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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-QSB

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES ACT OF 1934 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number: 0-26680

NICHOLAS FINANCIAL, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

British Columbia, Canada	8736-3354
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2454 McMullen Booth Road, Building C	
Clearwater, Florida	33759
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(727) 726-0763  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed  
since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter periods that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No .

As of July 31st, 2001 there were 2,370,819 shares of common stock outstanding

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Nicholas Financial, Inc.  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet  
(Unaudited)

	June 30 2001 -----
Assets	
Cash	\$ 217,005
Finance receivables, net	67,114,006
Accounts receivable	15,387
Prepaid expenses and other assets	606,894
Property and equipment, net	326,099
Deferred income taxes	1,076,503
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Total assets	\$69,355,894 =====

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Liabilities	
Line of credit	\$48,973,426
Notes payable - related party	768,008
Accounts payable	2,804,758
Derivatives	989,165
Income taxes payable	577,138
Deferred revenues	673,999
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Total liabilities	54,786,494
Shareholders' equity	
Preferred stock, no par: 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	-
Common stock, no par: 50,000,000 shares authorized; 2,369,819 shares issued and outstanding	3,832,852
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(971,024)
Retained earnings	11,707,572
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	14,569,400
	-----
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$69,355,894
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See accompanying notes.

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Nicholas Financial, Inc.  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30	
	2001	2000
	-----	-----
Revenue:		
Interest income on finance receivables	\$4,531,751	\$3,909,514
Sales	99,120	116,810
	-----	-----
	4,630,871	4,026,324
Expenses:		
Cost of sales	23,689	25,857
Marketing	110,457	98,279
Administrative	1,684,526	1,524,134
Provision for credit losses	352,649	371,710
Depreciation and amortization	45,000	27,000
Interest expense	995,832	835,023
	-----	-----
	3,212,153	2,882,003
	-----	-----
Operating income before income taxes	1,418,718	1,144,321
Income tax expense (benefit):		
Current	543,320	516,007
Deferred	(5,615)	(75,000)
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	537,705	441,007

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Net income	\$881,013	\$703,314
Earnings per share - basic	\$0.38	\$0.30
Earnings per share - diluted	\$0.35	\$0.28

See accompanying notes.

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Nicholas Financial, Inc.  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30	
	2001	2000
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 881,013	\$ 703,314
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	45,000	27,000
Provision for credit losses	352,649	371,710
Deferred income taxes	(5,615)	(75,000)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(919)	(6,681)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(57,708)	(110,254)
Deferred revenues	62,270	51,999
Accounts payable	(194,604)	(359,648)
Income taxes payable	483,319	510,006
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,565,405	1,112,446
Investing activities		
Increase in finance receivables, net of principal collected	(2,425,787)	(5,782,212)
Purchase of property and equipment	(37,340)	(35,618)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,463,127)	(5,817,830)
Financing activities		
Repayment of notes payable - related party	(200,000)	(200,000)
Net proceeds from line of credit	850,000	4,800,000
Issuance (repurchase) of common stock	231,560	(48,905)
Net cash provided by financing activities	881,560	4,551,095
Net decrease in cash	(16,162)	(154,289)

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Cash, beginning of period	233,167	259,183
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Cash, end of period	\$217,005	\$104,894
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See accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)

June 30, 2001

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Nicholas Financial Inc (the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-QSB pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended in Article 10 of Regulation SB, as amended. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended June 30, 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending March 31, 2002. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2001.

2. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share excludes any dilutive effects of common stock equivalents such as options, warrants, and convertible securities. Diluted earnings per share includes the effects of dilutive options, warrants, and convertible securities. Basic and diluted earnings per share have been computed as follows:

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June 30, 2001

Three months ended	
June 30,	
2001	2000
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Numerator:

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Numerator for basic earnings per share - Net income available to common stockholders	\$881,013	\$703,314
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Convertible debt	13,098	15,554
	-----	-----
Numerator for dilutive earnings per share -income available to common stockholders after assumed conversions	\$894,111	\$718,868
	=====	=====
Denominator:		
Denominator for basic earnings per share -weighted average shares	2,319,107	2,351,709
Effect of dilutive securities: (A)		
Employee stock options	107,574	70,433
Convertible debt	155,556	180,556
	-----	-----
Denominator for diluted earnings per share -adjusted weighted-average shares and assumed conversions	2,582,237	2,602,698
	=====	=====
Earnings per share - basic	\$0.38	\$0.30
	=====	=====
Earnings per share - diluted	\$0.35	\$0.28
	=====	=====

Footnote A:

The following options and warrants were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares and, therefore, the effect would be antidilutive.

Options	-	35,500
Warrants	-	333,333

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3. Finance Receivables

Finance receivables consist of automobile finance installment contracts and direct consumer loans and are detailed as follows:

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Finance receivables, gross contract	\$106,689,451
Less:	
Unearned interest	(25,179,387)
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	81,510,064
Nonrefundable dealer reserves	(10,789,149)
Allowance for credit losses	(3,606,909)
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Finance receivables, net	\$67,114,006
	=====

The terms of the receivables range from 12 to 60 months and bear a weighted average effective interest rate of 24%.

