

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form DEFA14A

April 11, 2008

**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**(Rule 14a-101)**  
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**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**  
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**GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

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*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

The following materials are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com):

**Notice and Proxy Statement**

**Letter to Stockholders**

**Annual Report on Form 10-K**

To view this material, have the 12-digit Control #(s) available.

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**Vote In Person**

Should you choose to attend the meeting and vote these shares in person, you will need personal identification and, unless you are a stockholder of record, evidence of your ownership of Group 1 Automotive common stock as of the close of business on the record date, March 25, 2008.

**Vote By Internet**

To vote *now* by Internet, go to **WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM**. Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. eastern time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.



The 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. will be held at Four Seasons Hotel, 1300 Lamar Street, Houston, Texas, on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. central time.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 25, 2008 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders or any adjournment(s) thereof.

To obtain directions to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, please access our website at [www.group1auto.com](http://www.group1auto.com) or call 713-647-5700.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends  
a vote FOR proposals 1 and 2.**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

01) Louis E. Lataif

02) Stephen D. Quinn

2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm of the company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

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