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2019 THIRD QUARTER INTERIM REPORT

# INTERIM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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# **QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS**

(In millions of US dollars, except percentages, per share amounts and otherwise specified)

2019 SALES \$450.8	\$26.9	ADJUSTED EBT <sup>(1)</sup> <b>\$14.3</b> 3.2%	NET EARNINGS \$24.6 \$0.58/SHARE	ADJUSTED EARNINGS <sup>(1)</sup> \$10.7 \$0.25/SHARE
2018				
\$448.8	\$14.4 3.2%	ADJUSTED EBT <sup>(1)</sup> \$20.9 4.7%	\$10.6 \$0.25/SHARE	ADJUSTED EARNINGS <sup>(1)</sup> \$15.5 \$0.37/SHARE

#### Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases:

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated statement of earnings includes reduced rent expenses from the elimination of the classification as operating leases, higher finance costs from the interest expense on lease obligations and higher depreciation of right-of-use assets. Consequently, the Corporation considers that earnings (loss) before income taxes ("EBT") is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance, rather than the EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> as previously used. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial position includes new long-term assets (right-of-use assets) and liabilities (lease obligations) recognized on January 1, 2019, of \$87.6 and \$97.0 respectively. To allow a better comparability, financial position ratios and variances should be compared with reconciled figures as at January 1, 2019, instead of December 31, 2018. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

#### Highlights:

- On September 30, 2019, the Corporation announced the sale of the ProColor program, resulting in a net cash gain on business disposal of \$19.4, of which proceeds were used to reduce the debt. As well, the Canadian Automotive Group segment will continue to support ProColor through a long-term supply partnership agreement.
- Annualized savings of \$13.2 realized during the quarter in relation to the Performance Improvement Plan ("PIP") (\$23.7 since the beginning of the year), mainly from the FinishMaster U.S. and The Parts Alliance U.K. segments. These savings are arising from the optimization of workforce and the integration of eight company-owned stores (27 since the beginning of the year). In relation to the PIP, the Corporation recorded restructuring and other charges totalling \$4.6 mainly for severance at The Parts Alliance U.K. segment and consulting fees for the optimization of the logistical processes.
- Total net debt<sup>(1)</sup> was \$530.4 as at September 30, 2019, a decrease of \$3.2 from the previous quarter, stemming from the free cash flows<sup>(1)</sup> of \$30.3 generated during the quarter, as well as the sale of the ProColor program, offsetting the large payments required through the vendor financing program.
- Consolidated sales amounted to \$450.8 for the current quarter. Excluding a foreign currency conversion impact of \$6.8 or 1.5%, consolidated sales increased by 1.9% compared to the same quarter last year. The Canadian Automotive Group segment is reporting positive organic growth<sup>(1)</sup> of 1.3%. The Parts Alliance U.K. segment is reporting a negative organic growth<sup>(1)</sup>, facing prolonged macroeconomic softness. The FinishMaster U.S. segment is reporting a negative organic growth<sup>(1)</sup> affected by an aggressive competitive landscape and softness in the refinish market. As a result, consolidated organic growth<sup>(1)</sup> was negative 0.4% for the quarter.
- EBT and EBT margin<sup>(1)</sup> were respectively \$26.9 and 6.0% compared to \$14.4 and 3.2% last year. Once adjusted for special items and amortization of intangible assets related to The Parts Alliance acquisition, EBT and EBT margin<sup>(1)</sup> were respectively \$14.3 and 3.2% compared to \$20.9 and 4.7% last year.
- Net earnings were \$24.6 or \$0.58 per share, compared to \$10.6 or \$0.25 per share last year. Once adjusted, earnings<sup>(1)</sup> were \$10.7 or \$0.25 per share in 2019 and \$15.5 or \$0.37 last year.

<sup>(1)</sup> This information represents a non-IFRS financial measure. (Refer to the "Non-IFRS financial measures" section for further details.)

# **SELECTED CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION**

	Third quarters			Nine-month periods			
(in thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts, percentages and otherwise specified)	2019	2018(1)	%	2019	2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	%	
OPERATING RESULTS							
Sales	450,758	448,845	0.4	1,326,970	1,332,510	(0.4)	
EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	51,365	29,712	72.9	104,455	92,157	13.3	
EBITDA margin <sup>(3)</sup>	11.4%	6.6%		7.9%	6.9%		
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	37,742	34,924	8.1	102,001	98,101	4.0	
Adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>(3)</sup>	8.4%	7.8%		7.7%	7.4%		
EBT <sup>(2)</sup>	26,898	14,382	87.0	34,141	47,529	(28.2)	
EBT margin <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	6.0%	3.2%		2.6%	3.6%		
Adjusted EBT <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	14,343	20,887	(31.3)	35,299	57,316	(38.4)	
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	3.2%	4.7%	1	2.7%	4.3%		
Special items	(13,623)	5,212		(2,454)	5,944		
Net earnings	24,617	10,594	132.4	29,602	38,860	(23.8)	
Adjusted earnings <sup>(3)</sup>	10,739	15,528	(30.8)	26,211	46,043	(43.1)	
Free cash flows <sup>(3)</sup>	30,317	36,927	(17.9)	81,594	72,129	13.1	
COMMON SHARE DATA							
Net earnings	0.58	0.25	132.0	0.70	0.92	(23.9)	
Adjusted earnings <sup>(3)</sup>	0.25	0.37	(32.4)	0.62	1.09	(43.1)	
Dividend (C\$)	0.0925	0.0925		0.2775	0.2775		
Book value per share	12.57	12.84		12.57	12.84		
Number of shares outstanding	42,387,300	42,279,808	1	42,387,300	42,279,808		
Weighted average number of outstanding shares	42,387,300	42,203,200		42,387,300	42,235,377		

	Sept. 30, 2019	Jan. 1, 2019 <sup>(4)</sup>	Dec. 31, 2018	
FINANCIAL POSITION				
Working capital	306,035	237,614	256,365	
Total assets	1,629,287	1,630,609	1,540,570	
Total net debt <sup>(3)</sup>	530,426	515,706	418,703	
Total equity	532,929	519,930	523,882	
Return on average total equity <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1%	7.0%	7.0%	
Adjusted return on average total equity <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1%	9.1%	9.1%	

<sup>(1)</sup> The Corporation adopted IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, using the modified retrospective method and has not restated its comparative amounts of 2018 as permitted. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

With the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

This information represents a non-IFRS financial measure. (Refer to the "Non-IFRS financial measures" section for further details.)

Financial position figures and ratios were reconciled as at January 1, 2019 to take into consideration the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

# PRELIMINARY COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") discusses the Corporation's operating results and cash flows for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019 compared with the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, as well as its financial position as at September 30, 2019 compared with its financial position as at December 31, 2018 and as at January 1, 2019 for reconciled figures as per the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases. This report should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the 2018 Annual Report. The information contained in this MD&A takes into account all major events that occurred up to November 13, 2019, the date at which the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and MD&A were approved and authorized for issuance by the Corporation's Board of Directors. It presents the existing Corporation's status and business as per Management's best knowledge as at that date.

Additional information on Uni-Select, including the audited consolidated financial statements and the Corporation's Annual Information Form, is available on the SEDAR website at sedar.com.

In this MD&A, "Uni-Select" or the "Corporation" refers, as the case may be, to Uni-Select Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Unless otherwise indicated, the financial data presented in this MD&A, including tabular information, is expressed in thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts, percentages, number of shares and otherwise specified. Comparisons are presented in relation to the comparable periods of the prior year.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements contained in the present MD&A were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements (IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting"). These financial statements have not been audited by the Corporation's external auditors.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The MD&A is intended to assist investors in understanding the nature and importance of the results and trends, as well as the risks and uncertainties associated with Uni-Select's operations and financial position. Certain sections of this MD&A contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of securities legislation concerning the Corporation's objectives, projections, estimates, expectations or forecasts.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Risks that could cause the results to differ materially from expectations are discussed in the "Risk Management" section included in the 2018 Annual Report. Those risks include, among others, competitive environment, consumer purchasing habits, vehicle fleet trends, general economic conditions and the Corporation's financing capabilities.

There is no assurance as to the realization of the results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. Unless required to do so pursuant to applicable securities legislation, Management assumes no obligation as to the updating or revision of forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or other changes.

#### PROFILE AND DESCRIPTION

Uni-Select is a leader in the distribution of automotive refinish and industrial paint and related products in North America, as well as a leader in the automotive aftermarket parts business in Canada and in the UK. Uni-Select is headquartered in Boucherville, Québec, Canada, and its shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) under the symbol UNS.

In Canada, Uni-Select supports over 16,000 automotive repair and collision repair shops through a growing national network of more than 1,100 independent customers and over 70 company-owned stores, many of which operate under the Uni-Select BUMPER TO BUMPER®, AUTO PARTS PLUS® AND FINISHMASTER® store banner programs. It also supports over 3,900 shops through its automotive repair/installer shop banners, as well as through its automotive refinish banners.

In the United States, Uni-Select, through its wholly-owned subsidiary FinishMaster, Inc., operates a national network of over 180 automotive refinish company-owned stores under the FINISHMASTER banner which services a network of over 30,000 customers annually, of which it is the primary supplier to over 6,800 collision repair centre customers.

In the UK and Ireland, Uni-Select, through its Parts Alliance group of subsidiaries, is a leading distributor of automotive parts supporting over 23,000 customer accounts with a network of over 180 company-owned stores.

# **ADOPTION OF IFRS 16 - LEASES**

The Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases that does not require restatement of previous consolidated financial statements. As required by IAS 34, the nature and effect of these changes are disclosed below.

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 - Leases, replacing the current standard on leases (IAS 17). IFRS 16 eliminates the classification as an operating lease and requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease obligation in the consolidated statements of financial position with exemptions permitted for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. In addition, IFRS 16 changes the definition of a lease, sets requirements on how to account for the asset and liability (including complexities such as non-lease elements, variable lease payments and options periods), changes the accounting for sale and leaseback arrangements and introduces new disclosure requirements.

The Corporation has applied the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption, as permitted by IFRS 16. Under this approach, the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 was recognized as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at the date of the initial application. IFRS 16 has affected primarily the accounting for the Corporation's real estate operating leases. The Corporation has elected to apply the following transitional practical expedients:

- Apply the new standard to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying IAS 17;
- Apply a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- Account for leases for which the remaining lease term ends within 12 months of the effective date as a short-term lease; and
- Recognize short-term leases and low-value asset leases on a straight-line basis as "Other operating expenses" in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Under the new standard, the Corporation recognized new assets (right-of-use assets) and liabilities (lease obligations) of \$87,628 and \$97,003 (\$22,538 in the current portion of long-term debt and \$74,465 in the long-term debt), respectively, as well as deferred tax assets of \$1,636. The following table presents a reconciliation of the elements impacted by IFRS 16 as part of the interim condensed consolidated statements of financial position as at January 1, 2019:

	Jan. 1, 2019	IFRS 16 adjustment	Dec. 31, 2018
Trade and other receivables	248,507	775	247,732
Total current assets	812,202	775	811,427
Property and equipment	171,584	87,628	83,956
Deferred tax assets	17,506	1,636	15,870
TOTAL ASSETS	1,630,609	90,039	1,540,570
Trade and other payables	531,380	(1,296)	532,676
Balance of purchase price, net	3,580	(482)	4,062
Provision for restructuring charges	2,939	(1,234)	4,173
Current portion of long-term debt	26,768	22,538	4,230
Total current liabilities	574,588	19,526	555,062
Long-term debt	497,068	74,465	422,603
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,110,679	93,991	1,016,688
TOTAL EQUITY	519,930	(3,952)	523,882
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,630,609	90,039	1,540,570

	Jan. 1, 2019
Minimum lease payments under operating contracts as at December 31, 2018	160,193
Practical expedients for:	
Short-term leases	(1,262)
Low-value asset leases	(1,393)
Leases commencing in 2019	(39,117)
Lease-type obligations (service components)	(10,216)
Effect from discounting at the incremental borrowing rate as of January 1, 2019	(11,202)
Lease obligations recognized due to initial application of IFRS 16 as at January 1, 2019	97,003

The lease obligations were discounted at the borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019, in line with transition methodology selected by the Corporation. The weighted average discount rate was 5.0%.

The new disclosure requirements of IFRS 16 partially impacted the information described under notes 2 and 3 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. The following sections were modified as follows:

Basis of presentation - Use of accounting estimates and judgments

Leases: At the inception of a contract, the Corporation uses judgment in determining whether the contract is, or contains, a lease.

#### Significant accounting policies – Property and equipment

Property and equipment is measured at its cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to acquiring the asset and preparing the asset for its intended use. The cost less residual value of the property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives in accordance with the following methods and periods:

	Methods	Periods / Rate
Paving	Diminishing balance	8%
Buildings	Straight-line and diminishing balance	30 to 50 years / 5%
Right-of-use assets - Buildings	Straight-line	Lease term
Furniture and equipment	Straight-line and diminishing balance	4 to 10 years / 20%
Computer equipment and system software	Straight-line and diminishing balance	3 to 5 years / 30%
Automotive equipment	Straight-line and diminishing balance	4 to 5 years / 30%
Right-of-use assets - Vehicles	Diminishing balance	30%
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line	Lease term <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding renewal options for additional periods, if any.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date.

#### Significant accounting policies - Leases

In general, leases are recognized as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease obligation. On initial recognition, assets acquired under leases are recorded in "Property and equipment" at the lower of the fair value of the asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments. A corresponding liability is recorded as a lease obligation within "Long-term debt". In subsequent periods, the asset is depreciated over the estimated useful life and interest on the obligation is recorded in "Finance costs, net" in the consolidated statements of earnings.

