

Lowell Group

Q1 2014

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Overview of Q1 2014

Very strong start to the financial year

Introduction To Today's Speakers



James Cornell

CEO

- **16 years of relevant experience**
- Founder and CEO of Lowell since 2004
- Previous roles: Head of Risk at Caudwell Group; Commercial Director of the B2B Division at Equifax Plc



Colin Storrar

CFO

- **20 years of relevant experience**
- Joined Lowell in early 2013
- Previous roles: CFO at HSBC First Direct and Head of HSBC contact Centres; Senior finance roles at GE Capital Bank and GE Money post 10 years with Arthur Andersen



Sara De Tute

Chief Risk Officer (CRO)

- **17 years of relevant experience**
- Joined Lowell in 2012
- Previous roles: Legal and Compliance Director at Wescot Credit Services and Solicitor at Eversheds. Sara is a non-executive Director of the CSA, and has been the CSA President for the last two years.

Q1 Overview

Continued growth, high returns and record committed portfolio purchases

Growth

- 19% collections growth Q1 2014 v Q1 2013
- December 2013 ERC stands at £548m, £81m (17%) up on December 2012
- Unlevered net IRR (after direct collection costs) of 34.5%

Business Development

- 64% (£79m) of 2013 spend already committed for 2014 after just 3 months
- Forward flow agreements now in place with 11 clients (£60m secured for 2014 to date)
- New business trials underway with key commercial and public sector clients

Cash Conversion

- 50% of ERC (£274m) to be delivered within the next 24 months
- Cash asset return 23.2% for LTM to December 2013

Strategy & Operations

- Selective litigation of backbook delivering increasing cash collections and ERC
- Industrialisation of IT Infrastructure complete and new 5 year deal renegotiated with Experian

Differentiated Portfolio Origination

Diversification, visibility, entrenched client relationships and new sectors

Diversification

- Diversified purchasing strategy across industry sectors continues
- Strong acquisition pipeline exists for Q2 in each of our core sectors, enabling continued diversification

Forward Flow

- 11 clients in FF arrangements representing £60m purchase value
- Lowell currently working on a number of extensions to existing forward flow agreements into future years

Value Added Services

- Value added services (VAS) leveraging Interlaken being delivered to key clients as part of overall acquisition offering, uniquely enhancing the strength of our strategic relationships
- Suite of VAS offering led by a dedicated Lowell team and being “productised” to ensure repeatability and cost efficiency

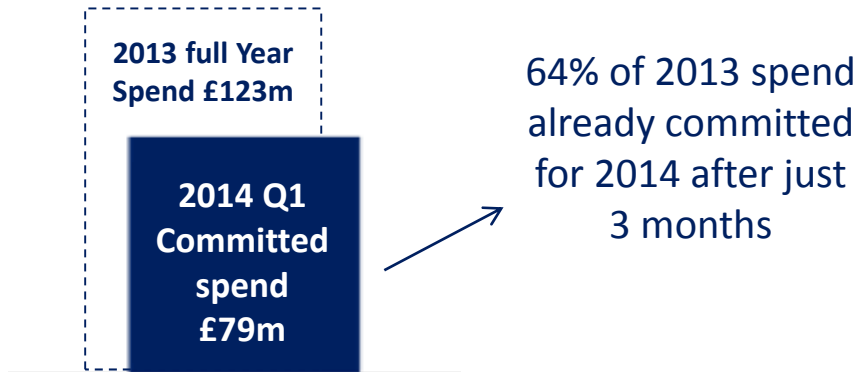
Government Trials

- Three “outsource to sell” pilots underway with HMRC tax credit performance well received

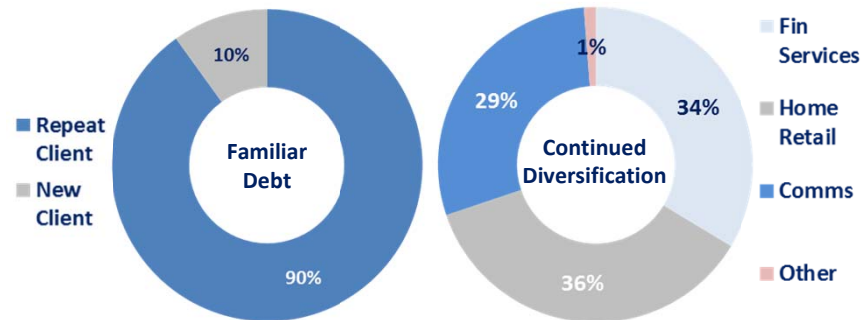
Acquisitions and Collections

Significant portfolio purchase growth focused on core high return sectors

Significant Embedded Portfolio Purchase Growth...



