


## Outlook for Franchised New Car Dealers

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## Two Challenges/Opportunities facing Dealerships: 1. Rising Average Retail Gasoline/Diesel Price



Source: Energy Information Administration

## 2. Rising Interest Rates



Source: Federal Reserve, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Average Home Price Trend vs. Outstanding Home Equity Loans



Sources: National Association of Realtors and FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile

## U.S. Households: Potential and Realized Cash from Home Equity Extraction



Source: Federal Reserve Board, Divisions of Research, Statistics \& Monetary Affairs

## Price Index of New One-Family Houses Sold Index Value-1996=100 (Includes Lot)



## Total U.S. Licensed Drivers:

 Rising at a More Modest Rate Recently

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

## World Production of Crude Oil, NGPL \& Other Liquids vs. World Vehicles in Operation



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Ward's Automotive Group

## U.S. Finished Motor Gasoline Stocks vs. Gasoline Prices



Source: U.S. Department of Energy Monthly Energy Review, EIA

## The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index



Source: Conference Board

## NADA Dealer Optimism Index <br> Leading Indicator of New-Vehicle Sales



## U.S. Light Vehicle Sales: 16.5 Million Units in 2006 and near 16.5 Million Units likely in 2007



## Crossovers, Small and Large Cars had Sales Growth Percentage Sales Growth in Full-Year 2006

Crossover Utility Vehicles


Source: Ward's Automotive

## Crossovers and Small Cars are the only Categories with Sales Growth, Year-to-Date April 2007

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Source: Ward's Automotive

## Median Vehicle Age Moving Higher



## Light Vehicle Market Share Percentages By Major Manufacturer



## U.S. Household Net Financial Assets



Source: Federal Reserve Flow of Funds Data, Z.I., Table L.10.

## Manufacturer Incentives:

 Lower in 2007 Thus Far, through AprilException is the Euro-badged Vehicles


Source: Edmunds.com

## AuctionNet Wholesale Used SUV Prices and Gas Prices

 Ward's SUV and Pickup Segments

## AuctionNet Average Wholesale Used Vehicle Price and Smoothed Trend (Red Line)

What will \$3 Plus Gas and Higher New Car Incentives Do?



