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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 30(n) of the Investment Company A

1(b).

Common

Stock

02/05/2018

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(Print or Type Responses)

(11mt of Type 1	(Caponaca)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Karolis George			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
GROUP, IN	(First) (RY AUTOMOTEC., 2905 PREM	IERE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2018						Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate			
	(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Filed(Month/Day/Year)				-			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
DULUTH, GA 30097									_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Execution any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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	02/05/2018			F		130 (1)	` ′	\$ 65.6	4,953	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2018			F		499 (2)	D	\$ 65.6	4,454	D		
Common Stock	02/05/2018			M		621 (3)	A	\$0	5,075	D		

1,348

\$0

\$0

6,423

7,564

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Common Stock			1,141 (5)			
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	189 <u>(6)</u> D	\$ 65.6	7,375	D
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	410 <u>(7)</u> D	\$ 65.6	6,965	D
Common Stock	02/05/2018	F	347 <u>(7)</u> D	\$ 65.6	6,618	D

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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
Performance Share Units	<u>(8)</u>	02/05/2018		M	621	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	621
Performance Share Units	<u>(9)</u>	02/05/2018		M	1,348	<u>(9)</u>	(9)	Common Stock	1,348 (9)
Performance Share Units	<u>(10)</u>	02/05/2018		M	1,141	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	1,141

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Karolis George C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097**

SVP, Corp. Dev. & Real Estate

2 Reporting Owners

Signatures

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney In-Fact

02/07/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2015.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 5, 2016.
- (3) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2015. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (4) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 5, 2016. This transaction represents the vesting of 14.8% of this award.
- Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 5, 2015.
- (7) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 5, 2016.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2016. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2015 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2016, an additional one-third vested on February 5, 2017 and the remaining one-third vested on February 5, 2018.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 6, 2017. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 5, 2016 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 6, 2017, an additional one-third vested on February 5, 2018 and the remaining one-third vests on February 5, 2019.
 - Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on January 25, 2017. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock
- (10) upon vesting. The performance share units granted on February 5, 2016 vest on each anniversary of the grant date over a five year period as follows: 14.8% vested on February 5, 2017; 14.8% vests on February 5, 2018; 14.8% vests on February 5, 2019; 27.8% vests on February 5, 2020; and 27.8% vests on February 5, 2021.

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