
**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 7, 2014

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)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 7, 2014, 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 7, 2014

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 7, 2014

/s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Q2 2014 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 report on Form 10-K, and its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, each as it may be amended from time to time. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.



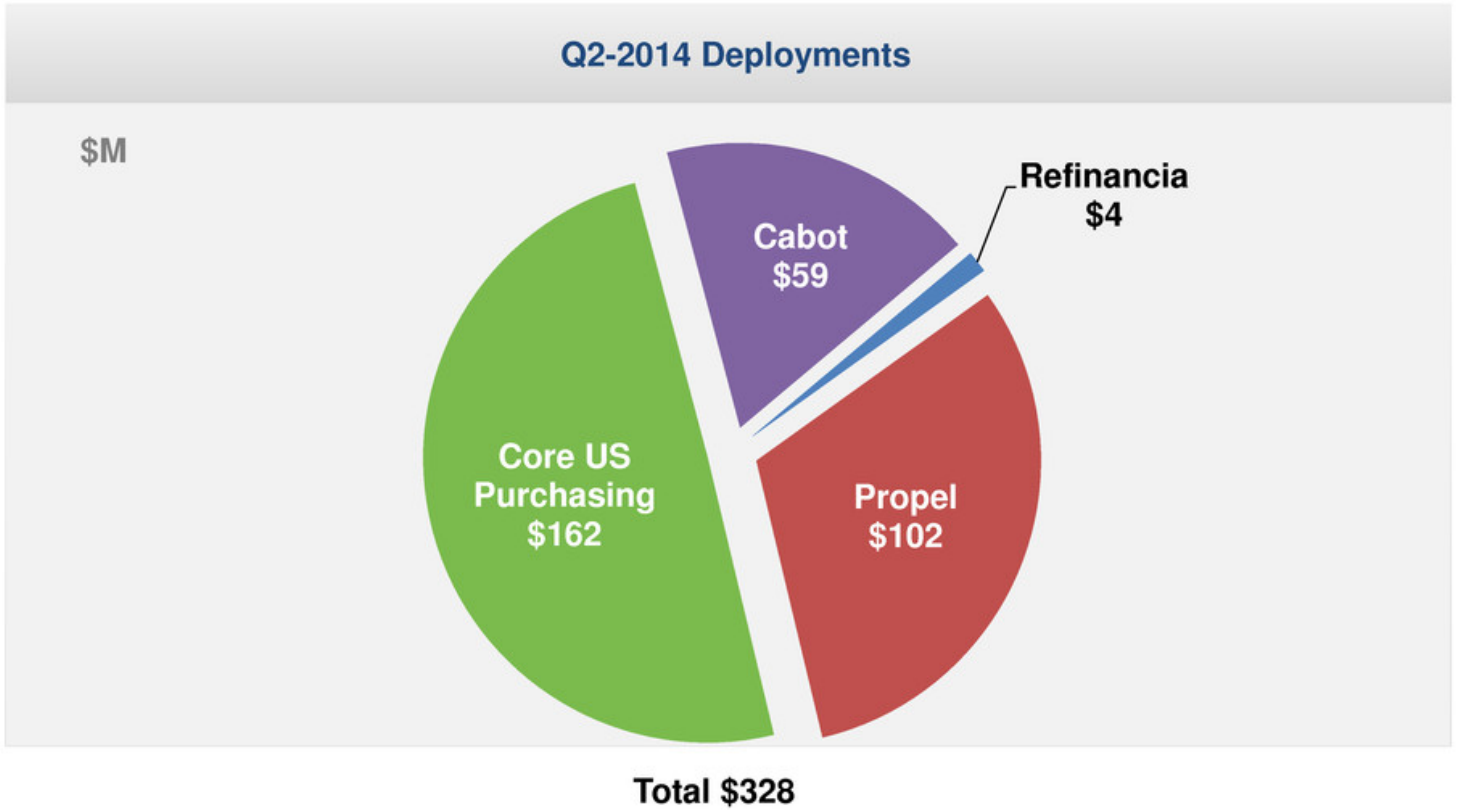
ENCORE DELIVERED RECORD QUARTERLY EARNINGS PER SHARE

GAAP EPS*	Economic EPS**	Collections
\$0.86	\$1.10	\$409 million
GAAP Net Income*	Adjusted Income**	Adjusted EBITDA**
\$24 million	\$29 million	\$256 million
		Cost to Collect***
		37.9%

