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GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form SC 13G
February 18, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

398905109

(CUSIP Number)

February 10, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this
Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☒ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

(1) The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting
person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of
securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which
would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange
Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the
Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS	
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
AIC Limited	
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	
	(a) ☐
	(b) ☒
3. SEC USE ONLY	
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada	
NUMBER OF SHARES	5. SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6. SHARED VOTING POWER 2,138,100*
EACH REPORTING	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,138,100*
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
2,138,100*	
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
Not applicable	☐
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
9.06% of outstanding Common Shares*	
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS	
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	

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AIC Investment Services Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☐
(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,138,100*
EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,138,100*

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,138,100*

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not applicable ☐

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

9.06% of outstanding Class S Subordinate Voting Shares*

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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AIC American Focused Fund

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☐
(b) ☒

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Mutual fund trust organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,809,304*
EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,809,304*

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,809,304*

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not applicable

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.66% of outstanding Common Shares*

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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AIC American Focused Corporate Class

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(b) ☒

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Mutual fund trust organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 278,568*
EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 278,568*

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

278,568*

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not applicable

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.18% of outstanding Common Shares*

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

AIC American Focused Plus Fund

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Mutual fund trust organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 50,228*
EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 50,228*
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 50,228*		
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* Not applicable ☐		
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) .21% of outstanding Common Shares*		
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* OO		

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Michael Lee-Chin

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) ☐
(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Canadian

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,138,100*

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EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil
PERSON WITH	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,138,100*

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,138,100*

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not applicable []

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

9.06*

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Portland Holdings Inc.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) []
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada

NUMBER OF SHARES	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER Nil
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,138,100*
EACH REPORTING	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER Nil

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH 2,138,100*

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,138,100*

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not applicable

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

9.06%*

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Group 1 Automotive Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100, Houston TX 77024

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

AIC Limited ("AIC") is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ontario. AIC's wholly owned subsidiary AIC Investment Services Inc. ("AISI") is the portfolio manager of certain accounts (including the Funds) and AIC is the manager and trustee of certain mutual funds in Ontario (collectively the "Funds") which are owners of record of the securities of the Issuer. AISI is qualified to act as an investment adviser to the Funds in Ontario, Canada pursuant to a registration under the Securities Act Ontario. AISI is registered as an investment adviser under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. AIC as trustee of the Funds, shares with the Funds the power to direct the voting and disposition of the shares of the Issuer held by the Funds. Berkshire Securities Inc. is a corporation incorporated under the federal laws of Canada and is a subsidiary of Portland Holdings. Michael Lee-Chin holds indirectly through his sole ownership of Portland Holdings Inc. approximately 95% of the voting equity securities of AIC and consequently he may be deemed under United States securities law to beneficially own the shares of the Issuer held by AIC as trustee of the Funds and by the Funds, although he disclaims beneficial ownership of such holding. Mr. Lee-Chin is a citizen and resident of Canada.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:

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1375 Kerns Road, Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7R 4X8

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Michael Lee-Chin - Canadian

AIC Limited - Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada

AIC Investment Services Inc. - Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada

Portland Holdings Inc. - Incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada

Funds - certain mutual funds organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Shares

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number

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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) ☐ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) ☐ Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) ☐ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(13) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) ☐ Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box. [x]

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Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,138,100*

(b) Percent of class: 9.06*

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote Nil,

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 2,138,100*,

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of Nil,

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
2,138,100*

* See item 2(a)

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Inapplicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Inapplicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Inapplicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Inapplicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Inapplicable

Item 10. Certifications.

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By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2004

AIC LIMITED

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

2/10/2004
Date

AIC INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

02/10/2004
Date

AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED FUND

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

2/10/2004
Date

AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED CORPORATE CLASS

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

2/10/2004
Date

AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED PLUS FUND

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

2/10/2004
Date

MICHAEL LEE-CHIN

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg

2/10/2004

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Victoria J. Ringelberg, Vice-President,
Chief Financial Officer

Date

Under Power of Attorney dated March 14, 2003.

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PORTLAND HOLDINGS INC.

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg, Vice-President,
Chief Financial Officer

2/10/2004
Date

Under Power of Attorney dated March 14, 2003.

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned does hereby appoint Jonathan Wellum and Victoria Ringelberg, and each of them, acting singly, with full power of substitution, as the true and lawful attorney of the undersigned, to sign on behalf of the undersigned in respect of the ownership of equity securities held by the undersigned, directly or beneficially, and to be reported pursuant to sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and to execute joint filing agreements with respect to such filings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney, has been executed as of the 14th day of March, 2003.

/s/Michael Lee Chin
Michael Lee Chin

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Shares of Group 1 Automotive Inc. and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings. In evidence thereof, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement as of the 10th day of February, 2004.

AIC LIMITED

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

AIC INVESTMENT SERVICES INC.

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

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AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED FUND

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED CORPORATE CLASS

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

AIC LIMITED as trustee for the
AIC AMERICAN FOCUSED PLUS FUND

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg
Chief Financial Officer

MICHAEL LEE-CHIN

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

Under Power of Attorney dated March 14, 2003.

PORTLAND HOLDINGS INC.

By /s/Victoria J. Ringelberg
Victoria J. Ringelberg,
Chief Financial Officer

Under Power of Attorney dated March 14, 2003.