For exceptions, such as short-term leases and leases of low value assets, leased assets and their corresponding lease obligation are not recognized in the Corporation's consolidated statements of financial position. Payments made under these leases are recognized in net earnings on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACTS AND COMPARABILITY

The elected method adopted for the transition to IFRS 16 - Leases implies that 2018 consolidated financial statements have not been restated. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018.

The 2019 interim condensed consolidated statement of earnings includes reduced rent expenses from the elimination of the classification as operating leases, higher finance costs from the interest expense on lease obligations and higher depreciation of right-of-use assets. Consequently, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance, rather than EBITDA as previously used.

The following table summarizes the 2018 annual and quarterly EBT and adjusted EBT<sup>(1)</sup> by segment:

	Twelve-month	Fourth	Third	Second	First
	period	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
FinishMaster U.S.					
EBT	56,100	6,813	16,721	17,125	15,441
EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	6.8%	3.3%	7.8%	8.1%	7.7%
Special items	1,693	1,693	-	-	-
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	57,793	8,506	16,721	17,125	15,441
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	7.0%	4.2%	7.8%	8.1%	7.7%
Canadian Automotive Group					
EBT	16,473	3,122	6,225	6,944	182
EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	3.3%	2.5%	4.7%	5.0%	0.2%
Special items	3,346	3,346	-	-	-
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	19,819	6,468	6,225	6,944	182
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	3.9%	5.3%	4.7%	5.0%	0.2%
The Parts Alliance U.K.					
EBT	17,962	(77)	4,298	6,459	7,282
EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	4.3%	(0.1%)	4.2%	5.8%	6.6%
Special items	1,230	1,230	-	-	-
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	19,192	1,153	4,298	6,459	7,282
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6%	1.2%	4.2%	5.8%	6.6%
Corporate Office and Others					
EBT	(45,858)	(12,710)	(12,862)	(9,486)	(10,800)
Special items	8,320	2,376	5,212	114	618
Amortization of intangible assets related to the					
acquisition of The Parts Alliance	5,142	1,299	1,293	1,105	1,445
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	(32,396)	(9,035)	(6,357)	(8,267)	(8,737)
Consolidated					
EBT	44,677	(2,852)	14,382	21,042	12,105
EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	2.6%	(0.7%)	<b>3.2</b> %	4.6%	2.9%
Special items	14,589	8,645	5,212	114	618
Amortization of intangible assets related to the					
acquisition of The Parts Alliance	5,142	1,299	1,293	1,105	1,445
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	64,408	7,092	20,887	22,261	14,168
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	3.7%	1.7%	4.7%	4.8%	3.4%

<sup>(1)</sup> This information represents a non-IFRS financial measure. (Refer to the "Non-IFRS financial measures" section for further details.)

The 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial position includes new long-term assets (right-of-use assets) and liabilities (lease obligations) recognized on January 1, 2019, of \$87,628 and \$97,003 respectively. To facilitate comparability with last year's figures, financial position ratios and variances should be compared with reconciled figures as at January 1, 2019, instead of December 31, 2018.

# **NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES**

The information included in this report contains certain financial measures that are inconsistent with IFRS. Non-IFRS financial measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other entities. The Corporation is of the opinion that users of its MD&A may analyze its results based on these measurements.

The following table presents performance measures used by the Corporation which are not defined by IFRS.

Organic growth <sup>(1)</sup>	This measure consists of quantifying the increase in consolidated sales between two given periods, excluding the impact of acquisitions, the erosion of sales resulting from the PIP, exchange-rate fluctuations and when necessary, the variance in the number of billing days. This measure enables Uni-Select to evaluate the intrinsic trend in the sales generated by its operational base in comparison with the rest of the market. Determining the rate of organic growth, based on findings that Management regards as reasonable, may differ from the actual rate of organic growth.
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> , adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> and proforma adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	EBITDA represents net earnings excluding finance costs, depreciation and amortization and income taxes. This measure is a financial indicator of a corporation's ability to service and incur debt. It should not be considered by an investor as an alternative to sales or net earnings, as an indicator of operating performance or cash flows, or as a measure of liquidity, but as additional information.  Adjusted EBITDA excludes certain adjustments, which may affect the comparability of the
	Corporation's financial results. These adjustments include, among other things, net gain on business disposal, restructuring and other charges, charges related to the review of strategic alternatives as well as net transaction charges related to The Parts Alliance acquisition.
	Proforma adjusted EBITDA subtracts from adjusted EBITDA the rent expenses included in the measurement of lease obligations. It represents adjusted EBITDA pre-adoption of IFRS 16 – Leases.
EBITDA margin <sup>(1)</sup> , adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>(1)</sup> and proforma adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>(1)</sup>	EBITDA margin is a percentage corresponding to the ratio of EBITDA to sales. Adjusted EBITDA margin is a percentage corresponding to the ratio of adjusted EBITDA to sales. Proforma adjusted EBITDA margin is a percentage corresponding to the ratio of proforma adjusted EBITDA to sales.
Adjusted EBT <sup>(2)</sup> , adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share <sup>(1)</sup>	Management uses adjusted EBT, adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share to assess EBT, net earnings and net earnings per share from operating activities, excluding certain adjustments, net of income taxes for adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per share, which may affect the comparability of the Corporation's financial results. Management considers that these measures facilitate the analysis and provide a better understanding of the Corporation's operational performance, following the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases. The intent of these measures is to provide additional information.
	These adjustments include, among other things, net gain on business disposal, restructuring and other charges, charges related to the review of strategic alternatives as well as amortization of intangible assets related to The Parts Alliance acquisition. Management considers The Parts Alliance acquisition as transformational. The exclusion of these items does not indicate that they are non-recurring.
EBT margin <sup>(1) (2)</sup> and adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	EBT margin is a percentage corresponding to the ratio of EBT to sales. Adjusted EBT margin is a percentage corresponding to the ratio of adjusted EBT to sales.

Free cash flows <sup>(3)</sup>	This measure corresponds to the cash flows from operating activities according to the consolidated statements of cash flows adjusted for the following items: changes in working capital items, acquisitions of property and equipment and difference between amounts paid for post-employment benefits and current period expenses. Uni-Select considers the free cash flows to be a good indicator of financial strength and of operating performance because it shows the amount of funds available to manage growth in working capital, pay dividends, repay debt, reinvest in the Corporation and capitalize on various market opportunities that arise.  The free cash flows exclude certain variances in working capital items (such as trade and other receivables, inventory and trade and other payables) and other funds generated and used according to the consolidated statements of cash flows. Therefore, it should not be considered as an alternative to the consolidated statements of cash flows, or as a measure of liquidity, but as additional information.
Total net debt <sup>(4)</sup>	This measure consists of long-term debt, including the portion due within a year (as shown in note 11 to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements), net of cash. Starting January 1, 2019, the total net debt includes new lease obligations arising from the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, for which the initial amount recorded was \$97,003.
Total net debt to total net debt and total equity ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	This ratio corresponds to total net debt divided by the sum of total net debt and total equity.
Long-term debt to total equity ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	This ratio corresponds to long-term debt, including the portion due within a year (as shown in note 11 to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements), divided by the total equity.
Funded debt to adjusted EBITDA <sup>(4)</sup>	This ratio corresponds to total net debt to adjusted EBITDA. For comparability purposes, new lease obligations arising from the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, are prorated to reflect the period of earnings reported under IFRS 16 - Leases.
Return on average total equity <sup>(4)</sup>	This ratio corresponds to net earnings, divided by average total equity.
Adjusted return on average total equity <sup>(4)</sup>	This ratio corresponds to adjusted earnings <sup>(1)</sup> to which the amortization of intangible assets related to The Parts Alliance acquisition is added back divided by average total equity.

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the "Analysis of consolidated results" section for a quantitative reconciliation from the non-IFRS financial measures to the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS.

With the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

<sup>(3)</sup> Refer to the "Cash flows" section for a quantitative reconciliation from the non-IFRS measures to the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with IFRS.

<sup>(4)</sup> Refer to the "Capital structure" section for further details.

# UPDATE ON THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

In August 2019, the Corporation announced the expansion of the Performance Improvement Plan ("PIP") to The Parts Alliance U.K. segment due to uncertainty and challenging macroeconomics in the U.K. As well, additional savings were expected from recent optimization initiatives at the FinishMaster U.S. segment.

Following an in-depth analysis of the operations and cost structure of The Parts Alliance U.K. segment during the third quarter of 2019, the Corporation highlighted complementary areas of action. Additionally, certain initiatives in the Canadian Automotive Group segment are expected to be more accretive than originally established.

As a result, the Corporation is now expecting total annualized cost savings of \$50,000 (from \$45,000) by the end of 2020. To reach this objective, the Corporation is now expecting to incur one-time total cash costs of \$21,000 (from \$16,500), mainly for severance, consulting fees and moving costs. In addition, write down of certain assets are expected for approximately \$4,000, mainly in the FinishMaster U.S. segment.

Since the beginning of the year, the Corporation realized annualized savings of \$23,700, of which, more than half were generated during the third quarter, mainly from the FinishMaster U.S. and The Parts Alliance U.K. segments. Annualized savings realized since the inception amounted to \$42,400 as at September 30, 2019, representing more than 80% of the targeted outcome.

During the nine-month period of 2019, the Corporation streamlined its workforce and integrated 27 company-owned stores. In addition, to optimize its logistical processes, the Corporation has integrated three smaller distribution centres into two larger ones, permitting increased competitiveness and efficiency. These new distribution centres were operational during the first quarter of 2019. This resulted in the recognition in 2019 of restructuring and other charges totalling \$12,514, of which \$3,719 is non-cash for the write-down of assets. (Refer to the "Analysis of consolidated results" section for further details.)

The following table summarizes the annualized impacts as at September 30, 2019:

	Expected		Realized	
	By the end of	As at	During	As at
	2020	Dec. 2018	2019	Sept. 2019
Annualized cost savings	50,000	18,700	23,700	42,400
Restructuring and other charges:				
Restructuring charges <sup>(1)</sup>	11,000	5,055	4,605	9,660
Other charges as incurred <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	1,213	4,190	5,403
Non-cash costs related to the write-down of assets	4,000	-	3,719	3,719
	25,000	6,268	12,514	18,782
Net capital expenditures <sup>(3)</sup>	7,000	5,509	971	6,480

<sup>(1)</sup> Mainly severance and termination benefits.

As at September 30, 2019, a provision for restructuring charges of \$4,541 is presented as current liabilities in the Corporation's consolidated statements of financial position. (Refer to note 4 in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.)

<sup>(2)</sup> Primarily comprising consulting fees related to the optimization of the logistical processes and moving costs.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the proceeds from the sale of one building and tenant incentives.

# **ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS**

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts for the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated statement of earnings includes reduced rent expenses from the elimination of the classification as operating leases, higher finance costs from the interest expense on lease obligations and higher depreciation of right-of-use assets. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

#### **SALES**

	Third q	Third quarters		h periods
	2019	2018	2019	2018
FinishMaster U.S.	215,735	214,209	632,494	626,542
Canadian Automotive Group	137,233	131,128	393,791	381,369
The Parts Alliance U.K.	97,790	103,508	300,685	324,599
Sales	450,758	448,845	1,326,970	1,332,510
		%		%
Sales variance	1,913	0.4	(5,540)	(0.4)
Conversion effect of the Canadian dollar and the British pound	6,817	1.5	30,429	2.3
Number of billing days	(7,019)	(1.5)	-	-
Erosion of sales resulting from the PIP	847	0.2	997	0.1
Acquisitions	(4,468)	(1.0)	(11,708)	(0.9)
Consolidated organic growth	(1,910)	(0.4)	14,178	1.1

#### THIRD QUARTERS

Consolidated sales for the quarter, when compared to the same quarter last year, were impacted by the conversion effect of the Canadian dollar and the British pound into the US dollar of \$6,817 or 1.5% due to softer currencies. Excluding the effect of the currencies, consolidated sales increased by \$8,730 or 1.9%. This performance is resulting from the combination of a different number of billing days and the contribution of acquisitions, positively affecting sales, and compensating for the negative organic growth.

The consolidated organic loss of \$1,910 or 0.4% recorded during the quarter was principally attributable to The Parts Alliance U.K. segment facing prolonged macroeconomic challenges and reporting negative organic growth of 2.6%, as well as the FinishMaster U.S. segment, reporting negative organic growth of 0.5%. The Canadian Automotive Group reported organic growth of 1.3%, partially compensating the performance of the other segments.

#### NINE-MONTH PERIODS

Consolidated sales for the nine-month period, when compared to the corresponding period last year, were impacted by the conversion effect of the Canadian dollar and the British pound into the US dollar of \$30,429 or 2.3% due to softer currencies. Excluding the effect of the currencies, consolidated sales increased by \$24,889 or 1.9% for the nine-month period. This growth is attributable to both the organic growth of 1.1% and the contribution of acquisitions.

For the nine-month period, the Canadian Automotive Group and the FinishMaster U.S. segments, respectively reported organic growth of 3.9% and 1.1%, offsetting the negative organic growth of 2.3% at The Parts Alliance U.K. segment.

#### **GROSS MARGIN**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	<b>2019</b> 2018		2018	
Gross margin	141,101	146,235	422,062	440,566	
In % of sales	31.3%	32.6%	31.8%	33.1%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The gross margin, as a percentage of sales, decreased by The gross margin, as a percentage of sales, decreased by relation to pricing pressure and an evolving customer mix affecting basically for the same factors mentioned in the quarter. the FinishMaster U.S. segment. In addition, the performance of The Parts Alliance U.K. segment, with a lower volume of sales, affected volume rebates.

