

#### **COMPANY UPDATE**

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### **Overview**

## ENCORE IS A TOP-TIER, GLOBAL PLAYER IN THE CONSUMER DEBT PURCHASING AND RECOVERY INDUSTRY



~100M Consumer Accounts **\$1.7B** 2015 Collections

\$5.7B
Estimated
Remaining
Collections

### Global Reach

14 Countries 1/5
US Consumers

1/8
UK Consumers

1/10
Colombian
Consumers

#### **Trajectory**

25% Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> 5-year CAGR

22% Economic EPS<sup>2</sup> 5-year CAGR

1. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP number which the company considers to be and utilizes as a meaningful indicator of operating performance. See Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income in the Appendix. 2. Reflects full-year 2009 to 2014. Economic EPS is a non-GAAP number which the company considers to be and utilizes as a meaningful indicator of operating performance. See Reconciliation of Economic EPS to GAAP earnings per share in Encore's Form 10-K and Form 10-Q filings.



## ENCORE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING ACCESS TO CONSUMER CREDIT GLOBALLY

#### **United States**

## As the economy recovers, consumer indebtedness increases

- Total debt up 2% since 2014
- Unsecured debt up 5.6% since 2014

#### **United Kingdom**

## Steady rise in consumer credit and indebtedness

- Total debt up 2% since 2014
- Consumer credit up 6.4% since 2014

#### **Latin America**

## Markets experiencing a massive surge in consumer credit

 Consumer credit with a double-digit five-year CAGR in key markets

## We enable creditors to better serve consumers

- Reduce losses from delinquent debt
- Contribute to profitability and solvency of financial system
- Enhance resilience of financial system

## We enable consumers to increase their access to credit

- Help consumers to rehabilitate their credit history
- Increase the number and variety of lenders available



## ENCORE HAS DELIVERED A TRACK-RECORD OF STRONG, SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL RESULTS

# Strong business fundamentals...

# Cash Collections (\$MM) 23% 1,607 1,701 1,280 948 605 761 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

# Adjusted EBITDA¹ (\$MM) 25% 999 1,060 784 577

2012

2013

2014

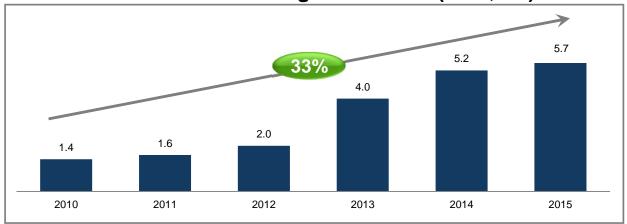
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# ...with a growing future collection base

#### **Estimated Remaining Collections (ERC, \$B)**

2010

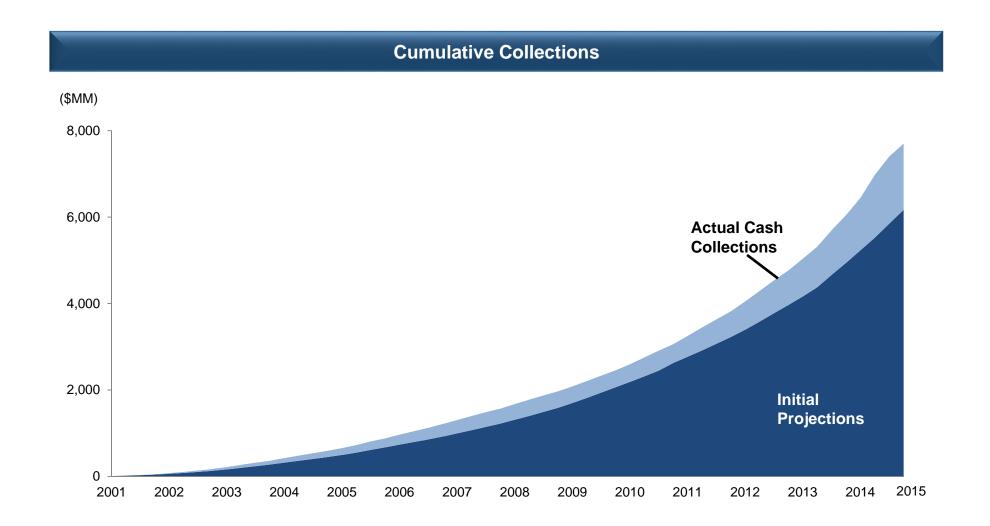
2011





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 See Reconciliation of historical Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income in the Appendix.

