### 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): May 11, 2011

## ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

De	laware	000-26489	48-1090909						
(State or Ot	her Jurisdiction	(Commission File	(IRS Employer						
of Inco	orporation)	Number)	<b>Identification No.)</b>						
	8875 Aero	Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California	92123						
	(Add	ress of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)						
		(877) 445-4581							
	(Reg	istrant's telephone number, including area code)							
	on of the registrant under	ow if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultar any of the following provisions ( <i>see</i> General Instruc	ction A.2. below):						
	☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)								
	Soliciting material pur	suant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CF	R 240.14a-12)						
	Pre-commencement co 240.14d-2(b))	ommunications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the	Exchange Act (17 CFR						
	Pre-commencement co 240.13e-4(c))	ommunications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the	Exchange Act (17 CFR						

### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of an investor slide presentation to be given by Paul Grinberg, Chief Financial Officer of Encore Capital Group, Inc., at an investor presentation on May 11, 2011, 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.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Investor slide presentation of Encore Capital Group, Inc. dated May 11, 2011.

### **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: May 11, 2011

/s/ Paul Grinberg

Paul Grinberg
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

Exhibit Number

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## **Encore Capital Group Investor Presentation**

May 11, 2011

### CAUTIONARY NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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The statements in this presentation that are not historical facts, including, most importantly, those statements preceded by, or that include, the words "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 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 forwardlooking 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, 10-Q and 8-K, each as it may be amended from time to time. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.



## **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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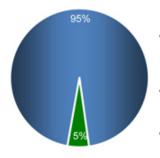


# ENCORE IS A LEADING PLAYER IN THE CONSUMER DEBT BUYING AND RECOVERY INDUSTRY

### **Revenue Composition**

As of March 31, 2011

### Debt Purchasing & Collections

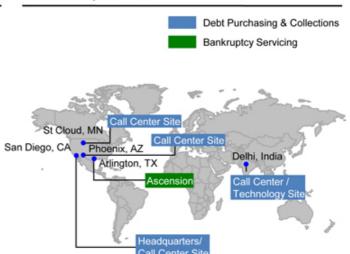


- Purchase and collection of charged-off unsecured consumer receivables (primarily credit card)
- Robust business model emphasizing consumer intelligence and operational specialization
- Invested ~\$1.9 billion to acquire receivables with a face value of ~\$58 billion
- Acquired ~34 million consumer accounts since inception

### **Bankruptcy Servicing**

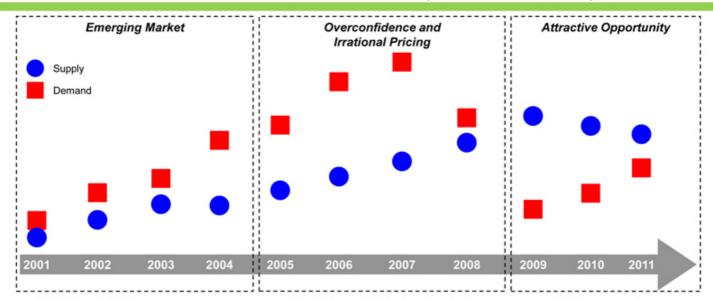
- Process secured consumer bankruptcy accounts for leading auto lenders and other financial institutions
- Proprietary software dedicated to bankruptcy servicing
- Operational platform that integrates lenders, trustees, and consumers

## **Global Capabilities**





# STRATEGIC DECISIONS MADE OVER THE PAST DECADE DEMONSTRATE OUR ABILITY TO FORESEE, AND ADAPT TO, CHANGES



- Hired first statisticians
- Created first and second generation forecasting models
- Created 1<sup>st</sup> generation operational models (mail channel and call center)
- In late 2005, we established a call center in India. We believe it is the only late-stage collections platform in India, at approximately 1/3 the cost of our U.S. operations
- Between 2005 and 2007 we remained disciplined and avoided high priced portfolios that did not meet internal hurdle rates
- In 2008 we built and implemented the industry's first known ability-to-pay (capability) model
- In 2009, we ramped up purchasing to take advantage of the favorable market environment
- In February 2010, we entered into a new \$327.5 million revolving credit facility which was subsequently increased to \$410.5 million, and added \$75 million in two private placement transactions with Prudential