...In High Return Areas That We Know Well



Committed spend with repeat clients in high value sectors that we know well, across a diversified base of over 100 portfolios

Strong Macro-Economic Factors

Consumer Credit Growth

- Consumer credit lending expected to rise by 3.7% a year 2015-2017 with growth expected across credit cards, car finance and unsecured loans¹

Financial Services

- £27bn Backlog of debt remains as sales being offset by new default
- Capital de-leveraging requirements will force European institutions to sell debt

Home Retail Credit and Communications

- Growth in home shopping retail credit as consumers turn to this channel for electronics products
- Communications debt sale shifting upstream to accelerate cash release for marketing (with fresher debt giving rise to increased spend opportunities)

¹ Source: EY Item Club forecast for Financial services (Credit Today 10.02.2014)

Q1 Overview

Transition to FCA regulation well underway

From the OFT...

- OFT is the prime regulator for consumer credit activity covered by the Consumer Credit Act (CCA)
- OFT Debt Collection Guidance (DCG) are the primary rules in place
- Industry codes of practice reinforce DCG and are customer outcome focused

...to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

- OFT will cease to exist as the regulator of consumer credit & FCA will take over from April 1st 2014
- Firms with a consumer credit licence must have applied and been granted Interim Permission by the FCA to continue to collect CCA regulated debts
- DCG rules will be 'grandfathered' across to form the basis for Consumer Credit Source Book (CONC) – these are the new rules
- Firms have until October 2014 to apply for full authorisation

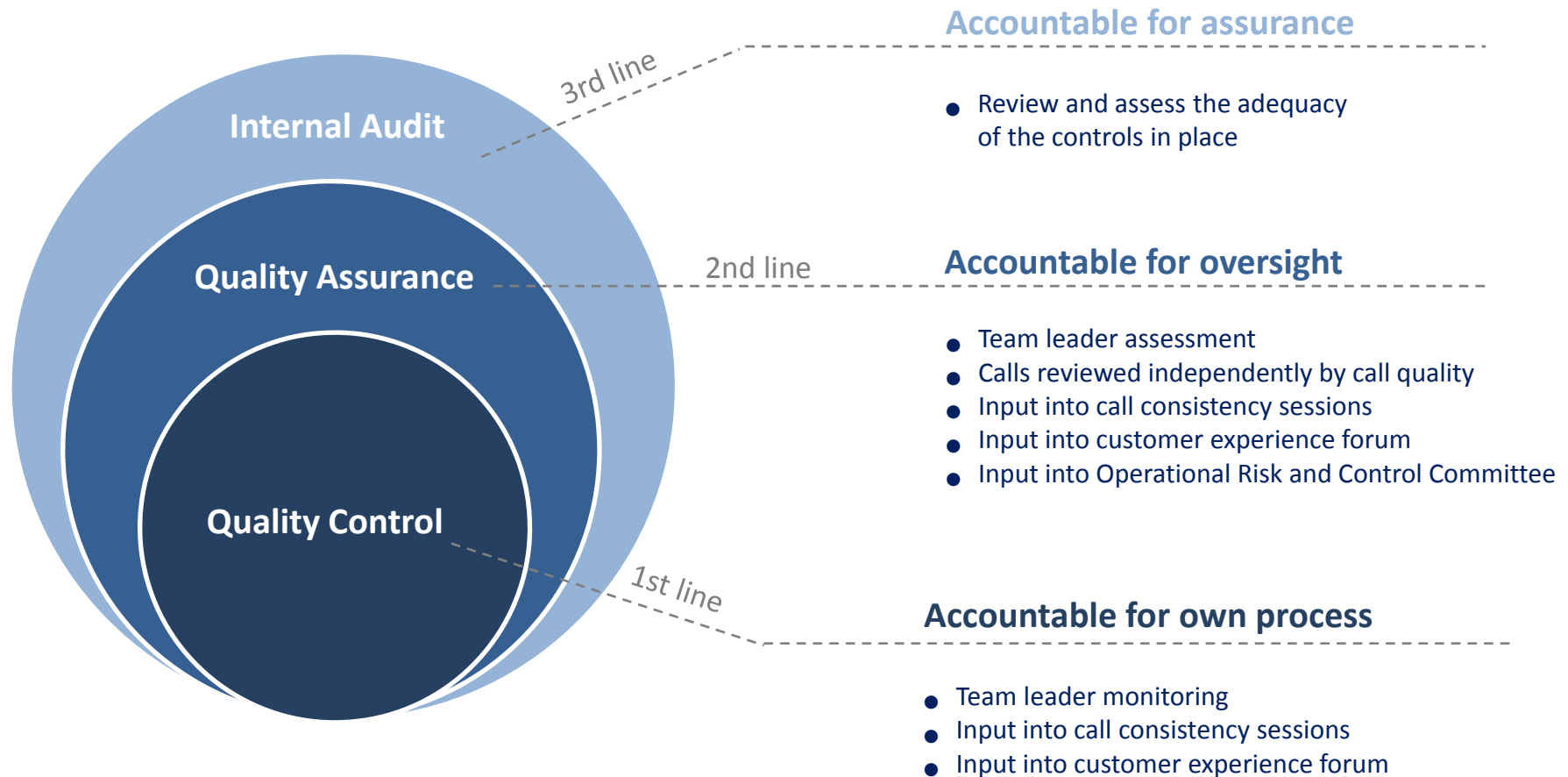
How are we preparing?

