#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 1, 2013

### ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-26489 (Commission File Number) 48-1090909 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 1300, San Diego, California

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92108 (Zip Code)

(877) 445-4581 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of an investor slide presentation given by Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer, of Encore Capital Group, Inc. (the "Company"), at an investor presentation on October 1, 2013, is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information contained in Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Item 7.01, and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by a specific reference in such filing.

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

The statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibits filed herewith that are not historical facts, including, most importantly, those statements preceded by, or that include, the words "will," "may," "believe," "projects," "expects," "anticipates" or the negation thereof, or similar expressions, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). These statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our future operating results, earnings per share, and growth. For all "forward-looking statements," the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Reform Act. Such forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company and its subsidiaries to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors are discussed in the reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the most recent reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, as they may be amended from time to time. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Investor slide presentation of Encore Capital Group, Inc. dated October 1, 2013

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 1, 2013

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

/s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

#### Exhibit <u>Number</u> 99.1

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Description





### ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

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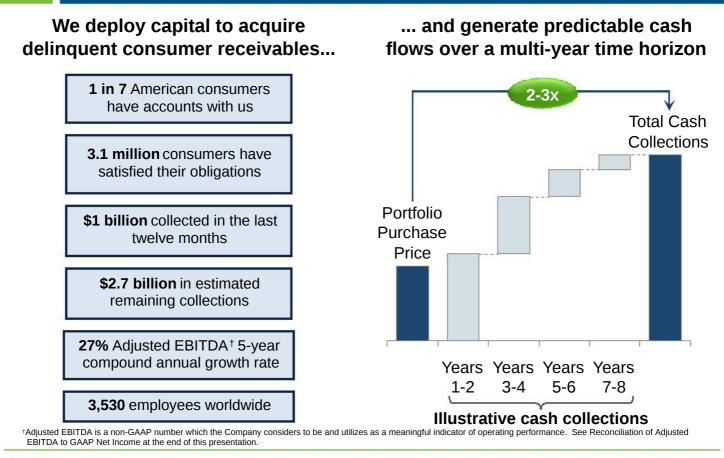
October 1, 2013

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# ENCORE IS A LEADING PLAYER IN THE CONSUMER DEBT BUYING AND RECOVERY INDUSTRY

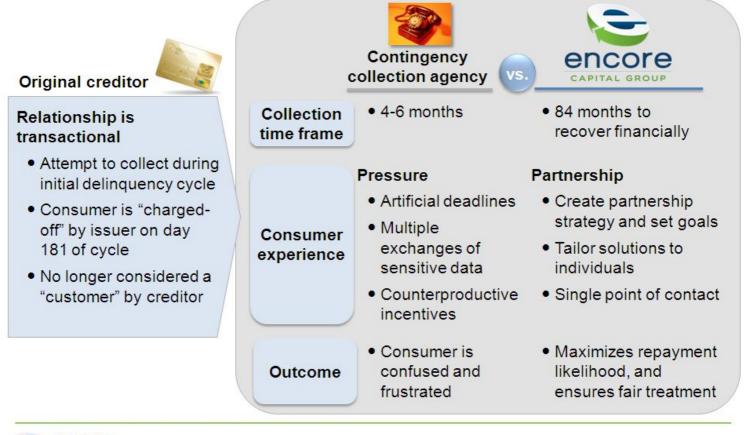




### WITH A STRONG DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE



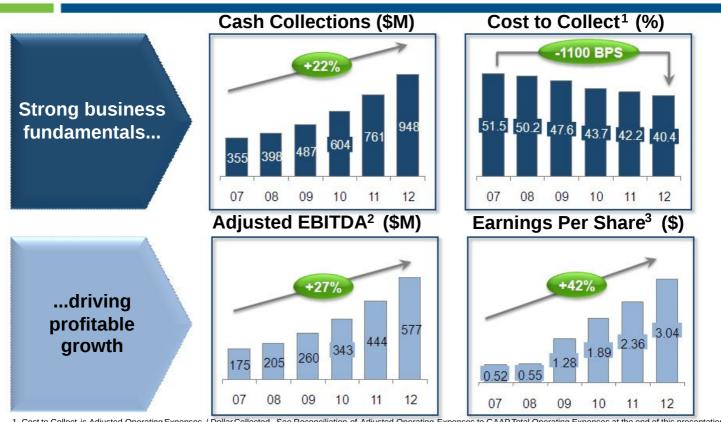
### ENCORE PROVIDES A PRINCIPLED AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE



