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# Agenda

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Third Quarter 2017 Consolidated Results

- Segment Results
- Full Year 2017 Outlook and 2018 Guidance

### Third Quarter 2017 Consolidated Results

(MM, except per share)

	Q	Quarter Ended September 30,			
	2017		2016		% Change
Revenue	\$	1,912	\$	1,886	+1%
Net Income	\$	233	\$	208	+12%
EPS	\$	4.20	\$	3.55	+18%
Core EPS	\$	5.35	\$	4.74	+13%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	622	\$	566	+10%
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$	550	\$	512	+7%
Diluted shares		55.6		58.4	-5%

- Revenue behind guidance primarily due to hurricanes; core EPS better than guidance.
  - ☐ Hurricanes Harvey and Irma dampened revenue growth by approximately 3 points.
  - Core EPS increased high-single-digits excluding the true-up in 2017 annual tax rate.



# LoyaltyOne® (MM)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	% Change
Revenue	\$ 305	\$ 384	-20%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 61	\$ 82	-26%
Adjusted EBITDA %	20%	21%	-1%

- BMO, our largest AIR MILES® sponsor, signed a multi-year renewal during the third quarter.
- AIR MILES issued decreased 7 percent due to reduced promotional activity.
  - Expect improvement in fourth quarter.
- BrandLoyalty's results consistent with expectations.
  - Expect double-digit top and bottom-line growth in fourth quarter.



# Epsilon® (MM)

Revenue	2017 5 559	2016 \$ 543	% Change +3%
Revenue	5 559	\$ 543	+3%
Adjusted EBITDA \$	125	\$ 135	-7%
Adjusted EBITDA %	22%	25%	-3%

- Technology Platform offering continues to improve : revenue -13 percent in Q4,  $2016 \rightarrow -7$  percent in Q1,  $2017 \rightarrow -3$  percent in Q2,  $2017 \rightarrow +1$  percent in Q3, 2017.
- Transitory change in revenue mix pressured adjusted EBITDA margins during the quarter.

## Card Services (MM)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	% Change
Revenue	\$ 1,055	\$ 966	+9%
Operating expenses	382	330	+16%
Provision for loan loss	205	251	-19%
Funding costs	<u>71</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>+33%</u>
Adjusted EBITDA, net	\$ 397	\$ 331	+20%
Adjusted EBITDA, net %	38%	34%	+4%

- Hurricanes temporarily depressed credit sales and gross yields during the quarter.
- Net loss rates were 5.5 percent for the quarter, better than expectations.
  - Gross principal loss rates were flat year-over-year.
- Delinquency rates continue to track consistent with expectations. Year-over-year gap to close in fourth quarter.



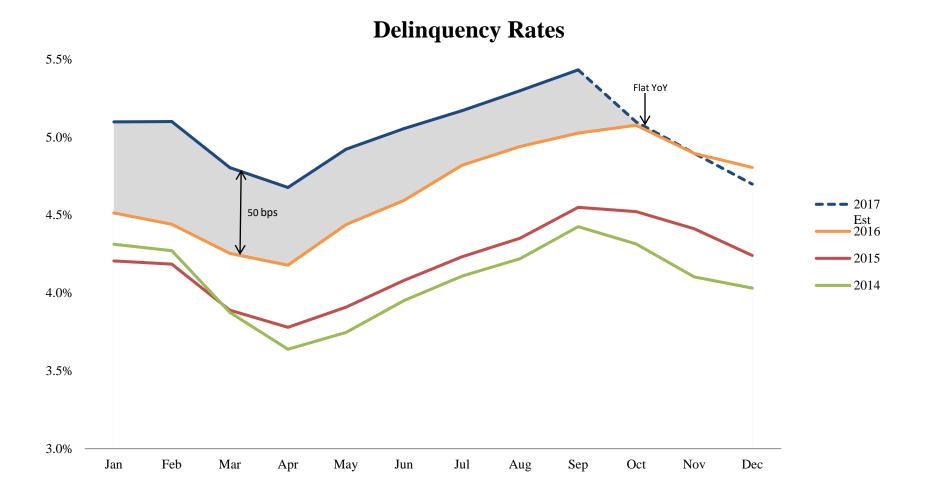
## Card Services (MM)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		
Key metrics:	2017	2016	Change
Credit sales	\$ 7,352	\$ 6,986	+5%
Average card receivables	\$15,950	\$13,995	+14%
Total gross yield	25.4%	26.8%	-1.3%
Operating expenses as % of average card receivables	9.2%	9.1%	+0.1%
Principal loss rates	5.5%	4.7%	+0.8%
Delinquency rate	5.4%	5.0%	+0.4%

- Allowance for loan loss reserve is 6.35 percent of \$16.3 billion in reservable card receivables at September 30.
  - Equivalent to 12 months forward coverage.



