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**REGISTRATION STATEMENT** 

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Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer x (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company " CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title Of Each Class                     |                                     | Amount Of               |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering |                         |
| Of Securities To Be Registered          | <b>Price</b> (1)(2)                 | <b>Registration Fee</b> |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | \$100,000,000                       | \$11,610(3)             |
| Tangible Equity Units                   | \$100,000,000                       | \$11,610                |
|   |                                     |                         |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.

(2) Includes offering price of shares and units that the underwriters have the option to purchase pursuant to their over-allotment option.

(3) Previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement contains a prospectus relating to an offering of shares of our common stock (for purposes of this Explanatory Note, the Common Stock Prospectus), together with separate prospectus pages relating to an offering of our tangible equity units (for purposes of this Explanatory Note, the Units Prospectus). The complete Common Stock Prospectus follows immediately. Following the Common Stock Prospectus are the following alternative and additional pages for the Units Prospectus:

front and back cover pages, which will replace the front and back cover pages of the Common Stock Prospectus;

pages for the Prospectus Summary The Offering section, which will replace the Prospectus Summary The Offering section of the Common Stock Prospectus;

pages for the Risk Factors Risks Related to Ownership of the Units, Separate Purchase Contracts, Separate Amortizing Notes and Common Stock section, which will replace the Risk Factors Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock section of the Common Stock Prospectus;

pages for Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends section, which will be added to the Units Prospectus;

pages for the Description of the Units, Description of the Purchase Contracts and Description of the Amortizing Notes sections, which will replace the Concurrent Transactions section of the Common Stock Prospectus;

pages for the Book-Entry Procedures and Settlement section, which will be added to the Units Prospectus;

pages for the Concurrent Transactions section, which will replace the Concurrent Transactions section of the Common Stock Prospectus;

pages for the Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations section, which will replace the U.S. Federal Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders section of the Common Stock Prospectus; and

pages for the Underwriting section, which will replace the Underwriting section of the Common Stock Prospectus. Each of the complete Common Stock Prospectus and Units Prospectus will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with Rule 424 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The closing of the offering of common stock is conditioned upon the closing of the offering of Units, and the closing of the offering of Units is conditioned upon the closing of the offering of common stock.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholder may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and the selling stockholder is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated May 17, 2011

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

**Shares** 

# **ALLY FINANCIAL INC.**

#### COMMON STOCK

The United States Department of Treasury (the selling stockholder or Treasury ) is offering shares of common stock of Ally Financial Inc. (Ally ). See Principal and Selling Stockholders. Ally Financial Inc. will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholder.

This is our initial public offering and no public market exists for our shares. We anticipate that the initial public offering price will be between \$ and \$ per share. We intend to apply to list the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE ) under the symbol ALLY .

The selling stockholder has granted the underwriters the right to purchase up to additional shares of common stock to cover over-allotments, if any, at the public offering price, less the underwriters discount, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus.

Concurrently with this offering, Treasury is also making a public offering of tangible equity units issued by us (the Units). Treasury has granted the underwriters of that offering the right to purchase up to additional Units to cover over-allotments, if any, at the public offering price of the Units, less the underwriters discount for the Units, within 30 days from the date of the prospectus for the concurrent Units offering of units is conditioned upon the closing of the offering of our common stock, and the closing of the offering of Units.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 17 of this prospectus.

|   | Per Share | Total |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Public offering price and proceeds to the selling stockholder | \$        | \$    |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions(1)                     | \$        | \$    |

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(1) Ally has agreed to pay all underwriting discounts and commissions, transfer taxes and transaction fees, if any, applicable to the sale of the common stock and the fees and disbursement of counsel for the selling stockholder incurred in connection with the sale.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulators has approved or disapproved these securities, or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of common stock to investors on or about , 2011.

Citi

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan

, 2011

**Morgan Stanley** 

The date of this prospectus is

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In this prospectus, unless the context indicates otherwise, Ally, the company, we, us and our refer to Ally Financial Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. None of we, the underwriters, or the selling stockholder have authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. Neither we nor the underwriters nor the selling stockholder take responsibility for, and can provide any assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. The selling stockholder is offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the common stock.

#### INDUSTRY AND MARKET DATA

We obtained the industry, market and competitive position data throughout this prospectus from our own internal estimates and research as well as from industry and general publications and research, surveys and studies conducted by third parties. Industry publications, studies and surveys generally state that they have been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, although they do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors section and the consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements, before making an investment decision.

#### Overview

Ally operates one of the world s largest automotive finance companies. We have over 90 years of experience supporting automotive dealers and their retail customers with a broad array of financial products and services. Our automotive finance franchise operates on a global scale with strategic activities in the United States, Canada and 15 other countries worldwide. We are a bank holding company and also operate one of the largest residential mortgage loan companies in the United States. Our bank subsidiary, Ally Bank, is a leading competitor and well-recognized brand in the growing direct banking market. The bank provides us with a significant source of cost-efficient funding and had \$35.4 billion of deposits at March 31, 2011. We had \$174 billion of total assets at March 31, 2011 and \$1.6 billion and \$7.9 billion of total net revenue during the first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010, respectively.

We intend to extend our leading position as one of the world s largest automotive finance companies by continuing to provide automotive dealers, retail consumers and our automotive manufacturing partners with consistent funding, competitive pricing, a comprehensive product suite and exceptional service reflecting our commitment to the automotive industry.

We also will continue to operate a complementary residential mortgage loan franchise focused on the origination and servicing of conforming and government-insured residential mortgage loans.

We intend to continue to develop Ally Bank and its core brand to enhance the value proposition for its deposit customers and to efficiently support asset growth in our lending activities.

Our primary operations are conducted within Global Automotive Services and Mortgage. Ally Bank offers a full spectrum of deposit and checking products to its customers and provides us with stable and diversified funding.

#### **Our Global Automotive Services**

Our global automotive business is centered around our strong and longstanding relationships with automotive dealers and supports our automotive manufacturing partners and their marketing programs. We serve the financial needs of approximately 20,000 dealers worldwide and 5.6 million of their retail customers as of March 31, 2011. In the United States and Canada alone, we have approximately 2,200 automotive finance and insurance employees in five regions focused on serving the needs of our dealer customers with finance and insurance products, expanding the number of overall dealer and automotive manufacturer relationships, and supporting our dealer lending and underwriting functions. In addition, we have over 2,400 employees that support our North American servicing operations.

#### **Our Dealer-Focused Business Model**

Ally s primary customers are automotive dealers, which are independently owned businesses. As part of the process of selling a vehicle, automotive dealers typically originate loans and leases to their retail customers. Dealers then select Ally or another automotive finance provider to which they sell loans and leases.

Our longstanding success as an automotive finance provider is driven by the broad range and quality of products and services we offer to dealers. Our financial products offered to dealers and their customers include, among others, new vehicle retail loans and leases, used vehicle loans, floorplan loans, dealer capital and working capital loans, vehicle service contracts, wholesale inventory insurance and our SmartAuction service for remarketing vehicles. As of March 31, 2011, over 5,000 of our automotive dealer customers utilized four or more of our products.

#### Manufacturer Relationships

We are a preferred financing provider for a number of manufacturers including GM, Chrysler, Fiat, Saab, American Suzuki and Thor under contractual relationships. With our origination and servicing platform and competitive funding programs, we function as a strong and flexible partner that helps manufacturers fulfill their new vehicle marketing programs.

Our preferred financing relationships primarily relate to new retail loan incentive programs that support the manufacturers new vehicle marketing initiatives while allowing us to realize market based returns. Incentivized loans, originated through our preferred financing relationships, represented 33% and 41% of our North American new retail loan and lease origination volume in the first quarter 2011 and fiscal year 2010, respectively, compared to 52% in 2009 and 60% in 2008. For non-incentivized retail loan originations, we successfully compete at the dealer-level based on our strong dealer relationships, competitive pricing, full suite of products and comprehensive service.

#### Our History in the Automotive Market and Who We Are Today

During our 90-year history in the automotive finance business, we have developed extensive knowledge and experience in serving the financing needs of automotive dealers and their retail customers. Ally was formed in 1919 as the captive finance subsidiary of GM. In 2006, a majority ownership interest in Ally was sold to third parties. Since that sale, we have transformed into a market-driven independent automotive finance company. We continue to be a preferred financing provider to GM on incentivized retail loans and in 2009, we became the preferred financing provider to Chrysler of incentivized retail loans. We have developed full product relationships for the vast majority of Chrysler s existing franchised dealers, including more than 1,700 Chrysler dealers that we successfully developed inventory financing relationships with over a three-month period in 2009. In addition, we have developed preferred financing relationships with Fiat, Saab, American Suzuki and Thor under contractual agreements.

We became a bank holding company on December 24, 2008, under the Bank Holding Company Act and are subject to supervision and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the FRB ). Our bank subsidiary, Ally Bank, is supervised by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ) and the Utah Department of Financial Institutions (the Utah DFI ).



Our Global Automotive Services business is organized into three areas (the information below is as of March 31, 2011).

#### North American Automotive Finance Operations

Our North American Automotive Finance Operations (NAO) consist of our automotive financing operations in the United States and Canada. According to Experian Automotive, we were the largest independent provider of new retail automotive loans in the United States during 2010. We funded one out of every ten new car purchases that were financed in the United States during 2010. We had total consumer originations in the United States and Canada of \$35.4 billion in 2010 and \$12.4 billion in the first quarter of 2011. Our penetration rate of GM and Chrysler new car purchases in the United States and Canada in the first quarter of 2011 was 51% and 30%, respectively. We financed an average of \$27.9 billion of vehicle floorplan assets for our dealers, including 84% of GM s and 68% of Chrysler s total North American dealer new vehicle inventory, respectively, during the first quarter of 2011.

We manage commercial account servicing for over 5,000 dealers in the United States that utilize our floorplan inventory lending or other commercial loans. In the United States and Canada, we provide consumer asset servicing for a \$72 billion portfolio at March 31, 2011. The extensive infrastructure and experience of our servicing operation are important to our ability to minimize our loan losses and enable us to deliver favorable customer experience to both our dealers and their retail customers. We provide comprehensive automotive remarketing services, including the use of SmartAuction, our online auction platform, which efficiently supports dealer-to-dealer and other commercial wholesale car transactions.

The following table sets forth our share of retail automotive loans for new purchases in the United States:

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Qu | arter | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qu | arter | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qu | arter | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Q | uarter | 1st Q | uarter | Year ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 201                | 11    | 201                | 10    | 201                | 10    | 20                | 10     | 20    | 10     | 2010                    |      | 2009 |      | 2008 |      |
| %                  | Rank  | %                  | Rank  | %                  | Rank  | %                 | Rank   | %     | Rank   | %                       | Rank | %    | Rank | %    | Rank |
| 13.5%              | 1     | 11.0%              | 1     | 10.0%              | 1     | 9.9%              | 1      | 8.5%  | 2      | 9.9%                    | 1    | 6.1% | 3    | 5.8% | 4    |

#### Source: Experian Automotive

The used vehicle financing market is significant in size and highly fragmented. We have recently begun to increase our focus on used car financing, primarily through franchised dealers and certain national used vehicle dealers. According to Experian Automotive, over 14 million used vehicles were sold by franchised dealers in 2010. We believe that increased market share in this fragmented segment will further expand and support our dealer relationships and increase our volume of retail originations.

#### International Automotive Finance Operations

Our International Automotive Finance Operations ( IO ) conduct business in Asia, Latin America and Europe. We focus on five core foreign markets: China (through our joint venture, GMAC-SAIC Automotive Finance Company Limited ( GMAC-SAIC )), Brazil, Mexico, Germany and the United Kingdom. We also originate loans in 10 other countries. We provide financial services to approximately 4,800 automotive dealer customers in these 15 foreign markets.

China Our GMAC-SAIC joint venture is a leading automotive finance company in China and offers a full suite of products. We believe there is significant opportunity for growth in loan origination in China due to the strong increase in overall car sales as well as the relatively low proportion of these sales that have been financed historically. In 2010, 10% of new car purchases in China were financed according to China Auto Market, compared with 79% in the United States, according to Experian Automotive. We own 40% of GMAC-SAIC alongside Shanghai Automotive Group Finance Company LTD and Shanghai General Motors Corporation Limited, which own 40% and 20% of GMAC-SAIC, respectively. At March 31, 2011, the joint venture had total finance receivables and loans of \$4.2 billion.

Brazil and Mexico Brazil is the largest automotive market in Latin America where we had total finance receivables and loans of \$3.5 billion at March 31, 2011. In both Brazil and Mexico, we offer a full product line and have strong positions in the automotive dealer channel.

Germany and the United Kingdom Germany and the United Kingdom remain our core markets in Europe with total finance receivables and loans of \$5.7 billion at March 31, 2011. To improve operational efficiency, certain of our servicing and lending activities in Europe have been consolidated in Germany.

#### **Insurance** Operations

Our Insurance operations offer both consumer insurance products sold primarily through dealers and commercial insurance products sold to dealers. As part of our focus on offering dealers a broad range of products, we provide vehicle service contracts, mechanical breakdown and maintenance coverages. We also underwrite selected commercial insurance coverages which primarily insure dealers wholesale vehicle inventory in the United States and internationally.

We believe our national insurance platform provides us with a competitive advantage, allowing us to design products tailored to our dealer customers, control underwriting and retain the profits generated by this business. We sell insurance products to over 4,000 dealers in the United States. Among U.S. GM dealers to whom we provide wholesale financing, our wholesale insurance product penetration rate is approximately 80%. Dealers who receive wholesale financing from Ally are eligible for wholesale insurance incentives, such as automatic eligibility in our preferred insurance programs and increased financial benefits.

#### Mortgage

Our Origination and Servicing operations consist of originating, purchasing, selling and securitizing conforming and government-insured residential mortgage loans in the United States and Canada; servicing residential mortgage loans for ourselves and others; and providing collateralized lines of credit to other mortgage loan originators, also called warehouse lending. We also originate a small amount of high quality prime jumbo mortgage loans in the United States. Our Origination and Servicing operations had \$19.2 billion in assets at March 31, 2011.

In the first quarter of 2011 and full year 2010, we originated \$11.8 billion and \$69.5 billion, respectively, of U.S. residential mortgage loans, including \$10.3 billion and \$61.5 billion, respectively, through our network of over 900 correspondents. Conforming and government-insured residential mortgage loans comprised approximately 97% and 98% of our first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010 originations, respectively. At

March 31, 2011, we were the primary servicer of 2.4 million mortgage loans with \$359.7 billion of unpaid principal balances. We have substantially derisked our mortgage operations since the onset of the housing crisis and reduced our overall mortgage assets from \$135.1 billion in 2006 to \$31.0 billion at March 31, 2011, primarily through the run-off and divestiture of noncore businesses and assets.

Our Legacy Portfolio and Other operations primarily consist of mortgage loans originated prior to January 1, 2009, and consist of noncore business activities including portfolios in run-off. Total assets of our Legacy Portfolio and Other operations decreased from \$32.9 billion at December 31, 2008, to \$11.8 billion at March 31, 2011.

#### Ally Bank

Ally Bank raises deposits directly from customers through the direct banking channel via the internet and over the telephone. We believe that Ally Bank is well-positioned to continue to take advantage of the consumer-driven shift from branch banking to direct banking. We believe internet banking is now the preferred banking channel by consumers. According to a 2010 American Bankers Association survey, the number of bank customers who prefer to do their banking online increased from 21% to 36% between 2007 and 2010, while those who prefer branch banking has declined from 39% to 25% over the same period.

