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In connection with the spin-off of Navient Corporation, the Company conformed its policy with that of Sallie Mae Bank to charge off loans after 120 days of delinquency. The Company also changed its loss confirmation period from two years to one year to reflect both the shorter charge-off policy and its related servicing practices. Prior to the spin-off, Sallie Mae Bank sold all loans past 90 days delinquent to an affiliate of what is now Navient Corporation. Post-spin-off, sales of delinquent loans to Navient Corporation have been significantly curtailed. Consequently, many of the pre-spin-off, historical credit indicators and period over-period trends are not comparable and may not be indicative of future performance.

The Company reports financial results on a GAAP basis and also provides certain core earnings performance measures. The difference between the Company's "Core Earnings" and GAAP results for the periods presented were the unrealized, mark-to-market gains/losses on derivative contracts. These are recognized in GAAP but not in "Core Earnings" results. The Company provides "Core Earnings" measures because this is what management uses when making management decisions regarding the Company's performance and the allocation of corporate resources. The Company's "Core Earnings" are not defined terms within GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

For additional information, see "Key Financial Measures-Core Earnings" in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014 for a further discussion, and the Company's press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014 for a complete reconciliation between GAAP net income and core earnings.



The Sallie Mae Brand



- ▶ #1 saving, planning and paying for education company with 40-years of leadership in the education lending market
- ▶ Top ranked brand: 6 out of 10 consumers of education finance recognize the Sallie Mae brand
- ▶ Industry leading market share in private education lending; 53% market share
- ▶ Over 2,400 actively managed university relationships across the U.S.
- ▶ Complementary consumer product offerings
- ▶ Over one million long-term engaged customers across the Sallie Mae brands



2014 Sallie Mae Highlights

- ▶ Completed legal separation from Navient on April 30, 2014
- ▶ Generated “Core Earnings” of \$195 million
- ▶ Originated \$4.1 billion of high quality Private Education Loans, 7% increase year-over-year
- ▶ Grew Private Education Loan portfolio by 27%
- ▶ Completed loan sales in excess of \$1.6 billion at favorable rates
- ▶ Recently closed a \$750 million secured funding facility
- ▶ Won the Utah Educational Savings Plan 529 program ~\$1 billion in deposits
- ▶ Completed the roll out of independent servicing and customer support capabilities
- ▶ Regulatory Cease and Desist orders in place since 2008 were lifted



Sallie Mae Summary

- Leading private education loan franchise
- Expanding consumer finance product suite

Strategic Focus

- Private Education Loan Originator and Servicer
- Deposits
- Upromise Rewards
- Insurance Services
- Credit Card

Key Businesses

- 30+ years of experience
- Relationships with over 2,400 schools
- Largest salesforce in the industry

Competitive Advantage

- (\$B as of 12/31/14)
- Assets 13.0
 - FFELP Loans 1.3
 - Private Loans 8.2
 - Deposits 10.5
 - Preferred Equity 0.6
 - Tangible Common Equity 1.3

Balance Sheet



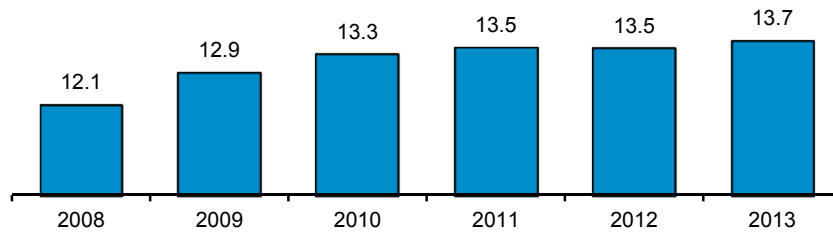
Sallie Mae Investment Highlights

- 1 Experienced management team with deep industry knowledge**
 - ▶ Average of 30+ years of banking and financial services experience
- 2 Leading brand in the education lending market**
 - ▶ 40+ years serving the education lending market
 - ▶ 53% private education lending market share
- 3 Simple low cost delivery system**
 - ▶ Multi-channel delivery system (on-campus, direct)
 - ▶ 42% customer serialization rate
- 4 Attractive customer base**
 - ▶ Higher employment rates for college graduates
 - ▶ 90% of portfolio has cosigners; 749 average FICO
- 5 Disciplined approach to credit**
 - ▶ Robust proprietary scorecard
 - ▶ Strong Smart Option performance; 0.7% Q4 charge-offs
- 6 Strong capital position and funding capabilities**
 - ▶ 15.9% Total Risk Based Capital Ratio; all capital ratios significantly in excess of well capitalized
 - ▶ Retail direct deposits; future securitizations
- 7 Targeting high growth and high return business**
 - ▶ Long-term earnings growth target of 20%+
 - ▶ Long-term ROE target of 15%+

