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of

COMPUCREDIT HOLDINGS CORPORATION

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CompuCredit's common stock, no par value per share, is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act").

CompuCredit (1) is required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act, (2) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act during the preceding 12 months and (3) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past ninety days.

During the preceding 12 months, CompuCredit has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T.

CompuCredit is a smaller reporting company and is not a shell company.

As of October 31, 2012, there were 13,746,523 shares of common stock, no par value, of the registrant outstanding. (This excludes 1,672,656 loaned shares to be returned.)



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Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(Dollars in thousands)

	September 30, 2012 (unaudited)	December 31, 2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$47,925	\$144,913
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	12,930	23,759
<b>Loans and fees receivable:</b>		
Loans and fees receivable, net (of \$8,502 and \$7,480 in deferred revenue and \$11,276 and \$7,156 in allowances for uncollectible loans and fees receivable at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	56,569	64,721
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, net (of \$60 and \$511 in deferred revenue and \$3,510 and \$7,537 in allowances for uncollectible loans and fees receivable at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	12,598	31,902
Loans and fees receivable, at fair value	19,285	28,226
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	168,407	238,763
Investments in previously charged-off receivables	-	37,110
Investments in securities	6,215	6,203
Deferred costs, net	2,100	3,033
Property at cost, net of depreciation	7,363	8,098
Investments in equity-method investees	41,914	49,862
Note receivable from sale of Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment	13,033	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	18,273	11,317
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$406,612</b>	<b>\$647,907</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$37,173	\$47,140
Notes payable, at face value	20,184	23,765
Notes payable associated with structured financings, at face value	7,366	23,151
Notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value	167,521	241,755
Convertible senior notes (Note 8)	95,194	176,400
Income tax liability	61,683	59,368
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>389,121</b>	<b>571,579</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Common stock, no par value, 150,000,000 shares authorized: 15,419,179 shares issued and outstanding (including 1,672,656 loaned shares to be returned) at September 30, 2012; and 31,997,581 shares issued and 23,559,402 shares outstanding (including 1,672,656 loaned shares to be returned) at December 31, 2011	-	-
Additional paid-in capital	211,037	294,246
Treasury stock, at cost, 0 and 8,438,179 shares at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively	-	(187,615 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,095 )	(2,257 )

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Retained deficit	(192,090 )	(28,257 )
Total shareholders' equity	17,852	76,117
Noncontrolling interests	(361 )	211
Total equity	17,491	76,328
Total liabilities and equity	\$406,612	\$647,907

See accompanying notes.

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CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Interest income:				
Consumer loans, including past due fees	\$20,054	\$34,833	\$68,037	\$114,543
Other	323	240	731	829
Total interest income	20,377	35,073	68,768	115,372
Interest expense	(7,406 )	(10,282 )	(25,582 )	(33,262 )
Net interest income before fees and related income on earning assets and provision for losses on loans and fees receivable				
	12,971	24,791	43,186	82,110
Fees and related income on earning assets	3,703	14,755	68,001	82,277
Losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	(8,790 )	(28,019 )	(81,693 )	(117,209 )
Provision for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value	(5,373 )	(96 )	(13,828 )	325
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	2,511	11,431	15,666	47,503
Other operating income:				
Servicing income	1,002	767	3,234	2,593
Ancillary and interchange revenues	570	1,429	2,021	4,670
Gain on repurchase of convertible senior notes	-	138	-	607
Gain on buy-out of equity-method investee members	-	-	-	619
Equity in income of equity-method investees	356	6,630	9,912	28,757
Total other operating income	1,928	8,964	15,167	37,246
Other operating expense:				
Salaries and benefits	2,523	4,520	12,990	16,545
Card and loan servicing	10,428	11,043	31,618	36,018
Marketing and solicitation	223	1,181	1,669	2,386
Depreciation	1,518	504	2,294	4,232
Other	5,557	7,231	18,755	20,450
Total other operating expense	20,249	24,479	67,326	79,631
(Loss on) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(15,810 )	(4,084 )	(36,493 )	5,118
Income tax benefit (expense)	3,936	(619 )	10,391	(1,743 )
(Loss on) income from continuing operations	(11,874 )	(4,703 )	(26,102 )	3,375
Discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	50,151	6,167	61,301	132,700
Income tax expense	(5,353 )	(42 )	(12,737 )	(4,142 )
Income from discontinued operations	44,798	6,125	48,564	128,558
Net income	32,924	1,422	22,462	131,933
Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests (including \$1,131 of income associated with noncontrolling	287	277	572	(1,013 )

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interests in discontinued operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2011)

Net income attributable to controlling interests	\$33,211	\$1,699	\$23,034	\$130,920
(Loss on) income from continuing operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$(0.60 )	\$(0.19 )	\$(1.21 )	\$0.13
(Loss on) income from continuing operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$(0.60 )	\$(0.19 )	\$(1.21 )	\$0.13
Income from discontinued operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$2.32	\$0.27	\$2.30	\$4.72
Income from discontinued operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$2.32	\$0.27	\$2.30	\$4.70
Net income attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$1.72	\$0.08	\$1.09	\$4.85
Net income attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$1.72	\$0.08	\$1.09	\$4.83

See accompanying notes.

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CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and Subsidiaries  
 Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)  
 (Dollars in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net income	\$32,924	\$1,422	\$22,462	\$131,933
Other comprehensive income:				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	867	(314 )	1,212	2,079
Reclassifications of foreign currency translation adjustment to consolidated statements of operations	(19 )	-	(19 )	2,301
Income tax (expense) benefit related to other comprehensive income	(48 )	91	(31 )	45
Comprehensive income	33,724	1,199	23,624	136,358
Comprehensive loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	287	277	572	(1,013 )
Comprehensive income attributable to controlling interests	\$34,011	\$1,476	\$24,196	\$135,345

See accompanying notes.



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CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and Subsidiaries  
 Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity  
 For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 (Unaudited)  
 (Dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock			Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Retained Deficit	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares Issued	Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital							
Balance at December 31, 2011	31,997,581	\$-	\$ 294,246	\$(187,615)	\$ (2,257 )	\$(28,257 )	\$ 211	\$76,328		
Use of treasury stock for stock-based compensation plans	(118,277 )	-	(944 )	5,169	-	(4,225 )	-	-		
Compensatory stock issuances	109,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Amortization of deferred stock-based compensation costs	-	-	235	-	-	-	-	235		
Purchase of treasury stock	-	-	-	(196 )	-	-	-	(196 )		
Redemption and retirement of shares	(16,569,902)	-	(82,500 )	182,642	-	(182,642)	-	(82,500)		
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	23,034	(572 )	22,462		
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax	-	-	-	-	1,162	-	-	1,162		
Balance at September 30, 2012	15,419,179	\$-	\$ 211,037	\$-	\$ (1,095 )	\$(192,090)	\$ (361 )	\$ 17,491		

See accompanying notes.

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CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)  
(Dollars in thousands)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 22,462	\$ 131,933
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion, net	2,193	5,698
Losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	81,693	117,209
Provision for losses on loans and fees receivable	16,402	17,550
Accretion of discount on convertible senior notes	2,287	5,112
Stock-based compensation expense	235	2,337
Unrealized gain on loans and fees receivable and underlying notes payable held at fair value	(57,754 )	(83,657 )
Other-than-temporary declines in investments in non-marketable debt securities	-	5,330
Unrealized loss on securities	287	358
Gain on repurchase of convertible senior notes	-	(607 )
Income from equity-method investments	(9,912 )	(28,757 )
Gain on buy-out of equity-method investee members	-	(619 )
Net gain on sale of subsidiary operations	(49,579 )	(101,359 )
Changes in assets and liabilities, exclusive of business acquisitions:		
Decrease (increase) in uncollected fees on earning assets	15,905	(9,862 )
Decrease in JRAS auto loans receivable	3,481	10,702
Decrease in deferred costs	409	-
Increase in income tax liability	2,294	39
Decrease in prepaid expenses	606	8,058
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(5,087 )	14,017
Other	707	(278 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	26,629	93,204
Investing activities		
Decrease in restricted cash	9,602	12,349
Investment in equity-method investees	(1,354 )	(34,336 )
Proceeds from equity-method investees	20,310	17,553
Investments in earning assets	(190,141 )	(562,253 )
Proceeds from earning assets	230,177	763,819
Investments in subsidiaries	(3,514 )	-
Net cash associated with newly acquired consolidated subsidiaries	-	1,025
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary operations	99,029	147,449
Purchases and development of property, net of disposals	(1,909 )	(1,390 )
Net cash provided by investing activities	162,200	344,216
Financing activities		
Noncontrolling interests contributions, net	-	600
Purchase of outstanding stock subject to tender offer	(82,500 )	(105,000 )

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Purchase of treasury stock	(196 )	(1,714 )
Purchases of noncontrolling interests	-	(4,067 )
Proceeds from borrowings	18,578	9,697
Repayment of borrowings	(221,914 )	(306,127 )
Net cash used in financing activities	(286,032 )	(406,611 )
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	215	986
Net (decrease) increase in unrestricted cash	(96,988 )	31,795
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	144,913	85,350
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 47,925	\$ 117,145
Supplemental cash flow information		
Unrestricted cash included in assets held for sale	\$ -	\$ 11,149
Cash paid for interest	\$ 25,596	\$ 29,894
Net cash income tax payments	\$ 52	\$ 5,891
Supplemental non-cash information		
Notes payable associated with capital leases	\$ 218	\$ -

See accompanying notes.

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CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and Subsidiaries  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
September 30, 2012

1. Basis of Presentation

We have prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements. They do include, however, all normal recurring adjustments we consider necessary to fairly state our results for the interim periods.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Certain estimates, such as credit losses, payment rates, costs of funds, discount rates and yields earned on credit card receivables significantly affect the reported amount of two categories of credit card receivables that we report at fair value and our notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value, as reported on our consolidated balance sheets; these estimates likewise affect our changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value and changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value categories within our fees and related income on earning assets line item on our consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, estimates of future credit losses on our loans and fees receivable that we report at net realizable value, rather than fair value, significantly affect two categories of such loans and fees receivable, net, that we show on our consolidated balance sheets, as well as the provision for losses on loans and fees receivable within our consolidated statements of operations. Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 are not indicative of what our results will be for the year ending December 31, 2012.

In August 2012, we completed a transaction to sell to Flexpoint Fund II, L.P. for \$130.5 million our Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, including its balance transfer card operations, the credit card receivables (and underlying activities) of which were historically reflected within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment. As necessitated by this sale transaction, we have reclassified certain amounts in our prior period consolidated financial statements to conform to our current period discontinued operations presentation.

We also have eliminated all significant intercompany balances and transactions for financial reporting purposes.

2. Significant Accounting Policies and Consolidated Financial Statement Components

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies we use to prepare our consolidated financial statements, as well as a description of significant components of our consolidated financial statements.

**Loans and Fees Receivable, Net.** Our two categories of loans and fees receivable, net, currently consist of receivables carried at net realizable value (1) associated with (a) U.K. credit card and U.S. private label merchant and other credit products currently being marketed within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment and (b) our Auto Finance segment’s CAR and JRAS operations (all the aforementioned being labeled in loans and fees receivable, net), and (2) associated with our former ACC auto finance business, which is separately labeled as pledged as collateral for a non-recourse asset-backed structured financing facility. Our loans and fees receivable generally are unsecured; however, our auto finance loans are secured by the underlying automobiles in which we hold the vehicle title.



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The components of our aggregated categories of loans and fees receivable, net (in millions) for reporting periods relevant to this report are as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2011	Additions	Subtractions	Assets Sold	Balance at September 30, 2012
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$119.3	\$137.9	\$(146.0)	\$(18.6)	\$92.6
Deferred revenue	(8.0)	(20.0)	19.4	\$-	(8.6)
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable	(14.7)	(16.4)	12.7	\$3.6	(14.8)
Loans and fees receivable, net	\$96.6	\$101.5	\$(113.9)	\$(15.0)	\$69.2

	Balance at December 31, 2010	Additions	Subtractions	Transfer to Assets Held for Sale	Balance at September 30, 2011
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$227.7	\$317.5	\$(376.2)	\$(42.3)	\$126.7
Deferred revenue	(20.5)	(33.3)	38.2	5.8	(9.8)
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable	(37.6)	(7.1)	24.5	4.0	(16.2)
Loans and fees receivable, net	\$169.6	\$277.1	\$(313.5)	\$(32.5)	\$100.7

As of September 30, 2012 and 2011, the weighted average remaining accretion periods for the \$8.6 million and \$9.8 million, respectively, of deferred revenue reflected in the above tables were 12.6 and 15.5 months, respectively.

A roll-forward of our allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable, net (in millions) by category of loans and fees receivable is as follows:

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable:					
Balance at beginning of period	\$(10.5)	\$(0.2)	\$(4.5)	\$(1.8)	\$(17.0)
Provision for loan losses (includes \$0.7 million of provision netted within income from discontinued operations)	(4.1)	(0.5)	(0.3)	(1.2)	(6.1)
Charge offs	3.4	0.3	1.4	0.4	5.5
Recoveries	(0.1)	-	(0.7)	-	(0.8)
Sale of Assets	3.6	-	-	-	3.6
Balance at end of period	\$(7.7)	\$(0.4)	\$(4.1)	\$(2.6)	\$(14.8)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable:					
Balance at beginning of period	\$(4.0)	\$(1.1)	\$(8.4)	\$(1.2)	\$(14.7)
Provision for loan losses (includes \$2.6 million of provision netted within income	(13.0)	(2.3)	1.0	(2.1)	(16.4)

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from discontinued operations)

Charge offs	6.4	3.0	6.1	0.7	16.2
Recoveries	(0.7 )	-	(2.8 )	-	(3.5 )
Sale of Assets	3.6	-	-	-	3.6
Balance at end of period	\$(7.7 )	\$(0.4 )	\$(4.1 )	\$(2.6 )	\$(14.8 )
Balance at end of period individually evaluated for impairment	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Balance at end of period collectively evaluated for impairment	\$(7.7 )	\$(0.4 )	\$(4.1 )	\$(2.6 )	\$(14.8 )
Loans and fees receivable:					
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$9.9	\$ 1.2	\$68.4	\$13.1	\$92.6
Loans and fees receivable individually evaluated for impairment	\$-	\$-	\$0.1	\$-	\$0.1
Loans and fees receivable collectively evaluated for impairment	\$9.9	\$ 1.2	\$68.3	\$13.1	\$92.5

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For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2011	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable:					
Balance at beginning of period	\$(2.8 )	\$(0.8 )	\$(15.0 )	\$(0.4 )	\$(19.0 )
Provision for loan losses (includes \$1.1 million of provision netted within income from discontinued operations)	(1.3 )	(0.9 )	1.2	(0.2 )	(1.2 )
Charge offs	0.8	0.9	4.1	-	5.8
Recoveries	(0.2 )	-	(1.6 )	-	(1.8 )
Transfer to assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of period	\$(3.5 )	\$(0.8 )	\$(11.3 )	\$(0.6 )	\$(16.2 )
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
Allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable:					
Balance at beginning of period	\$(4.0 )	\$(5.2 )	\$(28.3 )	\$(0.1 )	\$(37.6 )
Provision for loan losses (includes \$7.4 million of provision netted within income from discontinued operations)	(2.5 )	(7.1 )	3.0	(0.5 )	(7.1 )
Charge offs	3.8	7.9	18.6	-	30.3
Recoveries	(0.8 )	(0.4 )	(5.3 )	-	(6.5 )
Transfer to assets held for sale	-	4.0	-	-	4.0
Sale of assets	-	-	0.7	-	0.7
Balance at end of period	\$(3.5 )	\$(0.8 )	\$(11.3 )	\$(0.6 )	\$(16.2 )
Balance at end of period individually evaluated for impairment	\$-	\$-	\$(0.3 )	\$-	\$(0.3 )
Balance at end of period collectively evaluated for impairment	\$(3.5 )	\$(0.8 )	\$(11.0 )	\$(0.6 )	\$(15.9 )
Loans and fees receivable:					
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$18.6	\$2.2	\$103.5	\$2.4	\$126.7
Loans and fees receivable individually evaluated for impairment	\$-	\$-	\$0.6	\$-	\$0.6
Loans and fees receivable collectively evaluated for impairment	\$18.6	\$2.2	\$102.9	\$2.4	\$126.1

The components (in millions) of loans and fees receivable, net as of the date of each of our consolidated balance sheets are as follows:

	As of September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Current loans receivable	\$74.3	\$100.9
Current fees receivable	1.4	1.9
Delinquent loans and fees receivable	16.9	16.5



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Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$92.6	\$119.3
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Delinquent loans and fees receivable reflect the principal, fee and interest components of loans that we did not collect on the contractual due date. Amounts we believe we will not ultimately collect are included as a component in our overall allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable and typically are charged off 180 days from the point they become delinquent for our auto finance, credit card and private label merchant credit receivables, or sooner if facts and circumstances earlier indicate non-collectability. Recoveries on accounts previously charged off are credited to the allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable and effectively offset our provision for loan losses in our accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

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An aging of our delinquent loans and fees receivable, gross (in millions) as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

As of September 30, 2012	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
30-59 days past due	\$0.7	\$ 0.1	\$5.4	\$0.5	\$6.7
60-89 days past due	1.0	0.2	2.0	0.3	3.5
Greater than 90 days past due	4.2	0.2	1.6	0.7	6.7
Delinquent loans and fees receivable, gross	5.9	0.5	9.0	1.5	16.9
Current loans and fees receivable, gross	4.0	0.7	59.4	11.6	75.7
Total loans and fees receivable, gross	\$9.9	\$ 1.2	\$68.4	\$13.1	\$92.6
Balance of loans greater than 90-days delinquent still accruing interest and fees	\$-	\$ -	\$0.5	\$-	\$0.5

As of December 31, 2011	Credit Cards	Micro-Loans	Auto Finance	Other	Total
30-59 days past due	\$0.8	\$ 0.7	\$6.9	\$-	\$8.4
60-89 days past due	0.7	0.6	2.5	-	3.8
Greater than 90 days past due	1.5	0.9	1.9	-	4.3
Delinquent loans and fees receivable, gross	3.0	2.2	11.3	-	16.5
Current loans and fees receivable, gross	17.5	0.9	80.2	4.2	102.8
Total loans and fees receivable, gross	\$20.5	\$ 3.1	\$91.5	\$4.2	\$119.3
Balance of loans greater than 90-days delinquent still accruing interest and fees	\$-	\$ -	\$1.3	\$-	\$1.3

## Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables

The following table shows (in thousands) a roll-forward of our investments in previously charged-off receivables activities:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Unrecovered balance at beginning of period	\$59,489	\$31,280	\$37,110	\$29,889
Acquisitions of defaulted accounts	1,258	19,191	47,958	38,675
Cash collections	(9,976 )	(20,948 )	(62,614 )	(60,804 )
Cost-recovery method income recognized on defaulted accounts (included as a component of discontinued operations on our consolidated statements of operations)	4,833	10,295	33,150	32,058
Sale of unrecovered balance	(55,604 )	-	(55,604 )	-
Unrecovered balance at end of period	\$-	\$39,818	\$-	\$39,818

In August 2012, we completed a transaction to sell to Flexpoint Fund II, L.P. for \$130.5 million our Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, including its balance transfer card operations, the credit card receivables (and underlying activities) of which were historically reflected within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment. The sales price included (1) \$119.7 million (cash of \$106.7 million and a note receivable of \$13.0 million) at closing, of which \$5.4 million in cash and up to an additional \$4.6 million in potential repayments of the note receivable or proceeds from any potential sale of the note receivable will be held in escrow for 12 months following the closing date of the transaction to satisfy certain indemnification provisions, and (2) an additional \$10.8

million in cash that we may receive if certain performance targets are met by December 31, 2014. The \$10.8 million of additional contingent consideration will be recognized into income upon the achievement of the performance targets. Our basis in the net assets that were included in the sale was \$67.0 million resulting in a gain on sale (after related expenses) of \$49.6 million, which is reported within our income from discontinued operations category on our consolidated statements of operations.

