



Barclays 2015 Global Financial Services Conference

Mark Graf
EVP & Chief Financial Officer
September 17, 2015

Notice

The following slides are part of a presentation by Discover Financial Services (the "Company") and are intended to be viewed as part of that presentation. No representation is made that the information in these slides is complete.

Throughout these materials, direct-to-consumer deposits are referred to as DTC deposits. DTC deposits include deposit products that we offer to customers through direct marketing, internet origination and affinity relationships. DTC deposits include certificates of deposits, money market accounts, online savings and checking accounts, and IRA certificates of deposit.

The information provided herein includes certain non-GAAP financial measures. The reconciliations of such measures to the comparable GAAP figures are included at the end of this presentation.

The presentation contains forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made, which reflect management's estimates, projections, expectations or beliefs at that time, and which are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. For a discussion of certain risks and uncertainties that may affect the future results of the Company, please see "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "Risk Factors," "Business – Competition," "Business – Supervision and Regulation" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, which are filed with the SEC and available at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). The Company does not undertake to update or revise forward-looking statements as more information becomes available.

We own or have rights to use the trademarks, trade names and service marks that we use in conjunction with the operation of our business, including, but not limited to: Discover®, PULSE®, Cashback Bonus®, Discover Cashback Checking®, Discover it®, Freeze ItSM, Discover® Network and Diners Club International®. All other trademarks, trade names and service marks included in this presentation are the property of their respective owners.

Executive Summary

Attractive business model with a solid record of success

- Delivering solid card growth
 - Driven by more new accounts, wallet share gain, low attrition rate and great credit results
 - Aided by proprietary network impact on brand, acceptance and rewards
- Utilizing consumer unsecured lending and marketing capabilities to grow non-card assets
- Leveraging a payments partnership strategy to position the business for growth
- Creating shareholder value through effective capital management

Positioned as the leading U.S. direct bank & payments partner

Direct Banking (98% of DFS Pre-Tax Profit)



U.S. Card Issuing

- \$55Bn in card receivables
- \$117Bn card sales volume
- Leading cash rewards program
- 1 in 4 U.S. households



Deposits and Lending

- \$29Bn direct-to-consumer deposits
- Cashback checking
- \$9Bn private student loans
- \$5Bn personal loans
- Home equity installment loans

Payment Services (2% of DFS Pre-Tax Profit)



- \$160Bn volume
- 3,700+ issuers



- \$27Bn volume
- 80+ licensees
- 185+ countries / territories



Network Partners

- \$11Bn volume
- 10+ network alliances

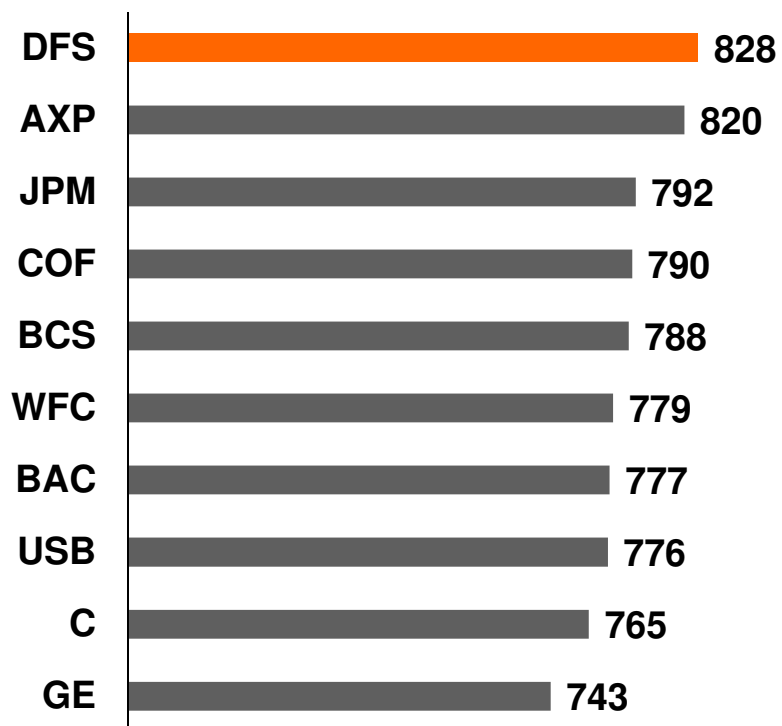
Note(s)

Balances as of June 30, 2015; pre-tax profit and volume based on the trailing four quarters ending 2Q15; direct-to-consumer deposits includes affinity deposits

U.S. Card -

Recognized leader in customer satisfaction and loyalty

2015 J.D. Power Overall Satisfaction⁽¹⁾



“Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Credit Card Companies, Two Years in a Row” by J.D. Power⁽²⁾



**#1 or tied for #1
19 years in a row**

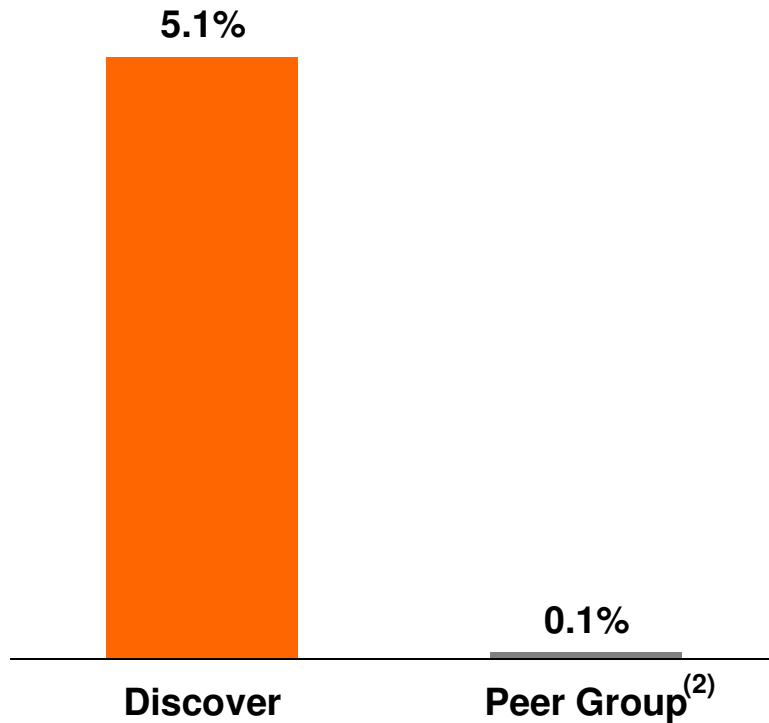
Note(s)

1. Includes general purpose consumer credit cards only; excludes charge, corporate, private label, small business and debit
2. Discover received the highest numerical score among credit card issuers in the proprietary J.D. Power 2014-2015 Credit Card Satisfaction StudiesSM, tied in 2014. 2015 study based on responses from 20,730 consumers measuring 10 card issuers and measures opinions of consumers about the issuer of their primary credit card. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed in September 2014-May 2015. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com