Favorable Student Loan Market Trends

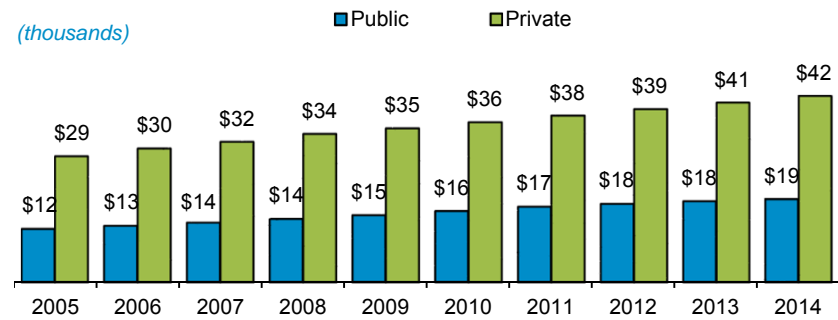
Enrollment at Four-Year Degree Granting Institutions¹

(millions)



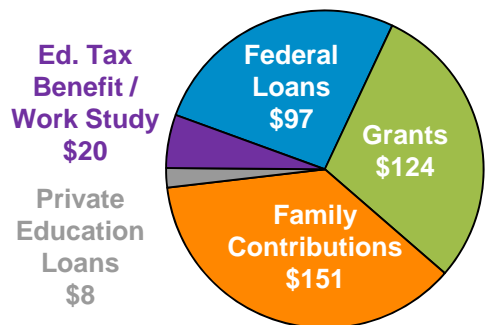
Annual Cost of Education²

(thousands)



Estimated Total Cost of Education – 2014 / 2015 AY³

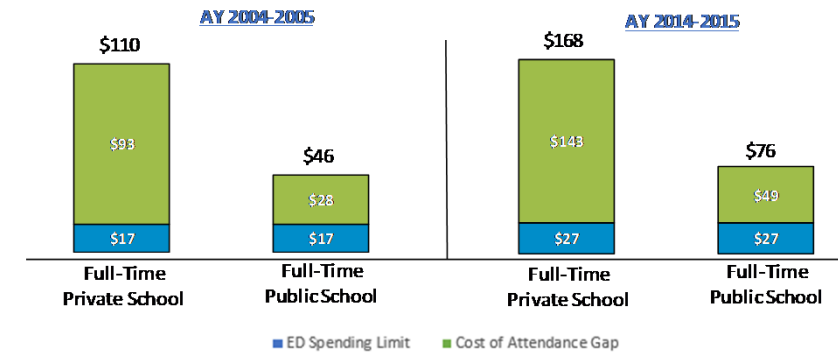
(billions)



Total Estimated Cost: \$402bn

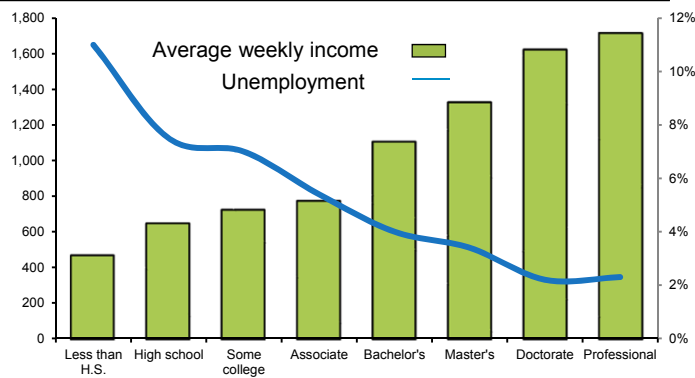
Cost of College (Based on a Four-Year Term)⁴

(thousands)

