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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended October 30, 2010

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TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ______to____ Commission file number _____1-31340

THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 56-0484485 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273-5975 (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(704) 554-8510 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

No

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes

No

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As of November 16, 2010, there were 27,760,077 shares of Class A common stock and 1,743,525 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	October 30, 2010 (Unaudited)	nths Ended October 31, 2009 (Unaudited) ollars in thousands	Nine Mon October 30, 2010 (Unaudited) , except per share d	ths Ended October 31, 2009 (Unaudited) ata)	
REVENUES Retail sales Other income (principally finance charges, late fees and	\$ 197,985	\$ 190,966	\$ 689,610	\$ 654,389	
layaway charges) Total revenues	2,799 200,784	2,854 193,820	8,584 698,194	8,724 663,113	
COSTS AND EXPENSES, NET Cost of goods sold (exclusive of depreciation					
shown below) Selling, general and administrative (exclusive of	125,694	124,545	415,588	409,917	
depreciation shown below) Depreciation Interest and other income Cost and expenses, net	60,473 5,645 (1,039) 190,773	60,519 5,441 (957) 189,548	191,301 16,191 (2,888) 620,192	181,643 16,467 (2,878) 605,149	
Income before income taxes	10,011	4,272	78,002	57,964	

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Income tax expense	3,275	1,289	28,187	19,509
Net income	\$ 6,736	\$ 2,983	\$ 49,815	\$ 38,455
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.10	\$ 1.69	