

MARKET FOR THE COMPANY'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Price Range of Common Stock The Company's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ASF." As of February 28, 2001, there were 114 holders of record of the common stock. This number does not include stockholders for whom shares were held in "nominee" or "street name." The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices for the common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite transactional tape. These amounts have been adjusted to reflect the two-for-one split of the common stock effected on October 16, 2000 in the form of a stock dividend.

	High	Low
2000		
First Quarter	\$ 21.38	\$ 10.38
Second Quarter	33.22	17.06
Third Quarter	44.56	24.81
Fourth Quarter	43.00	22.30
1999		
First Quarter	\$ 17.25	\$ 6.06
Second Quarter	8.94	5.56
Third Quarter	8.66	7.16
Fourth Quarter	15.38	7.19

Dividend Policy The Company has not paid cash dividends on its common stock since its formation and does not anticipate declaring or paying dividends on its common stock in the foreseeable future. The Company expects that it will retain all available earnings generated by the Company's operations for the development and growth of its business. Any future determination as to the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company and will depend upon the Company's operating results, financial condition, capital requirements, general business conditions and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant.