

# What's Ahead for 2015 UAW Negotiations with FCA, Ford & GM

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# Recent UAW agreements with FCA, Ford & GM have...



- Held the line on costs (and in some cases, lowered labor costs)
- Put a lot of cash in the members' pockets
- Incentivized the automakers to hire more workers and grow the union's membership

# The last four years have been really good.

## **Detroit Free Press**

**GM, Wilson compromise,  
agree on \$5B buyback**

*March 9, 2015*



**REUTERS**

**Ford profit beats  
expectations, sets record  
for North America**

*July 24, 2014*

## **Chicago Tribune**

**Ford beats estimates as CEO  
looks to 2015 profit gain**

*January 29, 2015*

## **Los Angeles Times**

**Resurgent General Motors  
posts record profit for 2011**

*February 26, 2012*

## **The Detroit News**

**Marchionne encourages  
employees to 'dream big' in 2015**

*January 28, 2015*

## **The New York Times**

**G.M. Reports Strong Sales  
and Higher Profit**

*April 23, 2015*



**Chrysler Records Big Profit,  
Expands Future Plans**

*January 30, 2013*

**IT'S OUR TURN!**

**VS.**

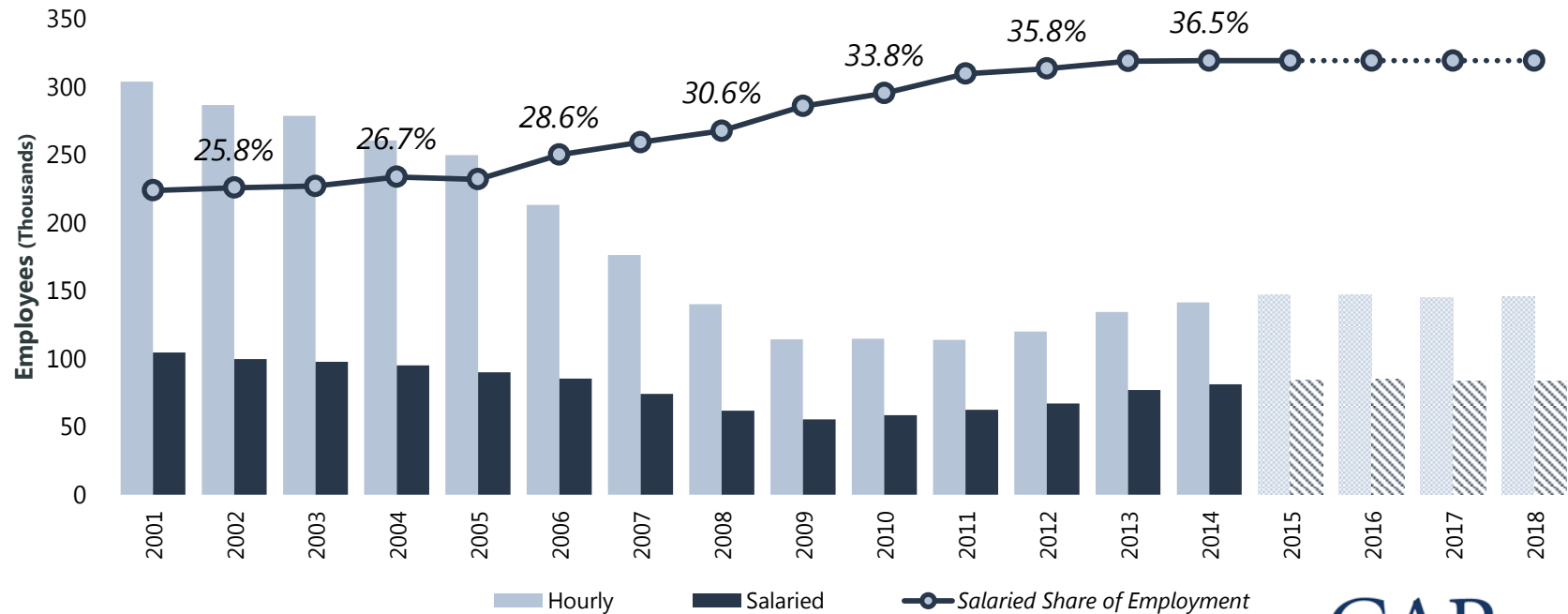
**WE CAN'T GO BACK TO  
THE OLD WAYS!**

A close-up, artistic photograph of a human hand holding a small, textured globe of the Earth. The hand is positioned at the bottom left, with fingers gently gripping the globe. The globe shows blue oceans and green landmasses. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white, suggesting a sky or a bright environment. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

**WHAT WILL THE  
FUTURE HOLD?**

# FCA, Ford & GM employment growth will level off; hiring will continue based on demographic trends.

CAR's Forecast of FCA, Ford, and GM U.S. Employment, 2015-2018



# The Big Challenges



## Challenge 1: Future of Entry Level Wage System





# Two-tier

Easy to get into; much harder to get out.

# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

BUSINESS

## UAW, Car Makers Weigh New Class of Hires

Plan envisions possibility of bringing thousands of unskilled jobs handled by parts suppliers in-house

*By Jeff Bennett And Christina Rogers May 10, 2015 7:44 p.m. ET*



The UAW's willingness to consider a lower pay scale reflects the depth of its interest in bringing jobs under its wing that were outsourced to suppliers in leaner days. Above, Chevrolet Malibu cars turn a corner on the assembly line at GM's Fairfax assembly plant in Kansas City, Kansas, earlier this month. PHOTO: DAVE KAUP/REUTERS

# The parties have three different goals on Tier 2.

No More Tiers



Bridge the Gap



Keep (and expand)  
Tiered Wage Structure



# There are several paths forward...

Reinstate Caps  
at FCA and GM



Long (e.g. 8-year)  
Grow-In to Top Wage



New “Destination Wage”  
for Entry Level Workers



# What about reinstating the caps in 2015?

## Entry Level Employment

All new hire production employees, through the September 14, 2015 expiration of the National Collective Bargaining Agreement, will be hired as Entry Level employees and governed by the terms of the UAW-Chrysler Entry Level Wage and Benefit Agreement M-13.

## Entry Level Ratio

There shall be no cap on the number of Entry Level employees hired through September 14, 2015. Upon expiration of the 2011 Agreement, the cap shall be:

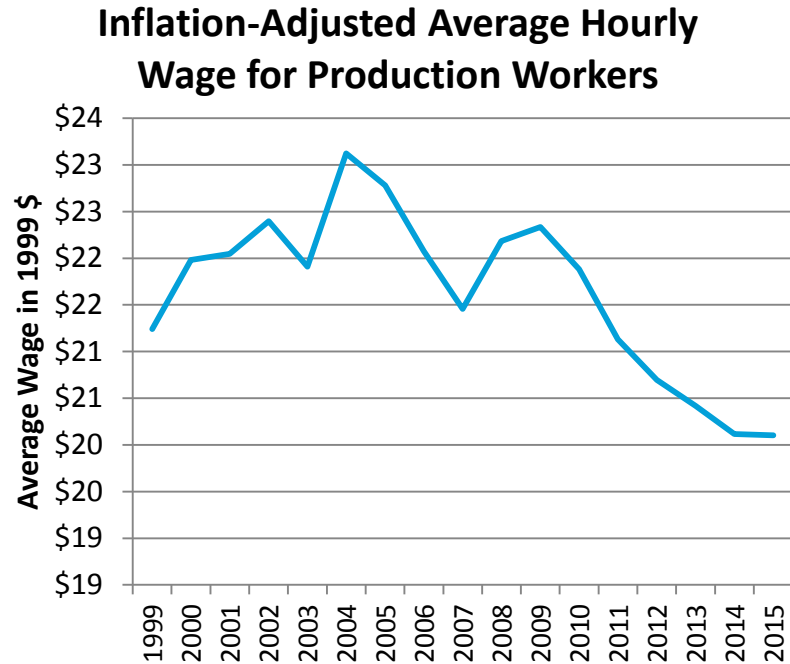
- FCA: the lesser of 25% or the Entry Level percentage as of September 14, 2015.
- GM: a hiring limit that is based on the entry level percentage as of September 14, 2015, but no more than 25% and no less than 20% of the total GM-UAW hourly population

***Reinstate the caps at 20-25% (new hires > cap bump to Tier 1.5)***

***FCA: goes from \$47 to \$52/hour Ford & GM: no immediate changes***

## Challenge 2: Base Wage Increases for Everyone

# Top Tier workers haven't had a base wage increase in 8-10 years.



Source: UAW-GM Contract, adjusted using CPI-W (1982-1984=100)

