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CARMAX GROUP REPORTS RECORD FOURTH QUARTER AND
FISCAL YEAR 2002 SALES AND EARNINGS

Richmond, Va., April 2, 2002 - In a separate release, Circuit City Stores, Inc. today released fourth quarter and fiscal year results for the company, including record sales and earnings for the CarMax Group (NYSE:KMX).

Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year Results
Sales: Total sales for the CarMax Group rose 22 percent for the quarter ended February 28, 2002, to $779.2 million from $640.0 million in the same period last year. Comparable store unit sales rose 22 percent, and comparable store dollar sales rose 23 percent. Comparable store used unit sales rose 23 percent, and comparable store used dollar sales rose 25 percent. Comparable store new unit sales rose 11 percent, and comparable store new dollar sales rose 12 percent.

For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2002, total sales for the CarMax Group rose 28 percent to $3.20 billion from $2.50 billion in the prior year. Comparable store unit sales rose 23 percent, and comparable store dollar sales rose 28 percent. Comparable store used unit sales rose 24 percent, and comparable store used dollar sales rose 30 percent. Comparable store new unit sales rose 21 percent, and comparable store new dollar sales rose 24 percent.

Comparable Store Sales Growth

	Fourth Quarter Ended February 28		Fiscal Year Ended February 28	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Vehicle dollars:				
Used vehicles	25%	28%	30%	19%
New vehicles	12%	4%	24%	9%
Total	23%	23%	28%	17%
Vehicle units:				
Used vehicles	23%	19%	24%	13%
New vehicles	11%	3%	21%	9%
Total	22%	17%	23%	12%

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CarMax Group Earnings

(Amounts in millions except per share data)	Fourth Quarter Ended February 28	
	2002	2001
CarMax Group net earnings	$18.4	$ 7.8
Net earnings attributed to the Circuit City Group stock	$11.8	$ 5.8
Net earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock	$6.6	$ 2.0
CarMax Group diluted weighted average shares outstanding	38.6	27.0
Net earnings per CarMax Group share	$0.17	$0.07

Net Earnings: CarMax Group fourth quarter fiscal 2002 net earnings rose 136 percent to $18.4 million from $7.8 million in the fourth quarter of the prior year. A write-off of goodwill associated with two underperforming new-car franchises reduced fourth quarter fiscal year 2001 net earnings by $5.4 million.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002, the net earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock were $6.6 million compared with $2.0 million in the fourth quarter of the prior year. The remainder of the CarMax Group's net earnings is attributed to the shares of CarMax Group stock reserved for issuance to the holders of Circuit City Group stock or for the benefit of the Circuit City Group. Net earnings per CarMax Group share rose to 17 cents from 7 cents.

For fiscal 2002, CarMax Group net earnings rose 99 percent to $90.8 million from $45.6 million in fiscal 2001. The fiscal 2001 net earnings reflect the $5.4 million reduction resulting from the goodwill write-off discussed above.

For fiscal 2002, net earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock increased 142 percent to $28.0 million from $11.6 million in fiscal 2001. Net earnings per CarMax Group share rose 91 percent to 82 cents per share from 43 cents per share in fiscal 2001. The remainder of the CarMax Group earnings is attributed to the shares reserved for the Circuit City Group as discussed above.

For the quarter and for the fiscal year, net earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock grew faster than total net earnings and net earnings per CarMax Group share because of the impact of the second quarter public offering of CarMax Group stock by Circuit City Stores, Inc. Under current accounting standards, quarterly earnings per CarMax Group share are calculated by dividing earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock for the reported quarter by the weighted average CarMax Group shares outstanding for the quarter. Year-to-date earnings per share are calculated by dividing year-to-date earnings attributed to the CarMax Group stock by the weighted average shares outstanding for the full year. Therefore, year-to-date earnings per share do not equal the sum of the quarterly earnings per share.

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With the impact of the second quarter offering, 64.2 percent of the CarMax Group's fourth quarter earnings and 69.2 percent of the full year earnings were allocated to the Circuit City Group. At the end of the year, the CarMax Group shares reserved for the Circuit City Group represented 64.1 percent of the total of CarMax Group shares outstanding and shares reserved for the Circuit City Group.

Business Performance Review
Operating Ratios

	Fourth Quarter Ended February 28		Fiscal Year Ended February 28	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Net sales and operating revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Gross profit margin	12.9%	12.8%	12.6%	13.2%
Expense ratio	9.0%	10.4%	7.9%	9.8%
Operating profit margin (a)	3.8%	2.4%	4.7%	3.4%
Net after-tax margin	2.4%	1.2%	2.8%	1.8%

(a) Operating profit margin equals earnings before interest and taxes as a percent of net sales and operating revenues.

For the quarter, CarMax produced pretax earnings of $29.7 million, a 137 percent increase from $12.5 million in the fourth quarter of the prior year. For fiscal 2002, pretax earnings were $146.5 million, up 99 percent from $73.5 million in fiscal 2001.