We have quickly become a leader in direct banking with our recognizable brand, accessible 24/7 customer service, and competitively priced deposit products. We have distinguished our direct bank with our Talk Straight, Do Right, Be Obviously Better branding and products that are Easy to Use with No Fine Print, Hidden Fees, Rules or Penalties . Recent introductions of retail banking products include interest-bearing checking accounts, electronic bill pay, remote deposit, and no-fee debit cards.

Ally Bank provides our automotive finance and mortgage loan operations with a stable and low-cost funding source. At March 31, 2011, Ally Bank had \$35.4 billion of deposits including \$23.5 billion of retail deposits. The growth of our retail deposit base from \$7.2 billion at the end of 2008 to \$23.5 billion at March 31, 2011 has enabled us to reduce our cost of funds during that period. We expect to continue to lower our cost of funds over time and diversify our overall funding as our deposit base grows. Over the past two years, we have grown our retail deposits even as we have reduced the cost of our deposits.

The following chart shows the amount and type of Ally Bank s customer deposits and the average retail deposit rate as of the dates indicated:

#### **Our Strengths**

#### Automotive financial services category leader with full product suite.

We are one of the largest providers of retail and wholesale automotive financing in the world and are an integral part of the automotive industry. We believe that our 90-year history has provided us extensive knowledge of the automotive industry and the financial services needs of its dealers, automotive manufacturers, and retail consumers.

Our full suite of financing and insurance products and extensive on-site service relationships differentiate us from most of our competitors. As of March 31, 2011, over 5,000 of our automotive dealer customers utilized four or more of our products. We use incentive programs, such as our Ally Dealer Rewards program, to increase the volume of business and number of products used by our dealer customers. During the first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010, over 62% and 60%, respectively, of our U.S. dealer customers received benefits under the Ally Dealer Rewards program which was initiated in 2009.

Implementation of our market-driven strategies since 2008 has enabled us to grow our Global Automotive Services business within our existing dealer relationships and expand into new relationships with dealers of various manufacturers. Since 2008, we have successfully added preferred provider agreements, including Chrysler (U.S., Canada and Mexico), Fiat (U.S. and Mexico), Saab (U.S. and Europe), American Suzuki (U.S.) and Thor (U.S.). Our strong relationships with manufacturers have allowed us to offer more products, expand our dealer base and strengthen our existing network of dealer relationships. We have increased our new non-GM retail originations from \$1.0 billion in 2006 to \$9.5 billion in 2010 and from \$1.7 billion in the first quarter of 2010 to \$2.6 billion in the first quarter of 2011.

We believe that the combination of our full suite of products, service standards, global platform, incentive programs, and funding strategy put us in a strong position relative to competing financial institutions and future entrants to the market.

#### Scalable platform with significant growth opportunities.

We are well-positioned for growth as the U.S. economy recovers and U.S. Seasonally Adjusted Annualized Rate (SAAR) of vehicle sales rebounds from its 2008-2009 recessionary levels. Consumer and business spending on automobiles has recovered from recent lows but remains well below historical average levels. The chart below shows historical consumer, business and government spending on automobiles as a percentage of U.S. GDP.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

The chart below shows historical and projected U.S. SAAR (in millions):

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis as to 2006-2010 data and Blue Chip Economic Indicators, Vol. 35, No. 10/Vol. 36, No. 5, as to projected 2011-2013 data.

In the United States and Canada, we have approximately 2,200 automotive finance and insurance employees dedicated to dealer sales, product support, lending and underwriting. This infrastructure allows us to accommodate our growing volume of business and support our existing customers. We maintain a dedicated sales force, which meets the needs of our existing dealer customers, expands our market penetration in the dealer network and supports our existing and new automotive manufacturing partners. Our sales force consists of direct dealer account relationship professionals, supplemental product support coverage professionals, and primary manufacturer relationship account professionals.

We also have invested significantly in our technology infrastructure and other initiatives to support our automotive financing and banking services platforms to further enhance our dealer and retail customer relationships and increase business volumes. This focus has resulted in increased credit application flow and originations from dealers representing various manufacturers, including GM and Chrysler. We are now able to access applications from almost all U.S. automotive dealerships under any brand. The combination of our extensive infrastructure, our relationships with finance and insurance departments of dealers, and our participation in the major credit application on-line networks, provides us with a strong platform to efficiently grow our consumer business volumes across a broad mix of automotive dealers.

In addition, we expect our incentive programs, such as Ally Dealer Rewards and other market-driven strategies, to increase business volumes and the number of products used by dealers. Other major initiatives underway such as dealer diversification strategies and additional preferred relationships with other manufacturers should increase our consumer retail, lease, and dealer funding volumes. The used vehicle financing market is highly fragmented and we believe this provides us with a growth opportunity within our franchised dealer relationships. We believe our significant presence in attractive markets such as China and Brazil also supports our growth opportunity internationally.

#### Leading direct banking franchise.

We believe Ally Bank is well-positioned for continued growth within the direct banking market. The Ally Bank brand has attained strong recognition since it was launched in 2009. Ally Bank provides us with a diversified source of stable, low-cost funding. The bank s assets primarily consist of high quality commercial and

consumer automotive finance receivables and conforming and government-insured residential mortgage loans originated through our automotive and mortgage businesses, respectively. We believe there are opportunities to deliver other products to our growing banking customer base, in addition to our full suite of deposit, savings and checking products.

#### Complementary mortgage origination and servicing operations.

Our Origination and Servicing business is one of the largest participants in the U.S. residential mortgage loan market and provides us with an additional source of profitability. It is now focused on the segments of the mortgage loan market that have remained profitable for us during the housing crisis. We believe our Origination and Servicing operations are well-positioned as a result of our strong market position, scalable platform, well-known brands and extensive experience.

#### Strong balance sheet, liquidity position and risk management.

We believe that the consumer automotive loans on our balance sheet reflect the significantly tighter underwriting standards across the credit spectrum that we adopted since 2008. Our underwriting process utilizes a robust combination of credit metrics, including, among others, FICO scores, loan-to-value ratios, debt-to-income ratios and proprietary scoring models. The average FICO score at origination of the U.S. new retail loans in our outstanding portfolio as of March 31, 2011 was 733. We are prudently expanding automotive originations across the credit spectrum in accordance with our underwriting standards. During the first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010, the loss rate on our U.S. consumer automotive portfolio was 0.95% and 1.73%, respectively.

Our commercial automotive financing business consists primarily of wholesale financing in which credit is extended to individual dealers and is secured by vehicles in inventory and, in some circumstances, other assets owned by the dealer or by a personal guarantee. We manage risk in our commercial automotive financing business through our rigorous credit underwriting process, which utilizes our proprietary dealer credit evaluation system, our ongoing risk monitoring program, and vehicle inventory audits to verify collateral and dealer compliance with lending agreements. During the first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010, the loss rate on our U.S. commercial automotive portfolio was 0.04% and 0.27%, respectively.

The loans originated in our mortgage operations are currently comprised primarily of high credit quality conforming, government-insured and prime jumbo residential mortgage loans. We have substantially reduced and derisked our legacy mortgage exposure of nonconforming assets through writedowns, run-offs and divestitures over the last three years. We have also settled with Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), as well as several other counterparties, which resolved material repurchase obligations with each counterparty. At March 31, 2011, we held reserves of \$830 million for potential repurchase obligations for loans we sold to counterparties.

We have demonstrated strong access to funding and liquidity that are critical to our business. In the first quarter of 2011 and fiscal year 2010, we raised over \$7 billion and nearly \$36 billion of secured and unsecured funding in the capital markets, respectively. We also have significant liquidity available beyond capital markets funding with access to \$33.4 billion of liquidity in the form of cash, highly liquid unencumbered securities, and available committed credit facility capacity at March 31, 2011.

Our access to deposits is an important source of diversified funding. Approximately 30% of our funding at the end of the first quarter of 2011 came from deposits compared to 14% at the end of 2008. We believe Ally Bank gives us the stable, low-cost benefits of deposit funding with a direct-to-consumer delivery model. Ally Bank s leadership in direct banking, recognizable brand and compelling customer value proposition position us well for consistent growth.

Our balance sheet is well capitalized. At March 31, 2011, we had a Tier 1 capital ratio of 14.68%, and a Tier 1 common ratio of % pro forma for this offering. We believe this capitalization compares favorably to our peers and positions us well for the future.

#### Experienced management team.

Our senior management team is comprised of financial professionals with deep operating experience in automotive and consumer finance and extensive experience managing some of the largest and most successful financial institutions in the world. Our senior management team has successfully led our return to profitability and the development of our strong liquidity and capital position following the financial crisis. Our management team has taken significant actions to make our automotive finance business more efficient and better positioned for growth opportunities. Substantial actions have also been taken to materially reduce the legacy risk in our mortgage operations. Our capital structure and prudent liquidity actions by management have positioned us for growth as the automotive industry and overall economy continue to rebound.

#### **Our Business Strategy**

#### Expand our position as a leading global provider of automotive financial services products.

We believe that our dealer-focused business model, global platform, full range of product offerings and sales organization position us to further broaden our relationships with existing and new dealers and automotive manufacturers, and to originate attractive retail automotive loans and leases for our portfolio in addition to other products. Our market-driven strategies, including incentive programs, have been designed and implemented to drive higher business volumes with our dealer relationships. Furthermore, we have dedicated resources to the underwriting and financing of used vehicle sales that should allow us to expand loan origination volume with our existing dealer base. We are also leveraging our existing dealer relationships, product suite, and extensive operating experience to expand our diversified dealer network and facilitate financing relationships with additional automotive manufacturers. We intend to continue to strongly support our financing relationships with GM and Chrysler by providing dependable new car inventory and consumer financing through all economic cycles. We will continue to utilize our international infrastructure to build upon our strong presence in attractive, developing markets such as China, Brazil and Mexico. Our objective is to generate incremental profitability and asset growth without straying from our core competencies in automotive finance.

#### Continue to generate consistent results through our Mortgage operations.

Our Mortgage Origination and Servicing operations, which primarily originate and service high credit quality mortgage loans, provide a complementary source of consumer assets and a diversified source of profitability. The vast majority of our mortgage loans are originated, financed, and sold without significant balance sheet growth.

We plan to prudently expand our direct lending origination channel to complement our existing origination platform. Our servicing operations are fee-based and do not expose us to significant credit risk. We expect to sell the vast majority of our mortgage loans soon after origination, thereby reducing funding requirements.

#### Reduce our funding costs and continue funding diversification.

We continue to expand and diversify our funding in order to improve our profitability and enhance our competitiveness. Our success at developing our franchise at Ally Bank has supported the growth of our retail deposit base to \$23.5 billion at March 31, 2011 from \$7.2 billion at the end of 2008. Our retail deposit growth has enabled us to diversify and reduce our cost of funds since 2008. Our strategy is to continue to increase our retail deposit base through the delivery of our full suite of deposit products and continued investment in the Ally Bank brand name.

Our objective is to attain investment grade credit ratings from the rating agencies. We believe that improved ratings will help us to reduce our cost of funds further and improve our ability to compete even more effectively with other large banks and financial institutions across all products. We believe that the stable performance of our asset base, strong capitalization, demonstrated access to diversified funding markets, and the ability to operate profitably will help us reach this goal over time.

By continuing to diversify our funding sources and lower our overall cost of funding, including the prudent growth of Ally Bank, we believe that we can provide even more efficient and consistent funding for our dealers and their retail customers through various economic cycles.

#### Maintain a strong balance sheet through disciplined origination, servicing and risk management.

We will continue to focus primarily on originating and managing secured automotive and mortgage loans and related products. The types of secured commercial and consumer automotive loans that we originate performed well through the recent financial crisis. Our Mortgage Origination and Servicing operations originate conforming, government-insured residential and prime jumbo residential mortgage loans, which we believe have an attractive risk return profile. We believe we have significantly reduced our risk profile and improved our profitability by divesting and discontinuing a number of noncore activities.

We believe that we maintain strong levels of capital and liquidity relative to other bank holding companies. Our strategy is to materially increase our volume of automotive finance assets within our existing infrastructure and with prudent underwriting criteria which we believe will allow us to efficiently utilize our capital and enhance our profitability.

#### Improve our shareholder return profile.

We seek to enhance our returns for shareholders by prudently originating loans and leases across the credit spectrum. We have also recently increased our focus on offering financing for used vehicles through our franchised dealer relationships. We have invested significant capital in risk management and technology to manage this expansion. By prudently expanding automotive originations across broad credit segments and with continued diversification, we believe we can increase asset yields and generate attractive risk-adjusted returns in a variety of interest rate and credit environments. We plan to continue to decrease our overall costs by increasing productivity, adding retail deposits, and efficiently accessing secured and unsecured wholesale markets as certain higher-cost legacy funding matures. The combination of higher asset yields and lower operating and funding costs with an efficient capital structure will provide opportunities for us to improve returns to our shareholders.

#### **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 200 Renaissance Center, P.O. Box 200, Detroit, Michigan 48265-2000 and our telephone number is (866) 710-4623. Our website is www.ally.com. Our website and the information included in, or linked to on, our website are not part of this prospectus. We have included our website address in this prospectus solely as a textual reference.

#### THE OFFERING

| Common stock offered by the selling stockholder    | shares.   |
|--|---|
| Common stock to be outstanding after this offering | shares (assuming no exercise of the underwriters over-allotment option and assuming that the public offering price of our common stock in this offering will be \$ per share (the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus) for purposes of calculating the number of shares we issue to Treasury in the conversion under Concurrent transactions below).  |
| Over-allotment option                              | shares from the selling stockholder to cover over-allotments.   |
| Common stock listing                               | We intend to apply to list our common stock on the NYSE under the symbol ALLY.  |
| Voting rights                                      | One vote per share.   |
| Use of proceeds                                    | Ally will not receive any proceeds from sale of common stock in the offering.   |
| Dividend policy                                    | We have no current plans to commence payment of a dividend on our common stock.<br>Our payment of dividends on our common stock in the future will be determined by our<br>Board of Directors in its sole discretion and will depend on business conditions, our<br>financial condition, earnings and liquidity, and other factors. Our Fixed Rate Cumulative<br>Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series G (the Series G preferred stock ) prohibits us from<br>making dividend payments on our common stock before January 1, 2014 and restricts our<br>ability to pay dividends thereafter. In addition, so long as any share of our Fixed Rate /<br>Floating Rate Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A (the Series A preferred stock ) remains<br>outstanding, no dividend or distribution may be declared or paid on our common stock<br>unless all accrued and unpaid dividends have been paid on such series of preferred stock. |
|  | In addition, any plans to commence payment of dividends on our common stock in the future would be subject to the FRB s review and absence of objection.  |
| Concurrent transactions                            | Treasury currently holds 118,750,000 shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Mandatorily Convertible Preferred Stock, Series F-2 (the Series F-2 preferred stock ), having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$5,937,500,000. In connection with this offering and the concurrent Units offering, Treasury has agreed (i) to convert (the conversion ) 58,750,000 shares of Series F-2 preferred stock into a number of shares of our common stock based on a conversion price equal to the public offering price of our common stock in this offering (the common stock public offering price ) and (ii) to exchange (the   |

exchange ) the remaining 60,000,000 shares of Series F-2 preferred stock having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$3 billion, for a number of our tangible equity units (the Units ) having an aggregate stated amount of \$3 billion.

