

**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): August 4, 2016

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 103, 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):

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 4, 2016, Encore Capital Group, Inc. posted a slide presentation on its website. A copy of the slide presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in Item 2.02 of 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 2.02, 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, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by a specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Slide presentation of Encore Capital Group, Inc. dated August 4, 2016

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.

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

Date: August 4, 2016

/s/ Jonathan C. Clark

Jonathan C. Clark

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Q2 2016 EARNINGS CALL

CAUTIONARY NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements in this presentation 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 its most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, as they may be amended from time to time. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.



ENCORE UPDATE



DISCIPLINED PRICING, STABLE SUPPLY CHARACTERIZE U.S. MARKET

- ▶ Debt buyers continue to exhibit pricing discipline – booking business at higher returns than last year
- ▶ Consumer-centric liquidation programs performing above expectations as liquidations and consumer satisfaction increase
- ▶ Strategic cost management initiatives gather traction as domestic debt recovery recurring expenses reduced \$18 million in Q2 and \$30 million YTD from prior year
- ▶ Earnings are supported by cost reductions, which offset declines in revenue
- ▶ Issuers now compete for debt buyer capital, effectively lowering prices

OUR EUROPEAN BUSINESS CONTINUES TO SEE HIGHER IRR's AND MORE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN SPAIN

- ▶ As reported, Cabot is the first large debt buyer to achieve Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) authorization
 - ▶ Approval carries new expectations which are reshaping and extending already lengthy liquidation curves
 - ▶ Management is working through consumer-centric initiatives to increase collections in both the short and long term
- ▶ In addition to the U.K., deployed capital in Spain and - for the first time - in Portugal
- ▶ Similar to our U.S. business, Cabot implementing strategic cost management activities to counter higher pricing and improve future returns

GROWTH OF OUR BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON PERFORMANCE AND COMFORT LEVEL

- ▶ We remain optimistic about our prospects in Latin America, although we have now prioritized Mexico over Brazil
- ▶ In Colombia, Refinancia's returns are meeting expectations – market supply expected to improve in the second half
- ▶ Long term, we expect Latin America will move corporate returns higher as a result of its favorable ROIC characteristics of higher IRR's and lower effective tax rates

FUTURE PLATFORM INITIATIVES

- ▶ Encore Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC) continues to prepare for business launch, subject to Reserve Bank of India license approval
 - ▶ Indian NPL market continues to grow at a 28% CAGR
 - ▶ Few meaningful players in the market
 - ▶ Banking regulations encouraging recognition and sale of non-performing assets
- ▶ Baycorp in early stages of business transformation
 - ▶ Deployments will exceed prior year
 - ▶ Installing U.S.-based operating improvements and metrics to improve performance

ENCORE'S LEVERAGE RATIO IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED BY THE CONSOLIDATION OF CABOT'S DEBT ON OUR BALANCE SHEET

Debt and Debt Ratios¹

Encore	With Cabot at 6/30/16	Without Cabot at 6/30/16
Total Debt	\$2.636 B	\$1.214 B
Total Debt / Adjusted EBITDA	2.45x	1.66x
Total Debt / Equity	4.26x	1.96x

1) Preferred equity certificates treated as equity

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

CFPB PUBLISHES OUTLINE OF PROPOSED NEW INDUSTRY RULES IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING SMALL BUSINESS PANEL

- ▶ Outline of proposed new rules provides clarity and removes uncertainty that was over-hanging the company and industry
- ▶ We'll continue to evaluate the proposed new rules as they are further refined to identify precisely what we'll need to do to implement those items that require action
- ▶ We're pleased that a number of the proposed new rules were derived from our own recommendations and existing best practices
- ▶ Overall, we believe the new rules will help create a more level playing field for all companies in the industry, large and small