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## Investments in Securities

The carrying values (in thousands) of our investments in debt and equity securities (excluding those investments for which we use equity-method accounting) are as follows:

	September 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
Held to maturity:		
Investments in non-marketable debt securities	\$ 70	\$ 93
Available for sale:		
Investments in non-marketable equity securities	1,941	2,075
Investments in non-marketable debt securities	4,204	3,884
Trading:		
Investments in marketable equity securities	-	151
Total investments in securities	\$ 6,215	\$ 6,203

## Investments in Equity-Method Investees

We account for investments using the equity method of accounting if we have the ability to exercise significant influence, but not control, over the investees. Significant influence is generally deemed to exist if we have an ownership interest in the voting stock of an incorporated investee of between 20% and 50%, although other factors, such as representation on an investee's board of managers, specific voting and veto rights held by each investor and the effects of commercial arrangements, are considered in determining whether equity method accounting is appropriate. We use the equity method for our investments in a limited liability company formed in 2004 to acquire a portfolio of credit card receivables. We also use the equity method to account for our March 2011 investment to acquire a 50.0% interest in a joint venture with an unrelated third party that purchased all (\$164.0 million in face amount) of the outstanding notes issued out of the structured financing trust underlying our U.K. portfolio of credit card receivables (the "U.K. Portfolio") for a discounted purchase price of \$64.5 million in cash, a price that the joint venture partners determined to be attractive based on a discounted cash flow analysis of the remaining expected payments on the notes (all of which were allocable to the class "A" portion of the outstanding notes given that no payments were expected associated with the class "B" portion of the outstanding notes thereby rendering them worthless). At the time of their acquisition by the joint venture, we carried the notes as a liability on our consolidated balance sheet at their fair value of \$98.7 million. The 50.0%-owned joint venture elected to account for its investment in the U.K. Portfolio structured financing notes at their fair value, and it recognized a \$34.2 million gain (of which our 50% share represented \$17.1 million) in the three months ended March 31, 2011 equal to the excess of the fair value of the notes at that date over the joint venture's discounted purchase price of the notes. We record our respective interests in the income of our equity-method investees within the equity in income of equity-method investees category on our consolidated statements of operations.

## Income Taxes

Computed considering results for only our continuing operations before income taxes, our effective income tax benefit rate was 25.5% and 28.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, versus our negative effective income tax benefit rate of 15.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and our positive effective income tax expense rate of 34.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. We have experienced no material changes in effective tax rates associated with differences in filing jurisdictions, and the variations in our effective tax rates between the periods principally bear the effects of (1) changes in valuation allowances against income

statement-oriented federal, foreign and state deferred tax assets, (2) variations in the level of our pre-tax income among the different reporting periods relative to the level of our permanent differences within such periods, and (3) the effects on our interim financial reporting results of intra-period tax allocations associated with our discontinued operations as required under GAAP. Computed without regard to the effects of the valuation allowance changes, our effective tax rates would have been a positive 24.8% and a positive 28.5% benefit rate in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to a positive 9.5% benefit rate and a positive 99.1% expense rate, in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

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We recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. We recognized \$0.6 million and \$1.5 million in potential interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. To the extent such interest and penalties are not assessed as a result of a resolution of the underlying tax position, amounts accrued are reduced and reflected as a reduction of income tax expense. We recognized no such reductions in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

## Fees and Related Income on Earning Assets

The components (in thousands) of our fees and related income on earning assets are as follows:

	For the Three Months September 30,		For the Nine Months September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Fees on credit products	\$5,316	\$2,566	\$12,310	\$7,332
Changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value (1)	10,742	46,646	93,613	166,164
Changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value	(10,469 )	(29,538 )	(35,859 )	(82,507 )
Gains on investments in securities	285	(5,418 )	49	(5,277 )
Loss on sale of JRAS assets	-	-	-	(4,648 )
Other	(2,171 )	499	(2,112 )	1,213
Total fees and related income on earning assets	\$3,703	\$14,755	\$68,001	\$82,277

(1)The above changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value category excludes the impact of charge offs associated with these receivables which are separately stated on our consolidated statements of operations. See Note 7, "Fair values of Assets and Liabilities," for further discussion of these receivables and their effects on our consolidated statements of operations.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued proposed guidance that requires enhanced disclosures for reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). The proposed disclosures would require an entity to break the current period changes in the accumulated balances for each component of other comprehensive income into two categories—amounts reclassified out of AOCI, and everything else. Additional disclosures would be required displaying significant items reclassified out of each component of AOCI, including (1) the line items impacted for those items being reclassified into earnings and (2) a cross-reference to the financial statement notes where further discussion is contained for those items not reclassified into earnings. A final rule is expected prior to year end.

In December 2011, the FASB issued guidance requiring entities to disclose information about offsetting and related arrangements to enable users of financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on an entity's financial position. The amendments require enhanced disclosures by requiring improved information about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are either (1) offset in accordance with current literature or (2) subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement, irrespective of whether they are offset in accordance with current literature. The guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after January 1, 2013. This standard will become effective for us beginning March 2013, and the disclosures are to

be applied retrospectively for all comparative periods presented. We currently are evaluating the impact of this new guidance.

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In May 2011, the FASB issued amended guidance on fair value that is intended to provide a converged fair value framework for U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The amended guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and IFRS. While the amended guidance continues to define fair value as an exit price, it changes some fair value measurement principles and expands the existing disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. The amended guidance is effective for public entities for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. The new guidance requires prospective application and disclosure in the period of adoption of the change, if any, in valuation techniques and related inputs resulting from application of the amendments and quantification of the total effect, if practicable. We adopted the amended guidance in the first quarter of 2012 which had no material impacts on our consolidated statements of operations.

## Subsequent Events

We evaluate subsequent events that occur after our consolidated balance sheet date but before our consolidated financial statements are issued. There are two types of subsequent events: (1) recognized, or those that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements; and (2) nonrecognized, or those that provide evidence with respect to conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose subsequent to that date. We have evaluated subsequent events occurring after September 30, 2012, and based on our evaluation, we did not identify any recognized or nonrecognized subsequent events that would have required further adjustments to our consolidated financial statements.

## 3. Discontinued Operations

In April, 2011 and October, 2011, respectively, we sold our U.K. Internet micro-loan subsidiaries and our retail micro-loans subsidiaries; additionally, in August 2012 we sold our Investments in Previously Charged-Off receivables segment along with our balance transfer card operations. Accordingly, their results of operations are shown as discontinued operations within our consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. Key components of discontinued operations on our consolidated statements of operations are as follows:

	For the Three Months September 30,		For the Nine Months September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$5,772	\$27,363	\$37,137	\$103,559
Gain on sale of assets	\$49,579	-	\$49,579	103,706
Other operating expense	5,200	21,196	25,415	74,565
Income before income taxes	50,151	6,167	61,301	132,700
Income tax expense	(5,353 )	(42 )	(12,737 )	(4,142 )
Net income	\$44,798	\$6,125	\$48,564	\$128,558
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,131

There were no assets held for sale on either our September 30, 2012 or December 31, 2011 consolidated balance sheets.



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## 4. Segment Reporting

We operate primarily within one industry consisting of two reportable segments by which we manage our business. Our two reportable segments are: Credit Cards and Other Investments and Auto Finance. Due to the 2011 sales of our Retail and U.K.-based Internet micro-loans operations and our August 2012 sale of our Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, we have eliminated segment reporting for our former Retail Micro-Loans, Internet Micro-Loans and Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segments. Additionally, we have renamed our Credit Card segment as the Credit Cards and Other Investments segment to encompass ancillary investments and product offerings that are largely start-up in nature and do not qualify for separate segment reporting. All prior period data have been reclassified to this new current period presentation.

Summary operating segment information (in thousands) is as follows:

	Credit Cards and Other Investments	Auto Finance	Total
Three Months Ended September 30, 2012			
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$ (1,490 )	\$ 4,001	\$ 2,511
Total other operating income	\$ 1,784	\$ 144	\$ 1,928
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (15,660 )	\$ (150 )	\$ (15,810 )
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$ 24,143	\$ 68,372	\$ 92,515
Loans and fees receivable, net	\$ 11,645	\$ 57,522	\$ 69,167
Loans and fees receivable held at fair value	\$ 187,692	\$ -	\$ 187,692
Total assets	\$ 340,106	\$ 66,506	\$ 406,612

	Credit Cards and Other Investments	Auto Finance	Total
Three Months Ended September 30, 2011			
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$ 3,131	\$ 8,300	\$ 11,431
Total other operating income	\$ 8,834	\$ 130	\$ 8,964
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (7,293 )	\$ 3,209	\$ (4,084 )
Loans and fees receivable, gross	\$ 23,172	\$ 103,548	\$ 126,720
Loans and fees receivable, net	\$ 18,079	\$ 82,629	\$ 100,708
Loans and fees receivable held at fair value	\$ 310,815	\$ -	\$ 310,815
Total assets	\$ 618,566	\$ 92,272	\$ 710,838

	Credit Cards and Other Investments	Auto Finance	Total
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$ 449	\$ 15,217	\$ 15,666
Total other operating income	\$ 14,717	\$ 450	\$ 15,167
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (37,292 )	\$ 799	\$ (36,493 )

	Credit Cards and Other Investments	Auto Finance	Total
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011			

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Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$27,631	\$19,872	\$47,503
Total other operating income	\$36,860	\$386	\$37,246
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$2,377	\$2,741	\$5,118

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## 5. Shareholders' Equity

Pursuant to the closing of a tender offer in September 2012, we repurchased 8,250,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$82.5 million. These shares were retired contemporaneously with the repurchase transaction. Additionally, during the three months ended March 31, 2012, we retired all of our common shares held in treasury, thereby resulting in a \$182.6 million charge to retained deficit in that period. Lastly, pursuant to the closing of a tender offer in April 2011, we repurchased 13,125,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$8.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$105.0 million, and those shares were retired. We exclude all retired shares from our outstanding share counts.

Prior to the retirement of common shares held in treasury during the three months ended March 31, 2012, we periodically reissued such shares to satisfy exercised options and vested restricted stock. We reissued 154,815 of such shares at gross costs of \$5.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012, and we reissued 10,000 and 732,567 of such shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, at gross costs of \$0.3 million and \$24.5 million, respectively. Also prior to the retirement of common shares held in treasury during the three months ended March 31, 2012, we effectively repurchased treasury shares by having employees who were exercising options or vesting in their restricted stock grants exchange a portion of their stock for payment of required minimum tax withholdings. Such repurchases totaled 36,538 shares during the three months ended March 31, 2012 at gross costs of \$0.2 million, and this compares to such repurchases of 3,245 and 206,504 shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, at gross costs of \$0.008 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

We had 1,672,656 loaned shares outstanding at September 30, 2012, which were originally lent in connection with our December 2005 issuance of convertible senior notes.

## 6. Investments in Equity-Method Investees

Our equity-method investments outstanding at September 30, 2012 consist of our interests (aggregating 50%) in a joint venture that was formed in 2004 to purchase a credit card receivables portfolio and our 50.0% interest in a joint venture that purchased in March 2011 the outstanding notes issued out of our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust. The latter 50%-owned joint venture elected to account for its investment in the U.K. Portfolio structured financing notes at their fair value, and it recognized a \$34.2 million gain (of which our 50% share represented \$17.1 million) in the three months ended March 31, 2011 equal to the excess of the fair value of the notes at that date over the joint venture's discounted purchase price of the notes.

In January 2011, we acquired an additional 47.5% interest in a then 47.5%-owned equity-method investee which we had historically accounted for under the equity method of accounting, thereby bringing our aggregate interest in this entity to a 95.0% ownership threshold and leading us to conclude that we should consolidate the assets and liabilities of this entity within our consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, we acquired the remaining 5.0% noncontrolling interest in this entity in April 2011 to bring our total ownership to 100%.

In the following tables, we summarize (in thousands) combined balance sheet and results of operations data for our equity-method investees:

	As of	
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	\$58,406	\$78,413
Investments in non-marketable debt securities, at fair value	\$55,967	\$81,639
Total assets	\$128,598	\$167,898

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Notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value	\$35,513	\$59,515
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$35,811</b>	<b>\$59,909</b>
Members' capital	\$92,787	\$107,989

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$ 695	\$ 15,331	\$ 22,066	\$ 59,532
Total other operating income	\$ (618 )	\$ 119	\$ 311	\$ 266
Net (loss) income	\$ (569 )	\$ 14,517	\$ 20,135	\$ 56,142

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As noted above, the above tables include our aforementioned 50.0% interest in the joint venture that purchased in March 2011 the outstanding notes issued out of our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust. Separate financial data for this entity are as follows:

	As of	
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Investments in non-marketable debt securities, at fair value	\$55,967	\$81,639
Total assets	\$56,490	\$83,210
Total liabilities	\$-	\$-
Members' capital	\$56,490	\$83,210

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net interest income, fees and related income on earning assets	\$2,081	\$8,761	\$6,638	\$53,203
Net income	\$2,069	\$8,787	\$6,593	\$53,115

As noted in Note 8, "Convertible Senior Notes and Notes Payable," notes payable with a fair value of \$56.0 million correspond with the \$56.0 million investment in non-marketable debt securities, at fair value held by our equity-method investee as noted in the above table.

## 7. Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities

## Valuations and Techniques for Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. For our assets measured on a recurring basis at fair value, the table below summarizes (in thousands) fair values and carrying amounts as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 by fair value hierarchy:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Carrying Amount of Assets Measured at Fair Value
Assets – As of September 30, 2012				
Investment securities—trading	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loans and fees receivable, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,285	\$ 19,285
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,407	\$ 168,407

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Carrying Amount of Assets Measured at Fair Value

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Assets – As of December 31, 2011	Markets for Identical			Value
	Assets (Level 1)	(Level 2)	Inputs (Level 3)	
Investment securities—trading	\$ 151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151
Loans and fees receivable, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,226	\$ 28,226
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 238,763	\$ 238,763

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Gains and losses associated with fair value changes for the above asset classes are detailed on our fees and related income on earning assets table within Note 2, "Significant Accounting Policies and Consolidated Financial Statement Components." Total realized net losses on our investment securities—trading were \$0.6 million for both three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, compared to \$0.0 million and \$0.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively, all of which are included as a component of fees and related income on earning assets on our consolidated statements of operations. For our loans and fees receivable included in the above table, which represent liquidating portfolios closed to any possible re-pricing, we assess the fair value of these assets based on our estimate of future cash flows net of servicing costs, and to the extent that such cash flow estimates change from period to period, any such changes are considered to be attributable to changes in instrument-specific credit risk.

For our Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs, the following table presents (in thousands) a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

	Loans and Fees Receivable, at Fair Value	Receivable Pledged as Collateral under Structured Financings, at Fair Value	Total
Balance at January 1, 2011	\$ 12,437	\$ 373,155	\$ 385,592
Transfers in due to consolidation of equity-method investees	-	14,587	14,587
Total gains—realized/unrealized:			
Net revaluations of loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	-	154,811	154,811
Net revaluations of loans and fees receivable, at fair value	11,353	-	11,353
Settlements, net	(18,095 )	(238,378 )	(256,473 )
Impact of foreign currency translation	-	945	945
Net transfers between categories	29,305	(29,305 )	-
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Balance at September 30, 2011	\$ 35,000	\$ 275,815	\$ 310,815
Balance at January 1, 2012	\$ 28,226	\$ 238,763	\$ 266,989
Transfers in due to consolidation of equity-method investees	-	-	-
Total gains—realized/unrealized:			
Net revaluations of loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	-	83,041	83,041
Net revaluations of loans and fees receivable, at fair value	10,572	-	10,572
Settlements, net	(19,513 )	(156,730 )	(176,243 )
Impact of foreign currency translation	-	3,333	3,333
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$ 19,285	\$ 168,407	\$ 187,692

The unrealized gains and losses for assets within the Level 3 category presented in the tables above include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable and unobservable inputs. We provide below a brief description of the

valuation techniques used for Level 3 assets.

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Net Revaluation of Loans and Fees Receivable. We record the net revaluation of loans and fees receivable (including those pledged as collateral) in the fees and related income on earning assets category in our consolidated statements of operations, specifically as changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value. The net revaluation of loans and fees receivable is based on the present value of future cash flows using a valuation model of expected cash flows and the estimated cost to service and collect those cash flows. We estimate the present value of these future cash flows using a valuation model consisting of internally developed estimates of assumptions third-party market participants would use in determining fair value, including estimates of net collected yield, principal payment rates, expected principal credit loss rates, costs of funds, discount rates and servicing costs.

For Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs, the following table presents (in thousands) quantitative information about the valuation techniques and the inputs used in the fair value measurement for the period ended September 30, 2012:

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements				
Fair value measurements	Fair Value at September 30, 2012  (in thousands)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)(1)
Loans and fees receivable, at fair value	\$ 19,285	Discounted cash flows	Gross yield	21.5 %
			Principal payment rate	3.0 %
			Expected credit loss rate	12.5 %
			Servicing rate	7.5 %
			Discount rate	16.0 %
Loans and fees receivable pledged as collateral under structured financings, at fair value	\$ 168,407	Discounted cash flows	Gross yield	11.2% to 24.8% (17.9%)
			Principal payment rate	1.6% to 5.2% (2.3%)
			Expected credit loss rate	11.0% to 23.4% (18.9%)
			Servicing rate	5.1% to 10.7% (5.9%)
			Discount rate	16.0% to 16.2% (16.0%)

(1) Our loans and fees receivable, at fair value consist of a single portfolio with one set of assumptions. As such, no range is given.

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## Valuations and Techniques for Liabilities

Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the liability. For our liabilities measured at fair value, the table below summarizes (in thousands) fair values and carrying amounts as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 by fair value hierarchy:

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)			Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Carrying Amount of Liabilities Measured at Fair Value
Liabilities						
Liabilities not measured at fair value on a recurring basis						
5.875% Convertible Senior Notes as of September 30, 2012	\$ -	\$ 55,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,744	
Liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis						
Interest rate swap underlying CAR facility as of September 30, 2012	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 198	
Economic sharing arrangement liability as of September 30, 2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 996	\$ -	\$ 996	
Notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value as of September 30, 2012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 167,521	\$ -	\$ 167,521	
Notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value as of December 31, 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 241,755	\$ -	\$ 241,755	

Gains and losses associated with fair value changes for the above liabilities are detailed on our fees and related income on earning assets table within Note 2, "Significant Accounting Policies and Consolidated Financial Statement Components." For our 5.875% Convertible Senior Notes, we assess fair value based upon the most recent trade data available from a third-party provider. For our interest rate swap, into which we entered in March 2012, we assess fair value based on quotes for an identically termed swap arrangement at the end of each measurement period from a third-party provider. The interest rate swap effectively fixes our interest rate to 4.75% from LIBOR plus 4.0% for \$20.0 million of the underlying CAR facility. Additionally, through an agreement with our now-divested Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, we are obligated to remit net cash flows associated with certain balance transfer card receivables that we retained subsequent to sale of the entity. We assess fair value of this obligation based on the present value of future cash flows using a valuation model of expected cash flows related to these specific receivables. For our notes payable associated with our structured financings of liquidating portfolios of credit card receivables, we assess the fair value of these liabilities based on our estimate of future cash flows generated from their underlying credit card receivables collateral, net of servicing compensation required under the note facilities, and to the extent that such cash flow estimates change from period to period, any such changes are considered to be attributable to changes in instrument-specific credit risk. We do not include the fair value of our Auto Finance segment debt as it is not practicable to do so. We are limited in our ability to estimate the fair value for these financial instruments due to the unique nature of their underlying collateral receivables and the lack of a comparable peer group.

For Level 3 liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs, the following table presents (in thousands) a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011:

	Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Fair Value	
	2012	2011
Beginning balance, January 1	\$241,755	\$370,544
Transfers in due to consolidation of equity-method investees	-	15,537
Total (gains) losses—realized/unrealized:		
Net revaluations of notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value	35,859	82,507
Repayments on outstanding notes payable, net	(113,144 )	(192,049 )
Impact of foreign currency translation	3,051	1,254
Net transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-
Ending balance, September 30	\$167,521	\$277,793

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The unrealized gains and losses for liabilities within the Level 3 category presented in the tables above include changes in fair value that are attributable to both observable and unobservable inputs. We provide below a brief description of the valuation techniques used for Level 3 liabilities.

Net Revaluation of Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Fair Value. We record the net revaluations of notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value, in the changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings line item within the fees and related income on earning assets category of our consolidated statements of operations. The net revaluation of these notes is based on the present value of future cash flows utilized in repayment of the outstanding principal and interest under the facilities using a valuation model of expected cash flows net of the contractual service expenses within the facilities. We estimate the present value of these future cash flows using a valuation model consisting of internally developed estimates of assumptions third-party market participants would use in determining fair value, including: estimates of net collected yield, principal payment rates and expected principal credit loss rates on the credit card receivables that secure the non-recourse notes payable; costs of funds; discount rates; and contractual servicing fees.