These impacts were, in part, offset by additional rebates in the Canadian Automotive Group segment in relation to a higher volume of sales, as well as by a favourable distribution channels mix from the growing weighting of the BUMPER TO BUMPER® network of company-owned stores with higher margins.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

130 basis points, compared to the same quarter in 2018, mainly in 130 basis points, compared to the corresponding period in 2018,

#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	<b>2019</b> 2018		2018	
Employee benefits	76,557	77,586	234,659	238,234	
In % of sales	17.0%	17.3%	17.7%	17.9%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

Employee benefits, as a percentage of sales, improved by Employee benefits, as a percentage of sales, improved by benefiting from initiatives in relation to the PIP.

This element was partially offset by the opening of greenfields over the last 12 months in the U.K., impacting by 20 basis points, requiring new resources and affecting employee benefits, as a percentage of sales, until reaching the optimized operational level, These elements were partially offset by the opening of greenfields as well as by recent business acquisitions, until their full integration.

#### NINE-MONTH PERIODS

30 basis points, compared to the same quarter in 2018, overall 20 basis points, compared to the same period in 2018, benefiting from a reduction of the incentive plans charge across the Corporation in relation to the performance and the share price, a superior absorption of fixed payroll related to additional volume from overall organic growth, as well as savings from the PIP.

> over the last 12 months in the U.K., impacting by 20 basis points, as well as by recent business acquisitions, affecting employee benefits, as a percentage of sales, until their optimization.

#### OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	Third qu	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	<b>2019</b> 2018		2019	2018	
Other operating expenses	26,802	33,725	85,402	104,231	
In % of sales	5.9%	7.5%	6.4%	7.8%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

Other operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, decreased by Other operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, decreased by points.

to the PIP.

These benefits were offset by foreign exchange losses recognized during the current quarter, as opposed to gains recognized last year, which resulted from the fluctuation of the Canadian currency. Furthermore, the opening of greenfields over the last 12 months in These impacts were, in part, compensated by cost savings in relation the U.K. and recent business acquisitions are affecting the other to the PIP. operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, until reaching their optimized operational level.

#### NINE-MONTH PERIODS

160 basis points, compared to the same quarter in 2018, principally 140 basis points, compared to the same period in 2018, principally in relation to the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, in relation to the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, significantly reducing the rent expenses by approximately 150 basis significantly reducing the rent expenses by approximately 150 basis points.

Once the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases is excluded, Once the impact of the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases is excluded, the other operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, improved by other operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, increased by 10 basis points, a direct result of the cost-saving initiatives related 10 basis points. This is mainly attributable to the opening of greenfields over the last 12 months in the U.K. and recent business acquisitions, which are affecting the other operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, until they reached their optimized operational

#### SPECIAL ITEMS

Special items comprise gain and expenses which do not reflect the Corporation's core performance or where their separate presentation will assist readers of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements in understanding the Corporation's results for the period. Special items are detailed as follows:

	Third qu	arters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Net gain on business disposal	(19,395)	-	(19,395)	-	
Restructuring and other charges related to the PIP	4,553	-	12,514	-	
Review of strategic alternatives	1,219	5,196	4,427	5,196	
Net transaction charges related to The Parts Alliance acquisition	-	16	-	748	
	(13,623)	5,212	(2,454)	5,944	

#### Net gain on business disposal

On September 30, 2019, the Corporation completed the sale of all the assets pertaining to its ProColor banner program, a separate division of its business that was launched in 2001 and that is now supporting a network of 172 collision repair shops.

As of September 30, 2019, total sale price amounted to \$19,528, comprising a balance of sale price of \$2,265 and net cash proceeds for \$17,263. The assets sold, mainly composed of property and equipment, generated a net gain of \$19,395 during the third quarter of 2019.

#### Restructuring and other charges related to the PIP

In January 2019, the Corporation announced a broad performance improvement and rightsizing plan for the FinishMaster U.S. segment, which mainly consists of headcount reduction and the consolidation of locations, while optimizing the supply chain. The 25/20 Plan announced during the fourth quarter of 2018 and the FinishMaster U.S. segment performance improvement and rightsizing plan combined together are now referred to as the "Performance Improvement Plan" of the Corporation. As well, in July 2019, due to the uncertainty and challenging macroeconomics in the U.K., the Corporation decided to expand the PIP in The Parts Alliance segment.

The Corporation recognized for the quarter and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, restructuring and other charges totalling \$4,553 and \$12,514 respectively. These charges are detailed as follows:

	Third qu	arters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Restructuring charges <sup>(1)</sup>	2,620	-	4,605	-	
Other charges as incurred <sup>(2)</sup>	1,540	-	4,190	-	
Non-cash costs related to the write-down of assets	393	-	3,719	-	
	4,553	-	12,514	-	

Mainly severance and termination benefits.

#### **Review of strategic alternatives**

On September 18, 2018, the Corporation announced Management changes with the immediate departure and replacement of its President and Chief Executive Officer, and the President and Chief Operating Officer of FinishMaster, Inc., which lead to the review of strategic alternatives.

The Corporation recognized, during the quarter and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, charges totalling \$1,219 and \$4,427 respectively. These charges are detailed as follows:

	Third qu	ıarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Severance	-	4,590	-	4,590	
Retention bonuses	694	606	2,552	606	
Consulting fees <sup>(1)</sup>	525	-	1,875	-	
	1,219	5,196	4,427	5,196	

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily comprising consulting fees related to the review of strategic alternatives.

#### Net transaction charges related to The Parts Alliance acquisition

In connection with The Parts Alliance acquisition completed in August 2017, the Corporation recognized transaction charges totalling \$16 and \$748 for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2018. These charges included acquisition costs of \$16 and \$294, respectively for the quarter and nine-month period and other charges related to the acquisition of \$454 for the nine-month period.

#### **EBITDA**

Following the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance, rather than EBITDA as previously used. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

The following reconciliation of the proforma adjusted EBITDA has been prepared for illustrative and informative purposes only.

	Third quarters Nine			Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%
Net earnings	24,617	10,594		29,602	38,860	
Income tax expense	2,281	3,788		4,539	8,669	
Depreciation and amortization	16,521	10,031		48,145	29,437	
Finance costs, net	7,946	5,299		22,169	15,191	
EBITDA	51,365	29,712	72.9	104,455	92,157	13.3
EBITDA margin	11.4%	6.6%		7.9%	6.9%	
Special items	(13,623)	5,212		(2,454)	5,944	
Adjusted EBITDA	37,742	34,924	8.1	102,001	98,101	4.0
Adjusted EBITDA margin	8.4%	7.8%		7.7%	7.4%	
Rent expenses included in the measurement of lease obligations (1)	(7,459)	-		(21,339)	-	
Proforma adjusted EBITDA	30,283	34,924	(13.3)	80,662	98,101	(17.8)
Proforma adjusted EBITDA margin	6.7%	7.8%		6.1%	7.4%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes new leases contracted over the last 12 months for the expansion of company-owned stores and distribution centres.

<sup>(2)</sup> Primarily comprising consulting fees related to the optimization of the logistical processes and moving costs.

# FINANCE COSTS, NET

	Third qu	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	<b>2019</b> 2018		2018	
Finance costs, net	7,946	5,299	22,169	15,191	
In % of sales	1.8%	1.2%	1.7%	1.1%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The increase in finance costs, compared to the same quarter in The increase in finance costs, compared to the corresponding period the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, combined with 40 and 30 basis points respectively. new leases contracted over the last 12 months for the expansion of company-owned stores and distribution centres. As well, the higher average debt resulted in higher borrowing costs, representing approximately 30 basis points.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

2018, is attributable, in part, to the interest expense on lease in 2018, refers to the same factors affecting the quarter. The interest obligations, representing 40 basis points; essentially the result of expense on lease obligations and higher borrowing costs represent

(Refer to note 5 in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.)

#### **DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Depreciation and amortization	16,521	10,031	48,145	29,437	
In % of sales	3.7%	2.2%	3.6%	2.2%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

result of the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, represents 130 basis points. combined with new leases contracted over the last 12 months for the expansion of company-owned stores and distribution centres.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The increase in depreciation and amortization, compared to the The increase in depreciation and amortization, compared to the same quarter in 2018, is attributable to the depreciation of corresponding period in 2018, refers to the same factor affecting the right-of-use assets, representing 140 basis points; essentially the quarter. The impact of the depreciation of right-of-use assets

(Refer to note 5 in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.)

**EBT** 

Following the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance, rather than EBITDA as previously used. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

	Third quarters			Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%
Net earnings	24,617	10,594		29,602	38,860	
Income tax expense	2,281	3,788		4,539	8,669	
EBT	26,898	14,382	87.0	34,141	47,529	(28.2)
EBT margin	6.0%	3.2%		2.6%	3.6%	
Special items	(13,623)	5,212		(2,454)	5,944	
Amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of The Parts Alliance	1,068	1,293		3,612	3,843	
Adjusted EBT	14,343	20,887	(31.3)	35,299	57,316	(38.4)
Adjusted EBT margin	3.2%	4.7%		2.7%	4.3%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

during the current quarter, as opposed to gains recognized last year, exchange recognized in 2019, as opposed to losses in 2018. and by the opening of greenfields. Additionally, the quarter was impacted by higher borrowing costs, in relation to the debt level.

These elements were partially compensated by overall savings realized in relation to the PIP, as well as higher volume rebates in the Canadian Automotive Group segment.

The quarterly adjusted EBT margin improved by 20 basis points when compared to the second quarter, as benefits from the PIP started to materialize during the summer.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 150 basis points, compared The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 160 basis points, compared to the same quarter in 2018. This variance is mainly explained by to the corresponding period in 2018. This variance is mainly pricing pressure and evolving customer mix in the FinishMaster U.S. explained by the same factors mentioned in the quarter. segment, as well as reduced volume of sales at The Parts Alliance Additionally, the nine-month period benefited from a reduction of U.K. segment, impacting buying conditions. In addition, the adjusted the incentive plans charge across the Corporation due to the EBT margin was affected by losses on foreign exchange recognized performance and the share price, as well as gains on foreign

#### **INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	<b>2019</b> 2018		2019	2018	
Income tax expense	2,281	3,788	4,539	8,669	
Income tax rate	8.5%	26.3%	13.3%	18.2%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

in 2018, is mainly attributable to the taxable portion of the gain on period in 2018, is mainly attributable to the same factors the sale of the ProColor program, which was offset by the utilization aforementioned in the quarter. of capital losses previously unrecognized.

This element was partially compensated by the change in the expected tax benefit related to a financing structure as a result of the December 20, 2018 U.S. proposed regulations, as well as by the impact of the difference in tax rates from foreign jurisdictions and the different geographic "Earnings before income taxes."

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The decrease of the income tax rate, compared to the same quarter The variance of the income tax rate, compared to the corresponding

(Refer to note 5 in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for further details.)

# **NET EARNINGS AND EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	Third q	rd quarters Nine-mon			e-month periods		
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%	
Net earnings	24,617	10,594	132.4	29,602	38,860	(23.8)	
Special items, net of taxes	(14,764)	3,886		(6,389)	4,070		
Amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of							
The Parts Alliance, net of taxes	886	1,048		2,998	3,113		
Adjusted earnings	10,739	15,528	(30.8)	26,211	46,043	(43.1)	
Earnings per share	0.58	0.25	132.0	0.70	0.92	(23.9)	
Special items, net of taxes	(0.35)	0.09		(0.15)	0.10		
Amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of							
The Parts Alliance, net of taxes	0.02	0.02		0.07	0.07		
Adjusted earnings per share	0.25	0.37	(32.4)	0.62	1.09	(43.1)	

# THIRD QUARTERS

Adjusted earnings, compared to the same quarter in 2018, Adjusted earnings, compared to the corresponding period in 2018, adjusted EBT.

#### NINE-MONTH PERIODS

decreased by \$4,789 or 30.8%, mainly resulting from a lower decreased by \$19,832 or 43.1%, affected by the same factor mentioned in the quarter.

# CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY OPERATING RESULTS

The Corporation's sales follow seasonal patterns: sales are typically stronger during the second and the third quarters for the FinishMaster U.S. and the Canadian Automotive Group segments, and during the first and the second quarters for The Parts Alliance U.K. segment. Sales are also impacted by business acquisitions as well as by the conversion effect of the Canadian dollar and the British pound into the US dollar.

The following table summarizes the main financial information drawn from the consolidated interim financial reports for each of the last eight quarters.

		2019			20	18		2017
	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Sales								
FinishMaster U.S.	215,735	212,249	204,510	203,440	214,209	210,954	201,379	198,956
Canadian Automotive Group	137,233	143,445	113,113	122,460	131,128	139,572	110,669	123,023
The Parts Alliance U.K.	97,790	100,481	102,414	93,555	103,508	111,045	110,046	92,999
	450,758	456,175	420,037	419,455	448,845	461,571	422,094	414,978
EBITDA	51,365	31,734	21,356	12,783	29,712	35,443	27,002	25,854
EBITDA margin	11.4%	7.0%	5.1%	3.0%	6.6%	7.7%	6.4%	6.2%
Adjusted EBITDA	37,742	35,808	28,451	21,428	34,924	35,557	27,620	27,984
Adjusted EBITDA margin	8.4%	7.8%	6.8%	5.1%	7.8%	7.7%	6.5%	6.7%
EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	26,898	8,540	(1,297)	(2,852)	14,382	21,042	12,105	10,891
EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	6.0%	1.9%	(0.3%)	(0.7%)	3.2%	4.6%	2.9%	2.6%
Adjusted EBT <sup>(1)</sup>	14,343	13,877	7,079	7,092	20,887	22,261	14,168	14,400
Adjusted EBT margin <sup>(1)</sup>	3.2%	3.0%	1.7%	1.7%	4.7%	4.8%	3.4%	3.5%
Special items	(13,623)	4,074	7,095	8,645	5,212	114	618	2,130
Net earnings (loss)	24,617	6,318	(1,333)	(2,363)	10,594	17,875	10,391	8,721
Adjusted earnings	10,739	10,422	5,050	5,430	15,528	18,399	12,116	11,613
Basic earnings (loss) per share	0.58	0.15	(0.03)	(0.06)	0.25	0.42	0.25	0.21
Adjusted basic earnings per share	0.25	0.25	0.12	0.13	0.37	0.44	0.29	0.27
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	0.58	0.15	(0.03)	(0.06)	0.25	0.42	0.25	0.21
Dividends declared per share (C\$)	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925
Average exchange rate for earnings (C\$)	0.76:\$1	0.75:\$1	0.75:\$1	0.76:\$1	0.77:\$1	0.77:\$1	0.79:\$1	0.79:\$1
Average exchange rate for earnings (£)	1.23:\$1	1.29:\$1	1.30:\$1	1.29:\$1	1.30:\$1	1.36:\$1	1.39:\$1	1.33:\$1

<sup>(1)</sup> With the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain its results and performance. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

# **ANALYSIS OF RESULTS BY SEGMENT**

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated statement of earnings includes reduced rent expenses from the elimination of the classification as operating leases, higher finance costs from the interest expense on lease obligations and higher depreciation of right-of-use assets. Consequently, the Corporation considers that EBT is the preferred comparative measure to explain the results and performance of the segments, rather than EBITDA as previously used. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

#### SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Corporation is providing information on four reportable segments:

FinishMaster U.S.: distribution of automotive refinish and industrial paint and related products representing

FinishMaster. Inc. in the U.S. market.

distribution of automotive aftermarket parts, including refinish and industrial paint and related **Canadian Automotive Group:** 

products, through Canadian networks.