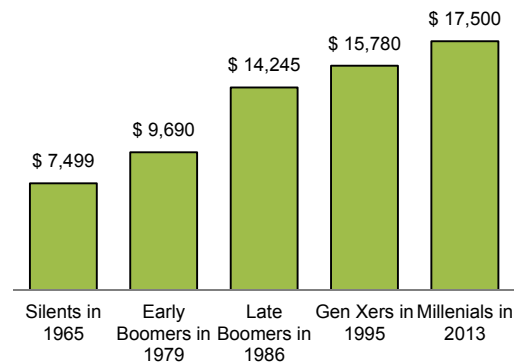


Higher Education Value Proposition

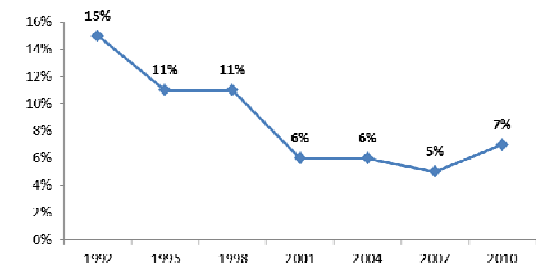
Relationship Between Higher Education, Income and Employment⁵



Widening Earnings Gap of Young Adults by Educational Attainment⁶



Payment to Income Ratio⁷



Key Statistics⁸

- ▶ The unemployment rate for 25- to 34-year-olds with four-year college degrees was 4.1%, whereas 11.2% of high school graduates in this age range were unemployed
- ▶ 60% of students graduate with student loans
- ▶ 69% of student loan borrowers have debt balances less than \$25,000 and 4% have balances above \$100,000 (average borrowings of \$27,300)
- ▶ The average payment-to-income ratio declined from 15% in 1992 to 7% in 2010



Smart Option Overview

▶ **Product Features**

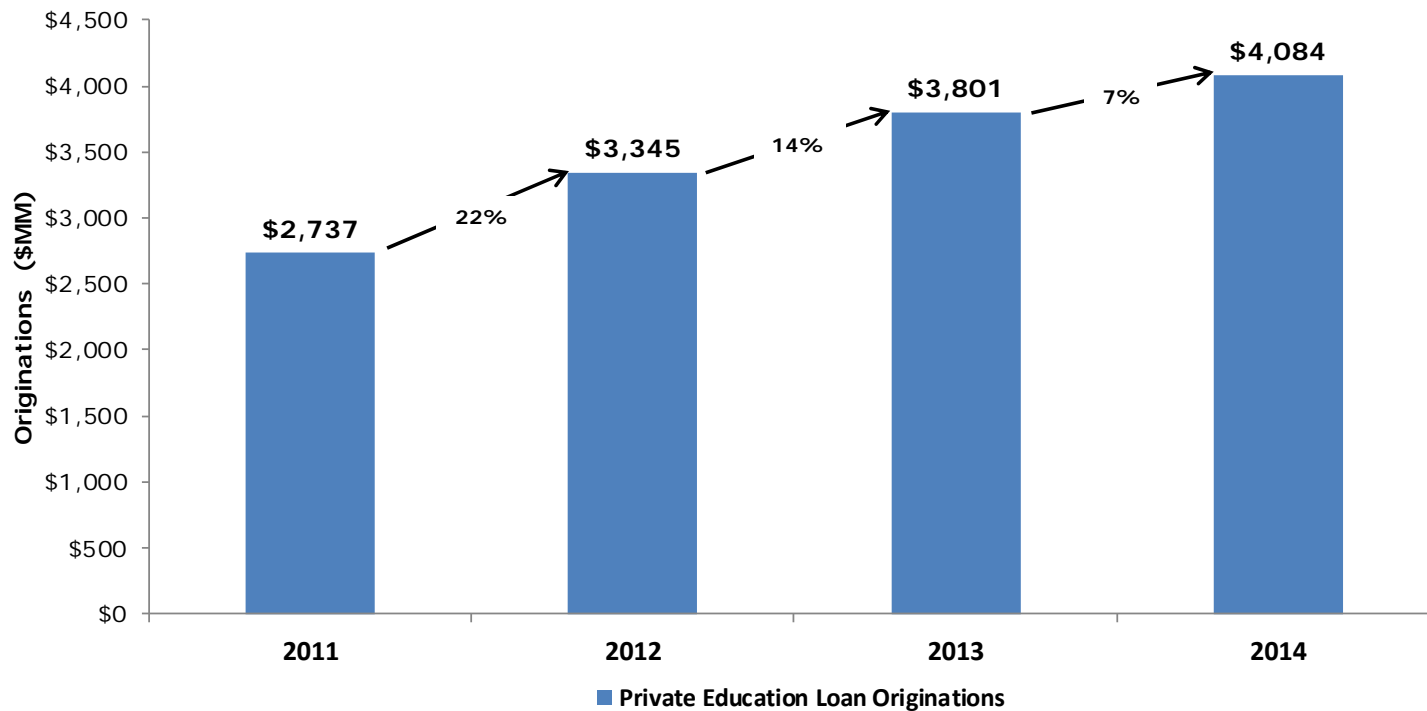
- Offers three repayment options while in school which includes Interest Only, \$25 Fixed Payment and Deferred Repayment
- Variable and Fixed Interest Rate Options
- All loans are certified by the school's financial aid office to ensure all proceeds are for educational expenses