## “Inflation protection” lump sums

- FCA: \$8,300\* (\$0.99/hour)
- Ford: \$7,000 (\$0.84/hour)
- GM: \$4,000 (\$0.48/hour)

## Signing Bonuses

- FCA: \$3,500 (\$0.42/hour)
- Ford: \$6,000 (\$0.72/hour)
- GM: \$5,000 (\$0.60/hour)

\*maximum

# My best guess on what we'll see...

- Top Tier Workers
  - Blend of base wage increase and inflation protection lump sums
  - Smaller signing bonuses than in 2011
- Entry Level Workers
  - Increase the starting wage (now at \$15.78)
  - Most likely: 8-year grow in to top tier wage



## Challenge 3: Profit Sharing

# Must first have profits before they can be shared.

- This is not the first time this has happened; over the 33-year history of profit sharing at FCA, Ford & GM

Average Profit Sharing Payout	33-years	Pre-2011	2011 and Later	Range
Chrysler/FCA	\$1,785	\$1,710	\$1,950	\$375-\$8,100
Ford	\$2,550	\$2,000	\$7,040	\$160-\$8,800
GM	\$1,300	\$660	\$6,910	\$50-\$9,000

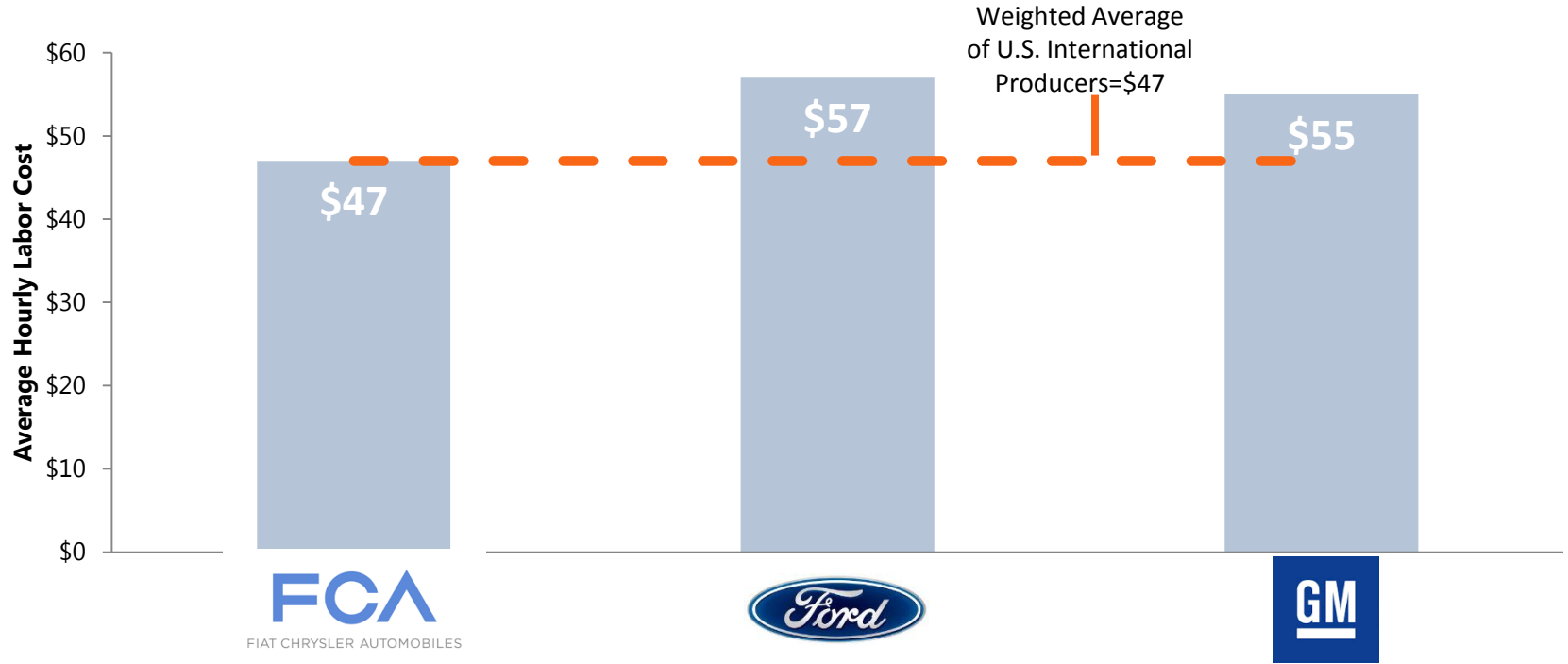
- FCA is a little different: 85% global Chrysler=North America and FCA ownership
- My best guess: minor changes at FCA; otherwise, status quo