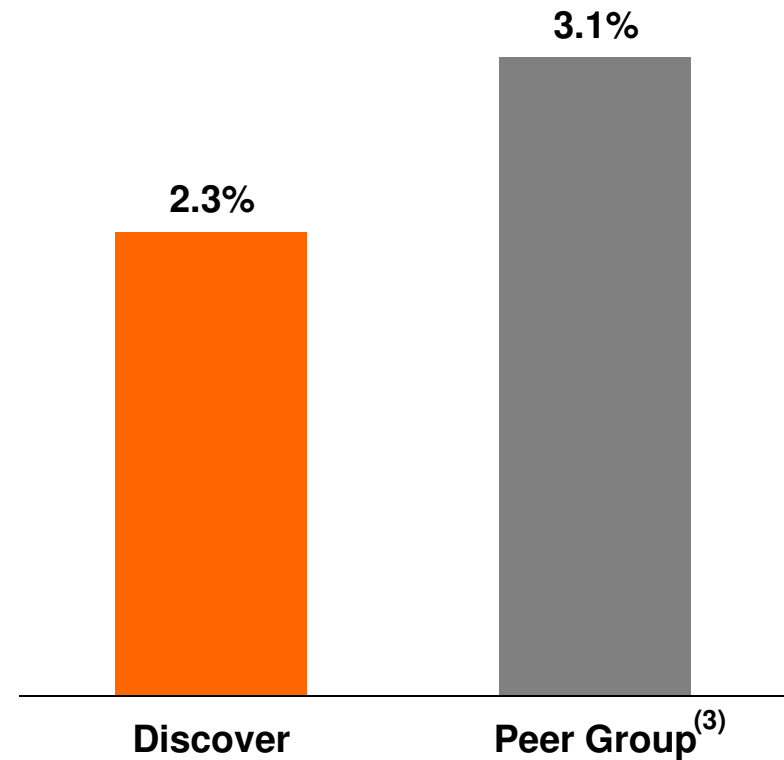
U.S. Card -

Strong card loan growth and credit performance

3-Year Average Quarterly Card Loan Growth (%)⁽¹⁾



3-Year Average Quarterly Card Net Charge-off Rate (%)⁽¹⁾



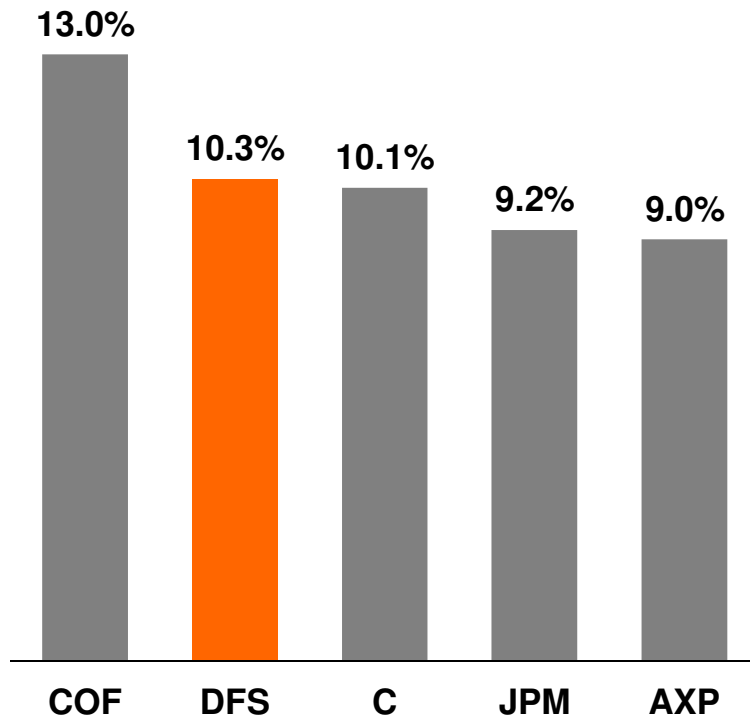
Source Public company data

Note(s)

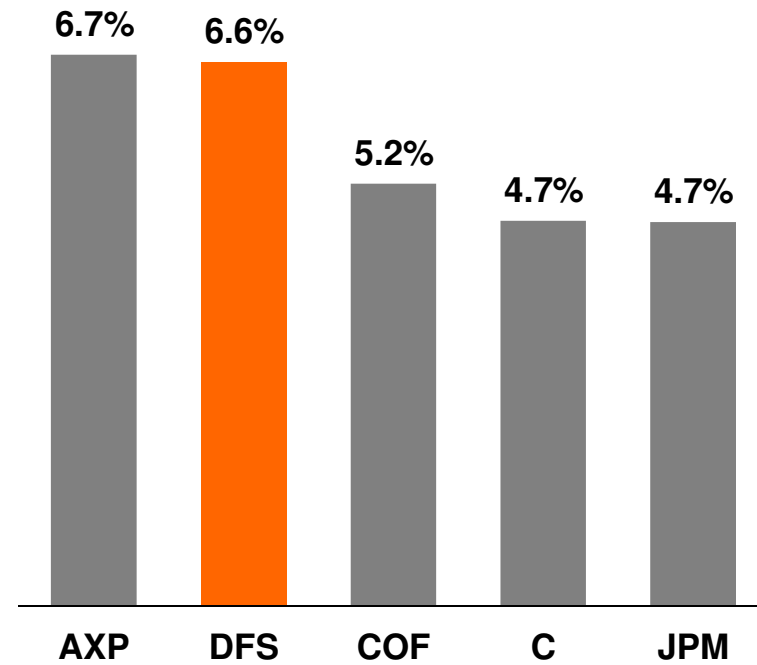
1. Average of quarterly rate from 3Q12 through 2Q15
2. Includes weighted average card loan growth for American Express (U.S. Card), Bank of America (U.S. Card), Capital One (U.S. Card adjusted for portfolio acquisitions and divestitures and excludes installment loans), Citi (Citi-branded Cards N.A.), JPMorgan Chase (Card Services) and Wells Fargo (Consumer Credit Card)
3. Weighted average rate; includes U.S. card net charge-off rates for American Express (U.S. Card), Bank of America (U.S. Card), Capital One (U.S. Card), Citi (Citi-branded Cards N.A.), JPMorgan Chase (Card Services) and Wells Fargo (Consumer Credit Card)

U.S. Card - Delivering strong returns

U.S. Card Issuers
Net Interest Margin (NIM)^(1,2,3)



U.S. Card Issuers Pre-tax,
Pre-Reserve ROA^(1,4)



Source Public company data; Discover

Note(s)

1. Based on the trailing four quarters ending 2Q15
2. American Express (U.S. Card), Capital One (U.S. Card), Citi (Citi-branded Cards N.A. based on segment tax rate) and JPMorgan Chase (Card Services)
3. Capital One, Citi, and JPMorgan Chase net interest margins include late fees, whereas American Express and Discover exclude late fees; Discover card net interest margin represents credit card interest yield less total company average funding cost (total company interest expense divided by total company average receivables)
4. Pre-tax income excluding the impact of changes in loan loss reserves divided by average card receivables; Discover pre-tax income excludes 4Q14 charges related to the elimination of the credit card rewards estimated forfeiture reserve. This is a non-GAAP measure; see appendix for GAAP reconciliation

Other Lending -

Growing non-card loan balances with strong credit profile

Non-Card Loan Products

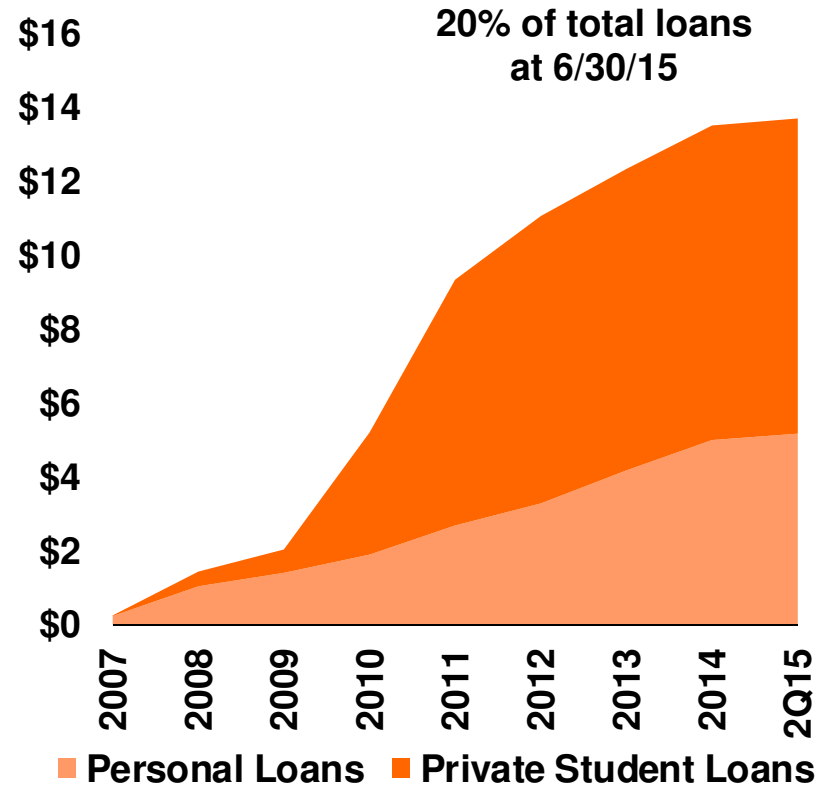
Private Student Loans (ex PCI)

- 19% YOY receivables growth in 2Q15
- On track for record originations in 2015
- Average FICO greater than 750 at acquisition⁽¹⁾
- Cosigner rate approximately 90%

Personal Loans

- 13% YOY receivables growth in 2Q15
- On track for record originations in 2015
- Average FICO ~750
- ~65% cross-sell

