Sep 25, 2011 | Dec 31, 2012 | Dec 31, 2011 |
| Restructuring expense | \$11.5 | \$23.0 | \$6.2 | \$13.6 | \$9.2 | \$12.4 | \$1.6 | \$19.0 |

(b) Income from discontinued operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2011 includes a \$51.0 million income tax benefit as discussed in Note 3.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure
None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures
Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

In accordance with Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Company's management evaluated, with the participation of the Company's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based upon their evaluation of these disclosure controls and procedures, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the disclosure controls and

procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time period specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The report of management required under this Item 9A is contained in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting."

Attestation Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The attestation report required under this Item 9A is contained in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting."

Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information to be included in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2013 annual meeting of shareholders, which will be filed on or about March 15, 2013 (the Proxy Statement), under the captions "Questions and Answers about the Company – Who are our executive officers for SEC purposes?," "Corporate Governance Principles and Board Matters – Audit Committee," "Election of Directors," "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance," "Audit Committee Report," and "Independence of Directors" is incorporated by reference herein. The Company has adopted the Harley-Davidson, Inc. Financial Code of Ethics applicable to the Company's chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, the principal accounting officer and the controller and other persons performing similar finance functions. The Company has posted a copy of the Harley-Davidson, Inc. Financial Code of Ethics on the Company's website at www.harley-davidson.com. The Company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 5.05 of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Current Report on Form 8-K regarding amendments to, or waivers from, the Harley-Davidson, Inc. Financial Code of Ethics by posting such information on its website at www.harley-davidson.com. The Company is not including the information contained on or available through its website as a part of, or incorporating such information by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information to be included in the Proxy Statement under the captions "Executive Compensation" and "Human Resources Committee Report on Executive Compensation" is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information to be included in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Common Stock Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" is incorporated by reference herein.

The following table provides information about the Company's equity compensation plans (including individual compensation arrangements) as of December 31, 2012:

| Plan Category | Number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column) |
|---|--|--|---|
| Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders: | | | |
| Management employees | 4,460,242 | \$38.37 | 12,114,072 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders: | | | |
| Union employees: | | | |
| Kansas City, MO | — | \$— | 26,718 |
| York, PA | — | \$— | 96,770 |
| Non employees: | | | |
| Board of Directors | — | \$— | 205,905 |
| | — | \$— | 329,393 |

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| Total all plans | 4,460,242 | \$38.37 | 12,566,953 |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|------------|

Plan documents for each of the Company's equity compensation plans have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on a timely basis and are included in the list of exhibits to this annual report on Form 10-K. Equity compensation plans not submitted to shareholders for approval were adopted prior to current regulations requiring such approval and have not been materially altered since adoption.

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The material features of the union employees' stock option awards are the same as those of the management employees' stock option awards. Under the Company's management and union plans, stock options have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock at the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant. Beginning with awards granted in 2010, stock options vest ratably over a three-year period with the first one-third of the grant becoming exercisable one year after the date of grant. Awards granted prior to 2010 generally vested ratably over a four-year period, with the first 25 percent becoming exercisable one year after the date of grant.

The Director Compensation Policy provides non-employee Directors with compensation that includes an annual retainer as well as a grant of share units. The payment of share units is deferred until a director ceases to serve as a director and the share units are payable at that time in actual shares of Common Stock. The Director Compensation Policy also provides that a non-employee Director may elect to receive 50% or 100% of the annual retainer to be paid in each calendar year in the form of Common Stock based upon the fair market value of the Common Stock at the time of the annual meeting of shareholders. Each Director must receive a minimum of one-half of his or her annual retainer in Common Stock until the Director reaches the Director stock ownership guidelines defined below.

In August 2002, the Board approved "Director and Senior Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines" (Ownership Guidelines) which were most recently revised in September 2012. The Ownership Guidelines stipulate that all Directors hold 15,000 shares of Common Stock and senior executives hold from 15,000 to 200,000 shares of the Common Stock depending on their level. The Directors and senior executives have five years from the date they are elected a Director or promoted to a senior executive to accumulate the appropriate number of shares of the Common Stock. Restricted stock, restricted stock units, shares held in 401(k) accounts, vested unexercised stock options and stock appreciation rights, and shares of common stock held directly count toward satisfying the guidelines.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information to be included in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Certain Transactions" and "Corporate Governance Principles and Board Matters – Independence of Directors" is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information to be included in the Proxy Statement under the caption "Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Fees Paid to Ernst & Young LLP" is incorporated by reference herein.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statements

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this Form 10-K:

| | |
|---|------------|
| (1) Financial Statements | |
| Consolidated statements of operations for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 | <u>54</u> |
| Consolidated statements of comprehensive income for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 | <u>55</u> |
| Consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 | <u>56</u> |
| Consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 | <u>58</u> |
| Consolidated statements of shareholders' equity for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 | <u>59</u> |
| Notes to consolidated financial statements | <u>60</u> |
| (2) Financial Statement Schedule | |
| Schedule II – Valuation and qualifying accounts | <u>115</u> |
| (3) Exhibits | <u>118</u> |

Reference is made to the separate Index to Exhibits contained on pages 118 through 121 filed herewith.