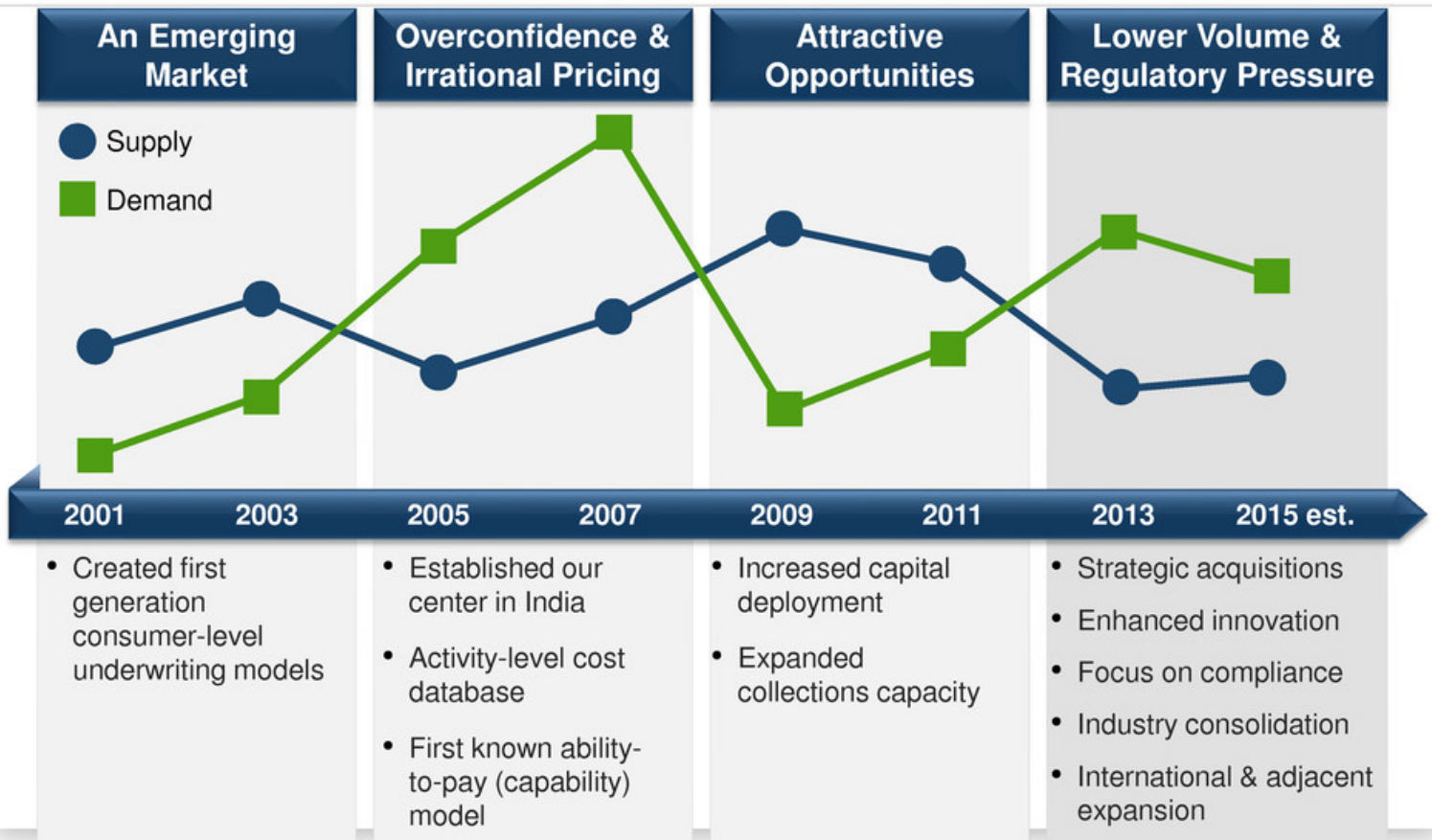
Estimated Remaining Collections of \$4.9 billion

- * Attributable to Encore
 - ** Please refer to Appendix for reconciliation of Economic EPS, Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted Income to GAAP
 - *** Cost to Collect is Adjusted Operating Expenses / Dollars collected. See Appendix for reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Expenses to GAAP
- Note: All figures include Cabot Credit Management UK results unless otherwise indicated

Q2 DEPLOYMENTS WERE DRIVEN BY CORE PURCHASING IN THE U.S. AND PROPEL



HISTORICALLY WE HAVE ANTICIPATED AND ADAPTED TO MARKET CHANGES WITH STRATEGIC DECISIONS – THIS TIME IS NO DIFFERENT



OUR CURRENT GROWTH STRATEGY IS TAILORED TO ADDRESS OUR MARKET'S EVOLVING DYNAMICS

Current Growth Strategy

1

Maintain the Core and Grow Our Subsidiaries

- **Core**
 - Core cards direct
 - Resale
 - Bankruptcy
- **Subsidiaries**
 - Cabot/Marlin
 - Propel
 - Grove
 - Refinancia

2

Invest In Attractive Adjacencies: International and Other Asset Classes

- **International**
 - India
 - Europe
 - Latin America
 - Australia
 - Others
- **New debt verticals**
 - Government
 - Medical
 - Others

3

Explore Business Model Expansions

- **M&A opportunities in related spaces**
 - Tax Liens
 - Debt Servicing
 - Others
- **Monetization of existing data and capabilities**
- **Funding & incubation of new businesses**

WE HAVE CONTINUED TO LEAD THE CONSOLIDATION OF OUR INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.