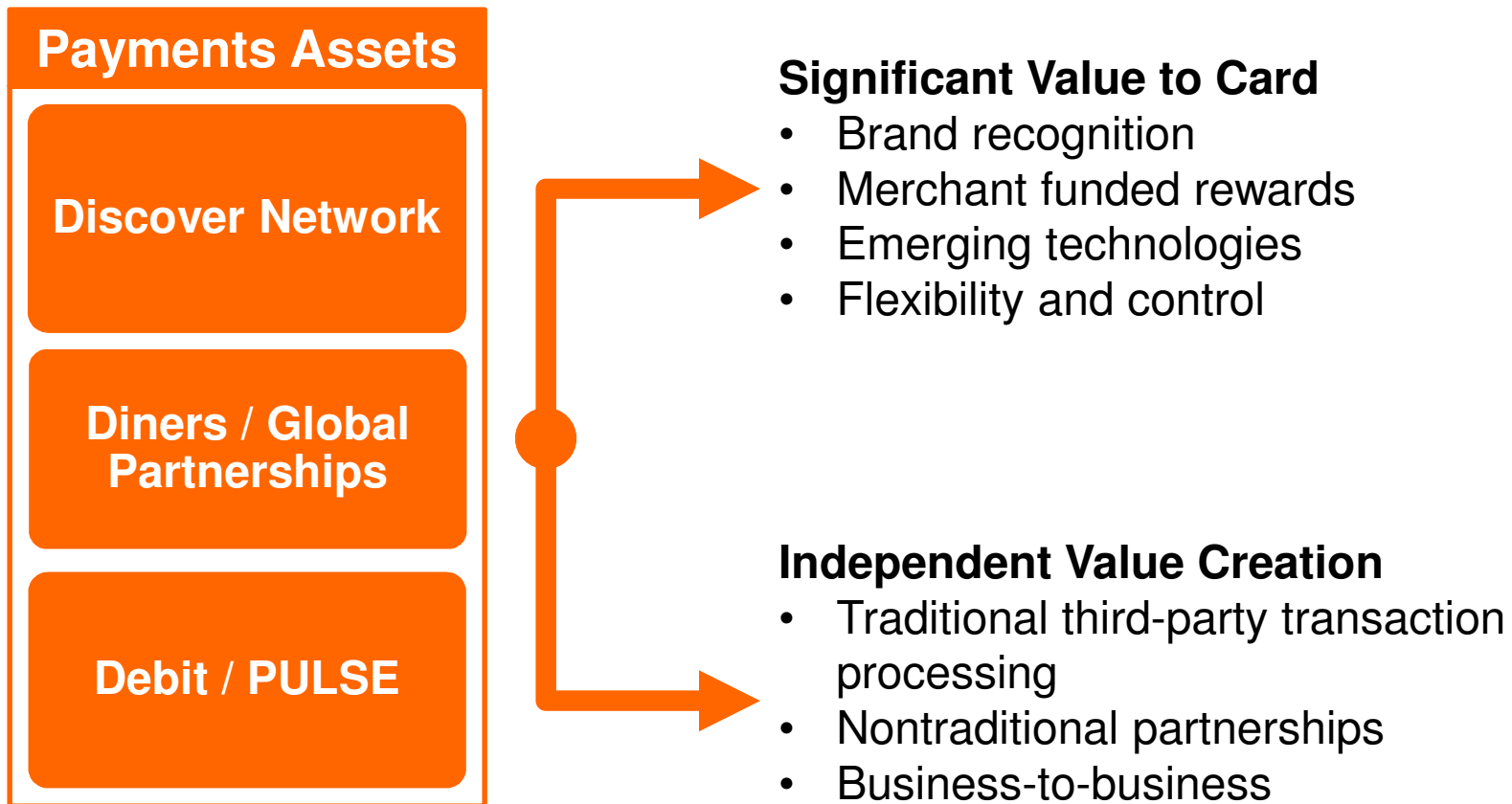
Non-Card Loans (\$Bn)⁽²⁾



Note(s)

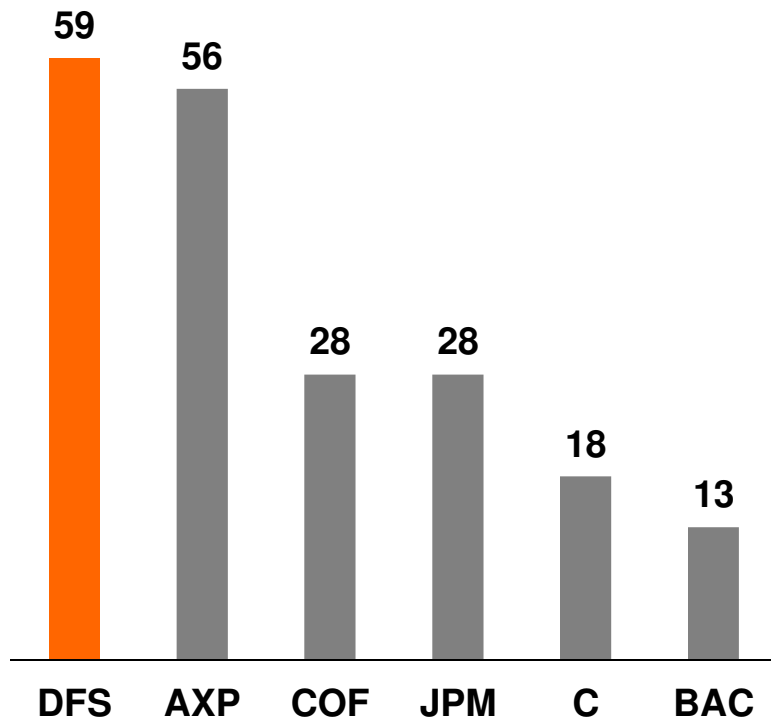
1. FICO is the higher of either the borrower or cosigner, weighted by loan balance
2. Excludes federal student loans, majority of which were sold in 2010 with a subsequent sale of the remaining portfolio in 2012

Payments - Sources of value



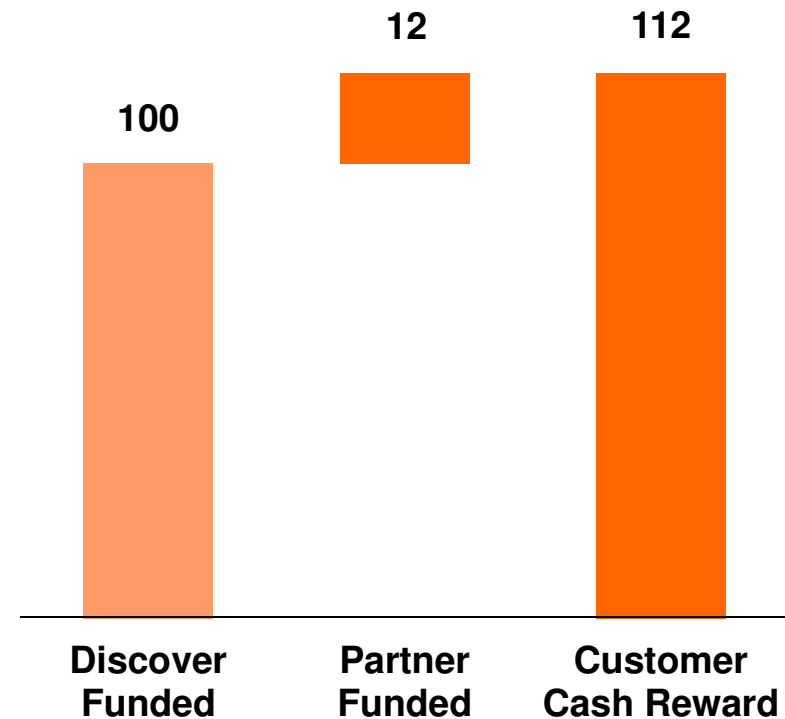
Payments Value to Card - Network drives brand awareness and enhances rewards

Average Unaided Card Brand Awareness



Source 2014 Millward Brown Brand Tracking Study

2014 Indexed Merchant-Funded Rewards⁽¹⁾

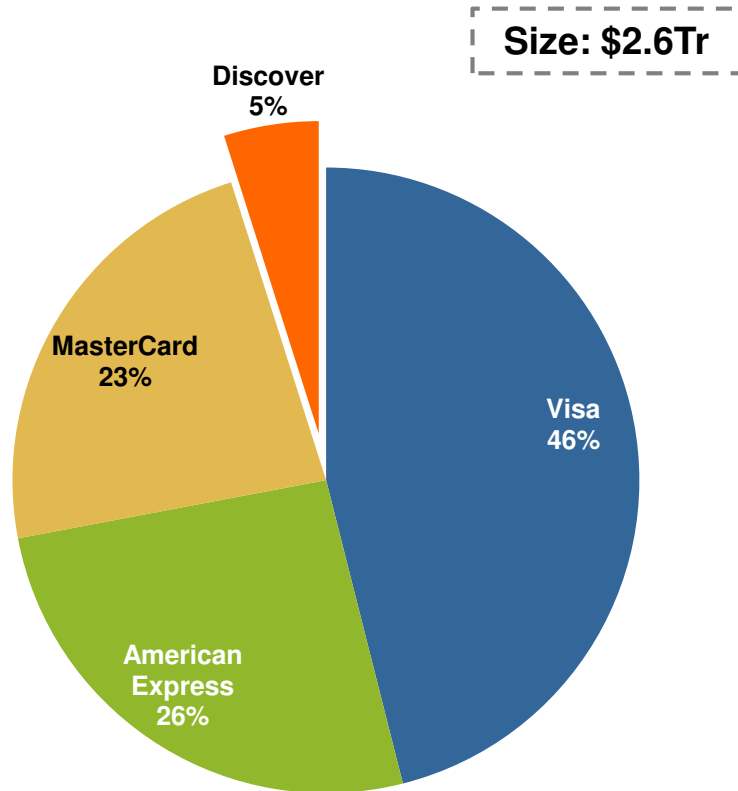


Note(s)