The Parts Alliance U.K.: distribution of automotive original equipment manufacturer ("OEM") and aftermarket parts, serving

local and national customers across the U.K.

**Corporate Office and Others:** head office expenses and other expenses mainly related to the financing structure.

#### OPERATING RESULTS—FINISHMASTER U.S.

#### Sales

	Third qu	uarters	Nine-month periods	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	215,735	214,209	632,494	626,542
		%		%
Sales variance	1,526	0.7	5,952	0.9
Number of billing days	(3,400)	(1.6)	-	-
Erosion of sales resulting from the PIP	847	0.4	997	0.2
Organic growth	(1,027)	(0.5)	6,949	1.1

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The FinishMaster U.S. segment is reporting an increase in sales of The FinishMaster U.S. segment is reporting a growth in sales of 0.9%, 0.7%, compared to the same quarter last year. Sales were positively compared to the same period last year, basically resulting from affected by the effect of a different number of billing days, organic growth. compensating for a negative organic growth and the erosion of sales resulting from the PIP.

organic growth of 0.5%, facing an aggressive competitive landscape overcoming a competitive landscape and softness in the refinish and softness in the refinish market, while executing the PIP and market, while executing the PIP. consolidating eight company-owned stores (22 since the beginning of the year). These elements were partially offset by the growth of the national account business and price increases.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The 1.1% of organic growth reported by this segment for the nine-month period is essentially attributable to the sales team This segment experienced a softer quarter, reporting negative initiatives, growing national business, as well as price increases,

	Third quarters			Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018 %	
EBT	12,414	16,721	(25.8)	26,519	49,287 <i>(46.2)</i>	
EBT margin	5.8%	7.8%		4.2%	7.9%	
Special items	1,026	-		7,507	-	
Adjusted EBT	13,440	16,721	(19.6)	34,026	49,287 <i>(31.0)</i>	
Adjusted EBT margin	6.2%	7.8%		5.4%	7.9%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 160 basis points when The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 250 basis points when customer mix as well as pricing pressure, compressing the gross by the same factors mentioned in the quarter. margin.

These elements were partially compensated by realized savings in the business model to changing market conditions, consists of relation to the PIP, the quarter fully benefitting from the headcount reduction, closure of company-owned stores as well as a 14 company-owned stores already closed as at June 30, 2019, as review of the organizational structure, in addition to the reduction well as from the additional eight company-owned stores of costs initiated in 2018. These initiatives are ongoing, as planned, consolidated during the quarter. As a result, the adjusted EBT with the integration of 22 company-owned stores during the margin improved sequentially since the beginning of the year, from nine-month period. 4.4% reported for the first quarter to 6.2% for the current quarter, representing an increase of 180 basis points.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

compared to the same quarter last year, the result of an evolving compared to the corresponding period last year, essentially affected

The in-depth review initiated in January 2019 to address and align

#### OPERATING RESULTS—CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

#### Sales

	Third qu	ıarters	Nine-month periods	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	137,233	131,128	393,791	381,369
		%		%
Sales variance	6,105	4.7	12,422	3.3
Conversion effect of the Canadian dollar	1,371	1.0	12,119	3.2
Number of billing days	(2,104)	(1.6)	-	-
Acquisitions	(3,612)	(2.8)	(9,819)	(2.6)
Organic growth	1,760	1.3	14,722	3.9

#### THIRD QUARTERS

number of billing days and to organic growth.

The organic growth of 1.3%, reported by this segment for the Organic growth reported by this segment for the nine-month period quarter, is attributable to loyalty programs, additional volume from is attributable to initiatives focused on customer service and current growing customers, as well as promotion of private brands. additional volume from current growing customers. These elements were, in part, offset by a different timing in sales of paint, body and equipment, which were beneficial to the performance of the first half of the year.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

Sales for this segment, once adjusted for the effect of the Canadian Sales for this segment, once adjusted for the effect of the Canadian dollar on its conversion to the US dollar, increased by 5.7%, dollar on its conversion to the US dollar, increased by 6.5%, compared to the same quarter in 2018. This increase is attributable compared to the corresponding period in 2018. This increase was to the contribution of business acquisitions, the effect of a different driven by organic growth of 3.9% and the contribution of business acquisitions of 2.6%.

	Third quarters			Nine-month periods			
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%	
EBT	25,943	6,225	316.8	39,233	13,351	193.9	
EBT margin	18.9%	4.7%		10.0%	3.5%		
Special items	(18,995)	-		(17,515)	-		
Adjusted EBT	6,948	6,225	11.6	21,718	13,351	62.7	
Adjusted EBT margin	5.1%	4.7%		5.5%	3.5%		

#### THIRD QUARTERS

company-owned stores, stimulated by the initiatives of optimization same factors mentioned in the quarter. recently implemented as part of the PIP, as well as additional volume of sales.

These elements were, in part, offset by a loss on foreign exchange, while a gain was recorded last year.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The adjusted EBT margin improved by 40 basis points, compared to The adjusted EBT margin improved by 200 basis points, compared the same quarter in 2018, benefiting from the performance of to the corresponding period in 2018, essentially affected by the

> In relation to the PIP, the Canadian Automotive Group segment integrated the distribution centres in Saskatoon and Calgary into a larger one in Calgary, which started operating during the first quarter of 2019. In addition, this segment opened a superstore in the Montréal metropolitan area and integrated company-owned store. These initiatives are permitting optimized services and supply chain processes.

#### OPERATING RESULTS—THE PARTS ALLIANCE U.K.

#### Sales

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	97,790	103,508	300,685	324,599
		%		%
Sales variance	(5,718)	(5.5)	(23,914)	(7.3)
Conversion effect of the British pound	5,446	5.2	18,310	5.6
Number of billing days	(1,515)	(1.5)	-	-
Acquisitions	(856)	(0.8)	(1,889)	(0.6)
Organic growth	(2,643)	(2.6)	(7,493)	(2.3)

#### THIRD QUARTERS

Sales for this segment, once adjusted for the effect of the British Sales for this segment, once adjusted for the effect of the British pound on its conversion to the US dollar, decreased by 0.3% pound on its conversion to the US dollar, decreased by 1.7% compared to the same quarter last year. This variance is attributable compared to the same period last year. This variance is attributable different number of billing days and the contribution of business compensated by the contribution of business acquisitions. acquisitions.

challenges in the U.K., the prolonged period of uncertainty winter last year, the loss of a sales contract in the last quarter of surrounding the Brexit, as well as by the loss of a sales contract in 2018, as well as by macroeconomic challenges and the uncertainty the last quarter of 2018. These elements were partially of Brexit. These elements were partially compensated by the compensated by the contribution of recently opened greenfields. contribution of recently opened greenfields. During the nine-month The Parts Alliance U.K. segment is focusing its efforts on initiatives period, three greenfields were opened, for a total of 18 since its to stimulate sales, which include growing web sales and signing new acquisition, expanding the footprint in the U.K. national accounts.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

to a negative organic growth of 2.6%, offsetting the effect of a to a negative organic growth of 2.3%, which was, in part,

Organic growth for the segment was impacted by lower sales of Organic growth for the segment was impacted by macroeconomic electrical products resulting from a mild winter in contrast to a hard

	Third quarters		Nine-mont			
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%
EBT	(1,308)	4,298	(130.4)	(367)	18,039	(102.0)
EBT margin	(1.3%)	4.2%		(0.1%)	5.6%	
Special items	3,127	-		3,127	-	
Adjusted EBT	1,819	4,298	(57.7)	2,760	18,039	(84.7)
Adjusted EBT margin	1.9%	4.2%		0.9%	5.6%	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

sales and rebates, impacting the absorption of fixed costs. In stated in the quarter. addition, the adjusted EBT margin is affected by recent investments in the expansion and optimization of the network. New and expanded locations are expected to affect the EBT margin until reaching the optimized operational level, which may vary between 12 and 24 months.

These elements were, in part, compensated by a reduction in the performance-based remuneration, and by savings resulting from initiatives in accordance with the PIP. More specifically, in September, The Parts Alliance U.K. segment proceeded with a significant initiative, adapting working hours to peak operating hours of company-owned stores, which affected more than 1,300 team members. As a result, adjusted EBT margin significantly improved by 330 basis points when compared to the second quarter.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 230 basis points, compared The adjusted EBT margin decreased by 470 basis points, compared to the same quarter in 2018, the direct effect of lower volume of to the corresponding period in 2018, globally for the same factors

> As part of the PIP, during the first quarter of 2019 this segment inaugurated its new national distribution centre, situated in the heart of the U.K., allowing the ability to grow while improving efficiency. Initiatives announced in August 2019 to adapt the business model to macroeconomic challenges are being put in place as planned, and mainly consist of productivity and margin improvement, as well as cost control.

#### OPERATING RESULTS—CORPORATE OFFICE AND OTHERS

	Third qu	uarters		Nine-mont	nth periods	
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%
EBT	(10,151)	(12,862)	21.1	(31,244)	(33,148)	5.7
Special items	1,219	5,212		4,427	5,944	
Amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of						
The Parts Alliance	1,068	1,293		3,612	3,843	
Adjusted EBT	(7,864)	(6,357)	(23.7)	(23,205)	(23,361)	0.7

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The variance of the adjusted EBT, compared to the same quarter in The adjusted EBT remained stable, compared to the same period in year, a gain was recorded in relation to the share price. were incurred. Furthermore, for the same quarter last year, the Corporation benefited from gains on foreign exchange currencies, notably from forward contracts.

These elements were partially compensated by lower long-term compensation due to the share price and the performance of the Corporation.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

2018, is mainly attributable to higher borrowing costs from a higher 2018. For the nine-month period of 2019, the Corporation recorded average debt as well as to a charge resulting from the equity swap lower short-term and long-term compensation relative to its instruments associated with stock-based compensation, while last performance and the share price. As well, lower professional fees

> These elements were offset by higher borrowing costs from a higher average debt as well as by a charge resulting from the equity swap instruments associated with stock-based compensation.

#### **OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Cash flows from operating activities	2,123	72,600	29,812	81,181	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The reduction in cash flows from operating activities, compared to The variance in cash flows from operating activities, compared to resulting from a change of payment terms from a supplier and a instalments were required during the nine-month period of 2019. different timing of vendor financing transactions which were, in part, compensated by a reduction in inventory.

the same quarter in 2018, is attributable to additional funding the corresponding period in 2018, is mainly explained by the same required for the working capital during the current quarter, mainly factors aforementioned in the quarter. As well, lower corporate tax

#### **INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities	8,119	(10,618)	(8,901)	(48,015)	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

quarter also benefited from a lower level of customer investment. the proceeds of the sale of the ProColor program.

The variance in cash flows from investing activities, compared to the Lower cash outflows were required in investing activities, compared same quarter in 2018, mainly resulted from the proceeds of the sale to the same period in 2018, as a result of a reduced level of customer of the ProColor program on September 30, 2019. The current investment during the current nine-month period, combined with

#### FINANCING ACTIVITIES

	Third qu	ıarters	Nine-month periods		
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities	4,056	(73,766)	(7,758)	(52,573)	

#### THIRD QUARTERS

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

The variance in cash flows used in financing activities, compared to The variance in cash flows used in financing activities, compared to of the vendor financing transactions in 2018, which permitted a the quarter. partial reimbursement of the credit facility last year.

the same quarter in 2018, is mainly explained by a favourable timing the same period in 2018, is mainly explained by the same factor as

#### FREE CASH FLOWS

	Third q	uarters	Nine-month periods	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities	2,123	72,600	29,812	81,181
Changes in working capital	32,359	(31,411)	67,920	2,154
	34,482	41,189	97,732	83,335
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(4,556)	(4,089)	(16,270)	(10,716)
Difference between amounts paid for post-employment benefits and current				
period expenses	391	(173)	132	(490)
Free cash flows	30,317	36,927	81,594	72,129

#### THIRD QUARTERS

The decrease in free cash flows, compared to the same quarter in The improvement in free cash flows, compared to the same period long-term debt during the current quarter, while 2018 benefited instalments in 2019. from a greater corporate tax reimbursement.

#### **NINE-MONTH PERIODS**

2018, is mainly explained by larger payments of interest on the in 2018, is mainly explained by the lower level of income tax

This element was partially offset by larger payments of interest on the long-term debt, as well as additional capital investments for the new distribution centres, as part of the PIP, and for greenfields.