The number of shares of common stock we will issue to Treasury in connection with the conversion will depend upon the common stock public offering price. The higher the common stock public offering price is, the fewer the number of shares of common stock Treasury will receive and the lower the common stock public offering price is, the greater the number of shares of common stock Treasury will receive. The following table sets forth the number of shares we will issue to Treasury in connection with the conversion for each common stock public offering price set forth below:

| Public Offering Price | Number of Shares<br>Issued to Treasury |
|-----------------------|--|
| \$                    |  |
| \$                    |  |
| \$                    |  |
| \$                    |  |

Treasury is offering in the concurrent Units offering a number of Units having an aggregate stated amount of \$, plus up to an additional number of Units having an aggregate stated amount of \$ to cover over-allotments, if any. Upon completion of the Units offering, Treasury will hold Units having an aggregate stated amount of \$ (or \$ if the underwriters for the Units offering exercise their over-allotment option in full). The Units that are retained by Treasury will be fungible with the Units being offered in the Units offering.

The closing of each of the Units offering, this offering, the conversion and the exchange is conditioned upon the closing of each such other transaction.

#### Risk factors

See Risk Factors beginning on page 17 of this prospectus for a discussion of risks you should carefully consider before deciding whether to invest in our common stock.

Unless we specifically state otherwise, the information in this prospectus (i) does not take into account shares issuable under our equity compensation incentive plan and (ii) assumes for purposes of calculating the number of shares of common stock we will issue to Treasury in the conversion that the common stock public offering price will be \$ per share (the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus). All applicable share, per share and related information in this prospectus for periods on or subsequent to has been adjusted retroactively for the -for-one stock split on shares of our common stock effected on , 2011.

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

The following summary consolidated financial data of Ally should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated balance sheet data at December 31, 2010 and 2009 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and should be read in conjunction with those consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. The consolidated statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the consolidated balance sheet data at December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The condensed consolidated statement of income data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidated balance sheet data at March 31, 2011 and 2010 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. In our opinion, the unaudited financial statements provided herein have been prepared on substantially the same basis as the audited historical consolidated financial statements and reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. Our results for the three months ended March 31, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of those to be expected for the fiscal year.

|  | At an<br>three months<br>2011 | d for the<br>ended March<br>2010 | 31,<br>2010 | At and for th<br>2009<br>(\$ in millions) | e year ended l<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 | 2006      |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Financial statement data   |                               |                                  |             |   |                        |                      |           |
| Statement of income data:  |                               |                                  |             |   |                        |                      |           |
| Total financing revenue and other interest income                            | \$ 2,530                      | \$ 3,110                         | \$ 11,447   | \$ 13,100                                 | \$ 18,054              | \$ 21,761            | \$ 24,100 |
| Interest expense   | 1,708                         | 1,702                            | 6,836       | 7,274                                     | 10,441                 | 13,553               | 14,638    |
| Depreciation expense on operating lease assets                               | 285                           | 656                              | 2,030       | 3,748                                     | 5,478                  | 4,551                | 5,055     |
| Impairment of investment in operating leases                                 |                               |                                  |             |   | 1,218                  |                      |           |
| Net financing revenue  | 537                           | 752                              | 2,581       | 2,078                                     | 917                    | 3,657                | 4,407     |
| Total other revenue (a)  | 1,070                         | 1,098                            | 5,321       | 4,417                                     | 15,271                 | 6,161                | 7,860     |
| Total net revenue  | 1,607                         | 1,850                            | 7,902       | 6,495                                     | 16,188                 | 9,818                | 12,267    |
| Provision for loan losses  | 113                           | 144                              | 442         | 5,604                                     | 3,102                  | 3,037                | 1,948     |
| Total other noninterest expense  | 1,392                         | 1,519                            | 6,281       | 7,850                                     | 8,349                  | 8,203                | 8,457     |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income tax (benefit) expense | 102                           | 187                              | 1,179       | (6,959)                                   | 4,737                  | (1,422)              | 1,862     |
| Income tax (benefit) expense from continuing operations (b)                  | (68)                          | 36                               | 153         | 74  | (136)                  | 496                  | 22        |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations                                 | 170                           | 151                              | 1,026       | (7,033)                                   | 4,873                  | (1,918)              | 1,840     |
| (Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax                       | (24)                          | 11                               | 49          | (3,265)                                   | (3,005)                | (414)                | 285       |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 146                        | \$ 162                           | \$ 1,075    | \$ (10,298)                               | \$ 1,868               | \$ (2,332)           | \$ 2,125  |
| Non-GAAP financial measures (c):   |                               |                                  |             |   |                        |                      |           |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 146                        | \$ 162                           | \$ 1,075    | \$ (10,298)                               | \$ 1,868               | \$ (2,332)           | \$ 2,125  |
| Add: Original issue discount amortization expense (d)                        | 326                           | 397                              | 1,300       | 1,143                                     | 70                     |                      |           |
| Add: Income tax (benefit) expense from continuing operations                 | (68)                          | 36                               | 153         | 74  | (136)                  | 496                  | 22        |
| Less: Gain on extinguishment of debt related to the 2008 bond exchange       |                               |                                  |             |   | 11,460                 |                      |           |
| Less: (Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax                 | (24)                          | 11                               | 49          | (3,265)                                   | (3,005)                | (414)                | 285       |
| Core pretax income (loss) (c)  | \$ 428                        | \$ 584                           | \$ 2,479    | \$ (5,816)                                | \$ (6,653)             | \$ (1,422)           | \$ 1,862  |

|  | At and for the<br>three months ended<br>March 31,<br>2011 2010 2010 |            |                  | At and for th<br>2009<br>(per sh      | 2006       |  |            |
|--|---|------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Pro forma share data (e)(f):                 |   |            |                  | Q                                     |            |  |            |
| Basic and diluted earnings per common        |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| share  |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Net (loss) income from continuing            |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| operations                                   |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Income (loss) from discontinued              |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| operations, net of tax                       |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Net (loss) income                            |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding   |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
|  |   |            |                  | (\$ in millions)                      |            |  |            |
| Selected balance sheet data (period end):    | . 1 <b>7</b> 0 <b>7</b> 0 <b>1</b>                                  | ¢ 150 (25  | <b>4 153</b> 000 | <b>.</b> 1 <b>. . . . . . . . . .</b> | ¢ 100 (= ( | <b>* • •</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | # 201 0T1  |
| Total assets                                 | \$ 173,704  | \$ 179,427 | \$ 172,008       | \$ 172,306                            | \$ 189,476 | \$ 248,939                                     | \$ 291,971 |
| Long-term debt                               | \$ 88,139   | \$ 90,276  | \$ 86,612        | \$ 88,021                             | \$ 115,935 | \$ 159,342                                     | \$ 193,387 |
| Preferred stock/interests (f)                | \$ 6,940  | \$ 12,180  | \$ 6,972         | \$ 12,180                             | \$ 6,287   | \$ 1,052                                       | \$         |
| Total equity                                 | \$ 20,407   | \$ 20,548  | \$ 20,489        | \$ 20,839                             | \$ 21,854  | \$ 15,565                                      | \$ 14,369  |
| Financial ratios                             |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Efficiency ratio (g)                         | 86.62%  | 82.11%     | 79.49%           | 120.86%                               | 51.58%     | 83.55%   | 68.94%     |
| Core efficiency ratio (g)                    | 72.01%  | 67.60%     | 68.26%           | 102.78%                               | 174.01%    | 83.55%   | 68.94%     |
| Return on assets (h)                         |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Net income (loss) from continuing            |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| operations                                   | 0.40%   | 0.34%      | 0.58%            | (3.95)%                               | 2.57%      | (0.77)%  | 0.63%      |
| Net income (loss)                            | 0.34%   | 0.36%      | 0.61%            | (5.79)%                               | 0.99%      | (0.94)%  | 0.73%      |
| Core pretax income (loss)                    | 1.00%   | 1.31%      | 1.40%            | (3.27)%                               | (3.51)%    | (0.57)%  | 0.64%      |
| Return on equity (h)                         |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Net income (loss) from continuing            |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| operations                                   | 3.38%   | 2.92%      | 4.95%            | (29.00)%                              | 22.30%     | (12.32)%                                       | 12.81%     |
| Net income (loss)                            | 2.90%   | 3.13%      | 5.19%            | (42.46)%                              | 8.55%      | (14.98)%                                       | 14.79%     |
| Core pretax income (loss)                    | 8.50%   | 11.30%     | 11.97%           | (23.98)%                              | (30.44)%   | (9.14)%  | 12.96%     |
| Equity to assets (h)                         | 11.72%  | 11.61%     | 11.72%           | 13.63%                                | 11.53%     | 6.25%  | 4.92%      |
| Net interest spread (h)(i)                   | 0.82%   | 1.59%      | 1.23%            | 0.65%                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Net interest spread excluding original issue |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| discount (h)(i)                              | 1.83%   | 2.67%      | 2.29%            | 1.68%                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Net yield on interest-earning assets (h)(k)  | 1.44%   | 2.13%      | 1.79%            | 1.37%                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Net yield on interest-earning assets         |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| excluding original issue discount (h)(k)     | 2.24%   | 2.98%      | 2.63%            | 2.13%                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| <b>Regulatory capital ratios</b>             |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |
| Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets) (1) | 14.68%  | 14.88%     | 15.00%           | 14.15%                                | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Total risk-based capital (to risk-weighted   | 110070  | 1.0070     | 10.0070          | 1110,0                                | 0/         | 0/   | 0)         |
| assets) (m)                                  | 15.97%  | 16.42%     | 16.36%           | 15.55%                                | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Tier 1 leverage (to adjusted average         | 10.7170   | 10.1270    | 10.00 //         | 15.5570                               | U/         | 07   | U)         |
| assets) (n)                                  | 12.78%  | 12.49%     | 13.05%           | 12.70%                                | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Shareholders equity                          | \$ 20,407   | \$ 20,548  | \$ 20,489        | \$ 20,839                             | (j)        | (j)<br>(j)                                     | (j)<br>(j) |
| Goodwill and certain other intangibles       | (533)   | (534)      | (532)            | (534)                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Unrealized gains and other adjustments       | (272)   | (466)      | (309)            | (447)                                 | (j)<br>(j) | (j)<br>(j)                                     | (j)<br>(j) |
| Trust preferred securities                   | 2,541   | 2,540      | 2,541            | 2,540                                 | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| F  | _,c   | _,         | _,0 . 1          | _,0.0                                 | U/         | U/   | 0)         |
| Tier 1 capital (l)                           | 22,143  | 22,088     | 22,189           | 22,398                                | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
| Preferred equity                             | (6,940)   | (12,180)   | (6,971)          | (12,180)                              | (j)        | (j)  | (j)        |
|  |   |            |                  |                                       |            |  |            |

| Trust preferred securities                  | (2,541)    | (2,540)    | (2,541)    | (2,540)    | (j) | (j) | (j) |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Tier 1 common capital (non-GAAP) (o)        | \$ 12,662  | \$ 7,368   | \$ 12,677  | \$ 7,678   | (j) | (j) | (j) |
| Risk-weighted assets (p)                    | \$ 150,814 | \$ 148,408 | \$ 147,964 | \$ 158,314 | (j) | (j) | (j) |
| Tier 1 common (to risk-weighted assets) (o) | 8.40%      | 4.96%      | 8.57%      | 4.85%      | (j) | (j) | (j) |

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- (a) Total other revenue for 2008 includes \$12.6 billion of gains on the extinguishment of debt, primarily related to private exchange and cash tender offers settled during the fourth quarter. Total other revenue for 2006 includes realized capital gains of \$1.1 billion primarily related to the rebalancing of our investment portfolio at our Insurance operations.
- (b) Effective June 30, 2009, we converted from a limited liability company into a corporation and, as a result, became subject to corporate U.S. federal, state, and local taxes beginning in the third quarter of 2009. Our conversion to a corporation resulted in a change in tax status and a net deferred tax liability of \$1.2 billion was established through income tax expense. Effective November 28, 2006, we, along with certain of our U.S. subsidiaries, converted to limited liability companies (LLCs) and became pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Our conversion to an LLC resulted in a change in tax status and the elimination of a \$791 million net deferred tax liability through income tax expense. Refer to Note 24 to the fiscal year Consolidated Financial Statements (the Consolidated Financial Statements) for additional information regarding our changes in tax status.
- (c) Core pretax income (loss) is not a financial measure defined by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP). We define core pretax income as earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, original issue discount amortization expense primarily associated with our 2008 bond exchange, and the gain on extinguishment of debt related to the 2008 bond exchange. We believe that the presentation of core pretax income (loss) is useful information for the users of our financial statements in understanding the earnings from our core businesses. In addition, core pretax income (loss) is the primary measure that management uses to assess the performance of our operations. We believe that core pretax income (loss) is a useful alternative measure of our ongoing profitability and performance, when viewed in conjunction with GAAP measures. The presentation of this additional information is not a substitute for net income (loss) determined in accordance with GAAP.
- (d) Primarily represents original issue discount amortization expense associated with the 2008 bond exchange, including \$30 million and \$101 million of accelerated amortization that was reported as a loss on extinguishment of debt in the first quarter 2011 Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and fiscal year 2010 Consolidated Statement of Income, respectively.
- (e) Proforma to reflect the -for-one stock split on our common stock effected on , 2011.
- (f) Effective June 30, 2009, we converted from a Delaware limited liability company into a Delaware corporation. Each unit of each class of common membership interest issued and outstanding immediately prior to the conversion was converted into an equivalent number of shares of common stock with substantially the same rights and preferences as the common membership interests. Upon conversion, holders of our preferred membership interests also received an equivalent number of shares of preferred stock with substantially the same rights and preferences as the former preferred membership interests.
- (g) The efficiency ratio equals total other noninterest expense divided by total net revenue. The core efficiency ratio equals total other noninterest expense divided by total net revenue excluding original issue discount amortization expense and gain on extinguishment of debt related to the 2008 bond exchange.
- (h) The 2011, 2010 and 2009 ratios were computed based on average assets and average equity using a combination of monthly and daily average methodologies. The 2008, 2007, and 2006 ratios have been computed based on period-end total assets and period-end total equity at December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006.
- (i) Net interest spread represents the difference between the rate on total interest earning assets and the rate on total interest-bearing liabilities, excluding discontinued operations for the periods shown.

(j) Not applicable at December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006, as we did not become a bank holding company until December 24, 2008.