1. Rewards value divided by Discover card sales volume indexed to 100; includes Discover Deals, estimated point-of-sale coupons, CBB offers, statement credits and gift card redemptions

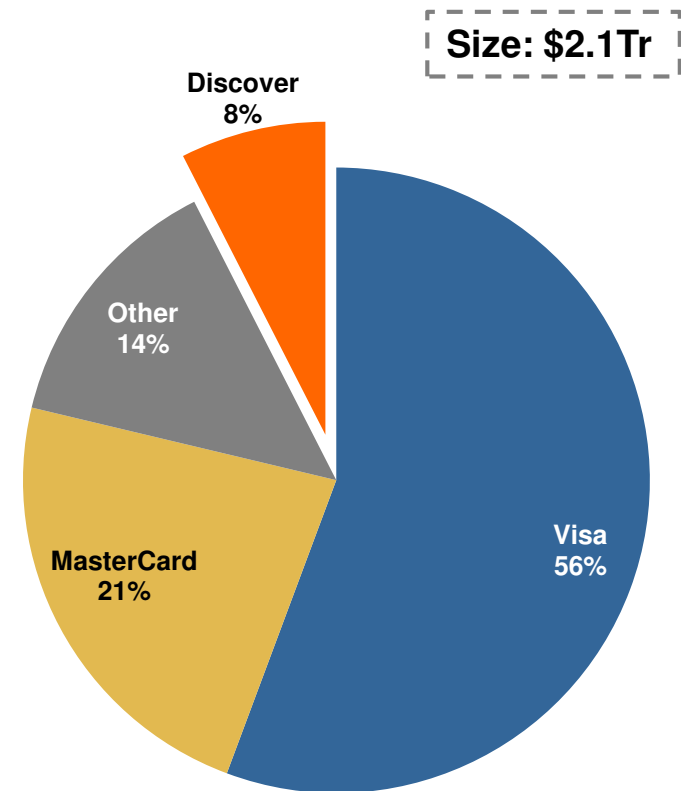
Payments Independent Value Creation - Competing against large incumbent networks...

2014 U.S. General Purpose
Credit Volume Share (%)



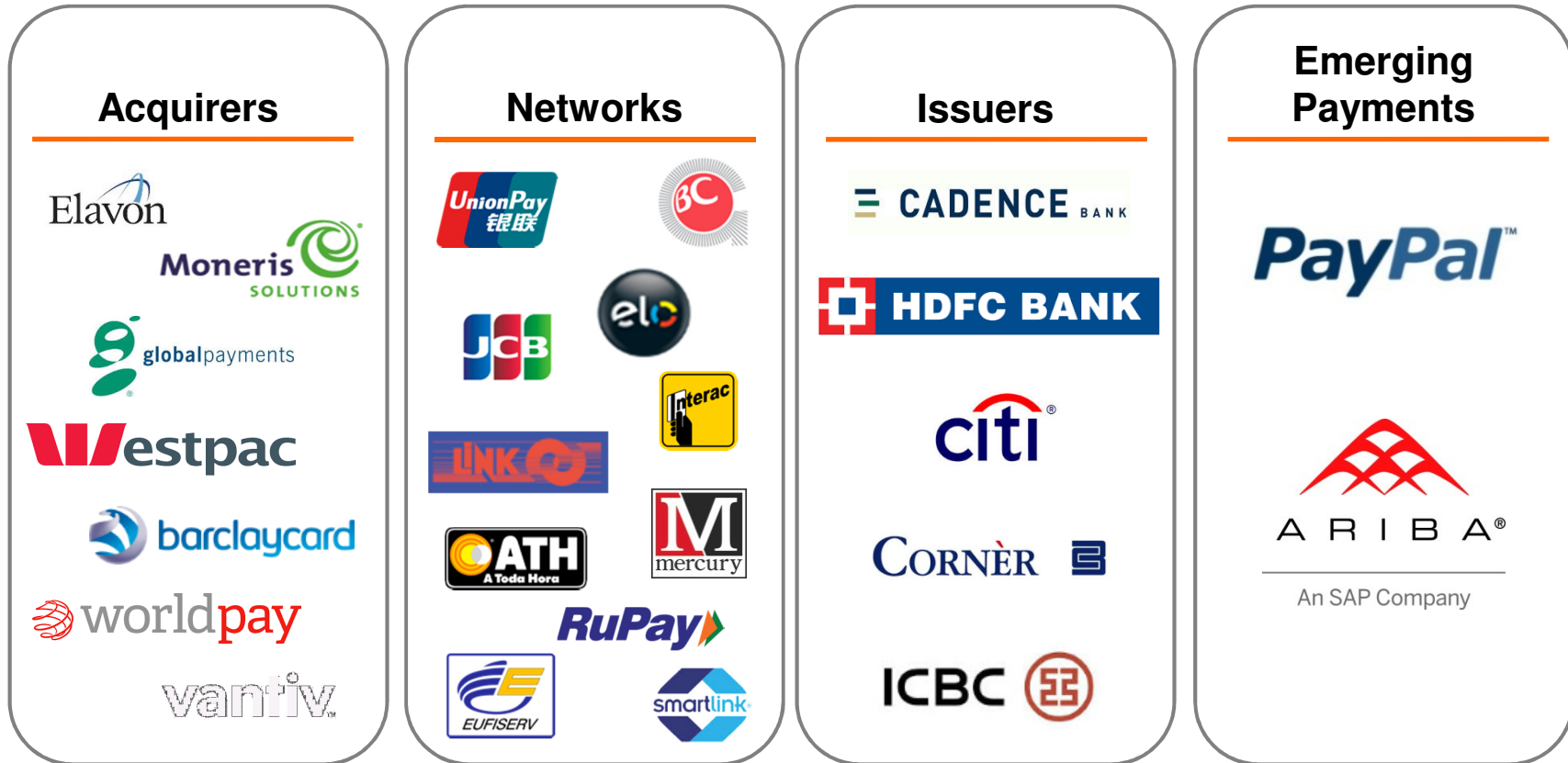
Source 2015 Nilson Report

U.S. Debit
Volume Share (%)



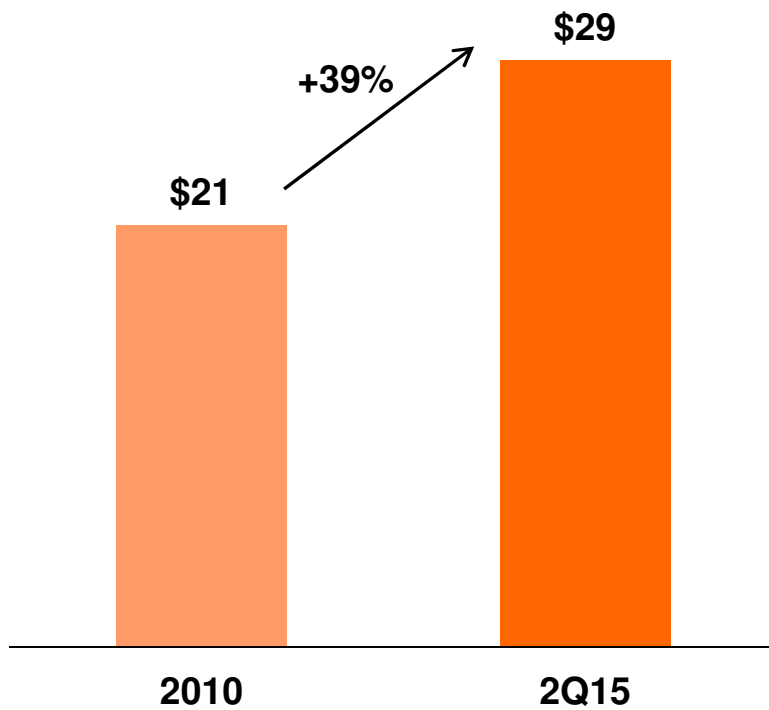
Source The Nilson Report 2013 Debit market excluding prepaid and ACH; Discover estimates

Payments Independent Value Creation - ...requires partnerships that leverage flexibility

