

# *Unlocking Potential*



# ACCORD FINANCIAL CORP.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

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Enclosed are the financial statements, as well as Management's Discussion and Analysis, for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2022 together with comparative figures for the same period of 2021. These financial statements have not been reviewed by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed and approved by its Audit Committee and Board of Directors.

Accord's finance receivables and loans remained steady over the third quarter, closing the quarter at \$457 million. Caution remains the watchword in our key markets, as both Accord and the small and middle market business sector we serve have taken a more conservative view of leverage, given the challenging economic backdrop.

Key metrics, however, continued to reflect growth on a year-over-year basis, led by average funds employed, which reached \$452 million for the first nine months, up 18% over the same period last year. Revenue followed suit, rising 9% to reach a first nine-month record of \$49.1 million compared to \$45.0 million last year. Pre-provision operating income remained healthy, with the loan portfolio generating strong cash flow, boosting book value per common share to \$12.34 at quarter end, up from \$11.31 at September 30, 2021 and \$11.68 at the start of the year.

Despite continuing strong performance according to most metrics, the Company's third quarter net earnings were hampered by a \$1.1 million provision for credit and loan losses, compared to \$336,000 during the same quarter last year, reflecting the economic headwinds and their impact on certain businesses within the portfolio. The Company also anticipates that persistent inflation and rising interest rates may weaken the payment performance of some of its existing clients. To measure credit quality against this backdrop, the Company employs a comprehensive process, incorporating third-party economic forecasts, quantitative credit evaluation of each company in the portfolio, and expert judgment refined over multiple economic cycles. In this context the Company continues to carry a healthy allowance for expected losses on the balance sheet: \$7.2 million at September 30, 2022 compared to \$5.7 million a year earlier.

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Affected by the provision for losses, net earnings attributable to shareholders were \$1.8 million in the third quarter of 2022 compared to \$2.6 million in the same quarter last year, resulting in earnings per common share ("EPS") of 21 cents compared to 31 cents last year. Net earnings in the first nine months of 2022 were \$5.1 million compared to \$8.3 million in 2021, for nine months EPS of 59 cents compared to 97 cents last year.

Economic uncertainty presents a headwind for some of our financing solutions, including financing for growth, operational expansion, and acquisitions. At the same time, uncertainty often leads the major banks to restrict their lending appetite, which opens the door for Accord to step in. Accord is well positioned to perform in this environment. Over the past two years we've strengthened the management team, built a world class sales & marketing platform, rejuvenated the product lineup, and diversified our funding sources to support the next stage of growth. Turning our attention to client-facing activities, we're now advancing our strategy to maximize sales and marketing performance by leveraging our combined sales network and delivering multiple product solutions through our integrated sales channels.

Accord's founders, investors, and lenders have shown strong support throughout this period. The Company maintains a solid investor base, combining more than \$100 million of equity with \$39 million of fixed-rate term notes and convertible debentures. A life insurance company adds \$52 million supporting a small business loan portfolio with term-matched funding. The Company also expanded its credit facility to a commitment size of \$437 million with a new maturity date of July 2025, while introducing a new U.S. lender into the syndicate of six major banks. Accord continues to maintain a conservative debt to equity profile, with ample dry powder to finance the next phase of growth.

The theme of this quarterly report is "unlocking potential." Accord's mission is to simplify access to capital, unlocking potential for our clients and their investors. With equal ambition, driven by innovative product development, deep market presence and financial strength, Accord is poised to unlock potential for our investors.

Reflecting continued strong cash flow, the Board of Directors today declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.075 per share, payable December 1, 2022, to shareholders of record at the close of business November 15, 2022.