## OUR ERC HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY CONSERVATIVE, PROVIDING LENDERS WITH COMFORT TO LEND TO US AGAINST THESE PORTFOLIOS





#### **ENCORE UPDATE**

- Revenues, profits and deployments have all grown substantially over the past three years
- While earnings growth over the period has been strong, compression in ROIC has occurred



- ▶ Going forward, we will focus less on large platform acquisitions
- ▶ EPS and ROIC should rise in tandem
- We are divesting Propel as we see more opportunities for higher returns in the U.S. and around the world
- Propel sale expected to provide liquidity, debt reduction, lower leverage and ROIC improvement





### **U.S. Core Business**

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US DEBT MARKET ARE POSITIVE

#### Where market stands today

## Encore and another large debt buyer settled legal disputes with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in September 2015

- Settlements cleared the way for long-awaited rule-making process to resume
- Cost of compliance will make it difficult for sub-scale players to remain competitive

#### Withdrawn suppliers are preparing to re-enter the market

- Supply is expected to improve in the next 12–18 months

Purchase inventory is increasingly focused on fresh paper Historically low charge-off rates expected to improve in 2016

#### **Encore's solid start to 2016**

## We have already secured \$270 million in forward flow commitments for the U.S. market in 2016

 Committed U.S. forward flows are expected to generate investment returns 15% higher than in 2015



## WE EXPECT WITHDRAWN SUPPLIERS TO RETURN TO THE MARKET AS THEY COMPLETE THEIR INTERNAL COMPLIANCE UPDATES

## Issuers were very clear about why they withdrew

"We used to be completely focused on revenue, now all of the focus is on the risk of compliance incidents."

"We want to see our vendors have strong compliance, risk and oversight processes."

"Data quality and sharing is my number one concern"

"Debt buyers must understand the consumer experience issuers want to create."

## ... and when they return we will be well positioned

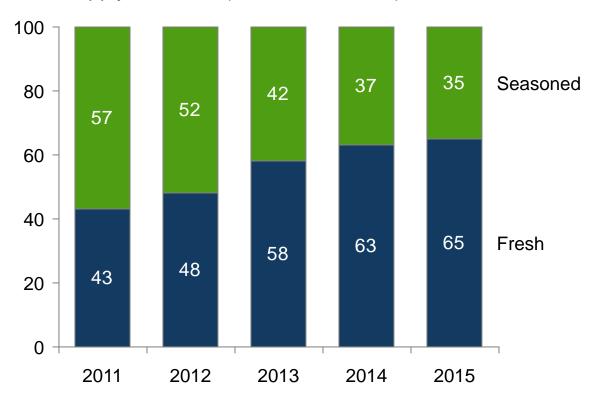
- ✓ Outstanding performance in issuer certifications
- ✓ Substantial, proactive investments in compliance
- ✓ Best in class capabilities in data security and quality management
- Development of consumercentric collections processes



## THE US CORE MARKET IS INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON FRESH PAPER

#### 5 Year Shift in U.S. Core Market Supply

% of Supply Available (direct from issuer)



#### Our response

- Acquired ACF to benefit from their expertise in fresh paper
- Increased our purchase volume of fresh paper
- Launched Consumer-Focused programs to improve liquidations, emphasis on fresh paper

Note: US Core represents all non BK direct from issuer unsecured credit card and personal installment loans; Fresh is defined as <6 months from charge off Seasoned is defined as >6 months from charge off