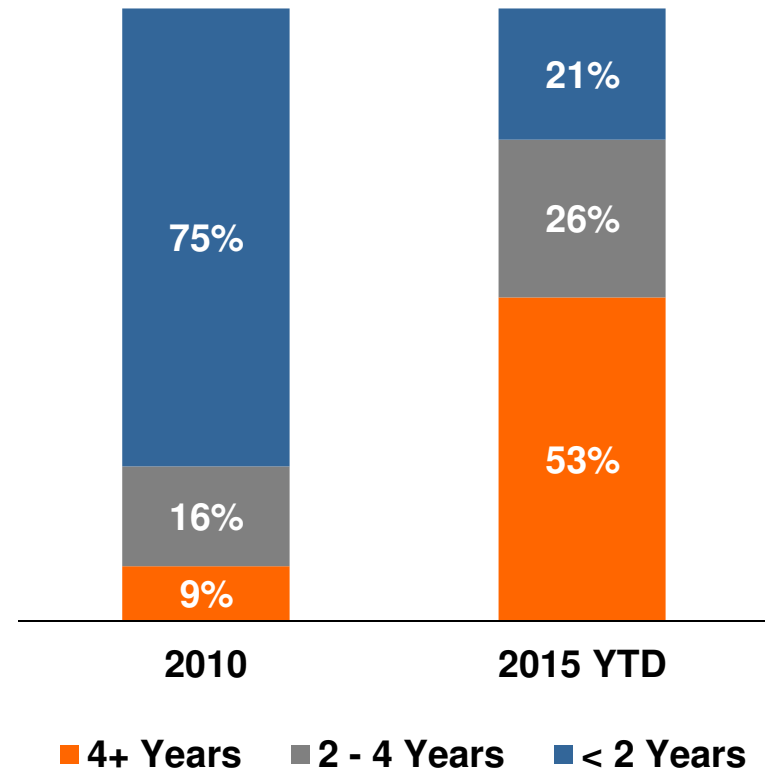


Direct-to-Consumer Deposits - Funding asset growth with high quality deposits

Direct-to-Consumer Deposits (\$Bn)⁽¹⁾



DTC Balances by Life of Relationship

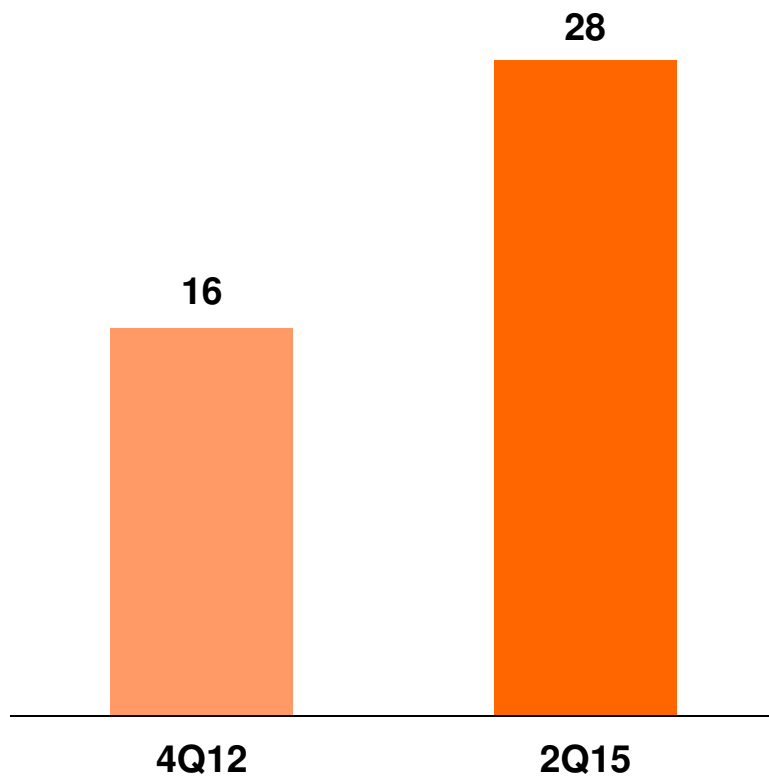


Note(s)

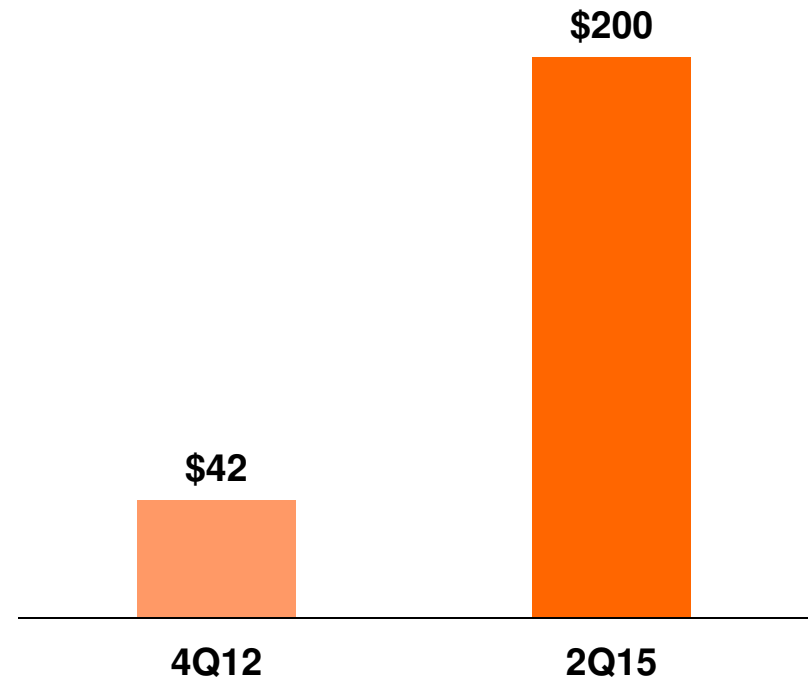
1. Includes affinity deposits

Funding Profile - Prepared for a rising rate environment

Average Months to
Liability Repricing⁽¹⁾



Net Interest Income Impact from
100bp Parallel Shift (\$MM)⁽²⁾



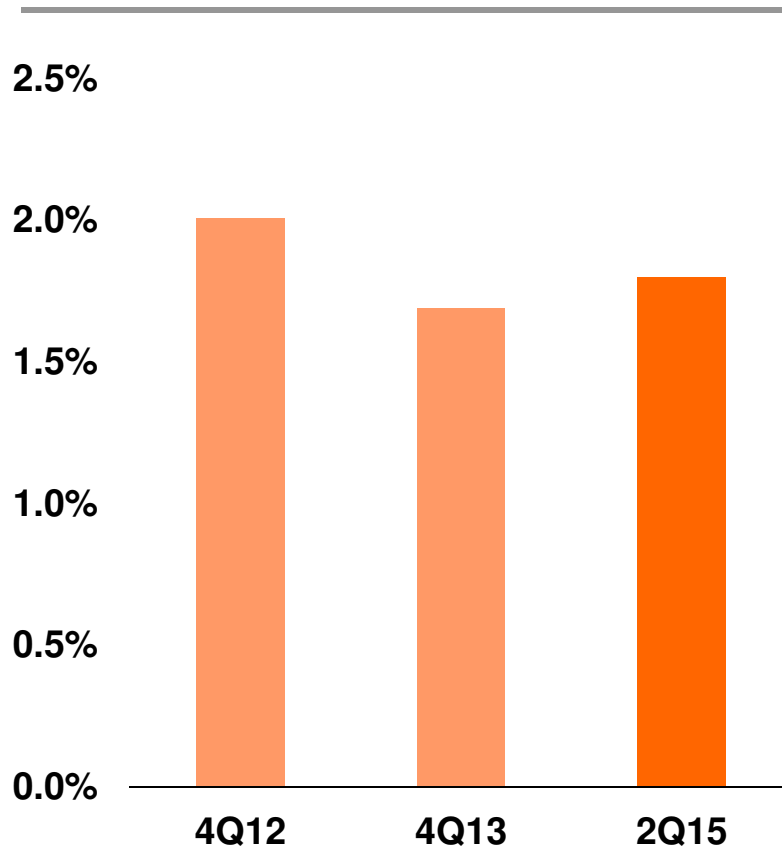
Note(s)

1. Excludes all indeterminate maturity deposits (savings and money market) and preferred stock; includes derivatives and hedging activities
2. 1-year net interest income impact from 100bps parallel shift estimated at a point in time as disclosed in the 10-Q for each period