▶ **Distribution Channels**

- Nationally recognized brand
- Largest national sales force in industry actively manages over 2,400 college relationships
- Represented on vast majority of college directed preferred lender lists
- Significant marketing experience to prospective customers through paid search, affiliates, display, direct mail and email
- Leverage low cost customer channels to contribute to significant serialization in following years
- Marketing and distribution through partnerships with banks, credit unions, resellers and membership organizations



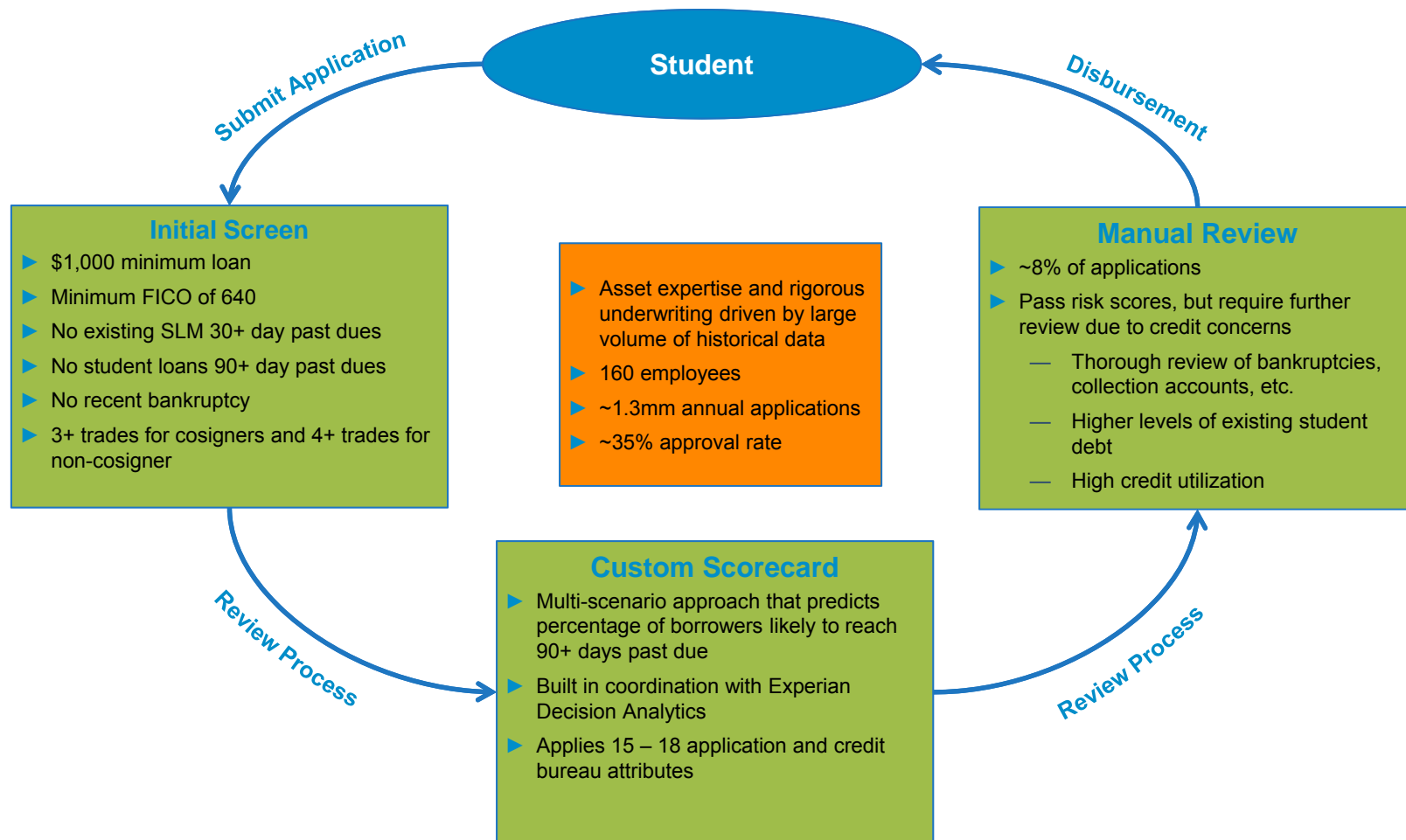
High Quality Private Student Loan Originations Growth