## CONSUMER-FOCUSED PROGRAMS ARE CRITICAL TO DRIVING STRONG RETURNS ON FRESH PAPER

#### **Prior Model**

One size fits all servicing approach within call centers

**Efficient:** Find the consumer who is capable of paying

<u>Transaction Focused</u>: Quick and efficient

<u>Limited</u> interaction channels and payment flexibility

#### **Enhanced Model**

<u>Custom</u> servicing approaches for different consumers

**Effective**: Enable the consumer to be able to pay

Relationship focused: Connect, listen, understand

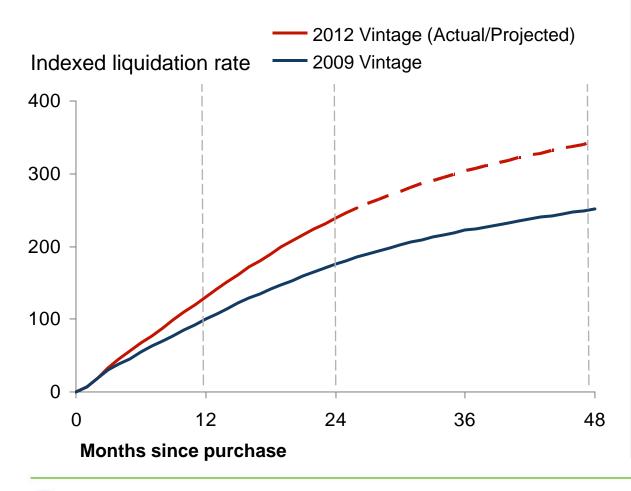
**Expanded** interaction channels and payment flexibility

We have maintained our low cost-to-collect through this transformation



## THE ROLLOUT OF CONSUMER-FOCUSED PROGRAMS HAS EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS

## Liquidation performance of similar portfolios



- Improved liquidations directly attributable to changes in our operations
- Improved liquidations will enhance returns in future deployments and current book
- We believe learnings will improve seasoned paper liquidations