## THESE DECISIONS ARE DRIVING STRONG RESULTS

## **YOY Growth**

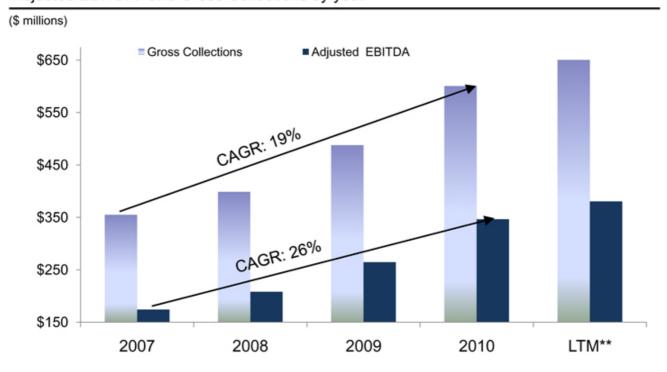
(\$000s, except EPS and ratios)										
_	Q1 10	Q1 11	2009	2010	Annual	I Variance				
Collections	\$141,267	\$191,073	\$487,792	\$604,609	\$116,817	24%				
Revenue	\$87,338	\$110,303	\$316,419	\$381,308	\$64,889	21%				
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$82,588	\$116,400	\$264,605	\$346,656	\$82,051	31%				
EPS	\$0.44	\$0.54	\$1.37	\$1.95	\$0.58	42%				
Purchases	\$81,632	\$90,675	\$256,632	\$361,957	\$105,325	41%				

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP number. The Company considers Adjusted EBITDA to be a meaningful indicator of operating performance and uses it as a measure to assess the operating performance of the Company. See Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to GAAP Net Income at the end of this presentation.



# WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED BOTH OPERATING CASH FLOW (ADJUSTED EBITDA) AND CASH COLLECTIONS

## Adjusted EBITDA\* and Gross Collections by year



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\*\* LTM data as of 03/31/2011

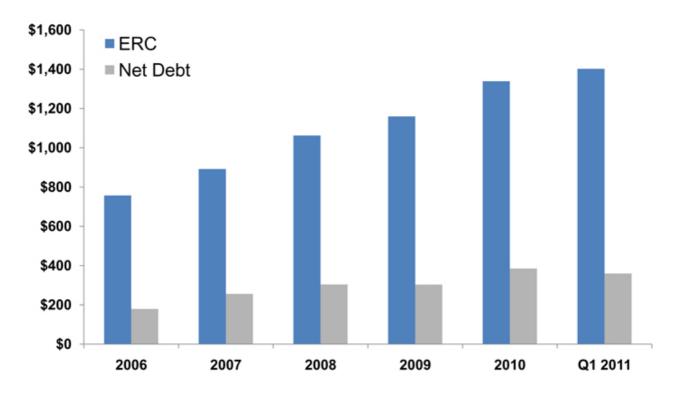


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## WHILE ENHANCING THE FUTURE VALUE OF THE COMPANY

## Annual Estimated Remaining Gross Collection (ERC) and Total Debt

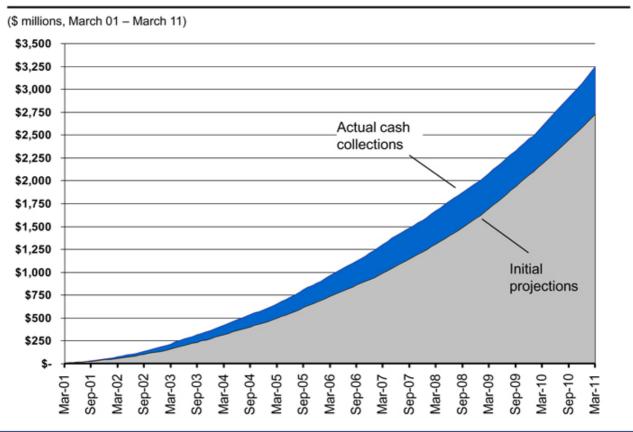
(\$ millions, at end of period)



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

Cumulative collections (initial expectation vs. actual)



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# MARKET DYNAMICS CONTINUE TO BE IN OUR FAVOR, WHILE THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT REMAINS CHALLENGING

# Charge-offs remain elevated

Consumer credit continues to experience losses at near record levels

> Supply more closely managed by the issuers

# Demand increasing, albeit slowly

Few players with access to significant amounts of capital

Continued exit of large players, but others starting to gain traction

## Consumer performance remains predictable

Our models continue to predict consumer behavior with a high degree of accuracy

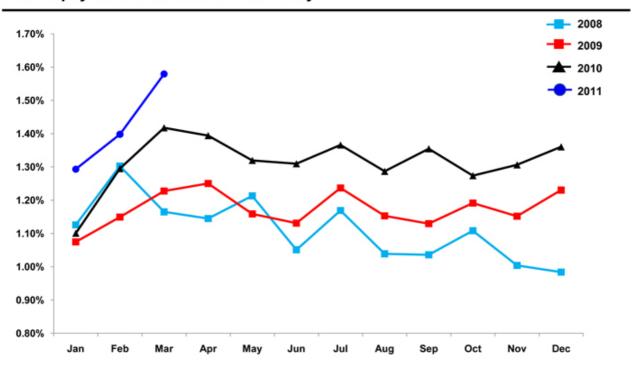
# Significant regulatory and legislative scrutiny