For Level 3 liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs, the following table presents (in thousands) quantitative information about the valuation techniques and the inputs used in the fair value measurement for the period ended September 30, 2012:

## Quantitative information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurements	Fair Value		Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
	at September 30, 2012 (in thousands)	Valuation Technique		
Notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value	\$167,521	Discounted cash flows	Gross yield	11.2% to 24.8% (17.9%)
			Principal payment rate	1.6% to 5.2% (2.3%)
			Expected credit loss rate	11.0% to 23.4% (18.9%)
			Discount rate	6.2% to 16.4% (15.8%)

## Other Relevant Data

Other relevant data (in thousands) as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 concerning our assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

As of September 30, 2012	Loans and Fees Receivable Pledged as Collateral under Structured Financings at Fair Value	
	Loans and Fees Receivable at Fair Value	Loans and Fees Receivable Pledged as Collateral under Structured Financings at Fair Value
Aggregate unpaid principal balance within loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value	\$ 23,884	\$ 221,954
	\$ 19,285	\$ 168,407

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Aggregate fair value of loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value

Aggregate fair value of receivables carried at fair value that are 90 days or more past due (which also coincides with finance charge and fee non-accrual policies)	\$ 44	\$ 1,489
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Aggregate excess of balance of unpaid principal receivables within loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value and are 90 days or more past due (which also coincides with finance charge and fee non-accrual policies) over the fair value of such loans and fees receivable	\$ 1,263	\$ 9,603
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As of December 31, 2011	Loans and Fees Receivable at Fair Value	Loans and Fees Receivable Pledged as Collateral under Structured Financings at Fair Value
Aggregate unpaid principal balance within loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value	\$ 37,272	\$ 367,227
Aggregate fair value of loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value	\$ 28,226	\$ 238,763
Aggregate fair value of receivables carried at fair value that are 90 days or more past due (which also coincides with finance charge and fee non-accrual policies)	\$ 66	\$ 1,041
Aggregate excess of balance of unpaid principal receivables within loans and fees receivable that are reported at fair value and are 90 days or more past due (which also coincides with finance charge and fee non-accrual policies) over the fair value of such loans and fees receivable	\$ 3,004	\$ 28,359
	Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Fair Value as of September 30, 2012	Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Fair Value as of December 31, 2011
Notes Payable		
Aggregate unpaid principal balance of notes payable	\$ 310,205	\$ 420,936
Aggregate fair value of notes payable	\$ 167,521	\$ 241,755

## 8. Convertible Senior Notes and Notes Payable

## Convertible Senior Notes

In May 2005, we issued \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.625% convertible senior notes due 2025 (“3.625% convertible senior notes”), and in November 2005, we issued \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2035 (“5.875% convertible senior notes”). These notes (net of repurchases since the issuance dates) are reflected within convertible senior notes on our consolidated balance sheets. In May of 2012, substantially all of the investors in our 3.625% convertible senior notes exercised then-existing put rights, under which we repaid \$83.5 million in face amount of such notes outstanding at par. The following summarizes (in thousands) components of our consolidated balance sheets associated with our convertible senior notes:

	As of September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Face amount of 3.625% convertible senior notes due 2025	\$ 450	\$ 83,943
Face amount of 5.875% convertible senior notes due 2035	139,467	139,467
Discount	(44,723 )	(47,010 )

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Net carrying value	\$	95,194	\$	176,400
Carrying amount of equity component included in additional paid-in capital	\$	108,714	\$	108,714
Excess of instruments' if-converted values over face principal amounts	\$	-	\$	-

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We are amortizing the discount to the face amount of the notes into interest expense over the expected life of the notes (which ended May 2012 for our 3.625% convertible senior notes). Amortization for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 totaled \$0.2 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, compared to \$1.5 million and \$5.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. Actual incurred interest (based on the contractual interest rates within the two convertible senior notes series) totaled \$2.0 million and \$7.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to \$3.1 million and \$9.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. We will amortize the discount remaining at September 30, 2012 into interest expense over the expected term of the 5.875% convertible senior notes (currently expected to be October 2035). The weighted average effective interest rate for the 3.625% and 5.875% notes is 9.2% for all periods presented.

In open market transactions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, we repurchased \$6.0 million and \$39.6 million in face amount of our 3.625% notes for \$5.7 million and \$37.0 million (inclusive of transaction costs and accrued interest through the date of our repurchase of the notes), respectively, thereby resulting in the recognition of an aggregate gain during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million (net of the notes' applicable share of deferred costs and debt discount, which were recovered in connection with the purchases). We did not repurchase in the open market any of our convertible senior notes during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2012.

## Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Fair Value

As of September 30, 2012, (1) the carrying amounts of structured financing notes secured by our credit card receivables and reported at fair value, (2) the outstanding face amounts of structured financing notes secured by our credit card receivables and reported at fair value, and (3) the carrying amounts of the credit card receivables and restricted cash that provide the exclusive means of repayment for the notes (i.e., lenders have recourse only to the specific credit card receivables and restricted cash underlying each respective facility and cannot look to our general credit for repayment) are scheduled (in millions) along with comparable December 31, 2011 carrying amounts as follows:

	Carrying Amounts at Fair Value as of	
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Amortizing securitization facility issued out of our upper-tier originated portfolio master trust (expiring June 2013), outstanding face amount of \$217.7 million bearing interest at a weighted average 3.3% interest rate, which is secured by credit card receivables and restricted cash aggregating \$110.4 million in carrying amount	\$110.4	\$154.1
Amortizing term securitization facility (denominated and referenced in U.K. sterling and expiring April 2014) issued out of our U.K. Portfolio securitization trust, outstanding face amount of \$91.2 million bearing interest at a weighted average 4.9% interest rate, which is secured by credit card receivables and restricted cash aggregating \$59.8 million in carrying amount	56.0	81.6
Amortizing term structured financing facility (expiring January 2015) issued out of a trust underlying a portfolio acquisition by one of our former equity investees, the controlling interests in which we acquired in February 2011, such facility having an outstanding face amount of \$1.2 million, bearing interest at a weighted average 2.0% interest rate and being secured by credit card receivables and restricted cash aggregating \$5.6 million in carrying amount and the repayment of which occurred in November 2012	1.1	6.1
Total structured financing notes reported at fair value that are secured by credit card receivables and to which we are subordinated	\$167.5	\$241.8



Contractual payment allocations within these credit cards receivable structured financings provide for a priority distribution of cash flows to us to service the credit card receivables, a distribution of cash flows to pay interest and principal due on the notes, and a distribution of all excess cash flows (if any) to us. Each of the structured financing facilities in the above table is amortizing down along with collections of the underlying receivables and there are no provisions within the debt agreements that allow for acceleration or bullet repayment of the facilities prior to their scheduled expiration dates. Accordingly, we believe that, for all intents and purposes, there is no practical risk of material equity loss associated with lender seizure of assets under the facilities. Nevertheless, the aggregate carrying amount of the credit card receivables and restricted cash that provide security for the \$167.5 million in fair value of structured financing notes in the above table is \$175.8 million, which means that our maximum aggregate exposure to pre-tax equity loss associated with the above structured financing arrangements is \$8.3 million.

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Beyond our role as servicer of the underlying assets within the credit cards receivable structured financings, we have provided no other financial or other support to the structures, and we have no explicit or implicit arrangements that could require us to provide financial support to the structures.

## Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings, at Face Value

The principal amount of the structured financing notes outstanding and the carrying amounts of the assets that provide the exclusive means of repayment for the notes (i.e., lenders have recourse only to the specific assets underlying each respective facility and cannot look to our general credit for repayment) are scheduled (in millions) as follows:

	As of	
	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Amortizing debt facility (expiring November 6, 2016) at a minimum fixed rate of 15% at September 30, 2012 that is secured by our ACC Auto Finance segment receivables and restricted cash with an aggregate carrying amount of \$12.6 million (1)	\$7.2	\$20.4
Amortizing debt facility, the repayment of which occurred during the three months ended September 2012 (2)	-	2.6
Vendor-financed software and equipment purchases (expiring September 2014) at an implied rate of 15%, that are secured by certain equipment	0.2	-
Investment in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment's asset-backed financing, the repayment of which occurred during the three months ended June 30, 2012	-	0.2
Total asset-backed structured financing notes outstanding	\$7.4	\$23.2

- (1) The terms of this lending agreement provide for the application of all excess cash flows from the underlying auto finance receivables portfolio (above and beyond interest costs and contractual servicing compensation to our outsourced third-party servicer) to reduce outstanding debt balances. In addition, 37.5% of any cash flows (net of contractual servicing compensation) generated on the auto finance receivables portfolio after repayment of the notes will be allocated to the note holders as additional compensation for the use of their capital. Based on current estimates of this additional compensation, we currently are accruing interest expense on this loan at a 25.8% effective interest rate, and our liability for such accrued interest grew from \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2011 to \$3.7 million as of September 30, 2012. This liability is included as a component of the debt facility balance listed above.
- (2) In connection with our sale of JRAS's operations in February 2011, we received a \$2.4 million note secured by JRAS's assets, we retained receivables with a September 30, 2012 carrying amount of \$0.8 million that were originated while JRAS was under our ownership, we pledged those receivables as security for a then \$9.4 million non-recourse loan to us, and we contracted with JRAS to service those receivables on our behalf. This non-recourse loan was repaid in August of 2012 and the remaining receivables are now serviced by our CAR subsidiary.

Similar to our credit cards receivable structured financings, the structured financing facilities secured by the assets scheduled above (with the exception of the vendor-financed software and equipment lending arrangements) generally provide for a priority distribution of cash flows to us (or alternative loan servicers) to service any underlying pledged receivables, a distribution of cash flows to pay interest and principal due on the notes, and a distribution of all excess cash flows to us, other than the additional compensation referred to in footnote (1) to the above table. The receivables-backed structured financing facilities in the above table are amortizing down along with collections of the underlying receivables and there are no provisions within the debt agreements that represent any risks of acceleration or bullet repayment of the facilities prior to the facility expiration dates. Accordingly, we believe that, for all intents

and purposes, there is no practical risk of material equity loss associated with lender seizure of assets under the facilities. Nevertheless, the aggregate carrying amount of the receivables that provide security for the \$7.4 million of structured financing notes in the above table at September 30, 2012 was \$12.6 million, which means that our maximum aggregate exposure to pre-tax equity loss associated with the above structured financing arrangements was \$5.2 million on that date.

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Beyond our role as servicer of the underlying assets within the above-scheduled structured financings, we have provided no other financial or other support to the structures, and we have no explicit or implicit arrangements that could require us to provide financial support to the structures.

#### Notes Payable, at Face Value

In October 2011, we entered a facility with \$40.0 million in available financing that can be drawn to the extent of CAR outstanding eligible principal receivables; \$20.0 million was drawn on this facility as of September 30, 2012. This facility is secured by the financial and operating assets of our CAR subsidiaries (such assets having a carrying value of \$50.1 million at September 30, 2012), accrues interest at an annual rate equal to LIBOR plus 4.0%, matures October 4, 2014, and is subject to certain affirmative covenants, including a coverage ratio, a leverage ratio and a collateral performance test, the failure of which could result in required early repayment of all or a portion of the outstanding balance. In March 2012, we entered into an interest rate swap related to \$20.0 million of the \$20.0 million amount drawn on the CAR facility. The interest rate swap effectively fixes our interest rate to 4.75% from LIBOR plus 4.0%. We include the fair value of the interest rate swap and changes in its fair value in our consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations, respectively. See Note 7, "Fair Values of Assets and Liabilities," for more information regarding this interest rate swap.

Additionally, we entered a facility with \$200,000 in available financing that can be drawn to the extent of outstanding eligible principal receivables (of which \$184,000 was drawn as of September 30, 2012) associated with one of our subsidiary's private label merchant credit products. This facility was expanded to allow for \$2,000,000 in total financing in October of 2012, and it accrues interest at an annual rate equal to the lender's cost of funds plus 6.0% and matures October 10, 2013.

## 9. Commitments and Contingencies

### General

In the normal course of business through the origination of unsecured credit card receivables, we incur off-balance-sheet risks. These risks include commitments of £489,000 (\$791,000) at September 30, 2012 to purchase receivables associated with cardholders who have the right to borrow in excess of their current balances up to the maximum credit limit on their credit card accounts. We have never experienced a situation in which all of our customers have exercised their entire available line of credit at any given point in time, nor do we anticipate this will ever occur in the future. Moreover, there would be a concurrent increase in assets should there be any exercise of these lines of credit. We also have the effective right to reduce or cancel these available lines of credit at any time, which our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment did with respect to substantially all of its outstanding cardholder accounts. At September 30, 2012, our remaining available lines of credit related solely to credit cards issued under programs in the U.K.

CompuCredit Corporation's third-party originating financial institution relationships require security (collateral) related to their issuance of credit cards and cardholder purchases thereunder, and notwithstanding the closure of all credit card accounts the receivables of which CompuCredit Corporation previously purchased, these institutions hold a remaining \$0.2 million of pledged collateral as of September 30, 2012. In addition, in connection with our U.K. Portfolio acquisition, CompuCredit Corporation guarantees certain obligations of its subsidiaries and its third-party originating financial institution to one of the European payment systems (\$0.2 million as of September 30, 2012). Those obligations include, among other things, compliance with one of the European payment system's operating regulations and by-laws. CompuCredit Corporation also guarantees certain performance obligations of its servicer subsidiary to the indenture trustee and the trust created under the structured financing relating to our U.K. Portfolio.

Also, under agreements with third-party originating financial institutions, we have agreed to indemnify the financial institutions for certain liabilities associated with the financial institutions' card issuance and other lending activities on our behalf. Indemnification obligations generally are limited to instances in which we either (1) have been afforded the opportunity to defend against any potentially indemnifiable claims or (2) have reached agreement with the financial institutions regarding settlement of potentially indemnifiable claims.

Total System Services, Inc. provides certain services to CompuCredit Corporation as a system of record provider under an agreement that extends through May 2015. Were CompuCredit Corporation to terminate its U.S. relationship with Total System Services, Inc. prior to the contractual termination period, it would incur significant penalties (\$12.0 million as of September 30, 2012).

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## Litigation

We are involved in various legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of our business. The most significant of these is described below.

CompuCredit Corporation and five of our other subsidiaries are defendants in a purported class action lawsuit entitled Knox, et al., vs. First Southern Cash Advance, et al., No. 5 CV 0445, filed in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, on February 8, 2005. The plaintiffs allege that in conducting a so-called “payday lending” business, certain subsidiaries within our Retail Micro-Loans segment (the operations of which were sold in October 2011, subject to our retention of liability for this litigation) violated various laws governing consumer finance, lending, check cashing, trade practices and loan brokering. The plaintiffs further allege that CompuCredit Corporation was the alter ego of the subsidiaries and is liable for their actions. The plaintiffs are seeking damages of up to \$75,000 per class member, and attorney’s fees. These claims are similar to those that have been asserted against several other market participants in transactions involving small-balance, short-term loans made to consumers in North Carolina. On January 23, 2012, among other orders, the trial court denied the defendants’ motion to compel arbitration, and granted the plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. We are vigorously defending this lawsuit.

## 10. Net Income Attributable to Controlling Interests Per Common Share

We compute net income or (loss) attributable to controlling interests per common share by dividing income or (loss) attributable to controlling interests by the weighted-average common shares (including participating securities) outstanding during the period, as discussed below. Diluted computations applicable in financial reporting periods in which we report income reflect the potential dilution to the basic income per common share computations that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised, were converted into common stock or were to result in the issuance of common stock that would share in our income or losses. In performing our net income or (loss) attributable to controlling interests per common share computations, we apply accounting rules that require us to include all unvested stock awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents, whether paid or unpaid, in the number of shares outstanding in our basic and diluted calculations. Common stock and unvested share-based payment awards earn dividends equally, and we have included all outstanding restricted stock awards in our basic and diluted calculations for current and prior periods.

The following table sets forth the computation of net income (loss) per common share (in thousands, except for per share data):

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Numerator:				
(Loss on) income from continuing operations attributable to controlling interests	\$(11,587 )	\$(4,426 )	\$(25,530 )	\$3,491
Income from discontinued operations attributable to controlling interests	\$44,798	\$6,125	\$48,564	\$127,429
Net income attributable to controlling interests	\$33,211	\$1,699	\$23,034	\$130,920
Denominator:				
Basic (including unvested share-based payment awards) (1)	19,306	22,497	21,092	26,987
Effect of dilutive stock compensation arrangements (2)	20	63	52	115
Diluted (including unvested share-based payment awards) (1)	19,326	22,560	21,144	27,102
(Loss on) income from continuing operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$(0.60 )	\$(0.19 )	\$(1.21 )	\$0.13

(Loss on) income from continuing operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$ (0.60	)	\$ (0.19	)	\$ (1.21	)	\$ 0.13
Income from discontinued operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$ 2.32		\$ 0.27		\$ 2.30		\$ 4.72
Income from discontinued operations attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$ 2.32		\$ 0.27		\$ 2.30		\$ 4.70
Net income attributable to controlling interests per common share—basic	\$ 1.72		\$ 0.08		\$ 1.09		\$ 4.85
Net income attributable to controlling interests per common share—diluted	\$ 1.72		\$ 0.08		\$ 1.09		\$ 4.83

- (1) Shares related to unvested share-based payment awards we included in our basic and diluted share counts are as follows: 76,500 and 81,883 shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to 88,370 and 231,857 shares for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.
- (2) The effect of dilutive options is shown only for informational purposes where we are in a net loss position. In such situations, the effect of including outstanding options and restricted stock would be anti-dilutive, and they are thus excluded from all loss period calculations.

As their effects were anti-dilutive, we excluded all of our stock options from our net income (loss) per share computations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, there were no shares potentially issuable and thus includible in the diluted net income (loss) attributable to controlling interests per common share calculations under our 3.625% convertible senior notes and 5.875% convertible senior notes. However, in future reporting periods during which our closing stock price is above the respective \$20.22 and \$24.61 conversion prices for the 3.625% convertible senior notes and 5.875% convertible senior notes, and depending on the closing stock price at conversion, the maximum potential dilution under the conversion provisions of the 3.625% convertible senior notes and 5.875% convertible senior notes is 22,246 and 5.7 million shares, respectively, which could be included in diluted share counts in net (loss) income per common share calculations. See Note 8, "Convertible Senior Notes and Notes Payable," for a further discussion of these convertible securities.

## 11. Stock-Based Compensation

We currently have two stock-based compensation plans, including an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") and a 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2008 Plan").

The 2008 Plan provides for grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and incentive awards. The maximum aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued under this plan and to which awards may relate is 2,000,000 shares, and 1,043,518 shares remained available for grant under this plan as of September 30, 2012. Exercises and vestings under our stock-based employee compensation plans resulted in no income tax-related benefits or charges to additional paid-in capital during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

## Stock Options

Our 2008 Plan and its predecessor plans provide that we may grant options on or shares of our common stock to members of the Board of Directors, employees, consultants and advisors. The exercise price per share of the options may be less than, equal to, or greater than the market price on the date the option is granted. The option period may not exceed 10 years from the date of grant. The vesting requirements for options granted by us range from immediate to 5 years. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we expensed stock option-related compensation costs of \$0, compared to \$0 and \$0.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011. We recognize stock option-related compensation expense for any awards with graded vesting on a straight-line basis over the vesting period for the entire award. Information related to options outstanding is as follows:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012			
	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average of Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	570,000	\$ 39.24		
Issued/Cancelled/Forfeited	(70,000 )	-		
Outstanding at September 30, 2012	500,000	\$ 40.99	0.6	\$ -
Exercisable at September 30, 2012	500,000	\$ 40.99	0.6	\$ -

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011			
	Number of Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average of Remaining	Aggregate Intrinsic Value



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			Contractual Life	
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	570,000	\$ 39.24		
Issued/Cancelled/Forfeited	-	-		
Outstanding at September 30, 2011	570,000	\$ 39.24	1.7	\$ -
Exercisable at September 30, 2011	570,000	\$ 39.24	1.7	\$ -

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As of September 30, 2012, we had no unamortized deferred compensation costs associated with non-vested stock options. There were no stock option exercises during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and no options were granted in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we granted 60,000 and 44,000 shares of aggregate restricted stock with aggregate grant date fair values of \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. When we grant restricted stock, we defer the grant date value of the restricted stock and amortize the grant date values of these shares (net of anticipated forfeitures) as compensation expense with an offsetting entry to the additional paid-in capital component of our consolidated shareholders' equity. Our issued restricted stock generally vest over a range of twenty-four to sixty months and are being amortized to salaries and benefits expense ratably over the respective vesting periods. As of September 30, 2012, our unamortized deferred compensation costs associated with non-vested restricted stock awards were \$0.1 million with a weighted-average remaining amortization period of 10 months.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included herein and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, where certain terms (including trust, subsidiary and other entity names and financial, operating and statistical measures) have been defined.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations includes forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current plans, expectations and beliefs about future events. Actual results could differ materially, however, because of a number of factors, including the factors discussed in "Risk Factors" in Part II, Item 1A and elsewhere in this report. For more information, see "Forward-Looking Information" below.