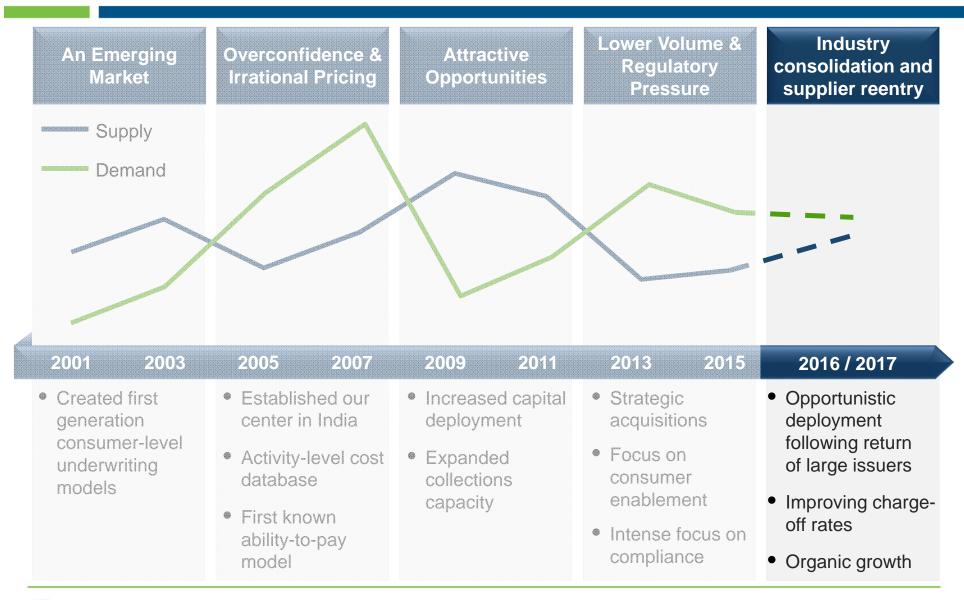


## OUR STRATEGY ADAPTS TO INDUSTRY FLUCTUATIONS IN SUPPLY AND DEMAND...





## ...AND WE ARE POISED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IMPROVING MARKET DYNAMICS

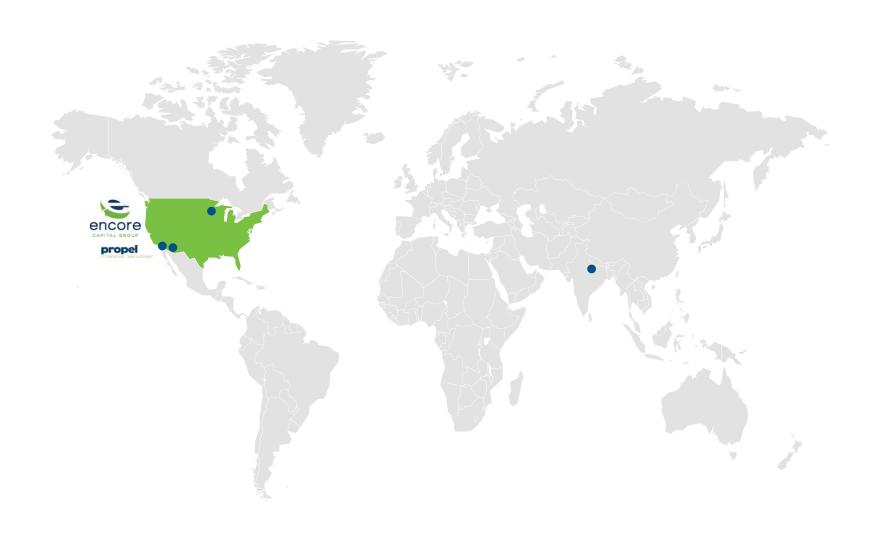






### **International Business**

## IN 2012, ENCORE WAS A DEBT RECOVERY SPECIALIST WITH GLOBAL ASPIRATIONS





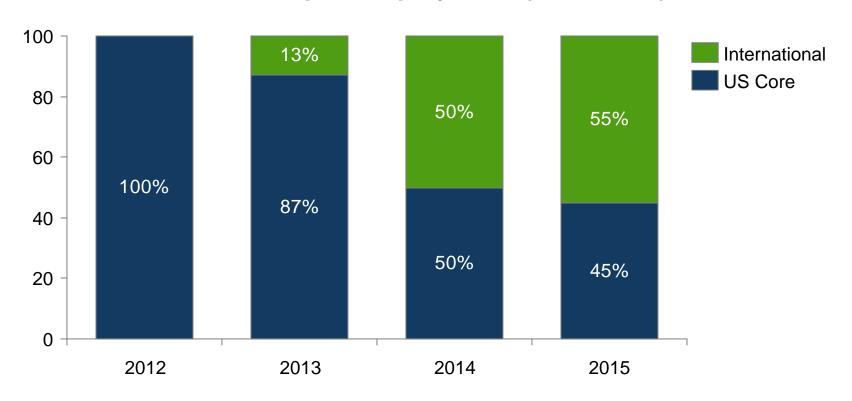
## WE HAVE MADE MULTIPLE STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS OUTSIDE THE U.S. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS





## WITH THAT HAS COME A MEANINGFUL SHIFT IN OUR CAPITAL DEPLOYED TO OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

#### Encore capital deployment (2012-2015)<sup>1</sup>



Geographic expansion provides growth opportunities and diversifies our business

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes portfolio purchases in Cabot, Refinancia acquisitions, Propel tax liens



## INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR GROWTH STRATEGY

## Fits with our capabilities and infrastructure

- ✓ Our business capabilities and expertise are key to performance within all markets
- ✓ Many opportunities to acquire unsophisticated players and create value
- **✓** Much of our infrastructure is globally scalable

## Diversifies our portfolio

✓ As we grow globally, single-country market dynamics become less likely to impact overall performance

## Supports our earnings growth

- ✓ Many countries with no market leader; multiple opportunities to consolidate share
- ✓ Consumer credit in developing economies is expanding rapidly, driving increased NPL volumes



## OUR DIVERSIFIED GEOGRAPHIC BUSINESS MODEL HAS A HISTORY OF AND ABILITY TO SCALE INTO NEW MARKETS AND ASSET CLASSES

2013 2014 2015+ CAPITAL MANAGEMENT Top Tier Player in U.K.: Top-tier player in IVA Mid-tier player in legal \$2.8Bn in ERC Entry into Continental Europe collections Beachhead in Europe • Ensures Cabot's 2015 Europe deployments on-target Marlin **Spain**  U.K. Consolidation · New asset type: Large · Acquired servicing balance, non-paying debt capabilities in Spain Mexico & **Mexico** Latin **Brazil** Top Tier Player in Colombia and • \$57M deployment initiates **America** Peru: >\$200MM deployed Mexico opportunity Exploratory for Latin America • Multiples similar to U.S. Expect further expansion market 5-6 years ago in Mexico and Brazil **BAYCORP** India Entered Australia and Taking steps toward debt **Asia-Pacific** purchase with signed LOIs New Zealand through our Building on operations Q4 2015 acquisition established in 2009



## OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN TO ENTER NEW MARKETS THROUGH ACQUISITION

#### **Target Requirements**

#### **Market position**

- Top tier player in space
- ✓ Strong issuer relationships
- ✓ Market influencer
- Beachhead to market consolidation

