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European Debt Investor Meetings Presentation

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1. Introduction

ENCORE AT A GLANCE

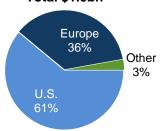
Business Overview

- Based in San Diego, CA, Encore Capital Group, Inc. ("Encore" or the "Company") provides debt recovery solutions for consumers across a broad range of assets
- In the business of purchasing debt for over 25 years, the Company operates internationally with over 7,900 employees¹ and has over 110 million accounts and over 64 million unique consumers in the U.S. and U.K.
 - MCM is the largest debt buyer in the United States
 - Cabot is one of the largest credit management services providers in Europe and the market leader in the UK and Ireland by ERC
- Publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker: ECPG) with a market capitalization of ~\$1.1bn
- Purchases portfolios of defaulted consumer receivables from credit originators, including banks, credit unions, consumer finance companies and commercial retailers
- Partners with individuals as they repay their debt obligations, helping them towards financial recovery and improving their economic well-being

Americas Parent company at Group level Americas Midland Credit Management Management

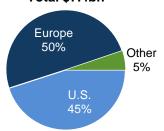
Capital Deployed

2019Q2 LTM Capital Deployments Total \$1.0bn



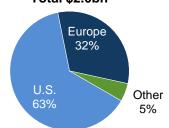
ERC²

2019Q2 180m ERC Total \$7.4bn



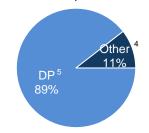
Collections

2019Q2 LTM Collections Total \$2.0bn



Revenues³

2019Q2 LTM Revenues Total \$1.4bn





Source: Company filings. Market data as of 6 September 2019.

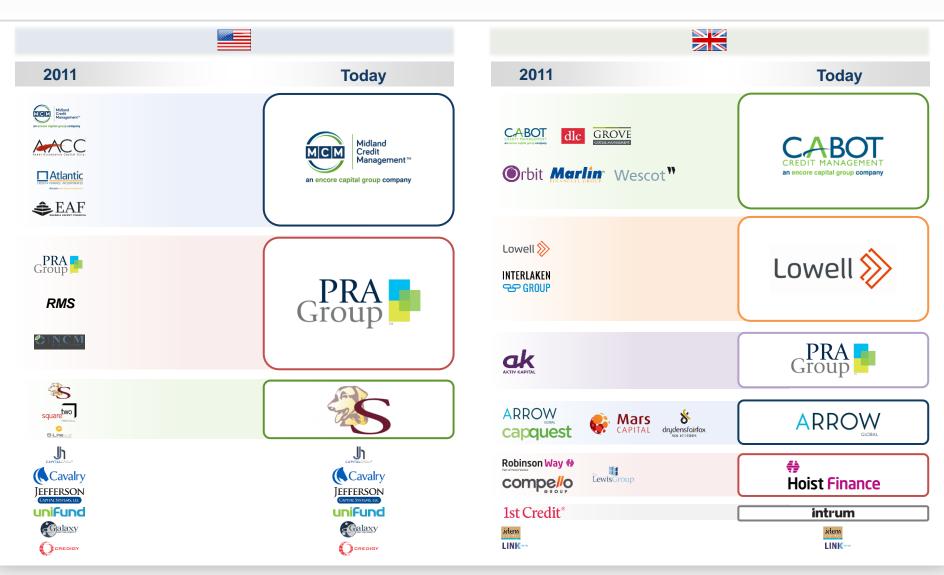
- Number of employees as of Q2 2019.
- ERC represents estimated remaining gross collections for purchased receivables.
- 3) Represents total revenues adjusted for allowance reversals on receivable portfolios, net.
- Represents third party collections and other revenues.
 - DP (debt purchasing) represents revenues from owned receivable portfolios.

ENCORE IS A LEADER IN THE GLOBAL DEBT PURCHASING & RECOVERY SECTOR





RECENT INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION HAS RESULTED IN A SMALLER NUMBER OF SCALED PLAYERS



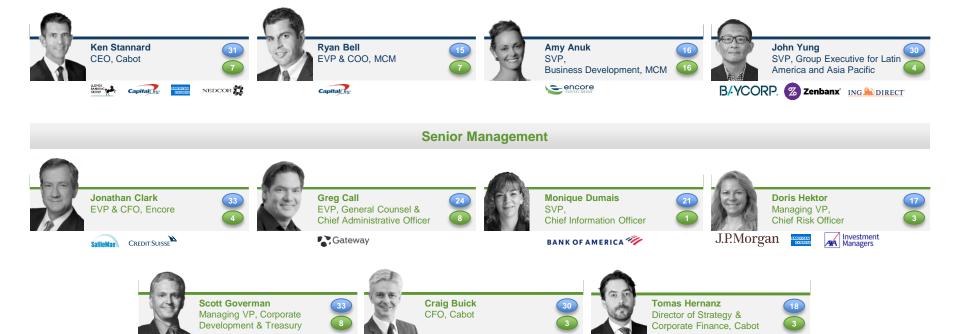
Source: Company and peer websites, annual filings and press releases.



LED BY A BROAD MANAGEMENT TEAM WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

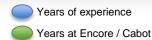


Business Leaders with P&L Responsibility





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2. Credit highlights

Unsecured consumer finance market attributes

ENCORE – A HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE CREDIT STORY



Encore attributes

Scale & efficiency

Regulatory & compliance excellence

Consumer focus

Data and analytical leadership

Disciplined capital allocation

Large market size

High degree of market sophistication

Consistency of front-book opportunities

Granular, diversified portfolios

Back-book resilience

These factors make Encore what it is today ...

- A. We are the leading operator in our core U.S. and U.K. markets with attractive long term growth prospects and high barriers to entry
- B. Our scale, operational differentiation and compliance excellence drive strong risk adjusted returns
- C. 20+ years of experience have created a large, diversified back-book generating resilient cash flows
- D. Strong operating performance and capital allocation discipline support Encore's healthy financial profile





A. Leading operator in our core U.S. and U.K. markets with attractive long term growth prospects and high barriers to entry

FOCUS ON MARKETS WITH ATTRACTIVE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

1

Large, consistent opportunity

Attributes that we believe make a market attractive

- Ability to develop sustainable scale
- Consistent, long term flow of front-book opportunities as a result of debt sales being an embedded part of the financial ecosystem
- Fresh, early bucket delinquent debt sales

2

Regulatory framework

- Strong regulatory framework with barriers to entry that supports banks to outsource or sell
- Mature legal framework providing enhanced risk management

3

High degree of sophistication and data availability

- Availability of data to enable informed investment decisions
- Sophisticated sellers who recognize the benefits of credit management services
- Operations and data analytics that drive outperformance and competitive advantage

4

Low through-thecycle risk profile

- Low volatility of long term returns
- Provide risk diversification granular, diversified portfolios that diversify risk
- ▶ Resilience in the event of macroeconomic shocks