Overview

We are a provider of various credit and related financial services and products to or associated with the financially underserved consumer credit market—a market represented by credit risks that regulators classify as "sub-prime." We traditionally have served this market principally through our marketing and solicitation of credit card accounts and other credit products and our servicing of various receivables.

Currently, within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment, we are collecting on portfolios of credit card receivables underlying now-closed credit card accounts. These receivables include both receivables we originated through third-party financial institutions and portfolios of receivables we purchased from third-party financial institutions. The only open credit card accounts underlying our credit card receivables are those generated through our credit card products in the U.K. Several of our portfolios of credit card receivables underlying now-closed accounts are encumbered by non-recourse structured financings, and for some of these portfolios, our only remaining economic interest is the servicing compensation we receive as an offset against our servicing costs given that the likely future collections on the portfolios are insufficient to allow for full repayment of the financings. Beyond these activities within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment, we are applying the experiences and infrastructure associated with our historic credit card offerings to other credit product offerings, including private label merchant credit. Lastly, through our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment we are engaged in limited investment activities in ancillary finance, technology and other businesses as we seek to build new products and relationships that could allow for greater utilization of our expertise and infrastructure.

Within our Auto Finance segment, our CAR subsidiary operations purchase and/or service auto loans from or for a pre-qualified network of dealers in the buy-here, pay-here used car business. We purchase the auto loans at a discount and with dealer retentions or holdbacks that provide risk protection. Also within our Auto Finance segment, we are collecting on portfolios of auto finance receivables that we previously originated through franchised and independent auto dealers in connection with prior business activities.

In August 2012, we completed a transaction to sell to Flexpoint Fund II, L.P. for \$130.5 million our Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, including its balance transfer card operations, the credit card receivables (and underlying activities) of which were historically reflected within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment. The sales price included (1) \$119.7 million (cash of \$106.7 million and a note receivable of \$13.0 million) at closing, of which \$5.4 million in cash and up to an additional \$4.6 million in potential repayments of the note receivable or proceeds from any potential sale of the note receivable will be held in escrow for 12 months following the closing date of the transaction to satisfy certain indemnification provisions, and (2) an additional \$10.8 million in cash that we may receive if certain performance targets are met by December 31, 2014. The \$10.8 million

of additional contingent consideration will be recognized into income upon the achievement of the performance targets. Our basis in the net assets that were included in the sale was \$67.0 million resulting in a gain on sale (after related expenses) of \$49.6 million, which is reported within our income from discontinued operations category on our consolidated statements of operations.

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We also completed transactions to dispose of our Retail Micro-Loans segment and our U.K. Internet micro-loan operations during 2011 as discussed further below. In accordance with applicable accounting requirements, we have classified the results of all our sold operations as discontinued operations within our consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented.

In the current environment, the recurring cash flows we receive within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment are those associated with servicing compensation, distributions from one of our equity-method investees that in March 2011 purchased and now holds all of the outstanding notes issued out of our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust, and the modest cash flows we are receiving from unencumbered credit card receivables portfolios that have already generated enough cash to allow for the repayment of their underlying structured financing facilities. We are closely monitoring and managing our liquidity position, reducing our overhead infrastructure (which was built to accommodate higher account originations and managed receivables levels) and further leveraging our global infrastructure in order to maximize returns to shareholders on existing assets. Some of these actions, while prudent to maximize cash returns on existing assets, have had the effect of reducing our potential for profitability. Our belief is that our reductions in personnel, overhead and other costs (through increased outsourcing) to levels that our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment can better support with its diminished cash inflows will not result in further impairments in the fair values of our credit card receivables; however, we cannot ensure this outcome.

Subject to the availability of growth capital at attractive terms and pricing, our shareholders should expect us to continue to evaluate and pursue a variety of activities, including: (1) the acquisition of additional credit card receivables portfolios, and potentially other financial assets that are complementary to our financially underserved credit card business; (2) investments in other assets or businesses that are not necessarily financial services assets or businesses; (3) additional opportunities to repurchase our convertible senior notes and other debt or our outstanding common stock; and (4) servicing credit card receivables and other assets for third parties (and in which we have limited or no equity interests) to allow us to leverage our expertise and infrastructure. Absent the availability of investment alternatives (in other portfolios, other non-financial assets or businesses, or our own debt) at prices necessary to provide attractive returns for our shareholders, we will continue to look to maximize shareholder value through the distribution of excess cash to shareholders such as occurred pursuant to the closing of our tender offer in September 2012, whereby we repurchased 8,250,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$82.5 million or through dividends to shareholders.

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## Consolidated Results of Operations

(In Thousands)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		Income Increases (Decreases) from 2011 to 2012
	2012	2011	
Total interest income	\$20,377	\$35,073	\$(14,696 )
Interest expense	(7,406 )	(10,282 )	2,876
Fees and related income on earning assets:			
Fees on credit products	5,316	2,566	2,750
Changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	10,742	46,646	(35,904 )
Changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value	(10,469 )	(29,538 )	19,069
Gains (losses) on investments in securities	285	(5,418 )	5,703
Loss on sale of JRAS assets	-	-	-
Other	(2,171 )	499	(2,670 )
Other operating income:			
Servicing income	1,002	767	235
Ancillary and interchange revenues	570	1,429	(859 )
Gain on repurchase of convertible senior notes	-	138	(138 )
Gain on buy-out of equity-method investee members	-	-	-
Equity in income equity-method investees	356	6,630	(6,274 )
Total	\$18,602	\$48,510	(29,908 )
Losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	8,790	28,019	19,229
Provision for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value	5,373	96	(5,277 )
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	2,523	4,520	1,997
Card and loan servicing	10,428	11,043	615
Marketing and solicitation	223	1,181	958
Depreciation	1,518	504	(1,014 )
Other	5,557	7,231	1,674
Net income	32,924	1,422	31,502
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	287	277	10
Net income attributable to controlling interests	33,211	1,699	31,512

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(In Thousands)	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		Income Increases (Decreases) from 2011 to 2012
	2012	2011	
Total interest income	\$68,768	\$115,372	\$(46,604 )
Interest expense	(25,582 )	(33,262 )	7,680
Fees and related income on earning assets:			
Fees on credit products	12,310	7,332	4,978
Changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	93,613	166,164	(72,551 )
Changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value	(35,859 )	(82,507 )	46,648
Gains (losses) on investments in securities	49	(5,277 )	5,326
Loss on sale of JRAS assets	-	(4,648 )	4,648
Other	(2,112 )	1,213	(3,325 )
Other operating income:			
Servicing income	3,234	2,593	641
Ancillary and interchange revenues	2,021	4,670	(2,649 )
Gain on repurchase of convertible senior notes	-	607	(607 )
Gain on buy-out of equity-method investee members	-	619	(619 )
Equity in income equity-method investees	9,912	28,757	(18,845 )
Total	\$126,354	\$201,633	(75,279 )
Losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value	81,693	117,209	35,516
Provision for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value	13,828	(325 )	(14,153 )
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	12,990	16,545	3,555
Card and loan servicing	31,618	36,018	4,400
Marketing and solicitation	1,669	2,386	717
Depreciation	2,294	4,232	1,938
Other	18,755	20,450	1,695
Net income	22,462	131,933	(109,471 )
Net loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	572	(1,013 )	1,585
Net income attributable to controlling interests	23,034	130,920	(107,886 )

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Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012, Compared to Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011

**Total interest income.** Total interest income consists primarily of finance charges and late fees earned on our credit card, private label merchant credit, and auto finance receivables. The decline period over period is due to continued net liquidations of our credit card and auto finance receivables over the past year. Moreover, absent the effects of possible portfolio acquisitions, we expect our ongoing total interest income to decline in subsequent quarters along with continuing expected net liquidations of our credit card and auto finance receivables.

**Interest expense.** The decrease is due to (1) our debt facilities being repaid commensurate with net liquidations of the underlying credit card receivables and auto finance receivables that serve as collateral for the facilities, and (2) the effects of our repurchases of our convertible senior notes throughout 2011 and our May 2012 repayment of substantially all of our 3.625% convertible senior notes as previously discussed in Note 8, “Convertible Senior Notes and Notes Payable,” in the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

We also note that notwithstanding the effects of our convertible senior notes issuance discount accretion in increasing monthly interest expense amounts in the future, we expect lower interest expense for these notes in future periods attributable to our 2011 repurchases and our May 2012 repayment of substantially all of our 3.625% convertible senior notes.

**Fees and related income on earning assets.** The significant factors affecting our differing levels of fees and related income on earning assets include:

- slight 2012 increases in fees earned on our credit products, principally due to billings on test accounts in the U.K. offset by continued credit card receivables liquidations;
- “Other” category losses arising in 2012 due to operating losses incurred by a small coal mining operation we were required to consolidate in the fourth quarter of 2011 based on workout efforts we have undertaken related to a loan we made to the mining operation;
- our recognition of a \$4.6 million loss in the three months ended March 31, 2011 corresponding to our sale of certain assets associated with our JRAS operations; and
- our recognition of a \$3.4 million loss in the three months ended September 30, 2011 on an investment that we made in non-marketable debt securities—such loss representing 100% of the face amount of the notes that we held from the issuer of the notes based on an other-than-temporary decline in their value, and our recognition of another \$1.9 million loss in the three months ended September 30, 2011 due to an other-than-temporary decline in the value of another issuer’s non-marketable debt securities in which we had previously invested.

We do not expect significant ongoing losses with respect to the coal mining operation mentioned above; the carrying amount of the operation’s net assets is negligible, and we are exploring alternatives to reduce the scope of its future operations and losses.

Given expected net liquidations in our credit card receivables (absent possible portfolio acquisitions) in the future, we expect our change in fair value of credit card receivables recorded at fair value and our change in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value amounts to gradually diminish (absent significant changes in the assumptions used to determine these fair values) in the future. These amounts, however, are subject to potentially high levels of volatility if we experience changes in the quality of our credit card receivables or if there are significant changes in market valuation factors (e.g., interest rates and spreads) in the future. Such volatility will be muted somewhat, however, by the offsetting nature of the receivables and underlying debt being recorded at fair value and with the expected reductions in the face amounts of such outstanding receivables and debt as we experience



further credit card receivables liquidations and associated debt amortizing repayments.

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Servicing income. Our reported servicing income is comprised of servicing compensation paid to us by third parties associated with our servicing of their loans and fees receivable. Positively impacting 2012 is income from transitional services that we provided to the buyer of our Retail Micro-Loans segment, such services having substantially ended, and that we currently are providing to the buyer of our Investment in Previously Charged-Off Receivables and balance transfer card operations since our disposition of these operations in August 2012. Absent these revenues, servicing income would have declined commensurate with liquidations in the portfolios of loans and fees receivables that we service for third parties.

Currently, servicing income is not a significant income source for us, and unless we grow the number of contractual servicing relationships we have with other third parties, we will not experience sustained levels of growth and income within this category. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, however, we received an additional \$10.0 million as compensation for excess servicing costs one of our subsidiaries incurred with respect to its underlying credit card portfolio. We will report this \$10.0 million payment within our fourth quarter 2012 servicing income.

Ancillary and interchange revenues. During periods, unlike our current period, in which we are broadly originating credit card accounts or in which a significant number of credit card accounts are open to cardholder purchases, we market to cardholders other ancillary products, including credit and identity theft monitoring, health discount programs, shopping discount programs and debt waivers. The decline in our ancillary revenues associated with these activities and our interchange revenues corresponds with our account closure actions and net liquidations we have experienced in all of our credit card receivables portfolios in recent years. Absent portfolio acquisitions, we do not expect significant ancillary and interchange revenues in the future.

Gain on repurchase of convertible senior notes. In open market transactions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, we repurchased \$6.0 million and \$39.6 million in face amount of our 3.625% notes for \$5.7 million and \$37.0 million (inclusive of transaction costs and accrued interest through the date of our repurchase of the notes), respectively, thereby resulting in the recognition of an aggregate gain during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 of \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million (net of the notes' applicable share of deferred costs and debt discount, which were recovered in connection with the purchases), respectively. No such repurchases were made in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

We remain open to the possibility of further repurchases of our convertible senior notes at prices we find attractive in the future, which could result in additional as of yet unknown gains or losses upon such repurchases.

Equity in income of equity-method investees. The significant decrease in income associated with our equity-method investees is principally related to our 50.0% interest in the joint venture that purchased in March 2011 the outstanding notes issued out of our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust. Contemporaneous with our March 2011 acquisition of our 50% interest in the joint venture, it elected to account for its investment in the U.K. Portfolio structured financing notes at their fair value, and it recognized a \$34.2 million gain (of which our 50% share represented \$17.1 million) equal to the excess of the fair value of the notes as of March 31, 2011 over the joint venture's discounted purchase price of the notes.

We expect to see continued liquidations in the credit card receivables portfolios and structured financing notes held by our equity-method investees for the foreseeable future. As such, absent possible additional investments in our existing or in new equity-method investees in the future, we expect gradually declining effects from our equity-method investments on our operating results.

Losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value. This account reflects charge offs of the face amount credit card receivables we record at fair value on our consolidated balance sheet. We have experienced a general trending decline in and we expect future trending declines in these charge offs as we continue to liquidate our credit card receivables. The effects of this general trending decline were muted for the nine months ended September

30, 2012, however, given our sale of a large volume of late-stage delinquent accounts and related receivables (which we treated as having been charged off contemporaneous with their sale) out of our U.K. credit card receivables portfolio during the first quarter of 2012. For this reason, our rate of decline in this category in the future will be more similar to the rate of decline experienced in the three months ended September 30, 2012 when compared to the same period in 2011 than to the rate of decline experienced in the three months ended June 30, 2012 when compared to the same period in 2011.

Provision for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value. Our provision for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value covers aggregate loss exposures on (1) principal receivable balances, (2) finance charges and late fees receivable underlying income amounts included within our total interest income category, and (3) other fees receivable. We have recently experienced trending declines in our provisions for losses on loans and fees receivable recorded at net realizable value associated with contractions in our auto finance loans and fees receivable combined with some modest effects of an improved economy in recent quarters. However, we experienced a year over year increase in this category between 2011 and 2012 due to the effects of (1) disproportionately greater reductions in our allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivables recorded in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 associated with significant performance improvements experienced at that time, and (2) elevated losses incurred on new credit product testing in the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Given our continued gradual net liquidation of our auto finance receivables, which is expected to outpace growth in receivables associated with other receivables associated with new products we are testing (e.g., private label merchant credit products) for the next several quarters, we do not expect any significant deviations in our credit risks, delinquencies and loss rates in 2012 versus 2011.

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Total other operating expense. Total other operating expense decreased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 relative to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, reflecting the following:

- diminished salaries and benefits costs resulting from our ongoing cost-cutting efforts as we continue to adjust our internal operations to reflect the declining size of our existing portfolios;
- lower card and loan servicing expenses reflecting the effects of continuing credit card and auto finance receivables portfolio liquidations;
- decreases in depreciation for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 reflecting a diminished level of capital investments by us, offset by higher depreciation expense in the three months ended September 30, 2012 due to the impairment of certain fixed assets held by a small coal mining operation we are required to consolidate based on workout efforts we have undertaken related to a loan we made to the mining operation; and
- decreases in marketing and solicitation and other expense levels consistent with the aforementioned receivables portfolio liquidations and our cost-cutting efforts.

A large portion of our operating costs are variable based on the levels of accounts we market and receivables we service (both for our own account and for others) and the pace and breadth of our search for, acquisition of and introduction of new business lines, products and services. However, a number of our operating costs are fixed and will over time comprise a larger percentage of our total costs given the ongoing contraction of our credit card and auto finance loans and fees receivable levels. To this extent, our rate of cost reduction can be expected to slow relative to the rate of contraction in these loans and fees receivable. We do, however, attempt to maximize the utility that we get from our incurrence of fixed costs by our testing and exploration of new products and services and areas of investment, and we continue to perform extensive reviews of all areas of our businesses for cost savings opportunities to better align our costs with our net liquidating portfolio of managed receivables.

Notwithstanding our cost-cutting efforts and focus, while it is relatively easy for us to scale back our variable expenses, it is much more difficult (to which we alluded above) for us to appreciably reduce our fixed and other costs associated with an infrastructure (particularly within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment) that was built to support growing managed receivables and levels of managed receivables that are significantly higher than both our current levels and the levels that we expect to see in the near future. At this point, our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment cash inflows are sufficient to cover its direct variable costs and a portion, but not all, of its share of overhead costs (including, for example, corporate-level executive and administrative costs and our convertible senior notes interest costs). As such, if we are not successful in further reducing overhead costs or expanding revenue-earning activities to levels commensurate with such costs, then, depending upon the sufficiency of excess cash flows and earnings generated from our Auto Finance subsidiary and those credit card portfolios that have repaid their underlying structured financing facilities, we may experience continuing pressure on our liquidity position and our ability to be profitable.

Noncontrolling interests. We reflect the ownership interests of noncontrolling holders of equity in our majority-owned subsidiaries as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated statements of operations. Because of various transactions that took place in early 2011, unless we enter into significant new majority-owned subsidiary ventures with noncontrolling interest holders in the future, we expect to have negligible noncontrolling interests in our majority-owned subsidiaries and negligible allocations of income or loss to noncontrolling interest holders in future quarters. Transactions contributing to this development and the decline in net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in 2012 versus 2011 include:

- Our collective January 2011 and April 2011 purchases of most of the noncontrolling interest holders' ownership interests in our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment majority-owned subsidiaries; and

- Our April 2011 sale of the majority-owned subsidiaries through which we owned our U.K. Internet micro-loan operations.

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Income taxes. Computed considering results for only our continuing operations before income taxes, our effective income tax benefit rate was 25.5% and 28.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, versus our negative effective income tax benefit rate of 15.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and our positive effective income tax expense rate of 34.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. We have experienced no material changes in effective tax rates associated with differences in filing jurisdictions, and the variations in our effective tax rates between the periods principally bear the effects of (1) changes in valuation allowances against income statement-oriented federal, foreign and state deferred tax assets, (2) variations in the level of our pre-tax income among the different reporting periods relative to the level of our permanent differences within such periods, and (3) the effects on our interim financial reporting results of intra-period tax allocations associated with our discontinued operations as required under GAAP. Computed without regard to the effects of the valuation allowance changes, our effective tax rates would have been a positive 24.8% and a positive 28.5% benefit rate in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to a positive 9.5% benefit rate and a positive 99.1% expense rate, in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

We recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. We recognized \$0.6 million and \$1.5 million in potential interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, compared to \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. To the extent such interest and penalties are not assessed as a result of a resolution of the underlying tax position, amounts accrued are reduced and reflected as a reduction of income tax expense. We recognized no such reductions in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

### Credit Cards and Other Investments Segment

Our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment includes our continuing activities relating to investments in and servicing of our various credit card receivables portfolios, as well as other investments and products that are not yet material to our overall financial position but which generally utilize much of the same infrastructure as our credit card operations.

The revenues we earn from credit card activities primarily include finance charges, late fees, over-limit fees, annual fees, activation fees, monthly maintenance fees, returned-check fees and cash advance fees. Also, while insignificant currently, revenues (during previous periods of broad account origination and in which significant numbers of accounts were open to cardholder purchases) also have included those associated with (1) our sale of ancillary products such as memberships, subscription services and debt waiver, as well as (2) interchange fees representing a portion of the merchant fee assessed by card associations based on cardholder purchase volumes underlying credit card receivables.