Originations Statistics (\$)

	<u>Q4 2014</u>	<u>Q4 2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
% Cosigned	88%	87%	90%	90%
% In School Payment	55%	55%	56%	56%
Average Originated FICO	748	744	749	745
YoY Originations Growth Rate	6.0%		7.0%	

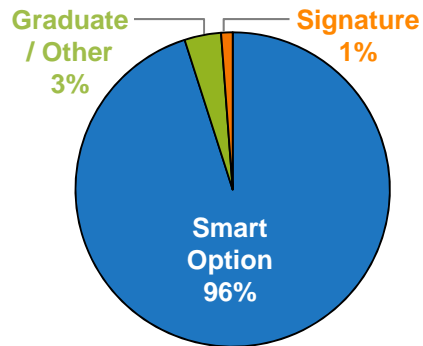
Analytical Approach to Credit





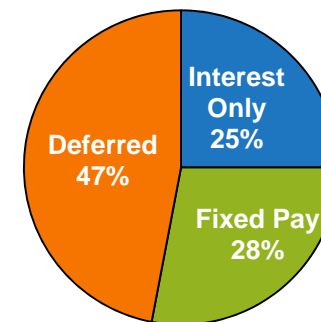
High Quality Private Education Portfolio

Portfolio by Product



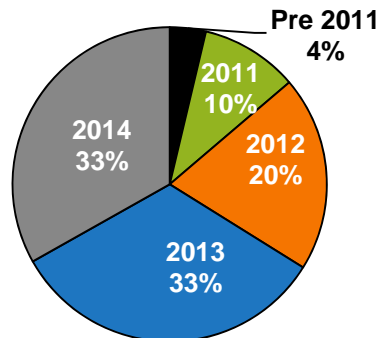
Private Education Loans: \$8.3bn

Smart Option Payment Type



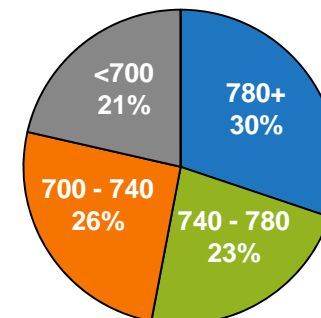
Smart Option Loans: \$7.9bn

Portfolio by Vintage



Weighted Average Age of Loan: ~1.6 years

Customer FICO at Origination



Weighted Average FICO: 749



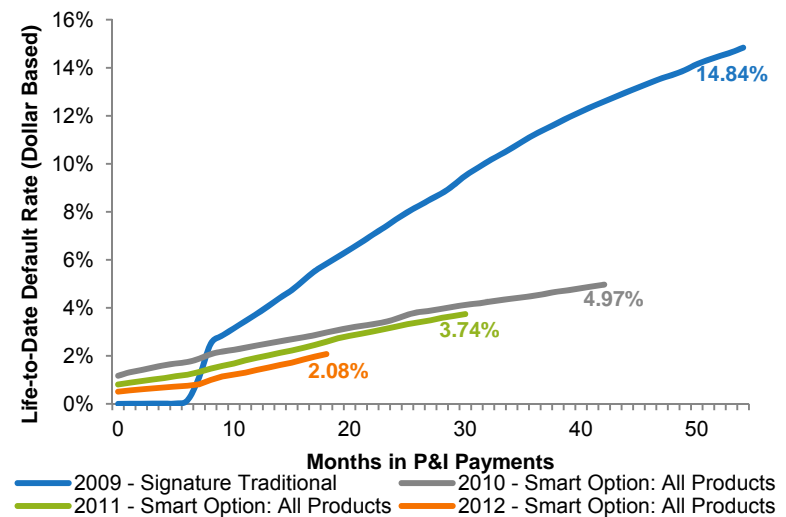
Smart Option Credit Outperforming

- ▶ Smart Option products outperform prior private education loan products due to more stringent underwriting standards and tailored product options
- ▶ Performance of newer vintage loans driven by focused marketing on high quality borrowers, better data and product management and an improving macroeconomic environment