### OUR BUSINESS PRINCIPLES ARE BUILT ON TREATING CONSUMERS FAIRLY AND WITH RESPECT

Understanding our consumers	<ul> <li>Acknowledging limitations of our consumers' household balance sheets to align recovery plans</li> <li>Deploying specialized surveys to test consumer satisfaction</li> </ul>
Making focused investments	<ul> <li>Built specialized non-collections work groups to serve consumer needs</li> <li>Established Consumer Credit Research Institute to better understand the financially stressed consumer</li> </ul>
Improving consumer experience	<ul> <li>Living the Consumer Bill of Rights</li> <li>Creating resources and directing financially stressed consumers to best external references</li> <li>Founded Consumer Experience Council</li> </ul>
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### ENCORE HAS DELIVERED A TRACK RECORD OF STRONG, SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL RESULTS



1. Cost to Collect is Adjusted Operating Expenses / Dollar Collected. See Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Expenses to GAAP Total Operating Expenses at the end of this presentation. 2. 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 at the end of this presentation. 3. Per Fully Diluted Share from Continuing Operations

Note: Growth rate percentages for Cash Collections, Adjusted EBITDA, and EPS signify compounded annual growth rate from 2007 - 2012



## AND HAS CONTINUED TO BUILD UPON THIS PERFORMANCE WITH STRONG RESULTS THIS YEAR

	H1 2013	H1 2012	Increase/ (Decrease)
Collections	\$549	\$472	16%
Revenue	\$301	\$268	12%
Cost to collect <sup>1</sup>	37.7%	38.9%	(120 bps)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	\$352	\$292	21%
Adjusted EPS <sup>3</sup>	\$1.70	\$1.54	10%

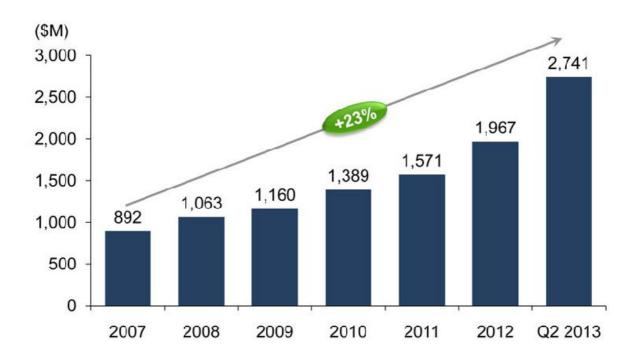
#### Year over year financial results

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# ENCORE HAS RAPIDLY GAINED SCALE AND POSITIONED ITSELF FOR SUSTAINED GROWTH

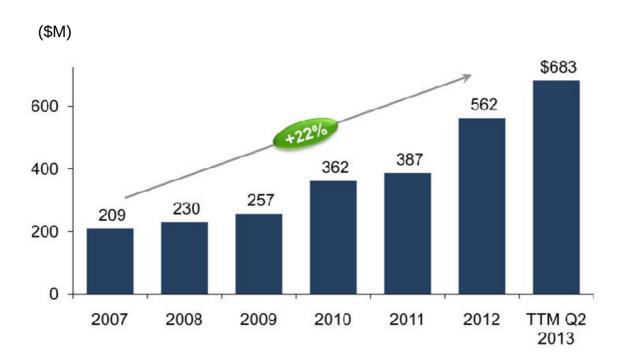


**Estimated Remaining Collections in core receivables** 



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#### THIS SCALE HAS BEEN CREATED BY MARKET LEADING INVESTMENTS

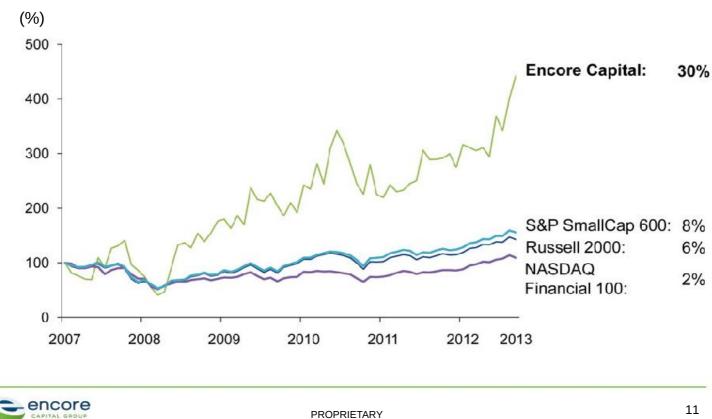


Capital deployed in core receivables



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### ENCORE HAS DELIVERED INDUSTRY LEADING TOTAL SHAREHOLDER **RETURN OVER THE PAST 5+ YEARS**