Both in our industry and in the financial services sector at large



# OUR CONSUMERS HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE RESILIENT DESPITE THE MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

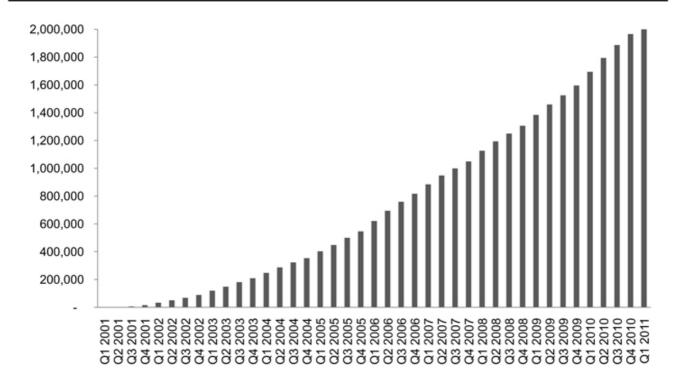
## Overall payer rate for all active inventory



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# AS A RESULT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCELERATE OUR ABILITY TO HELP CONSUMERS MOVE TOWARD FINANCIAL RECOVERY

## Consumers with whom we have partnered to retire their debt (cumulative)



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# WE HAVE TAKEN A LEADERSHIP STANCE BY OUTLINING OUR CORE PRINCIPLES IN AN INDUSTRY-FIRST CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS

- Clearly states what our consumers should expect during the collection process
- Gives consumers concrete assurances about our conduct
  - No interest once payments are established if maintained
  - No systematic messages left
  - Cessation of collections under certain circumstances
- Positions Encore as a company that governmental entities should consult with prior to enacting regulations that impact the industry





### **CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS**

In all that we do, we strive to treat consumers with respect and integrity. We are committed to engaging in dialogue that is respectful and constructive, creating solutions for our consumers that resolve their debt, and ensuring that those who work on our behalf adhere to these same standards. We operate in compliance with the laws that regulate our industry, and we hope to play an important and productive role in people's lives.

Article 1: Contacting Consumers in a Timely and Effective Manner

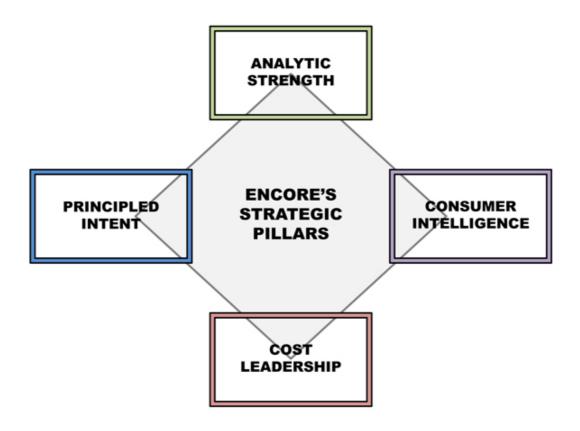
- a. At the outset of collection activity, we will send a debt validation notice informing the consumer that their account has been purchased, identifying the creditor that held the debt at default, clearly stating the balance owed, and giving the consumer an opportunity to both request further information and resolve the debt.
- Before sending the debt validation notice, we will use reasonable efforts to verify the consumer's current address.
- c. If any debt validation notice to a consumer is returned, we will disable that address, use reasonable efforts to verify the consumer's current address, and, if found, send another validation letter to the new address.
- d. All collection letters we mail to a consumer will identify the creditor that held the debt at default, the creditor's account number, and the current balance owed, along with other identifying information, as appropriate.

#### Article 2: Resolving Accounts Quickly and Honestly

- a. Our employees who interact with consumers will be trained on, and expected to comply with, applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning fair and ethical collection practices. Employees' conduct in this regard will be monitored for compliance.
- When interacting with consumers, our employees will listen and work hard to understand their consumers' needs.
- c. Our employees will strive to develop and present innovative payment options that allow for the effective repayment of the obligation and accommodate the consumer's financial situation. Payment options will be discussed with the consumer in plain and simple language.