## Challenge 4: Maintain Cost Competitiveness

# Average hourly labor costs over time:

- Blended average of the three companies:
  - 1987 = \$26/hour
  - 1997 = \$45/hour
  - 2007 = \$78/hour
  - 2015 = \$54/hour

# UAW average hourly labor costs have become more competitive with U.S. International automakers.



# Parity in language has resulted in disparity of outcome.

- GM and FCA both had caps suspended...
- ...FCA was able to take greater advantage of the entry level wage through massive hiring over the past four years
- Chrysler up? Ford and GM down?
- Likely outcome: gap between the companies grow closer over the next four years; average hourly labor costs increase modestly—unless there's a production downturn...
- ...if there's a production downturn: average hourly labor costs will rise sharply, as lower-cost entry-level will be the first to go (and their income protection payments are less generous)

## Challenge 5: Employment & Job Security

# Different objectives within the membership



Entry Level want more hiring to push them “over the cap.”



Top Tier want a base wage increase, which may incentivize outsourcing and less hiring.



# Job Security

- Strong product commitments are the new job security strategy (no more JOBS bank/GEN pool)
- Mexico is the biggest competitor for UAW work
  - Few vehicles are dual-sourced  
(RAM, Fusion, Silverado/Sierra, Sonic)
- Differences in weekly regular Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB)
  - Entry Level: \$423-\$536/week;
  - Top Tier: \$826-\$962/week;
  - duration based on seniority (26-52 weeks)
  - Transitional Support for up to another 52 weeks (50% wages)

## Challenge 6: Manage Health Care Costs

# Conflicting health care negotiation goals

## UAW

- Maintain and expand benefits without additional cost sharing
- Cost sharing doesn't lower costs

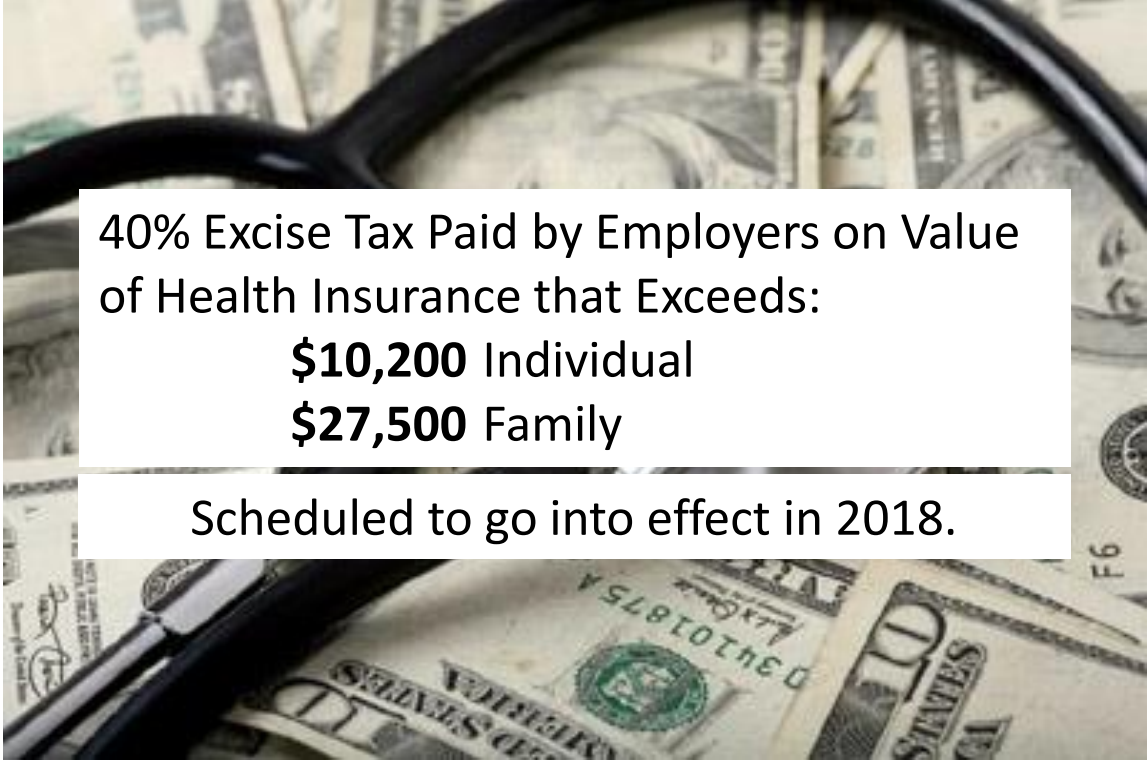


## Automakers:

- Cut cost of the single most expensive benefit
- Incentivize better decision making through cost sharing



The impact of the *Cadillac* tax is not yet known.