#### Total Shareholder Return (Dec. 2007- Aug. 2013)

## WE ARE WELL POSITIONED TO MAINTAIN OUR MOMENTUM AND CONTINUE DELIVERING TOP QUARTILE TSR

Growth, Margi		Cash Flow, PE Multip	le Expansion
Superior Analytics	2 Operational Scale & Cost Leadership	3 Strong Capital Stewardship	4 Extendable Business Model
<ul> <li>Consumer intelligence</li> <li>Data driven, predictive modeling</li> <li>Portfolio valuation at consumer level</li> <li>Consumer Credit Research Institute</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Specialized call centers</li> <li>Efficient international operations</li> <li>Internal legal platform</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustained success at raising capital         <ul> <li>Low cost of debt</li> <li>Sustainable borrowing capacity and cash flow generation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prudent capital deployment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uniquely scalable platform</li> <li>Strategic investmen opportunities in geographic and paper type adjacencies</li> </ul>

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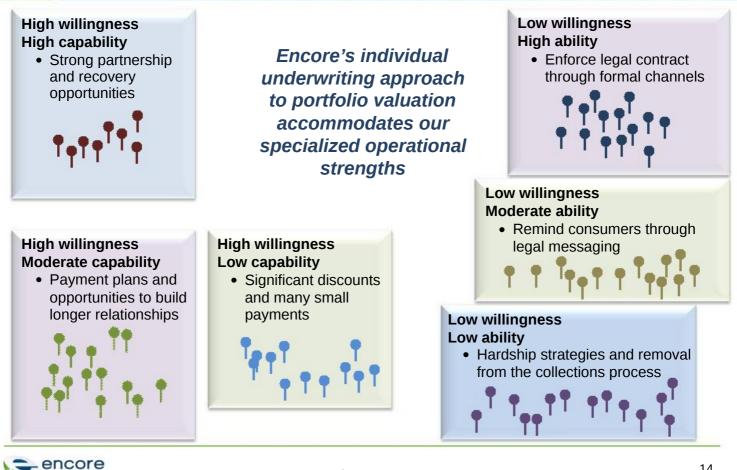
## OUR SUPERIOR ANALYTICS STEM FROM OUR INVESTMENTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CONSUMERS...

Reporting and alerts	Statistical analysis and forecasting		Predictive modeling and optimization		Industrialized behavioral science
Basic consumer segmentation and targeting	Simple models to increase collection returns		Advanced models focused on consumer behavior and financial ability	,	R&D that includes field experiments and new theor development
2001		- 2005			- 2012



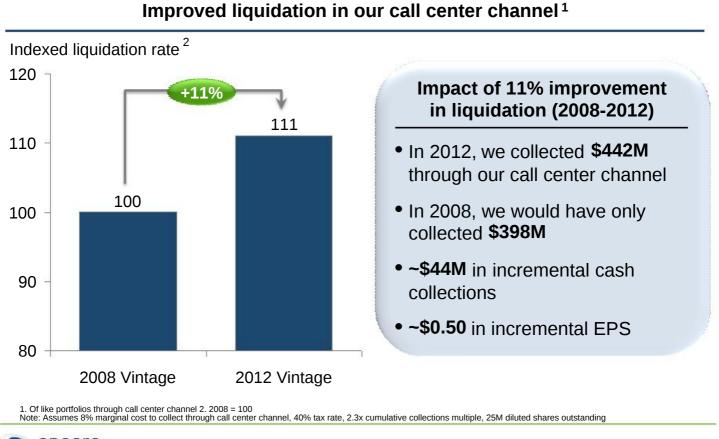
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### ...WHICH IS CLEARLY SEEN IN OUR APPROACH TO CONSUMER LEVEL **PORTFOLIO VALUATION**



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### OUR EFFECTIVENESS HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY THROUGH OUR INVESTMENTS IN ANALYTICS