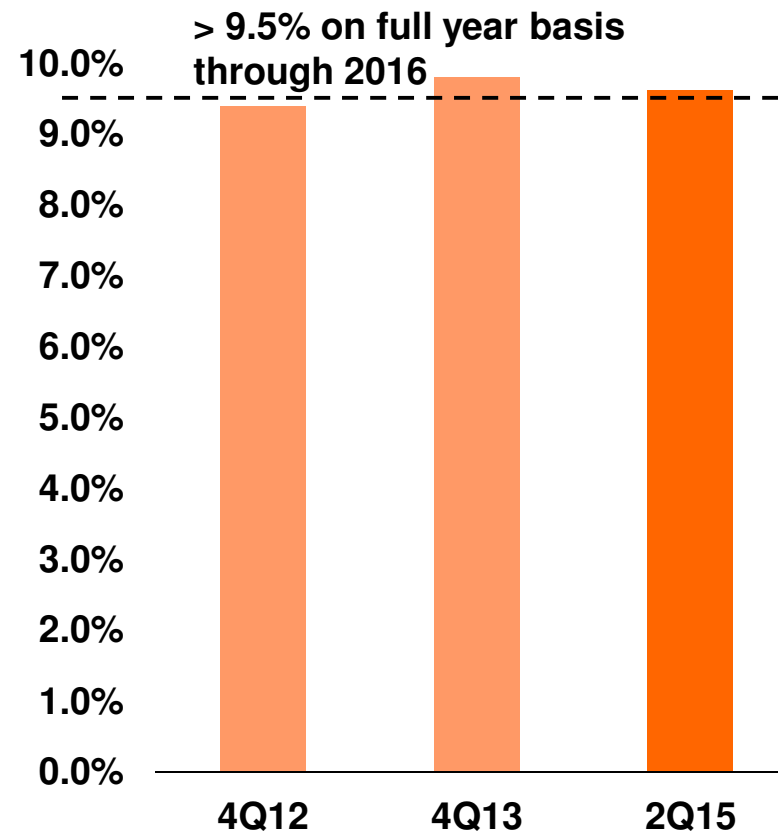
Net Interest Margin -

Preparation for rising rates drove modest NIM compression

Cost of Funds Trend⁽¹⁾



Net Interest Margin Trend



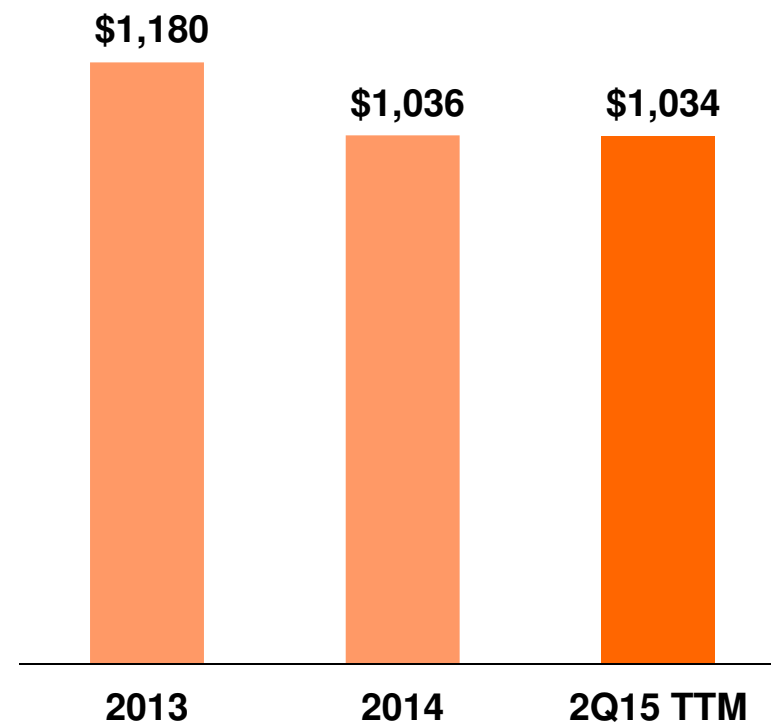
Note(s)

1. Rate on total interest-bearing liabilities

Recent Themes - Fee income outlook

Other Non-Interchange Fee Revenue (\$MM)⁽¹⁾

- Exited mortgage originations in 2015 (\$109MM in revenue for the trailing twelve month period ending June 30, 2015)
- Stopped selling Protection Products in 2012; expect attrition to continue
- Full year impact of lost volume in Pulse
- Expect non-interchange fee revenue to be lower in 2016

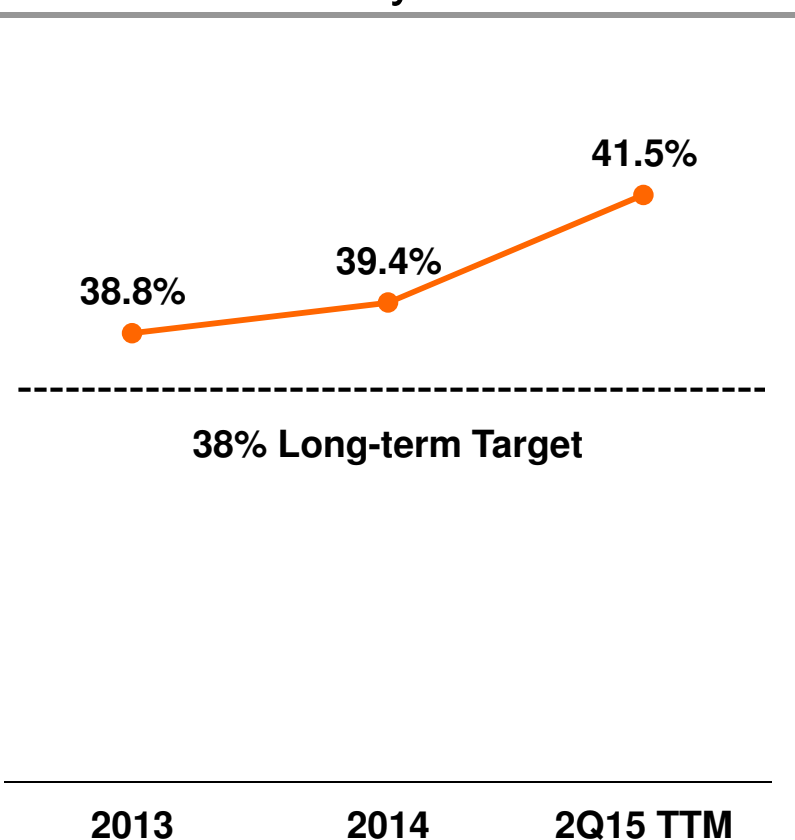


Note(s)

1. Other Non-Interchange Fee Revenue, which is derived by subtracting Net Discount and Interchange Revenue from Total Other Income, is a non-GAAP measure which should be viewed in addition to, and not as a substitute for the Company's reported results. Management believes this information helps investors understand the impact of the components of Total Other Income on reported results; see appendix for the GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation schedule.

Recent Themes - Elevated efficiency ratio in 2015

Efficiency Ratio⁽¹⁾



- Despite recent elevated levels, our efficiency ratio remains lower than most large banks
- Currently expect improvement in 2016

Select 2015 expense items	1H15
AML/BSA program remediation (Lookback)	\$34MM
Home Loans operating expense ⁽²⁾	~\$70MM
Home Loans restructuring charges	\$23MM
1Q15 legal reserve related to CFPB consent order	\$20MM
EMV implementation	\$9MM
Lack of postal rebate	\$17MM

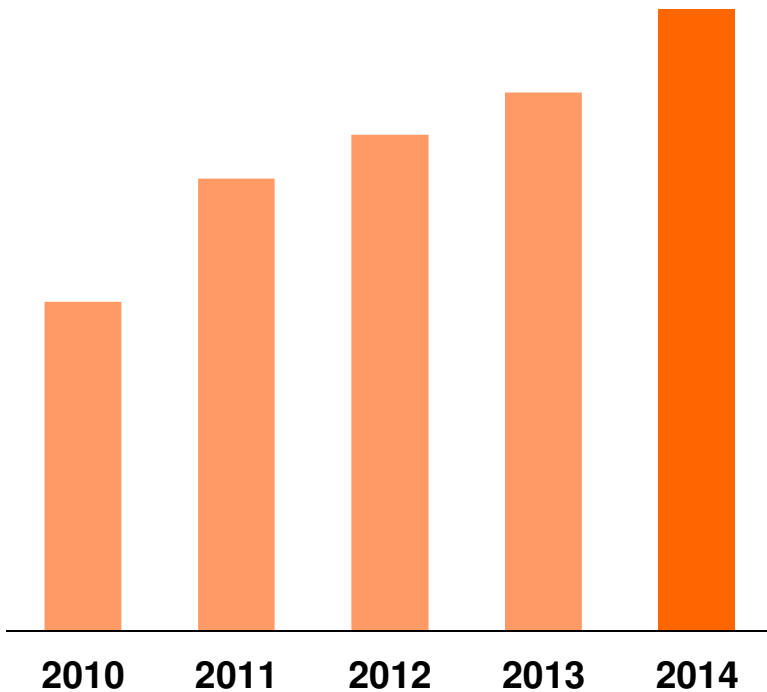
Note(s)

1. Defined as reported total operating expense divided by revenue net of interest expense
2. Revenue from gain on origination and sale of mortgage loans in the first half of 2015 was \$66MM