We record the finance charges and late fees assessed on our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment credit products in the consumer loans, including past due fees category on our consolidated statements of operations, we include the over-limit, annual, monthly maintenance, returned-check, cash advance and other fees in the fees and other income on earning assets category on our consolidated statements of operations, and we reflect the charge offs within our provision for losses on loans and fees receivable on our consolidated statements of operations (for all credit product receivables other than those credit card receivables underlying formerly off-balance-sheet securitization structures) and within losses upon charge off of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value on our consolidated statements of operations (for all of our other credit card receivables underlying formerly off-balance-sheet securitization structures for which we have elected the fair value option). Additionally, we show the effects of fair value changes for those credit card receivables for which we have elected the fair value option as a component of fees and related income on earning assets in our consolidated statements of operations.

We historically have originated and purchased credit card portfolios through subsidiary entities. Generally, if we control through direct ownership or exert a controlling interest in the entity, we consolidate it and reflect its operations as noted above. If we exert significant influence but do not control the entity, we record our share of its net operating results in the equity in income of equity-method investees category on our consolidated statements of operations.

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### Background

We make various references within our discussion of the Credit Cards and Other Investments segment to our managed receivables. In calculating managed receivables data, we include within managed receivables those receivables we manage for our consolidated subsidiaries, but we exclude from managed receivables any noncontrolling interest holders' shares of the receivables during applicable periods. Additionally, we include within managed receivables only our economic share of the receivables that we manage for our equity-method investees.

Financial, operating and statistical data based on aggregate managed receivables are important to any evaluation of our performance in managing our credit card portfolios, including our underwriting, servicing and collecting activities and our valuing of purchased receivables. In allocating our resources and managing our business, management relies heavily upon financial data and results prepared on this "managed basis." Analysts, investors and others also consider it important that we provide selected financial, operating and statistical data on a managed basis because this allows a comparison of us to others within the specialty finance industry. Moreover, our management, analysts, investors and others believe it is critical that they understand the credit performance of the entire portfolio of our managed receivables because it reveals information concerning the quality of loan originations and the related credit risks inherent within the portfolios.

Reconciliation of the managed receivables data to our GAAP financial statements requires: (1) an understanding that our managed receivables data are based on billings and actual charge offs as they occur, without regard to any changes in our allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable or any changes in the fair value of loans and fees receivable and their associated structured financing notes; (2) inclusion of our economic share of (or equity interest in) the receivables we manage for our equity-method investees; (3) removal of our noncontrolling interest holders' shares of the managed receivables underlying our GAAP consolidated results; and (4) treatment of the transaction in which our 50%-owned equity-method investee acquired our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust notes (a) as a deemed sale of the U.K. Portfolio trust receivables at their face amount, (b) followed by the 50%-owned equity-method investee's deemed repurchase of such receivables for consideration equal to the discounted purchase price that it paid for the notes, and (c) as though the difference between the deemed face amount and the deemed discounted repurchase price of the receivables is to be treated as credit quality discount to be accreted into managed earnings as a reduction of net charge offs over the remaining life of the receivables.

We typically have purchased credit card receivables portfolios at substantial discounts. In our managed basis statistical data, we apply a portion of these discounts against receivables acquired for which charge off is considered likely, including accounts in late stages of delinquency at the date of acquisition; this portion is measured based on our acquisition date estimate of the shortfall of cash flows expected to be collected on the acquired portfolios relative to the face amount of receivables represented within the acquired portfolios. We refer to the balance of the discount for each purchase not needed for credit quality as accretable yield, which we accrete into net interest margin in our managed basis statistical data using the interest method over the estimated life of each acquired portfolio. As of the close of each financial reporting period, we evaluate the appropriateness of the credit quality discount component and the accretable yield component of our acquisition discount based on actual and projected future results.

### Asset Quality

Our delinquency and charge-off data at any point in time reflect the credit performance of our managed receivables. The average age of the accounts underlying our receivables, the timing of portfolio purchases, the success of our collection and recovery efforts and general economic conditions all affect our delinquency and charge-off rates. The average age of the accounts underlying our receivables portfolio also affects the stability of our delinquency and loss rates. We consider this delinquency and charge-off data in our determination of the fair value of our credit card receivables underlying formerly off-balance-sheet securitization structures, as well as our allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable in the case of our other credit product receivables that we report at net realizable value. Our



strategy for managing delinquency and receivables losses consists of account management throughout the customer relationship. This strategy includes credit line management and pricing based on the risks. See also our discussion of collection strategies under the heading “How Do We Collect from Our Customers?” in Item 1, “Business,” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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The following table presents the delinquency trends of the receivables we manage within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment, as well as charge-off data and other managed loan statistics (in thousands; percentages of total):

	At or for the Three Months Ended											
	2012		2011		2011		2011		2010		2010	
	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31
Period-end managed receivables	\$326,557	\$356,897	\$401,394	\$480,355	\$540,023	\$613,747	\$698,226	\$776,770				
Period-end managed accounts	281	309	340	390	431	481	543	603				
Percent 30 or more days past due	11.0 %	9.9 %	10.4 %	13.0 %	12.6 %	11.9 %	12.5 %	15.2 %				
Percent 60 or more days past due	8.1 %	6.9 %	7.9 %	9.7 %	8.9 %	8.7 %	9.5 %	11.6 %				
Percent 90 or more days past due	5.8 %	4.6 %	5.9 %	6.9 %	6.2 %	6.2 %	7.0 %	8.7 %				
Average managed receivables	\$340,628	\$378,227	\$438,601	\$511,834	\$580,212	\$659,686	\$754,300	\$845,084				
Combined gross charge-off ratio	15.3 %	20.7 %	53.9 %	19.3 %	20.9 %	24.2 %	29.7 %	36.4 %				
Net charge-off ratio	13.1 %	16.8 %	47.4 %	15.2 %	16.7 %	19.8 %	24.1 %	28.9 %				
Adjusted charge-off ratio	11.4 %	15.1 %	30.6 %	12.2 %	13.9 %	16.7 %	22.9 %	28.6 %				
Total yield ratio	23.5 %	24.2 %	22.9 %	23.2 %	19.2 %	21.8 %	22.0 %	24.9 %				
Gross yield ratio	19.2 %	19.9 %	18.9 %	18.6 %	19.3 %	18.9 %	18.6 %	18.8 %				
Net interest margin	13.5 %	13.3 %	10.4 %	12.6 %	13.4 %	12.8 %	11.9 %	11.9 %				
Other income ratio	3.9 %	3.5 %	2.7 %	3.7 %	-1.0 %	2.1 %	2.2 %	3.3 %				
Operating ratio	18.5 %	18.2 %	15.3 %	12.1 %	12.3 %	12.5 %	11.0 %	10.1 %				

Managed receivables. The consistent quarterly declines in our period-end and average managed receivables over the last eight quarters reflect the net liquidating state of our credit card receivables portfolios given the closure of substantially all credit card accounts underlying the portfolios. Moreover, with the exception of some limited product testing in the U.K., we have curtailed our credit card marketing efforts in light of (1) dislocation in the liquidity markets and uncertainty as to when and if these markets will rebound sufficiently to facilitate organic growth in our credit card receivables operations and (2) an unfavorable credit card account origination regulatory climate in our primary U.S. market. We do not anticipate meaningful account or receivables additions in the near term to offset the receivables balance contractions noted above.

Delinquencies. Delinquencies have the potential to impact net income in the form of net credit losses. Delinquencies also are costly in terms of the personnel and resources dedicated to resolving them. We intend for the account management strategies we use on our portfolio to manage and, to the extent possible, reduce the higher delinquency rates that can be expected in a more mature managed portfolio such as ours. These account management strategies include conservative credit line management, purging of inactive accounts and collection strategies intended to optimize the effective account-to-collector ratio across delinquency categories. We further describe these collection strategies under the heading "How Do We Collect from Our Customers?" in Item 1, "Business" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. We measure the success of these efforts by measuring delinquency rates. These rates exclude accounts that have been charged off.

Our lower-tier credit card receivables typically experience substantially higher delinquency rates and charge-off levels than those of our other originated and purchased portfolios. Our delinquency statistics recently have benefited from a mix change whereby disproportionately higher charge-off levels for our lower-tier credit card portfolios relative to those of our other credit card receivables have caused a decline in lower-tier credit card receivables as a percentage of our aggregate managed credit card receivables.

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Given that our accounts primarily consist of closed credit card accounts with no significant account actions taken in the past several quarters, one would logically expect to see the relatively lower delinquency and charge-off benefits of our more mature portfolios. This trend is bearing out as noted in the trending year-over-year declines in our 2012 and late 2011 delinquency statistics relative to corresponding dates in prior years and is consistent with our expectations for the next few quarters. We do note, however, that we participated in a unique transaction opportunity during the first quarter of 2012, whereby we sold for a total of \$10.4 million, a price that we viewed as attractive, \$44.0 million in face value of our U.K. portfolio credit cards receivable associated with late-stage delinquent accounts that had not yet reached the 180-day charge-off threshold. These receivables had a GAAP carrying value of \$9.8 million on the sale date, thereby rendering an insignificant gain upon their sale. This transaction had two effects on our managed receivables data: (1) the future periods' charge off of these receivables was accelerated into the first quarter of 2012 through our treatment of the accounts as having been charged off in all of our managed receivables charge-off ratios contemporaneous with the sale of these receivables; and (2) the removal of these late-stage delinquent accounts from our March 31, 2012 managed receivables balances contributed to a better-than-typical improvement in our delinquency statistics as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012. Given this acceleration we expected to see a slight increase in our delinquency rates as the impact of this isolated transaction diminishes. We experienced this increase in delinquencies as of September 30, 2012, in part due to the aforementioned transaction, but also in part to the effects of higher delinquency rates associated with credit card product testing in the U.K. (the effects of which are also evident in the table of current loans receivable, current fees receivable and delinquent loans and fees receivable as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 presented within Note 2, "Significant Accounting Policies and Consolidated Financial Statement Components," to our consolidated financial statements). Nevertheless, we still expect to see continuing future trending declines in our delinquency rates when compared to similar prior year periods.

**Charge offs.** We generally charge off our Credit Card and Other Investments segment receivables when they become contractually 180 days past due or within 30 days of notification and confirmation of a customer's bankruptcy or death. However, if a cardholder makes a payment greater than or equal to two minimum payments within a month of the charge-off date, we may reconsider whether charge-off status remains appropriate. Additionally, in some cases of death, receivables are not charged off if, with respect to the deceased customer's account, there is a surviving, contractually liable individual or an estate large enough to pay the debt in full.

Our lower-tier credit card offerings have higher charge offs relative to their average managed receivables balances, than do our other portfolios. Due to the recent higher rate of decline in these receivables relative to all of our other outstanding credit card receivables, all things being equal, one would expect reduced charge-off ratios. This is supported by the above overall trend of declining charge-off rates in all quarters but the first quarter of 2012. This trend is muted to some degree, however, for our net charge-off ratio and our adjusted charge-off ratio (as discussed in more detail below) simply due to a change in the mix of our charge offs toward a higher relative level of principal charge offs versus finance and fee charge offs.

All of our charge-off ratios were skewed higher during the first quarter of 2012 by reason of the unique transaction opportunity mentioned in our Delinquencies discussion above. In future quarters (and absent any unique transaction opportunities like that experienced in the first quarter of 2012), we expect the general rate of decline in our charge-off ratios to moderate and our charge-off ratios to generally stabilize (subject to normal seasonal variations). Our expectation of a reduced rate of decline in our charge-off ratios is based on (1) the age, maturity and stability of our portfolio of liquidating receivables associated with closed credit card accounts, coupled with (2) an expectation of higher charge off rates on a relatively small dollar balance of credit card receivables underlying test accounts in the U.K.

**Combined gross charge-off ratio.** See the above general Charge Offs discussion.

**Net charge-off ratio.** See the above general Charge Offs discussion.



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Adjusted charge-off ratio. This ratio reflects our net charge offs, less credit quality discount accretion with respect to our acquired portfolios. Therefore, its trend line should follow that of our net charge-off ratio, adjusted for the diminishing impact of past portfolio acquisitions and for the additional impact of new portfolio acquisitions. In the first and second quarters of 2011, the gap between the net charge-off ratio and the adjusted charge-off ratio widened (as it typically does following each portfolio acquisition at a discounted purchase price) because we determine our managed receivables statistics by treating the transaction in which our 50%-owned equity-method investee acquired our U.K. Portfolio structured financing trust notes as a deemed sale of the U.K. Portfolio trust receivables at their face amount, followed by the 50%-owned equity-method investee's repurchase of such receivables for consideration equal to the discounted purchase price that it paid for the notes. Although one would expect the gap between the net charge-off ratio and the adjusted charge-off ratio to gradually narrow (as we saw in the last two quarters of 2011) absent another portfolio acquisition, the unique transaction opportunity mentioned in our Delinquencies discussion above caused a significant widening of the gap between the net charge-off ratio and the adjusted net charge-off ratio in the first quarter of 2012. That transaction opportunity caused our first quarter 2012 charge offs to be comprised of a disproportionately higher level of U.K. Portfolio charge offs than normal (for which significant levels of credit quality discount were accreted in the adjusted net charge-off ratio computation in the first quarter of 2012).

Total yield ratio and gross yield ratio. As noted previously, the mix of our managed receivables generally has shifted away from those receivables of our lower-tier credit card offerings. Those receivables have higher delinquency rates and late and over-limit fee assessments than do our other portfolios, and thus have higher total yield and gross yield ratios as well. Accordingly, we would expect to see a slight generally trending decline in our total yield and gross yield ratios consistent with disproportionate reductions in our lower-tier credit card receivables due to their higher charge-off levels over the past several quarters. However, our addition of lower-tier test credit card accounts in the U.K. in 2012 has temporarily reversed and delayed our generally declining total and gross yield ratio trends. While the addition of these accounts has resulted in temporary increases in our total and gross yield ratios, we expect these accounts to also reduce the rate of decline in our charge-off rates as the accounts season, mature, and charge off at higher rates than we experience on our liquidating pool of credit card receivables associated with closed credit card accounts.

Our total and gross yield ratios also have been adversely affected over the past several quarters by our 2007 U.K. Portfolio acquisition. Its total and gross yields are below average as compared to our other portfolios, and the rate of decline in receivables in this portfolio has lagged behind the rate of decline in receivables in our other portfolios, thus continuing to suppress our yield ratios.

Notwithstanding the above factors causing slight trending declines in our total and gross yield ratios, the total yield ratio is skewed higher in the fourth quarter of 2010 due to gains associated with debt repurchases in that quarter as detailed and quantified in the discussion of our other income ratio below. Negatively impacting our third quarter 2011 total yield ratio were \$5.3 million of losses we recognized due to other-than-temporary declines in the values of non-marketable debt securities in which we had previously invested (as also addressed in our Other income ratio discussion below.)

Net interest margin. Because of the significance of the late fees charged on our lower-tier credit card receivables as a percentage of outstanding receivables balances, we generally would expect our net interest margin to increase as our lower-tier credit card receivables become a larger percentage and to decrease as they become a smaller percentage of our overall managed receivables. Accordingly, the disproportionate reductions we have experienced in our lower-tier credit card receivables levels is the principal factor that has contributed to the continued general declining trend in our net interest margins relative to those experienced in prior years.

Our net interest margin also is affected by the effects of our 2007 U.K. Portfolio acquisition. The net interest margin for this portfolio is below the weighted average rate of our other portfolios, and the impact of this portfolio continues to be felt as our originated portfolios continue to decline in size at a faster pace than our acquired U.K. Portfolio, thus

increasing the impact of this portfolio's lower net interest margin on the overall results.

Consistent with our experiences in past few quarters, we expect a relatively stable low-double-digit net interest margin for the foreseeable future.

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Other income ratio. We generally expect our other income ratio to increase as our lower-tier receivables become a larger percentage, and to decrease as our lower-tier receivables become a smaller percentage, of our overall managed receivables. When underlying open accounts, these receivables generate significantly higher annual membership, over-limit, monthly maintenance and other fees than do our other portfolios. Consequently, the closure of credit card accounts and the mix change discussed above under which our lower-tier receivables comprise a much smaller percentage of our total receivables accounts in significant part for our low other income ratios.

Our fourth quarter 2010 other income ratio was skewed higher by gains realized on the repurchase of our convertible senior notes and a \$4.1 million recovery in the fourth quarter of losses we experienced several years ago on an investment that we had made in a third-party's asset-backed securities; absent these gains, our other income ratios would have been 1.2% for the three months ended December 31, 2010. Like in the first, second and fourth quarters of 2011, we expect a positive generally low single-digit other income ratio for the foreseeable future unless we experience further material gains associated with future debt repurchases, which could cause an increase in the ratio. We note that we experienced only immaterial gains associated with our convertible senior note repurchases in 2011—gains which were not material enough effect to warrant pro forma computations of the other income ratios in 2011 quarters without the effects of such gains. Negatively affecting our other income ratio for the third quarter of 2011 were \$5.3 million of losses that we recognized due to other-than-temporary declines in the values of non-marketable debt securities in which we had previously invested; excluding the impact of these write downs, our other income ratio would have been 2.1%.

Operating ratio. While we have been highly focused on expense reduction and cost control efforts, our managed receivables levels are generally falling at faster rates than the rates at which we have been able thus far to reduce our costs (particular when considering our fixed infrastructure costs). This phenomenon is reflected in our operating ratio statistics over the 2010 and 2011 quarters, and has recently been exacerbated as seen in the 2012 operating ratios computation by the effects of our late 2011 consolidation of a small coal mining operation that we have financed and its underlying costs—such operation and costs bearing no relationship to managed receivables levels.

## Future Expectations

Because the accounts underlying substantially all of our credit card receivables are closed, because of expected liquidations within each of our credit card receivables portfolios, and because of ongoing challenges to the U.S. and U.K. economies and continually high unemployment rates within both countries, we generally do not expect our yield-oriented managed receivables statistics to improve significantly from their current levels for the foreseeable future.

Our credit card operations within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment are separate and distinct from our other operations. As such, if we were ever to conclude that the ongoing costs of these operations exceeded their benefits (i.e., cash flows to us and residual asset values), we could liquidate our credit card operations (either by continuing to allow them to decline in size or through more aggressive action) with minimal impact on future financial performance of our other operations. We reference the table included in Note 8, "Convertible Senior Notes and Notes Payable," to our consolidated financial statements, which quantifies the risk to our consolidated total equity position associated with a complete liquidation of our credit cards receivables portfolios.

## Auto Finance Segment

Our Auto Finance segment historically included a variety of auto sales and lending activities.

Our original platform, CAR, acquired in April 2005, purchases auto loans at a discount and services auto loans for a fee; its customer base includes a nationwide network of pre-qualified auto dealers in the buy-here, pay-here used car business.



We also historically owned substantially all of JRAS, a buy-here, pay-here dealer we acquired in 2007 and operated from that time until our disposition of certain JRAS operating assets in the first quarter of 2011.

Lastly, our ACC platform acquired during 2007 historically purchased retail installment contracts from franchised car dealers. We ceased origination efforts within the ACC platform during 2009 and outsourced the collection of its portfolio of auto finance receivables.

Collectively, we currently serve more than 680 dealers through our Auto Finance segment in 34 states.

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## Managed Receivables Background

Like with our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment, we make various references to our managed receivables within our Auto Finance segment discussion.

Financial, operating and statistical data based on aggregate managed receivables are vital to any evaluation of our performance in managing our auto finance receivables portfolios, including our underwriting, servicing and collecting activities and our valuing of purchased receivables. In allocating our resources and managing our business, management relies heavily upon financial data and results prepared on this “managed basis.” Analysts, investors and others also consider it important that we provide selected financial, operating and statistical data on a managed basis because this allows a comparison of us to others within the specialty finance industry. Moreover, our management, analysts, investors and others believe it is critical that they understand the credit performance of the entire portfolio of our managed receivables because it reveals information concerning the quality of loan originations and the related credit risks inherent within the portfolios.

Reconciliation of the auto finance managed receivables data to our GAAP financial statements requires an understanding that our managed receivables data are based on billings and actual charge offs as they occur, without regard to any changes in our allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable.