Detailed Financial Discussion

ENCORE DELIVERED GAAP EPS GROWTH OF 18% AND ECONOMIC EPS GROWTH OF 7% IN THE 2ND QUARTER

GAAP EPS*	Economic EPS**	Collections
\$1.14	\$1.29	\$434 million
GAAP Net Income*	Adjusted Income**	Adjusted EBITDA**
\$30 million	\$33 million	\$279 million
		Cost-to-Collect***
		36.9%

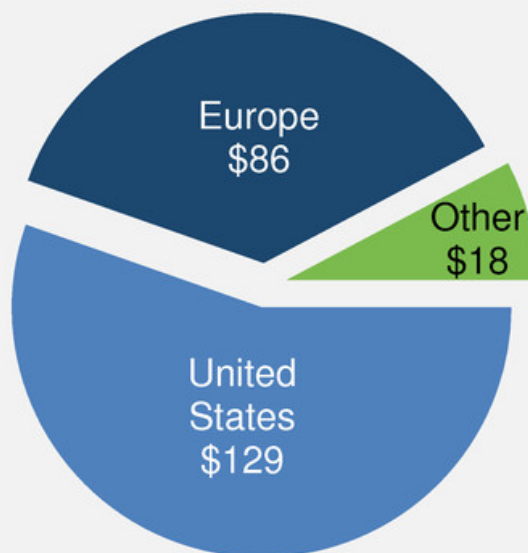
Estimated Remaining Collections of \$5.5 billion

- * From Continuing Operations Attributable to Encore
- ** Please refer to appendix for reconciliation of Economic EPS, Adjusted income from continuing operations attributable to Encore, and Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP
- *** Cost-to-Collect = Adjusted operating expenses / dollars collected. See appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted operating expenses to GAAP

Q2 DEPLOYMENTS REFLECT A DIVERSE GLOBAL BUSINESS

Q2-2016 Deployments

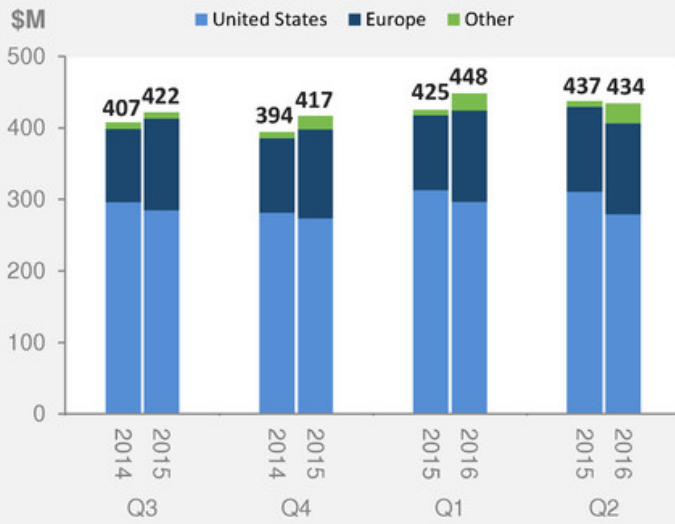
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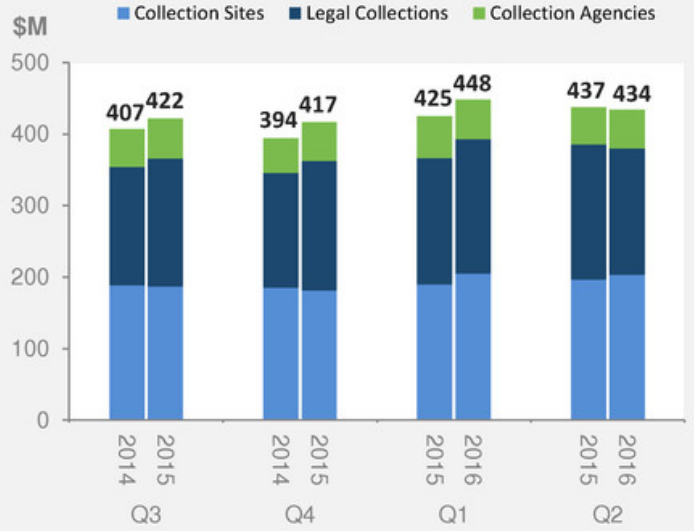
Total \$233