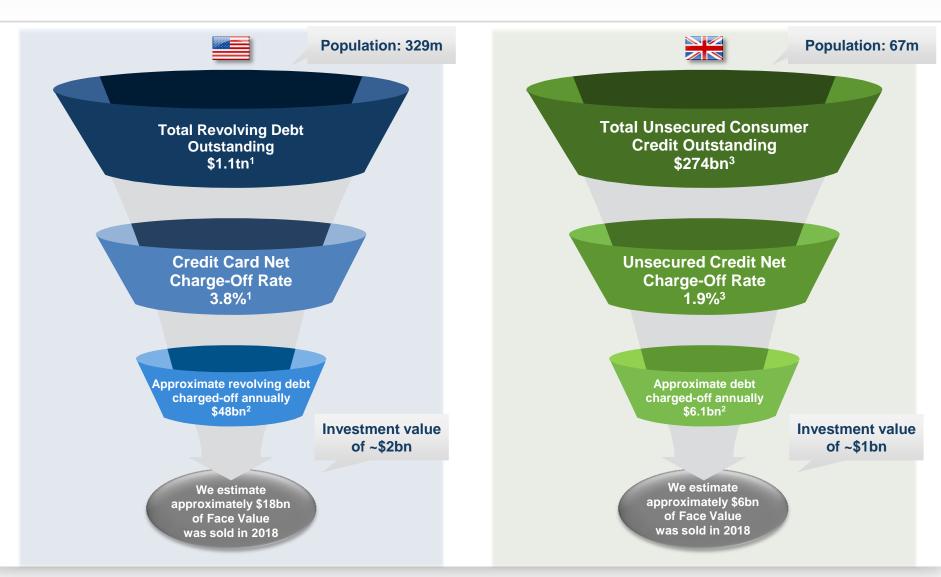
OUR CORE MARKETS ARE UNDERPINNED BY LARGE, ESTABLISHED CONSUMER SECTORS





Source: U.S. Federal Reserve as of May 2019, European Central Bank as of May 2019, Bank of England as of May 2019, and Central Bank of Brazil as of July 2019. Management insights.

THE MARKET OPPORTUNITY IS SIGNIFICANT...





Source: Federal Reserve, Bank of England, U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.K. Office for National Statistics, Encore management estimates.

Dollar denominated data in United Kingdom funnel converted from GBP to US\$ at exchange rate of 1.3031 prevailing on 31-May-2019.

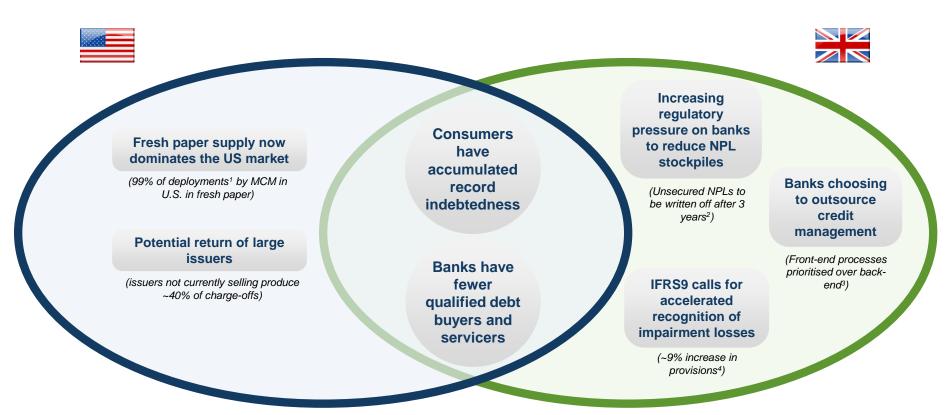
Federal Reserve update from Q1 2019 for Q4 2018, not seasonally adjusted and excludes loans secured by real estate.

Assumes 17% Recovery Rate to Estimate Gross Charge-Offs.

Bank of England consumer credit data as of May 2019. Unsecured consumer credit excluding student loans.

... TAILWINDS CONTINUE TO DRIVE NPL SUPPLY...

Key global factors driving NPL supply





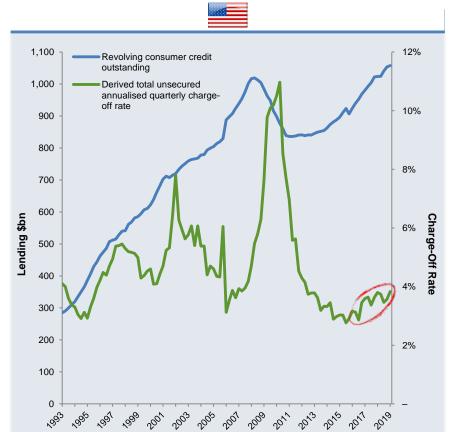
European Central Bank implementing tougher rules on NPL inventory.

Banks facing constraints on compliance expertise, IT capex and operations headcount, deemphasizing in-house credit management.

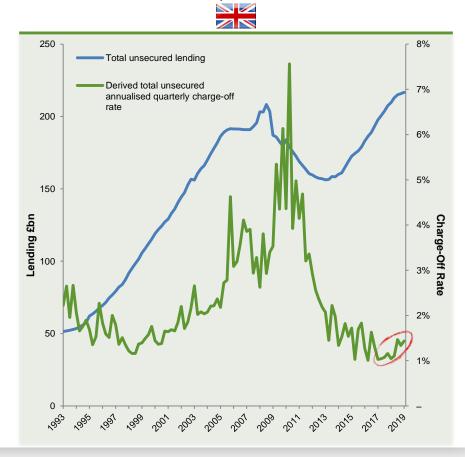
... WITH NEW NPL GENERATION LIKELY TO GROW SIGNIFICANTLY

Unsecured consumer lending and total charge-off rate

- Federal Reserve reports revolving credit in the U.S. achieved an all-time high in May 2019
- Banks' charge-off rates and loan loss allowances at highest level in the last six years



- Rapid consumer credit growth in the U.K. will drive meaningful supply growth
- ▶ Early signs of increasing default rates visible potential further acceleration due to Brexit implications





Source: For U.S. - U.S. Federal Reserve revolving consumer credit, seasonally adjusted & credit card net charge-off rate. For U.K. - Bank of England – May 2019 – excludes student loans.