## Analysis of Statistical Data

Financial, operating and statistical metrics for our Auto Finance segment are detailed (dollars and numbers of accounts in thousands; percentages of total) in the following tables:

	At or for the Three Months Ended															
	2012		2011						2010							
	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31	Sept. 30	Jun. 30	Mar. 31	Dec. 31
Period-end managed receivables	\$67,858	\$72,886	\$75,275	\$87,755	\$99,237	\$113,316	\$128,254	\$154,191								
Period-end managed accounts	23	24	24	26	27	29	30	33								
Percent 30 or more days past due	13.3 %	10.7 %	8.3 %	12.8 %	11.9 %	10.2 %	8.6 %	12.8 %								
Percent 60 or more days past due	5.4 %	3.6 %	3.3 %	4.9 %	4.7 %	3.8 %	3.6 %	5.3 %								
Percent 90 or more days past due	2.4 %	1.1 %	1.6 %	2.1 %	2.3 %	1.5 %	1.5 %	2.4 %								
Average managed receivables	\$69,538	\$75,877	\$80,503	\$92,719	\$106,881	\$120,773	\$140,132	\$165,286								
Gross yield ratio	35.3 %	35.2 %	33.9 %	36.3 %	35.5 %	32.6 %	29.2 %	29.1 %								
Adjusted charge-off ratio	3.9 %	4.2 %	8.2 %	8.3 %	9.8 %	10.9 %	21.1 %	20.3 %								
Recovery ratio	3.9 %	4.7 %	6.0 %	7.1 %	5.6 %	7.0 %	3.4 %	3.6 %								
Net interest margin	23.8 %	32.0 %	17.0 %	24.4 %	25.6 %	23.8 %	20.5 %	19.8 %								
Other income ratio	2.7 %	2.3 %	2.3 %	1.4 %	1.2 %	0.9 %	-11.2 %	0.6 %								
Operating ratio	24.7 %	24.0 %	29.9 %	21.3 %	19.5 %	18.7 %	18.7 %	20.7 %								

Managed receivables. Period-end managed receivables have gradually declined as we have curtailed significant purchasing and origination activities. As of September 30, 2012, only CAR continues to purchase/originate loans. Given liquidations of the ACC and JRAS portfolios, managed receivables within this segment will continue to decline for the next several quarters.

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Delinquencies. Our ACC and JRAS receivables portfolios are liquidating and becoming less significant relative to our better performing CAR portfolios which have significantly lower late stage (60 or more days past due) delinquency and charge-off rates; this fact and a recovering economy accounted for the modest year-over-year general improvement in delinquency statistics through the end of the second quarter of 2012. Because the JRAS and ACC portfolios are now of lesser significance, we do not expect any material further improvements in our delinquency statistics associated with the liquidating nature of these portfolios. Delinquencies have risen somewhat within our CAR receivables portfolio in the third quarter of 2012, and delinquencies as of September 30, 2012 are higher than they were at the end of prior 2012 quarters and at September 30, 2011. However, because we earn significant yields on CAR's receivables and have significant dealer reserves (i.e., retainages or holdbacks on the amount of funding CAR provides to its dealer customers) to protect against credit losses, we are not currently concerned about this rise in delinquencies.

Gross yield ratio, net interest margin and other income ratio. The effects of higher JRAS and ACC delinquencies and charge offs depressed our net interest margin in the fourth quarter of 2010. With the exception of the three months ended March 31, 2012, a general trend line of improving net interest margins is evident relative to comparable prior year periods due in part to the gradual liquidation of the JRAS and ACC receivables portfolios, thereby causing the better-performing CAR portfolio to comprise a greater percentage of average managed auto finance receivables. The terms of our ACC debt facility provide that 37.5% of any cash flows (net of contractual servicing compensation) generated on the ACC auto finance receivables portfolio after repayment of the notes will be allocated to the note holders as additional compensation for the use of their capital. Significant recent improvements in performance of the ACC portfolio have caused us to resume significant accruals of contingent interest expense under the debt facility, and our accrual of \$2.0 million of such additional interest during the three months ended March 31, 2012 caused the decline in our net interest margin relative to the prior quarters' improving net interest margin trend line. This additional interest charge abated modestly in the second quarter of 2012 resulting in a reduction in the amount of contingent interest recorded and providing additional lift to our net interest margin. We do not expect any significant future effects on our net interest margin associated with contingent interest under the ACC portfolio debt facility.

Consistent with our recent experiences, as our ACC and JRAS receivables continue their decline in relative significance as a percentage of our total portfolio of auto finance receivables, the higher gross yields we achieve within our CAR operations generally are expected to continue to result in slightly higher trending gross yield ratios and net interest margins in future quarters relative to comparable prior year quarterly levels.

The principal component of our other income ratio before 2011 was the gross profit that our JRAS buy-here, pay-here operations generated from their auto sales prior to our sale of these operations in February 2011. As such, the other income ratio historically moved in relative tandem with the volume of JRAS's auto sales. Our other income ratio in the first quarter of 2011 reflects the \$4.6 million loss recognized on the sale of our JRAS operating assets in February 2011. Because of the sale of these operations (and the commensurate elimination of the principal source of other income), we expect an insignificant other income ratio for the foreseeable future in line with what we have experienced in 2012 quarters.

Adjusted charge-off ratio and recovery ratio. We generally charge off auto finance receivables when they are between 120 and 180 days past due, unless the collateral is repossessed and sold before that point, in which case we will record a charge off when the proceeds are received. The adjusted charge-off ratio reflects our net charge offs, less credit quality discount accretion with respect to our acquired portfolios. A general trending increase in our adjusted charge-off ratio through the first quarter of 2011, therefore, reflected (1) the passage of time since our acquisition of ACC's Patelco portfolio at a significant purchase price discount to the face amount of the acquired receivables, (2) the adverse macro-economic effects being seen throughout the auto finance industry, and (3) the adverse effects of five 2010 JRAS lot closures and the corresponding negative impact this had on JRAS collections. Because our ACC receivables and the receivables of our JRAS operations that we retained in connection with our sale of our JRAS operations in February 2011 have declined in relative significance as a percentage of our total portfolio of auto finance

receivables and because of significantly improved performance of the ACC and JRAS receivables due both to the aging of the portfolios and some economic recovery and better than expected tax refund seasonal effects, our adjusted charge-off ratio has declined significantly subsequent to the first quarter of 2011. Our CAR receivables, which experience significantly lower charge offs, now comprise a more significant proportion of our average managed auto finance receivables—a factor that not only contributed to the 2011 decline in our adjusted charge-off ratio, but is also expected to result in lower adjusted charge-off ratios in future quarters. Also serving to reduce our second quarter 2011 adjusted charge-off ratio as well as increase our second quarter 2011 recovery ratio was a large sale of repossessed autos at auction related to the receivables of our former JRAS operations, which had accumulated a growing inventory of such vehicles leading into the second quarter of 2011 as well as increased recoveries experienced in our ACC portfolio. A similar increase in recoveries was seen during the fourth quarter of 2011 in our ACC portfolio. We expect our recovery rate to fluctuate modestly from quarter to quarter due to the timing of the sale of repossessed autos, but more importantly, we expect our recovery rate to fall gradually with the declining effects of ACC and JRAS on our operations; CAR experiences significantly lower charge offs and recoveries than experienced in ACC's and JRAS's operations.

Operating ratio. We have experienced a modest general trend line of increasing year-over-year operating ratios, which largely reflects the higher costs of our CAR operations as a percentage of receivables than such operating costs of our ACC and JRAS operations as a percentage of their receivables in prior periods. (Such higher costs correspond with the significantly higher gross yield ratios and net interest margins within our CAR operations as well.) As noted above, our CAR receivables and operating costs now comprise a greater percentage of respective total Auto Finance segment receivables and operating costs given the gradual liquidation of ACC and JRAS receivables. Notwithstanding this general trend line, we do not expect a significantly higher operating ratio for the foreseeable future. The spike in the first quarter of 2012 operating ratio arose due to an impairment charge of \$1.2 million recognized during that quarter associated with unfavorable terms on the sublease of our former ACC offices and certain non-recurring costs we incurred in the collection of our JRAS receivables.

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Future Expectations

Our CAR operations are performing well in the current environment (achieving consistent profitability) and are expected to continue at current levels for the foreseeable future. Generally offsetting these positive results are ACC and JRAS operations, which are expected to modestly depress overall Auto Finance segment results relative to CAR's stand-alone results for 2012. As ACC's and JRAS's receivables gradually liquidate, however, they should have a diminishing adverse effect on the positive results we are experiencing within our CAR operations.

Liquidity, Funding and Capital Resources

We continue to see dislocation in the availability of attractively priced and termed liquidity as a result of the market disruptions that began in 2007. This ongoing disruption has resulted in a decline in liquidity available to sub-prime market participants, including us, wider spreads above the underlying interest indices (typically LIBOR for our borrowings) for the loans that lenders are willing to make, and a decrease in advance rates for those loans.

Although we are hopeful liquidity markets ultimately will return to more traditional levels, we are not able to predict when or if that will occur, and we are managing our business with the assumption that liquidity markets will not return to more traditional levels in the near term. Specifically, we have curtailed or limited growth in many parts of our business and have closed substantially all of our credit card accounts (other than those associated with our U.K. test accounts). To the extent possible given constraints thus far on our ability to reduce expenses at the same rate as our managed receivables are liquidating, we are managing our receivables portfolios with a goal of generating the necessary cash flows over the coming quarters for us to use in de-leveraging our business, while continuing to enhance shareholder value to the greatest extent possible.

All of our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment's structured financing facilities are expected to amortize down with collections on the receivables within their underlying trusts with no bullet repayment requirements or refinancing risks to us. Additionally, with the exception of our new CAR structured finance facility into which we entered in October of 2011 and which does not mature until October 2014, our remaining Auto Finance segment structured financing facilities are likewise expected to amortize down with collections on the receivables that serve as collateral for the facilities with no bullet repayment requirements or refinancing risks to us. Our continuing challenge within our Credit Cards and Other Investments segment is to reduce our overhead cost infrastructure to match our incoming servicing compensation cash flows under our amortizing credit card structured financing facilities, the cash flows we receive from our 50%-owned equity-method investees, and the modest cash flows we are receiving from unencumbered credit card receivables portfolios that have already generated enough cash to allow for the repayment of their underlying structured financing facilities. Furthermore, the values of our credit card receivables that are pledged as collateral against our currently outstanding structured financing facilities could prove insufficient to provide for any residual value that ultimately would be payable to us. In such a case, we could experience further impairments to the recorded value of our credit card receivables, although we note that the recorded value has been substantially written down already leaving significantly less exposure to write-downs in the future.

Our current focus on liquidity has resulted in and will continue to result in growth and profitability trade-offs. For example, as noted throughout this report, we have closed substantially all of our credit card accounts (other than those underlying our test accounts in the U.K.); consequently, each of our managed credit card receivables portfolios is expected to show fairly rapid net liquidations in balances for the foreseeable future.

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At September 30, 2012, we had \$47.9 million in unrestricted cash. Because the characteristics of our assets and liabilities change, liquidity management has been a dynamic process for us affected by the pricing and maturity of our assets and liabilities. We historically have financed our business through cash flows from operations, asset-backed structured financings and the issuance of debt and equity. Details concerning our cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 are as follow:

- During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we generated \$26.6 million in cash flows from operations compared to \$93.2 million of cash flows from operations generated during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The decrease was principally related to (1) lower collections of credit card finance charge receivables in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 relative to the same period in 2011 given diminished receivables levels, (2) the lack of any finance and fee collections associated with our U.K. Internet micro-loan operations in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 given our sale of these operations in April 2011, (3) reduced net liquidations of receivables associated with our JRAS operations in 2012 versus 2011.
- During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we generated \$162.2 million of cash through our investing activities, compared to generating \$344.2 million of cash in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. This decrease is primarily due to the reduced levels of our outstanding investments and the cash returns thereof in 2012 based on the shrinking size our liquidating credit card and auto finance receivable portfolios, as well as the net proceeds we received from the sale of our MEM and JRAS operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. Offsetting this decline are net proceeds received during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from the sale of our sale Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, including its balance transfer card operations.
- During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, we used \$286.0 million of cash in financing activities, compared to our use of \$406.6 million of cash in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. In both periods, the data reflect net repayments of debt facilities corresponding with net declines in our loans and fees receivable that serve as the underlying collateral for the facilities (principally credit card and auto loans and fees receivable). Beyond the effects of higher 2011 than 2012 repayment levels based on receivables liquidations under our structured financing facilities, the \$105.0 million in proceeds used to repurchase stock in our April 2011 tender offer also contributed to the higher use of cash in financing activities in 2011 compared to our use of \$82.5 million used to repurchase 8,250,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share in September 2012. These effects were partially offset, however, by the fact that we used only \$31.3 million of cash for convertible senior notes repurchases in the nine months ended September 30, 2011, versus the \$83.5 million we used to repay our 3.625% convertible senior notes upon the exercise of note holder put rights in May 2012.

We note that the \$47.9 million in aggregate September 30, 2012 unrestricted cash mentioned herein represents the sum of all unrestricted cash from among all of our various business subsidiaries.

The most recent global financial crisis differs in key respects from our experiences during other down economic and financing cycles. First, while we had difficulty obtaining asset-backed financing for our originated portfolio activities at attractive advance rates in the last down cycle (2001 through 2003), the credit spreads (above base pricing indices like LIBOR) at that time were not as wide (expensive) as those seen during the recent crisis. Additionally, while we were successful during that down cycle in obtaining asset-backed financing for portfolio acquisitions at attractive advance rates, pricing and other terms, that financing has not been available from traditional market participants since the advent of the most recent crisis. Last and most significant is the adverse impact that the most recent global liquidity crisis has had on the U.S. and worldwide economies (including real estate and other asset values and the labor markets). Unemployment is still significantly higher than during 2001 through 2003 and is forecasted by many economists not to decline in any meaningful way for several more quarters. Lower assets values and higher rates of job loss and levels of unemployment have translated into reduced payment rates within the credit card industry

generally and for us specifically.

Beyond our immediate financing efforts discussed throughout this report, shareholders should expect us to evaluate debt and equity issuances as a means to fund our investment opportunities. We expect to take advantage of any opportunities to raise additional capital if terms and pricing are attractive to us. Any proceeds raised under these efforts or additional liquidity available to us could be used to fund (1) potential portfolio acquisitions, which may represent attractive opportunities for us in the current liquidity environment, (2) further repurchases of our convertible senior notes and common stock, (3) further dividends similar to the one on December 31, 2009, and (4) investments in certain financial and non-financial assets or businesses. Pursuant to a share repurchase plan authorized by our Board of Directors on May 11, 2012, we are authorized to repurchase 10,000,000 shares of our common stock through June 30, 2014.



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Lastly, we note that as of this Report date the only remaining material refunding or refinancing risks to us are those of the CAR financing facility into which we entered in October 2011 and which does not mature until October 2014 and our 5.875% convertible senior notes which are due in November 2035.

### Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

See Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. In May of 2012, substantially all of the investors in our 3.625% convertible senior notes exercised then-existing put rights, under which we repaid \$83.5 million in face amount of such notes outstanding at par.

### Commitments and Contingencies

We also have certain contractual arrangements that would require us to make payments or provide funding if certain circumstances occur (“contingent commitments”). We do not currently expect that these contingent commitments will result in any material amounts being paid by us. See Note 9, “Commitments and Contingencies,” to our consolidated financial statements included herein for further discussion of these matters.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2, “Significant Accounting Policies and Consolidated Financial Statement Components,” to our consolidated financial statements included herein for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

### Critical Accounting Estimates

We have prepared our financial statements in accordance with GAAP. These principles are numerous and complex. We have summarized our significant accounting policies in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. In many instances, the application of GAAP requires management to make estimates or to apply subjective principles to particular facts and circumstances. A variance in the estimates used or a variance in the application or interpretation of GAAP could yield a materially different accounting result. It is impracticable for us to summarize every accounting principle that requires us to use judgment or estimates in our application. Nevertheless, we described below the areas for which we believe that the estimations, judgments or interpretations that we have made, if different, would have yielded the most significant differences in our consolidated financial statements.

On a quarterly basis, we review our significant accounting policies and the related assumptions, in particular, those mentioned below, with the audit committee of the Board of Directors.

### Measurements for Loans and Fees Receivable at Fair Value and Notes Payable Associated with Structured Financings at Fair Value

Our valuation of loans and fees receivable, at fair value is based on the present value of future cash flows using a valuation model of expected cash flows and the estimated cost to service and collect those cash flows. We estimate the present value of these future cash flows using a valuation model consisting of internally developed estimates of assumptions third-party market participants would use in determining fair value, including estimates of net collected yield, principal payment rates, expected principal credit loss rates, costs of funds, discount rates and servicing costs. Similarly, our valuation of notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value is based on the present value of future cash flows utilized in repayment of the outstanding principal and interest under the facilities using a valuation model of expected cash flows net of the contractual service expenses within the facilities. We estimate the present value of these future cash flows using a valuation model consisting of internally developed estimates of assumptions third-party market participants would use in determining fair value, including: estimates of

net collected yield, principal payment rates and expected principal credit loss rates on the credit card receivables that secure the non-recourse notes payable; costs of funds; discount rates; and contractual servicing fees.

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The aforementioned credit losses, payment rates, servicing costs, contractual servicing fees, costs of funds, discount rates and yields earned on credit card receivables estimates significantly affect the reported amount of our loans and fees receivable, at fair value and our notes payable associated with structured financings, at fair value on our consolidated balance sheet, and they likewise affect our changes in fair value of loans and fees receivable recorded at fair value and changes in fair value of notes payable associated with structured financings recorded at fair value categories within our fees and related income on earning assets line item on our consolidated statement of operations.

### Allowance for Uncollectible Loans and Fees

Through our analysis of loan performance, delinquency data, charge-off data, economic trends and the potential effects of those economic trends on our customers, we establish an allowance for uncollectible loans and fees receivable as an estimate of the probable losses inherent within those loans and fees receivable that we do not report at fair value. To the extent that actual results differ from our estimates of uncollectible loans and fees receivable, our results of operations and liquidity could be materially affected.

### Recognition and Measurements with Respect to Uncertain Tax Positions

Our businesses and the tax accounting for our businesses are very complex, thereby giving rise to a number of uncertain tax positions, several of which are matters that are under consideration, and in some cases under dispute, in audits of our operations by various taxing authorities (including the Internal Revenue Service at the federal level with respect to net operating losses that we incurred in 2007 and 2008 and that we carried back to obtain tentative refunds of federal taxes paid in earlier years dating back to 2003).

In determining whether we are entitled to recognize, and in measuring the level of benefits that we are entitled to recognize associated with, uncertain tax positions, we (and experts we have hired to advise us) make an evaluation of the technical merits of a tax position derived from sources of authorities in the tax law (legislation and statutes, legislative intent, regulations, rulings, and case law) and their applicability to the facts and circumstances underlying our tax position. Although we believe we are several years away from ultimate resolution, and possible settlement and payment, with respect to our uncertain tax positions, including those taken in the 2007 and 2008 years under audit by the Internal Revenue Service, it is possible that we may ultimately settle with the Internal Revenue Service on one or more uncertain tax positions in a manner that differs from the liabilities we have recorded associated with such positions under our recognition and measurement determinations.