- (k) Net yield on interest-earning assets represents net financing revenue as a percentage of total interest-earning assets.
- (1) Tier 1 capital generally consists of common equity, minority interests, qualifying preferred stock (including fixed rate cumulative preferred stock issued and sold to Treasury) and purchase contracts (including the purchase contracts that are components of the Units being offered in the concurrent offering) less goodwill and other adjustments.
- (m) Total risk-based capital is the sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. Tier 2 capital generally consists of preferred stock not qualifying as Tier 1 capital, limited amounts of subordinated debt and the allowance for loan losses, and other adjustments. The amount of Tier 2 capital may not exceed the amount of Tier 1 capital.
- (n) Tier 1 leverage equals Tier 1 capital divided by adjusted average total assets (which reflects adjustments for disallowed goodwill and certain intangible assets). The minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio is 3% or 4% depending on factors specified in the regulations.
- (o) We define Tier 1 common as Tier 1 capital less noncommon elements including qualified perpetual preferred stock, qualifying minority interest in subsidiaries, and qualifying trust preferred securities. However, the purchase contracts that are components of the Units being offered in the concurrent offering are not subtracted from Tier 1 capital to determine Tier 1 common. Ally considers various measures when evaluating capital utilization and adequacy, including the Tier 1 common equity ratio, in addition to capital ratios defined by banking regulators. This calculation is intended to complement the capital ratios defined by banking regulators for both absolute and comparative purposes. Because GAAP does not include capital ratio measures, Ally believes there are no comparable GAAP financial measures to these ratios. Tier 1 common equity is not formally defined by GAAP or codified in the federal banking regulations and, therefore, is considered to be a non-GAAP financial measure. Ally believes the Tier 1 common equity ratio is important because we believe analysts and banking regulators may assess our capital adequacy using this ratio. Additionally, presentation of this measure allows readers to compare certain aspects of our capital adequacy on the same basis to other companies in the industry.
- (p) Risk-weighted assets are defined by regulation and are determined by allocating assets and specified off-balance sheet financial instruments into several broad risk categories.
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#### **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the following risk factors that may affect our business, future operating results and financial condition, as well as the other information set forth in this prospectus before making a decision to invest in our common stock. Any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such case, the trading price of our common stock would likely decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

#### **Risks Related to Regulation**

# Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected by regulations to which we are subject as a result of our bank holding company status.

On December 24, 2008, the FRB approved our application to become a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended (the BHC Act ). Many of the regulatory requirements to which we are subject as a bank holding company were not previously applicable to us and have and will continue to require significant expense and devotion of resources to fully implement processes that will be necessary to ensure compliance. Compliance with such laws and regulations involves substantial costs and may adversely affect our ability to operate profitably. Recent events, particularly in the financial and real estate markets, have resulted in bank regulatory agencies placing increased focus and scrutiny on participants in the financial services industry, including us. For a description of our regulatory requirements, see Business Certain Regulatory Matters .

Ally is subject to ongoing supervision by the FRB, and Ally Bank by the FDIC and the Utah DFI, in each case, through regular examinations and other means that allow the regulators to gauge management s ability to identify, assess, and control risk in all areas of operations in a safe-and-sound manner and to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. As a result of Ally s conversion to a bank holding company, Ally and Ally Bank have been required to implement policies and procedures and take other actions to improve their current processes and to seek to ensure adherence to applicable regulatory guidelines and standards.

Ally is currently required by its banking supervisors to make improvements in areas such as board and senior management oversight, risk management, regulatory reporting, internal audit planning, capital adequacy process, stress testing, and Bank Secrecy Act / anti-money laundering compliance, and to continue to reduce problem assets. Separately, Ally Bank is currently required by its banking supervisors to make improvements in areas such as compliance management and training, consumer protection monitoring, consumer complaint resolution, internal audit program and residential mortgage loan pricing, and fee monitoring. These requirements are judicially enforceable, and if we are unable to implement and maintain these required actions, plans, policies and procedures in a timely and effective manner and otherwise comply with the requirements outlined above, we could become subject to formal supervisory actions which could subject us to significant restrictions on our existing business or on our ability to develop any new business. Such forms of supervisory action could include, without limitation, written agreements to increase capital, restrictions on our activities, the imposition of civil monetary penalties, and enforcement of such action through injunctions or restraining orders. We could also be required to dispose of certain assets and liabilities within a prescribed period. The terms of any such supervisory action could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating flexibility, financial condition, and results of operations.

#### Our ability to engage in certain activities may be adversely affected by our status as a bank holding company.

As a bank holding company, Ally s activities are generally limited to banking or to managing or controlling banks or other companies engaged in activities deemed closely related to banking or otherwise permissible under the BHC Act and related regulations. Likewise, Ally generally may not hold more than 5% of any class of voting

shares of any company unless that company s activities conform with the above requirements. Upon our bank holding company approval, we were permitted an initial two-year grace period to bring our activities and investments into conformity with these restrictions. This initial grace period expired in December 2010; however, the FRB has granted a one-year extension that expires in December 2011. We will be permitted to apply to the FRB for up to two additional one-year extensions. Certain of Ally s existing activities and investments, including most of our insurance activities and our SmartAuction vehicle remarketing services, are deemed impermissible under the BHC Act and must be terminated or disposed of by the expiration of this extension and any additional extensions. While some of these activities may be continued if Ally is able to convert to a financial holding company under the BHC Act, Ally may be unable to satisfy the requirements to enable it to convert to a financial holding company prior to that time, and activities, businesses, or investments that would be permissible for a financial holding company will need to be terminated or disposed of. The FRB may also decline to grant any additional requested extensions, and Ally may be obligated to terminate or dispose of any impermissible activities, businesses, or investments more quickly than anticipated or under terms less advantageous to Ally than expected. Either situation could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

As a bank holding company, our ability to expand into new business activities requires us to obtain the prior approval of the relevant banking supervisors. There can be no assurance that any required approval will be obtained or that we will be able to execute on these plans in a timely manner or at all. If we are unable to obtain approval to expand into new business activities, our business, results of operations, and financial position may be materially adversely affected.

## Our business and financial condition could be adversely affected as a result of issues relating to mortgage foreclosures, home sales, and evictions in certain states and our entry into a related consent order.

Representatives of federal and state governments, including the United States Department of Justice, the FRB, the FDIC, the SEC and law enforcement authorities in all 50 states, have announced investigations into the procedures followed by mortgage servicing companies and banks, including subsidiaries of Ally, in connection with mortgage foreclosure home sales and evictions. As a result of an examination conducted by the FRB and FDIC, on April 13, 2011, each of Ally, Ally Bank, Residential Capital, LLC and GMAC Mortgage, LLC (collectively, the Ally Entities) entered into a Consent Order (the Order) with the FRB and the FDIC. The Order requires, among other things, the Ally Entities to retain independent consultants to conduct a risk assessment related to mortgage servicing activities and to conduct a review of certain past residential mortgage foreclosure actions. We do not expect the costs associated with our required near-term response to the Order to be material. The Order further requires the Ally Entities to make improvements in various areas related to aspects of Ally s mortgage servicing business, including board oversight, compliance programs, internal audit, communications with borrowers, outsourcing activities, management information systems, and employee training. The estimated increased costs associated with future servicing and foreclosure costs as a result of the Order have been considered as part of the fair value adjustment of our existing mortgage servicing rights for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

We continue to cooperate with the ongoing investigations of various regulators. Any additional results of these investigations are uncertain, but we expect that Ally or its subsidiaries will become subject to additional penalties, sanctions, or other adverse actions, including monetary fines, that could have a material adverse impact on us.

On September 17, 2010, GMAC Mortgage, LLC (GMACM), our indirect wholly owned subsidiary, temporarily suspended mortgage foreclosure home sales and evictions and postponed hearings on motions for judgment in certain states. This decision was made after an operational matter was detected in the execution of certain affidavits used in connection with judicial foreclosures in some but not all states. The issue relates to whether persons signing the affidavits had appropriately verified the information in them and whether they were signed in the immediate physical presence of a notary. In response to this and to enhance existing procedures, GMACM has recently implemented supplemental procedures that are used in all new foreclosure cases to seek to ensure that affidavits are prepared in compliance with applicable law. GMACM is also conducting an additional review of all foreclosure files in all states prior to proceeding with foreclosure sales.

Our review related to this matter is ongoing, and we cannot estimate the ultimate impact of any deficiencies that have been or may be identified in our historical foreclosure procedures. There are potential risks related to these matters that extend beyond potential liability on individual foreclosure actions. Specific risks could include, for example, claims and litigation related to foreclosure file remediation and resubmission; claims from investors that hold securities that become adversely impacted by continued delays in the foreclosure process; actions by courts, state attorneys general, or regulators to delay further the foreclosure process after submission of corrected affidavits; regulatory fines, sanctions, and other additional costs; and reputational risks. If the magnitude of any negative impact related to the foregoing proves to be material, it could have an adverse affect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

#### Our ability to execute our business strategy may be affected by regulatory considerations.

Our business strategy for Ally Bank, which includes further expansion of both automotive and mortgage lending, is subject to regulatory oversight from a safety and soundness perspective. If our banking supervisors determine that any aspect of our business strategy for Ally Bank raises any safety and soundness concerns, we may be obliged to alter our strategy, including by moving certain activities, such as certain types of lending, outside of Ally Bank to one of our nonbanking affiliates. Alternative funding sources outside of Ally Bank, such as asset securitization or financings in the capital markets, could be more expensive than funding through Ally Bank and could adversely affect our business prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Our ability to rely on deposits as a part of our funding strategy may be limited.

Ally Bank continues to be a key part of our funding strategy, and we have increased our reliance on deposits as an alternative source of funding through Ally Bank. Ally Bank does not have a retail branch network, and it obtains its deposits through direct banking and brokered deposits (which, at December 31, 2010, included \$10 billion of brokered certificates of deposit that may be more price sensitive than other types of deposits and may become less available if alternative investments offer higher interest rates). Our ability to maintain our current level of deposits or grow our deposit base could be affected by regulatory restrictions including the possible imposition of prior approval requirements, restrictions on deposit growth or restrictions on our rates offered. In addition, perceptions of our financial strength, rates offered by third parties, and other competitive factors beyond our control, including returns on alternative investments, will also impact our ability to grow our deposit base. Even if we are able to grow the deposit base of Ally Bank, our regulators may impose restrictions on our ability to use Ally Bank deposits as a source of funding for certain business activities potentially raising the cost of funding those activities without the use of Ally Bank deposits.

The FDIC has indicated that it expects Ally to diversify Ally Bank s overall funding and to focus on reducing Ally Bank s overall funding costs including the interest rates paid on Ally Bank deposits. Any such actions could limit Ally Bank s ability to grow and maintain deposits, which could have a material adverse impact on the funding and capital position of Ally.

#### The regulatory environment in which we operate could have a material adverse effect on our business and earnings.

Our domestic operations are subject to various laws and judicial and administrative decisions imposing various requirements and restrictions relating to supervision and regulation by state and federal authorities. Such regulation and supervision are primarily for the benefit and protection of our customers, not for the benefit of investors in our securities, and could limit our discretion in operating our business. Noncompliance with applicable statutes, regulations, rules, or policies could result in the suspension or revocation of any license or registration at issue as well as the imposition of civil fines and criminal penalties.

Ally, Ally Bank, and many of our nonbank subsidiaries are heavily regulated by bank and other regulatory agencies at the federal and state levels. This regulatory oversight is established to protect depositors, the FDIC s Deposit Insurance Fund, and the banking system as a whole, not security holders. Changes to statutes,

regulations, rules, or policies including the interpretation or implementation of statutes, regulations, rules, or policies could affect us in substantial and unpredictable ways including limiting the types of financial services and products we may offer, limiting our ability to pursue acquisitions and increasing the ability of third parties to offer competing financial services and products.

Our operations are also heavily regulated in many jurisdictions outside the United States. For example, certain of our foreign subsidiaries operate either as a bank or a regulated finance company, and our insurance operations are subject to various requirements in the foreign markets in which we operate. The varying requirements of these jurisdictions may be inconsistent with U.S. rules and may materially adversely affect our business or limit necessary regulatory approvals, or if approvals are obtained, we may not be able to continue to comply with the terms of the approvals or applicable regulations. In addition, in many countries, the regulations applicable to the financial services industry are uncertain and evolving, and it may be difficult for us to determine the exact regulatory requirements.

Our inability to remain in compliance with regulatory requirements in a particular jurisdiction could have a material adverse effect on our operations in that market with regard to the affected product and on our reputation generally. No assurance can be given that applicable laws or regulations will not be amended or construed differently, that new laws and regulations will not be adopted, or that we will not be prohibited by local laws or regulators from raising interest rates above certain desired levels, any of which could materially adversely affect our business, operating flexibility, financial condition, or results of operations.

#### Financial services legislative and regulatory reforms may have a significant impact on our business and results of operations.

On July 21, 2010, the President of the United States signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act ). The Dodd-Frank Act will have material implications for Ally and the entire financial services industry. Among other things, it will or potentially could:

result in Ally being subject to enhanced oversight and scrutiny as a result of being a bank holding company with \$50 billion or more in consolidated assets;

result in the appointment of the FDIC as receiver of Ally in an orderly liquidation proceeding if the Secretary of Treasury, upon recommendation of two-thirds of the FRB and the FDIC and in consultation with the President of the United States, finds Ally to be in default or danger of default;

affect the levels of capital and liquidity with which Ally must operate and how it plans capital and liquidity levels;

subject Ally to new and/or higher fees paid to various regulatory entities, including but not limited to deposit insurance fees to the FDIC;

impact Ally s ability to invest in certain types of entities or engage in certain activities;

impact a number of Ally s business and risk management strategies;

restrict the revenue that Ally generates from certain businesses; and

subject Ally to a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which will have very broad rule-making and enforcement authorities. As the Dodd-Frank Act requires that many studies be conducted and that hundreds of regulations be written in order to fully implement it, the full impact of this legislation on Ally, its business strategies, and financial

performance cannot be known at this time and may not be known for a number of years. In addition, regulations may impact us differently in comparison to other more established financial institutions. However, these impacts are expected to be substantial and some of them are likely to adversely affect Ally and its financial performance. The extent to which Ally can adjust its strategies to offset such adverse impacts also is not knowable at this time.

#### Our business may be adversely affected upon our implementation of the revised capital requirements under the Basel III capital rules.

The Bank for International Settlements Basel Committee on Banking Supervision recently adopted new capital, leverage, and liquidity guidelines under the Basel Accord ( Basel III ), which when implemented in the United States, may have the effect of raising capital requirements beyond those required by current law and the Dodd-Frank Act. Basel III increases (i) the minimum Tier 1 common equity ratio from 2.0% to 4.5%, net of regulatory deductions, and introduces a capital conservation buffer of an additional 2.5% of common equity to risk-weighted assets, raising the target minimum common equity ratio to 7.0% and (ii) the minimum Tier 1 capital ratio to 8.5% inclusive of the capital conservation buffer, increases the minimum total capital ratio to 10.5% inclusive of the capital buffer, and introduces a countercyclical capital buffer of up to 2.5% of common equity or other fully loss absorbing capital for periods of excess credit growth. Basel III also introduces a nonrisk adjusted Tier 1 leverage ratio of 3% based on a measure of the total exposure rather than total assets and new liquidity standards. The Basel III capital, leverage, and liquidity standards will be phased in over a multiyear period. The Basel III rules, when implemented, will also impose a 15% cap on the amount of Tier 1 capital that can be met, in the aggregate, through significant investments in the common shares of unconsolidated financial subsidiaries, mortgage servicing rights (MSRs) and deferred tax assets through timing differences, as well as a 10% cap on the amount of each of the three individual items that may be included in Tier 1 capital. In addition, under Basel III rules, after a 10-year phase-out period beginning on January 1, 2013, trust preferred and other hybrid securities will no longer qualify as Tier 1 capital. However, under the Dodd-Frank Act, subject to certain exceptions, trust preferred and other hybrid securities are phased out from Tier 1 capital in a three-year period starting January 1, 2013. At March 31, 2011, Ally had \$3.4 billion of MSRs and \$2.5 billion of trust preferred securities, which were included as Tier 1 capital. Ally currently has no other hybrid securities outstanding. The Basel III rules, when implemented, will impose limits on Ally s ability to meet its regulatory capital requirements through the use of MSRs, trust preferred securities, or other hybrid securities, if applicable.