"CarMax produced exceptionally strong used- and new-car sales growth in every quarter of fiscal 2002, virtually all of which was comparable store sales growth," said W. Austin Ligon, president of CarMax. "Our powerful consumer offer continued to generate especially strong used-car unit comparable store sales growth. The additional traffic that resulted from new-car manufacturer zero-percent financing incentives gave an added boost to both used- and new-car sales in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter.

"In the fourth quarter, as we have throughout the year, we met our targets for average gross margin dollars per used unit. Our strong used unit comparable store sales growth generated considerable leverage of fixed expenses and corporate overhead, helping to produce a fourth quarter expense ratio of 9.0 percent and a fiscal 2002 expense ratio of 7.9 percent," said Ligon. "As we did in fiscal 2001, we also benefited from mild winter weather in the fourth quarter and experienced no sales interruptions of any consequence in any of our superstores." The fourth quarter and full year fiscal 2001 expense ratios include an $8.7 million pretax write-off of goodwill associated with two underperforming new-car franchises.

Fiscal 2003 Expectations

Sales Expectations: "We expect fiscal 2003 to be a year of strong growth for CarMax," said Ligon. "Last year's exceptional performance included unusually high customer traffic in October, November, and December, driven by new-car manufacturer zero-percent financing incentives. This extra traffic added sales to the already strong trends established in the first two quarters. Nonetheless, we believe that even against last year's strong comparisons, we can deliver used-car unit comparable store sales growth in the low- to mid-teens in the

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first half, moderating to high-single- to low-double-digits in the second half of fiscal 2003. With our expected new store openings, we now anticipate total used-car sales growth in the 15 to 20 percent range for the year."

Earnings Expectations: "This strong used-car comparable store sales growth should, we believe, produce earnings per CarMax Group share in the range of 95 cents to $1.00 for fiscal 2003," Ligon said. "For the first half of 2003, we

expect earnings per CarMax Group share to increase in the 15 percent to 20 percent range. For the third quarter, we expect earnings per share to be roughly flat. For the fourth quarter, we expect the earnings per share growth rate to be in the mid-teens. Second half earnings will be moderated by pre-opening and grand-opening expenses of new stores. Further, we do not expect a repeat of last year's windfall sales from the zero-percent financing traffic that benefited October, November and December.

"We also noted throughout the year that our finance operation, CarMax Auto Finance, benefited from favorable yield spreads that began in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 and continued through fiscal 2002 as the Federal Reserve Board attempted to moderate the economic decline through unprecedented decreases in interest rates. As the market has anticipated an improving economy, we have already seen increases in CarMax Auto Finance's cost of funds and anticipate that the additional benefit derived from the lower cost of funds will diminish in fiscal 2003. As a result, we now estimate that the fiscal 2003 contribution from our finance operation will be approximately equal to the contribution in fiscal 2002, despite anticipated higher financing volume consistent with our expected sales increase. We are estimating that the excess spread will diminish gradually during the course of the year.

"Also a factor in our earnings expectations for fiscal 2003 are additional employee expenses, such as training and relocation, as we deepen our management in preparation for future expansion. In addition, our expectations include preliminary estimates of expenses expected to be incurred in the second half of the fiscal year if the planned separation is approved," said Ligon. The CarMax Group earnings per share estimate does not include the one-time costs associated with the proposed CarMax separation. CarMax will absorb the separation costs, which are estimated to be approximately $8 million, or 8 cents per CarMax Group share. These costs are not tax deductible and would occur primarily in the second quarter, with some costs occurring in the first quarter.

CarMax plans to open a used-car superstore in Roseville, Calif., in the Sacramento market later this month. In addition, CarMax now expects to open four to five used-car superstores in the second half of the fiscal year, including entering the Knoxville, Tenn., and Las Vegas, Nev., markets and adding satellite superstores in the Chicago, Ill., and Charlotte, N.C., markets. Adding a satellite in Charlotte will help CarMax determine how much market share can profitably be increased in mid-sized markets with the addition of a satellite superstore.

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CarMax Separation

As previously announced, the company's board of directors has authorized management to initiate a process that would separate the CarMax auto superstore business from the Circuit City consumer electronics business through a tax-free transaction in which CarMax, Inc., presently a wholly owned subsidiary of Circuit City Stores, Inc., would become a separate publicly traded company. Accordingly, on March 29, 2002, CarMax, Inc. filed a registration statement, including a preliminary proxy/prospectus, with the Securities and Exchange Commission with regard to the transaction. The separation is expected to be completed by late summer, subject to shareholder approval and final approval by the board of directors.

Conference Call Information: Circuit City will host a conference call for
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investors today, April 2, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. ET to discuss this morning's

announcement. The conference call will begin with a discussion of the CarMax Group's results, followed by a discussion of the Circuit City Group's results.