To the extent that our ultimate settlements result in less liability than we have recorded associated with our uncertain tax positions, we could experience a material release of liability, increase in income, and greater liquidity than our investors might otherwise expect. Alternatively, to the extent that our ultimate settlements result in more liability than we have recorded, our results of operations and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

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## Related Party Transactions

In our September 2012 tender offer, we purchased the following shares from our executive officers, members of our Board of Directors, and a 10-percent shareholder at \$10 per share:

	Number of Shares	Total Price
Executive Officers		
David G. Hanna, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	2,344,323	\$23,443,230
Richard R. House, Jr., President and Director	100,240	\$1,002,400
Richard W. Gilbert, Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board	212,023	\$2,120,230
J.Paul Whitehead, III, Chief Financial Officer	49,949	\$499,490
Board Members		
Deal W. Hudson	18,700	\$187,000
Mack F. Mattingly	20,726	\$207,260
Thomas G. Rosencrants	16,172	\$161,720
10% Shareholder		
Frank J. Hanna, III	2,344,324	\$23,443,240

In our April 2011 tender offer, we purchased the following shares from our executive officers and then-members of our Board of Directors at \$8 per share:

	Number of Shares	Total Price
Executive Officers		
David G. Hanna, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	3,656,028	\$29,248,224
Richard R. House, Jr., President and Director	202,610	\$1,620,880
Richard W. Gilbert, Chief Operating Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board	330,654	\$2,645,232
J.Paul Whitehead, III, Chief Financial Officer	23,984	\$191,872
Board Members		
Frank J. Hanna, III	3,656,028	\$29,248,224
Deal W. Hudson	19,231	\$153,848
Mack F. Mattingly	20,974	\$167,792
Thomas G. Rosencrants	13,871	\$110,968
Gregory J. Corona	29,574	\$236,592

Under a shareholders' agreement into which we entered with David G. Hanna, Frank J. Hanna, III, Richard R. House, Jr., Richard W. Gilbert and certain trusts that were or are Hanna affiliates following our initial public offering (1) if one or more of the shareholders accepts a bona fide offer from a third party to purchase more than 50% of the outstanding common stock, each of the other shareholders that are a party to the agreement may elect to sell their shares to the purchaser on the same terms and conditions, and (2) if shareholders that are a party to the agreement owning more than 50% of the common stock propose to transfer all of their shares to a third party, then such transferring shareholders may require the other shareholders that are a party to the agreement to sell all of the shares owned by them to the proposed transferee on the same terms and conditions.

In June 2007 we entered into a sublease for 1,000 square feet of excess office space at our Atlanta headquarters office location, to HBR Capital, Ltd., a corporation co-owned by David G. Hanna and Frank J. Hanna, III. The sublease rate of \$24.30 per square foot is the same as the rate that we pay on the prime lease. This sublease expires in May of 2022.



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Forward-Looking Information

We make forward-looking statements in this report and in other materials we file with the SEC or otherwise make public. This Item 2, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations,” of this report contains forward-looking statements. In addition, our senior management might make forward-looking statements to analysts, investors, the media and others. Statements with respect to potential receipt of contingent consideration from the sale of our Investments in Previously Charged-Off Receivables segment, expected revenue, income, receivables, income ratios, net interest margins, acquisitions and other growth opportunities, divestitures and discontinuations of businesses, loss exposure and loss provisions, delinquency and charge-off rates, impacts of account actions we may take or have taken, changes in collection programs and practices, changes in the credit quality and fair value of our credit card loans and fees receivable and the fair value of their underlying structured financing facilities, the impact of actions by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) and other regulators on both us and banks that issue credit cards on our behalf, account growth, the performance of investments that we have made, operating expenses, the impact of bankruptcy law changes, marketing plans and expenses, the performance of our Auto Finance segment, growth and performance of receivables originated over the Internet, our plans in the U.K., the impact of our U.K. Portfolio on our financial performance, sufficiency of available liquidity, the prospect for improvements in the liquidity markets, future interest costs, sources of funding operations and acquisitions, our entry into international markets, our ability to raise funds or renew financing facilities, results associated with our equity-method investees, our servicing income levels, gains and losses from investments in securities, experimentation with new products and other statements of our plans, beliefs or expectations are forward-looking statements. These and other statements using words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “project,” “target,” “can,” “could,” “may,” “would” and similar expressions also are forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. The forward-looking statements we make are not guarantees of future performance, and we have based these statements on our assumptions and analyses in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such statements. Management cautions against putting undue reliance on forward-looking statements or projecting any future results based on such statements or present or prior earnings levels.

Although it is not possible to identify all factors, we continue to face many risks and uncertainties. Among the factors that could cause actual future results to differ materially from our expectations are the risks and uncertainties described under “Risk Factors” set forth in Part II, Item 1A, and the risk factors and other cautionary statements in the other documents that we file with the SEC, including the following:

- the extent to which federal, state, local and foreign governmental regulation of our various business lines and products limits or prohibits the operation of our businesses;
  - current and future litigation and regulatory proceedings against us;
- the effect of adverse economic conditions on our revenues, loss rates and cash flows;
- the fragmentation of our industry and competition from various other sources providing similar financial products, or other alternative sources of credit, to consumers;
  - the adequacy of our allowances for uncollectible loans and fees receivable and estimates of loan losses;
  - the availability of adequate financing;

- the possible impairment of assets;
- our ability to reduce or eliminate overhead and other costs to lower levels consistent with the contraction of our loans and fees receivable and other income-producing assets;
- our relationship with the banks that provide certain services that are needed to operate our businesses; and
  - theft and employee errors.

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Most of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. Any of these factors, or a combination of these factors, could materially affect our future financial condition or results of operations and the ultimate accuracy of our forward-looking statements. There also are other factors that we may not describe (generally because we currently do not perceive them to be material) that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations.

We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

In this report, except as the context suggests otherwise, the words “Company,” “CompuCredit Holdings Corporation,” “CompuCredit,” “we,” “our,” “ours” and “us” refer to CompuCredit Holdings Corporation and its subsidiaries and predecessor companies. CompuCredit owns Aspire®, CompuCredit®, Embrace®, Emerge®, Imagine®, Majestic®, Monument®, Salute®, Tribute® and other trademarks and service marks in the U.S. and the U.K.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

As a “smaller reporting company,” as defined by Item 10 of Regulation S-K, we are not required to provide this information.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Disclosure controls and procedures.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at meeting their objectives.

(b) Internal control over financial reporting.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter to which this report relates that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



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PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various legal proceedings that are incidental to the conduct of our business. The most significant of these are described in Note 9, “Commitments and Contingencies,” to our Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I Item 1 of this report.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock or other securities involves a number of risks. You should carefully consider each of the risks described below before deciding to invest in our common stock. If any of the following risks develops into actual events, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be negatively affected, the market price of our common stock or other securities could decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Investors should be particularly cautious regarding investments in our common stock or other securities at the present time in light of the current economic circumstances. We are predominately a sub-prime lender, and our customers have been adversely impacted by the loss of jobs and the overall decline in the economy.

**Our Cash Flows and Net Income Are Dependent Upon Payments from Our Loans and Fees Receivable and Other Credit Products**

The collectibility of our loans and fees receivable is a function of many factors including the criteria used to select who is issued credit, the pricing of the credit products, the lengths of the relationships, general economic conditions, the rate at which customers repay their accounts or become delinquent, and the rate at which customers borrow funds from us. Deterioration in these factors, which we have experienced over the past few years, adversely impacts our business. In addition, to the extent we have over-estimated collectibility, in all likelihood we have over-estimated our financial performance. Some of these concerns are discussed more fully below.

Our portfolio of receivables is not diversified and originates from customers whose creditworthiness is considered sub-prime. Historically, we have obtained receivables in one of two ways—we have either solicited for the origination of the receivables or purchased pools of receivables from other issuers. In either case, substantially all of our receivables are from financially underserved borrowers—borrowers represented by credit risks that regulators classify as “sub-prime.” Our reliance on sub-prime receivables has negatively impacted and may in the future negatively impact, our performance. Our various past and current losses might have been mitigated had our portfolios consisted of higher-grade receivables in addition to our sub-prime receivables. We have no immediate plans to issue or acquire significantly higher-grade receivables.

We may not successfully evaluate the creditworthiness of our customers and may not price our credit products so as to remain profitable. The creditworthiness of our target market generally is considered “sub-prime” based on guidance issued by the agencies that regulate the banking industry. Thus, our customers generally have a higher frequency of delinquencies, higher risks of nonpayment and, ultimately, higher credit losses than consumers who are served by more traditional providers of consumer credit. Some of the consumers included in our target market are consumers who are dependent upon finance companies, consumers with only retail store credit cards and/or lacking general purpose credit cards, consumers who are establishing or expanding their credit, and consumers who may have had a delinquency, a default or, in some instances, a bankruptcy in their credit histories, but who, in our view, have demonstrated recovery. We price our credit products taking into account the perceived risk level of our customers. If our estimates are incorrect, customer default rates will be higher, we will receive less cash from the receivables and the value of our loans and fees receivable will decline, all of which will have a negative impact on performance. While

they have begun to rebound modestly, payment rates by our customers declined significantly in 2008 and 2009 and, correspondingly, default rates likewise increased throughout that time period. It also is unclear whether our modestly improved payment rates can be sustained given weakness in the employment outlook and economic environment at large.

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Economic slowdowns increase our credit losses. During periods of economic slowdown or recession, we experience an increase in rates of delinquencies and frequency and severity of credit losses. Our actual rates of delinquencies and frequency and severity of credit losses may be comparatively higher during periods of economic slowdown or recession than those experienced by more traditional providers of consumer credit because of our focus on the financially underserved consumer market, which may be disproportionately impacted.

We are subject to foreign economic and exchange risks. Because of our investments in the U.K., we have exposure to fluctuations in the U.K. economy, recent fluctuations in which have been significantly negative. We also have exposure to fluctuations in the relative values of the U.S. dollar and the British pound. Because the British pound has experienced a net decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar since we made the most significant of our investments in the U.K., we have experienced significant transaction and translation losses within our financial statements.

Because a significant portion of our reported income is based on management's estimates of the future performance of our loans and fees receivable, differences between actual and expected performance of the receivables may cause fluctuations in net income. Significant portions of our reported income (or losses) are based on management's estimates of cash flows we expect to receive on our loans and fees receivable, particularly for such assets that we report based on fair value. The expected cash flows are based on management's estimates of interest rates, default rates, payment rates, cardholder purchases, servicing costs, and discount rates. These estimates are based on a variety of factors, many of which are not within our control. Substantial differences between actual and expected performance of the receivables will occur and cause fluctuations in our net income. For instance, higher than expected rates of delinquencies and losses could cause our net income to be lower than expected. Similarly, as we have experienced for our credit card receivables portfolios with respect to financing agreements secured by our loans and fees receivable, levels of loss and delinquency can result in our being required to repay our lenders earlier than expected, thereby reducing funds available to us for future growth. Because all of our credit card receivables structured financing facilities are now in amortization status—which for us generally means that the only meaningful cash flows that we are receiving with respect to the credit card receivables that are encumbered by such structured financing facilities are those associated with our contractually specified fee for servicing the receivables—recent payment and default trends have substantially reduced the cash flows that we receive from these receivables.

Due to the lack of historical experience with Internet customers, we may not be able to target successfully these customers or evaluate their creditworthiness. We have less historical experience with respect to the credit risk and performance of customers acquired over the Internet. As a result, we may not be able to target and evaluate successfully the creditworthiness of these potential customers should we engage in marketing efforts to acquire these customers. Therefore, we may encounter difficulties managing the expected delinquencies and losses and appropriately pricing our products.

### **We Are Substantially Dependent Upon Borrowed Funds to Fund the Receivables We Originate or Purchase**

We finance our receivables in large part through financing facilities. All of our financing facilities are of finite duration (and ultimately will need to be extended or replaced) and contain financial covenants and other conditions that must be fulfilled in order for funding to be available. Moreover, most of these facilities currently are in amortization stages (and are not allowing for the funding of any new loans), either based on their original terms or because we have not met financial or asset performance-related covenants. The cost and availability of equity and borrowed funds is dependent upon our financial performance, the performance of our industry generally and general economic and market conditions, and at times equity and borrowed funds have been both expensive and difficult to obtain. Most recently as described below, funding for sub-prime lending has been very difficult to achieve.

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Beginning in 2007, largely as a result of difficulties in the sub-prime mortgage market, new financing generally has been unavailable to sub-prime lenders, and the financing that has been available has been on significantly less favorable terms. As a result, beginning in the third quarter of 2007, we significantly curtailed our marketing for new credit cards and currently are not issuing a significant number of new cards. Moreover, commencing in October 2008 we reduced credit lines and closed a significant number of accounts in response to the unavailability of financing and to reduce our risk exposure. These activities continued into 2009 and, as a result, substantially all of our credit cards are now closed to cardholder purchases. If additional financing facilities are not available in the future on terms we consider acceptable, we will not be able to grow our credit card business and it will continue to contract in size.

Our Financial Performance Is, in Part, a Function of the Aggregate Amount of Receivables That Are Outstanding

The aggregate amount of outstanding receivables is a function of many factors including purchase rates, payment rates, interest rates, seasonality, general economic conditions, competition from other credit card issuers and other sources of consumer financing, access to funding, and the timing, extent and success of our marketing efforts.

Our business currently is contracting. Growth is a product of a combination of factors, many of which are not in our control. Factors include:

- the level and success of our marketing efforts;
- the degree to which we lose business to competitors;
- the level of usage of our credit products by our customers;
- the availability of portfolios for purchase on attractive terms;
  - levels of delinquencies and charge offs;
  - the availability of funding on favorable terms;
  - the level of costs of soliciting new customers;
  - our ability to employ and train new personnel;

our ability to maintain adequate management systems, collection procedures, internal controls and automated systems; and

- general economic and other factors beyond our control.

We have substantially eliminated our credit card marketing efforts and have aggressively reduced credit lines and closed credit card accounts. In addition, the general economic downturn experienced in 2008 and 2009 significantly impacted not just the level of usage of our credit products by our customers but also levels of payments and delinquencies and other performance metrics. As a result, our business currently is contracting, and until market conditions more substantially reverse, we do not expect overall net growth in our Credit Card or our Auto Finance segments.

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We Operate in a Heavily Regulated Industry

Changes in bankruptcy, privacy or other consumer protection laws, or to the prevailing interpretation thereof, may expose us to litigation, adversely affect our ability to collect account balances in connection with our traditional credit card business, our debt collection subsidiary's charged-off receivables operations, and our auto finance and other lending activities, or otherwise adversely affect our operations. Similarly, regulatory changes could adversely affect our ability or willingness to market credit cards and other products and services to our customers. The accounting rules that govern our business are exceedingly complex, difficult to apply and in a state of flux. As a result, how we value our receivables and otherwise account for our business is subject to change depending upon the changes in, and, interpretation of, those rules. Some of these issues are discussed more fully below.

Reviews and enforcement actions by regulatory authorities under banking and consumer protection laws and regulations may result in changes to our business practices, may make collection of account balances more difficult or may expose us to the risk of fines, restitution and litigation. Our operations and the operations of the issuing banks through which we originate some of our credit products are subject to the jurisdiction of federal, state and local government authorities, including the CFPB, the SEC, the FDIC, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the FTC, U.K. banking authorities, state regulators having jurisdiction over financial institutions and debt origination and collection and state attorneys general. Our business practices, including the terms of our products and our marketing, servicing and collection practices, are subject to both periodic and special reviews by these regulatory and enforcement authorities. These reviews can range from investigations of specific consumer complaints or concerns to broader inquiries into our practices generally. If as part of these reviews the regulatory authorities conclude that we are not complying with applicable law, they could request or impose a wide range of remedies including requiring changes in advertising and collection practices, changes in the terms of our products (such as decreases in interest rates or fees), the imposition of fines or penalties, or the paying of restitution or the taking of other remedial action with respect to affected customers. They also could require us to stop offering some of our products, either nationally or in selected states. To the extent that these remedies are imposed on the issuing banks through which we originate credit products, under certain circumstances we are responsible for the remedies as a result of our indemnification obligations with those banks. We also may elect to change practices or products that we believe are compliant with law in order to respond to regulatory concerns. Furthermore, negative publicity relating to any specific inquiry or investigation could hurt our ability to conduct business with various industry participants or to attract new accounts and could negatively affect our stock price, which would adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital and would raise our costs of doing business.

If any deficiencies or violations of law or regulations are identified by us or asserted by any regulator, or if the CFPB, the FDIC, the FTC or any other regulator requires us to change any of our practices, the correction of such deficiencies or violations, or the making of such changes, could have a materially adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or business. In addition, whether or not we modify our practices when a regulatory or enforcement authority requests or requires that we do so, there is a risk that we or other industry participants may be named as defendants in litigation involving alleged violations of federal and state laws and regulations, including consumer protection laws. Any failure to comply with legal requirements by us or the issuing banks through which we originate credit products in connection with the issuance of those products, or by us or our agents as the servicer of our accounts, could significantly impair our ability to collect the full amount of the account balances. The institution of any litigation of this nature, or any judgment against us or any other industry participant in any litigation of this nature, could adversely affect our business and financial condition in a variety of ways.

We are dependent upon banks to issue credit cards and certain other credit products. Our credit card and some of our other credit product programs are dependent on our issuing bank relationships, and their regulators could at any time limit their ability to issue some or all products on our behalf, or that we service on their behalf, or to modify those products significantly. Any significant interruption of those relationships would result in our being unable to originate new receivables and other credit products. It is possible that a regulatory position or action taken with respect to any

of the issuing banks through which we have originated credit products or for whom we service receivables might result in the bank's inability or unwillingness to originate future credit products on our behalf or in partnership with us. In the current state, such a disruption of our issuing bank relationships would adversely affect our ability to conduct credit card issuances in the U.K, and to grow our private label merchant credit product offerings and underlying receivables.

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Changes to consumer protection laws or changes in their interpretation may impede collection efforts or otherwise adversely impact our business practices. Federal and state consumer protection laws regulate the creation and enforcement of consumer credit card receivables and other loans. Many of these laws (and the related regulations) are focused on sub-prime lenders and are intended to prohibit or curtail industry-standard practices as well as non-standard practices. For instance, Congress enacted legislation that regulates loans to military personnel through imposing interest rate and other limitations and requiring new disclosures, all as regulated by the Department of Defense. Similarly, in 2009 Congress enacted legislation that required changes to a variety of marketing, billing and collection practices, and the Federal Reserve recently adopted significant changes to a number of practices through its issuance of regulations. While our practices are in compliance with these changes, some of the changes (e.g., limitations on the ability to assess up-front fees) have significantly affected the viability of certain of our prior (in particular our lower-tier) product offerings. Changes in the consumer protection laws could result in the following:

• receivables not originated in compliance with law (or revised interpretations) could become unenforceable and uncollectible under their terms against the obligors;

- we may be required to credit or refund previously collected amounts;

- certain fees could be prohibited or restricted, which would reduce the profitability of certain accounts;

• certain of our collection methods could be prohibited, forcing us to revise our practices or adopt more costly or less effective practices;

• limitations on the content of marketing materials could be imposed that would result in reduced success for our marketing efforts;

• federal and state laws may limit our ability to recover on charged-off receivables regardless of any act or omission on our part;

- reductions in statutory limits for finance charges could require us to reduce our fees and charges;
- some of our products and services could be banned in certain states or at the federal level;

• federal or state bankruptcy or debtor relief laws could offer additional protections to customers seeking bankruptcy protection, providing a court greater leeway to reduce or discharge amounts owed to us; and

- a reduction in our ability or willingness to lend to certain individuals, such as military personnel.

Material regulatory developments are likely to impact our business and results from operations.

Current and future litigation and regulatory proceedings against our former Retail Micro-Loans segment could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition. Certain subsidiaries within our Retail Micro-Loans segment (the operations of which we sold in October 2011) are subject to a lawsuit that could generate adverse publicity and cause them and us to incur substantial expenditures. See Note 9, "Commitments and Contingencies," to our Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I Item 1 of this report.

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Our Automobile Lending Activities Involve Risks in Addition to Others Described Herein

Automobile lending exposes us not only to most of the risks described above but also to additional risks, including the regulatory scheme that governs installment loans and those attendant to relying upon automobiles and their repossession and liquidation value as collateral. In addition, our most significant active Auto Finance segment business acquires loans on a wholesale basis from used car dealers, for which we rely upon the legal compliance and credit determinations by those dealers.

Declines in automobile sales as we saw in recent years can cause declines in the overall demand for automobile loans. While currently recovering fairly significantly, sales of both new and used cars declined precipitously in recent years. While the unavailability of funding may have had a greater impact on our business, the decline in demand in recent years was consequential as well as it adversely affected the volume of our lending transactions and our recoveries of repossessed vehicles at auction. Any such future declines in demand will adversely impact our business.

Funding for automobile lending is difficult to obtain and expensive. In large part due to market concerns regarding sub-prime lending, it is difficult to find lenders willing to fund our automobile lending activities. Our inability to obtain debt facilities with desirable terms (e.g., interest rates and advance rates) and the other capital necessary to fund growth within our Auto Finance segment will cause periods (like our current period) of liquidations in our Auto Finance segment receivables and reductions in profitability and returns on equity. Although we did not experience any such adverse effects when our CAR facility began its required amortization period in June 2011 and was repaid in July 2011 (and although any concerns of such adverse effects are now abated given the new lending facility CAR obtained in October 2011), in the event we may not be able to renew or replace any future Auto Finance segment facilities that bear refunding or refinancing risks when they become due, our Auto Finance segment could experience significant liquidity constraints and diminution in reported asset values as lenders retain significant cash flows within underlying structured financings or otherwise under security arrangements for repayment of their loans. If we cannot renew or replace future facilities or otherwise are unduly constrained from a liquidity perspective, we may choose to sell part or all of our auto loan portfolios, possibly at less than favorable prices.