If we or Ally Bank fail to satisfy regulatory capital requirements, we or Ally Bank may be subject to serious regulatory sanctions ranging in severity from being precluded from making acquisitions or engaging in new activities to becoming subject to informal or formal supervisory actions by the FRB and/or FDIC and, potentially, FDIC receivership of Ally Bank. If any of these were to occur, such actions could prevent us from successfully executing our business plan and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

The actions of the FRB and international central banking authorities directly impact our cost of funds for lending, capital raising, and investment activities and may impact the value of financial instruments we hold. In addition, such changes in monetary policy may affect the credit quality of our customers. Changes in domestic and international monetary policy are beyond our control and difficult to predict.

#### Future consumer or mortgage legislation could harm our competitive position.

In addition to the recent enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act, various legislative bodies have also recently been considering altering the existing framework governing creditors rights and mortgage products including legislation that would result in or allow loan modifications of various sorts. Such legislation may change banking statutes and the operating environment in substantial and unpredictable ways. If enacted, such legislation could increase or decrease the cost of doing business; limit or expand permissible activities; or affect the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, credit unions, and other financial institutions. We cannot predict whether new legislation will be enacted, and if enacted, the effect that it or any regulations would have on our activities, financial condition, or results of operations.

### Ally and its subsidiaries are or may become involved from time to time in information-gathering requests, investigations and proceedings by government and self-regulatory agencies which may lead to adverse consequences.

Ally and its subsidiaries, including Ally Bank, are or may become involved from time to time in information-gathering requests, reviews, investigations, and proceedings (both formal and informal) by government and self-regulatory agencies, including the FRB, FDIC, Utah DFI, SEC and the Federal Trade Commission regarding their respective operations. Such matters may result in determinations of material weaknesses in our controls and procedures or material adverse consequences including without limitation, adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions, or other actions.

### Our business, financial position, and results of operations could be adversely affected by the impact of affiliate transaction restrictions imposed in connection with certain financing transactions.

Certain transactions between Ally Bank and any of its nonbank affiliates, including but not limited to Ally Financial Inc. and Residential Capital, LLC (ResCap) are subject to federal statutory and regulatory restrictions. Pursuant to these restrictions, unless otherwise exempted, covered transactions, including Ally Bank s extensions of credit to and asset purchases from its nonbank affiliates, generally (1) are limited to 10% of Ally Bank s capital stock and surplus with an aggregate limit of 20% of Ally Bank s capital stock and surplus for all such transactions; (2) in the case of certain credit transactions, are subject to stringent collateralization requirements; (3) in the case of asset purchases by Ally Bank, may not involve the purchase of any asset deemed to be a low quality asset under federal banking guidelines; and (4) must be conducted in accordance with safe-and-sound banking practices (collectively, the Affiliate Transaction Restrictions). Under the Dodd-Frank Act, among other changes to Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, credit exposures resulting from derivatives transactions and securities lending and borrowing transactions will be treated as a transaction between Ally Bank and a nonbank affiliate to the extent that the proceeds of the transaction are used for the benefit of, or transferred to, a nonbank affiliate of Ally Bank. Retail financing transactions by Ally Bank involving vehicles which are floorplan financed by Ally Financial Inc. are subject to the Affiliate Transaction Restrictions because the proceeds of the retail financings are deemed to benefit, and are ultimately transferred to, Ally.

The FRB is authorized to exempt, in its discretion, transactions or relationships from the requirements of these rules if it finds such exemptions to be in the public interest and consistent with the purposes of the rules. The FRB has granted several such exemptions to Ally Bank. However, the existing exemptions are subject to various conditions and any requests for future exemptions may not be granted. Moreover, these limited exemptions generally do not encompass consumer leasing or used vehicle financing. Since there is no assurance that Ally Bank will be able to obtain any further exemptions or waivers with respect to these restrictions, the ability to grow Ally Bank s business will be affected by the Affiliate Transaction Restrictions and the conditions set forth in these exemption letters.

#### Ally Financial Inc. may in the future require distributions from its subsidiaries.

We currently fund Ally Financial Inc. s obligations, including dividend payments to our preferred shareholders, and payments of interest and principal on our indebtedness, from cash generated by Ally Financial Inc. In the future, Ally Financial Inc. may not generate sufficient funds at the parent company level to fund its obligations. As such, it may require dividends, distributions, or other payments from its subsidiaries to fund its obligations. However, regulatory and other legal restrictions may limit the ability of Ally Financial Inc. s subsidiaries to transfer funds freely to Ally Financial Inc. In particular, many of Ally Financial Inc. s subsidiaries are subject to laws, regulations, and rules that authorize regulatory bodies to block or reduce the flow of funds to it or that prohibit such transfers entirely in certain circumstances. These laws, regulations, and rules may hinder Ally Financial Inc. s ability to access funds that it may need to make payments on its obligations in the future. Furthermore, as a bank holding company, Ally Financial Inc. may become subject to a prohibition or to

limitations on its ability to pay dividends. The bank regulators have the authority and, under certain circumstances, the duty to prohibit or to limit payment of dividends by the banking organizations they supervise, including Ally Financial Inc. and its subsidiaries.

# Current and future increases in FDIC insurance premiums, including the FDIC special assessment imposed on all FDIC-insured institutions, could decrease our earnings.

During 2008 and continuing in 2009 and 2010, higher levels of bank failures have dramatically increased resolution costs of the FDIC and depleted the Deposit Insurance Fund (the DIF). In May 2009, the FDIC announced that it had voted to levy a special assessment on insured institutions in order to facilitate the rebuilding of the DIF. In September 2009, the FDIC voted to adopt an increase in the risk-based assessment rate effective beginning January 1, 2011, by three basis points. Further, the Dodd-Frank Act alters the calculation of an insured institution s deposit base for purposes of deposit insurance assessments and removes the upper limit for the reserve ratio designated by the FDIC each year. On February 7, 2011, the FDIC approved a final rule implementing these changes, which will take effect April 1, 2011. The FDIC will continue to assess the changes to the assessment rates at least annually. Future deposit premiums paid by Ally Bank depend on the level of the DIF and the magnitude and cost of future bank failures. Any increases in deposit insurance assessments could decrease our earnings.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

# The profitability and financial condition of our operations are heavily dependent upon the performance, operations, and prospects of GM and Chrysler.

GM, GM dealers, and GM-related employees compose a significant portion of our customer base, and our domestic and, in particular, our International Automotive Finance operations are highly dependent on GM production and sales volume. In 2010, 66% of our North American new vehicle dealer inventory financing and 66% of our North American new vehicle consumer automotive financing volume were for GM dealers and customers. In addition, 90% of our international new vehicle dealer inventory financing solume were for GM dealers and customers. Furthermore, we have expanded our financing footprint to Chrysler dealers and customers. We have entered into an agreement with Chrysler to provide automotive financing products and services to Chrysler dealers and customers pursuant to which we will be the preferred provider of new wholesale financing for Chrysler dealer inventory. In 2010, 26% of our North American new vehicle dealer inventory financing and 31% of our North American new vehicle consumer automotive financing volume were for Chrysler dealers.

Ally s agreements with GM and Chrysler to provide automotive financing products to their dealers and customers extend through December and April 2013, respectively. These agreements provide Ally with certain preferred provider benefits including limiting the use of other financing providers by GM and Chrysler in their incentive programs. The terms of the Ally agreement with GM changed after January 1, 2011, such that GM is now able to offer any incentive programs on a graduated basis through third parties on a nonexclusive, side-by-side basis with Ally, provided that the pricing of the third parties meets certain requirements. Due to the highly competitive nature of the market for financial services, Ally may be unable to extend one or both of these agreements or may face less favorable terms upon extension. If Ally is unable to extend one or both of these agreement with a third party, Ally s retail financing volumes could be materially and adversely impacted.

On October 1, 2010, GM acquired AmeriCredit Corp. (which GM subsequently renamed General Motors Financial Company, Inc.), an independent automotive finance company that focuses on providing leasing and subprime financing options. If GM were to direct substantially more business, including wholesale financing business, to its captive on noncommercial terms thus reducing its reliance on our services over time, it could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition. In addition, it is possible that GM or other automotive manufacturers could utilize other existing companies to support their financing needs including

offering products or terms that we would not or could not offer, which could have a material adverse impact on our business and operations. Furthermore, other automotive manufacturers could expand or establish or acquire captive finance companies to support their financing needs thus reducing their need for our services.

A significant adverse change in GM s or Chrysler s business, including significant adverse changes in their respective liquidity position and access to the capital markets; the production or sale of GM or Chrysler vehicles; the quality or resale value of GM or Chrysler vehicles; the use of GM or Chrysler marketing incentives; GM s or Chrysler s relationships with its key suppliers; or GM s or Chrysler s relationship with the United Auto Workers and other labor unions and other factors impacting GM or Chrysler or their respective employees, could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition. In addition, growth in our International Automotive Finance operations are highly dependent on GM, and therefore any significant change to GM s international business or our relationship with GM may hinder our ability to achieve our stated goal of expanding internationally.

There is no assurance that the global automotive market or GM s and Chrysler s respective share of that market will not suffer downturns in the future. Vehicle sales volume could be further adversely affected by any additional restructuring activities that GM or Chrysler may decide to pursue, if any. Any negative impact could in turn have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

# Our business requires substantial capital and liquidity, and disruption in our funding sources and access to the capital markets would have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, capital positions, and financial condition.

Our liquidity and the long-term viability of Ally depend on many factors including our ability to successfully raise capital and secure appropriate bank financing. We are currently required to maintain a Total risk-based capital ratio of 15% and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 15% at Ally Bank. The latter will require that Ally maintain substantial equity funds in Ally Bank and inject substantial additional equity funds into Ally Bank as Ally Bank s assets increase over time.

We have significant maturities of unsecured debt each year. While we have reduced our reliance on unsecured funding, it continues to remain a critical component of our capital structure and financing plans. At March 31, 2011, approximately \$7.1 billion in principal amount of total outstanding consolidated unsecured debt is scheduled to mature in 2011, and approximately \$12.8 billion and \$1.9 billion in principal amount of consolidated unsecured debt is scheduled to mature in 2012 and 2013, respectively, which includes \$7.4 billion in principal amount of debt issued under the FDIC s Temporary Liquidity Guaranty Program that matures in 2012. We also obtain short-term funding from the sale by Ally of floating rate demand notes, all of which the holders may elect to have redeemed by Ally at any time without restriction. At March 31, 2011, a total of \$2.3 billion in principal amount of Demand Notes were outstanding. We also rely on secured funding. At March 31, 2011, approximately \$9.1 billion is scheduled to mature in 2013. Furthermore, at March 31, 2011, approximately \$8.9 billion in certificates of deposit at Ally Bank is scheduled to mature in 2011, which is not included in the 2011 unsecured maturities provided above. Additional financing will be required to fund a material portion of the debt maturities over this period. The capital markets continue to have significant original issue discount amortization expenses (OID expense ) in the near future, which will adversely affect our net income and resulting capital position. OID expense was \$299 million in the first quarter of 2011, and the scheduled amortization is \$646 million, \$350 million, and \$264 million in 2011, 2012, and 2013, respectively.

As a result of the volatility in the markets and our current unsecured debt ratings, we have increased our reliance on various secured debt markets. Although market conditions have improved, there can be no assurances that this will continue. In addition, we continue to rely on our ability to borrow from other financial institutions, and many of our primary bank facilities are up for renewal on a yearly basis. Any weakness in market conditions

and a tightening of credit availability could have a negative effect on our ability to refinance these facilities and increase the costs of bank funding. Ally and Ally Bank also continue to access the securitization markets. While markets have begun to stabilize following the recent liquidity crisis, there can be no assurances these sources of liquidity will remain available to us.

#### Our indebtedness and other obligations are significant and could materially and adversely affect our business.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. At December 31, 2010, we had approximately \$96.8 billion in principal amount of indebtedness outstanding (including \$42.4 billion in secured indebtedness). Interest expense on our indebtedness constituted approximately 54% of our total financing revenue and other interest income for the year ended December 31, 2010. In addition, during the twelve months ending December 31, 2010, we declared and paid preferred stock dividends of \$1.2 billion in the aggregate.

We have the ability to create additional unsecured indebtedness. If our debt service obligations increase, whether due to the increased cost of existing indebtedness or the incurrence of additional indebtedness, we may be required to dedicate a significant portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal of, and interest on, our indebtedness, which would reduce the funds available for other purposes. Our indebtedness also could limit our ability to withstand competitive pressures and reduce our flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions.

# The worldwide financial services industry is highly competitive. If we are unable to compete successfully or if there is increased competition in the automotive financing, mortgage, and/or insurance markets or generally in the markets for securitizations or asset sales, our business could be negatively affected.

The markets for automotive and mortgage financing, banking, and insurance are highly competitive. The market for automotive financing has recently grown increasingly more competitive as more consumers are financing their vehicle purchases and as more competitors continue to enter this market as a result of how well automotive finance assets generally performed relative to other asset classes during the recent economic downturn. Our mortgage business and Ally Bank face significant competition from commercial banks, savings institutions, mortgage companies, and other financial institutions. Our insurance business faces significant competition from insurance carriers, reinsurers, third-party administrators, brokers, and other insurance-related companies. Many of our competitors have substantial positions nationally or in the markets in which they operate. Some of our competitors have lower cost structures, substantially lower costs of capital, and are much less reliant on securitization activities, unsecured debt, and other public markets. We face significant competition in most areas including product offerings, rates, pricing and fees, and customer service. If we are unable to compete effectively in the markets in which we operate, our profitability and financial condition could be negatively affected.

The markets for asset and mortgage securitizations and whole-loan sales are competitive, and other issuers and originators could increase the amount of their issuances and sales. In addition, lenders and other investors within those markets often establish limits on their credit exposure to particular issuers, originators, and asset classes, or they may require higher returns to increase the amount of their exposure. Increased issuance by other participants in the market or decisions by investors to limit their credit exposure to (or to require a higher yield for) us or to automotive or mortgage securitizations or whole-loans could negatively affect our ability and that of our subsidiaries to price our securitizations and whole loan sales at attractive rates. The result would be lower proceeds from these activities and lower profits for our subsidiaries and us.

### Our allowance for loan losses may not be adequate to cover actual losses, and we may be required to materially increase our allowance, which may adversely affect our capital, financial condition, and results of operations.

We maintain an allowance for loan losses, which is a reserve established through a provision for loan losses charged to expenses, which represents management s best estimate of probable credit losses that have been

incurred within the existing portfolio of loans, all as described under Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The allowance, in the judgment of management, is established to reserve for estimated loan losses and risks inherent in the loan portfolio. The determination of the appropriate level of the allowance for loan losses inherently involves a high degree of subjectivity and requires us to make significant estimates of current credit risks using existing qualitative and quantitative information, all of which may undergo material changes. Changes in economic conditions affecting borrowers, new information regarding existing loans, identification of additional problem loans, and other factors, both within and outside of our control, may require an increase in the allowance for loan losses.