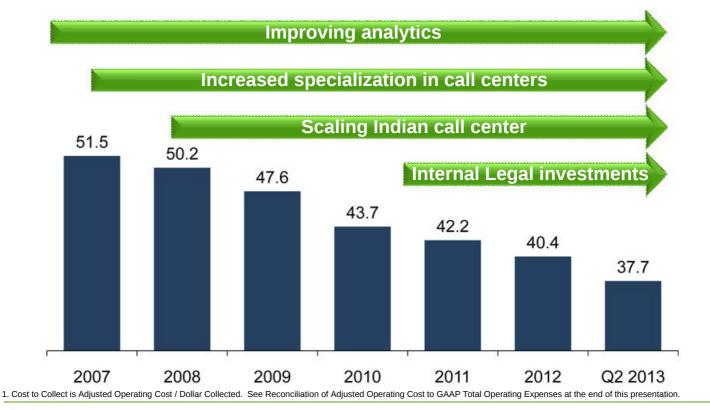


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### WE HAVE THE INDUSTRY LEADING COST PLATFORM, DRIVEN BY CONTINUING OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS







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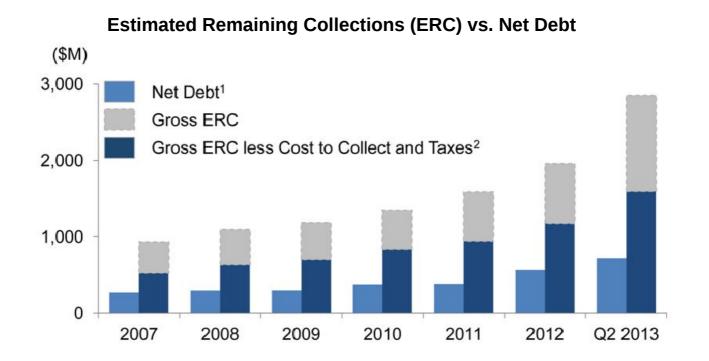
## EFFICIENT CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP IS CRITICAL TO ENCORE'S SUCCESS

- Debt is our working capital
  - Capital deployment business which generates strong cash flows
- Strong cash flow allows for TSR driving investments
  - Reinvest in wide range of receivables
  - Prudent investment in adjacencies to supplement core growth
  - Return capital to shareholders when it is highest return option





### WE HAVE A STRONG ABILITY TO QUICKLY RAISE CAPITAL WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY OUR ESTIMATED REMAINING COLLECTIONS

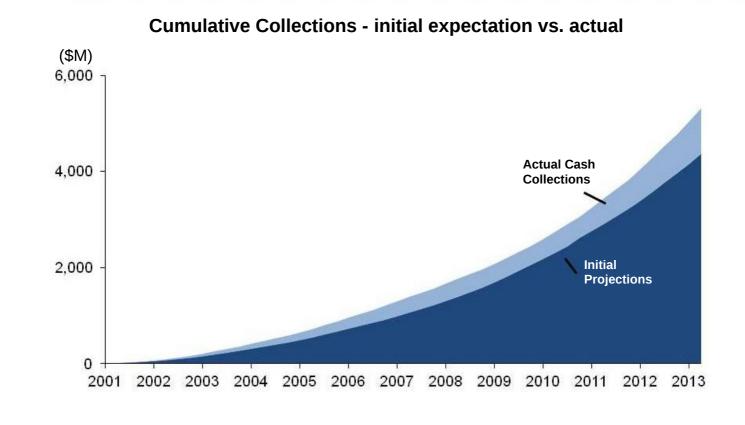


Includes revolver, term loan, senior, and net convertible debt less cash (excludes Propel debt)
 Assumes liquidation cost to collect of 30% and a tax rate of 39.2%; Q2 2013 values as of June 30, 2013.



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### WE BELIEVE THAT OUR CURRENT ESTIMATE OF REMAINING COLLECTIONS IS CONSERVATIVE

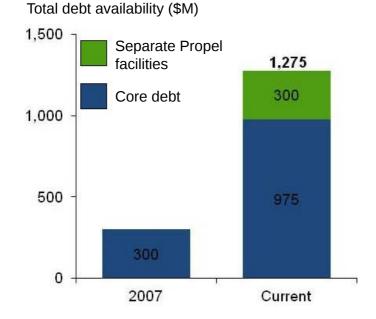




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### OUR ABILITY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL ALLOWS US TO PURSUE SUPPLEMENTAL GROWTH IN ADJACENT SPACES