WE BENEFIT FROM INCREASING BARRIERS TO ENTRY

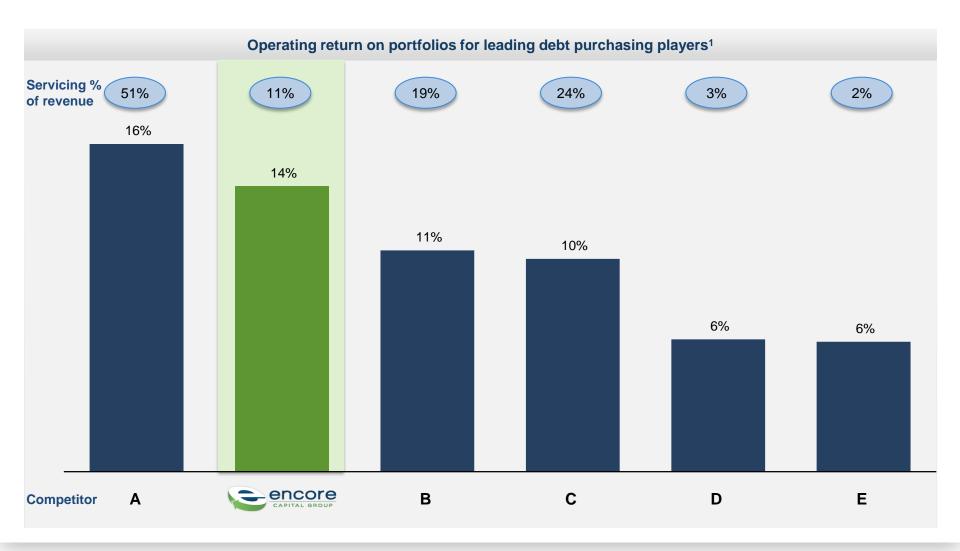
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Regulation	 Mature markets entail high legal, regulatory and compliance obligations Replicating Encore's compliance infrastructure would entail prohibitive time, cost & licensing requirements 	 State-by-state regulation – often demands licensing Significant prescriptive regulation – proposed CFPB rules 500+ pages 	 FCA authorization required for servicing / SRA for litigation Principles based – intense focus on consumer treatment
Client relationships	 Banks reduce number of servicers to handful of trusted key partners Comprehensive and regular client audits 	 Nimbleness towards quick bilateral transactions Bank restrictions on resale of debt 	 Deeper relationships from BPO and debt servicing history leads to proprietary purchase opportunities
Proprietary data	 High frequency of consumer interaction enables consumer centric outcomes Large data warehouse leads to improved pricing, collections efficiency and fair consumer treatment 	 Over 2,800 portfolios acquired / 25+ years of data Relationship with 1/5 U.S. consumers 	 Over 1,800 portfolios acquired / 20+ years of data Relationship with 1/9 U.K. consumers
Scale	 Scale of operations allows investment in infrastructure and compliance Diversified access to capital markets lowers cost of funding and facilitates liquidity management 	Ability to operate in all 50 states with licenses in every state where required, with approximately 4,100 employees ¹	Largest U.K. financial services ERC with approximately 2,500 employees





B. Our scale, operational differentiation and compliance excellence drive strong risk adjusted returns

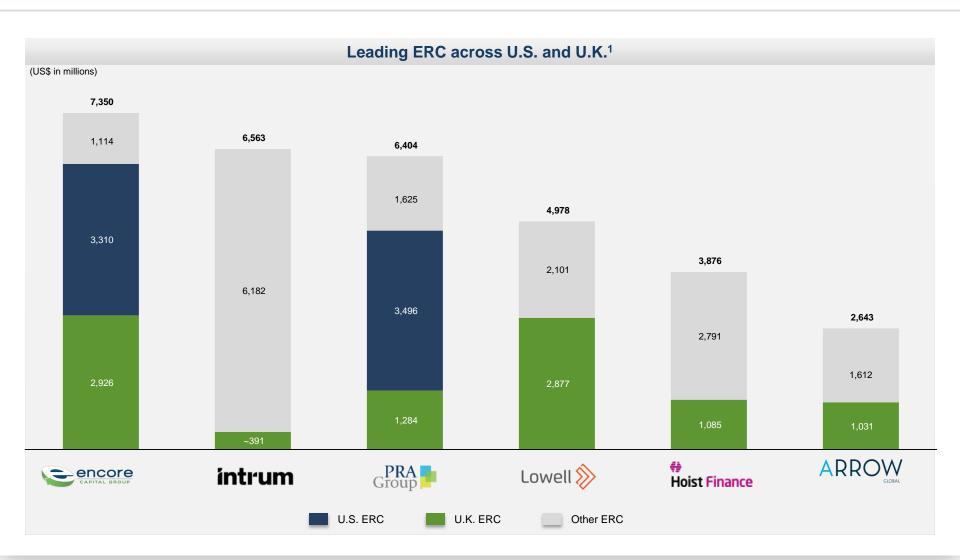
OUR SCALE AND OPERATIONAL DIFFERENTIATION DELIVER MARKET LEADING RETURNS





Calculated as operating profit divided by average book value of portfolios.

WE HAVE MARKET-LEADING SCALE IN OUR CORE MARKETS





SUPERIOR DATA ANALYTICS DRIVES OUR ENHANCED CONSUMER CENTRIC APPROACH





Data assets

- ~110 million accounts
- ~60 million consumers
- ~600 thousand hours of call recordings per year
- On average, we have an existing relationship with ~40% of consumers in each new portfolio

- ▶ ~10 million accounts
- ~1.5 billion transaction records
- ~150 million financial transactions
- ~670 million dialler records
- ~14 million litigation records

Advanced analytics

- Sophisticated use of speech analytics
 - o Real-time analytics
 - o Call library for training
- Speech analytics underpins valuation and pricing rigor
- ▶ Substantial experience & expertise: more than 20 years of data, insights, modelling and operational integration
- Market leading set of litigation scorecard models
- Proprietary scorecards for legal placement, direct mail, call center effort

Consumer centric execution

- Real-time sentiment analysis informing approach to next interaction with consumer
- Insights from data and analytics integrated across business processes
- Automated process to update consumer profile and treatment based on real time internal and external data
- Post call consumer feedback
- Proprietary data, advanced analytics, supporting appropriate consumer-level engagement

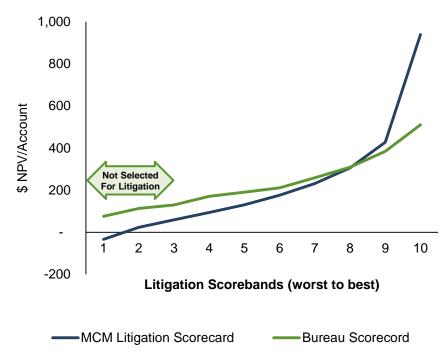




STRONG ANALYTICS AND ROBUST OPERATIONS ENABLE LITIGATION AS AN EFFECTIVE COLLECTION CHANNEL







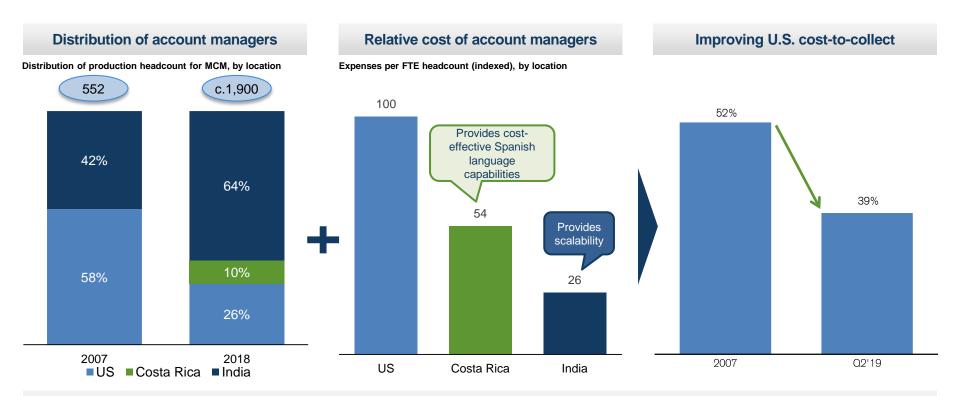
Leverage proprietary scorecards to allocate accounts to the most appropriate channel to drive superior collection performance