Simon Hitzig  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
November 2, 2022

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## Management's Discussion & Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition ("MD&A")

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(unaudited, in thousands except average funds employed, earnings per share and book value per share)

	Three months ended Sept. 30		Nine months ended Sept. 30	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Average funds employed (millions)	\$ 445	\$ 414	\$ 452	\$ 383
Revenue	16,452	16,119	49,120	45,015
Earnings before income tax	1,856	3,132	4,952	10,083
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	1,831	2,643	5,091	8,313
Adjusted net earnings	1,926	2,801	5,291	8,645
Earnings per common share (basic and diluted)	0.21	0.31	0.59	0.97
Adjusted earnings per common share (basic and diluted)	0.22	0.33	0.62	1.01
Book value per share (September 30)			\$ 12.34	\$ 11.31

### OVERVIEW

The following discussion and analysis explains trends in Accord Financial Corp.'s ("Accord" or the "Company") results of operations and financial condition for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared with the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and, where presented, the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2020. It is intended to help shareholders and other readers understand the dynamics of the Company's business and the factors underlying its financial results. Where possible, issues have been identified that may impact future results.

This MD&A, which has been prepared as at November 2, 2022, should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements (the "Statements") and notes thereto for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, which are included as part of this 2022 Third Quarter Report, and as an update in conjunction with the discussion and analysis and fiscal 2021 audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.

All amounts discussed in this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Please refer to the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates section below and note 2 and 3 to the Statements regarding the Company's use of accounting estimates in the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Additional information pertaining to the Company, including its Annual Information Form, is filed under the Company's profile with SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The following discussion contains certain forward-looking statements that are subject to significant risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results and percentages. Factors that may impact future results are discussed in the Risks and Uncertainties section below.

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### NON-IFRS FINANCIAL MEASURES

In addition to the IFRS prepared results and balances presented in the Statements and notes thereto, the Company uses a number of other financial measures to monitor its performance and some of these are presented in this MD&A. These measures may not have standardized meanings or computations as prescribed by IFRS that would ensure consistency and comparability between companies using them and are, therefore, considered to be non-IFRS measures. The Company primarily derives these measures from amounts presented in its Statements, which were prepared in accordance with IFRS. The Company's focus continues to be on IFRS measures and any other information presented herein is purely supplemental to help the reader better understand the key performance indicators used in monitoring its operating performance and financial position. The non-IFRS measures presented in this MD&A and elsewhere in the Company's 2022 Third Quarter Report are defined as follows:

- i) **Return on average equity ("ROE")** – this is a profitability measure that presents net earnings attributable to shareholders ("shareholders' net earnings") as an annualized percentage of the average shareholders' equity employed in the period to earn the income. The Company includes all components of shareholders' equity, as shown on the Company's balance sheet, calculated on a month-by-month basis to calculate the average thereof;
- ii) **Adjusted net earnings, adjusted earnings per common share and adjusted ROE** – adjusted net earnings represents shareholders net earnings before stock-based compensation, business acquisition expenses (namely, business transaction and amortization of intangibles) and restructuring expenses. The Company considers these items to be non-operating expenses. Management believes adjusted net earnings is a more appropriate measure of ongoing operating performance than shareholders' net earnings as it excludes items which do not directly relate to ongoing operating activities. Adjusted (basic and diluted) earnings per common share is adjusted net earnings divided by the (basic and diluted) weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the period (see note 16 to the Statements), while adjusted ROE is adjusted net earnings for the period expressed as an annualized percentage of the average shareholders' equity employed in the period;
- iii) **Book value per share** – book value is defined as shareholders' equity and is the same as the net asset value of the Company (calculated as total assets minus total liabilities) less non-controlling interests in subsidiaries. Book value per share is the book value, or shareholders' equity, divided by the number of common shares outstanding as of a particular date;

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- iv) **Average funds employed** – Funds employed is another name that the Company uses for its finance receivables and loans (also referred to as "Loans" in this MD&A), an IFRS measure. Average funds employed are the average finance receivables and loans calculated over a particular period; and
- v) **Financial condition and leverage ratios** – The table on page 19 presents the following percentages: (i) total equity expressed as a percentage of total assets; (ii) tangible equity (total equity less goodwill, intangible assets and deferred taxes) expressed as a percentage of total assets; and (iii) debt (bank indebtedness, loans payable, notes payable and convertible debentures) expressed as a percentage of total equity. These percentages provide information on trends in the Company's financial condition and leverage.