Bank regulatory agencies periodically review our allowance for loan losses, as well as our methodology for calculating our allowance for loan losses and may require an increase in the provision for loan losses or the recognition of additional loan charge-offs, based on judgments different than those of management. An increase in the allowance for loan losses results in a decrease in net income and capital and may have a material adverse effect on our capital, financial condition and results of operations.

# Our mortgage subsidiary, ResCap, requires substantial liquidity and capital which could have an adverse effect on our own capital and liquidity position.

ResCap remains heavily reliant on support from us to meet its liquidity and capital requirements, which includes approximately \$2.3 billion in principal amount of indebtedness scheduled to mature in 2011, 2012 and 2013. In addition, ResCap has commitments to lend up to \$2.3 billion under existing home equity lines of credit it has extended to customers. Recent developments in the market for many types of mortgage products (including mortgage-backed securities) have resulted in reduced liquidity for these assets. As a result, a significant portion of ResCap s assets are relatively illiquid. Any negative events with respect to ResCap could serve as a further drain on our financial resources.

Pursuant to an existing contractual arrangement, ResCap is precluded from paying any dividends to us, including any additional capital that we may provide in the future, if any.

ResCap employs various economic hedging strategies to mitigate the interest rate and prepayment risk inherent in many of its assets including its mortgage loans held-for-sale portfolio, MSRs, its portfolio of held-for-investment mortgage loans, and interests from securitizations. A significant portion of ResCap s operating cash at any given time may consist of funds delivered to it as credit support by counterparties to these arrangements. However, interest rate movements during 2010 required ResCap to return a significant amount of such funds. As interest rates change and dependent upon the hedge position, ResCap may need to continue to repay or deliver cash as credit support for these arrangements. If the amount ResCap must repay or deliver is substantial, depending on its liquidity position at that time, ResCap may not be able to pay such amounts as required.

# The protracted period of adverse developments in the mortgage finance and credit markets has adversely affected ResCap s business, liquidity, and its capital position and has raised substantial doubt about ResCap s ability to continue as a going concern.

ResCap has been adversely affected by the events and conditions in the broader mortgage banking industry, most severely but not limited to the domestic nonprime and nonconforming and international mortgage loan markets. Fair market valuations of held-for-sale mortgage loans, MSRs, and securitized interests that continue to be held by ResCap and other assets and liabilities ResCap records at fair value may continue to deteriorate if there continues to be weakness in housing prices, increasing mortgage rates, or increased severity of delinquencies and defaults of mortgage loans. These deteriorating factors previously resulted in higher provision for loan losses on ResCap sheld-for-investment mortgage loans and real estate-lending portfolios. As a direct result of these events and conditions, ResCap discontinued new originations in all of its international operations and sold its U.K. and European operations and currently generally only purchases or originates mortgage loans that can be sold in the form of securitizations guaranteed by the GSEs. If the GSEs became unable or unwilling to

purchase mortgage loans from ResCap, it would have a materially adverse impact on ResCap s funding and liquidity and on its ability to originate or purchase new mortgage loans.

ResCap is highly leveraged relative to its cash flow and has previously recognized substantial losses resulting in a significant deterioration in capital. There continues to be a risk that ResCap will not be able to meet its debt service obligations, will default on its financial debt covenants due to insufficient capital or liquidity, and/or be in a negative liquidity position in 2011 or beyond. ResCap remains heavily dependent on Ally for funding and capital support, and there can be no assurance that Ally will continue to provide such support.

In light of ResCap s liquidity and capital needs combined with volatile conditions in the marketplace, there is substantial doubt about ResCap s ability to continue as a going concern. If Ally determines to no longer support ResCap s capital or liquidity needs or if ResCap or Ally are unable to successfully execute effective initiatives, it could have a material adverse effect on ResCap s business, results of operations, and financial position.

#### There is a significant risk that ResCap will not be able to meet its debt service obligations and other funding obligations in the near term.

ResCap expects its liquidity pressures to continue in 2011. ResCap is highly leveraged relative to its cash flow. At December 31, 2010, ResCap s unrestricted liquidity (cash readily available to cover operating demands from across its business operations) totaled \$444 million with cash and cash equivalents totaling \$672 million.

ResCap expects that additional and continuing liquidity pressure, which is difficult to forecast with precision, will result from the obligation of its subsidiaries to advance delinquent principal, interest, property taxes, casualty insurance premiums, home equity line advances, and certain other amounts with respect to mortgage loans its subsidiaries service that become delinquent. In addition, ResCap continues to be subject to financial covenants requiring it to maintain minimum consolidated tangible net worth and consolidated liquidity balances. ResCap will attempt to meet these and other liquidity and capital demands through a combination of cash flow from operations and financings, potential asset sales, and other various alternatives. To the extent these sources prove insufficient, ResCap will be dependent on continued support from Ally to the extent Ally agrees to provide such support. Ally currently provides funding and capital support to ResCap through various facilities, including a \$500 million unsecured line of credit. The sufficiency of these sources of additional liquidity cannot be assured, and any asset sales, even if they raise sufficient cash to meet ResCap s liquidity needs, may adversely affect its overall profitability and financial condition.

Moreover, even if ResCap is successful in implementing all of the actions described above, its ability to satisfy its liquidity needs and comply with any covenants included in its debt agreements requiring maintenance of minimum cash balances may be affected by additional factors and events (such as interest rate fluctuations and margin calls) that increase ResCap s cash needs making ResCap unable to independently satisfy its near term liquidity requirements.

# We have extensive financing and hedging arrangements with ResCap, which could be at risk of nonpayment if ResCap were to file for bankruptcy.

We have secured financing arrangements and secured hedging agreements in place with ResCap. At March 31, 2011, we had \$1.9 billion in secured financing arrangements with ResCap, of which \$1.3 billion in loans was utilized. At March 31, 2011, there was no net exposure under hedging arrangements because the arrangements were fully collateralized. Amounts outstanding under the secured financing and hedging arrangements fluctuate. If ResCap were to file for bankruptcy, ResCap s repayments of its financing facilities, including those with us, will be subject to bankruptcy proceedings and regulations, or ResCap may be unable to repay its financing facilities. In addition, we could be an unsecured creditor of ResCap to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of our collateral are insufficient to repay ResCap s obligations to us. In addition, it is possible that other ResCap creditors would seek to recharacterize our loans to ResCap as equity contributions or

to seek equitable subordination of our claims so that the claims of other creditors would have priority over our claims. We may also find it advantageous to provide debtor-in-possession financing to ResCap in a bankruptcy proceeding in order to preserve the value of the collateral ResCap has pledged to us. In addition, should ResCap file for bankruptcy, our investment related to ResCap s equity position would likely be reduced to zero, and creditors of ResCap may attempt to assert claims directly against us for payment of their obligations.

### We may be required to repurchase mortgage or other loans or indemnify investors if we breach representations and warranties, which could harm our profitability.

When we sell mortgage or other loans (such as retail automotive contracts) through whole-loan sales or securitizations, we are required to make customary representations and warranties about the loans to the purchaser or securitization trust. These representations and warranties relate to, among other things, the ownership of the loan, the validity of the lien securing the loan, the loan s compliance with the criteria for inclusion in the transaction, including compliance with underwriting standards or loan criteria established by the buyer, ability to deliver required documentation, and compliance with applicable laws. Generally, the representations and warranties described above may be enforced at any time over the life of the loan.

We use estimates and assumptions in determining our reserves for representation and warranty exposure. It is difficult to determine the accuracy of our estimates and assumptions, and our actual experience may differ materially from these estimates and assumptions. A material difference between our estimates and assumptions and our actual experience may materially adversely affect our cash flow, profitability and financial condition.

As the mortgage industry continues to experience higher repurchase requirements and additional investors begin to attempt to put back loans, a significant increase in activity beyond that experienced today could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial position.

### Certain of our mortgage subsidiaries face potential legal liability resulting from legal claims related to the sale of private-label mortgage-backed securities.

Claims related to private-label mortgage-backed securities (PLS) have been brought under federal and state securities laws and contract laws (among other theories), and it is possible that additional similar claims, including claims from other third-party claimants, will be brought in the future. The claims made to date are similar in some respects to the repurchase demands we have previously disclosed related to alleged breaches of representations and warranties that our mortgage subsidiaries made in connection with mortgage loans they sold or securitized. Further, and as previously disclosed, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), as conservator of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, announced on July 12, 2010, that it issued 64 subpoenas to various entities seeking documents related to PLS in which Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac had invested. Certain of our mortgage subsidiaries received such subpoenas. In connection with our settlement with Fannie Mae announced on December 23, 2010, the FHFA has agreed to withdraw the subpoenas that relate to Fannie Mae. However, we continue to respond to the subpoenas related to Freddie Mac. The FHFA has indicated that documents provided in response to the subpoenas will enable the FHFA to determine whether they believe issuers of PLS are potentially liable to Freddie Mac for losses they might have suffered. A final outcome in any existing or future legal proceeding related to the foregoing, if unfavorable, could result in additional liability, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation, results of operations, or financial condition.

# Changes in existing U.S. government-sponsored mortgage programs, restrictions on our access to such programs, or disruptions in the secondary markets in the United States or in other countries in which we operate could adversely affect our profitability and financial condition.

Our ability to generate revenue through mortgage loan sales to institutional investors in the United States depends to a significant degree on programs administered by the GSEs and others that facilitate the issuance of mortgage-backed securities in the secondary market. These GSEs play a powerful role in the residential mortgage industry and we have significant business relationships with them. Proposals have been enacted in the U.S. Congress and are under consideration by various regulatory authorities that would affect the manner in which

these GSEs conduct their business to require them to register their stock with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to reduce or limit certain business benefits that they receive from the U.S. government and to limit the size of the mortgage loan portfolios that they may hold. Furthermore, the Obama administration recently released a report that recommended winding down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. We do not know what impact, if any, the report would have on the future of the GSEs. In addition, the GSEs themselves have been negatively affected by recent mortgage market conditions, including conditions that have threatened their access to debt financing. Any discontinuation of, or significant reduction in, the operation of these GSEs could adversely affect our revenues and profitability. Also, any significant adverse change in the level of activity in the secondary market including declines in institutional investors desire to invest in our mortgage products could materially adversely affect our business.

#### We are exposed to consumer credit risk, which could adversely affect our profitability and financial condition.

We are subject to credit risk resulting from defaults in payment or performance by customers for our contracts and loans, as well as contracts and loans that are securitized and in which we retain a residual interest. For example, the continued decline in the domestic housing market and the increase in unemployment rates resulted in an increase in delinquency rates related to mortgage loans that ResCap and Ally Bank either hold or retain an interest in. Furthermore, a weak economic environment, high unemployment rates, and the continued deterioration of the housing market could exert pressure on our consumer automotive finance customers resulting in higher delinquencies, repossessions, and losses. There can be no assurances that our monitoring of our credit risk as it affects the value of these assets and our efforts to mitigate credit risk through our risk-based pricing, appropriate underwriting policies, and loss-mitigation strategies are, or will be, sufficient to prevent a further adverse effect on our profitability and financial condition. In addition, we have begun to increase our used car and nonprime car financing (nonprime car financing). As we grow our automotive asset portfolio in nonprime car financing loans over time, our credit risk may increase. As part of the underwriting process, we rely heavily upon information supplied by third parties. If any of this information is intentionally or negligently misrepresented and the misrepresentation is not detected before completing the transaction, the credit risk associated with the transaction may be increased.

#### General business and economic conditions may significantly and adversely affect our revenues, profitability, and financial condition.

Our business and earnings are sensitive to general business and economic conditions in the United States and in the markets in which we operate outside the United States. A downturn in economic conditions resulting in increased short and long term interest rates, inflation, fluctuations in the debt capital markets, unemployment rates, consumer and commercial bankruptcy filings, or a decline in the strength of national and local economies and other factors that negatively affect household incomes could decrease demand for our financing and mortgage products and increase mortgage and financing delinquency and losses on our customer and dealer financing operations. We have been negatively affected due to the recent significant stress in the residential real estate and related capital markets and, in particular, the lack of home price appreciation in many markets in which we lend. Further, a significant and sustained increase in fuel prices could lead to diminished new and used vehicle purchases and negatively affect our automotive finance business.

If the rate of inflation were to increase, or if the debt capital markets or the economies of the United States or our markets outside the United States were to weaken, or if home prices or new and used vehicle purchases experience declines, we could be significantly and adversely affected, and it could become more expensive for us to conduct our business. For example, business and economic conditions that negatively affect household incomes, housing prices, and consumer behavior related to our businesses could decrease (1) the demand for our mortgage loans and new and used vehicle financing and (2) the value of the collateral underlying our portfolio of held-for-investment mortgages and new and used vehicle loans and interests that continue to be held by us, thus further increasing the number of consumers who become delinquent or default on their loans. In addition, the rate

of delinquencies, foreclosures, and losses on our loans (especially our nonprime mortgage loans) as experienced recently could be higher during more severe economic slowdowns.

Any sustained period of increased delinquencies, foreclosures, or losses could further harm our ability to sell our mortgage and new and used vehicle loans, the prices we receive for our mortgage and new and used vehicle loans, or the value of our portfolio of mortgage and new and used vehicle loans held-for-investment or interests from our securitizations, which could harm our revenues, profitability, and financial condition. Continued adverse business and economic conditions could affect demand for housing, new and used vehicles, the cost of construction, and other related factors that could harm the revenues and profitability of our business.

In addition, our business and earnings are significantly affected by the fiscal and monetary policies of the U.S. government and its agencies and similar governmental authorities in the markets in which we operate outside the United States. We are particularly affected by the policies of the FRB, which regulates the supply of money and credit in the United States. The FRB s policies influence the new and used vehicle financing market and the size of the mortgage origination market, which significantly affects the earnings of our businesses and the earnings of our business capital activities. The FRB s policies also influence the yield on our interest earning assets and the cost of our interest-bearing liabilities. Changes in those policies are beyond our control and difficult to predict and could adversely affect our revenues, profitability, and financial condition.

# Acts or threats of terrorism and political or military actions taken by the United States or other governments could adversely affect general economic or industry conditions.

Geopolitical conditions may affect our earnings. Acts or threats of terrorism and political or military actions taken by the United States or other governments in response to terrorism, or similar activity, could adversely affect general economic or industry conditions.

# Treasury (or its designee) will continue to own a substantial interest in us following this offering, and its interests may differ from those of our other stockholders.

Immediately following this offering, and the concurrent transactions described under Concurrent Transactions, Treasury will own approximately % of our outstanding shares of common stock (% if the underwriters in the offering of common stock and the underwriters in the concurrent offering of Units exercise their over-allotment options in full), assuming the common stock public offering price is the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, and Treasury will own approximately % of the outstanding Units (% if the underwriters in the concurrent offering of Units exercise their over-allotment options in full). Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Governance Agreement dated May 21, 2009, as of the date hereof, Treasury also has the right to appoint six of the eleven members to the our board of directors. As a result of this stock ownership interest and Treasury s right to appoint six directors to our board of directors, Treasury has the ability to exert control, through its power to vote for the election of our directors, over various matters. To the extent Treasury elects to exert such control over us, its interests (as a government entity) may differ from those of our other stockholders and it may influence, through its ability to vote for the election of our directors, matters including:

The selection, tenure and compensation of our management;

Our business strategy and product offerings;

Our relationship with our employees and other constituencies; and

Our financing activities, including the issuance of debt and equity securities.