# Delinquency Wedge





#### **Consolidated:**

- Reiterate guidance of \$7.8 billion in revenue and \$18.10 in core EPS
- "Slingshot" remains on track
  - Delinquency wedge is expected to close in fourth quarter
  - Gross losses have already moved from up 75 basis points in the first half of 2017 to flat in the third quarter
  - Recoveries remain soft, but easy comparable in 2018
- Momentum building

	<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>
Core EPS growth	2%	4%	Double	High-single/
			digits	low-double
				digits

- Big mover in fourth quarter:
  - LoyaltyOne will add ~\$0.50 per share more than in third quarter



#### **Epsilon:**

- Original guidance: \$2.24 billion in revenue and \$500 million in adjusted EBITDA
  - □ Represents 4 percent top/bottom growth
  - Year-to-date: running ahead on revenue but behind on adjusted EBITDA primarily due to product mix
- Technology Platform (~25 percent of Epsilon revenue)
  - o Revenue -13 percent in Q4, 2016  $\rightarrow$  -7 percent in Q1, 2017  $\rightarrow$  -3 percent in Q2, 2017  $\rightarrow$  +1 percent in Q3



#### **Loyalty One:**

- Canada: no change to guidance
  - \$760 million in revenue, \$180 million in adjusted EBITDA
  - Solid progress on re-tooling model margins running in the mid 20's range
  - Sponsors no attrition
  - Collectors returned to within 1 percent of active collector levels versus down 6 percent in latter part of 2016
  - Issuance core issuance is stable; promotional-related issuance is soft. Expect firming in fourth quarter
- BrandLoyalty: soft
  - Traditionally grows double-digits
  - Q1 to Q3, 2017 soft due to timing of campaigns; not a structural issue
  - Return to strong growth in the fourth quarter:
    - Double-digit revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth



#### **Card Services:**

- Card receivables growth of 15 percent
- Signed new \$2 billion vintage
- Gross yields down in third and fourth quarters due to hurricanes and on-boarding of Signet portfolio
- ~40 bps of operating leverage (operating expenses/average receivables)
- Credit normalization nearing completion
  - Delinquencies: best predictor of future gross losses
    - Q1: 50 bps over last year  $\rightarrow$  Q4: flat vs last year
  - Gross loss rates:
    - Q1 and Q2: 75 bps over last year  $\rightarrow$  Q3: flat  $\rightarrow$  Q4: improve
  - Net loss rates: approximately 5.9 percent (up 30 bps on gross and 50 bps from lower recovery rates);
    - 6.3 percent in Q1 → 6.2 percent in Q2 → 5.5 percent in Q3 → sub 6 percent in Q4
- Full Year Guidance: Mid-teens revenue growth; ~12 percent adjusted EBITDA, net growth
- Still evaluating impact of hurricanes Harvey and Irma to fourth quarter, but expect negative impact to be manageable



## 2018 Guidance

Consolidated:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
	Revenue \$7.8bn	\$8.7bn	+12%
	Core EPS \$18.10	\$21.50	+19%
	<u>10 year a</u>	average	
	Revenue	+13%	
	Adjusted EBITDA	+12%	
	Core EPS	+17%	



### 2018 Guidance

#### **Epsilon:**

- Mid-single-digit revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth
- Technology Platform offering returns to modest growth
- Conversant CRM and Auto remain fastest growing offerings

#### **LoyaltyOne:**

- Canada: model fully retooled
  - □ 3 to 5 percent revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth
  - 3 percent growth in AIR MILES issued
- BrandLoyalty:
  - Strong fourth quarter of 2017 provides nice jump-off point for 2018
  - Return to double-digit revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth
    - World Cup, Disney EMEA to solidify growth

#### Card Services:

- Mid-teens portfolio growth supported by new \$2 billion vintage
- Mid-teens growth in revenue and adjusted EBITDA, net
- Net loss rate flat to down compared to 2017



### 2018 Guidance

#### Net loss rate flat to down compared to 2017:

- Four primary reasons:
  - 1. Private label peaks in growth and loss rates before bankcards during a typical credit cycle
    - Our normalization: 2016 2017
    - Bankcard normalization: 2017 2018
  - 2. Delinquency wedge is expected to close in fourth quarter
    - Best predictor of future gross loss rates
    - Gross losses up 75 bps in first-half of 2017  $\rightarrow$  flat now
  - 3. Signet: > \$1 billion of prime-only accounts
    - Higher credit quality benefits gross loss rates
  - 4. Recovery rates: 18 percent of gross losses in 2017 compared to 26 percent in 2016
    - Unusually low in 2017 due to market conditions
    - Moving in-house will gradually increase recovery rates
- How does a stable net loss rate drive the 'slingshot' in 2018 earnings? Primarily due to lower reserve build
  - ☐ Higher loss rates and reserve build was a double-digit drag on core EPS growth in 2017
    - Net loss rates up 80 bps in 2017→ Core EPS of \$18.10, up 7 percent (Guidance)
    - Had loss rates stayed flat in 2017 → Core EPS over \$21.00, up over 20 percent



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# Q & A