#### **Capabilities**

- Management with deep market knowledge
- ✓ History of strong asset returns
- ✓ Opportunities to improve processes & operations

#### **Culture**

- Values analytics and data science
- Prioritizes ethical code
- ✓ Compliance-focused culture

#### **Encore Oversight Model**

#### Governance

- ✓ Control the board, including chairmanship
- ✓ Approve all capital deployments
- ✓ Ensure local management teams have long-term incentives to drive value

#### **Business management**

- Conduct quarterly operating reviews, monthly business reviews, and weekly CEO calls
- Relocate seasoned Encore managers into senior roles in subsidiaries
- Hold regular meetings between subsidiary leadership on key topics



## WE ENHANCE THE VALUE OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES BY BRINGING BEST IN CLASS CAPABILITIES ACROSS MULTIPLE FRONTS

#### **Capital Investment**

- Technology & infrastructure
- Strategic acquisition
- Capital deployment

#### **Operations Improvement**

- Call center
- Collections and payment
- Analytics & data science

#### Results

- ✓ Greater capital deployment
- ✓ Higher returns
- √ Improved operational productivity
- ✓ Reduced headcount costs
- ✓ Increased consumer satisfaction
- ✓ Best practices in compliance
- **√** ...

#### **Management & HR**

- Leadership transfer
- Organizational efficiencies
- Training and onboarding

#### **Knowledge Sharing**

- Growth strategy
- Knowledge of consumer
- Regulatory expertise



## OUTSIDE OF THE US, SERVICING ON BEHALF OF ISSUERS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR STRATEGY

## Fits with our capabilities

- ✓ Managing collections and payments is fundamental to Encore's existing business operations
- ✓ Leverages our deep understanding of the financially stressed consumer and our focus on compliance

## Diversifies our portfolio

- **✓** Long-term contracts with high switching costs
- **✓** EBITDA buffer in markets with lumpy sales
- ✓ Expands and deepens our relationship with issuers

# Supports our earnings growth

- ✓ Steady stream of recurring cash flows, less sensitive to market environment
- ✓ Supports entry into new geographies where NPL repurchase is undeveloped



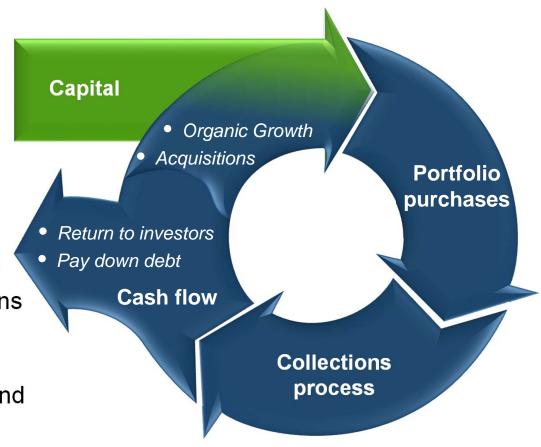


## **Capital Stewardship**

## EFFICIENT CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP IS CRITICAL TO ENCORE'S SUCCESS

Capital drives our growth engine

- Strong cash flow allows for value creating investments
  - Reinvest in range of receivables
  - Prudent investment in acquisitions and adjacencies to support sustainable growth
  - Return capital to shareholders and pay down debt





## WE MAINTAIN RIGOROUS CONTROLS AND STRUCTURE ACROSS ALL INVESTMENTS GLOBALLY

#### **Business Development** • Identifies opportunities Leads deals and conducts due diligence **Investment Committee Legal & Compliance Decision Science** Ensures contracts & deal Values portfolio Evaluates pricing Analyzes loan-level data structure complies with • Evaluates market intelligence Evaluates regulatory regulation Approves all deals impact Oversees investment processes **Operations** Monitors performance of prior investments Validates valuation



## SALE OF PROPEL IMPROVES OVERALL RETURNS, ELIMINATES DEBT, IMPROVES LEVERAGE AND GENERATES CASH

#### **Propel Sale Transaction**



- Propel is a good business that has grown assets, revenues and profits as part of Encore
- With our expansion into new global markets and improving returns in the U.S., Encore now has more attractive opportunities to deploy capital at higher returns to improve overall ROIC
- Achieving adequate returns on tax lien investments requires high levels of leverage, which is not consistent with our longer term goal of deleveraging our balance sheet
- Propel sale expected to eliminate \$230M+ of debt from Encore's balance sheet and improve debt ratios
- After-tax cash proceeds expected to be in excess of \$150M
- Non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$49M taken by Encore in Q4