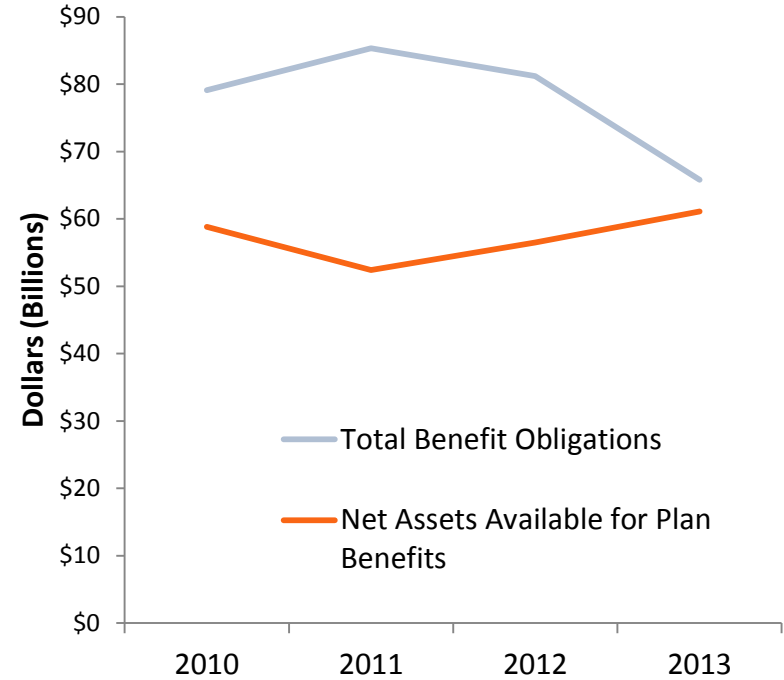
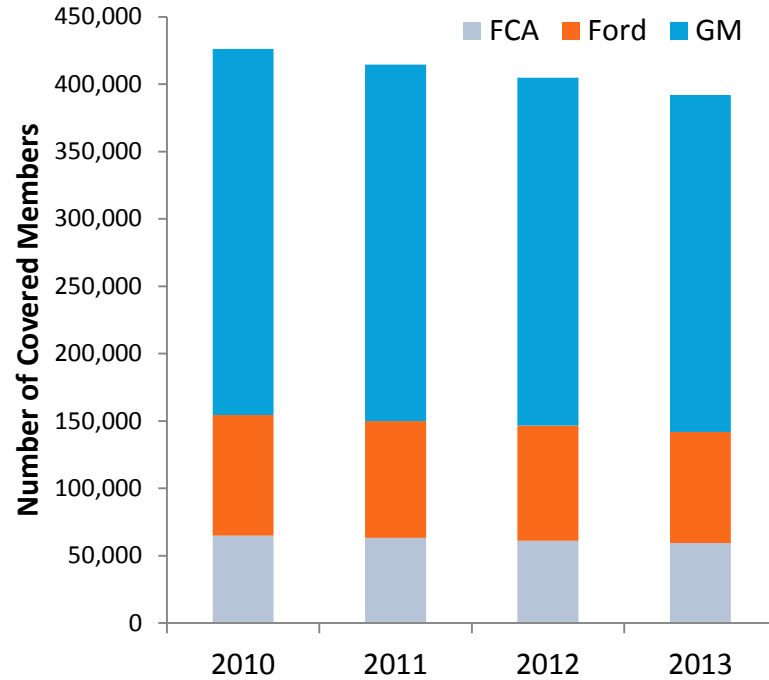
40% Excise Tax Paid by Employers on Value  
of Health Insurance that Exceeds:

**\$10,200** Individual

**\$27,500** Family

Scheduled to go into effect in 2018.