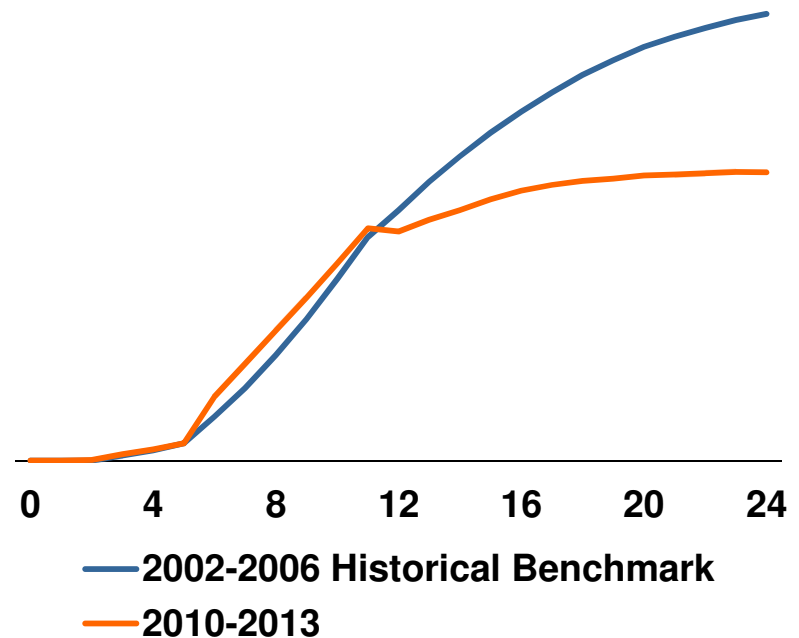
Recent Themes -

Seasoning of newer vintages produces reserve requirements

New Account Bookings (MM)



Card Vintage Gross Loss Rate⁽¹⁾



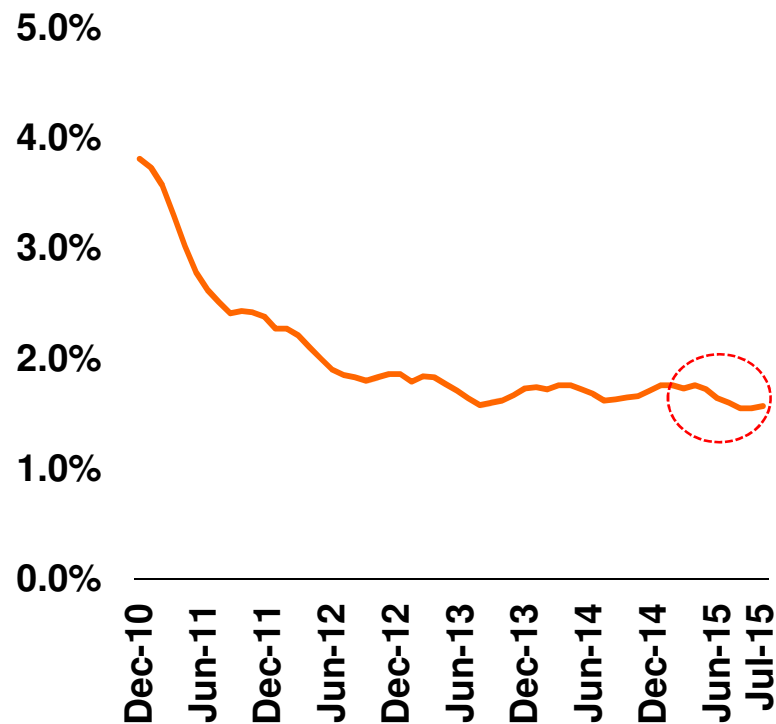
Note(s)

1. Blended vintage 6-month moving average gross principal charge-off rate (excludes recoveries)

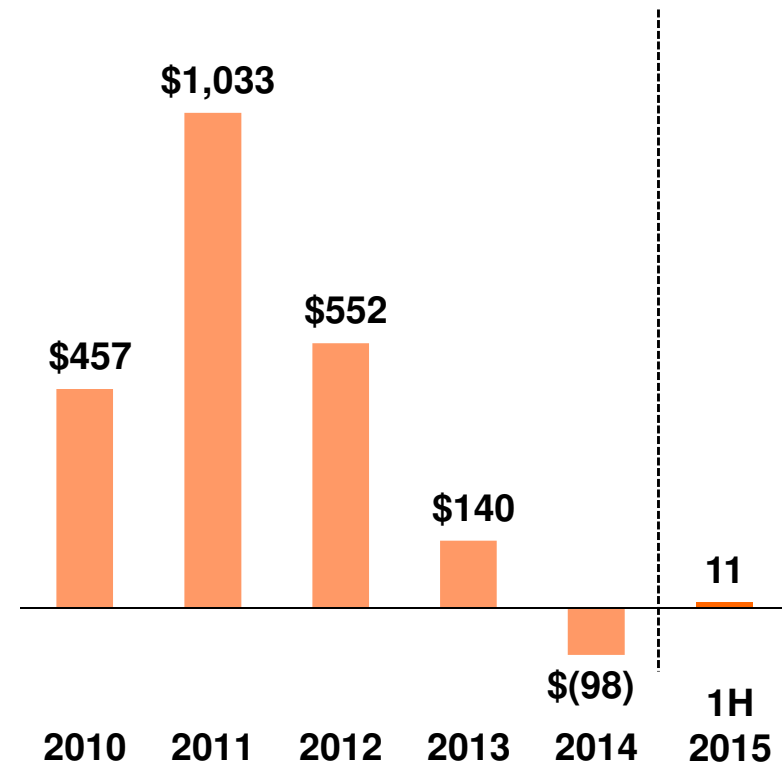
Recent Themes –

Well seasoned loan performance is exceeding expectations

Card 30+ Delinquency Rate⁽¹⁾



Reserve Release/(Build) (\$MM)⁽²⁾



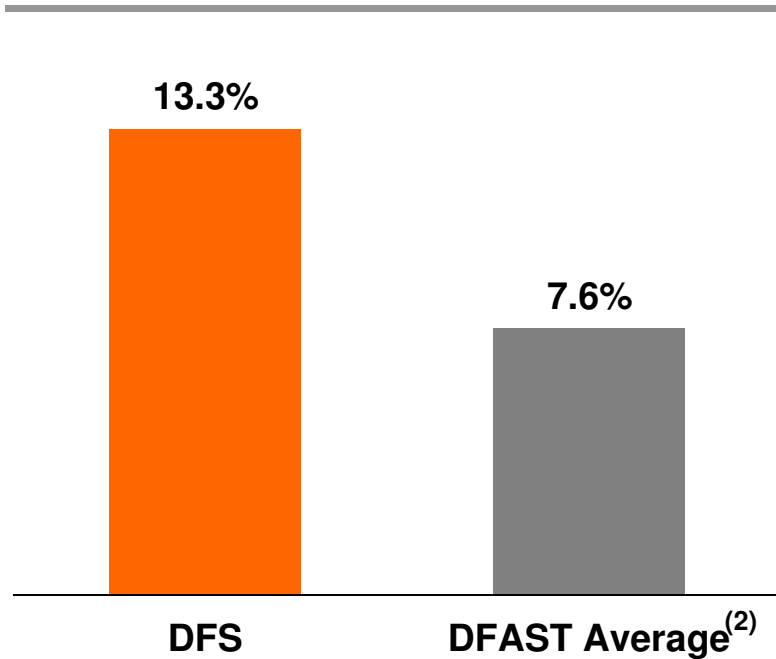
Note(s)

1. Monthly figures through July 2015
2. Reserve Release/(Build) for total company including all loan products

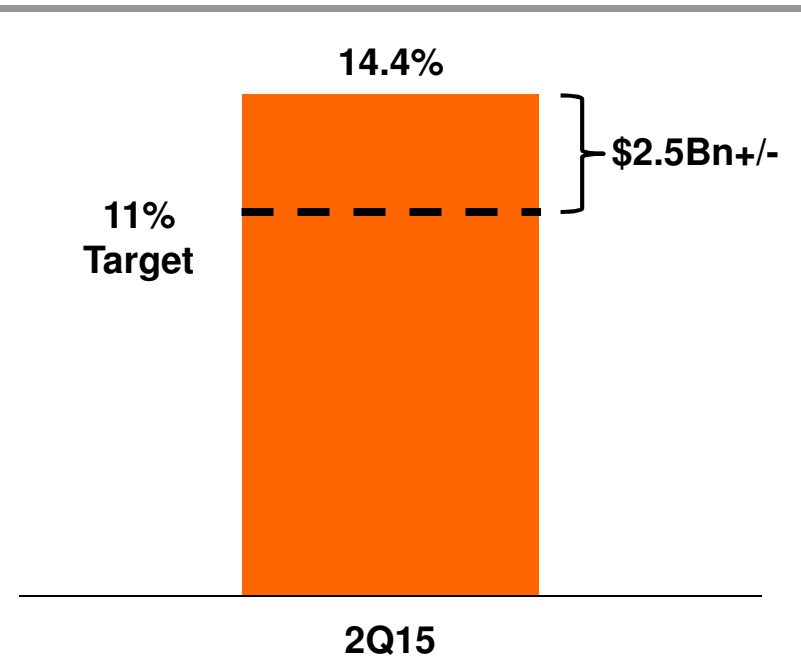
Capital Position -

Strong capital level enables capital returns...