Q2 COLLECTIONS REFLECT STEADY EXECUTION AND THE GROWTH OF OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Collections by Geography

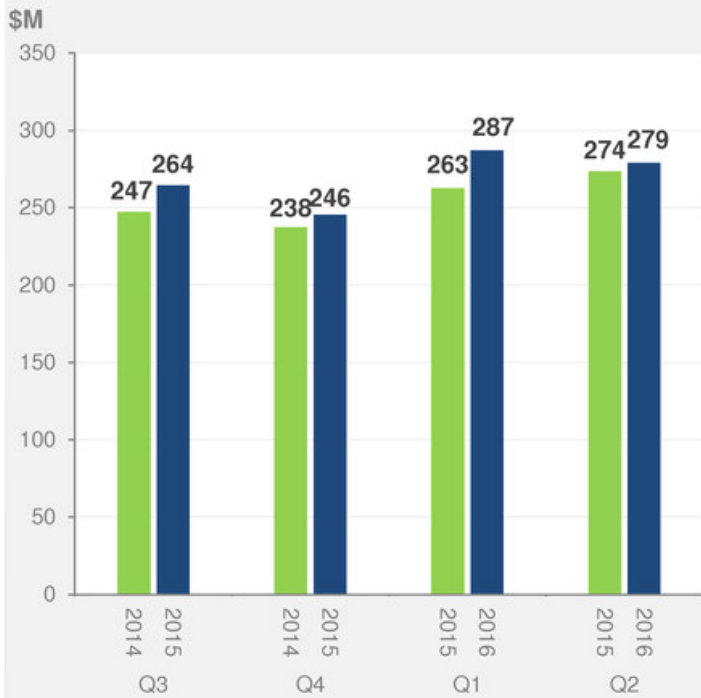


Collections by Channel

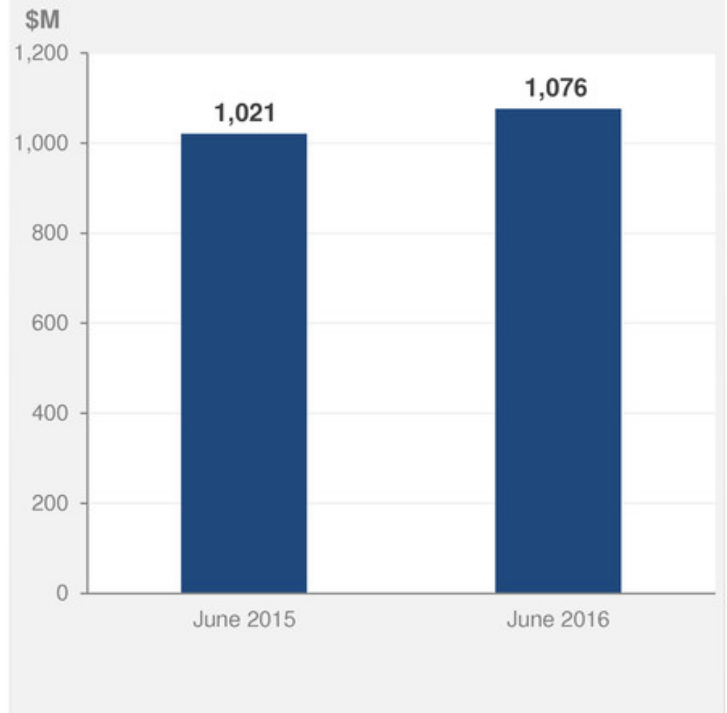


LOWER COSTS LED TO IMPROVED CASH FLOWS

Quarterly Adjusted EBITDA*

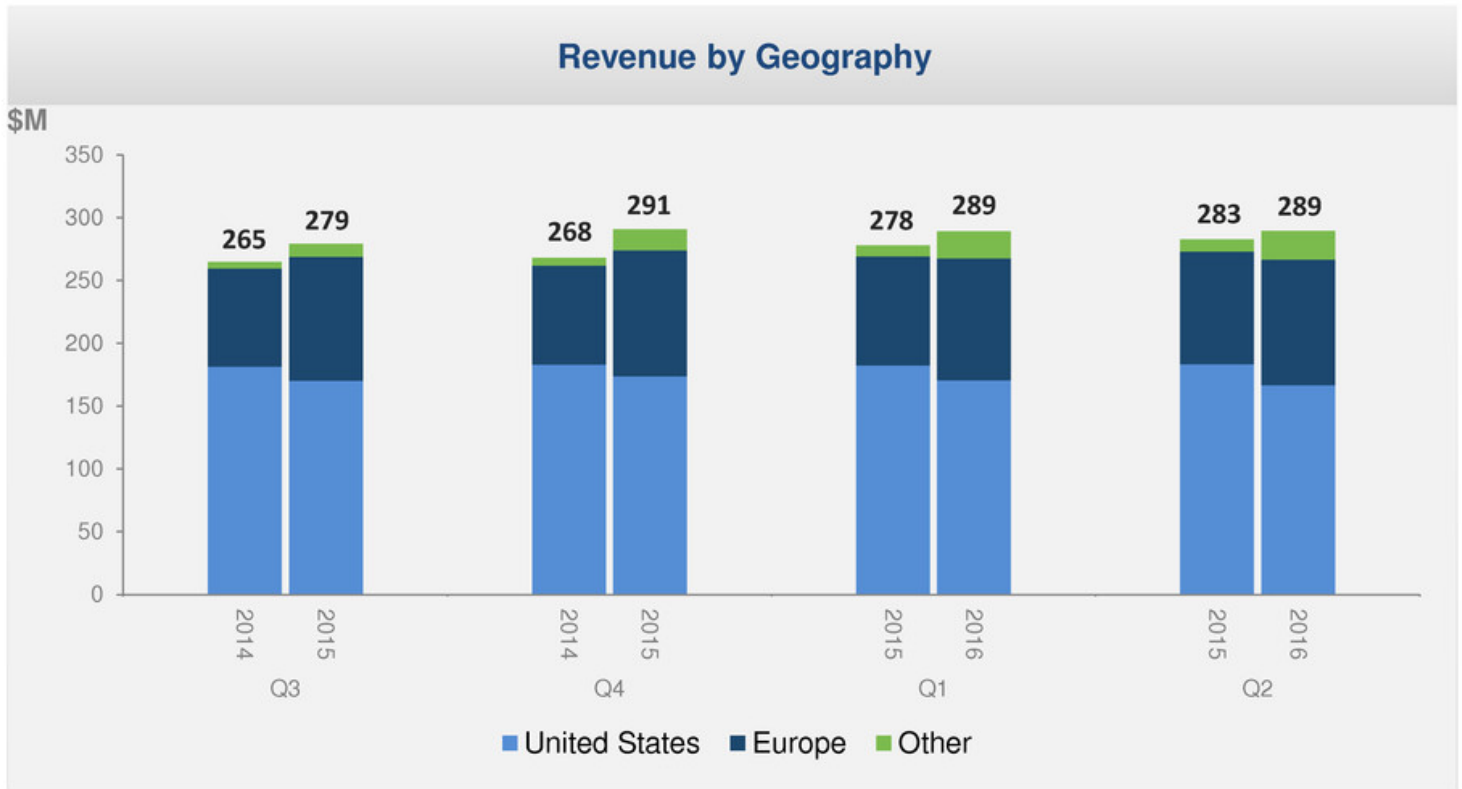