- Interim permission applied for and granted in November 2013
- FAIR programme: challenging and improving our core customer touch points; developing a specific focus measuring customer outcomes; enhancing training of customer facing colleagues
- Enhancing our corporate governance framework to enable a more visible demonstration of decisions and challenge
- Evolving our risk management approach to be more focused on the actions required to manage risk within our appetite

Q1 Overview

FCA transition underpinned by robust core risk management model

The Three Lines of Defence Approach



Financial Performance

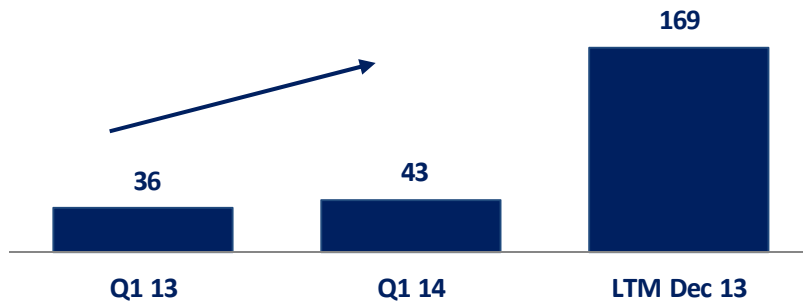
Strong growth, high returns, predictable earnings and ongoing financial prudence

Financial Performance

Continued growth across key metrics

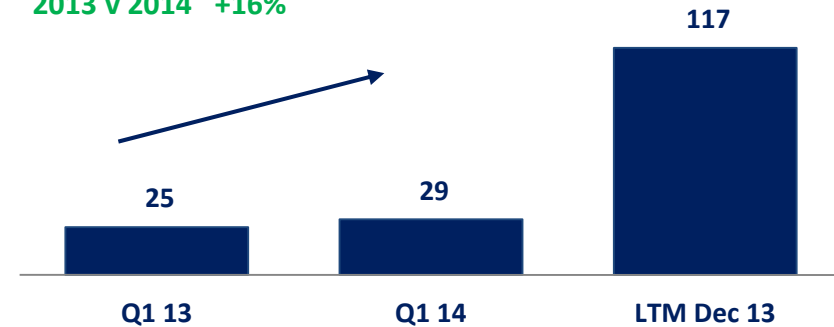
Gross Cash Collections (£m)

2013 v 2014 +19%



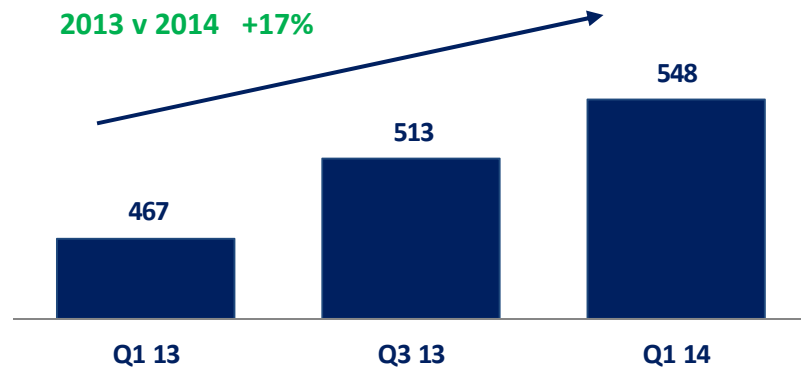
Adjusted EBITDA (£m)

2013 v 2014 +16%



Gross ERC (£m)