- ▶ Attractive consolidation partner
- ▶ Satisfies a significant portion of our purchasing target for 2014
- ▶ Expands market for future capital deployment



Investment Rationale

Attractive Consolidation Partner

- ACF specializes in high balance, fresh paper
- Strong liquidation rates result from specialized approach and experienced staff
- Long-standing relationship provides familiarity with successful strategy and operation

Additional ERC

- Transaction includes ACF portfolio with expected ERC of approximately \$275 million

Expanded Market for Future Capital Deployment

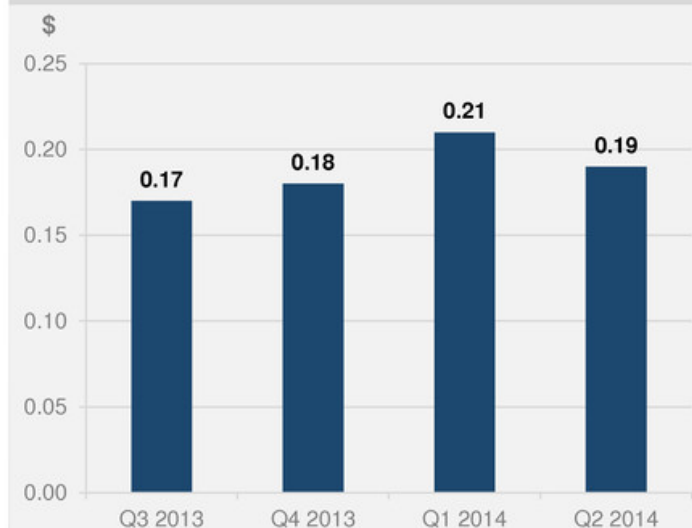
- Encore has historically specialized in collecting on older paper
- With ACF, Encore to place higher priority on fresh paper opportunities



PROPRIETARY

CABOT REMAINS A SOLID CONTRIBUTOR TO OVERALL EARNINGS - MARLIN INTEGRATION REMAINS ON TRACK

Cabot's Economic EPS Impact



Cabot Update

- ▶ Cabot deployed \$410 million in new portfolio purchases in the first half of 2014
- ▶ Cabot successfully aligned key terms across Cabot and Marlin bonds
- ▶ Cabot collections in India have exceeded expectations
- ▶ Expect Cabot to return to Q1 EPS contribution level in Q3

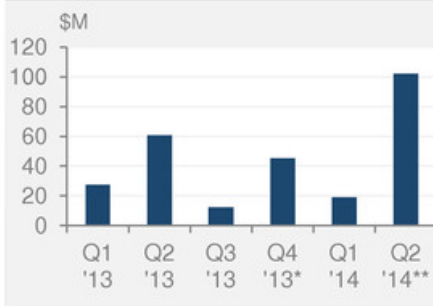
PROPEL CONTINUES TO GROW AND CONTRIBUTE TO ENCORE