#### 4. Line of Credit

The Company has a \$75 million line of credit facility (the Line) which expires on November 30, 2002. Borrowings under the Line bear interest at the prime rate. The Company also has several LIBOR pricing options available. If the outstanding balance falls below \$10 million the Line bears interest at the prime rate plus 1.75%. Pledged as collateral for this credit facility are all of the assets of Nicholas Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

#### 5. Notes Payable - Related Party

Notes payable consisted of the following:

Notes payable, due through January 2002, unsecured, subordinated to the Line, with interest at 12% with quarterly and semiannual interest payments. The note is convertible at the option of the holder, into common shares at \$4.50 per share.	\$500,000
Note payable, unsecured, interest at 12%, principal and interest due through August 2001, at which time the entire principal balance is due.	268,008
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	\$768,008

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#### 6. Derivatives and Hedging

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In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"). This statement establishes requirements for accounting and reporting of derivative instruments and hedging activities. SFAS 133 was updated by the issuance of SFAS No. 137, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - Deferral of the Effective Date of SFAS No. 133" and SFAS No. 138 "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities - amendment of FASB Statement No. 133." As amended, SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts (collectively referred to as derivatives), and for hedging activities.

The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 133, as amended by SFAS 137 and SFAS 138, on April 1, 2001, which require that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. The estimated fair value of derivative financial instruments represents the amount required to enter into similar offsetting contracts with similar remaining maturities based on quoted market prices.

The Company utilizes interest rate swaps to manage its interest rate exposure. The swaps effectively convert a portion of the Company's floating rate debt to a fixed rate, more closely matching the interest rate characteristics of the Company's finance receivables. When entering into contracts intended by the Company to receive hedge accounting treatment, the Company formally designates and documents the financial instrument as a hedge of a specific underlying exposure, as well as the risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transaction.

The Company has entered into the following cash-flow hedges:

On May 11, 1999 the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10 million at a fixed rate of 5.81%, maturing on May 24, 2002. On May 21, 1999 the Company entered into two interest rate swaps with notional amounts of \$5 million each, at fixed rates of 5.81% and 6.08%, maturing on May 24, 2001 and May 24, 2004, respectively.

On August 18, 1999 the Company terminated a \$5 million swap maturing on May 24, 2004 in exchange for \$52,000. In addition the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10 million at a fixed rate of 5.80%.

On May 17, 2000 the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10 million at a fixed rate of 6.87%.

On March 30, 2001 the Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$10 million at a fixed rate of 4.89%, maturing on March 30, 2003.

The Company utilizes the above noted interest rate swaps to manage its interest rate exposure. The swaps effectively convert a portion of the Company's floating rate debt to a fixed rate, more closely matching the interest rate characteristics of the Company's finance receivables.



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The Company has also entered into various interest rate option agreements with maturities through May 17, 2004.

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For cash-flow hedge transactions, changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument are recorded as a component of other comprehensive income, and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which earnings are affected by the variability of the cash flows of the hedged item. Any ineffective portion of a derivative instrument's change in fair value is immediately recognized in earnings.

In connection with the adoption of SFAS 133, the Company recorded the fair value of its derivatives as a liability totaling approximately (\$975k) on April 1, 2001. The fair value of such derivative was approximately (\$989k) as of June 30, 2001. The fair value of the options, approximately \$18k, was accounted for in the consolidated statement of income as a reduction to current period earnings.

### 7. Subsequent Events

On August 7, 2001 the Board of Directors of Nicholas Financial, Inc. declared a two-for-one stock split on the Company's outstanding shares of common stock, payable in the form of a 100% stock dividend on September 10, 2001 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 28, 2001.

On August 8, 2001 the last subordinated debt holder of Nicholas Financial, Inc converted their \$500,000 note into common stock at a price of \$4.50 per share.

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### Part I. Item 2

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL  
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Introduction

Consolidated net income increased for the three month period ended June 30, 2001 to \$881,013 from \$703,314 for the three month period ended June 30, 2000. Earnings were favorably impacted by an increase in the outstanding loan portfolio. The Company's NDS subsidiary did not contribute significantly to consolidated operations in the three month periods ended June 30, 2001 or 2000.

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	Three Months Ended June 30	
	2001	2000
	-----	
Average Net Finance Receivables (1)	\$80,590,601	\$67,343,312
Average Indebtedness (2)	49,941,434	42,149,224
Total Interest Revenues	4,531,751	3,909,514
Interest Expense	995,832	835,023
Net Interest Income	3,535,919	3,074,491
Gross Portfolio Yield(3)	22.49%	23.22%
Average Cost of Borrowed Funds (2)	7.98%	7.92%
Net Interest Spread (4)	14.51%	15.30%
Net Portfolio Yield (3)	17.55%	18.26%
Write-off to Liquidation(5)	7.34%	5.68%
Net Charge-Off Percentage(6)	6.33%	4.81%