## **FINANCING**

#### LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT FACILITIES

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial position includes new liabilities (lease obligations) of \$97,003 recognized on January 1, 2019. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

The following table presents the composition of the long-term debt:

	N. A. a. t		Current	Court 20	lan 1	Dec 21
	Maturity	Effective interest rate	portion	Sept. 30,	Jan. 1,	Dec. 31 <b>,</b>
				2019	2019	2018
Revolving credit facility, variable rates (1)(2)	2023	3.511% to 7.250%	-	435,442	414,741	414,741
Lease obligations - vehicles, variable rates	-	-	4,167	11,534	11,987	11,987
Lease obligations - buildings, variable rates (3)	-	-	24,311	104,208	97,003	-
Others	2021	-	4	8	11	11
		_	28,482	551,192	523,742	426,739
Instalments due within a year				28,482	26,674	4,136
Long-term debt				522,710	497,068	422,603

As at September 30, 2019, a nominal amount of \$439,173 was used under the Corporation's revolving credit facility (\$418,220 as at December 31, 2018). The difference with the carrying amount presented above is composed of deferred financing costs.

#### Credit facilities

The Corporation currently has access, for its needs, to a \$625,000 unsecured long-term revolving credit facility, as well as a \$20,000 letter of credit facility, both with a maturity date of June 30, 2023.

As at September 30, 2019, the unused portion, subject to financial covenants, amounted to \$186,000 (\$207,000 as at December 31, 2018).

As at September 30, 2019, a principal amount of \$326,374 of the revolving credit facility was designated as a hedge of net investments in foreign operations (\$302,865 as at December 31, 2018).

Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.

#### **VENDOR FINANCING PROGRAM**

The Corporation benefits from a vendor financing program. Under this program, financial institutions make discounted accelerated payments to suppliers, and the Corporation makes full payment to the financial institutions according to the new extended payment term agreements with suppliers.

As at September 30, 2019, Uni-Select benefited from additional deferred payments of accounts payable in the amount of \$164,417 and used \$216,511 of the program (\$213,478 and \$291,582 respectively as at December 31, 2018). The authorized limit with the financial institutions is \$300,000. These amounts are presented in "Trade and other payables" in the condensed consolidated statements of financial position. This program is available upon the Corporation's request and may be modified by either party.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Derivative financial instruments - hedge of foreign exchange risk

The Corporation entered into forward contracts in order to mitigate the foreign exchange risks mainly related to purchases in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of the Corporation. The consolidated forward contracts outstanding as at September 30, 2019, are as follows:

Currencies (sold/bought)	Maturity	Average rate (1)	Notional amount (2)
CAD/USD	Up to February 2020	0.76	9,427
GBP/USD	Up to December 2019	1.21	4,199
GBP/EUR	Up to December 2019	1.11	4,486

<sup>(1)</sup> Rates are expressed as the number of units of the currency bought for one unit of currency sold.

The Corporation also entered into short-term cross-currency interest rate swap agreements in order to synthetically convert a portion of its Canadian-dollar-denominated revolving credit facility into US dollars. The consolidated cross-currency interest rate swap agreements outstanding as at September 30, 2019, are as follows:

Receive - Notional	Receive - Rate	Pay - Notional	Pay - Rate	Maturity
C\$35,000	4.414%	US\$26,500	4.778%	October 2019

These short-term cross-currency interest rate swaps are not designated for hedge accounting and are measured at fair value at the end of each period. Fair value variances are recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings, and are presented under "Other operating expenses", with a corresponding asset or liability for derivative financial instruments in the consolidated statements of financial position. Pursuant to these agreements, the Corporation generates offsetting cash flows related to the underlying position with respect to the amount and timing of forecasted foreign currency transactions. The net effect to the short-term cross-currency interest rate swaps partly offset fluctuations in currency rates impacting the foreign exchange gains/losses resulting from long-term debts in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of the Corporation.

#### Derivative financial instruments used in cash flow hedges - hedge of interest rate risk

The Corporation entered into various swap agreements to hedge the variable interest cash flows on a portion of the Corporation's revolving credit facility and term loan for total nominal amounts of \$55,000 for interest rate swaps denominated in US dollars (\$67,500 as at December 31, 2018), and £70,000 for interest rate swaps denominated in British pounds (same as at December 31, 2018). Until their respective maturities, these agreements are fixing the interest cash flows between 1.745% and 1.760% for interest rate swaps denominated in US dollars, and to 0.955% for interest rate swaps denominated in British pounds.

#### Derivative financial instruments - hedge of share-based payments cost

In 2016, the Corporation entered into equity swap agreements in order to manage the market price risk of its common shares. As at September 30, 2019, the equity swap agreements covered the equivalent of 214,277 common shares of the Corporation (364,277 as at December 31, 2018).

Exchange rates as at September 30, 2019, were used to translate amounts in foreign currencies.

# **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial position includes new liabilities (lease obligations) recognized on January 1, 2019, of \$97,003. To allow a better comparability, financial position ratios and variances should be compared with reconciled figures as at January 1, 2019, when applicable, instead of December 31, 2018. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

#### LONG-TERM FINANCIAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Guided by its low-asset-base-high-utilization philosophy, the Corporation's strategy is to monitor the following ratios to ensure flexibility in the capital structure:

- Total net debt to total net debt and total equity;
- Long-term debt to total equity ratio;
- Funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio;
- Adjusted return on average total equity; and
- Dividend payout ratio based on the adjusted earnings of the previous year converted in Canadian dollars.

	Sept. 30,	Jan. 1,	Dec. 31,
	2019	2019	2018
Components of debt ratios:			
Long-term debt	551,192	523,742	426,739
Total net debt	530,426	515,706	418,703
Total equity	532,929	519,930	523,882
Debt ratios <sup>(1)</sup> :			
Total net debt to total net debt and total equity ratio	49.9%	49.8%	44.4%
Long-term debt to total equity ratio	103.4%	100.7%	81.5%
Funded debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	4.09	3.50	3.50
Return on average total equity	5.1%	7.0%	7.0%
Adjusted return on average total equity	5.1%	9.1%	9.1%
Dividend payout ratio	22.2%	21.9%	21.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> These ratios are not required for banking commitments but represent the ones that the Corporation considers pertinent to monitor and to ensure flexibility in the capital structure.

Management continuously monitors its working capital items to improve the cash conversion cycle, in particular, on optimizing inventory levels in all business segments.

Variances in debt ratios, when compared with reconciled figures as at January 1, 2019, are principally attributable to a higher level of debt resulting from additional lease obligations in relation to new distribution centres and greenfields, as well as from large payments of trade payables during the first and the third quarters.

The variance of the adjusted return on average total equity is essentially resulting from lower adjusted earnings.

## **BANK COVENANTS**

For purposes of compliance, the Corporation regularly monitors the requirements of its bank covenants to ensure they are met. As at September 30, 2019, the Corporation met all the requirements.

<sup>(2)</sup> For comparability purposes, new lease obligations arising from the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases on January 1, 2019, are prorated to reflect the period of earnings reported under IFRS 16 - Leases.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

On August 7, 2019, the Corporation declared the third quarterly dividend of 2019 of C\$0.0925, paid on October 15, 2019, to shareholders of record as of September 30, 2019.

On November 13, 2019, the Corporation declared the fourth quarterly dividend of 2019 of C\$0.0925, payable on January 21, 2020, to shareholders of record as of December 31, 2019.

These dividends are eligible dividends for income tax purposes.

#### INFORMATION ON CAPITAL STOCK

As of September 30, 2019, 42,387,300 common shares were outstanding (same as at December 31, 2018).

#### Repurchase and cancellation of common shares

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, there was no common share repurchase or cancellation.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, 92,696 common shares were repurchased in connection with the normal course issuer bid announced in April 2018. The shares were repurchased for a cash consideration of \$1,422 including a share repurchase and cancellation premium of \$1,232 applied as a reduction of retained earnings.

#### Issuance of common shares

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, there was no common share issued. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation issued 98,692 common shares at the exercise of stock options for a cash consideration of \$1,096. The weighted average price of the exercise of stock options was C\$14.52 for the period.

#### STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

#### Common share stock option plan for management employees and officers

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, 207,169 options were granted to management employees and officers of the Corporation (181,679 options for 2018), with an average exercise price of C\$19.17 (C\$28.61 in 2018). During the nine-month period, no options were exercised (98,692 options for 2018) and no options were forfeited or expired (37,640 options for 2018). As at September 30, 2019, options granted for the issuance of 748,663 common shares (951,706 common shares as at September 30, 2018) were outstanding under the Corporation's stock option plan. For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, compensation expense of \$294 and \$499 (\$320 and \$1,125 respectively in 2018) was recorded in the "Net earnings", with the corresponding amounts recorded in "Contributed surplus".

#### Deferred share unit ("DSU") plan

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the Corporation granted 128,269 DSUs (49,360 DSUs for 2018) and 27,346 DSUs were redeemed (17,284 DSUs for 2018). Compensation expense (reversal) of \$155 and \$259 (\$323 and \$(10) respectively in 2018) was recorded during the quarter and nine-month period, and 251,390 DSUs were outstanding as at September 30, 2019 (185,414 DSUs as at September 30, 2018). As at September 30, 2019, the compensation liability was \$2,110 (\$2,114 as at December 31, 2018) and the fair value of the equity swap agreement was a liability of \$2,335 (liability of \$1,332 as at December 31, 2018).

## Performance share unit ("PSU") plan

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the Corporation granted 173,839 PSUs (135,709 PSUs for 2018) and redeemed 75,407 PSUs (109,386 PSUs for 2018). Compensation expense (reversal) of nil and \$(144) (\$149 and \$30 respectively in 2018) was recorded during the quarter and nine-month period, and 258,535 PSUs were outstanding as at September 30, 2019 (299,312 PSUs as at September 30, 2018). As at September 30, 2019, the compensation liability was \$nil (\$317 as at December 31, 2018) and the fair value of the equity swap agreement was a liability of \$856 (liability of \$1,726 as at December 31, 2018).

# **FINANCIAL POSITION**

On January 1, 2019, the Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases using the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption as permitted. As a result, the 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial statements present significant variances when compared to 2018. The 2019 interim condensed consolidated financial position includes new long-term assets (right-of-use assets) and liabilities (lease obligations) recognized on January 1, 2019, of \$87,628 and \$97,003 respectively. To allow a better comparability, financial position variances should be compared with reconciled figures as at January 1, 2019, instead of December 31, 2018. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

During the period, the financial position, when compared to January 1, 2019, due to the adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases, has been impacted by business acquisitions / dispositions and the conversion effect of the Canadian dollar and the British pound into the US dollar.

The following table shows an analysis of selected items from the consolidated statements of financial position:

				Impact of business	Impact on conversion	
	Sept. 30,	Jan. 1,	Dec. 31,	acquisitions/	C\$/US\$ and	Net
	2019	2019	2018	dispositions	£/US\$	variances
Short-term						
Trade and other receivables	274,342	248,507	247,732	77	1,093	24,665
Inventory	496,108	524,335	524,335	325	901	(29,453)
Trade and other payables	470,456	531,380	532,676	-	347	(61,271)
Long-term						
Investments and advances to merchant						
members	39,144	46,039	46,039	-	145	(7,040)
Intangibles assets	195,923	210,331	210,331	(4)	(1,475)	(12,929)
Long-term employee benefit obligations	20,912	12,799	12,799	-	410	7,703
<b>Long-term debt</b> (including short-term portion)	551,192	523,742	426,739	(15,322)	(883)	43,655

#### **Explanations for net variances:**

Trade and other receivables: The increase is mostly related to seasonality.

**Inventory:** The decrease is attributable to the FinishMaster U.S. segment selling additional inventory bought in 2018, which was required to benefit from annual performance rebates. This element was partially offset by a lower volume of sales than expected at The Parts Alliance U.K. segment, which resulted in overstock.

**Trade and other payables:** The decrease is mainly resulting from large payments of trade payables as part of the vendor financing program during the first and the third quarters.

**Investments and advances to merchant members:** The reduction is mainly explained by the amortization of customer investments combined with reimbursements from customers, which are exceeding new investments.

Intangible assets: The decrease is attributable to the amortization exceeding the additions of the period.

Long-term employee benefit obligations: The increase resulted from remeasurements during the period.

Long-term debt: The variance is mainly explained by large payments for the vendor financing payables as mentioned above, which required additional funding from the credit facility as well as the additional lease obligations for new locations. These elements were, in part, compensated by free cash flows generated during the period and payments of the lease obligations.

# **RISK MANAGEMENT**

In the normal course of business, the Corporation is exposed to a variety of risks and uncertainties that may have a material and adverse impact on its business activities, operating results, cash flows and financial position. The Corporation continuously maintains and updates its system of analysis and controls on operational, strategic and financial risks to manage and implement activities with the objective of mitigating the main risks mentioned in the 2018 Annual Report.

No significant change occurred during the nine-month period with respect to these risks.

# MODIFICATIONS TO SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **ACCOUNTING CHANGES ADOPTED IN 2019**

The Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 - Leases. (Refer to the "Adoption of IFRS 16 - Leases" section for further details.)

#### **FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES**

Information on new standards, amendments and interpretations that are expected to be relevant to the Corporation's interim condensed consolidated financial statements is provided in the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Certain other new standards and interpretations have been issued but had no material impact on the Corporation's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **EXCHANGE RATE DATA**

The following table sets forth information about exchange rates based upon rates expressed as US dollars per comparative currency unit:

	Third q	Third quarters		nth periods
	Sept. 30,	Sept. 30,	Sept. 30,	Sept. 30,
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Average for the period (to translate the statements of earnings)				
Canadian dollar	0.76	0.77	0.75	0.78
British pound	1.23	1.30	1.27	1.35
			Sept. 30,	Dec. 31,
			2019	2018
Period end (to translate the statements of financial position)				
Canadian dollar			0.75	0.73
British pound			1.23	1.27

As the Corporation uses the US dollar as its reporting currency in its interim condensed consolidated financial statements and in this document, unless otherwise indicated, results from its Canadian operations and its U.K. operations are translated into US dollars using the average rate for the period. Variances and explanations related to fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate, and the volatility of the Canadian dollar and the British pound are therefore related to the translation in US dollars of the Corporation's results for its Canadian and U.K. operations and do not have an economic impact on its performance since most of the Corporation's consolidated sales and expenses are received or denominated in the functional currency of the markets in which it does business. Accordingly, the sensitivity of the Corporation's results to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates is economically limited.