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# OUR OPERATIONAL SUCCESS IS BASED UPON FOUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

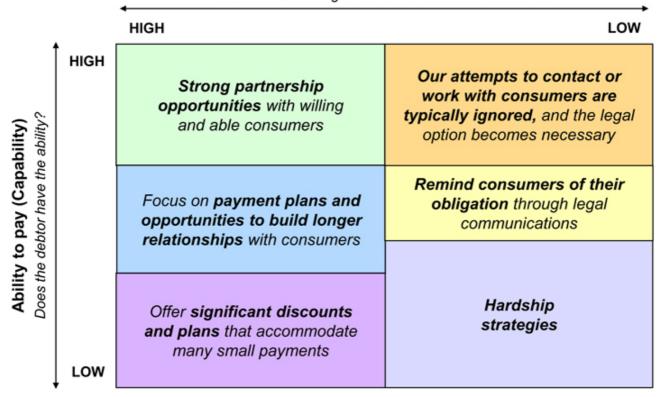


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# OUR ANALYTIC INSIGHTS ALLOW US TO MATCH OUR COLLECTION APPROACH TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER'S PAYMENT BEHAVIOR

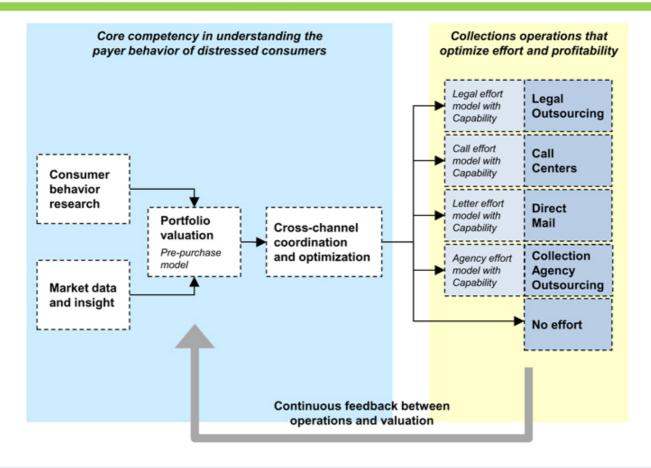
### Willingness to pay

Is the debtor willing to resolve the debt on fair terms?





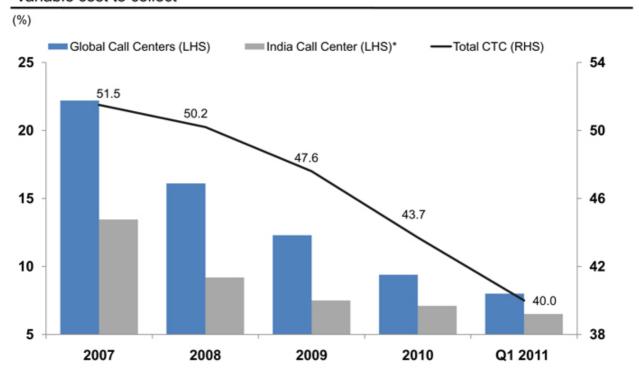
# OUR ANALYTIC REACH EXTENDS FROM PRE-PURCHASE THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE OWNERSHIP PERIOD



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# WE HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED THE COST STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS...

### Variable cost to collect \*



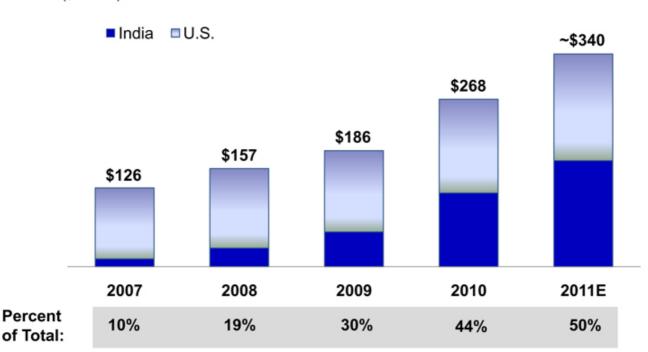
<sup>\*</sup> Represents salaries, variable compensation and employee benefits



# DRIVEN BY OUR ANALYTICS AND OUR INDIA CENTER, WITH THE LATTER PRODUCING HALF OF CALL CENTER COLLECTIONS

## Collections from all call centers

(\$ millions)



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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	3/31/10	6/30/10	9/30/10	12/31/10	3/31/1
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	10,861	11,730	12,290	14,171	13,679
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	4,538	4,880	4,928	5,003	5,593
Contingent interest expense	3,235	888													-	-	
Pay-off of future contingent interest		11,733			-									-	-		
Provision for income taxes	3,437	(1,031)	1,315	2,777	4,509	4,225	2,408	(1,442)	5,973	4,166	5,948	4,609	6,490	6,749	6,632	9,075	8,601
Depreciation and amortization	869	840	833	810	722	766	674	652	623	620	652	697	673	752	816	958	1,053
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	58,265	64,901	63,507	53,427	85,709
Stock-based compensation expense	801	1,204	1,281	1,001	1,094	1,228	860	382	1,080	994	1,261	1,049	1,761	1,446	1,549	1,254	1,765
Adjusted EBITDA	45,634	46,077	38,951	43,533	58,488	52,997	47,250	49,262	63,797	64,682	70,023	66,103	82,588	90,458	89,722	83,888	116,400

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