1)



BUSINESS MODEL TRANSFORMATION HAS ENABLED A 1,300BPS REDUCTION IN U.S. COST TO COLLECT FROM 2007 TO PRESENT



- Considerable cost advantages stemming from our operations in India and Costa Rica that allow Encore to more efficiently work a high percentage of the accounts within any given portfolio
- Cost advantage allows us to pursue lower value accounts than peers
- Only company in our industry with successful, late stage collection platform in India
- Cost savings and first-mover advantage helps to reduce our variable cost-to-collect



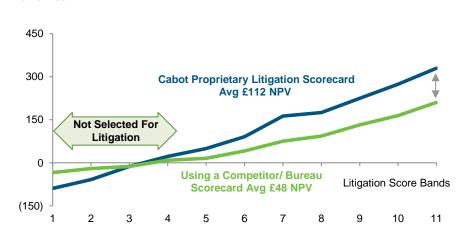


£ Per Acct

NON-PAYING ACCOUNTS – DRIVING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE THROUGH PROVEN LITIGATION SCORECARD



Scorecard shows strong ability to rank profitability³



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Driving competitive advantage at pricing - illustrative

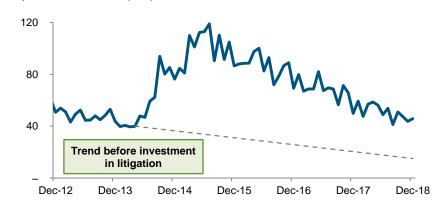
Increase in cumulative cash flows for litigation-eligible accounts due to litigation scorecard²



Proven benefits of litigation expertise

Collections uplift after applying litigation scorecard to Cabot's back-book (Sample portfolio)

£ per month collections ('000)





Source: Company information; Equifax Credit Bureau scorecard.

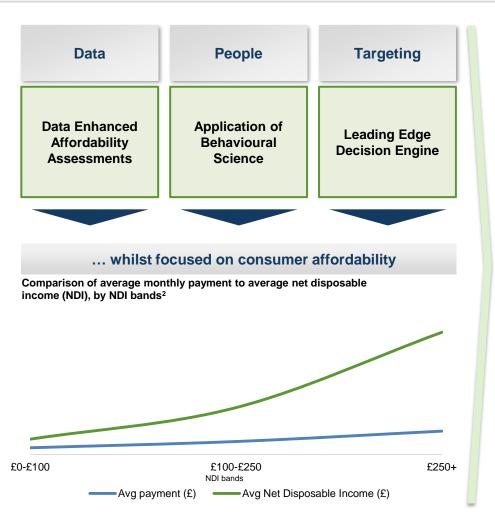
U.K. solicitor data points that have been generated from internal litigation and on behalf of the Company.

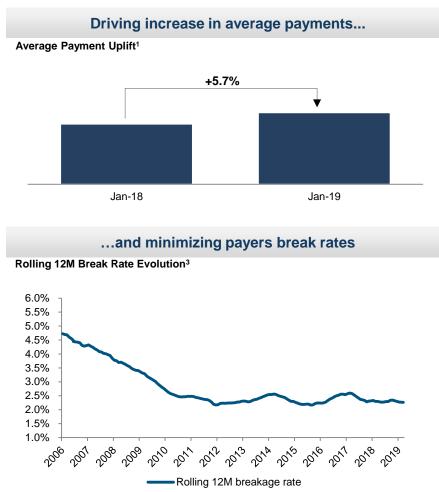
Cumulative gross collections over a 120 month period for accounts eligible to litigation only. A 27% discount is applied to gross litigation collections when using the Credit Bureau Scorecard. Discount factor derived from historical trend data for litigation accounts using a CRA litigation scorecard.

Attachment of Earnings Net Present Value @ 24 Months.



PAYING PORTFOLIO – OPTIMIZATION OF PAYING ACCOUNTS







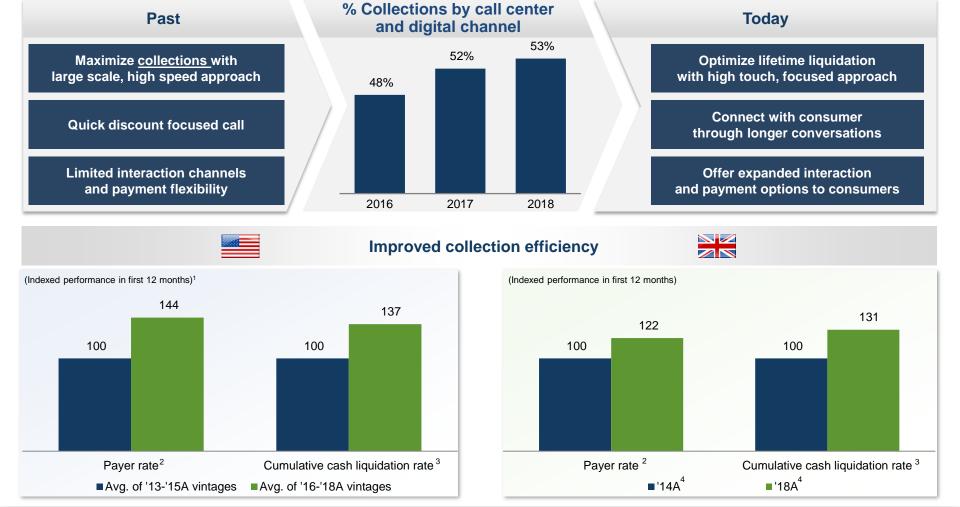
Source: Company information, U.K. portfolios.

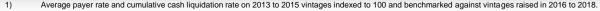
Accounts across the full base that paid in Jan-18 to Jan-19.

Jan-18 to Jul-18 plan data.

Defined as percentage of accounts not paying in the last 90 days.

CONSUMER FOCUS AND OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS HAVE IMPROVED LIQUIDATION EFFECTIVENESS





Payer rate represents percentage of accounts paying in the first 12 months.

Cumulative cash liquidation rate represents percentage of face value collected in the first 12 months.

Comparable portfolios for 2014 and 2018 sold by the same vendor.