\$179 million of capital deployed in the last 12 months

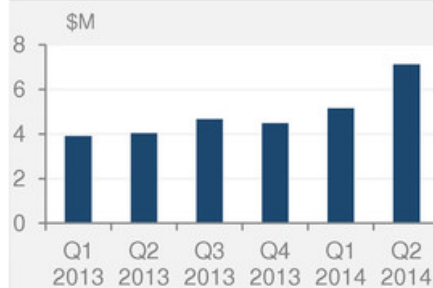
Operating in 22 states

Operating income continues to grow

Capital Deployed



Total Revenue



Operating Income



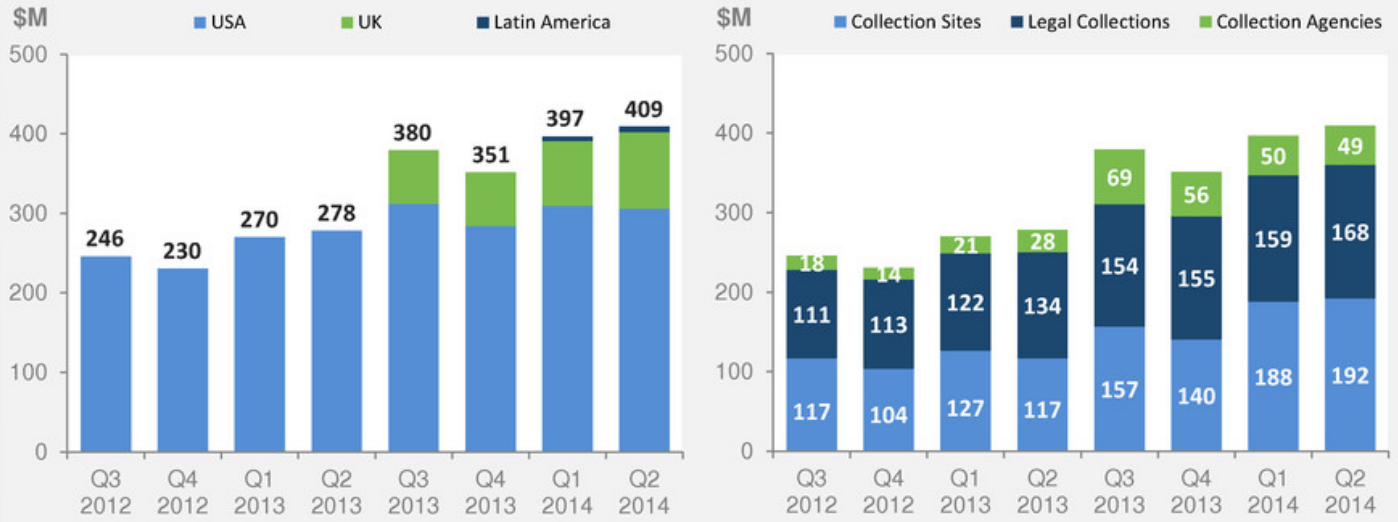
- * Includes \$29 million related to the acquisition of a competitor
- ** Includes \$36 million related to the acquisition of a competitor