# 2013: \$61.1 Billion in VEBA funding; covers 392,000 people; 93% Net Assets/Benefit Obligations



# The Largest Health Care Pool in the World

May be About to Get Even Larger



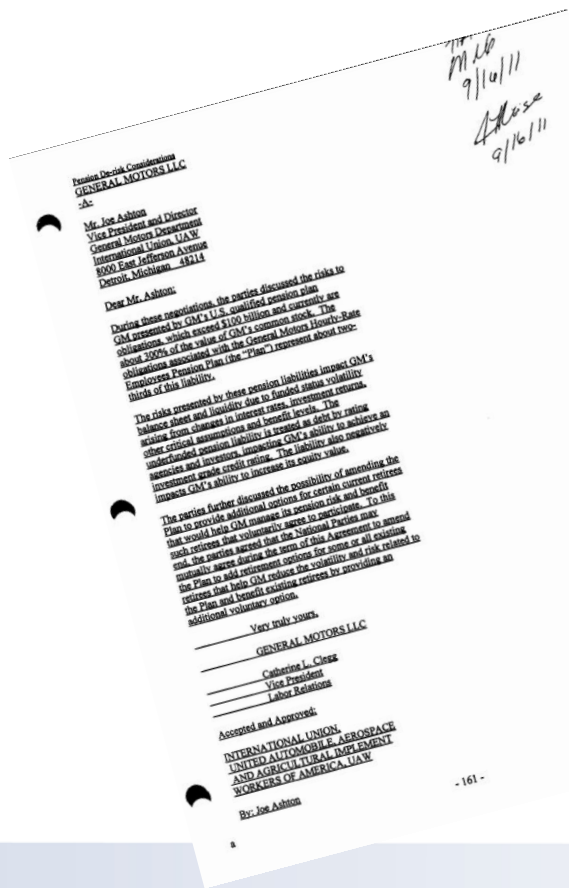
## Challenge 7: Manage Pension Costs

# Pension Status in 2013\*

	Number of Participants	Assets (Actuarial Value)	Adjusted Funding Target Attainment
FCA-US	118,191	\$11.3B	76.9%
Ford	184,810	\$22.9B	106.5%
GM	455,104	\$59.2B	73.6%



# Pension Issues in 2015



- No pension adjustment or lump sum in 2011—for the first time since pension was instituted in 1950s
- Negotiated a letter in 2011 to explore “de-risking” the pension
  - Provide “options” for some or all of existing retirees
  - Help automakers reduce volatility and risk associated with hourly pensions
  - Salaried pensions already “de-risked” (annuity or lump sum)

## Challenge 8: Get an Agreement That Ratifies

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## Background Issues:

# Impact of Right to Work

- 2015 contracts will be first to be subject to Michigan's 2012 Right-to-Work law
- Roughly half of UAW-FCA/Ford/GM membership lives in Michigan
- Anticipate aggressive campaigning by third-party groups to chip away UAW membership
- UAW represents FCA, Ford & GM workers in other RTW states; membership share holds at >90% in these states
  - Indiana (2012)
  - Kansas (1958)
  - Tennessee (1947)
  - Texas (1947)

# Many New Lead Bargainers



Fields



Dirksen



Barra



Clegg



FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES



Marchionne



Shagen

- All are seasoned bargainers
- Leadership changes @FCA & GM in June
- All but three are new to their leadership roles in this negotiations



Williams



Casteel



Settles



Estrada



Jewell

# Strategies—Assuming UAW maintains “pattern bargaining” approach

- Pick Ford
  - Experienced lead bargainers
  - Very good relationship
  - Largest membership
  - Company is relatively stronger than other two automakers
- Pick GM
  - If want to restore caps on entry level
  - Doing relatively well
  - Can stretch the agreement to fit the other two automakers--porridge is just right
- Pick FCA
  - Get the hard one done first
  - Highest probability of a strike
  - Other automakers won't choke on a pattern set here

How Will It End?



# My best guess on what will happen:



1. Tiers disappear with long grow-in (8-years)
2. Modest raises for Tier 1/Starting wage/Smaller lump sums; less insourcing
3. Maintain profit sharing
4. Cost competitiveness unchanged and gap between three companies closer
5. Product commitments & shift preferences vehicles co-produced in Mexico
6. Health care pool for actives
7. Pension de-risking option; small increases to pension/lump sum
8. Narrow ratification with possibility for non-trivial strikes