TTM Adjusted EBITDA*



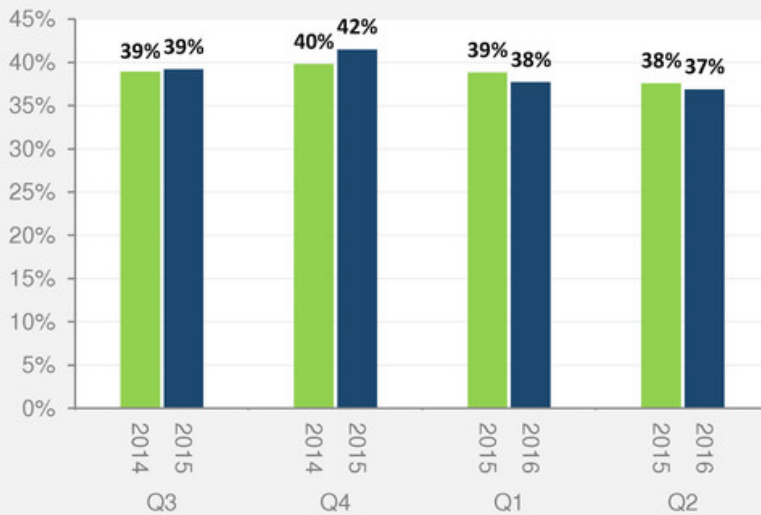
* Please refer to Appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP

OUR QUARTERLY REVENUE GROWTH WAS DRIVEN BY OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



COST-TO-COLLECT DECLINED THROUGH IMPROVED LIQUIDATION PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIC COST MANAGEMENT