OUR FOCUS ON RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE IS A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE AND BARRIER TO ENTRY

Encore is highly focused on regulatory compliance

Principled treatment of consumers

MCM Consumer Bill of Rights



Compliance capabilities

- Encore has heavily invested in both personnel and processes to support the changing regulatory landscape
- ► Team of 28 specialists ensuring regulatory compliance

Collaborative relationship with regulators



Encore's issuer certification program is a key differentiator

MCM averages roughly 35 issuer audits and due diligence exercises per year

- The certifications received through these audits are a prerequisite for purchasing debt from issuers
- Encore has achieved certification from all major domestic issuers who sell their charged-off accounts

Issuer Review / Audit Process

Cycle III: Cycle IV: Cycle I: Cycle II: Post Audit Approval / Request for **On-Site On-Site** Report Certification Follow-Up information Audit Received Requests

Encore by far is the most transparent, prepared, and buttoned up of any debt buyer we've audited. You have raised and set a new bar in the industry.

- Top 5 Credit Card Issuer





HIGHLY EXPERIENCED OPERATOR IN TIGHTLY REGULATED **ENVIRONMENT**

Leading track record of regulatory approval

- First large U.K. CMS company to receive full FCA authorization
- In-house legal expertise regulated by the Solicitor Regulation Authority (SRA)





Recognized industry leadership





Best legal service provider **WINNER**



Best vulnerable consumer strategy **WINNER**



UK Customer Satisfaction Awards 2019 WINNER

U.K. consumer satisfaction index¹

(Comparison with selected banks)



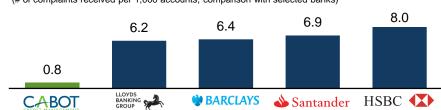
Google reviews²

(Google rating out of 5 stars, selection of peers that management believes are key competitors for comparison purposes)



Self-reported complaints³

(# of complaints received per 1,000 accounts, comparison with selected banks)





Source: Company information.

Data collected from Google reviews web page as of 6 September 2019. Cabot rating represents Cabot Financial, our UK debt purchase subsidiary.

Data for the period H2 2018.

Consumer satisfaction survey run by the Institute of consumer Service. Respondents are asked to rate their experience of individual organizations they have dealt with in the previous three months, using a scale of 1 - 10. These scores are then multiplied by ten so that the index scores are expressed as a

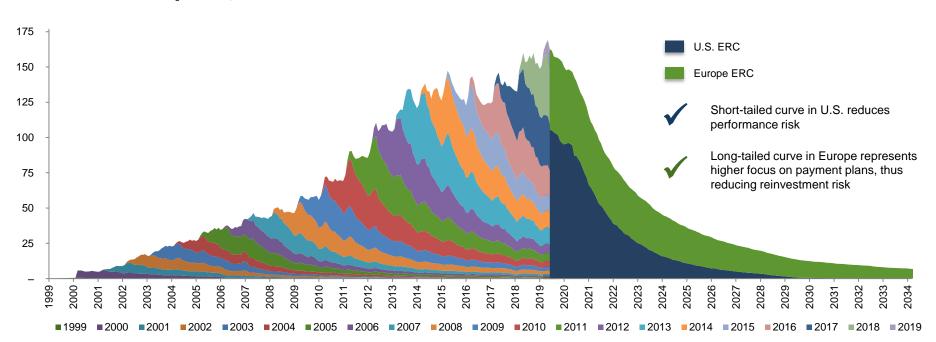


C. 20+ years of experience have created a large, diversified back-book generating resilient cash flows

BACK-BOOK CONSISTS OF GRANULAR, RELIABLE CASH FLOWS FROM 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Historical and future estimated remaining collections

Actual and estimated remaining collections¹, \$m





Note:

DEMONSTRATED BACK-BOOK RESILIENCE DURING PERIODS OF ECONOMIC STRESS

Unprecedented stress during financial crisis

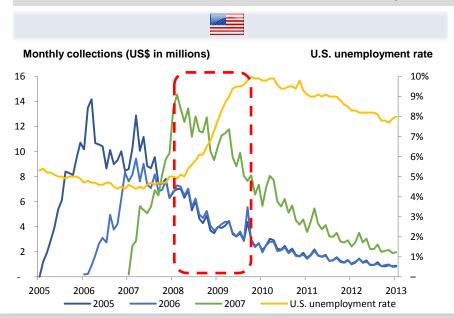
Extract from Encore 2008 10-K:

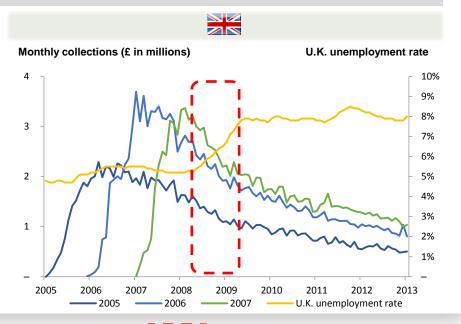
"The United States and global economies are currently in turmoil. In the U.S., the availability of credit is limited, unemployment rates are at 25-year highs as more layoffs are announced weekly, credit card charge-offs and deliquencies have increased more than 33% in the last year, home foreclosures hace dramatically increased and the housing market is experiencing a significant downturn...

... As a result of the deteriorating economic conditions, ... we have seen a shift in payments from consumers from single payment settlements to payment plans...

... prices for fresh charge-offs (receivables that are sold immediately after charge-off) have declined from 8% – 13% of face value in early 2008 to 6% – 10% of face value in late 2008."

Limited impact on back-book collections



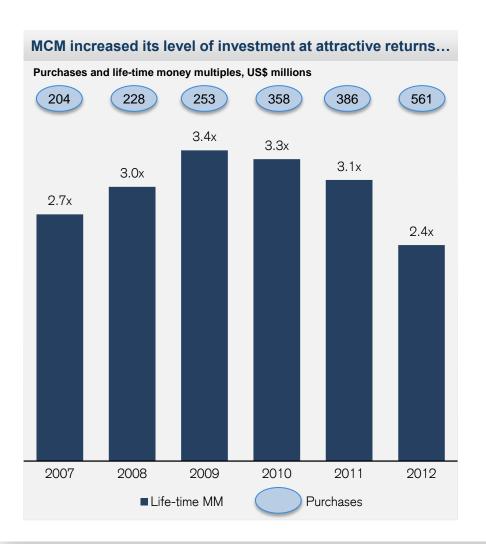




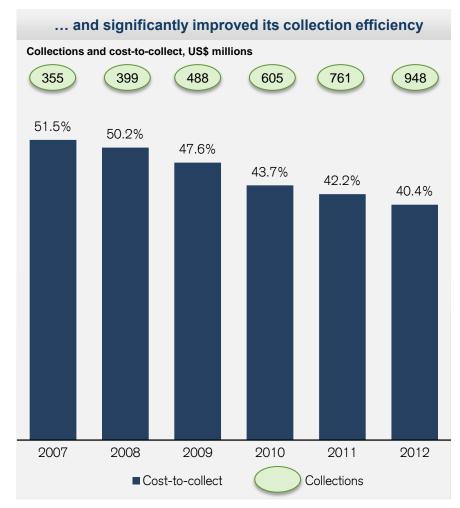




THE FINANCIAL CRISIS PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MCM



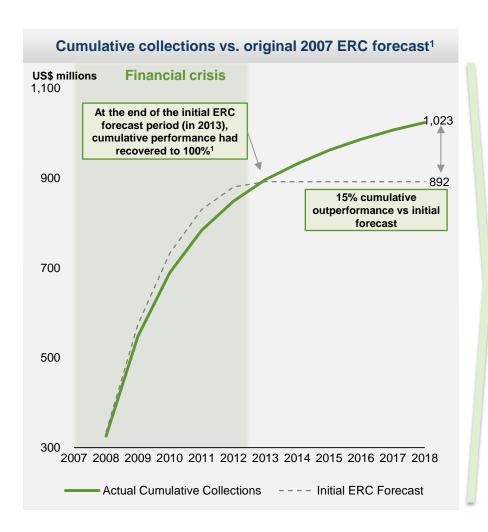
charges or gains that are not indicative of ongoing operations