#### THE DIVESTITURE OF PROPEL REDUCES ENCORE'S LEVERAGE

#### Debt and Debt Ratios<sup>1</sup> at December 31, 2015

| Encore                       | With Cabot,<br>With Propel | With Cabot,<br>Without Propel | Without Cabot,<br>Without Propel |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Total Debt                   | \$2.995 B                  | \$2.614 B <sup>2</sup>        | \$1.148 B <sup>2</sup>           |  |
| Total Debt / Adjusted EBITDA | 2.83x                      | 2.50x                         | 1.57x                            |  |
| Total Debt / Equity          | 5.02x                      | 4.38x                         | 1.92x                            |  |

- 1) Preferred equity certificates treated as equity.
- 2) Assumes \$150M in Propel sale proceeds used to retire additional debt.

Although we fully consolidate Cabot's debt on our balance sheet, their debt is non-recourse to Encore, despite our 43% economic interest



#### **SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK**

#### Solid Start to 2016

 We have already secured \$270 million in forward flow commitments for the U.S. market in 2016

## Higher U.S. Investment IRR's

 Committed U.S. forward flows are expected to generate investment returns 15% higher than in 2015

## **Expansion Markets Are Healthy**

• Our businesses in our expansion markets, especially in Latin America, are demonstrating attractive after-tax IRR's

#### **ROIC to Increase**

- Our overall return on invested capital for the company is expected to rise
- We will focus less on large platform acquisitions going forward
- Propel divestiture allows us to deploy more capital at higher returns





## **Appendix**

#### **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

This presentation includes certain financial measures that exclude the impact of certain items and therefore have not been calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Company has included information concerning Adjusted EBITDA because management utilizes this information, which is materially similar to a financial measure contained in covenants used in the Company's revolving credit facility, in the evaluation of its operations and believes that this measure is a useful indicator of the Company's ability to generate cash collections in excess of operating expenses through the liquidation of its receivable portfolios. The Company has included Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore and Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore per Share (also referred to as Economic EPS when adjusted for certain shares associated with our convertible notes that will not be issued but are reflected in the fully diluted share count for accounting purposes) because management uses these measures to assess operating performance, in order to highlight trends in the Company's business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying on financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore and Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore per Share/Economic EPS have not been prepared in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as alternatives to, or more meaningful than, net income, net income per share, and total operating expenses as indicators of the Company's operating performance. Further, these non-GAAP financial measures, as presented by the Company, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. The Company has attached to this presentation a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.



#### **RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA**

## Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income (Unaudited, In \$ Thousands) Twelve Months Ended

|   | 12/31/10   | 12/31/11   | 12/31/12   | 12/31/13   | 12/31/14   | 12/31/15    |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| GAAP net income, as reported                                | \$ 49,052  | \$ 60,958  | \$ 69,477  | \$ 73,740  | \$ 98,278  | \$ 47,348   |
| (Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax      | (1,658)    | (365)      | 9,094      | 1,740      | 1,612      |             |
| Interest expense  | 19,349     | 21,116     | 25,564     | 73,269     | 166,942    | 186,556     |
| Provision for income taxes                                  | 27,967     | 38,076     | 51,754     | 45,388     | 52,725     | 13,597      |
| Depreciation and amortization                               | 2,552      | 4,081      | 5,840      | 13,547     | 27,949     | 33,945      |
| Amount applied to principal on receivable portfolios        | 240,100    | 312,297    | 402,594    | 534,654    | 614,665    | 628,289     |
| Stock-based compensation expense                            | 6,010      | 7,709      | 8,794      | 12,649     | 17,181     | 22,008      |
| Acquisition, integration and restructuring related expenses |            |            | 4,263      | 29,321     | 19,299     | 15,553      |
| CFPB / regulatory one-time charges                          |            |            |            |            |            | 63,019      |
| Goodwill impairment   |            |            |            |            |            | 49,277      |
| Adjusted EBITDA   | \$ 343,372 | \$ 443,872 | \$ 577,380 | \$ 784,308 | \$ 998,651 | \$1,059,628 |