# EFFECTIVENESS OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation are responsible for the implementation and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures, and of the internal control over financial reporting, as provided for in National Instrument 52–109 regarding the Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings. They are assisted in this task by the Disclosure Committee, which is comprised of members of the Corporation's senior management.

#### DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Uni-Select has pursued its evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with the NI 52–109 guidelines. As at September 30, 2019, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are properly designed and effective.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Uni-Select has continued its evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as at September 30, 2019, in accordance with the NI 52–109 guidelines. This evaluation enabled the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer to conclude that internal controls over financial reporting were designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, no change in the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting occurred that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting.

# **OUTLOOK**

A discussion of management's expectations as to our outlook for the 2019 year is included in our press release announcing the 2019 third-quarter results, under the section Outlook. The press release is available on SEDAR website at sedar.com and under the "Investors - Newsroom" section of our corporate website at uniselect.com.

Brent Windom

President and Chief Executive Officer

Approved by the Board of Directors on November 13, 2019.

Eric Bussières

**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer** 

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2019 (unaudited)

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# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS**

(In thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts, unaudited)	Note	en	Quarters ded Sept. 30,			
		2019	2018	2019	2018	
Sales		450,758	448,845	1,326,970	1,332,510	
Purchases, net of changes in inventories		309,657	302,610	904,908	891,944	
Gross margin		141,101	146,235	422,062	440,566	
Employee benefits		76,557	77,586	234,659	238,234	
Other operating expenses		26,802	33,725	85,402	104,231	
Special items	4	(13,623)	5,212	(2,454)	5,944	
Earnings before finance costs, depreciation and amortization and income taxes		51,365	29,712	104,455	92,157	
Finance costs, net	5	7,946	5,299	22,169	15,191	
Depreciation and amortization	5	16,521	10,031	48,145	29,437	
Earnings before income taxes		26,898	14,382	34,141	47,529	
Income tax expense	5	2,281	3,788	4,539	8,669	
Net earnings		24,617	10,594	29,602	38,860	
Earnings per share (basic and diluted)	6	0.58	0.25	0.70	0.92	
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (in thousands)	6					
Basic		42,387	42,203	42,387	42,235	
Diluted		42,387	42,257	42,387	42,427	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands of US dollars, unaudited)		Quarters led Sept. 30,	•	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net earnings	24,617	10,594	29,602	38,860
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Items that will subsequently be reclassified to net earnings:				
Effective portion of changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges (net of income tax of \$54 and \$310 for the quarter and nine-month period (\$74 and \$328 respectively in 2018))	(183)	216	(924)	956
Net change in the fair value of derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges transferred to net earnings (net of income tax of \$9 and \$62 for the quarter and nine-month period (\$2 and \$37 respectively in 2018))	(20)	(6)	(175)	106
Unrealized exchange losses on the translation of financial statements to the presentation currency	(7,321)	(6,637)	(10,661)	(4,166)
Unrealized exchange gains (losses) on the translation of debt designated as a hedge of net investments in foreign operations (no income tax for both the quarter and the nine-month period (same in 2018))	328	6,231	9,443	(5,312)
	(7,196)	(196)	(2,317)	(8,416)
Items that will not subsequently be reclassified to net earnings:				
Remeasurements of long-term employee benefit obligations (net of income tax of \$36 and \$2,086 for the quarter and the nine-month period (\$759 and \$1,016 respectively in 2018))	104	2,201	(5,936)	2,947
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(7,092)	2,005	(8,253)	(5,469)
Comprehensive income	17,525	12,599	21,349	33,391

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

					Attributable to shareholders		
(In thousands of US dollars, unaudited)	Note	Share capital	Contributed surplus	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	Total equity	
(In thousands of O3 donars, unaddited)	Note	Share capital	3ui piu3	Carrilligs	mcome (1033)	equity	
Balance, December 31, 2017		97,585	5,184	432,470	(17,262)	517,977	
Net earnings		_	<u>-</u>	38,860	_	38,860	
Other comprehensive income (loss)		-	-	2,947	(8,416)	(5,469)	
Comprehensive income (loss)		-	-	41,807	(8,416)	33,391	
Contributions by and distributions to shareholders:							
Repurchase and cancellation of common shares	12	(190)	-	(1,232)	-	(1,422)	
Issuance of common shares	12	1,096	-	-	-	1,096	
Transfer upon exercise of stock options		249	(249)	-	-	-	
Dividends		-	-	(9,109)	-	(9,109)	
Stock-based compensation	9		1,125	-	-	1,125	
		1,155	876	(10,341)	-	(8,310)	
Balance, September 30, 2018		98,740	6,060	463,936	(25,678)	543,058	
Balance, December 31, 2018		100,244	6,005	457,455	(39,822)	523,882	
IFRS 16 adjustment	3		-	(4,944)	992	(3,952)	
Balance, January 1, 2019		100,244	6,005	452,511	(38,830)	519,930	
Net earnings		-	-	29,602	-	29,602	
Other comprehensive loss			-	(5,936)	(2,317)	(8,253)	
Comprehensive income (loss)		-	-	23,666	(2,317)	21,349	
Contributions by and distributions to shareholders:							
Dividends		-	-	(8,849)	-	(8,849)	
Stock-based compensation	9	-	499 499	(8,849)		499 (8,350)	
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Balance, September 30, 2019		100,244	6,504	467,328	(41,147)	532,929	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands of US dollars, unaudited)	Note	ende	Quarters ed Sept. 30,	Nine-month periods ended Sept. 30,		
		2019	2018	2019	2018	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net earnings		24,617	10,594	29,602	38,860	
Non-cash items:					•	
Special items	4	(13,623)	5,212	(2,454)	5,944	
Finance costs, net	5	7,946	5,299	22,169	15,191	
Depreciation and amortization	5	16,521	10,031	48,145	29,437	
Income tax expense	5	2,281	3,788	4,539	8,669	
Amortization and reserves related to incentives granted to customers		5,306	4,435	15,621	12,420	
Other non-cash items		(2,125)	991	432	464	
Changes in working capital items	7	(32,359)	31,411	(67,920)	(2,154)	
Interest paid		(8,576)	(4,654)	(21,287)	(13,904)	
Income taxes recovered (paid)		2,135	5,493	965	(13,746)	
Cash flows from operating activities		2,123	72,600	29,812	81,181	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				(204)		
Business acquisitions Business disposal	4	17.262	-	(294)	-	
Net balance of purchase price	4	17,263	(1,035)	17,263	(6,833)	
		(514)	(6,246)	(1,647)	(33,416)	
Advances to merchant members and incentives granted to customers Reimbursement of advances to merchant members		(4,239) 702	1,240	(13,524) 4,696	4,275	
Acquisitions of property and equipment		(4,556)	(4,089)	(16,270)	(10,716)	
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		93	304	2,678	887	
Acquisitions and development of intangible assets		(442)	(792)	(1,496)	(2,104)	
Other provisions paid		(188)	(752)	(307)	(108)	
Cash flows from (used in) investing activities		8,119	(10,618)	(8,901)	(48,015)	
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES Increase in long-term debt		90,613	110,599	204,838	208,512	
Repayment of long-term debt	7	(83,598)	(182,419)	(203,605)	(252,043)	
Net increase (decrease) in merchant members' deposits in the	,	(83,338)	(102,413)	(203,003)	(232,043)	
guarantee fund		47	68	(100)	514	
Repurchase and cancellation of common shares	12	-	-	-	(1,422)	
Issuance of common shares	12	-	958	-	1,096	
Dividends paid		(3,006)	(2,972)	(8,891)	(9,230)	
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities		4,056	(73,766)	(7,758)	(52,573)	
Effects of fluctuations in exchange rates on cash		(405)	(195)	(423)	(214)	
Net increase (decrease) in cash		13,893	(11,979)	12,730	(19,621)	
Cash, beginning of period		6,873	23,030	8,036	30,672	
Cash, end of period		20,766	11,051	20,766	11,051	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(In thousands of US dollars, unaudited)	Note	Sept. 30,	Jan. 1,	Dec. 31,
		2019	2019	2018
ASSETS			(note 3)	
Current assets:				
Cash		20,766	8,036	8,036
Cash held in escrow		1,630	3,591	3,591
Trade and other receivables		274,342	248,507	247,732
Balance of sale price		2,265	-	-
Income taxes receivable		25,396	16,789	16,789
Inventory		496,108	524,335	524,335
Prepaid expenses		12,069	10,502	10,502
Derivative financial instruments	13	81	442	442
Total current assets		832,657	812,202	811,427
Investments and advances to merchant members		39,144	46,039	46,039
Property and equipment	8	172,259	171,584	83,956
Intangible assets		195,923	210,331	210,331
Goodwill		369,966	372,007	372,007
Derivative financial instruments	13	-	940	940
Deferred tax assets		19,338	17,506	15,870
TOTAL ASSETS		1,629,287	1,630,609	1,540,570
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Trade and other payables		470,456	531,380	532,676
Balance of purchase price, net		103	3,580	4,062
Provision for restructuring charges	4	4,541	2,939	4,173
Income taxes payable		16,710	3,987	3,987
Dividends payable		2,960	2,876	2,876
Current portion of long-term debt and merchant members' deposits in the				
guarantee fund		28,577	26,768	4,230
Derivative financial instruments	13	3,275	3,058	3,058
Total current liabilities		526,622	574,588	555,062
Long-term employee benefit obligations		20,912	12,799	12,799
Long-term debt	11	522,710	497,068	422,603
Merchant members' deposits in the guarantee fund		5,477	5,424	5,424
Balance of purchase price		1,247	1,212	1,212
Other provisions		1,087	1,424	1,424
Derivative financial instruments	13	531	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities		17,772	18,164	18,164
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,096,358	1,110,679	1,016,688
TOTAL EQUITY		532,929	519,930	523,882
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		1,629,287	1,630,609	1,540,570

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In thousands of US dollars, except per share amounts, percentages and otherwise specified) (unaudited)

## 1 - GOVERNING STATUTE AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Uni-Select Inc. ("Uni-Select") is a corporation domiciled in Canada and duly incorporated and governed by the Business Corporations Act (Québec). Uni-Select is the parent company of a group of entities, which includes Uni-Select and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Corporation"). The Corporation is a major distributor of automotive products and paint and related products for motor vehicles. The Corporation's registered office is located at 170 Industriel Blvd., Boucherville, Québec, Canada.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements present the operations and financial position of the Corporation and all of its subsidiaries.

The Corporation's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol UNS.

## 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

### Statement of compliance

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") applicable to the preparation of interim financial statements. As permitted under IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", these interim consolidated financial statements constitute a condensed set of financial statements, as the Corporation does not present all the notes to consolidated financial statements included in its annual report. The significant accounting policies followed in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied in the audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2018, except for the changes in accounting policies as described in note 3. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The Board of Directors approved and authorized for issuance these interim condensed consolidated financial statements on November 13, 2019.

#### **Basis of measurement**

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments, which are measured at fair value, provisions, which are measured based on the best estimates of the expenditures required to settle the obligation and the post-employment benefit obligations, which are measured at the present value of the defined benefit obligations and reduced by the fair value of plan assets.

# Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Corporation's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The Corporation's functional currencies are the US dollar for entities located in the United States, the Canadian dollar for entities located in Canada and the British pound for entities located in the United Kingdom. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in US dollars, which is the Corporation's presentation currency.

## Seasonality of interim operations

Sales of the Corporation follow seasonal patterns. Typically, sales are stronger during the second and the third quarters for FinishMaster U.S. and the Canadian Automotive Group segments, and during the first and the second quarters for The Parts Alliance U.K. segment. As such, the operating results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of full-year performance. Refer to note 14 for further details on segmented information.

# Use of accounting estimates and judgments

The most significant uses of judgment, estimates and assumptions are described in the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, except for the modifications resulting from IFRS first time adoption as described in note 3.

## 3 - MODIFICATIONS TO SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting changes adopted in 2019

The Corporation applied, for the first time, IFRS 16 "Leases" that does not require restatement of previous consolidated financial statements. As required by IAS 34, the nature and effect of these changes are disclosed below.

#### Leases

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 "Leases", replacing the current standard on leases (IAS 17). IFRS 16 eliminates the classification as an operating lease and requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease obligation in the consolidated statements of financial position with exemptions permitted for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. In addition, IFRS 16 changes the definition of a lease, sets requirements on how to account for the asset and liability (including complexities such as non-lease elements, variable lease payments and options periods), changes the accounting for sale and leaseback arrangements and introduces new disclosure requirements.

The Corporation has applied the modified retrospective transition approach and did not restate comparative amounts of the year prior to its adoption, as permitted by IFRS 16. Under this approach, the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 was recognized as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at the date of the initial application. IFRS 16 has affected primarily the accounting for the Corporation's real estate operating leases. The Corporation has elected to apply the following transitional practical expedients:

- Apply the new standard to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying IAS 17;
- Apply a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- Account for leases for which the remaining lease term ends within 12 months of the effective date as a short-term lease; and
- Recognize short-term leases and low-value asset leases on a straight-line basis as "Other operating expenses" in the consolidated statements of earnings.

