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# 4Q15 Summary<sup>1</sup>

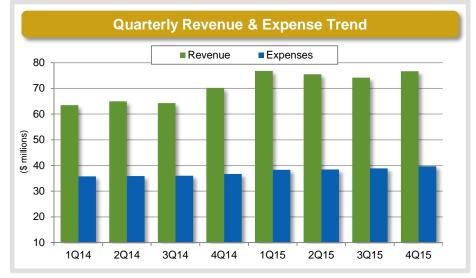


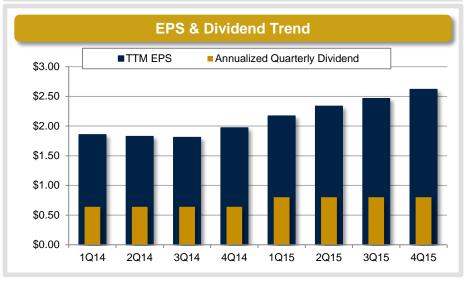
### **Earnings**

- Revenues of \$76.6 million, up 9.2%
- Expenses of \$39.7 million, up 8.1%
- Pre-tax income of \$37.0 million, up 10.4%
- Diluted EPS of \$0.65, up 14.0%

### **Business Highlights**

- Record total trading volume up 18.5%
- Record adjusted estimated U.S. high-grade<sup>2</sup> market share of 17.6%, up from 16.1%
- Record guarter for U.S. high-yield and emerging market bond volumes
- Record Open Trading<sup>TM</sup> volume and participation
- Volume from European clients up 52%





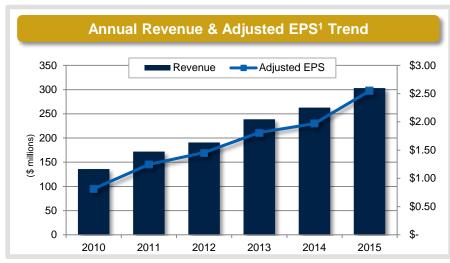
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All period comparisons versus 4Q14 unless otherwise stated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FINRA TRACE volumes have been adjusted to eliminate the increased reporting of affiliate back-to-back trades and exclude 144A securities. See Investor Relations-Volume section of Company website.

# **Full Year 2015 Results Reflect Continued Strong Growth Rates**

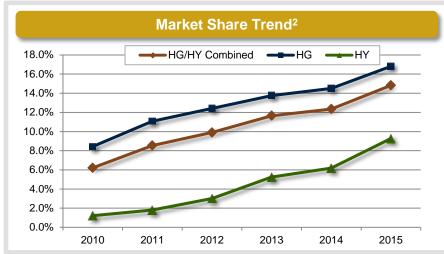






	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Total Revenue	15.3%	16.7%	17.4%	14.5%
Total Expenses	7.6%	15.2%	13.0%	8.8%
EPS	29.4%	17.1%	26.1%	27.2%
Total Volume	27.6%	18.4%	19.5%	12.6%

Xtrakter results included since February 2013 acquisition date



### **Comments**

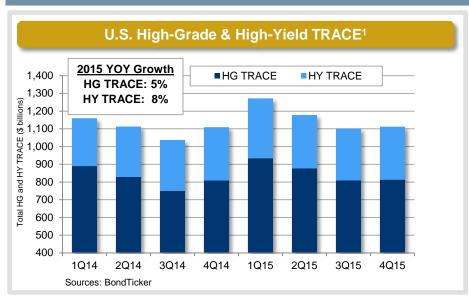
- Record full year trading volume, transaction revenue and EPS
- Acceleration in market share gains across core products
- 2015 free cash flow of \$105 million; Board of Directors approved a regular dividend of \$0.26 per share.