All other schedules are omitted since the required information is not present or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedules.

Schedule II

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

Years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

(In thousands)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|---|
| Accounts receivable – allowance for doubtful accounts | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$4,952 | \$10,357 | \$11,409 | |
| Provision charged to expense | 424 | 1,408 | 3,216 | |
| Reserve adjustments | (401 |) (6,633 |) (3,837 |) |
| Write-offs, net of recoveries | (21 |) (180 |) (431 |) |
| Balance at end of period | \$4,954 | \$4,952 | \$10,357 | |
| Finance receivables – allowance for credit losses | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$125,449 | \$173,589 | \$150,082 | |
| Allowance related to newly consolidated finance receivables ^(a) | — | — | 49,424 | |
| Provision for credit losses | 22,239 | 17,031 | 93,118 | |
| Charge-offs, net of recoveries | (40,021 |) (65,171 |) (119,035 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$107,667 | \$125,449 | \$173,589 | |
| Inventories – allowance for obsolescenc ^(b) | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$23,204 | \$34,180 | \$34,745 | |
| Provision charged to expense | 9,489 | 4,885 | 17,142 | |
| Reserve adjustments | (696 |) (466 |) 636 |) |
| Write-offs, net of recoveries | (9,061 |) (15,395 |) (18,343 |) |
| Balance at end of period | \$22,936 | \$23,204 | \$34,180 | |
| Deferred tax assets – valuation allowance | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$14,914 | \$27,048 | \$22,170 | |
| Adjustments | 1,400 | (12,134 |) 4,878 |) |
| Balance at end of period | \$16,314 | \$14,914 | \$27,048 | |

(a) As part of the required consolidation of formerly off-balance sheet securitization trusts, the Company consolidated a \$49.4 million allowance for credit losses related to the newly consolidated finance receivables.

(b) Inventory obsolescence reserves deducted from cost determined on first-in first-out (FIFO) basis, before deductions for last-in, first-out (LIFO) valuation reserves.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 22, 2013.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, INC.

By: /S/ Keith E. Wandell
 Keith E. Wandell
 Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated on February 22, 2013.

| Name | Title |
|--|--|
| /S/ Keith E. Wandell Keith E. Wandell | Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer) |
| /S/ John A. Olin John A. Olin | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal financial officer) |
| /S/ Mark R. Kornetzke Mark R. Kornetzke | Chief Accounting Officer (Principal accounting officer) |
| /S/ Barry K. Allen Barry K. Allen | Director |
| /S/ R. John Anderson R. John Anderson | Director |
| /S/ Richard I. Beattie Richard I. Beattie | Presiding Director |
| /S/ Martha F. Brooks Martha F. Brooks | Director |
| /S/ Michael J. Cave Michael J. Cave | Director |
| /S/ George H. Conrades George H. Conrades | Director |
| /S/ Donald A. James Donald A. James | Director |
| /S/ Sara L. Levinson Sara L. Levinson | Director |
| /S/ N. Thomas Linebarger N. Thomas Linebarger | Director |
| /S/ George L. Miles, Jr. George L. Miles, Jr. | Director |
| /S/ James A. Norling James A. Norling | Director |
| /S/ Jochen Zeitz Jochen Zeitz | Director |

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[Items 15(a)(3) and 15(c)]

| Exhibit No | Description |
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| 3.1 | Restated Articles of Incorporation as September 8, 2011 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 8, 2011 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 3.2 | Harley-Davidson, Inc. By-Laws, as amended through December 4, 2012 |
| 4.1 | Indenture to provide for the issuance of indebtedness dated as of November 21, 2003 between Harley-Davidson Funding Corp., Issuer, Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc. and Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., Guarantors, to BNY Midwest Trust Company, Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant’s Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.2 | 4-Year Credit Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2011, among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, the financial institutions parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as global administrative agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2011 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.3 | Amendment No. 1, dated as of April 13, 2012, among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, the financial institutions parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as global administrative agent, to 4-Year Credit Agreement dated as of April 28, 2011 among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, the financial institutions parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as global administrative agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.4 | 5-Year Credit Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2012 among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, the financial institutions parties thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as among other things, global administrative agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.5 | Amendment No. 1 to Loan and Servicing Agreement dated as of April 29, 2010 by and among certain subsidiaries of the Company, various institutions parties thereto as lenders and agents and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as, among other things, Program Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.6 | Amendment No. 2 to Loan and Servicing Agreement dated as of July 27, 2010 by and among certain subsidiaries of the Company, various institutions parties thereto as lenders and agents and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as, among other things, Program Agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 27, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.7 | Amended and Restated Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2009, by and between certain subsidiaries of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 30, 2009, as amended on August 17, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.8 | Letter Agreement dated as of April 29, 2010 by and among certain subsidiaries of the Company, various institutions party thereto as lenders and agents and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as, among other things, and Administrative Agent, relating to Amendment No. 1 to Loan and Servicing Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 29, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.9 | Trust Agreement dated as of April 15, 2009 between Harley-Davidson Customer Funding Corp. (“HDCFC”) and Wilmington Trust Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.10 | Indenture dated as of May 1, 2009 between the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Trust 2009-1 (the “Trust”) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the “Indenture Trustee”) (incorporated herein |