Under the new standard, the Corporation recognized new assets (right-of-use assets) and liabilities (lease obligations) of \$87,628 and \$97,003 (\$22,538 in the current portion of long-term debt and \$74,465 in the long-term debt), respectively, as well as deferred tax assets of \$1,636. The following table presents a reconciliation of the elements impacted by IFRS 16 as part of the interim condensed consolidated statements of financial position as at January 1, 2019:

		IFRS 16		
	Jan. 1, 2019	adjustment	Dec. 31, 2018	
Trade and other receivables	248,507	775	247,732	
Total current assets	812,202	775	811,427	
Property and equipment	171,584	87,628	83,956	
Deferred tax assets	17,506	1,636	15,870	
TOTAL ASSETS	1,630,609	90,039	1,540,570	
Trade and other payables	531,380	(1,296)	532,676	
Balance of purchase price, net	3,580	(482)	4,062	
Provision for restructuring charges	2,939	(1,234)	4,173	
Current portion of long-term debt	26,768	22,538	4,230	
Total current liabilities	574,588	19,526	555,062	
Long-term debt	497,068	74,465	422,603	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,110,679	93,991	1,016,688	
TOTAL EQUITY	519,930	(3,952)	523,882	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	1,630,609	90,039	1,540,570	

#### 3 - MODIFICATIONS TO SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The following table presents reconciliation of lease obligations as at January 1, 2019:

	January 1, 2019
Minimum lease payments under operating contracts as at December 31, 2018	160,193
Practical expedients for:	
Short-term leases	(1,262)
Low-value asset leases	(1,393)
Leases commencing in 2019	(39,117)
Lease-type obligations (service components)	(10,216)
Effect from discounting at the incremental borrowing rate as of January 1, 2019	(11,202)
Lease obligations recognized due to initial application of IFRS 16 as at January 1, 2019	97,003

The lease obligations were discounted at the borrowing rate as at January 1, 2019, in line with transition methodology selected by the Corporation. The weighted average discount rate was 5.0%.

The new disclosure requirements of IFRS 16 partially impacted the information described under notes 2 and 3 of the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. The following sections were modified as follows:

Basis of presentation - Use of accounting estimates and judgments

Leases: At the inception of a contract, the Corporation uses judgment in determining whether the contract is, or contains, a lease.

#### Significant accounting policies - Property and equipment

Property and equipment is measured at its cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to acquiring the asset and preparing the asset for its intended use. The cost less residual value of the property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives in accordance with the following methods and periods:

	Methods	Periods / Rate
Paving	Diminishing balance	8%
Buildings	Straight-line and diminishing balance	30 to 50 years / 5%
Right-of-use assets - Buildings	Straight-line	Lease term
Furniture and equipment	Straight-line and diminishing balance	4 to 10 years / 20%
Computer equipment and system software	Straight-line and diminishing balance	3 to 5 years / 30%
Automotive equipment	Straight-line and diminishing balance	4 to 5 years / 30%
Right-of-use assets - Vehicles	Diminishing balance	30%
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line	Lease term (1)

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding renewal options for additional periods, if any.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date.

# Significant accounting policies - Leases

In general, leases are recognized as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease obligation. On initial recognition, assets acquired under leases are recorded in "Property and equipment" at the lower of the fair value of the asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments. A corresponding liability is recorded as a lease obligation within "Long-term debt". In subsequent periods, the asset is depreciated over the estimated useful life and interest on the obligation is recorded in "Finance costs, net" in the consolidated statements of earnings.

For exceptions, such as short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, leased assets and their corresponding lease obligation are not recognized in the Corporation's consolidated statements of financial position. Payments made under these leases are recognized in net earnings on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

## **Future accounting changes**

Information on new standards, amendments and interpretations that are expected to be relevant to the Corporation's interim condensed consolidated financial statements is provided in the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Certain other new standards and interpretations have been issued but had no material impact on the Corporation's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 4 - SPECIAL ITEMS

Special items comprise gain and expenses which do not reflect the Corporation's core performance or where their separate presentation will assist users of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements in understanding the Corporation's results for the period. Special items are detailed as follows:

	Quarters ended Sept. 30,		Nine-month period ended Sept. 30	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net gain on business disposal	(19,395)	-	(19,395)	-
Restructuring and other charges related to the Performance Improvement Plan	4,553	-	12,514	-
Review of strategic alternatives	1,219	5,196	4,427	5,196
Net transaction charges related to The Parts Alliance acquisition	-	16	-	748
	(13,623)	5,212	(2,454)	5,944

#### Net gain on business disposal

On September 30, 2019, the Corporation completed the sale of all the assets pertaining to its ProColor banner program, a separate division of its business that was launched in 2001 and that is now supporting a network of 172 collision repair shops.

As of September 30, 2019, total sale price amounted to \$19,528, comprising a balance of sale price of \$2,265 and net cash proceeds for \$17,263. The assets sold, mainly composed of property and equipment, generated a net gain of \$19,395 during the third quarter of 2019.

## Restructuring and other charges related to the Performance Improvement Plan

In January 2019, the Corporation announced a broad performance improvement and rightsizing plan for the FinishMaster U.S. segment, which mainly consists of headcount reduction and the consolidation of locations, while optimizing the supply chain. The 25/20 Plan announced during the fourth quarter of 2018 and the FinishMaster U.S. segment performance improvement and rightsizing plan combined together are now referred to as the "Performance Improvement Plan" ("PIP") of the Corporation. As well, in July 2019, due to the uncertainty and challenging macroeconomics in the U.K., the Corporation decided to expand the PIP in The Parts Alliance segment.

The Corporation recognized for the quarter and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, restructuring and other charges totalling \$4,553 and \$12,514 respectively. These charges are detailed as follows:

	end	Quarters ended Sept. 30,		onth periods led Sept. 30,
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Restructuring charges (1)	2,620	-	4,605	-
Other charges as incurred (2)	1,540	-	4,190	-
Non-cash costs related to the write-down of assets	393	-	3,719	-
	4,553	-	12,514	-

<sup>(1)</sup> Mainly severance and termination benefits.

The variances in the provision for restructuring charges are detailed as follows:

	Nine-month period ended Sept. 30,	Year ended December 31,
	2019	2018
Balance, beginning of period, December 31	4,173	-
Plus: IFRS 16 adjustment (note 3)	(1,234)	-
Balance, beginning of period, January 1	2,939	-
Restructuring charges recognized during the period	4,605	5,055
Provision used during the period	(3,066)	(848)
Effects of fluctuations in exchange rates	63	(34)
Balance, end of period	4,541	4,173

<sup>(2)</sup> Primarily comprising consulting fees related to the optimization of the logistical processes and moving costs.

#### 4 - SPECIAL ITEMS (CONTINUED)

#### **Review of strategic alternatives**

On September 18, 2018, the Corporation announced Management changes with the immediate departure and replacement of its President and Chief Executive Officer, and the President and Chief Operating Officer of FinishMaster, Inc., which lead to the review of strategic alternatives.

The Corporation recognized, during the quarter and the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, charges totalling \$1,219 and \$4,427 respectively. These charges are detailed as follows:

	end	Quarters ended Sept. 30,		Nine-month periods ended Sept. 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Severance	-	4,590	-	4,590	
Retention bonuses	694	606	2,552	606	
Consulting fees (1)	525	-	1,875	-	
	1,219	5,196	4,427	5,196	

<sup>(1)</sup> Primarily comprising consulting fees related to the review of strategic alternatives.

## Net transaction charges related to The Parts Alliance acquisition

In connection with The Parts Alliance acquisition completed in August 2017, the Corporation recognized transaction charges totalling \$16 and \$748 for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2018. These charges included acquisition costs of \$16 and \$294, respectively, for the quarter and nine-month period and other charges related to the acquisition of \$454 for the nine-month period.

## 5 - INFORMATION INCLUDED IN CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS

#### Finance costs, net

	Quarters ended Sept. 30,			onth periods ed Sept. 30,
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Interest on long-term debt	6,027	4,846	16,471	13,596
Interest on lease obligations	1,555	126	4,776	362
Amortization of financing costs	249	224	690	712
Net interest expense on the long-term employee benefit obligations	122	125	365	382
Reclassification of realized losses (gains) on derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges to net earnings	(29)	(8)	(237)	143
Interest on merchant members' deposits in the guarantee fund and others	100	61	297	150
	8,024	5,374	22,362	15,345
Interest income from merchant members and others	(78)	(75)	(193)	(154)
	7,946	5,299	22,169	15,191

## Depreciation and amortization

	end	Quarters ended Sept. 30,		Nine-month periods ended Sept. 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Depreciation of property and equipment	4,089	3,802	11,966	11,214	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	7,656	1,189	21,578	3,338	
Amortization of intangible assets	4,776	5,040	14,601	14,885	
	16,521	10,031	48,145	29,437	

#### Income taxes

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the income tax expense was \$2,281 and \$4,539 (\$3,788 and \$8,669 respectively in 2018), and the corresponding tax rate was 8.5% and 13.3% (26.3% and 18.2% in 2018). The variation year-over-year is mainly attributable to the change in the expected tax benefit related to a financing structure as a result of the December 20, 2018 U.S. proposed regulations, the impact of the difference in tax rates from foreign jurisdictions and the different geographic "Earnings before income taxes" as well as the taxable portion of the gain on the sale of the ProColor program which was offset by the utilization of capital losses previously unrecognized.

# 6 - EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	end	Quarters ed Sept. 30,		onth periods ded Sept. 30,
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net earnings considered for basic and diluted earnings per share	24,617	10,594	29,602	38,860
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding for basic earnings per share Impact of the stock options (1)	42,387,300	42,203,200 53,388	42,387,300	42,235,377 191,684
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	42,387,300	42,256,588	43,387,300	42,427,061
Earnings per share basic and diluted	0.58	0.25	0.70	0.92

<sup>(1)</sup> For both the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, options to acquire 748,663 common shares (844,214 for both periods in 2018) were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as the strike price of the options was higher than the average market price of the shares.

# 7 - INFORMATION INCLUDED IN CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS

#### Changes in working capital items

The changes in working capital items are detailed as follows:

	end	Quarters ended Sept. 30,		onth periods led Sept. 30,
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Trade and other receivables	1,604	(14,365)	(24,000)	(47,962)
Inventory	6,927	(9,453)	29,369	(17,892)
Prepaid expenses	537	1,020	(1,799)	(1,972)
Trade and other payables	(40,352)	54,209	(68,424)	65,672
Provision for restructuring and other charges (note 4)	(1,075)	-	(3,066)	
	(32,359)	31,411	(67,920)	(2,154)

## Repayment of long-term debt

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, repayment of long-term debt includes cash outflow for leases totalling \$19,176 (\$11,885 for 2018).

# 8 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and paving	Buildings	Right-of-use assets - Buildings	Furniture and equipment	Computer equipment and system software	Automotive equipment	Right-of-use assets - Vehicles ir	Leasehold mprovements	Total
Cost	6,257	23,530	-	39,715	34,849	22,141	25,242	23,984	175,718
Accumulated depreciation	(420)	(9,501)	-	(21,707)	(23,794)	(10,157)	(13,562)	(12,621)	(91,762)
Net book value, end of year 2018	5,837	14,029	-	18,008	11,055	11,984	11,680	11,363	83,956
Plus: IFRS 16 adjustment (note 3)									
Cost (1)	-	-	170,210	-	-	-	-	1,582	171,792
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(84,164)	-	-	-	-	-	(84,164)
Total net adjustment	-	-	86,046	-	-	-	-	1,582	87,628
Cost	6,257	23,530	170,210	39,715	34,849	22,141	25,242	25,566	347,510
Accumulated depreciation	(420)	(9,501)	(84,164)	(21,707)	(23,794)	(10,157)	(13,562)	(12,621)	(175,926)
Net book value, January 1, 2019	5,837	14,029	86,046	18,008	11,055	11,984	11,680	12,945	171,584
Additions	69	111	24,148	7,225	3,392	2,858	2,966	1,518	42,287
Impairment (note 4)	-	(19)	(2,988)	(383)	(49)	(62)	-	(218)	(3,719)
Disposals	(509)	(1,383)	(482)	(289)	(78)	(686)	(457)	-	(3,884)
Depreciation (note 5)	(32)	(573)	(18,783)	(2,645)	(3,483)	(3,316)	(2,795)	(1,917)	(33,544)
Effects of fluctuations in exchange rates	(20)	35	(199)	(182)	20	(281)	41	121	(465)
Balance, September 30, 2019	5,345	12,200	87,742	21,734	10,857	10,497	11,435	12,449	172,259
Cost	5,810	22,392	191,075	42,724	36,121	21,847	25,921	24,139	370,029
Accumulated depreciation	(465)	(10,192)	(103,333)	(20,990)	(25,264)	(11,350)	(14,486)	(11,690)	(197,770)
Net book value, September 30, 2019	5,345	12,200	87,742	21,734	10,857	10,497	11,435	12,449	172,259

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in the cost as at the transition date, January 1, 2019, is an impairment of \$1,184 related to the restructuring previously accounted for as onerous leases as at December 31, 2018.

## 9 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

#### Common share stock option plan for management employees and officers

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, 207,169 options were granted to management employees and officers of the Corporation (181,679 options for 2018), with an average exercise price of C\$19.17 (C\$28.61 in 2018). During the nine-month period, no options were exercised (98,692 options for 2018) and no options were forfeited or expired (37,640 options for 2018). As at September 30, 2019, options granted for the issuance of 748,663 common shares (951,706 common shares as at September 30, 2018) were outstanding under the Corporation's stock option plan. For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, compensation expense of \$294 and \$499 (\$320 and \$1,125 respectively in 2018) was recorded in the "Net earnings", with the corresponding amounts recorded in "Contributed surplus".