In particular, Treasury may have a greater interest in promoting U.S. economic growth and jobs than our other stockholders. In the future we may also become subject to new and additional laws and government regulations regarding various aspects of our business as a result of participation in the TARP program and the U.S. government s ownership in our business. These regulations could make it more difficult for us to compete with other companies that are not subject to similar regulations.

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### The limitations on compensation imposed on us due to our participation in TARP, including the restrictions placed on our compensation by the Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation, may adversely affect our ability to retain and motivate our executives and employees.

Our performance is dependent on the talent and efforts of our management team and employees. As a result of our participation in TARP, the compensation of certain members of our management team and employees is subject to extensive restrictions under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the ARRA ), which was signed into law on February 17, 2009, as implemented by the Interim Final Rule issued by Treasury on June 15, 2009 (the IFR ). In addition, due to our level of participation in TARP, pursuant to ARRA and the IFR, the Office of the Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation has the authority to further regulate our compensation arrangements with certain of our executives and employees. In addition, we may become subject to further restrictions under any other future legislation or regulation limiting executive compensation. Many of the restrictions are not limited to our senior executives and affect other employees whose contributions to revenue and performance may be significant. These limitations may leave us unable to create a compensation structure that permits us to retain and motivate certain of our executives and employees or to attract new executives or employees, especially if we are competing against institutions that are not subject to the same restrictions. Any such inability could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

#### Our borrowing costs and access to the unsecured debt capital markets depend significantly on our credit ratings.

The cost and availability of unsecured financing are materially affected by our short- and long-term credit ratings. Each of Standard & Poor s Rating Services; Moody s Investors Service, Inc.; Fitch, Inc.; and Dominion Bond Rating Service rates our debt. Our current ratings as assigned by each of the respective rating agencies are below investment grade, which negatively impacts our access to liquidity and increases our borrowing costs in the unsecured market. Ratings reflect the rating agencies opinions of our financial strength, operating performance, strategic position, and ability to meet our obligations. Future downgrades of our credit ratings would increase borrowing costs and further constrain our access to the unsecured debt markets and, as a result, would negatively affect our business. In addition, downgrades of our credit ratings could increase the possibility of additional terms and conditions being added to any new or replacement financing arrangements as well as impact elements of certain existing secured borrowing arrangements.

Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any security and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency s rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency s rating.

# Our profitability and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected if the residual value of off-lease vehicles decrease in the future.

Our expectation of the residual value of a vehicle subject to an automotive lease contract is a critical element used to determine the amount of the lease payments under the contract at the time the customer enters into it. As a result, to the extent the actual residual value of the vehicle, as reflected in the sales proceeds received upon remarketing at lease termination, is less than the expected residual value for the vehicle at lease inception, we incur additional depreciation expense and/or a loss on the lease transaction. General economic conditions, the supply of off lease and other vehicles to be sold, new vehicle market prices, perceived vehicle quality, overall price and volatility of gasoline or diesel fuel, among other factors, heavily influence used vehicle prices and thus the actual residual value of off lease vehicles. Consumer confidence levels and the strength of auto manufacturers and dealers can also influence the used vehicle market. For example, during 2008, sharp declines in demand and used vehicle sale prices adversely affected Ally s remarketing proceeds and financial results.

Vehicle brand images, consumer preference, and vehicle manufacturer marketing programs that influence new and used vehicle markets also influence lease residual values. In addition, our ability to efficiently process

and effectively market off lease vehicles affects the disposal costs and proceeds realized from the vehicle sales. While manufacturers, at times, may provide support for lease residual values including through residual support programs, this support does not in all cases entitle us to full reimbursement for the difference between the remarketing sales proceeds for off lease vehicles and the residual value specified in the lease contract. Differences between the actual residual values realized on leased vehicles and our expectations of such values at contract inception could have a negative impact on our profitability and financial condition.

#### Current conditions in the residential mortgage market and housing markets may continue to adversely affect Ally s mortgage business.

The residential mortgage market in the United States and other international markets in which our Mortgage operations conduct, or previously conducted, business have experienced a variety of difficulties and changed economic conditions that adversely affected our mortgage business results of operations and financial condition. Delinquencies and losses with respect to our Legacy Portfolio and Other segment s nonprime mortgage loans increased significantly. Housing prices in many parts of the United States, the United Kingdom, and other international markets also declined or stopped appreciating after extended periods of significant appreciation. In addition, the liquidity provided to the mortgage sector had been significantly reduced. This liquidity reduction combined with our decision to reduce our mortgage business exposure to the nonprime mortgage market caused its nonprime mortgage production to decline. Similar trends have emerged beyond the nonprime sector, especially at the lower end of the prime credit quality scale, and have had a similar effect on our mortgage business related liquidity needs and businesses. These trends have resulted in significant write-downs to our Legacy Portfolio and Other s held-for-sale mortgage loans and trading securities portfolios and additions to its allowance for loan losses for its held-for-investment mortgage loans and warehouse-lending receivables portfolios. A continuation of these conditions may continue to adversely affect our mortgage business financial condition and results of operations.

Moreover, the continued deterioration of the U.S. housing market and decline in home prices since 2008 in many U.S. markets, which may continue for the near term, could result in increased delinquencies or defaults on the mortgage assets ResCap owns and services as well as those mortgage assets owned by Ally Bank. Further, loans that our Mortgage operations historically made based on limited credit or income documentation also increase the likelihood of future increases in delinquencies or defaults on mortgage loans. An increase in delinquencies or defaults will result in a higher level of credit losses and credit-related expenses and increased liquidity requirements to fund servicing advances, all of which in turn will reduce revenues and profits of our mortgage business. Higher credit losses and credit-related expenses also could adversely affect our financial condition.

Our lending volume is generally related to the rate of growth in U.S. residential mortgage debt outstanding and the size of the U.S. residential mortgage market. Recently, the rate of growth in total U.S. residential mortgage debt outstanding has slowed sharply in response to the reduced activity in the housing market and national declines in home prices. In addition, most of our mortgage business is currently conducted through the correspondent channel, which relies heavily on the mortgage refinancing business. The volume of mortgage refinancing experienced a significant increase in 2009 and 2010 due to interest rate decreases, but we expect it will experience a significant decrease in 2011 as interest rates increase. A decline in the rate of growth in mortgage debt outstanding reduces the number of mortgage loans available for us to purchase or securitize, which in turn could lead to a reduction in our revenue, profits, and business prospects.

#### Our earnings may decrease because of increases or decreases in interest rates.

Changes in interest rates could have an adverse impact on our business. For example:

rising interest rates will increase our cost of funds;

rising interest rates may reduce our consumer automotive financing volume by influencing customers to pay cash for, as opposed to financing, vehicle purchases or not to buy new vehicles;

rising interest rates may negatively impact our ability to remarket off lease vehicles;

rising interest rates generally reduce our residential mortgage loan production as borrowers become less likely to refinance and the costs associated with acquiring a new home become more expensive; and

rising interest rates will generally reduce the value of mortgage and automotive financing loans and contracts and retained interests and fixed income securities held in our investment portfolio.

We are also subject to risks from decreasing interest rates. For example, a significant decrease in interest rates could increase the rate at which mortgages are prepaid, which could require us to write down the value of our retained interests and MSRs. Moreover, if prepayments are greater than expected, the cash we receive over the life of our held-for-investment mortgage loans and our retained interests would be reduced. Higher-than-expected prepayments could also reduce the value of our MSRs and, to the extent the borrower does not refinance with us, the size of our servicing portfolio. Therefore, any such changes in interest rates could harm our revenues, profitability, and financial condition.

# Our hedging strategies may not be successful in mitigating our risks associated with changes in interest rates and could affect our profitability and financial condition as could our failure to comply with hedge accounting principles and interpretations.

We employ various economic hedging strategies to mitigate the interest rate and prepayment risk inherent in many of our assets and liabilities. Our hedging strategies rely on assumptions and projections regarding our assets, liabilities, and general market factors. If these assumptions and projections prove to be incorrect or our hedges do not adequately mitigate the impact of changes in interest rates or prepayment speeds, we may experience volatility in our earnings that could adversely affect our profitability and financial condition. In addition, we may not be able to find market participants that are willing to act as our hedging counterparties, which could have an adverse effect on the success of our hedging strategies.

In addition, hedge accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires the application of significant subjective judgments to a body of accounting concepts that is complex and for which the interpretations have continued to evolve within the accounting profession and among the standard-setting bodies.

# A failure of or interruption in, as well as, security risks of the communications and information systems on which we rely to conduct our business could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

We rely heavily upon communications and information systems to conduct our business. Any failure or interruption of our information systems or the third-party information systems on which we rely as a result of inadequate or failed processes or systems, human errors, or external events could cause underwriting or other delays and could result in fewer applications being received, slower processing of applications, and reduced efficiency in servicing. In addition, our communication and information systems may present security risks, and could be susceptible to hacking or identity theft. The occurrence of any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business.

# We use estimates and assumptions in determining the fair value of certain of our assets in determining lease residual values and in determining our reserves for insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses. If our estimates or assumptions prove to be incorrect, our cash flow, profitability, financial condition, and business prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

We use estimates and various assumptions in determining the fair value of many of our assets, including certain held-for-investment and held-for-sale loans for which we elected fair value accounting, retained interests

from securitizations of loans and contracts, MSRs, and other investments, which do not have an established market value or are not publicly traded. We also use estimates and assumptions in determining the residual values of leased vehicles. In addition, we use estimates and assumptions in determining our reserves for insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses which represent the accumulation of estimates for both reported losses and those incurred, but not reported, including claims adjustment expenses relating to direct insurance and assumed reinsurance agreements. For further discussion related to estimates and assumptions, see Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Estimates. It is difficult to determine the accuracy of our estimates and assumptions, and our actual experience may differ materially from these estimates and assumptions. A material difference between our estimates and assumptions and our actual experience may adversely affect our cash flow, profitability, financial condition, and business prospects.

#### Our business outside the United States exposes us to additional risks that may cause our revenues and profitability to decline.

We conduct a significant portion of our business outside the United States exposing us to risks such as the following:

multiple foreign regulatory requirements that are subject to change;

differing local product preferences and product requirements;

fluctuations in foreign interest rates;

difficulty in establishing, staffing, and managing foreign operations;

differing labor regulations;

consequences from changes in tax laws;

restrictions on our ability to repatriate profits or transfer cash into or out of foreign countries; and

political and economic instability, natural calamities, war and terrorism. The effects of these risks may, individually or in the aggregate, adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

#### Our business could be adversely affected by changes in foreign-currency exchange rates.

We are exposed to risks related to the effects of changes in foreign-currency exchange rates. Changes in currency exchange rates can have a significant impact on our earnings from international operations as a result of foreign-currency-translation adjustments. While we carefully monitor and attempt to manage our exposure to fluctuation in currency exchange rates through foreign-currency hedging activities, these types of changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

#### Fluctuations in valuation of investment securities or significant fluctuations in investment market prices could negatively affect revenues.

Investment market prices in general are subject to fluctuation. Consequently, the amount realized in the subsequent sale of an investment may significantly differ from the reported market value that could negatively affect our revenues. Additionally, negative fluctuations in the value of available for sale investment securities could result in unrealized losses recorded in equity. Fluctuation in the market price of a security may result from perceived changes in the underlying economic characteristics of the investee, the relative price of alternative investments, national and international events, and general market conditions.

# Significant indemnification payments or contract, lease, or loan repurchase activity of retail contracts or leases or mortgage loans could harm our profitability and financial condition.

We have repurchase obligations in our capacity as servicer in securitizations and whole-loan sales. If a servicer breaches a representation, warranty, or servicing covenant with respect to an automotive receivable or mortgage loan, the servicer may be required by the servicing provisions to repurchase that asset from the purchaser or otherwise compensate one or more classes of investors for losses caused by the breach. If the frequency at which repurchases of assets or other payments occurs increases substantially from its present rate, the result could be a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations.

In connection with its servicing of securitized mortgage loans, ResCap is subject to contractual caps on the percentage of mortgage loans it is permitted to modify in any securitized pool. The financial crisis has resulted in dramatic increases in the volume of delinquent mortgage loans over the past three years. In an effort to achieve the best net present value recovery for the securitization trust, ResCap increased the volume of modifications of distressed mortgage loans to assist homeowners and avoid liquidating properties in a collapsing and opaque housing market. In certain securitization transactions, ResCap has exceeded the applicable contractual modification cap. The securitization documents provide that the contractual caps can be raised or eliminated with the concurrence of each rating agency rating the transaction. For certain transactions with respect to which loan modifications have exceeded the contractual caps, the rating agencies have concurred in raising or eliminating the caps, but they have not consented in connection with other such transactions. ResCap will continue to seek their concurrence in connection with other transactions as it deems appropriate and will suspend modifications in excess of applicable caps pending receipt of such consent or investor approval to amend the servicing contracts. An investor in a specific mortgage security class might claim that modifications in excess of the applicable cap amounted to a material failure of ResCap to perform its servicing obligations and that the investor was damaged as a result. Such claims, if successful, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations.

#### A loss of contractual servicing rights could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations.

We are the servicer for all of the receivables we have acquired or originated and transferred to other parties in securitizations and whole-loan sales of automotive receivables. Our mortgage subsidiaries service the mortgage loans we have securitized, and we service the majority of the mortgage loans we have sold in whole-loan sales. In each case, we are paid a fee for our services, which fees in the aggregate constitute a substantial revenue stream for us. In each case, we are subject to the risk of termination under the circumstances specified in the applicable servicing provisions.

In most securitizations and whole-loan sales, the owner of the receivables or mortgage loans will be entitled to declare a servicer default and terminate the servicer upon the occurrence of specified events. These events typically include a bankruptcy of the servicer, a material failure by the servicer to perform its obligations, and a failure by the servicer to turn over funds on the required basis. The termination of these servicing rights, were it to occur, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, and results of operations and those of our mortgage subsidiaries.

# Changes in accounting standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) could adversely affect our reported revenues, profitability, and financial condition.

Our financial statements are subject to the application of GAAP, which are periodically revised and/or expanded. The application of accounting principles is also subject to varying interpretations over time. Accordingly, we are required to adopt new or revised accounting standards or comply with revised interpretations that are issued from time to time by various parties, including accounting standard setters and those who interpret the standards, such as the FASB and the SEC, banking regulators, and our independent registered public accounting firm. Those changes could adversely affect our reported revenues, profitability, or financial condition.

Recently, the FASB has proposed new financial accounting standards, and has many active projects underway, that could materially affect our reported revenues, profitability, or financial condition. These proposed standards or projects include the potential for significant changes in the accounting for financial instruments (including loans, deposits, and debt) and the accounting for leases, among others. It is possible that any changes, if enacted, could adversely affect our reported revenues, profitability, or financial condition.

#### The soundness of other financial institutions could adversely affect us.

Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, or other relationships. We have exposure to different counterparties, and we routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, and other institutions. Many of these transactions expose us to credit risk in the event of default of our counterparty.