Our automobile lending business is dependent upon referrals from dealers. Currently we provide substantially all of our automobile loans only to or through used car dealers. Providers of automobile financing have traditionally competed based on the interest rate charged, the quality of credit accepted and the flexibility of loan terms offered. In order to be successful, we not only will need to be competitive in these areas, but also will need to establish and maintain good relations with dealers and provide them with a level of service greater than what they can obtain from our competitors.

The financial performance of our automobile loan portfolio is in part dependent upon the liquidation of repossessed automobiles. In the event of certain defaults, we may repossess automobiles and sell repossessed automobiles at wholesale auction markets located throughout the U.S. Auction proceeds from these types of sales and other recoveries rarely are sufficient to cover the outstanding balances of the contracts; where we experience these shortfalls, we will experience credit losses. Decreased auction proceeds resulting from depressed prices at which used automobiles may be sold in periods of economic slowdown or recession have resulted in higher credit losses for us. Additionally, higher gasoline prices (like those experienced during 2008) tend to decrease the auction value of certain types of vehicles, such as SUVs.

Repossession of automobiles entails the risk of litigation and other claims. Although we have contracted with reputable repossession firms to repossess automobiles on defaulted loans, it is not uncommon for consumers to assert that we were not entitled to repossess an automobile or that the repossession was not conducted in accordance with applicable law. These claims increase the cost of our collection efforts and, if correct, can result in awards against us.





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### We Routinely Explore Various Opportunities to Grow Our Business, to Make Investments and to Purchase and Sell Assets

We routinely consider acquisitions of, or investments in, portfolios and other assets as well as the sale of portfolios and portions of our business. There are a number of risks attendant to any acquisition, including the possibility that we will overvalue the assets to be purchased and that we will not be able to produce the expected level of profitability from the acquired business or assets. Similarly, there are a number of risks attendant to sales, including the possibility that we will undervalue the assets to be sold. As a result, the impact of any acquisition or sale on our future performance may not be as favorable as expected and actually may be adverse.

Portfolio purchases may cause fluctuations in our reported Credit Card and Other Investments segment's managed receivables data, which may reduce the usefulness of this data in evaluating our business. Our reported Credit Card and Other Investments segment managed receivables data may fluctuate substantially from quarter to quarter as a result of recent and future credit card portfolio acquisitions. As of September 30, 2012, credit card portfolio acquisitions accounted for 32.2% of our total Credit Card and Other Investments segment managed receivables portfolio based on our ownership percentages.

Receivables included in purchased portfolios are likely to have been originated using credit criteria different from the criteria of issuing bank partners that have originated accounts on our behalf. Receivables included in any particular purchased portfolio may have significantly different delinquency rates and charge-off rates than the receivables previously originated and purchased by us. These receivables also may earn different interest rates and fees as compared to other similar receivables in our receivables portfolio. These variables could cause our reported managed receivables data to fluctuate substantially in future periods making the evaluation of our business more difficult.

Any acquisition or investment that we make will involve risks different from and in addition to the risks to which our business is currently exposed. These include the risks that we will not be able to integrate and operate successfully new businesses, that we will have to incur substantial indebtedness and increase our leverage in order to pay for the acquisitions, that we will be exposed to, and have to comply with, different regulatory regimes and that we will not be able to apply our traditional analytical framework (which is what we expect to be able to do) in a successful and value-enhancing manner.

We regularly explore investments in other lines of business where we believe the returns will meet our requirements. While these investments have not been significant recently, we expect them to increase in the future as the opportunities to invest in our traditional businesses remain unattractive. These investments may or may not be in areas where we have specialized expertise, and may carry risks in addition to those described above. In addition, some of these investments that we have made and may make in the future are or will be in debt or equity securities of businesses over which we exert little or no control, which likely exposes us to greater risks of loss than investments in activities and operations that we control. We experienced such losses in the amount of \$5.3 million in 2011, for example, associated with other-than-temporary declines in the values of loans that we made to other business enterprises.

### Other Risks of Our Business

Climate change and related regulatory responses may impact our business. Climate change as a result of emissions of greenhouse gases is a significant topic of discussion and may generate federal and other regulatory responses in the near future, including the imposition of a so-called "cap and trade" system. It is impracticable to predict with any certainty the impact on our business of climate change or the regulatory responses to it, although we recognize that they could be significant. The most direct impact is likely to be an increase in energy costs, which would adversely impact consumers and their ability to incur and repay indebtedness. However, it is too soon for us to predict with any certainty the ultimate impact, either directionally or quantitatively, of climate change and related regulatory responses.



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We are a holding company with no operations of our own. As a result, our cash flow and ability to service our debt is dependent upon distributions from our subsidiaries. Our ability to service our debt is dependent upon the cash flows and operating earnings of our subsidiaries. The distribution of subsidiary earnings, or advances or other distributions of funds by subsidiaries to us, all of which are subject to statutory and could be subject to contractual restrictions, are contingent upon the subsidiaries' cash flows and earnings and are subject to various business and debt covenant considerations. In addition, we are considering further restructuring options.

Unless we obtain a bank charter, we cannot issue credit cards other than through agreements with banks. Because we do not have a bank charter, we currently cannot issue credit cards other than through agreements with banks. Unless we obtain a bank or credit card bank charter, we will continue to rely upon banking relationships to provide for the issuance of credit cards to our customers. Even if we obtain a bank charter, there may be restrictions on the types of credit that the bank may extend. Our various issuing bank agreements have scheduled expirations dates. If we are unable to extend or execute new agreements with our issuing banks at the expirations of our current agreements with them, or if our existing or new agreements with our issuing banks were terminated or otherwise disrupted, there is a risk that we would not be able to enter into agreements with an alternate provider on terms that we consider favorable or in a timely manner without disruption of our business.

We are party to litigation. As more fully discussed above, we are defendants in a number of legal proceedings. This includes litigation with holders of our convertible senior notes concerning past and possible future distributions to our shareholders, litigation relating to our former retail micro-loan operations and other litigation customary for a business of our nature. In each case we believe that we have meritorious defenses or that the positions we are asserting otherwise are correct. However, adverse outcomes are possible in each of these matters, and we could decide to settle one or more of these matters in order to avoid the cost of litigation or to obtain certainty of outcome. Adverse outcomes or settlements of these matters could require us to pay damages, make restitution, change our business practices or take other actions at a level, or in a manner, that would adversely impact our business.

We face heightened levels of economic risk associated with new investment activities. We recently have made a number of investments in businesses that are not directly allied to our traditional lending activities to, or associated with, the underserved consumer credit market and in businesses in which we exert little or no control. We expect to make other such investments in the future. While we will make only those investments that we believe will provide a favorable return, because some of the investments are outside of our core areas of expertise, they entail risks beyond those described elsewhere in this report. These risks could result in the loss of part or all of our investments (e.g., as occurred with respect to our recognition of a complete loss of investment in the amount of \$3.4 million on notes that we held in a non-financial business concern during the three months ended September 30, 2011, and our loss of another \$1.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2011 due to an other-than-temporary decline in the value of another issuer's notes in which we had previously invested).

Because we outsource account-processing functions that are integral to our business, any disruption or termination of that outsourcing relationship could harm our business. We outsource account and payment processing, and in 2011, we paid Total System Services, Inc. \$9.3 million for these services. If these agreements were not renewed or were terminated or the services provided to us were otherwise disrupted, we would have to obtain these services from an alternative provider. There is a risk that we would not be able to enter into a similar agreement with an alternate provider on terms that we consider favorable or in a timely manner without disruption of our business.

Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential customer data could expose us to protracted and costly litigation, and civil and criminal penalties. To conduct our business, we are required to manage, use, and store large amounts of personally identifiable information, consisting primarily of confidential personal and financial data regarding our customers. We also depend on our IT networks and systems, and those of third parties, to process, store, and transmit this information. As a result, we are subject to numerous U.S. federal and state laws designed to protect this information. Security breaches involving our files and infrastructure could lead to unauthorized disclosure of

confidential information.

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We take a number of measures to ensure the security of our hardware and software systems and customer information. Advances in computer capabilities, new discoveries in the field of cryptography or other developments may result in the technology used by us to protect data being breached or compromised. In the past, consumer finance companies have been the subject of sophisticated and highly targeted attacks on their information technology. An increasing number of websites have reported breaches of their security.

If any person, including our employees or those of third-party vendors, negligently disregards or intentionally breaches our established controls with respect to such data or otherwise mismanages or misappropriates that data, we could be subject to costly litigation, monetary damages, fines, and/or criminal prosecution. Any unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information could subject us to liability under data privacy laws. Further, under credit card rules and our contracts with our card processors, if there is a breach of credit card information that we store, we could be liable to the credit card issuing banks for their cost of issuing new cards and related expenses. In addition, if we fail to follow credit card industry security standards, even if there is no compromise of customer information, we could incur significant fines.

Internet and data security breaches also could impede us from originating loans over the Internet, cause us to lose customers or otherwise damage our reputation or business. Consumers generally are concerned with security and privacy, particularly on the Internet. As part of our growth strategy, we have originated loans over the Internet. The secure transmission of confidential information over the Internet is essential to maintaining customer confidence in our products and services offered online.

Advances in computer capabilities, new discoveries or other developments could result in a compromise or breach of the technology used by us to protect customer application and transaction data transmitted over the Internet. In addition to the potential for litigation and civil penalties described above, security breaches could damage our reputation and cause customers to become unwilling to do business with us, particularly over the Internet. Any publicized security problems could inhibit the growth of the Internet as a means of conducting commercial transactions. Our ability to solicit new loans over the Internet would be severely impeded if consumers become unwilling to transmit confidential information online.

Also, a party that is able to circumvent our security measures could misappropriate proprietary information, cause interruption in our operations, damage our computers or those of our users, or otherwise damage our reputation and business.

Regulation in the areas of privacy and data security could increase our costs. We are subject to various regulations related to privacy and data security/breach, and we could be negatively impacted by these regulations. For example, we are subject to the safeguards guidelines under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. The safeguards guidelines require that each financial institution develop, implement and maintain a written, comprehensive information security program containing safeguards that are appropriate to the financial institution's size and complexity, the nature and scope of the financial institution's activities and the sensitivity of any customer information at issue. Broad-ranging data security laws that affect our business also have been adopted by various states. Compliance with these laws regarding the protection of customer and employee data could result in higher compliance and technology costs for us, as well as potentially significant fines and penalties for non-compliance.

In addition to the foregoing enhanced data security requirements, various federal banking regulatory agencies, and as many as 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, have enacted data breach regulations and laws requiring varying levels of customer notification in the event of a security breach.

Also, federal legislators and regulators are increasingly pursuing new guidelines, laws and regulations that, if adopted, could further restrict how we collect, use, share and secure customer information, which could impact some of our current or planned business initiatives.

Unplanned system interruptions or system failures could harm our business and reputation. Any interruption in the availability of our transactional processing services due to hardware and operating system failures will reduce our revenues and profits. Any unscheduled interruption in our services results in an immediate, and possibly substantial, loss of revenues. Frequent or persistent interruptions in our services could cause current or potential members to believe that our systems are unreliable, leading them to switch to our competitors or to avoid our websites or services, and could permanently harm our reputation.

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Although our systems have been designed around industry-standard architectures to reduce downtime in the event of outages or catastrophic occurrences, they remain vulnerable to damage or interruption from earthquakes, floods, fires, power loss, telecommunication failures, computer viruses, computer denial-of-service attacks, and similar events or disruptions. Some of our systems are not fully redundant, and our disaster recovery planning may not be sufficient for all eventualities. Our systems also are subject to break-ins, sabotage, and intentional acts of vandalism. Despite any precautions we may take, the occurrence of a natural disaster, a decision by any of our third-party hosting providers to close a facility we use without adequate notice for financial or other reasons, or other unanticipated problems at our hosting facilities could cause system interruptions, delays, and loss of critical data, and result in lengthy interruptions in our services. Our business interruption insurance may not be sufficient to compensate us for losses that may result from interruptions in our service as a result of system failures.

Because of our loan to a small coal mining operation (which was modified in late 2011 to require the consolidation of this operation into our financial statements), we could be subject to (i) significant administrative, civil, and criminal financial and other penalties if this operation does not comply with environmental, health and safety regulations and (ii) liability to third parties for environmental contamination. The coal mining industry is subject to strict regulation by federal, state and local authorities with respect to matters such as employee health and safety, permitting and licensing requirements, the protection of the environment, the protection of historic and natural resources, plants and wildlife, reclamation and restoration of mining properties after mining is completed, and the effects that mining has on groundwater quality and availability. Federal and state authorities inspect coal mines, and in the aftermath of the April 5, 2010 accident at an underground mine in Central Appalachia, mining operations have experienced, and may in the future continue to experience, a significant increase in the frequency and scope of these inspections. Numerous governmental permits and approvals are required for mining operations. Mining operations are required to prepare and present to federal, state and/or local authorities data pertaining to the effect or impact that any proposed exploration for or production of coal may have upon the environment.

The costs, liabilities and requirements associated with the laws and regulations related to these and other environmental matters may be costly and time-consuming. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in the assessment of administrative, civil, and criminal financial and other penalties, the imposition of cleanup and site restoration costs and liens, the issuance of injunctions to limit or cease operations, the suspension or revocation of permits and other enforcement measures.

We also could be subject to claims by third parties under federal and state statutes and/or common law doctrines resulting from damage to the environment or historic or natural resources or exposure to hazardous substances on the mine property or elsewhere. Liability for environmental contamination may be without regard to fault and may be strict, joint and several, so that we may be held responsible for the entire amount of the contamination or related damages. These and other similar unforeseen impacts that the mining operation may have on the environment, as well as exposures to hazardous substances or wastes associated with the mining operation, could result in costs and liabilities that could adversely affect us.

Even though this coal mining operation is owned and primarily operated by third parties, our financial relationship with this coal mining operation could subject us to these types of claims and penalties, particularly if these matters are not properly addressed by the owners and operators of this coal mining operation. If we are held responsible for sanctions, costs and liabilities in respect of these matters, our profitability could be materially and adversely affected.



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Taxing authorities routinely review our tax returns and could challenge the positions that we have taken. Our businesses and the tax accounting for our businesses are very complex, thereby giving rise to a number of tax positions that are under consideration, and in some cases under dispute, in audits of our operations by various taxing authorities, including the Internal Revenue Service at the federal level with respect to net operating losses that we incurred in 2007 and 2008 and that we carried back to obtain tentative refunds of federal taxes paid in earlier years dating back to 2003. It is possible that a court of ultimate jurisdiction may resolve tax positions in favor of the Internal Revenue Service or that we may ultimately settle with the Internal Revenue Service on one or more uncertain tax positions in a manner that differs from the liabilities that we have recorded associated with such positions under our recognition and measurement determinations. The amounts involved in these audits, particularly the amounts of net operating losses that we carried back, are material. To the extent that our ultimate resolution results in more liability than we have recorded, we could experience a material adverse effect on our results of operations and liquidity.

## Risks Relating to an Investment in Our Common Stock

The price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and this may make it difficult for you to resell your shares of our common stock when you want or at prices you find attractive. The price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market constantly changes. We expect that the market price of our common stock will continue to fluctuate. The market price of our common stock may fluctuate in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include the following:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates by securities analysts and investors;
- the overall financing environment, which is critical to our value;
- the operating and stock performance of our competitors and other sub-prime lenders;
- announcements by us or our competitors of new products or services or significant contracts, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- changes in interest rates;
- the announcement of enforcement actions or investigations against us or our competitors or other negative publicity relating to us or our industry;
- changes in GAAP, laws, regulations or the interpretations thereof that affect our various business activities and segments;
- general domestic or international economic, market and political conditions;
- additions or departures of key personnel; and
- future sales of our common stock and the transfer or cancellation of shares of common stock pursuant to the share lending agreement.

In addition, the stock markets from time to time experience extreme price and volume fluctuations that may be unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of companies. These broad fluctuations may adversely

affect the trading price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance.

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Future sales of our common stock or equity-related securities in the public market, including sales of our common stock pursuant to share lending agreements or short sales transactions by purchasers of convertible notes securities, could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock and our ability to raise funds in new stock offerings. Sales of significant amounts of our common stock or equity-related securities in the public market, including sales pursuant to share lending agreements, or the perception that such sales will occur, could adversely affect prevailing trading prices of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through future offerings of equity or equity-related securities. Future sales of shares of common stock or the availability of shares of common stock for future sale, including sales of our common stock in short sales transactions by purchasers of our convertible notes, may have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

Our business is going through a substantial period of transition and we are exploring various options. Because of the unavailability of growth financing for our traditional business, we are exploring various options designed to produce the greatest benefit possible for our shareholders. Currently these options include the payment of cash dividends and share repurchases, and we may consider additional options in the future. On December 31, 2009, we paid a \$.50 per share dividend to our shareholders, and a tender offer that we completed on May 14, 2010 resulted in our repurchase of 12,180,604 shares of our common stock for \$85.3 million, in addition to our repurchase of \$24.8 million in face amount of our 3.625% convertible senior notes for \$14.7 million. Further, in a tender offer completed in April 2011, we repurchased 13,125,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$8.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$105.0 million. Finally, we completed a tender offer in September 2012, whereby we repurchased 8,250,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$82.5 million.

We have the ability to issue preferred shares, warrants, convertible debt and other securities without shareholder approval. Our common shares may be subordinate to classes of preferred shares issued in the future in the payment of dividends and other distributions made with respect to common shares, including distributions upon liquidation or dissolution. Our articles of incorporation permit our Board of Directors to issue preferred shares without first obtaining shareholder approval. If we issued preferred shares, these additional securities may have dividend or liquidation preferences senior to the common shares. If we issue convertible preferred shares, a subsequent conversion may dilute the current common shareholders' interest. We have similar abilities to issue convertible debt, warrants and other equity securities.

Our executive officers, directors and parties related to them, in the aggregate, control a majority of our voting stock and may have the ability to control matters requiring shareholder approval. Our executive officers, directors and parties related to them own a large enough stake in us to have an influence on, if not control of, the matters presented to shareholders. As a result, these shareholders may have the ability to control matters requiring shareholder approval, including the election and removal of directors, the approval of significant corporate transactions, such as any reclassification, reorganization, merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets and the control of our management and affairs. Accordingly, this concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of us, impede a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us or discourage a potential acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us, which in turn could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

## Note Regarding Risk Factors

The risk factors presented above are all of the ones that we currently consider material. However, they are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks not presently known to us, or which we currently consider immaterial, may also adversely affect us. There may be risks that a particular investor views differently from us, and our analysis might be wrong. If any of the risks that we face actually occur, our business, financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected and could differ materially from any possible results suggested by any forward-looking statements that we have made or might make. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update or

revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

## ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth information with respect to our repurchases of common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2012:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased Publicly Announced or Programs (2)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs
September 1 —September 30 (1)	8,250,000	\$ 10.00	8,250,000	10,000,000
Total	8,250,000	\$ 10.00	8,250,000	10,000,000

- (1) Pursuant to the closing of a tender offer in September 2012, we repurchased 8,250,000 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate cost of \$82.5 million. These shares were retired contemporaneously with their purchase.
- (2) Because withholding tax-related treasury stock acquisitions are permitted outside the scope of our 10,000,000 share Board-authorized repurchase plan, these amounts exclude 36,538 shares of treasury stock returned to us by employees in satisfaction of withholding tax requirements on stock option exercises and vested stock grants.

Pursuant to a share repurchase plan authorized by our Board of Directors on May 11, 2012, we are authorized to repurchase 10,000,000 shares of our common stock through June 30, 2014.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference from CompuCredit Holding Corporation's SEC Filings unless Otherwise Indicated:
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).	Filed herewith
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).	Filed herewith
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.	Filed herewith

## SIGNATURES

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

COMPUCREDIT HOLDINGS  
CORPORATION

November 8, 2012

By

/s/ J.PAUL WHITEHEAD,  
III  
J.Paul Whitehead, III  
Chief Financial Officer  
(duly authorized officer  
and principal financial  
officer)

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