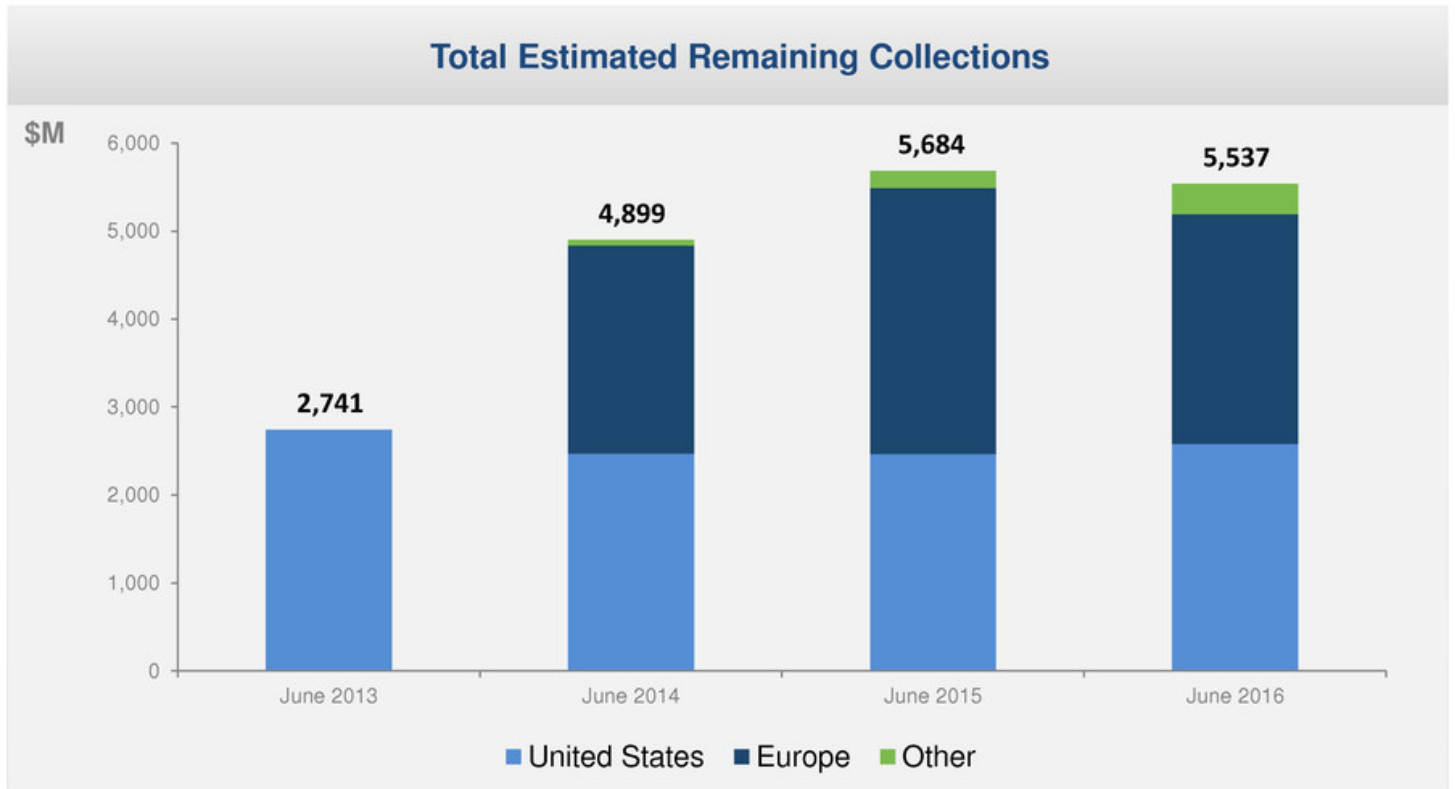
Overall Cost-to-Collect*



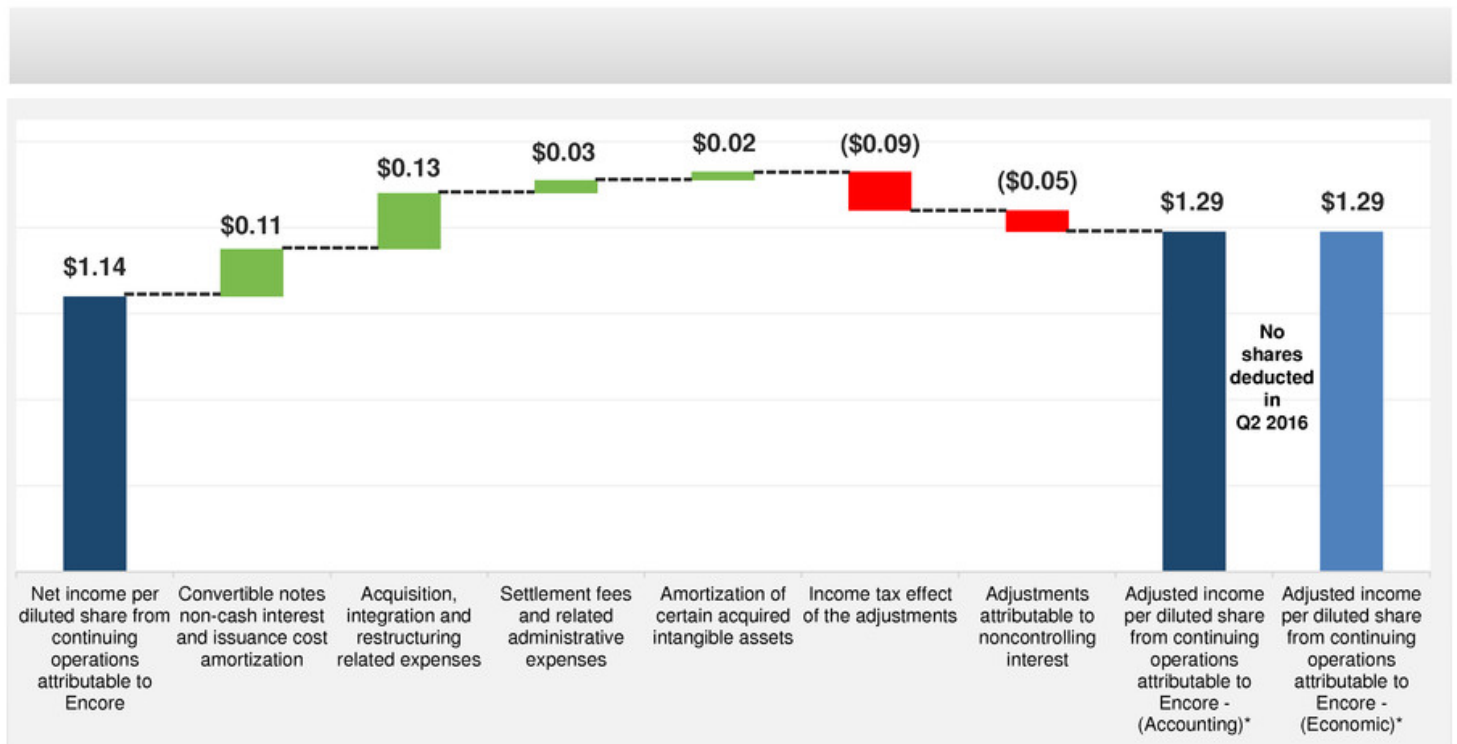
Location	Q2 2016 CTC	Q2 2015 CTC
United States	39.0%	40.5%
Europe	31.1%	30.6%
Other	42.9%	28.3%
Encore total	36.9%	37.6%