Detailed Financial Discussion

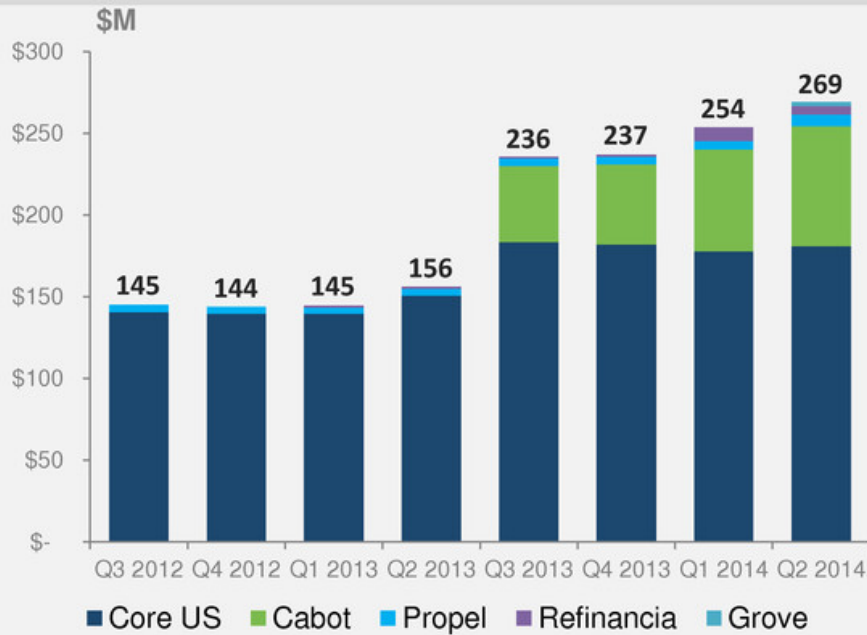
Q2 COLLECTIONS REFLECT STEADY EXECUTION AND GROWTH OF CABOT

Collections Summary



STRONG COLLECTIONS LED TO SOLID REVENUE GROWTH

Revenue From Business Lines



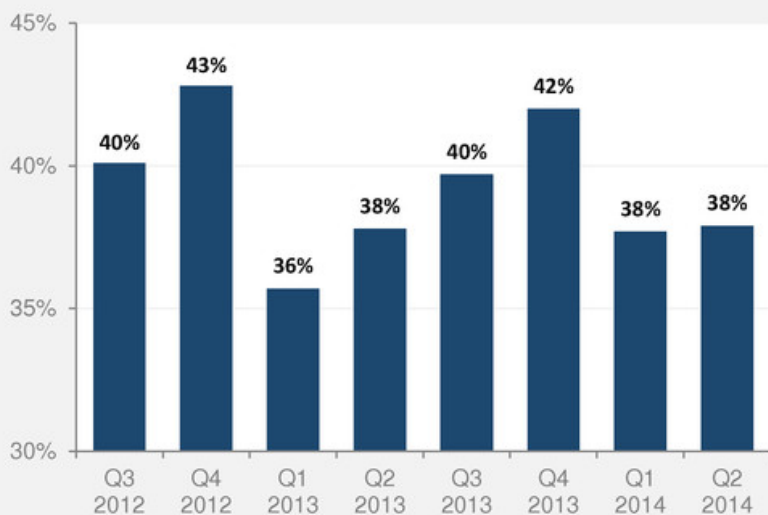
Revenue Recognition*

Channel	Q2 2014 Rev Rec	Q2 2013 Rev Rec
Cabot	68.3%	-
United States	57.2%	53.3%
Encore	59.8%	53.3%

* Revenue as a percentage of collections excludes the effects of net portfolio allowances or net portfolio allowance reversals

COST TO COLLECT REMAINS STABLE, EVEN AS WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN COMPLIANCE

Overall Cost to Collect*



Channel	Q2 2014 CTC	Q2 2013 CTC
Cabot	30.3%	-
US Legal	35.8%	36.8%
Core sites	6.4%	6.1%

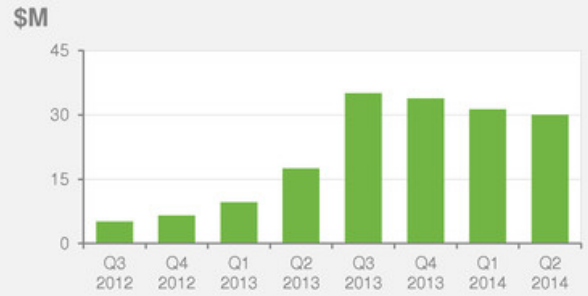
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OUR COST TO COLLECT IN LEGAL OUTSOURCING AND INTERNAL LEGAL REMAINS WELL-CONTROLLED