Domestic investors may access the call at 1-888-455-0032 (passcode: Circuit City). International investors should dial 1-712-257-2881 (passcode: Circuit City). A live Web cast of the conference call will be available on the CarMax investor information home page at http://investor.CarMax.com or at www.streetevents.com.

A replay of the call will be available beginning at approximately 2:00 p.m. ET today and will run through midnight, April 9, 2002. Domestic investors may access the recording at 1-800-839-3141 and international investors at 1-402-998-1687. No access code is required. A replay of the call also will be available on CarMax's investor information home page by the end of business today.

CarMax is the nation's leading specialty retailer of used cars. With headquarters in Richmond, Va., CarMax currently operates 40 retail units in 38 locations, including 35 used-car superstores. CarMax also operates 18 new-car franchises, 15 of which are integrated or co-located with its used-car superstores. For more information, access the CarMax Web site at www.CarMax.com.

CarMax is a subsidiary of Circuit City Stores, Inc. Circuit City Stores, Inc. has two series of common stock, one of which is the CarMax Group stock, which tracks the performance of the CarMax operations, and the other of which is the Circuit City Group stock, which tracks the performance of the Circuit City Group operations and the CarMax Group shares reserved for the Circuit City Group or for issuance to holders of Circuit City Group stock. A portion of the earnings of the CarMax business is attributed to the CarMax Group stock; the balance is attributed to the Circuit City Group stock.

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This release contains forward-looking statements, which are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks associated with plans to separate the CarMax business from the company and create a separate publicly traded company. Additional discussion of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from management's projections, forecasts, estimates and expectations is contained in the Circuit City Stores, Inc. SEC filings.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

PERIODS ENDED FEBRUARY 28

(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months		
	2002	2001	
NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES	$ 4,170,847	$ 3,817,127	$
Cost of sales, buying and warehousing	3,242,772	2,960,660	
Appliance exit costs	10,000	-	
GROSS PROFIT	918,075	856,467	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	660,431	685,555	
Appliance exit costs	-	-	
Interest expense	719	4,518	
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	256,925	166,394	
Provision for income taxes	97,635	63,230	
NET EARNINGS	$ 159,290	$ 103,164	$
Net earnings attributed to:			
Circuit City Group Common Stock	$ 152,708	$ 101,190	$
CarMax Group Common Stock	$ 6,582	$ 1,974	$
Weighted average common shares:			
Circuit City Group:			
Basic	206,183	204,401	
Diluted	209,343	206,380	
CarMax Group:			
Basic	36,597	25,579	
Diluted	38,586	27,026	
NET EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Circuit City Group:			
Basic	$ 0.74	$ 0.50	$
Diluted	$ 0.73	$ 0.49	$
CarMax Group:			
Basic	$ 0.18	$ 0.08	$
Diluted	$ 0.17	$ 0.07	$

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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in thousands)

	2002	Februa
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,251,532	
Net accounts receivable	726,541	
Inventory	1,633,327	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	41,311	
Total Current Assets	3,652,711	
Property and equipment, net	853,778	
Other assets	32,897	
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 4,539,386	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current installments of long-term debt	$ 102,073	
Accounts payable	1,106,679	
Short-term debt	10,237	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	284,032	
Deferred income taxes	138,306	
Total Current Liabilities	1,641,327	
Long-term debt, excluding current installments	14,064	
Deferred revenue and other liabilities	149,269	
Deferred income taxes	288	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,804,948	
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	2,734,438	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	$ 4,539,386	

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STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
PERIODS ENDED FEBRUARY 28
(Amounts in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months		
	2002	2001	200
NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES	$ 779,158	$ 639,996	$ 3,2
Cost of sales	678,967	557,927	2,7
GROSS PROFIT	100,191	82,069	4
Selling, general and administrative expenses	70,262	66,566	2
Interest expense	257	2,960	
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	29,672	12,543	1
Provision for income taxes	11,276	4,762	
NET EARNINGS	$ 18,396	$ 7,781	$
Net earnings attributed to:			
Circuit City Group			
Common Stock	$ 11,814	$ 5,807	$
CarMax Group			
Common Stock	$ 6,582	$ 1,974	$
Weighted average common shares:			
Basic	36,597	25,579	
Diluted	38,586	27,026	
NET EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Basic	$ 0.18	$ 0.08	$
Diluted	$ 0.17	$ 0.07	$

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BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in thousands)

	2002	Febr
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,286	
Net accounts receivable	173,268	
Inventory	399,084	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,065	
Total Current Assets	577,703	
Property and equipment, net	120,976	
Other assets	21,543	
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 720,222	
LIABILITIES AND GROUP EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Current installments of long-term debt	$ 78,608	
Accounts payable	87,160	
Short-term debt	9,840	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	25,775	
Deferred income taxes	22,009	
Total Current Liabilities	223,392	
Long-term debt, excluding current installments	-	
Deferred revenue and other liabilities	8,416	
Deferred income taxes	2,935	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	234,743	
GROUP EQUITY	485,479	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND GROUP EQUITY	$ 720,222	

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