2013 v 2014 +17%



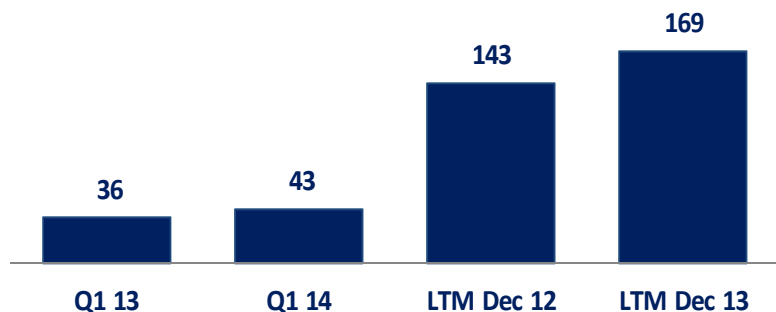
- Collections performance continues to show positive growth year on year
- EBITDA growth of 16% year on year, representing a 67% collections conversion rate in Q1 2014
- 17% year on year ERC growth to £548m, with 50% to be delivered within the next 24 months

¹ Represents Adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures and working capital movement but excluding portfolio purchases

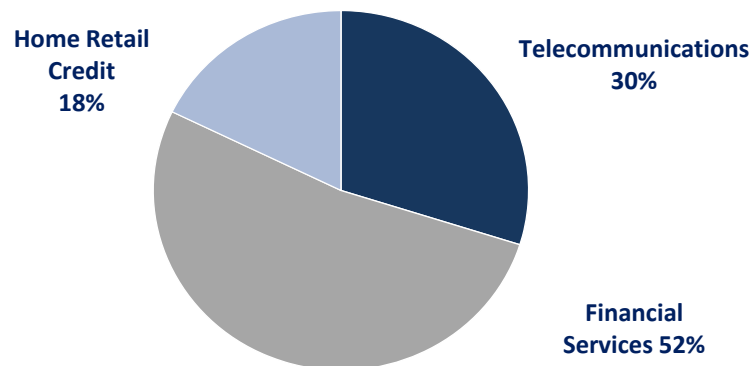
Acquisition and Collections

Significant collection growth supported by falling default rate

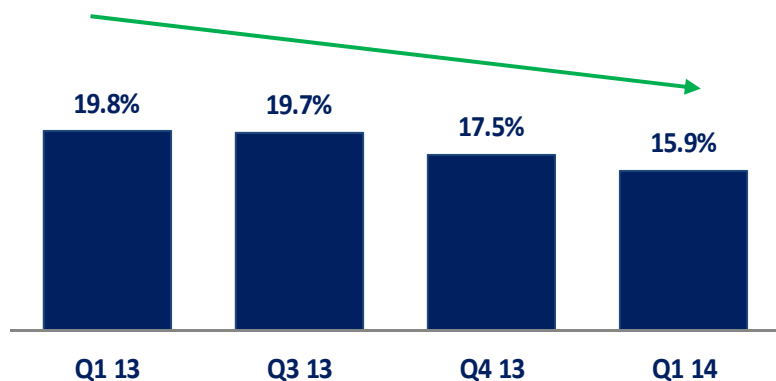
Gross Cash Collections (£m)



Portfolios purchased in the Quarter



Short Term Default Rate (%)¹



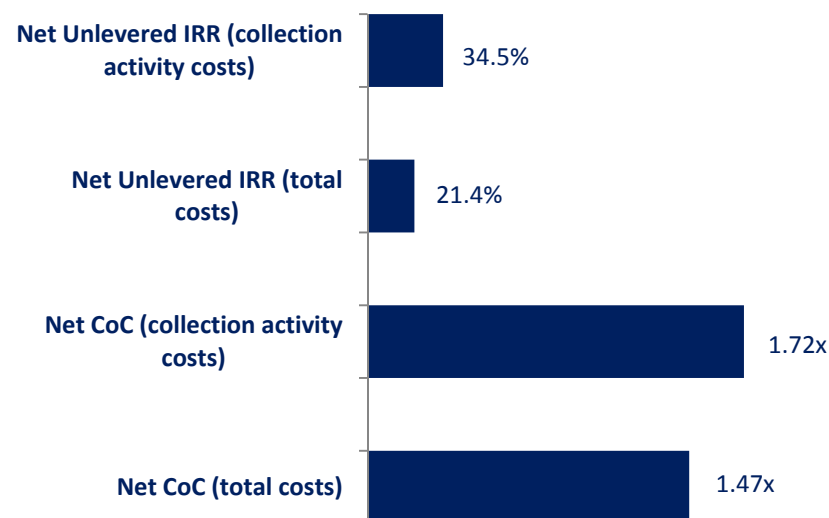
- Portfolio purchases in the 3 months to December 13 were £30.2m (-£11.8m compared to 3 months to December 12).
- Year on year quarterly performance impacted by short-term volatility of portfolio purchases and specifically the purchase of a single large portfolio in December 2012
- Underlying portfolio purchases at very strong levels, with 64% of prior-year annual purchases committed in the first three months of FY14 in Lowell's core sectors and with repeat clients

