



# SB PARTNERS' ALERT

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Your assets are at risk if land and buildings are within the same company as dealership operations.

There are unknowns revolving around the manufacturers and the current economic operating environment that could have disastrous effects on dealerships.

In addition, we understand that some manufacturers have requested a General Security Agreement (GSA) over the assets of the dealership. A General Security Agreement is a charge on all assets of a business, including assets acquired after the agreement is made. Should dealer operations become jeopardized, land and buildings in the dealership could come under claim by creditors.

## **Protect Your Assets Now**

There are strategies to segregate your land and buildings' assets from the operating company in a tax efficient manner protecting these assets against the risk of creditor claims.

If land and building assets are in the same company as dealership operations, we strongly recommend you discuss the situation with your service provider or contact SB Partners LLP. We will review your facts, assess your level of exposure and implement the action plan to mitigate your risk.

## **Experience Counts**

We have experience with dealerships and creditor proofing strategies to provide you with the solutions to protect your assets and give peace of mind to you and your family.

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