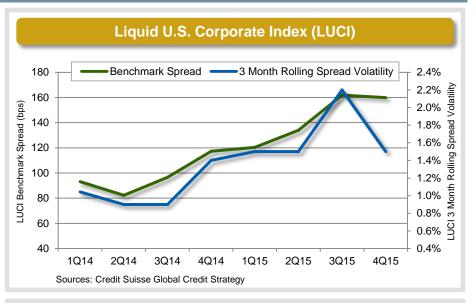
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2012 EPS adjusted for one time tax benefit recognized in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012

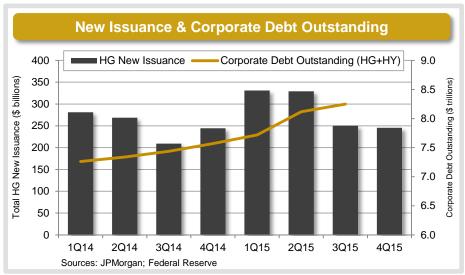
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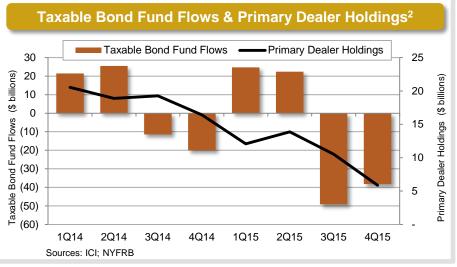
### **Market Conditions**









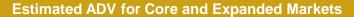


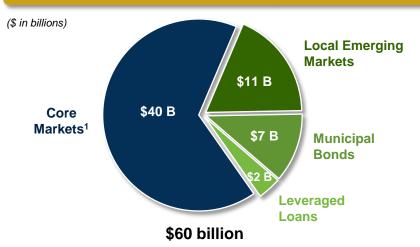
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Primary dealer holdings includes U.S. High-Grade and U.S. High-Yield positions greater than 13 months

# **Expanding Market Opportunity**







<sup>1</sup> Core Markets include U.S. High Grade, U.S. High Yield, External Emerging Markets and Eurobonds

### **Expanded Markets Opportunity**

#### Local Emerging Markets

- Trading available in 22 global local currency bond markets
- Local markets trading volume up 238% in 4Q15

#### Municipal Bonds

- 2Q16 expected launch date
- Expect to have more than 250 institutional clients and 60 dealers connected by launch date

### Leveraged Loans

- 2Q16 expected launch date
- Natural extension of our high-yield trading capabilities

### 1% Change in Estimated Market Share

Product	Estimated Annual Revenue Sensitivity
Core Markets	\$22 - \$26 million of additional revenue
Core and Expanded Markets	\$35 - \$39 million of additional revenue



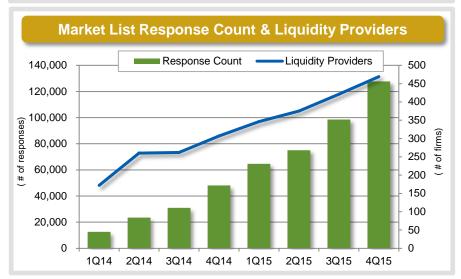
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# Open Trading™



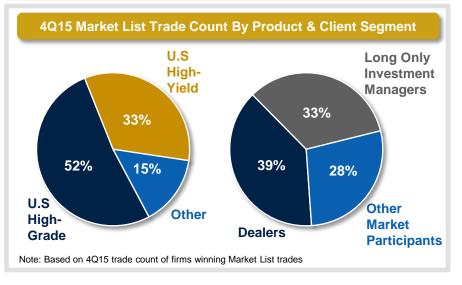






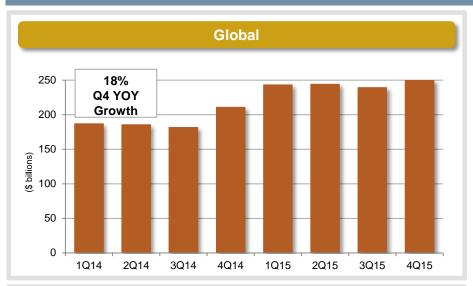
### **Highlights**

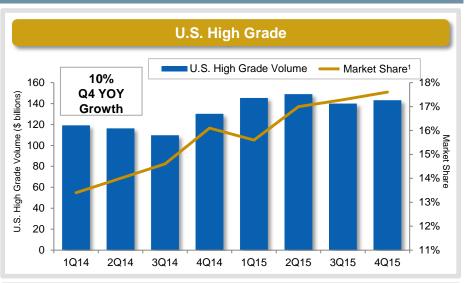
- \$446 million average daily volume, up 100% from 4Q14 and up 25% from 3Q15
- Over 57,000 total Open Trading transactions completed in 4Q15, up from 28,000 in 4Q14
- Approximately 130,000 price responses in 4Q15, up 165% from 4Q14
- Average transaction cost savings of more than 4bp in yield through U.S. high-grade Open Trading in 4Q15