Smart Option Performance Trends⁹

	2011	2012	2013
Smart Option Loans	\$4,769	\$7,501	\$10,514
Smart Option Loans in Repayment	4,195	5,774	7,728
% Charge-Offs ¹⁰	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
% Delinquencies ¹⁰	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%
% 90+ Day Delinquencies ¹⁰	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%
% in Forbearance ¹⁰	0.3%	2.1%	2.5%
% with Co-Signer ¹⁰	94%	93%	92%
Average FICO at Origination ¹⁰	746	746	746

Smart Option Outperforms Legacy Signature¹¹

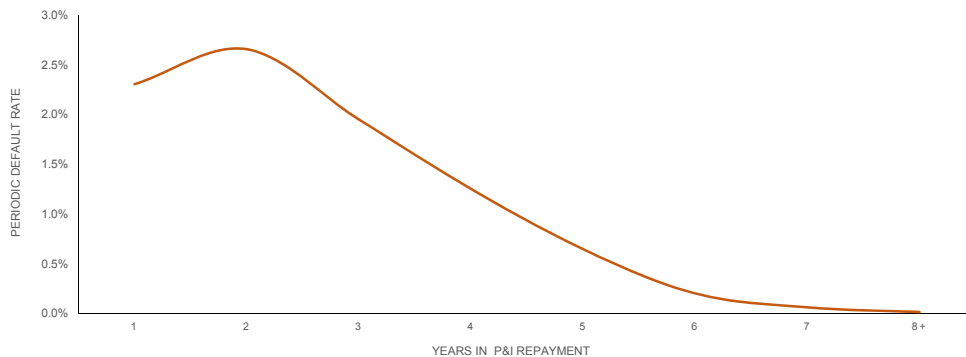


Note: Information provided above is for all Smart Option loans originated by Sallie Mae Bank. These loans are currently owned by Sallie Mae, Navient and other third parties.

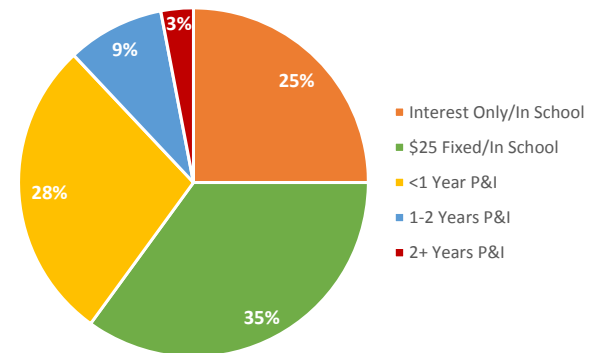


Portfolio Migrating to Full Principal and Interest Status¹²

Estimated Loss Emergence Curve – Loans in P&I



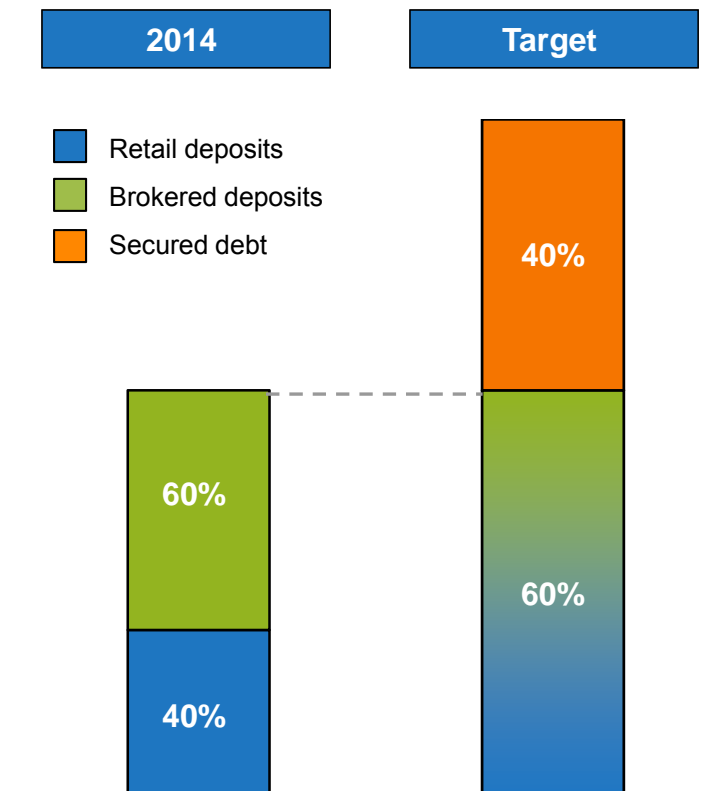
% of Loans in Repayment



- ▶ Emerging loan losses are currently indicative of our portfolio moving into early stages of P&I repayment, not long-term portfolio performance
- ▶ Charge-offs on Private Education Loans are front loaded. ~50% of charge-offs occur in the first 2 years after entering full principal and interest repayment
- ▶ Only 3% of our portfolio has been in full principal and interest repayment for more than 2 years