### We have the debt markets expertise to fund new opportunities...



...and structure our debt to maximize flexibility for future growth

- Propel facilities are incremental to, and separate from, our core debt facilities
  - No impact on ability to purchase core US receivables
- We will continue to pursue and deploy separate pools of capital

Note: Core debt includes the credit facility plus accordion

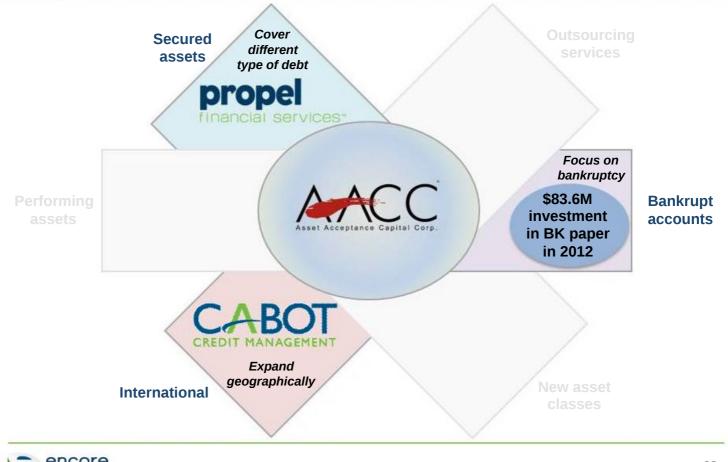


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### OUR CAPITAL DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY FOCUSES ON DELIVERING ATTRACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN

Deployment priorities	Principles for capital deployment
Reinvestments in core receivables business	<ul> <li>All investments bound by IRR guidelines</li> <li>Maintain operational flexibility with a range of core asset classes</li> </ul>
Investments in adjacent spaces	<ul> <li>Prudent investment in adjacent spaces which leverage our core competencies</li> </ul>
Return of capital to shareholders	<ul> <li>Recognize there are times when best investment is to return cash</li> </ul>
	ments viewed through lens of tal Shareholder Return
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## WE HAVE PURSUED DEALS AND INITIATIVESTHAT ALIGNWITHOUR CORE BUSINESS



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### THE ASSET ACCEPTANCE DEAL IS WELL ALIGNED WITH OUR STRATEGY AND ADDS \$1 BILLION TO OUR ERC



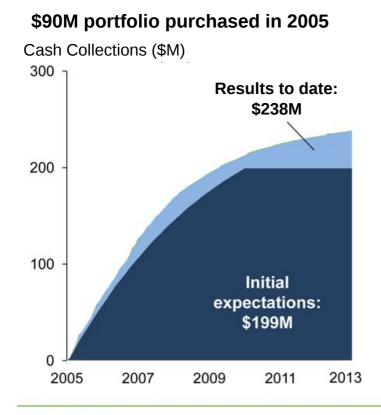
Largely satisfies our 2013 purchasing goals with attractive returns

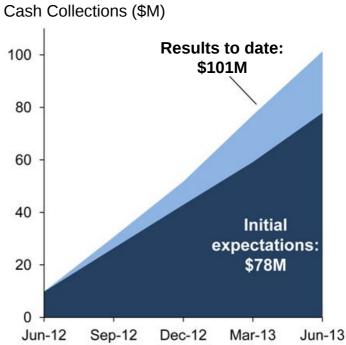
Allows us to be selective in purchases for the remainder of the year

Able to leverage best practices across the two platforms to drive synergies



### WE HAVE A STRONG TRACK RECORD ACQUIRING PORTFOLIOS FROM OTHER DEBT PURCHASERS SIMILAR TO AACC





\$100+M portfolio purchased in 2012



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#### WE BELIEVE WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR PLATFORM AND CAPABILITIES TO REALIZE SUBSTANTIAL SYNERGY VALUE AT AACC

Source of value	Expected Impact
<b>Deeper consumer insight and analytics:</b> More focused segmentation and targeting, resulting in better collections	CCM target of > 2.5x
2 Lower cost structure: Leverage Encore's lower cost platform to expand margins on cash collections	Match Encore's lower collection cost in 9-12 months
3 Internal legal collections: Integrate AACC's strong internal legal platform to drive additional overall operating efficiencies	Accelerate migration to internal legal platform by ~2 years

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## WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS EXECUTING OUR PLANS FOR PROPEL