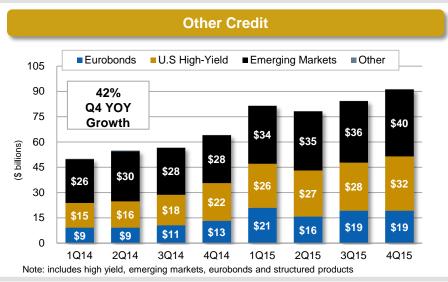


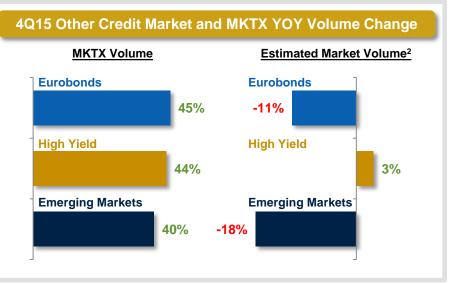
## **Quarterly Volume**











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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimated market volumes based on FINRA TRACE and TRAX reported volumes.

# **Earnings Performance**



(In thousands, except per share data)

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	404E	2045	1011	4Q15 vs.
Revenues	<u>4Q15</u>	<u>3Q15</u>	<u>4Q14</u>	<u>4Q14</u>
Commissions	\$67,613	\$65,178	\$60,372	12.0%
Information and Post-trade Services	7,678	7,671	7,869	(2.4%)
Technology Products & Services	708	683	1,289	(45.1%)
Investment and Other Income	645	660	637	1.3%
Total Revenues	76,644	74,192	70,167	9.2%
Expenses	39,658	38,839	36,678	8.1%
Income Before Taxes	36,986	35,353	33,489	10.4%
Provision for Income Taxes	12,495	12,638	11,853	5.4%
Net Income	\$24,491	\$22,715	\$21,636	13.2%
Operating Margin	48.3%	47.7%	47.7%	0.5 pts
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$41,671	\$39,995	\$37,914	9.9%
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.08
Diluted Shares <sup>2</sup>	37,638	37,643	37,711	(0.2%)
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<sup>1</sup> See fourth quarter 2015 earnings release and the Investor Relations section of the Company's website for reconciliation of net income to EBITDA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents the weighted average number of share of common stock including the dilutive effect of outstanding securities.

## **Commission Revenue Detail**



					<i>%∆</i>
(\$ in thousands)		<u>4Q15</u>	<u>3Q15</u>	<u>4Q14</u>	<u>4Q15 vs.</u> <u>4Q14</u>
	Commissions				
	Transaction Fees				
	U.S. High-Grade	\$24,686	\$23,337	\$23,146	6.7%
	Other Credit <sup>1</sup>	26,002	24,091	20,245	28.4%
	Liquid Products <sup>2</sup>	606	598	725	(16.4%)
	Total Transaction Fees	51,294	48,026	44,116	16.3%
	Distribution Fees				
	U.S. High-Grade	14,665	15,376	14,441	1.6%
	Other Credit <sup>1</sup>	1,439	1,487	1,609	(10.6%)
	Liquid Products <sup>2,3</sup>	215	289	206	4.4%
	Total Distribution Fees	16,319	17,152	16,256	0.4%
	Total Commissions	\$67,613	\$65,178	\$60,372	12.0%
	Trading Volume				
(\$ in millions)	U.S. High-Grade	\$ 143,249	\$ 140,039	\$ 130,194	10.0%
	Other Credit <sup>1</sup>	91,257	84,333	64,211	42.1%
	Liquid Products <sup>2</sup>	15,864	15,353	16,964_	(6.5%)
	Total Trading Volume	\$ 250,370	\$ 239,725	\$ 211,369	18.5%
	Transaction Fees per Million				
	U.S. High-Grade	\$ 172	\$ 167	\$ 178	(3.1%)
	Other Credit <sup>1</sup>	285	286	315	(9.6%)
	Liquid Products <sup>2</sup>	38	39	42	(9.3%)
	Total	\$ 205	\$ 200	\$ 209	(1.8%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Liquid Products includes U.S. agencies and European government bonds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes CDS SEF-related revenue