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by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2009 (File No. 1-9183))

- 4.11 Indenture, dated as of March 4, 2011, among Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., Issuer, Harley-Davidson Credit Corp., Guarantor, and Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 1, 2011 (File No. 1-9183))

Instruments relating to the Company's conduit facilities described in this report need not be filed herewith pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(v) of Regulation S-K. The registrant, by signing this report, agrees to furnish the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon its request, with a copy of any such instrument.

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| Exhibit No | Description |
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| 4.12 | Officers' Certificate, dated March 4, 2011, pursuant to Sections 102 and 301 of the Indenture, dated March 4, 2011, with the forms of 3.875% Medium-Term Notes due 2016 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 1, 2011 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 4.13 | Officers' Certificate, dated January 31, 2012, pursuant to Sections 102 and 301 of the Indenture, dated March 4, 2011, with the forms of 2.700% Medium-Term Notes due 2017 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 26, 2012 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.1* | Harley-Davidson, Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan as amended through April 28, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2007 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.2 | Harley-Davidson, Inc. 1998 Non-Exempt Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-75347)) |
| 10.3 | 2001 York Hourly-Paid Employees Stock Option Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.4* | Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan as amended through April 28, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2007 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.5* | Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on April 25, 2009 filed on April 3, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.6* | Amended and Restated Harley-Davidson, Inc. Director Stock Plan as amended and restated effective April 24, 2010 (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix C to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held April 24, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.7* | Director Compensation Policy effective April 28, 2012 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2012 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.8* | Deferred Compensation Plan for Nonemployee Directors as amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.9* | Harley-Davidson Management Deferred Compensation Plan as amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 and further amended March 2, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.10* | Harley-Davidson, Inc. Employee Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix B to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held April 24, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.11* | Harley-Davidson, Inc. Short-Term Incentive Plan for Senior Executives (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix D to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held April 30, 2011 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.12* | Harley-Davidson Pension Benefit Restoration Plan as amended and restated effective January 1, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.13* | |

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- 10.14* Harley-Davidson Retiree Insurance Allowance Plan, effective January 1, 2009, together with amendments adopted through May 31, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2009 (File No. 1-9183))
- 10.15* Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report of Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183))
- 10.15* Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement (Transition Agreement) of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183))

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| Exhibit No | Description |
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| 10.16* | Form of Notice of Special Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement (Transition Agreement) of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.17* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.18* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Agreement (Transition Agreement) of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.19* | Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Appreciation Rights and Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.20* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.21* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Transition Agreement) of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.22* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (International) of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2010 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.23* | Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan to each of Messrs. Hund, Levatich, Olin and Wandell (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 1, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.24* | Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2009 Incentive Stock Plan to each of Messrs. Hund and Wandell (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 1, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.25* | Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan and the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Registrant's Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.26* | Form of Notice of Special Grant of Stock Options and Option Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan and the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registrant's Annual Report of Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.27* | |

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Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report of Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2009 (File No. 1-9183))

10.28*

Form of Notice of Special Award of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report of Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2007 (File No. 1-9183))

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| Exhibit No | Description |
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| 10.29* | Form of Notice of Award of Restricted Stock Unit and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement of Harley-Davidson, Inc. under the Harley-Davidson, Inc. 2004 Incentive Stock Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2007 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.30* | Form of Amended and Restated Severance Benefits Agreement as amended through April 25, 2008 between the Registrant and Mr. Richer (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2008 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.31* | Form of Severance Benefits Agreement between the Registrant and each of Messrs. Hund, Jones, Levatich, Olin and Wandell (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.32* | Form of Transition Agreement between the Registrant and each of Messrs. Levatich, Olin and Wandell (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.33* | Transition Agreement between the Registrant and Mr. Hund dated November 30, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 10.34* | Form of Aircraft Time Sharing Agreement between the Registrant and each of Messrs. Wandell, Levatich, Olin, Jones and Hund (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012 (File No. 1-9183)) |
| 21 | List of Subsidiaries |
| 23 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 31.1 | Chief Executive Officer Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) |
| 31.2 | Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) |
| 32 | Written Statement of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350 |
| 101 | Financial statements from the annual report on Form 10-K of Harley-Davidson, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on February 22, 2013 formatted in XBRL: (i) the Consolidated Statements of Operations; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; (v) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity; and (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. |

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