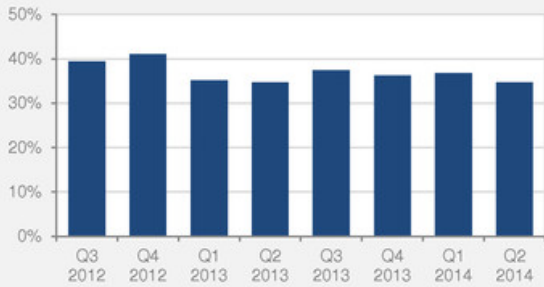
Legal Outsourcing Collections



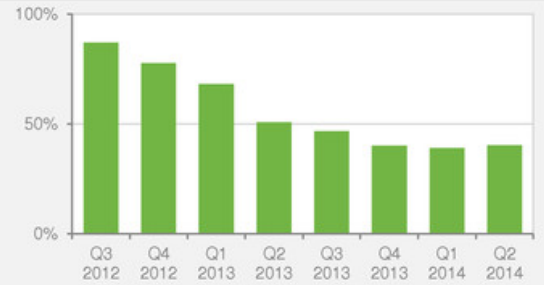
Internal Legal Collections



Legal Outsourcing Cost to Collect

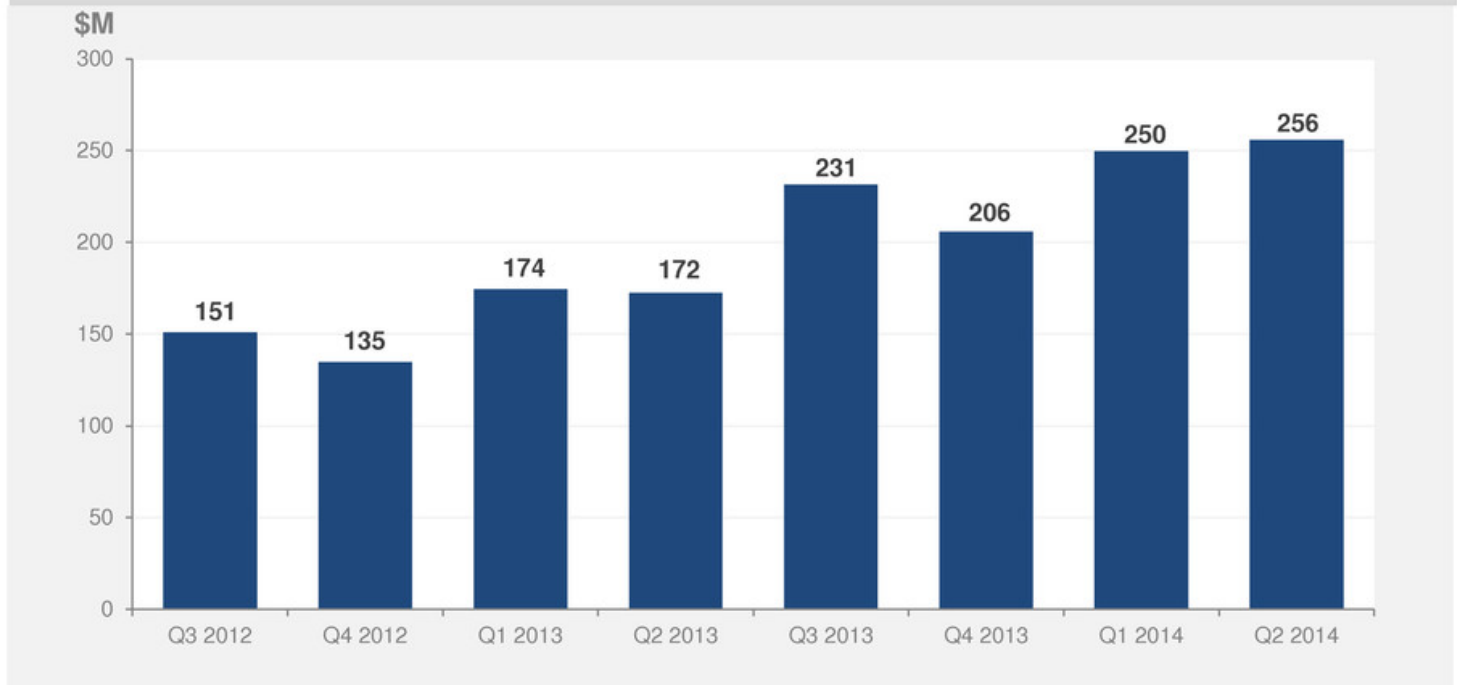


Internal Legal Cost to Collect



COLLECTIONS GROWTH LED TO IMPROVED CASH FLOWS