### Our inability to maintain relationships with dealers could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

Our business depends on the continuation of our relationships with our customers, particularly the automotive dealers with whom we do business. If we are not able to maintain existing relationships with key automotive dealers or if we are not able to develop new relationships for any reason, including if we are not able to provide services on a timely basis or offer products that meet the needs of the dealers, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

### Adverse economic conditions or changes in laws in states in which we have customer concentrations may negatively affect our operating results and financial condition.

We are exposed to consumer loan portfolio concentration in California and Texas and consumer mortgage loan concentration in California, Florida, and Michigan. Factors adversely affecting the economies and applicable laws in these states could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial position.

#### Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock

# The sale or availability for sale of substantial amounts of our common stock could cause our common stock price to decline or impair our ability to raise capital.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market following this offering, or the perception that large sales could occur, or the settlement of the purchase contracts that are components of the Units being offered in the concurrent offering or the perception that settlement could occur, could depress the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of equity and equity-related securities. Upon completion of this offering, there will be shares of common stock issued and outstanding, assuming the common stock public offering price is the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus.

Of the outstanding shares of common stock, the shares of common stock to be sold in this offering ( shares if the underwriters in this offering exercise their over-allotment option in full) will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, unless those shares are held by any of our affiliates, as that term is defined under Rule 144 of the Securities Act. Following the expiration of any applicable lock-up periods referred to in the section of this prospectus entitled Shares Eligible for Future Sale, the remaining outstanding shares of common stock may be eligible for resale under Rule 144 under the Securities Act subject to applicable restrictions under Rule 144. In addition, pursuant to Exhibit F of the Bylaws of Ally Financial Inc. (the Registration Rights Agreement ), we have granted our existing common stockholders

the right to require us in certain circumstances to file registration statements under the Securities Act covering additional resales of our common stock held by them and the right to participate in other registered offerings in certain circumstances. As restrictions on resale end or if these stockholders exercise their registration rights or otherwise sell their shares, the market price of our common stock could decline.

In particular, following this offering, Treasury or GMAC Common Equity Trust I might sell a large number of the shares of our common stock that they hold. Such sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

# The number of shares of our common stock Treasury will receive upon conversion of our Series F-2 preferred stock will depend upon the public offering price of the common stock in this offering.

Treasury currently holds 118,750,000 shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Mandatorily Convertible Preferred Stock, Series F-2 (the Series F-2 preferred stock ), having an aggregate liquidation amount of \$5,937,500,000. In connection with this offering and the concurrent Units offering, Treasury has agreed to convert 58,750,000 shares of Series F-2 preferred stock into a number of shares of our common stock using a conversion price equal to the common stock public offering price. See Concurrent Transactions.

Accordingly, the number of shares of our common stock we will issue to Treasury in connection with the conversion will depend upon the common stock public offering price. For example, if the common stock public offering price is \$ (the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus), then we will issue shares of our common stock to Treasury upon conversion. By contrast, if the common stock public offering price were to increase by \$1.00, then we will issue shares of our common stock to Treasury upon conversion and if the common stock public offering price were to decrease by \$1.00, then we will issue shares of our common stock to Treasury upon conversion.

#### We have no current plans to pay dividends on our common stock, and our ability to pay dividends on our common stock may be limited.

We have no current plans to commence payment of a dividend on our common stock. Our payment of dividends on our common stock in the future will be determined by our Board of Directors in its sole discretion and will depend on business conditions, our financial condition, earnings and liquidity, and other factors. Our Series G preferred stock prohibits us from making dividend payments on our common stock before January 1, 2014 and allows dividend payments thereafter only if 1) our senior guaranteed notes issued on December 31, 2008 are rated investment grade and 2) the payment, together with other dividend payments we made since December 31, 2008, is less than 25% of the excess of our cumulative consolidated net income from January 1, 2014 to the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available at the time of such dividend payment. In addition, so long as any share of our Series A preferred stock remains outstanding, no dividend or distribution may be declared or paid on our common stock unless all accrued and unpaid dividends have been paid on such series of preferred stock.

Any indentures and other financing agreements that we enter into in the future may limit our ability to pay cash dividends on our capital stock, including our common stock. In the event that any of our indentures or other financing agreements in the future restrict our ability to pay dividends in cash on our common stock, we may be unable to pay dividends in cash on our common stock unless we can refinance the amounts outstanding under those agreements.

In addition, under Delaware law, our Board of Directors may declare dividends on our capital stock only to the extent of our statutory surplus (which is defined as the amount equal to total assets minus total liabilities, in each case at fair market value, minus statutory capital), or if there is no such surplus, out of our net profits for the then current and/or immediately preceding fiscal year. Further, even if we are permitted under our contractual obligations and Delaware law to pay cash dividends on our common stock, we may not have sufficient cash to pay dividends in cash on our common stock.

Any plans to commence payment of dividends on our common stock in the future would be subject to the FRB s review and absence of objection. *See* Business Certain Regulatory Matters Bank Holding Company Status. There is no assurance that, upon the FRB s review of our future capital plans, we would be permitted to make any planned payments of dividends on our common stock.

### Anti-takeover provisions contained in our organizational documents and Delaware law could delay or prevent a takeover attempt or change in control of our company, which could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, and Delaware law contain provisions that could have the effect of rendering more difficult or discouraging an acquisition deemed undesirable by our Board of Directors. Our organizational documents include provisions:

Limiting the liability of, and providing indemnification to, our directors and officers; and

Limiting the ability of our stockholders to call and bring business before special meetings. These provisions, alone or together, could delay hostile takeovers and changes in control of the company or changes in management.

In addition, after the completion of this offering, we will be subject to Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the DGCL), which generally prohibits a corporation from engaging in various business combination transactions with any interested stockholder (generally defined as a stockholder who owns 15% or more of a corporation s voting stock) for a period of three years following the time that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, except under certain circumstances including receipt of prior board approval.

Any provision of our Certificate of Incorporation or our Bylaws or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or deterring a hostile takeover or change in control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock.

See Description of Capital Stock for a further discussion of these provisions.

### Because there has not been any public market for our common stock, the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile.

You should consider an investment in our common stock to be risky and you should invest in our common stock only if you can withstand a significant loss and wide fluctuations in the market value of your investment. The price of our common stock after the closing of this offering may fluctuate widely, depending upon many factors, including, but not limited to:

the perceived prospects for the auto finance and mortgage industries in general or for our company;

differences between our actual financial and operating results and those expected by investors;

changes in the share price of public companies with which we compete;

news about our new products or services, enhancements, significant contracts, acquisitions or strategic investments;

changes in our capital structure, such as future issuances of securities, repurchases of our common stock or our incurrence of debt;

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changes in general economic or market conditions;

broad market fluctuations;

regulatory actions or changes in applicable laws, rules or regulations;

unfavorable or lack of published research by securities or industry analysts; and

departure of key personnel.

In addition, the market price of our common stock is likely to be influenced by the purchase contracts that are components of the Units being offered in the concurrent offering. For example, the market price of our common stock could become more volatile and could be depressed by investors anticipation of the potential resale in the market of a substantial number of additional shares of our common stock, including shares of common stock received upon settlement of the purchase contracts that are components of the Units being offered in the concurrent offering, possible sales of our common stock by investors who view the Units as a more attractive means of equity participation in us than owning shares of our common stock; and hedging or arbitrage trading activity that may develop involving the Units and our common stock.

Our common stock may trade at prices significantly below the initial public offering price. In addition, when the market price of a company s common equity drops significantly, stockholders often institute securities class action lawsuits against the company. A lawsuit against us could cause us to incur substantial costs and could divert the time and attention of our management and other resources.

### Treasury, which is the selling stockholder, is a federal agency and your ability to bring a claim against Treasury under the federal securities laws may be limited.

The doctrine of sovereign immunity, as limited by the Federal Tort Claims Act (the FTCA), provides that claims may not be brought against the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof unless specifically permitted by act of Congress. The FTCA bars claims for fraud or misrepresentation. At least one federal court, in a case involving a federal agency, has held that the United States may assert its sovereign immunity to claims brought under the federal securities laws. In addition, Treasury and its officers, agents, and employees are exempt from liability for any violation or alleged violation of the anti-fraud provisions of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act by virtue of Section 3(c) thereof. Accordingly, any attempt to assert such a claim against the officers, agents or employees of Treasury for a violation of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ) or the Exchange Act resulting from an alleged material misstatement in or material omission from this prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or resulting from any other act or omission in connection with the offering of the common stock by Treasury would likely be barred.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements under the captions Prospectus Summary, Risk Factors, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Business and in other sections of this prospectus that may contain certain statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. The words expect, anticipate, estimate, forecast, initiative, objective, plan, would, could. project, outlook, priorities, target, intend, evaluate, pursue, seek, may, should, believe, potential, of these words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. All statements herein, other than statements of historical fact, including without limitation statements about future events and financial performance, are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement and should consider all uncertainties and risks discussed in this prospectus, including those under the caption Risk Factors. Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date they are made, and Ally undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date the forward looking statement is made. Factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from our expectations include, among others, the risk factors set forth herein under the caption Risk Factors, and the following:

Maintaining the mutually beneficial relationship between the company and GM, and the company and Chrysler;

The profitability and financial condition of GM and Chrysler;

Securing low cost funding for us and ResCap;

Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits associated with being a bank holding company, and the increased regulation and restrictions that we are now subject to;

Any impact resulting from delayed foreclosure sales or related matters;

The potential for legal liability resulting from claims related to the sale of private-label mortgage-backed securities;

Risks related to potential repurchase obligations due to alleged breaches of representations and warranties in mortgage securitization transactions;

Changes in U.S. government-sponsored mortgage programs or disruptions in the markets in which our mortgage subsidiaries operate;

Continued challenges in the residential mortgage markets;

The continuing negative impact on ResCap and our mortgage business generally due to the recent decline in the U.S. housing market;

Uncertainty of our ability to enter into transactions or execute strategic alternatives to realize the value of our ResCap operations;

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The potential for deterioration in the residual value of off-lease vehicles;

Disruptions in the market in which we fund our operations, with resulting negative impact on our liquidity;

Changes in our accounting assumptions that may require or that result from changes in the accounting rules or their application, which could result in an impact on earnings;

Changes in the credit ratings of Ally, ResCap, Chrysler, or GM;

Changes in economic conditions, currency exchange rates or political stability in the markets in which we operate; and

Changes in the existing or the adoption of new laws, regulations, policies or other activities of governments, agencies and similar organizations (including as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act).

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The selling stockholder is selling all of the shares of common stock in this offering and Ally will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares.

#### DIVIDEND POLICY

We have no current plans to commence payment of a dividend on our common stock. Our payment of dividends on our common stock in the future will be determined by our Board of Directors in its sole discretion and will depend on business conditions, our financial condition, earnings and liquidity, and other factors. Our Series G preferred stock prohibits us from making dividend payments on our common stock before January 1, 2014 and allows dividend payments thereafter only if (1) our senior guaranteed notes issued on December 31, 2008 are rated investment grade and (2) the payment, together with other dividend payments we made since December 31, 2008, is less than 25% of the excess of our cumulative consolidated net income from January 1, 2014 to the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available at the time of such dividend payment. In addition, so long as any share of our Series A preferred stock remains outstanding, no dividend or distribution may be declared or paid on our common stock unless all accrued and unpaid dividends have been paid on such series of preferred stock.

Any plans to commence payment of dividends on our common stock in the future would, as announced by the FRB on March 18, 2011, with respect to the completion of its Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review of the capital plans of the nineteen largest U.S. bank holding companies, including Ally, be subject to the FRB s review and absence of objection. *See* Business Certain Regulatory Matters Bank Holding Company Status .

#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2011, actual and pro forma to reflect:

the concurrent conversion and exchange by Treasury of our Series F-2 preferred stock and the concurrent offering by Treasury of our Units (assuming no exercise by the underwriters of that offering of their over-allotment option and that the public offering price of our common stock in this offering will be \$ per share (the midpoint of the price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus) for purposes of calculating the number of shares we issue to Treasury in the conversion), in each case as described under Concurrent Transactions, and

the -for-one stock split on shares of our common stock effected on , 2011. This table should be read in conjunction with Selected Consolidated Financial Data and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

|   | Actual     | As of March 31, 2011<br>Actual Pro forma<br>(\$ in millions) |  |
|---|------------|--|--|
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 12,946  | \$   |  |
|   |            |  |  |
| Short-term debt   | 7,395      |  |  |
| Long-term debt (1)  | 88,139     |  |  |
| Series A preferred stock, 1,021,764 shares issued and outstanding, actual and                             |            |  |  |
| pro forma   | 1,021      |  |  |
| Series F-2 preferred stock, 118,750,000 shares issued and outstanding, actual and 0 shares issued and     |            |  |  |
| outstanding, pro forma (2)  | 5,685      |  |  |
| Series G preferred stock, 2,576,601 shares issued and outstanding, actual and pro forma                   | 234        |  |  |
| Tangible Equity Units, 0 units issued and outstanding, actual and units issued and outstanding, pro forma | . 0        |  |  |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 1,330,970 shares issued and outstanding, actual, shares issued  |            |  |  |
| and outstanding pro forma and additional paid-in capital (2)  | 19,668     |  |  |
| Accumulated deficit   | (6,435)    |  |  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | 234        |  |  |
| ·   |            |  |  |
| Total equity  | 20,407     |  |  |
|   |            |  |  |
| Total capitalization  | \$ 115,941 | \$   |  |

- (1) Since March 31, 2011, we have issued \$1.5 billion in aggregate principal amount of senior guaranteed notes due 2014. See Note 25 to the first quarter 2011 Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements ).
- (2) In connection with this offering and the concurrent Units offering, Treasury has agreed to convert (the conversion ) 58,750,000 shares of Series F-2 preferred stock it holds into a number of shares of our common stock based on a conversion price equal to the common stock public offering price.

Because the conversion price in the conversion is based on the common stock public offering price, the number of shares of common stock we will issue to Treasury in connection with the conversion will depend on the common stock public offering price. The higher the common stock public offering price is, the fewer the number of shares of common stock Treasury will receive and the lower the common stock public offering price is, the greater the number of shares of common stock Treasury will receive. The following table sets forth the number of shares we will issue to Treasury in connection with the conversion for each common stock public offering price set forth below:

|                       | Number of Shares Issued |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Public Offering Price | to Treasury             |
| \$                    |                         |
| \$                    |                         |
| \$                    |                         |
| \$                    |                         |
|                       |                         |

#### SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data of Ally should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated balance sheet data at December 31, 2010 and 2009 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and should be read in conjunction with those consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. The consolidated statement of income data for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the consolidated balance sheet data at December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The condensed consolidated statement of income data for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 and the condensed consolidated balance sheet data at March 31, 2011 and 2010 are derived from, and qualified by reference to, our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. In our opinion, the unaudited financial statements provided herein have been prepared on substantially the same basis as the audited historical consolidated financial statements and reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. Our results for the three months ended March 31, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of those to be expected for the fiscal year.

| At and for the               |           | At and for the  |  |                                   |  |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| three months ended March 31, |           |                 | year ended December 31,                |                                   |  |
| 2010                         | 2010      | 2009            | 2008                                   | 2007                              | 2006   |
|                              |           | (\$ in millio   | ons)                                   |                                   |  |
|                              | ended Mar | ended March 31, | ended March 31, year<br>2010 2010 2009 | s ended March 31, year ended Dece | a ended March 31, year ended December 31,   2010 2010 2009 2008 2007 |

**Financial statement data** *Statement of income data:*