Min. Common Equity Tier 1
Capital Ratio⁽¹⁾



DFS Common Equity Tier 1
Ratio⁽³⁾



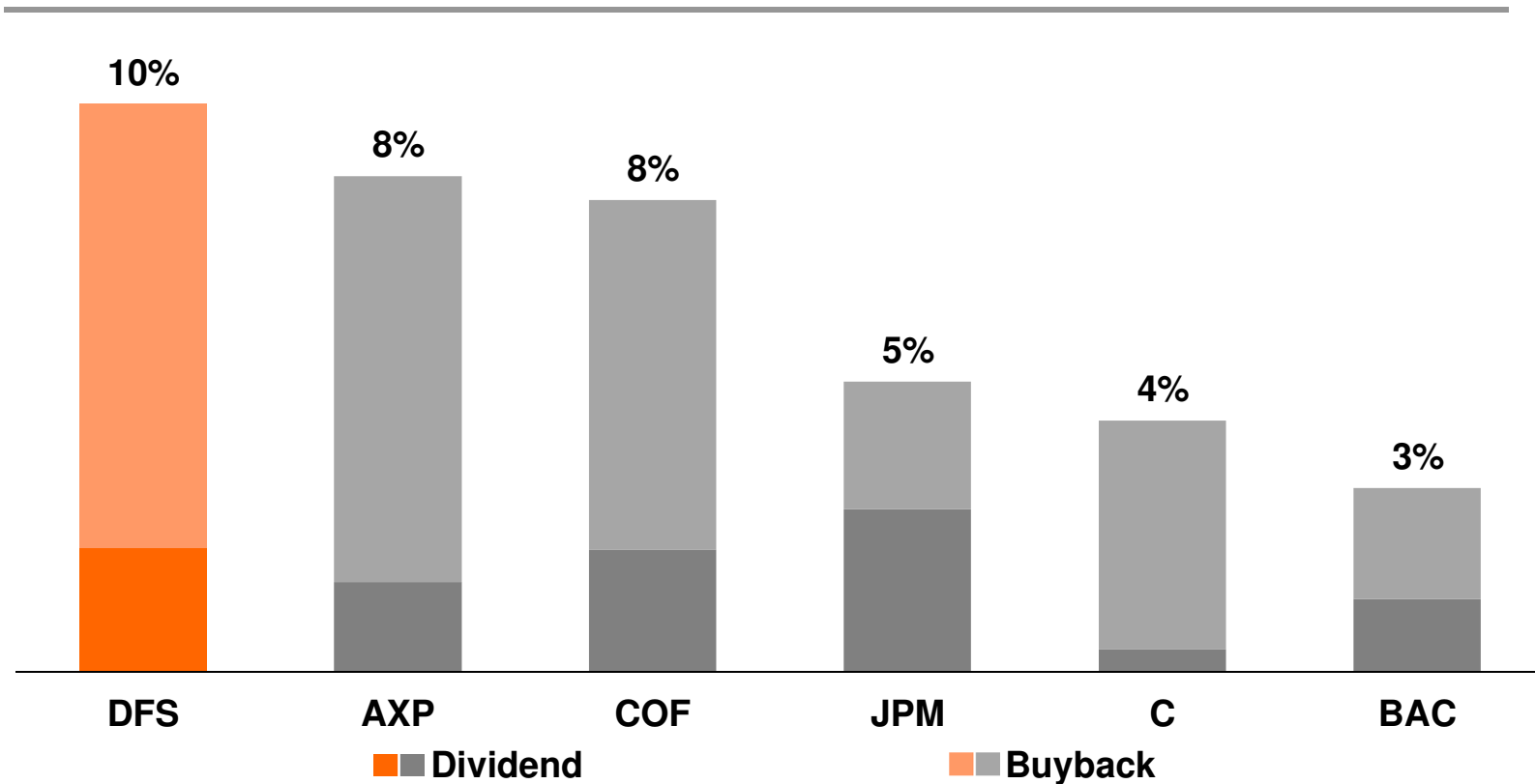
Source Federal Reserve Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test 2015: Supervisory Stress Test Methodology and Results, Table 3

Note(s)

- 1. Minimum Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio under the severely adverse scenario
- 2. Average of 31 participating bank holding companies as reported by the Federal Reserve
- 3. Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Basel III fully phased-in) is calculated using Basel III fully phased-in common equity tier 1 capital, a non-GAAP measure. The Company believes that the common equity tier 1 capital ratio based on fully phased-in Basel III rules is an important complement to the existing capital ratios and for comparability to other financial institutions. For the corresponding reconciliation of common equity tier 1 capital and risk weighted assets calculated under fully phased-in Basel III rules to common equity tier 1 capital and risk weighted assets calculated under Basel III transition rules, see appendix

Capital Deployment - ...With highest total yield

Estimated Dividend and Buyback Yield^(1,2)



Source Public Company Disclosures and Market Data as of 8/31/15

Note(s)

1. CCAR announced capital actions (buybacks and dividends) pro-rated for 3Q15 through 2Q16 based on company press releases
2. CCAR capital actions as stated in Note 1 divided by market capitalization

Conclusion

- Attractive business model with strong returns
- 98% of profit from Direct Banking segment which is largely a U.S. consumer driven business
 - Limited direct exposure to changes in global macro environment
 - Efficiency ratio is lower than most large banks and expected to improve in 2016
- Management team focused on:
 - Balancing business investments across the organization
 - Profitable loan growth
 - Consistent capital priorities with strong payout
 - Driving long-term shareholder value ROE 15%+

Appendix

Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP data

(unaudited, \$ in millions)	Trailing Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2015
GAAP Direct Banking pre-tax income	\$3,422
Excluding elimination of credit card rewards program forfeiture reserve	178
Excluding non-credit card pre-tax income	(105)
Credit card pre-tax income excluding forfeiture reserve change	<u>\$3,495</u>
Excluding credit card reserve changes	<u>82</u>
Credit card pre-tax income excluding forfeiture reserve and reserve changes	\$3,577
GAAP average credit card receivables	\$53,831
Credit card pre-tax return on assets (excluding forfeiture reserve and reserve changes) ⁽¹⁾	6.6%

(unaudited, \$ in millions)	Trailing Twelve Months Ended		
	June 30, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
GAAP Total Other Income	\$1,998	\$2,015	\$2,306
Less: Discount and Interchange Revenue, Net	<u>(964)</u>	<u>(979)</u>	<u>(1,126)</u>
Total Other Income Excluding Net Discount and Interchange Revenue	<u>\$1,034</u>	<u>\$1,036</u>	<u>\$1,180</u>

Note(s)

1. Credit card pre-tax income excluding forfeiture reserve and reserve changes is a non-GAAP measure and represents pre-tax earnings of Discover's credit card business excluding the impact of the elimination of the credit card rewards program forfeiture reserve and changes to the allowance for card loan loss reserve. This is a meaningful measure to investors because it provides a competitive performance benchmark.

Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP data (cont'd)

(unaudited, in millions)	Quarter Ended June 30, 2015
GAAP total common equity	\$10,703
Less: Goodwill	(255)
Less: Intangibles	(170)
Tangible common equity ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$10,278</u>
Common equity Tier 1 capital (Basel III transition)	\$10,552
Adjustments related to capital components during transition ⁽²⁾	(83)
Common equity Tier 1 capital (Basel III fully phased-in)	<u><u>\$10,469</u></u>
Risk weighted assets (Basel III transition)	\$72,658
Risk weighted assets (Basel III fully phased-in) ⁽³⁾	\$72,555
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio (Basel III transition) ⁽⁴⁾	14.5%
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio (Basel III fully phased-in) ^(4,5)	14.4%

Note(s)

1. Tangible common equity ("TCE"), a non-GAAP financial measure, represents common equity less goodwill and intangibles. A reconciliation of TCE to common equity, a GAAP financial measure, is shown above. Other financial services companies may also use TCE and definitions may vary, so users of this information are advised to exercise caution in comparing TCE of different companies. TCE is included because management believes that common equity excluding goodwill and intangibles is a more meaningful measure to investors of the true net asset value of the Company
2. Adjustments related to capital components for fully phased-in Basel III include the phase-in of the intangible asset exclusion
3. Key differences under fully phased-in Basel III rules in the calculation of risk-weighted assets include higher risk weighting for past due loans and unfunded commitments
4. As of January 1, 2015 regulatory capital ratios are calculated under Basel III rules subject to transition provisions
5. Common equity tier 1 capital ratio (Basel III fully phased-in) is calculated using common equity tier 1 capital (Basel III fully phased-in), a non-GAAP measure, divided by risk weighted assets (Basel III fully phased-in)