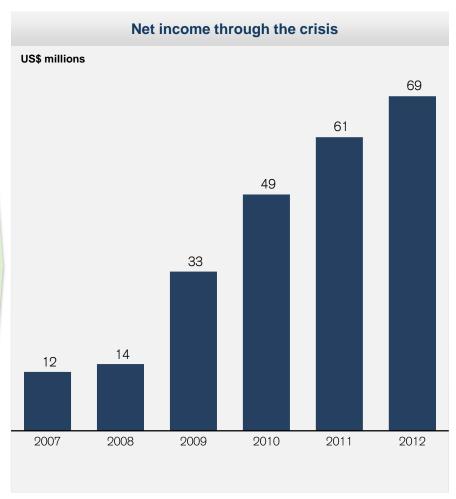






STRENGTH OF BACK-BOOK COLLECTIONS UNDERPINNED PROFITABILITY THROUGH THE CRISIS





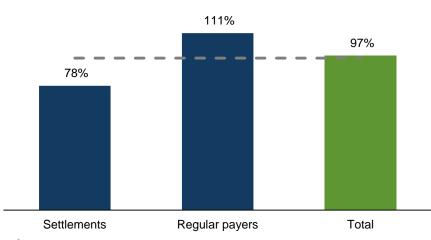


In 2007, ERC forecast was through 2013 only.



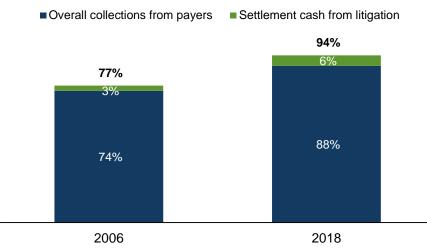
U.K. PAYERS ARE RESILIENT – PAYING ACCOUNTS COMPRISE MORE OF OUR U.K. COLLECTIONS POST CRISIS

Cumulative performance of 2005 vintage vs IC¹ estimates



- Overall cumulative performance at 97% of initial pricing curve
- Cash flow tail still generates incremental value 4.6% of investment value in past 12 months
- Demonstrates resilience of regular payers during financial crisis

Greater proportion of collections from resilient sources



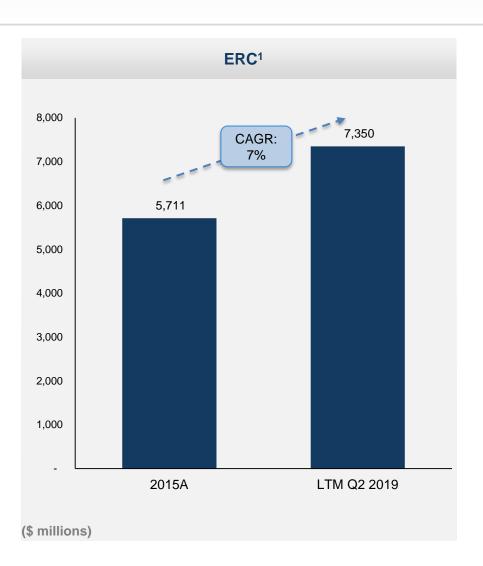
- Greater proportion of collections from payers (payment plans and settlements), who demonstrated resilience during the financial crisis
- Increase in collections from litigation activity (including security over property)
- Significant reduction in collections expected to be at risk in the event of macro economic stress (down from 23% to 6%)

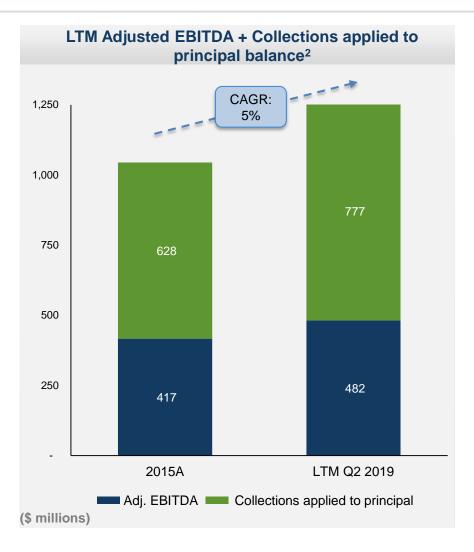




D. Strong operating performance and discipline support Encore's healthy financial profile

SOLID GROWTH IN VOLUMES AND CASH PROFITABILITY

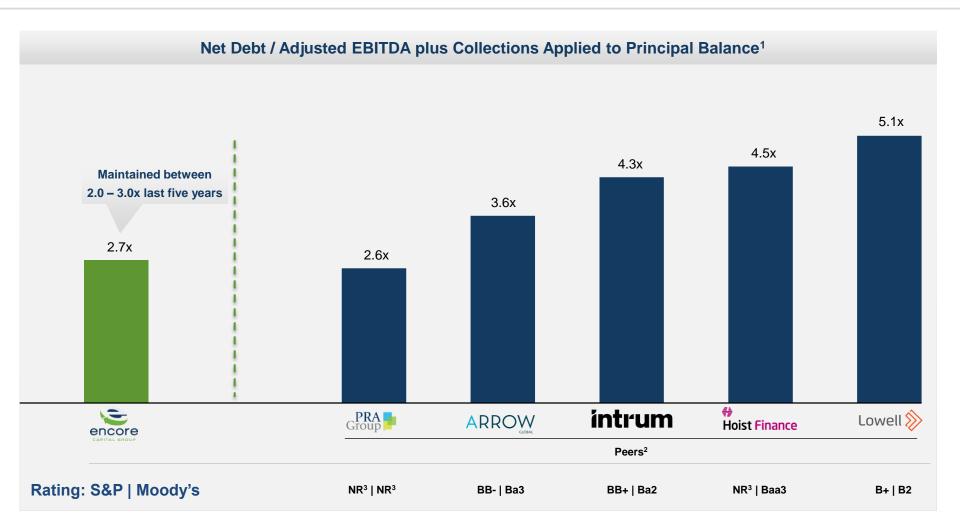






Represents 180 month ERC.