Conservative Funding Approach

- ▶ **Low cost deposit base with no branch overhead**
 - 90% of retail deposits are savings accounts
 - Brokered deposits used as alternative funding source
- ▶ **Term funding / securitizations will augment deposit funding for future growth**
 - Retaining experienced capital markets team
 - Capacity to securitize \$2 – \$3bn of private education loans
- ▶ **Multi-year revolving conduit facility**
 - Provides seasonal loan funding and backup liquidity
 - \$750mm conduit with 2-year term provided by consortium of banks
- ▶ **Whole loan sales used to manage balance sheet growth**
 - Targeting \$1 – \$2bn of loan sales annually
- ▶ **Substantial liquidity portfolio**
 - \$2.4bn of on-balance sheet cash provides seasonal loan funding and liquidity





Financial Review

(in millions)		Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Variance	2014	2013	Variance
Balance Sheet	PSL	\$ 8,325	\$ 6,568	\$ 1,757	\$ 8,325	\$ 6,568	\$ 1,757
	PSL Reserve	(79)	(62)	(17)	(79)	(62)	(17)
	FFELP	1,268	1,431	(163)	1,268	1,431	(163)
	FFELP Reserve / Other	(5)	(6)	1	(5)	(6)	1
	Total Loans	9,510	7,931	1,578	9,510	7,931	1,578
	Cash	2,360	2,183	177	2,360	2,183	177
	Other Assets	1,103	592	510	1,103	592	510
	Total Assets	12,972	10,707	2,266	12,972	10,707	2,266
	Brokered Deposits	6,733	5,895	838	6,733	5,895	838
	Retail Deposits	3,082	3,025	57	3,082	3,025	57
	Other Liabilities	1,328	621	707	1,328	621	707
	Equity	1,830	1,166	664	1,830	1,166	664
	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 12,972	\$ 10,707	\$ 2,266	\$ 12,972	\$ 10,707	\$ 2,266
PSL Reserve % of Balance (Gross)	0.95%	0.94%	0.00%	0.95%	0.94%	0.00%	
Income Statement	Interest Income	\$ 179	\$ 146	\$ 32	\$ 674	\$ 551	\$ 123
	Interest Expense	(28)	(24)	(4)	(96)	(89)	(7)
	Net Interest Income before Provision	151	122	28	578	462	116
	Provision	(30)	(29)	(1)	(86)	(69)	(16)
	NIM After Provision	120	93	27	493	393	100
	Gain On Sale	0	68	(68)	121	260	(139)
	Fee Income	11	11	(0)	40	37	3
	Gain/(Loss) on Hedging Activities	1	-	1	(4)	1	(5)
	Opex	(88)	(76)	(13)	(316)	(275)	(42)
	GAAP Pre-Tax Income	\$ 45	\$ 97	\$ (52)	\$ 334	\$ 417	\$ (83)
	Core Pre-Tax Income	\$ 44	\$ 97	\$ (53)	\$ 335	\$ 417	\$ (82)
	GAAP Net Income	\$ 20	\$ 60	\$ (40)	\$ 194	\$ 259	\$ (65)
	Core Earnings Adjustments	0	0	(0)	1	0	1
Core Earnings Net Income	\$ 20	\$ 61	\$ (41)	\$ 195	\$ 259	\$ (64)	
Preferred Dividends	(5)	-	(5)	(13)	-	(13)	
GAAP Earnings Available	\$ 15	\$ 60	\$ (45)	\$ 181	\$ 259	\$ (78)	
Core Earnings Available	\$ 15	\$ 61	\$ (46)	\$ 182	\$ 259	\$ (77)	
Metrics	ROA (Core)	0.63%	2.31%	(1.68%)	1.69%	2.70%	(1.01%)
	ROCE (GAAP)	4.70%	17.91%	(13.21%)	15.05%	21.58%	(6.54%)
	Total Risk Based Capital Ratio (Bank Only)	15.9%	16.5%	(0.6%)	15.9%	16.5%	(0.6%)
	CSEs	432	443	(11)	432	449	(16)
	Core EPS	\$0.03	\$0.14	(\$0.10)	\$0.42	\$0.58	(\$0.16)