	Our plan	What we've delivered
Existing market	<ul> <li>Working to penetrate the 80% of the Texas market that doesn't use tax lien transfers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Developed &amp; implemented model for direct mailing</li> <li>Started outbound calling w/existing Encore facilities</li> </ul>
New markets	<ul> <li>Lobbying to introduce legislation in other states that will create new markets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Successfully worked with Nevada to pass legislation</li> <li>Advancing legislative push to other states</li> </ul>
New opportunities	• Exploring alternative tax lien models that will allow us to expand into new markets	<ul> <li>Purchased tax lien certificates in three states</li> </ul>
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### RESULTING IN GROWTH IN THE SIZE OF OUR PORTFOLIO WHILE MAINTAINING AN EXCEPTIONALLY LOW RISK PROFILE



### **Texas portfolio characteristics**

- \$8,600 average balance
- 8-year term
- 6-year weighted average life
- 13-15% typical interest rate

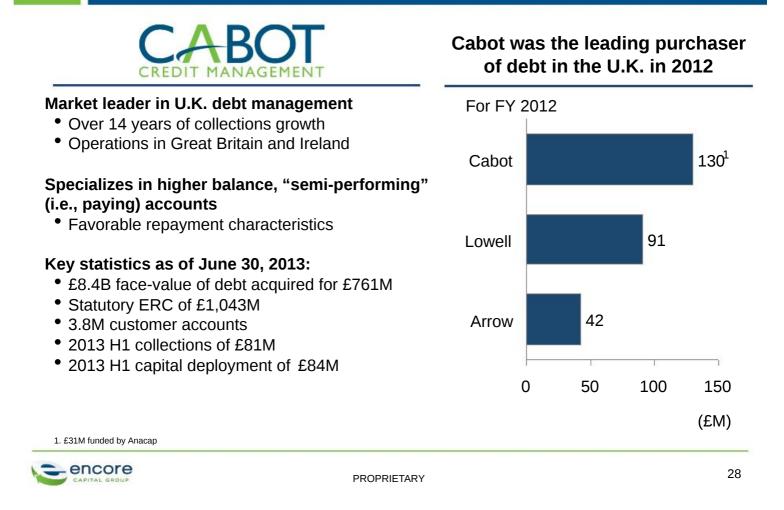


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• \$227,000 average property value

- 3.9% average LTV at origination
- Less than 1% foreclosure rate
- Zero losses

### CABOT IS THE LEADING PURCHASER OF DEBT IN THE U.K.



# ENCORE PROVIDES CABOT WITH SEVERAL SYNERGY OPPORTUNITIES

	Leverage Encore's analytics	<ul> <li>Deploy Encore's superior analytical capabilities to the Cabot platform</li> <li>Focus on improving account segmentation and specialized collection strategies</li> </ul>
	Leverage Encore's operations and know- how	<ul> <li>Enhance collections by leveraging Encore's efficient operations, including our operations in India</li> </ul>
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	Invest in different segments	<ul> <li>Leverage Encore's experience in secondary and tertiary debt to pursue new investments in the U.K.</li> <li>Leverage Encore's favorable financing to fund growth</li> </ul>

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## ENCORE'S ACQUISITION OF CABOT WILL PROVIDE A VEHICLE TO CONTINUE ITS STRONG EARNINGS GROWTH

Growing market	<ul> <li>Encore can deploy capital in a growing market</li> </ul>
Profitable market	<ul> <li>Portfolio IRRs are strong and favorable</li> </ul>
Timeline	• Deal closed in Q3 of 2013
Encore Adjusted EPS	<ul> <li>Supports Encore's 15% long-term Adjusted EPS growth<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>

1. Calculation of Adjusted EPS excludes one-time transaction and integration costs and non-cash interest associated with the Company's convertible debt offerings. For forwardlooking Adjusted EPS projections, such one-time costs or charges are not presently quantified



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### **APPENDIX**



### **RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA**

#### Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income

(Unaudited, In Thousands)