#### Deferred share unit ("DSU") plan

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the Corporation granted 128,269 DSUs (49,360 DSUs for 2018) and 27,346 DSUs were redeemed (17,284 DSUs for 2018). Compensation expense (reversal) of \$155 and \$259 (\$323 and \$(10) respectively in 2018) was recorded during the quarter and nine-month period, and 251,390 DSUs were outstanding as at September 30, 2019 (185,414 DSUs as at September 30, 2018). As at September 30, 2019, the compensation liability was \$2,110 (\$2,114 as at December 31, 2018) and the fair value of the equity swap agreement was a liability of \$2,335 (liability of \$1,332 as at December 31, 2018).

#### Performance share unit ("PSU") plan

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the Corporation granted 173,839 PSUs (135,709 PSUs for 2018) and redeemed 75,407 PSUs (109,386 PSUs for 2018). Compensation expense (reversal) of nil and \$(144) (\$149 and \$30 respectively in 2018) was recorded during the quarter and nine-month period, and 258,535 PSUs were outstanding as at September 30, 2019 (299,312 PSUs as at September 30, 2018). As at September 30, 2019, the compensation liability was nil (\$317 as at December 31, 2018) and the fair value of the equity swap agreement was a liability of \$856 (liability of \$1,726 as at December 31, 2018).

## 10 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

For the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, the employee benefits expense related to the Corporation's defined-benefit pension plans was \$494 and \$1,471 (\$651 and \$1,983 for 2018), and the net interest expense of \$122 and \$365 (\$125 and \$382 respectively in 2018) was recorded in "Finance costs, net". Employee benefits expense of \$1,063 and \$3,470 (\$983 and \$3,103 respectively in 2018) related to the Corporation's defined-contribution pension plans was also recognized for the same respective periods.

#### 11 - LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT FACILITIES

			Current			
	Maturity	Effective interest rate	portion	Sept. 30,	Jan. 1,	Dec. 31 <b>,</b>
				2019	2019	2018
Revolving credit facility, variable rates (1)(2)	2023	3.511% to 7.250%	-	435,442	414,741	414,741
Lease obligations - vehicles, variable rates	-	-	4,167	11,534	11,987	11,987
Lease obligations - buildings, variable rates (3)	-	-	24,311	104,208	97,003	-
Others	2021	-	4	8	11	11
			28,482	551,192	523,742	426,739
Instalments due within a year				28,482	26,674	4,136
Long-term debt				522,710	497,068	422,603

As at September 30, 2019, a nominal amount of \$439,173 was used under the Corporation's revolving credit facility (\$418,220 as at December 31, 2018). The difference with the carrying amount presented above is composed of deferred financing costs.

## Letter of credit facility

As at September 30, 2019, \$7,137 of letters of credit have been issued (\$7,337 as at December 31, 2018).

<sup>(2)</sup> As at September 30, 2019, a principal amount of \$326,374 of the revolving credit facility was designated as a hedge of net investments in foreign operations (\$302,865 as at December 31, 2018).

<sup>(3)</sup> See note 3 for further details following the adoption of IFRS 16.

# 12 - SHARE CAPITAL

## Repurchase and cancellation of common shares

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, there was no common share repurchase or cancellation.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, 92,696 common shares were repurchased in connection with the normal course issuer bid announced in April 2018. The shares were repurchased for a cash consideration of \$1,422 including a share repurchase and cancellation premium of \$1,232 applied as a reduction of retained earnings.

#### Issuance of common shares

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019, there was no common share issued. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2018, the Corporation issued 98,692 common shares at the exercise of stock options for a cash consideration of \$1,096. The weighted average price of the exercise of stock options was C\$14.52 for the period.

As of September 30, 2019, 42,387,300 common shares were outstanding (same as at December 31, 2018).

#### **Dividends**

A total of C\$0.0925 per common share was declared by the Corporation for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 (C\$0.0925 for 2018). A total of C\$0.2775 per common share was declared by the Corporation for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019 (C\$0.2775 for 2018).

## 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The classification of financial instruments as well as their carrying amounts and fair values are summarized as follows:

		Septemb	er <b>30, 201</b> 9	January 1, 2019		ary 1, 2019	December 31, 2	
		Carrying amount	Fair value		Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial assets (liabilities) carried at amortized cost								
Cash		20,766	20,766		8,036	8,036	8,036	8,036
Cash held in escrow		1,630	1,630		3,591	3,591	3,591	3,591
Trade receivables (1)		253,167	253,167		227,996	227,996	227,221	227,221
Balance of sale price		2,265	2,265		-	-	-	-
Advances to merchant members	Level 2	1,762	1,762	Level 2	2,511	2,511	2,511	2,511
Trade and other payables (1)		(451,021)	(451,021)		(513,409)	(513,409)	(514,705)	(514,705)
Balance of purchase price, net (1)		(1,350)	(1,350)		(4,792)	(4,792)	(5,274)	(5,274)
Dividends payable		(2,960)	(2,960)		(2,876)	(2,876)	(2,876)	(2,876)
Long-term debt (except lease obligations and financing costs)	Level 2	(439,181)	(439,181)	Level 2	(418,231)	(418,231)	(418,231)	(418,231)
Merchant members' deposits in the guarantee fund	Level 2	(5,572)	(5,572)	Level 2	(5,518)	(5,518)	(5,518)	(5,518)
Financial assets (liabilities) carried at fair value								
Derivative financial instruments								
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Level 2	(90)	(90)	Level 2	442	442	442	442
Cross-currency interest rate swaps	Level 2	87	87	Level 2	-	-	-	-
Interest rate swaps – Short-term (2)	Level 2	-	-	Level 2	940	940	940	940
Interest rate swaps – Long-term (2)	Level 2	(531)	(531)	Level 2	-	-	-	-
Equity swap agreements	Level 2	(3,191)	(3,191)	Level 2	(3,058)	(3,058)	(3,058)	(3,058)

<sup>(1)</sup> See note 3 for further details following the adoption of IFRS 16.

# Financial assets (liabilities) carried at amortized cost

The fair value of the advances to merchant members is equivalent to their carrying value as these instruments are bearing interests that reflect current market conditions for similar instruments.

<sup>(2)</sup> Derivatives designated in a hedge relationship.

#### 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The fair value of the long-term debt (except lease obligations and financing costs) has been determined by calculating the present value of the interest rate spread that exists between the actual credit facilities and the rate that would be negotiated with the economic conditions at the reporting date. The fair value of long-term debt approximates its carrying value as the effective interest rates applicable to the Corporation's credit facilities reflect current market conditions.

The fair value of the merchant members' deposits in the guarantee fund is equivalent to their carrying value since their interest rates are comparable to market rates.

#### Financial assets (liabilities) carried at fair value

The fair value of the foreign exchange forward contracts was determined using exchange rates quoted in the active market adjusted for the credit risk added by the financial institutions.

The fair value of the interest rate swaps was determined using interest rates quoted in the active market adjusted for the credit risk added by the financial institutions.

The fair value of the equity swap agreements was determined using share prices quoted in the active market adjusted for the credit risk added by the financial institutions.

#### Fair value hierarchy

Financial instruments measured at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position are classified according to the following hierarchy:

- Level 1: consists of measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: consists of measurement techniques mainly based on inputs, other than quoted prices (included within Level 1), that are observable either directly or indirectly in the market; and
- Level 3: consists of measurement techniques that are not mainly based on observable market data.

## Derivative financial instruments - hedge of foreign exchange risk

The Corporation entered into forward contracts in order to mitigate the foreign exchange risks mainly related to purchases in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of the Corporation. The consolidated forward contracts outstanding as at September 30, 2019, are as follows:

Currencies (sold/bought)	Maturity	Average rate (1)	Notional amount (2)
CAD/USD	Up to February 2020	0.76	9,427
GBP/USD	Up to December 2019	1.21	4,199
GBP/EUR	Up to December 2019	1.11	4,486

<sup>(1)</sup> Rates are expressed as the number of units of the currency bought for one unit of currency sold.

The Corporation also entered into short-term cross-currency interest rate swap agreements in order to synthetically convert a portion of its Canadian-dollar-denominated revolving credit facility into US dollars. The consolidated cross-currency interest rate swap agreements outstanding as at September 30, 2019, are as follows:

Receive - Notional	Receive - Rate	Pay - Notional	Pay - Rate	Maturity
C\$35,000	4.414%	US\$26,500	4.778%	October 2019

These short-term cross-currency interest rate swaps are not designated for hedge accounting and are measured at fair value at the end of each period. Fair value variances are recognized in the consolidated statements of earnings, and are presented under "Other operating expenses", with a corresponding asset or liability for derivative financial instruments in the consolidated statements of financial position. Pursuant to these agreements, the Corporation generates offsetting cash flows related to the underlying position with respect to the amount and timing of forecasted foreign currency transactions. The net effect to the short-term cross-currency interest rate swaps partly offset fluctuations in currency rates impacting the foreign exchange gains/losses resulting from long-term debts in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of the Corporation.

## Derivative financial instruments used in cash flow hedges - hedge of interest rate risk

The Corporation entered into various swap agreements to hedge the variable interest cash flows on a portion of the Corporation's revolving credit facility and term loan for total nominal amounts of \$55,000 for interest rate swaps denominated in US dollars (\$67,500 as at December 31, 2018), and £70,000 for interest rate swaps denominated in British pounds (same as at December 31, 2018). Until their respective maturities, these agreements are fixing the interest cash flows between 1.745% and 1.760% for interest rate swaps denominated in US dollars, and to 0.955% for interest rate swaps denominated in British pounds.

<sup>(2)</sup> Exchange rates as at September 30, 2019, were used to translate amounts in foreign currencies.

#### 13 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## Derivative financial instruments - hedge of share-based payments cost

In 2016, the Corporation entered into equity swap agreements in order to manage the market price risk of its common shares. As at September 30, 2019, the equity swap agreements covered the equivalent of 214,277 common shares of the Corporation (364,277 as at December 31, 2018).

## 14 - SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Corporation is providing information on four reportable segments:

FinishMaster U.S.: distribution of automotive refinish and industrial paint and related products representing

FinishMaster, Inc. in the U.S. market;

Canadian Automotive Group: distribution of automotive aftermarket parts, including refinish and industrial paint and related products,

through Canadian networks;

The Parts Alliance U.K.: distribution of automotive original equipment manufacturer and aftermarket parts, serving local and

national customers across the United Kingdom; and

Corporate Office and Others: head office expenses and other expenses mainly related to the financing structure.

The profitability measure employed by the Corporation for assessing segment performance is segment income (loss).

Following the adoption of IFRS 16 (note 3), the Corporation considers that the "Earnings before income taxes" is the preferred comparative measure to assess the performance of the segments, rather than the "Earnings before finance costs, depreciation and amortization and income taxes" as previously used.

Quarters ended Sept. 30,

	FinishMaster U.S.				The Parts Alliance U.K.		Corporate Office and Others			Total
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	215,735	214,209	137,233	131,128	97,790	103,508	-	-	450,758	448,845
Segment income (loss) (1)	13,440	16,721	6,948	6,225	1,819	4,298	(8,932)	(7,650)	13,275	19,594
Special items (note 4)	1,026	-	(18,995)	-	3,127	-	1,219	5,212	(13,623)	5,212
Segment income (loss) reported (2)	12,414	16,721	25,943	6,225	(1,308)	4,298	(10,151)	(12,862)	26,898	14,382
Income tax expense									2,281	3,788
Net earnings									24,617	10,594

Nine-month periods ended Sept. 30,

										<u> </u>
	FinishMaster		FinishMaster Canadian		The Parts Alliance		<b>Corporate Office</b>			
		U.S.	S. Automotive Group		U.K.		and Others			Total
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Sales	632,494	626,542	393,791	381,369	300,685	324,599	-	-	1,326,970	1,332,510
Segment income										
(loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	34,026	49,287	21,718	13,351	2,760	18,039	(26,817)	(27,204)	31,687	53,473
Special items (note 4)	7,507	-	(17,515)	-	3,127	-	4,427	5,944	(2,454)	5,944
Segment income										
(loss) reported (2)	26,519	49,287	39,233	13,351	(367)	18,039	(31,244)	(33,148)	34,141	47,529
Income tax expense									4,539	8,669
Net earnings									29,602	38,860

The chief operating decision maker uses primarily one measure of profit to make decisions and assess performance, being earnings before income taxes plus special items.

<sup>(2)</sup> Per consolidated statements of earnings, corresponds to "Earnings before income taxes".

# 14 - SEGMENTED INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Corporation operates in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The primary financial information per geographic location is as follows:

	Quarters ended Sept. 30,			onth periods ded Sept. 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	
Sales			,		
United States	215,735	214,209	632,494	626,542	
Canada	137,233	131,128	393,791	381,369	
United Kingdom	97,790	103,508	300,685	324,599	
	450,758	448,845	1,326,970	1,332,510	
			Septeml	per 30, 2019	
	United		United		
	 States	Canada	Kingdom	Total	
Property and equipment	53,816	60,440	58,003	172,259	
Intangible assets with definite useful lives	95,745	24,652	39,847	160,244	
Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives	7,900	-	27,779	35,679	
Goodwill	201,951	57,359	110,656	369,966	
			Jan	uary 1, 2019	
	United		United		
	 States	Canada	Kingdom	Total	
Property and equipment (1)	61,353	48,799	61,432	171,584	
Intangible assets with definite useful lives	102,834	26,234	44,666	173,734	
Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives	7,900	-	28,697	36,597	
Goodwill	201,951	55,743	114,313	372,007	
			Decemb	per 31, 2018	
	United		United		
	 States	Canada	Kingdom	Total	
Property and equipment	25,460	26,206	32,290	83,956	
Intangible assets with definite useful lives	102,834	26,234	44,666	173,734	
Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives	7,900	-	28,697	36,597	
Goodwill	201,951	55,743	114,313	372,007	

<sup>(1)</sup> See note 3 for further details following the adoption of IFRS 16.



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