2015 Guidance

	Target
2015 Originations	\$4.3 Billion
Operating Expenses	\$325 Million
Additional Restructuring Expense	\$5 Million
Loan Sales at 7.5% Premium	\$1.5 Billion
Provision for Loan Losses, Private	\$116 - \$130 Million
"Core Earnings" diluted EPS	\$0.48-\$0.50



Sallie Mae Bank

- ▶ Market share leader in private student loan industry
- ▶ High quality assets and conservatively funded balance sheet
- ▶ Predictable balance sheet growth for the next several years
- ▶ Strong capital position and funding capabilities
- ▶ A financial services company with high growth trajectory and excellent return on equity



APPENDIX



“Core Earnings” to GAAP Reconciliation

	Quarters Ended December 31,		Years Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<u>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</u>				
“Core Earnings” adjustments to GAAP:				
GAAP net income attributable to SLM Corporation	\$ 19,717	\$ 60,202	\$ 194,219	\$ 258,945
Preferred stock dividends	4,855	—	12,933	—
GAAP net income attributable to SLM Corporation common stock	\$ 14,862	\$ 60,202	\$ 181,286	\$ 258,945
GAAP net income attributable to SLM Corporation	\$ 19,717	\$ 60,202	\$ 194,219	\$ 258,945
Adjustments:				
Net impact of derivative accounting ⁽¹⁾ ..	62	527	1,746	645
Net tax effect ⁽²⁾	24	201	659	246
Total “Core Earnings” adjustments to GAAP	38	326	1,087	399
“Core Earnings”	\$ 19,755	\$ 60,528	\$ 195,306	\$ 259,344
GAAP diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.58
Derivative adjustments, net of tax.....	—	—	—	—
“Core Earnings” diluted earnings per common share	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.58

(1) Derivative Accounting: “Core Earnings” exclude periodic unrealized gains and losses caused by the mark-to-market valuations on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment under GAAP as well as the periodic unrealized gains and losses that are a result of ineffectiveness recognized related to effective hedges under GAAP. Under GAAP, for our derivatives held to maturity, the cumulative net unrealized gain or loss over the life of the contract will equal \$0.

(2) “Core Earnings” tax rate is based on the effective tax rate at the Bank where the derivative instruments are held.



Footnotes

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Projections of Education Statistics to 2022

² Source: Trends in College Pricing.© 2014 The College Board,. www.collegeboard.org,
Note: Academic years, average published tuition, fees, room and board charges at four-year institutions; enrollment-weighted

³ "Total post-secondary education spend" is estimated by Sallie Mae by determining the full-time equivalents for both graduates and undergraduates and multiplying by estimated total per person cost of attendance for each school type. In doing so, we utilize information from the US Department of Education, College Board, MeasureOne, National Student Clearinghouse and Company Analysis. Other sources for these data points also exist publicly and may vary from our computed estimates

⁴ Source: Trends in College Pricing.© 2014 The College Board,. www.collegeboard.org, U.S. Department of Education 2014

⁵ Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

⁶ Source: PEW Research Center

⁷ Source: Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings: Is a Student Loan Crisis on the Horizon

⁸ Source: College Board, Trends in Student Aid, 2014

⁹ The performance trends and defaults rates below include Sallie Mae and Navient owned Smart Option loans, and are based in part on loan data obtained from Navient pursuant to the Data Sharing Agreement between Navient and Sallie Mae. As Navient and Sallie Mae use different charge-off and delinquency policies, future performance may not be comparable.

¹⁰ Percentage of loans in repayment.

¹¹ Signature loans represent traditional Signature loans in full P&I repayment that were originated during the 2006-2008 origination years; Smart Option loans represent Smart Option loans in full P&I repayment that were originated during the 2009-2012 origination years. Life-to-Date Default Rate comparison is based in part on loan data obtained from Navient pursuant to the Data Sharing Agreement between Navient and Sallie Mae.

¹² Sallie Mae converted from a 212 day to a 120 day charge-off policy effective May 1, 2014. The loss curve shown above estimates periodic losses on our Deferred Smart Option Loan product and utilizes historical data for periods before May 1, 2014. Actual performance may vary from estimates.