* Cost-to-Collect = Adjusted operating expenses / dollars collected. See appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted operating expenses to GAAP.

WHILE ERC DECLINED 3% IN U.S. DOLLARS, IT GREW 6% IN CONSTANT CURRENCY TERMS



ENCORE DELIVERED ECONOMIC EPS OF \$1.29 IN Q2



* Please refer to Appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted EPS / Economic EPS measurements to GAAP

SUMMARY

CFPB Rules

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U.S. Market

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Cost Management

- We are emphasizing strategic expense management and reducing costs in our businesses around the globe

Earnings & ROIC

- We are managing earnings and ROIC within each of our global businesses



Q&A



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 in calculation 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 information concerning Adjusted Operating Expenses in order to facilitate a comparison of approximate cash costs to cash collections for the portfolio purchasing and recovery business in the periods presented. 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. The Company has included impacts from foreign currency exchange rates to facilitate a comparison of operating metrics that are unburdened by variations in foreign currency exchange rates over time.

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Expenses, Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore, Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore per Share/Economic EPS, and impacts from foreign currency exchange rates 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 INCOME AND ECONOMIC / ADJUSTED EPS

Reconciliation of Adjusted Income and Economic / Adjusted EPS to GAAP EPS (Unaudited, In Thousands, except per share amounts), Three Months Ended

	June 30,					
	2016			2015		
	\$	Per Diluted Share – Accounting	Per Diluted Share – Economic*	\$	Per Diluted Share – Accounting	Per Diluted Share – Economic*
GAAP net income from continuing operations attributable to Encore, as reported	\$ 29,588	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.14	\$ 25,996	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.00
Adjustments:						
Convertible notes non-cash interest and issuance cost amortization	2,921	0.11	0.11	2,809	0.10	0.11
Acquisition, integration and restructuring related expenses	3,271	0.13	0.13	9,297	0.35	0.35
Settlement fees and related administrative expenses	698	0.03	0.03	---	---	---
Amortization of certain acquired intangible assets	575	0.02	0.02	---	---	---
Income tax effect of the adjustments	(2,338)	(0.09)	(0.09)	(2,570)	(0.10)	(0.10)
Adjustments attributable to noncontrolling interest	(1,273)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(4,023)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Adjusted income from continuing operations attributable to Encore	\$ 33,442	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.29	\$ 31,509	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.21

* Economic EPS for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 excludes zero shares and approximately 0.8 million shares, respectively, issuable upon the conversion of the company's convertible senior notes that are included for accounting purposes but will not be issued due to certain hedge and warrant transactions.

RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA

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

	9/30/14	12/31/14	3/31/15	6/30/15	9/30/15	12/31/15	3/31/16	6/30/16
GAAP net income, as reported	\$ 30,138	\$ 27,957	\$ 29,967	\$ 25,185	(\$ 9,364)	\$ 1,596	\$ 26,607	\$ 30,833
(Income) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(2,068)	(958)	(1,880)	(1,661)	(2,286)	29,214	3,182	---
Interest expense	43,498	42,264	42,303	46,250	47,816	50,187	50,691	50,597
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	8,636	15,558	14,614	14,921	(6,361)	3,988	10,148	13,451
Depreciation and amortization	6,725	7,860	8,137	7,878	8,043	9,102	9,861	8,235
Amount applied to principal on receivable portfolios	155,435	139,076	160,961	167,024	156,229	144,075	177,711	166,648
Stock-based compensation expense	4,009	3,621	5,905	6,198	5,156	4,749	3,718	5,151
Acquisition, integration and restructuring related expenses	1,000	2,212	2,766	7,892	2,235	2,635	2,141	3,271
Settlement fees and related administrative expenses	---	---	---	---	63,019	---	2,988	698
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 247,373	\$ 237,590	\$ 262,773	\$ 273,687	\$ 264,487	\$ 245,546	\$ 287,047	\$ 278,884

RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSES

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Expenses to GAAP Operating Expenses (Unaudited, In \$ Thousands) Three Months Ended

	9/30/14	12/31/14	3/31/15	6/30/15	9/30/15	12/31/15	3/31/16	6/30/16
GAAP total operating expenses, as reported*	\$ 184,064	\$ 183,437	\$ 194,895	\$ 198,362	\$ 248,185	\$ 206,271	\$ 205,513	\$ 197,695
Adjustments:								
Stock-based compensation expense	(4,009)	(3,621)	(5,905)	(6,198)	(5,156)	(4,749)	(3,718)	(5,151)
Operating expenses related to non-portfolio purchasing and recovery business	(20,784)	(20,818)	(21,623)	(19,946)	(20,835)	(26,144)	(26,885)	(28,253)
Acquisition, integration and restructuring related expenses	(1,000)	(2,212)	(2,766)	(7,892)	(2,235)	(2,635)	(3,059)	(3,271)
Settlement fees and related administrative expenses	---	---	---	---	(54,697)	---	(2,988)	(698)
Adjusted operating expenses related to portfolio purchasing and recovery business	\$ 158,271	\$ 156,786	\$ 164,601	\$ 164,326	\$ 165,262	\$ 172,743	\$ 168,863	\$ 160,322

* GAAP total operating expenses, as reported adjusted for Propel, which is now reported as discontinued operation.

IMPACT OF FLUCTUATIONS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

(Unaudited, In Thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended 6/30/16	As Reported	Constant Currency	% Change
Revenue	\$ 289,442	\$ 298,688	3%
Operating expenses	\$ 197,695	\$ 203,303	3%
Net income*	\$ 29,588	\$ 30,399	3%
Adjusted net income*	\$ 33,442	\$ 34,314	3%
GAAP EPS*	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.17	3%
Economic EPS*	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.33	3%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 278,884	\$ 287,298	3%
Collections	\$ 434,100	\$ 445,400	3%
ERC	\$ 5,536,954	\$ 6,007,590	8%

* from continuing operations attributable to Encore.

Note: Constant Currency figures are calculated by employing Q2 2015 foreign currency exchange rates to recalculate Q2 2016 results. All constant currency values are calculated based on the average exchange rates during the respective quarters, except for ERC, which is calculated using the changes in the quarter ending exchange rates.