# **Expense Detail**



(\$ in thousands)

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>4Q15</u>	<u>3Q15</u>	<u>4Q14</u>	% ∆ 4Q15 vs. 4Q14
Employee Comp. and Benefits	\$ 21,087	\$ 21,002	\$ 19,376	8.8%
Depreciation and Amortization	4,685	4,642	4,425	5.9%
Technology and Communications	3,720	3,891	4,385	(15.2%)
Professional and Consulting	3,540	3,210	3,463	2.2%
Occupancy	1,215	1,246	1,063	14.3%
Marketing and Advertising	1,888	1,304	1,429	32.1%
General and Administrative <sup>1</sup>	3,523	3,544	2,537	38.9%
Total Expenses	\$ 39,658	\$ 38,839	\$ 36,678	8.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes clearing costs of \$1.1 million, \$0.8 million and \$0.5 million for the three months end December 31, 2015, September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2014, respectively.

### **Balance Sheet Data**



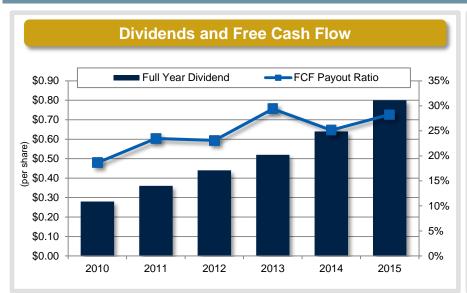
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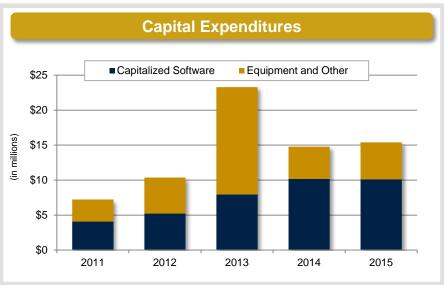
Assets	12/31/2015	12/31/2014	% Δ vs. 12/31/2014	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Securities Available-For-Sale Accounts Receivable, net All Other Assets	\$ 199,728 84,706 40,459 114,148	\$ 168,924 64,863 33,836 112,261	18.2% 30.6% 19.6% 1.7%	
Total Assets	\$ 439,041	\$ 379,884	15.6%	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity  Total Liabilities  Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 48,328 <u>390,713</u>	\$ 45,676 <u>334,208</u>	5.8% 16.9%	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 439,041	<u>\$ 379,884</u>	15.6%	

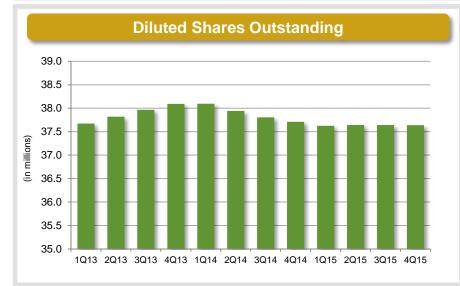
- Cash, Cash Equivalents & Securities Available-For-Sale represented \$7.56 per share on a diluted basis as of 12/31/15
- Total Shareholders' Equity was \$10.38 per share on a diluted basis as of 12/31/15

# **Capital Management**









### **Comments**

- Regular quarterly cash dividend increased to \$0.26, up from \$0.20
- New \$25 million share repurchase plan authorized, expected to be effective March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018.
- Continued investment in organic growth initiatives and technology infrastructure

### 2016 Guidance



### **Expenses**

■ Total expenses ranging from \$168 million to \$176 million

### **Capital Expenditures**

Total capital expenditures ranging from \$18 million to \$22 million

### **Income Tax Rate**

Estimated effective tax rate ranging from 34.0% to 36.0%

# **Summary**



- Record trading volumes, revenues and EPS in 2015
- Acceleration in market share gains across core products
- Open Trading momentum continues
- Expanding global credit footprint



