

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 MSD CAPITAL L P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR,
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/03/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/03/2016		S	V 225,000	(A) \$ 58.12	D	(1) (2) (3) (4)
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Common Stock					3,253	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Total Return Equity Swap	\$ 58.12	05/03/2016		J/K	225,000	<u>(6)(7)</u> 06/06/2017	Common Stock 225,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MSD CAPITAL L P 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			
MSD SBI LP 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X			
DELL MICHAEL S C/O DELL INC ONE DELL WAY ROUND ROCK, TX 78682	X			

Signatures

MSD Capital, L.P. By: MSD Capital Management LLC Its: General Partner By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Manager 05/05/2016
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

MSD SBI, L.P. By: MSD Capital, L.P. Its: General Partner By: MSD Capital Management LLC Its: General Partner By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Manager 05/05/2016
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Michael S. Dell By: /s/ Marc R. Lisker Name: Marc R. Lisker Title: Attorney-in-Fact 05/05/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This statement is jointly filed by and on behalf of each of MSD Capital, L.P. ("MSD Capital"), MSD SBI, L.P. ("MSD SBI") and Michael S. Dell. MSD Capital is the general partner of MSD SBI and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD SBI. MSD Capital Management LLC ("MSD Capital Management") is the general partner of MSD Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital. Each of Glenn R. Fuhrman and Marc R. Lisker is a manager of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Michael S. Dell is the controlling member of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Each of Messrs. Dell, Fuhrman, and Lisker disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. [footnote cont'd]

(1) securities owned by MSD Capital. Each of Glenn R. Fuhrman and Marc R. Lisker is a manager of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Michael S. Dell is the controlling member of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Each of Messrs. Dell, Fuhrman, and Lisker disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. [footnote cont'd]

(2) [continuation] Mr. Alsfine who is a partner in MSD Capital, was appointed to the Issuer's board of directors and each reporting person may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by Mr. Alsfine.

Each reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that such person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement. Each reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest of such person in such securities.

(3) Each reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. Each reporting person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer.

(4) Represents shares owned by Joel Alsfine, a director of the issuer and a partner in MSD Capital.

On May 3, 2016, simultaneous with the disposition reported in Table I, MSD SBI entered into a cash-settled total return equity swap ("Total Return Swap") with Goldman Sachs International ("Goldman") with a reference price of \$58.12. Under the terms of the Total Return Swap (i) MSD SBI will be obligated to pay to Goldman any negative price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of the Total Return Swap, plus financing, and (ii) Goldman will be obligated to pay to MSD SBI any positive price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of such Total Return Swap. Any dividends received by Goldman on the 225,000 shares of common stock during the term of the Total Return Swap will be paid to MSD SBI.

(6) subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of the Total Return Swap, plus financing, and (ii) Goldman will be obligated to pay to MSD SBI any positive price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of such Total Return Swap. Any dividends received by Goldman on the 225,000 shares of common stock during the term of the Total Return Swap will be paid to MSD SBI.

(7) All balances will be cash settled at the expiration date of the Total Return Swap.

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