Three Months Ended

	3/31/07	6/30/07	9/30/07	12/31/07	3/31/08	6/30/08	9/30/08	12/31/08	3/31/09	6/30/09	9/30/09	12/31/09		
GAAP net income, as reported	4,991	(1,515)	4,568	4,187	6,751	6,162	3,028	(2,095)	8,997	6,641	9,004	8,405		
(Gain) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	550	491	401	63	(422)	(89)	46	(483)	(457)	(365)	(410)	(901)		
Interest expense	4,042	4,506	4,840	5,260	5,200	4,831	5,140	5,401	4,273	3,958	3,970	3,959		
Contingent interest expense	3,235	888		-	-	-	-			-	1000			
Pay-off of future contingent interest	+	11,733	-	-	-	-	-	4			-	-		
Provision for income taxes	3,815	(689)	1,262	2,909	4,227	4,161	2,429	(1,781)	5,670	3,936	5,676	4,078		
Depreciation and amortization	527	496	486	464	438	482	396	391	410	402	443	516		
Amount applied to principal on receivable portfolios	28,259	29,452	26,114	29,498	40,212	35,785	35,140	46,364	42,851	48,303	49,188	47,384		
Stock-based compensation expense	801	1,204	1,281	1,001	1,094	1,228	860	382	1,080	994	1,261	1,049		
Adjusted EBITDA	46,220	46,566	38,952	43,382	57,500	52,560	47,039	48,179	62,824	63,869	69,132	64,490		
	3/31/10	6/30/10	9/30/10	12/31/10	3/31/11	6/30/11	9/30/11	12/31/11	3/31/12	6/30/12	9/30/12	12/31/12	3/31/13	6/30/13
GAAP net income, as reported	10,861	11,730	12,290	14,171	13,679	14,775	15,310	17,134	11,406	16,596	21,308	20,167	19,448	11,012
(Gain) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(687)	(684)	(315)	28	(397)	(9)	(60)	101	6,702	2,392	-	-	-	
Interest expense	4,538	4,880	4,928	5,003	5,593	5,369	5,175	4,979	5,515	6,497	7,012	6,540	6,854	7,482
Provision for income taxes	6,080	6,356	6,474	9,057	8,349	9,475	9,834	10,418	11,660	12,846	13,887	13,361	12,571	7,267
Depreciation and amortization	522	591	650	789	904	958	1,054	1,165	1,240	1,420	1,533	1,647	1,846	2,158
Amount applied to principal on receivable portfolios	58,265	64,901	63,507	53,427	85,709	83,939	73,187	69,462	104,603	101,813	105,283	90,895	129,487	131,044
Stock-based compensation expense	1,761	1,446	1,549	1,254	1,765	1,810	2,405	1,729	2,266	2,539	1,905	2,084	3,001	2,179
Acquisition related expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		489	3,774	-	-	1,276	6,948
One-time severance and consulting expenses		-		-	-	2	-		1000	-		4	Constances	5,455
Acquisition currency hedge		-		+	-	-			-		•	-	-	3,630

Note: The periods 3/31/07 through 12/31/08 have been adjusted to reflect the retrospective application of ASC 470-20. All periods have been adjusted to show discontinued ACG operations.



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### **RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EPS TO GAAP EPS**

	Six Months Ended June 30,						
	20	13	2012				
	\$	Per Diluted \$ Pe Share		Per Diluted Share			
Net income from continuing operations	30,460	\$1.24	37,096	\$1.44			
Adjustments:							
Convertible notes non-cash interest and issuance cost amortization, net of tax	1,000	\$0.04					
Acquisition related legal and advisory fees, net of tax	4,980	\$0.20	2,567	\$0.10			
Acquisition related integration and severance costs, and consulting fees, net of tax	3,304	\$0.13					
Acquisition related other expenses, net of tax	2,198	\$0.09					
Adjusted income from continuing operations	41,942	\$1.70	39,663	\$1.54			



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### **RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSES**

#### Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Cost to GAAP Operating Expenses (Unaudited, In Thousands)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	H1 2012	H1 2013
GAAP total operating expenses, as reported	\$201,849	\$216,900	249,782	\$269,952	\$328,566	\$401,696	\$194,203	\$232,110
Adjustments:								
Ascension Operating Costs	(14,801)	(13,369)	(13,218)					
Stock-based compensation expense	(4,287)	(3,564)	(4,384)	(6,010)	(7,709)	(8,794)	(4,805)	(5,180)
Tax lien business segment operating expenses						(5,681)	(1,513)	(6,526)
Acquisition related legal and advisory fees						(4,263)	(4,263)	(8,224)
Acquisition related integration and severance costs, and consulting fees								(5,455)
Adjusted operating expenses	\$182,761	\$199,967	\$232,180	\$263,942	\$320,857	\$382,958	\$183,622	\$206,725

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