1. Calculated as defaults on active payment plans

Liquidity And Profitability

Strong and visible cashflow and industry leading returns

Unlevered Rate of Return



- Unlevered Net IRR (after collections costs) on portfolios owned at December 13 of 34.5%
- Marginally and typically lower than prior quarter due to lower collections in the run up to the festive season and weight of newer assets

Cashflow (£m)

	Q1 13	Q1 14	LTM Dec 13
ERC	467.5	548.5	548.5
Reported portfolio purchases	42.0	30.2	111.2
Net debt	216.6	281.5	281.5
Cash generation			
Collections /income on owned portfolios	36.2	43.1	168.5
Other income	0.2	0.1	0.3
Servicing costs	(11.7)	(14.5)	(51.8)
Adjusted EBITDA	24.6	28.7	117.0
Capital Expenditure	0.7	0.5	1.9
Working capital movement	(0.5)	(7.1)	(14.0)
Cashflow before debt and tax servicing	24.8	22.1	104.9
Cash asset return	n/a	n/a	23.2%

- Cash asset return of 23.2% represents a significant and rapid conversion of ERC into cashflow, thereby reducing risk and providing substantial liquidity for new purchases
- Working capital movement in Q1-14 comes from increase in litigation activity on the Lowell backbook, leveraging the Interlaken infrastructure (results in upfront capitalized costs)

Asset Coverage

Covenants well within requirements

Key Coverage Measures			
	Q1 13	Q4 13	Q1 14
Key Financial Metrics			
ERC	467.5	530.3	548.5
PF Gross Debt	200	285	285
Cash	6.4	14.2	3.5
Net Debt	216.6	270.8	281.5
Annual Interest Payable	23.7	32.5	32.5
Adjusted EBITDA (12 months to quarter end)	99.0	112.5	117.0
Leverage and Coverage Ratios			
Loan to value ratio	46%	51%	51%
Net debt / Adjusted EBITDA	2.2	2.4	2.4
EBITDA / total interest payable	4.2	3.5	3.6
Notes			
All 3 quarters numbers for gross debt, net debt, cash, annual interest payable and the resulting ratios are on a pro forma basis			
Leverage and Coverage ratios calculated on same basis as presented in the Offering Memorandum "Summary Consolidated Financial Data"			
Gross Debt, Cash and Net Debt are presented on a pro forma basis relating to the issuance included within the Offering memorandum			

- Portfolios forecast to generate £549 million in cash collections (ERC) in the next 84 months, a 17% YoY increase:
 - 50% of cash collections expected to be generated in the next 24 months
 - 78% of cash collections expected to be generated in the next 48 months
- Credit ratios stable on prior quarter
- Pro forma credit ratios excluding effect of the Interlaken acquisition would be flat to prior year (Interlaken expected to bring significant future ERC growth hereafter)

Outlook

Strategy unchanged with strong growth opportunities in areas we know well

Market Outlook

Lowell well positioned to capitalise on market growth

Acquisition Focus

- Focus on core, non-performing debt across a diverse range of sectors
- Strengthen strategic relationships with clients – 90% of FY14 committed spend from repeat clients, £60m of portfolio purchases committed for FY14 through forward flow arrangements as of Q2-14, 50% of FY13 full-year purchases
- Continue to leverage operational excellence in non performing debt while leveraging Interlaken operational capabilities provide all round value to our existing and prospective clients

Operational Focus

- Transition to FCA and industry focus upon compliance will remain a driver of our operating model – we can use this to strengthen our competitive advantage and maintain high barriers to entry
- Carefully expand litigation activity on Lowell’s backbook to enhance collections and ERC, leveraging Interlaken low cost litigation infrastructure in a controlled manner
- Continue to enhance the use of Lowell’s unique data asset from the transactional history of 13 million customer accounts, including customer cross-over optimisation

Conclusion

Strong performance continues in a growing marketplace

- Strong Financials – growth, high returns and predictable earnings
- Clear focus on compliance and FCA transition
- Interlaken delivering group synergy and unlocking strategic goals
- Highly liquid, cash performance continues
- Industry pioneering, highly diversified origination strategies
- Well positioned in a market that continues to deliver growth

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