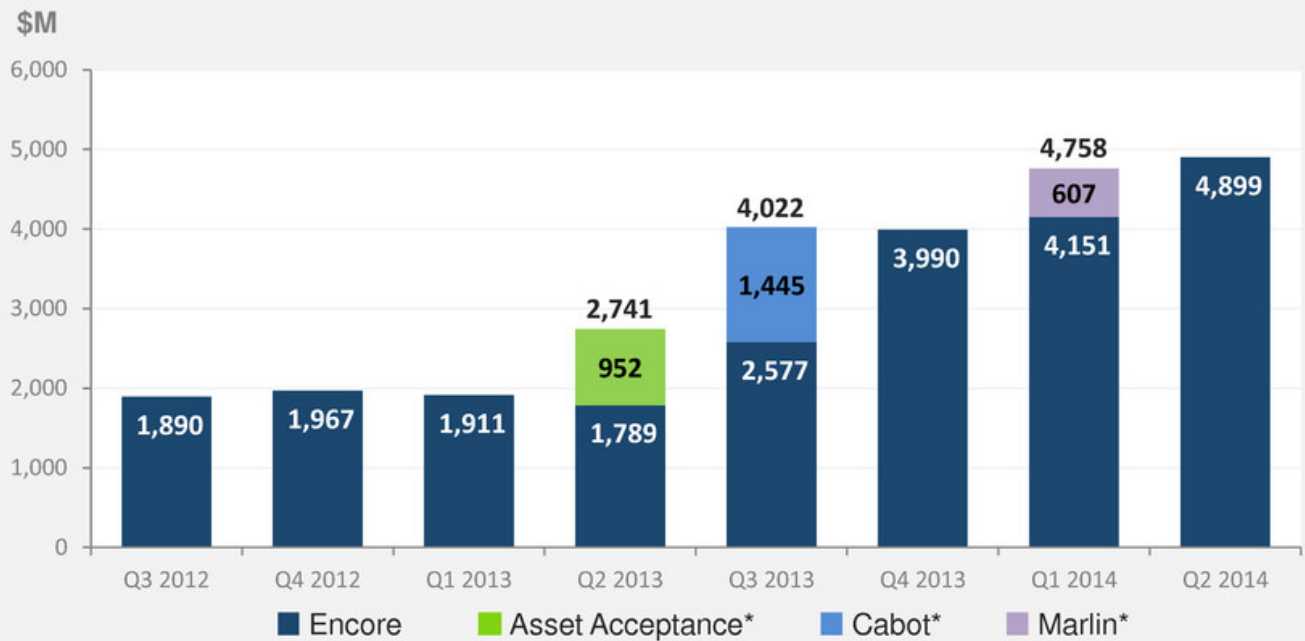
Adjusted EBITDA*



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

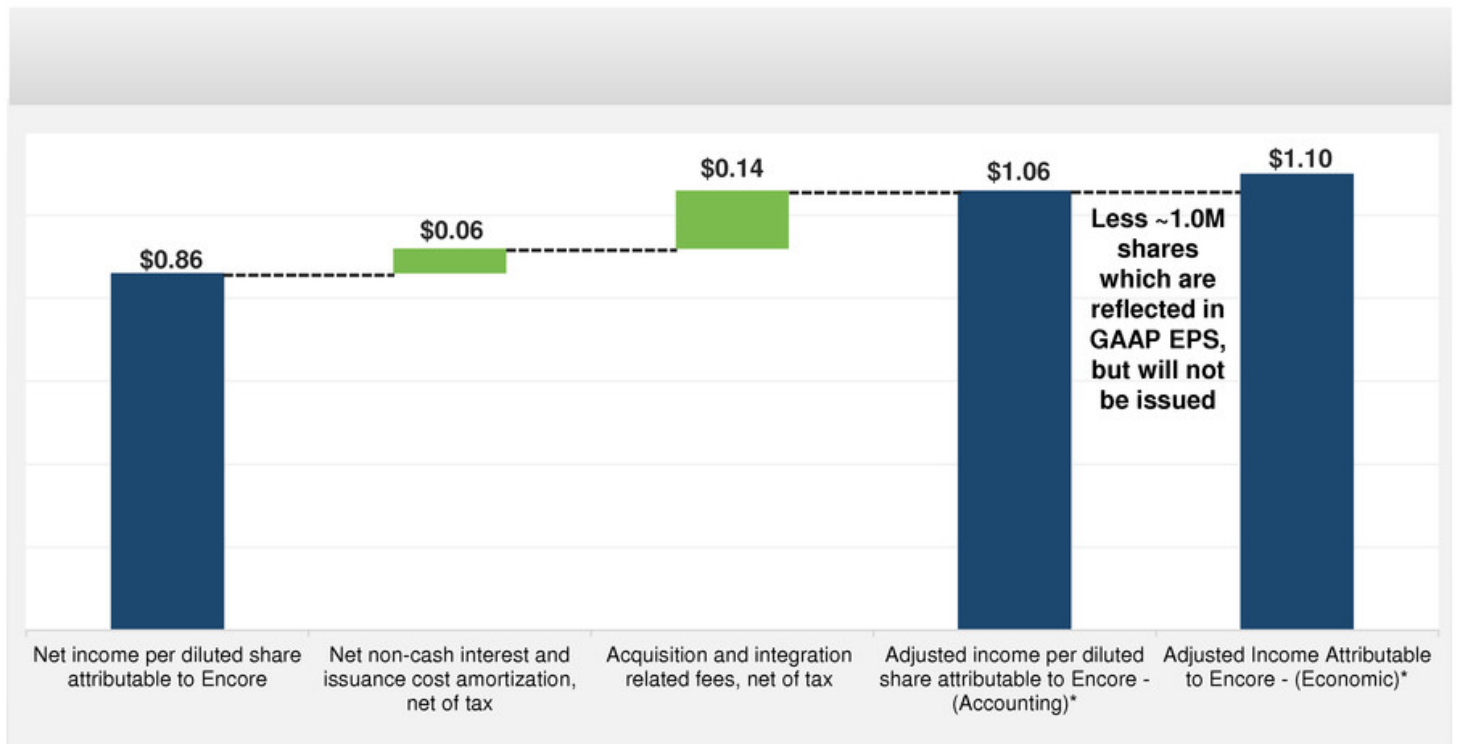
OUR ERC REFLECTS THE VALUE OF PORTFOLIOS WE HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED

Estimated Remaining Collections



* ERC at time of acquisition closing

ENCORE DELIVERED RECORD ECONOMIC EPS IN Q2 OF \$1.10



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

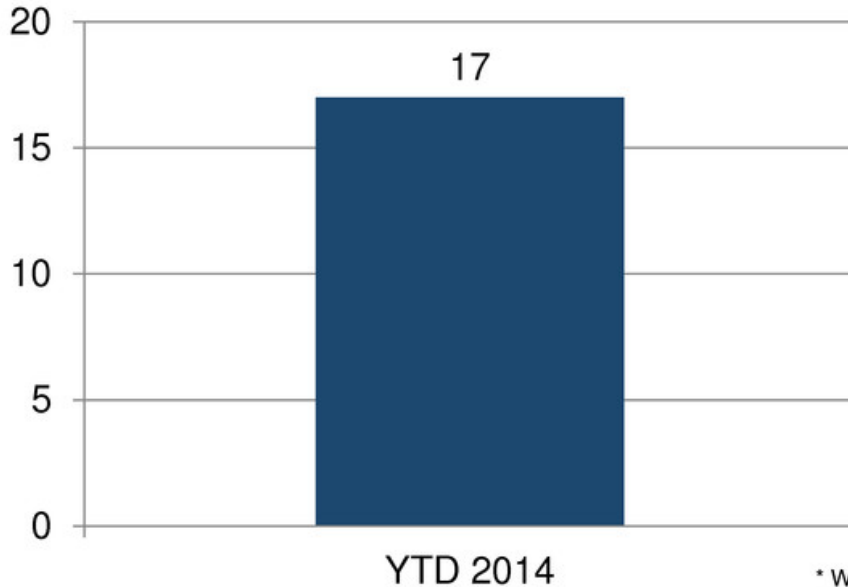
WE HAVE RETURNED CAPITAL TO SHAREHOLDERS THROUGH SHARE REPURCHASES

Encore share repurchases in 2014

Price per Share*:

\$42

\$M



Looking Forward

- Repurchases to cover employee equity grant dilution
- Opportunistic repurchases
- Subject to market conditions

* Weighted average repurchase price for the period

ENCORE'S LONG-TERM PROSPECTS REMAIN FAVORABLE

Operating Results & Deployment

A culture of constant improvement drives improved results

Liquidity & Capital Access

Strong liquidity and access to capital enhance our ability to take advantage of consolidating markets and new opportunities

Solid Cash Flows

Additional asset classes and geographies continue to enhance ERC and collections

Geographic & Asset Class Diversification

We are an international company in several asset classes, positioned for strong earnings growth going forward



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 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 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 Operating Expenses, 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 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,					
	2014			2013		
	\$	Per Diluted Share – Accounting	Per Diluted Share – Economic*	\$	Per Diluted Share – Accounting	Per Diluted Share – Economic
GAAP net income attributable to Encore, as reported	\$ 23,561	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.89	\$ 11,012	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.44
Adjustments:						
Convertible notes non-cash interest and issuance cost amortization, net of tax	1,694	0.06	0.06	529	0.02	0.02
Acquisition and integration related expenses, net of tax	3,836	0.14	0.15	9,707	0.39	0.39
Adjusted Income Attributable to Encore	\$ 29,091	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.10	\$ 21,248	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85

* Excludes approximately 1.0 million shares 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

	6/30/12	9/30/12	12/31/12	3/31/13	6/30/13	9/30/13	12/31/13	3/31/14	6/30/14
GAAP net income, as reported	16,596	21,308	20,167	19,448	11,012	21,064	22,216	18,830	21,353
(Gain) loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	2,392	-	-	-	-	308	1,432	-	-
Interest expense	6,497	7,012	6,540	6,854	7,482	29,186	29,747	37,962	43,218
Provision for income taxes	12,846	13,887	13,361	12,571	7,267	10,272	15,278	11,742	14,010
Depreciation and amortization	1,420	1,533	1,647	1,846	2,158	4,523	5,020	6,117	6,829
Amount applied to principal on receivable portfolios	101,813	105,283	90,895	129,487	126,364	154,283	124,520	159,106	161,048
Stock-based compensation expense	2,539	1,905	2,084	3,001	2,179	3,983	3,486	4,836	4,715
Acquisition and integration related expenses	3,774	-	-	1,276	16,033	7,752	4,260	11,081	4,645
Adjusted EBITDA	147,877	150,928	134,694	174,483	172,495	231,371	205,959	249,674	255,818

RECONCILIATION OF ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSES

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

	9/30/12	12/31/12	3/31/13	6/30/13	9/30/13	12/31/13	3/31/14	6/30/14
GAAP total operating expenses, as reported	103,621	103,872	105,872	126,238	174,429	168,466	185,472	190,689
Adjustments:								
Stock-based compensation expense	(1,905)	(2,084)	(3,001)	(2,179)	(3,983)	(3,486)	(4,836)	(4,715)
Operating expense related to other operating segments	(3,053)	(3,092)	(5,274)	(6,367)	(12,115)	(12,755)	(19,833)	(26,409)
Acquisition and integration related expenses	-	-	(1,276)	(12,403)	(7,752)	(4,260)	(11,081)	(4,645)
Adjusted Operating Expenses	98,663	98,696	96,321	105,289	150,579	147,965	149,722	154,920



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