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## THE USED VEHICLE MARKET: BUMPS ON THE ROAD AHEAD

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## Introduction

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Charles is a seasoned quantitative analyst and researcher with over 25 years of experience utilizing data to identify industry trends and opportunities.

Charles joined Cox Automotive recently and is focused on expanding the organization's research and analysis initiatives, and on the economic and industry outlook.

Charles comes to Cox after working as Chief Economist at OESA, the automotive supplier trade association, and IHS Automotive where he was Director of Industry Analysis and Senior Economist. At IHS, Charles was responsible for developing and integrating statistical models and economic scenarios into IHS global automotive forecasts.

Charles has also worked for Ford Motor Company's marketing strategy group as well as two technology start-up companies and two market research firms. He began his career as a floor trader at the Chicago Board of Trade.

Charles earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of Business at Michigan State University and a master's degree in applied economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He returned to Michigan State University and completed all courses for the economics PhD program.

Charles has won many economic forecasting accuracy awards and is a board member and former President of the Detroit Association for Business Economics and a member of the National Association for Business Economics, the Federal Reserve Bank Automotive Roundtable, and the Society of Automotive Analysts.

## Agenda

- Status of the Used Vehicles
- Market threats and vulnerabilities
- Leasing Karma


## New and Used Light Vehicle Registrations

Old used and new fleet is fairly stable - it's new retail and newer used lifting market to record highs


## Used Light Vehicle Sales

YTD sales up over 4\%, and Independents gaining share



## New Light Vehicle Sales

Pace has slowed since Q4 2015, but still on track for a strong year

Monthly Sales (SAAR, millions)


## Economic Growth and New Light Vehicle Sales

Strong relationship historically, but some divergence since 2009 recession


## Consumer Debt

Total back to pre-recession levels, but now with Student and Auto debt leading the way


## Auto Loan Credit Conditions

Availability has been driving the vehicle market recovery; Why? Car buyers pay their bills


Source: Federal Reserve Bank, Quarterly Data

S\&P/Experian Default Indices


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## Auto Loan Credit Quality

FICO scores stable, but delinquencies starting to rise


## Auto Loans - Subprime

Delinquencies still below previous peak; Amount of poor credit loans is sizable, and vulnerable


## Labor Market

Employment conditions strong - concern is that economy doesn't stay at these levels for long


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## Job Market

5.7 million openings; Quits slowly rising too - workers gaining confidence, wages to follow?


Quits: Jobs Quit Per 100 Employed (3m average)
3.0

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## Labor Market Wages

Wage growth weak since recession; FED watching closely as a potential inflation "spark"


## Interest Rates

More aggressive tightening likely; FED walking a tightrope to avoid recession

Effective Federal Funds Rate (\%, overnight)


Key Interest Rate Forecasts (\%)


## Borrowing Conditions Vulnerable

Consumers spending all loan "savings"; Banking survey suggests change is coming

US Average Amount Financed (new)


Auto Loan Availability


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## Lease and Fleet Share

Bubble forming? High Lease and Fleet will cause problems for residual values, and surge in CPO


Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle Market
Sales still trending 850K+ each month, but high growth period ending



## Off-Lease Projections: By Brand

OEM sales strategies will have lasting impact - some more than others

Count of Leased Vehicles by Year of Return


## Off-Lease Projections: By Segment

Over 3.5 million units coming back to dealers in 2017 - many are "less desired" cars

Count of Leased Vehicles by Year of Return


## New Vehicle Incentives

Spending above recession levels, and pace is accelerating


## Light Vehicle Listing Price

New and Used asking prices weakening - only CPO appears stable



## Vehicle Values

Transaction trends positive on nominal basis but retained values falling



## Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index

Maintaining upward trend through April, but segments vary significantly

Manheim Index (Jan 1995=100)


Change in Wholesale Auction Price (YTD, YOY)


## Average Auction Prices

Weakening prices will have impact on residual values, credit availability and profitability


Average Auction Price: 5 Model Years Past


## Retained Value of MSRP by Segment

Consumer preferences, incentives, fleeting - all impacting valuations


Retained Value of MSRP by Non Luxury OEM
Sales strategies have lasting impact on valuations, and customer loyalties


Retained Value of MSRP by Luxury OEM
Wide differences among premium manufacturers


## Loan Terms Length

Keeping monthly payments low leading to longer terms - and reducing future sales

## Percentage of new loans by term

■ Q4 2015 Q4 2016


Percentage of used loans by term

■ Q4 2015 ■ Q4 2016


## Monthly Payment

Longer loan terms, higher subsidies are stabilizing payments; Falling "Spread" unfavorable to leasing


Spread: Loan Over Lease


## Summary

- Trump victory a surprise and economic policies have shaken the markets - both good and bad - but uncertainty is not a positive contributor to economic growth.
- Economic outlook remains on sound footing: robust job growth, stable consumer spending, low inflation...however business cycle timing suggests a change is coming. What? Monetary and fiscal policy mistakes are possible.
- Auto credit conditions now changing: growth now slowing, interest rates and subprime delinquencies rising. Pull-back in availability occurring.
- Auto Bubble Forming/Popping ? High leasing rates + long-terms overselling market; flood of off-lease vehicles lowering auction prices, impacting residuals, making auto loans less attractive. Will be a headwind for next few years.
- Does weakness in automotive sector lead to economy-wide slowdown? Seems unlikely as long as job growth + low interest rates continues


[^0]:    Source: Experian, monthly data