ENCORE'S LEVERAGE IS LOW COMPARED TO PEERS





Note: Net debt represents debt less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents excluding client cash. See Appendix for a reconciliation of Net Debt to GAAP Debt.

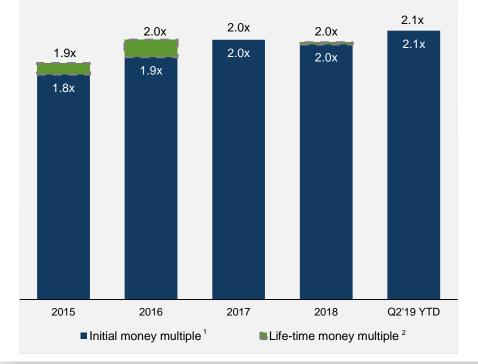
See appendix for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP net income.

Peers leverage sourced from public filings. Data as of Q2'19, except for Hoist (Q4'18). NR: Not rated.

DEPLOYING CAPITAL AT STRONGER MONEY MULTIPLES AND ACHIEVING GREATER OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY...

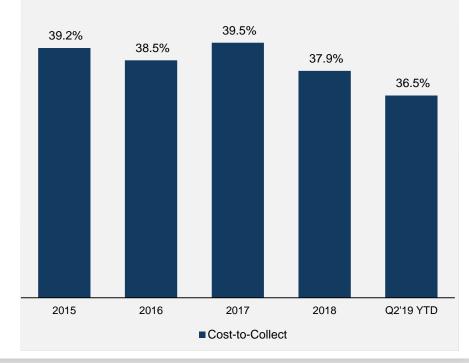
Global collections multiples

- ▶ 17% improvement in our initial money multiple
- MCM deployments at consistently improving multiples since 2015 as market conditions have improved
- Cabot deployments at improving returns, albeit with a shift in 2017 and 2018 to paying portfolios (lower multiples, lower cost to collect)



Overall cost-to-collect³

- ▶ 7% reduction in cost-to-collect leveraging scale to drive improvements
- MCM driving cost efficiencies through channel optimization and effective growth in lower cost locations
- Cabot delivering margin improvements through on-going program of cost efficiencies, and recent focus on paying portfolios



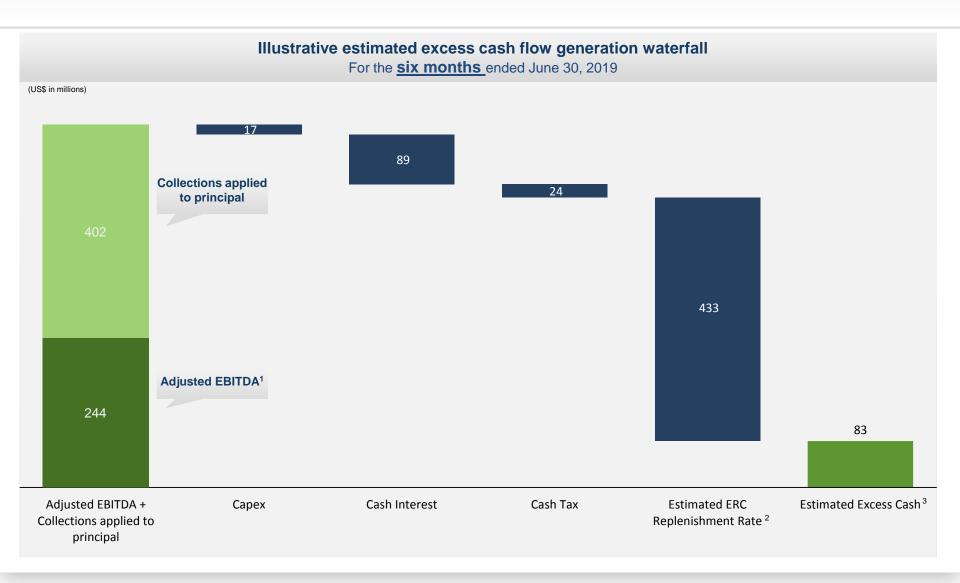


Calculated as (collections to date plus ERC) / purchase price.

Cost-to-collect presented on a reported basis for portfolio purchasing and recovery.



... TO ENABLE STRONG CASH FLOW GENERATION



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See Appendix for a definition and reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP net income.

Estimated Excess Cash represents management's calculated sum of the amounts and estimates set forth on this page. It is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual cash flows during any period or amount of cash available at any time.

²⁾ Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate represents management's estimate of the amount of purchases that were needed to replenish ERC in order to maintain a steady state ERC balance. The Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate is an illustrative calculation based on management's estimates and assumptions with respect to money multiples and the amount of ERC to be replenished. The Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate may be determined or calculated differently by other companies. Actual purchases made during the period were \$505 million. See Appendix for the calculation the Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate.

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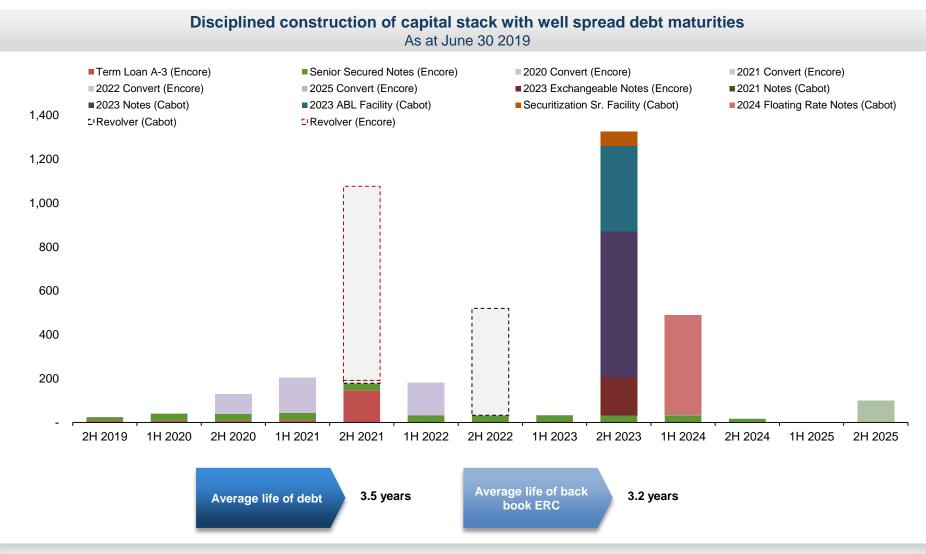






Appendix

LIMITED NEAR TERM DEBT MATURITIES





ESTIMATED ERC REPLENISHMENT RATE CALCULATION

ERC Replenishment Rate Calculation

For the six-month period ending 30 Jun 2019



In line with:

- > Average initial money multiple over the past ten years
- Q2 2019 YTD initial money multiple

Footnotes and definitions

- Average 12-month ERC represents management's estimate of the amount of ERC that would need to be replenished in order to maintain a steady state ERC balance. Utilizing the Average 12month ERC to estimate the ERC Replenishment Rate may result in understating the ERC Replenishment Rate as the method assumes that all purchases are made at period end. Management utilizes Average 12-month ERC to estimate the ERC Replenishment Rate to enable comparability amongst competitors, many of whom utilize this same method.
- Money multiples represent total expected gross cash collections divided by portfolio acquisition price. Initial money multiple represents the money multiple reported at the end of the year of acquisition.
- 3) Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate represents management's estimate of the amount of purchases that were needed to replenish ERC in order to maintain a steady state ERC balance. The Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate is an illustrative calculation based on management's estimates and assumptions with respect to money multiples and the amount of ERC to be replenished. The Estimated ERC Replenishment Rate may be determined or calculated differently by other companies. The Estimated 6 month ERC Replenishment Rate is equal to the estimated annual ERC Replenishment Rate divided by 2. Actual purchases during the period were \$505 million.



RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income

(Unaudited, In \$ Thousands) Three Months Ended

	09/30/15	12/31/15	03/31/16	06/30/16	09/30/16	12/31/16	03/31/17	06/30/17
GAAP net income (loss), as reported	\$ (9,364)	\$ 1,596	\$ 26,607	\$ 30,833	\$ (51,946)	\$ 11,323	\$ 14,979	\$ 19,076
(Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(2,286)	29,214	3,182	-	-	(829)	199	-
Interest expense	47,816	50,187	50,691	50,597	48,632	48,447	49,198	50,516
Interest income ¹	(407)	(473)	(499)	(620)	(694)	(725)	(779)	(919)
Provision (Benefit) for income taxes	(6,361)	3,988	10,148	13,451	(13,768)	28,374	12,067	13,531
Depreciation and amortization	8,043	9,102	9,861	8,235	8,032	8,740	8,625	8,672
Stock-based compensation expense	5,156	4,749	3,718	5,151	633	3,125	750	2,760
Acquisition, integration and resructuing related expenses ²	2,235	2,635	2,141	3,271	3,843	7,457	855	3,520
Settlement fees and related administrative expenses ³	63,019	-	2,988	698	2,613	-	-	-
Gain on fair value adjustments ot contingent considerations ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	(8,111)	-	(2,773)
Expenses related to Cabot IPO ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on derivatives in connection with Cabot Transaction ⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 107,851	\$ 100,998	\$ 108,837	\$ 111,616	\$ (2,655)	\$ 97,801	\$ 85,894	\$ 94,383
Collections applied to prinicpal balance ⁷	156,229	144,075	177,711	166,648	247,427	147,203	188,893	173,946

- 1) In the fourth quarter of 2016, we made a change to our presentation of adjusted EBITDA to adjust for interest income. In previous years we did not include interest income as an adjustment because it was immaterial. We have updated prior periods for comparability.
- Amount represents acquisition, integration and restructuring related expenses. We adjust for this amount because we believe these expenses are not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore adjusting for these expenses enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
- Amount represents litigation and government settlement fees and related administrative expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2016, amount consists of settlement and administrative fees related to certain TCPA settlements. For the year ended December 31, 2015, amount relates to the consent order with the CFPB that we entered into in September 2015. We believe these fees and expenses are not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore adjusting for these expenses enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
- 4) Amounts represent the gain recognized as a result of fair value adjustments to contingent considerations that were established for our acquisitions of debt solutions service providers in Europe. We have adjusted for these amounts because we do not believe these are indicative of ongoing operations.
- Amount represents expenses related to the proposed and later withdrawn initial public offering by Cabot in 2017. We adjust for this amount because we believe these expenses are not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore, adjusting for these expenses enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
- Amount represents the loss recognized on the forward contract we entered into in anticipation of the completion of the Cabot Transaction. We adjust for this amount because we believe the loss is not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore adjusting for this loss enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
- 7) Collections applied to principal balance represents (a) gross collections from receivable portfolios less (b) revenue from receivable portfolios and (c) allowance charges or allowance reversals on receivable portfolios.



RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA (CONT'D)

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income

(Unaudited, In \$ Thousands) Three Months Ended

	09/30/17	12/31/17	03/31/18	06/30/18	09/30/18	12/31/18	03/31/19	06/30/19
GAAP net income (loss), as reported	\$ 42,144	\$ 2,779	\$ 23,713	\$ 26,974	\$ 13,016	\$ 46,033	\$ 49,442	\$ 36,822
(Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	52,755	51,692	57,462	60,536	65,094	56,956	54,967	63,913
Interest income ¹	(943)	(994)	(1,017)	(1,082)	(747)	(499)	(1,022)	(1,238)
Provision (Benefit) for income taxes	17,844	8,607	9,470	11,308	16,879	9,095	3,673	11,753
Depreciation and amortization	8,522	14,158	10,436	10,923	9,873	9,996	9,995	9,741
Stock-based compensation expense	3,531	3,358	2,276	3,169	5,007	2,528	1,826	3,581
Acquisition, integration and resructuing related expenses ²	342	7,245	572	3,655	8,475	(5,179)	1,208	1,318
Settlement fees and related administrative expenses ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on fair value adjustments ot contingent considerations ⁴	-	(49)	(2,274)	(2,378)	-	(1,012)	-	(2,199)
Expenses related to Cabot IPO ⁵	-	15,339	2,984	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on derivatives in connection with Cabot Transaction ⁶	-	-	-	6,578	2,737	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 124,195	\$ 102,135	\$ 103,622	\$ 119,683	\$ 120,334	\$ 117,918	\$ 120,089	\$ 123,691
Collections applied to prinicpal balance ⁷	159,408	150,788	198,282	185,799	199,457	175,476	201,328	200,323

- 1) In the fourth quarter of 2016, we made a change to our presentation of adjusted EBITDA to adjust for interest income. In previous years we did not include interest income as an adjustment because it was immaterial. We have updated prior periods for comparability.
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- Amount represents expenses related to the proposed and later withdrawn initial public offering by Cabot in 2017. We adjust for this amount because we believe these expenses are not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore, adjusting for these expenses enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
- Amount represents the loss recognized on the forward contract we entered into in anticipation of the completion of the Cabot Transaction. We adjust for this amount because we believe the loss is not indicative of ongoing operations; therefore adjusting for this loss enhances comparability to prior periods, anticipated future periods, and our competitors' results.
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RECONCILIATION OF NET DEBT

of Net Debt Thousands)	
31-Dec-18	30-Jun-19
3,490,633	3,529,717
85,147	73,248
(7,563)	(8,429)
(157,418)	(168,565)
21,800	24,200
3,432,599	3,450,171
31-Dec-18	30-Jun-19
429,000	496,000
195,056	179,320
325,000	325,000
656,000	656,000
(36,361)	(29,994)
1,111,399	1,106,031
(1,477)	-
298,005	291,435
445,837	444,455
43,354	41,088
64,566	55,207
7,563	8,429
3,537,942	3,572,971
(47,309)	(43,254)
3,490,633	3,529,717
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