### ACCORD'S BUSINESS

Accord is one of North America's leading independent finance companies serving clients throughout the United States and Canada. Accord's flexible finance programs cover the full spectrum of asset-based lending ("ABL"), from receivables and inventory finance, equipment and trade finance, working capital finance, and film and media finance. Accord's business also includes credit protection and receivables management. Its clients operate in a wide variety of industries, examples of which are set out in note 22(a) to the Statements.

The Company, founded in 1978, operates six finance companies in North America, namely, Accord Financial Inc. ("AFIC"), Accord Financial Canada Corp. ("AFCC") and Accord Financial Ltd. ("AFL") in Canada, and Accord Financial, Inc. ("AFIU"), BondIt Media Capital ("BondIt") and Accord CapX LLC (doing business as Accord Equipment Finance ("AEF")), in the United States.

The Company's business principally involves: (i) asset-based lending by AFIC and AFIU, which entails financing or purchasing receivables on a recourse basis, as well as financing other tangible assets, such as inventory and equipment; (ii) equipment financing (leasing and equipment loans) by AEF and AFCC. AFCC also provides working capital financing to small businesses through its Accord Small Business Finance ("ASBF") subsidiary; (iii) film and media production financing by BondIt; and (iv) credit protection and receivables management services by AFL, which principally involves providing credit guarantees and collection services, generally without financing.

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### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(unaudited, in thousands except earnings per share)

	Quarter ended	Revenue	Shareholders' net earnings (loss)	Earnings (loss) per common share*
<b>2022</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<b>\$ 16,452</b>	<b>\$ 1,831</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>
	<b>June 30</b>	<b>16,490</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0.01</b>
	<b>March 31</b>	<b>16,178</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>0.37</b>
2021	December 31	\$ 18,465	\$ 3,573	\$ 0.42
	September 30	16,119	2,643	0.31
	June 30	15,416	3,085	0.36
	March 31	13,480	2,585	0.30
Fiscal 2021		\$ 63,480	\$ 11,887**	\$ 1.39
2020	December 31	\$ 12,903	\$ 1,384	\$ 0.16
	September 30	12,312	566	0.07
	June 30	11,270	4,343	0.51
	March 31	12,015	(5,876)	(0.69)
Fiscal 2020		\$ 48,501**	\$ 417	\$ 0.05

\* basic and diluted

\*\* due to rounding the total of the four quarters does not agree with the total for the fiscal year

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Quarter ended September 30, 2022 compared with the quarter ended September 30, 2021

Shareholders' net earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 totalled \$1,831,000 compared to shareholders' net earnings of \$2,643,000 earned last year and \$566,000 earned in the third quarter of 2020. The decrease in shareholders' net earnings compared to the third quarter of 2021 resulted from higher interest expense and a higher provision for losses. Shareholders' net earnings were higher than 2020 as a result of higher revenue and a lower provision for losses. Basic and diluted earnings per common share ("EPS") were 21 cents compared to 31 cents earned in the third quarter of 2021 and 7 cents in the third quarter of 2020.

Adjusted net earnings were \$1,926,000 in the third quarter of 2022 compared to adjusted net earnings of \$2,801,000 last year and \$621,000 in the third quarter of 2020. Adjusted EPS were 22 cents compared to adjusted EPS of 33 cents in the third quarter of 2021 and 7 cents in the third quarter of 2020. The following table provides a reconciliation of shareholders' net earnings or loss to adjusted net earnings or loss:

Quarter ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022	2021	2020
Shareholders' net earnings	\$ 1,831	\$ 2,643	\$ 566
Adjustments, net of tax:			
Stock-based compensation expense	73	13	—
Business acquisition expenses	22	6	55
Restructuring expenses	—	139	—
Adjusted net earnings	\$ 1,926	\$ 2,801	\$ 621

Revenue rose by 2% or \$333,000 to \$16,452,000 in the third quarter of 2022 compared to \$16,119,000 last year and was \$4,140,000 or 34% higher than the \$12,312,000 in the third quarter of 2020. Interest income rose by \$1,420,000 or 10% to \$15,082,000 compared to

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\$13,662,000 last year on higher average funds employed. Other income declined by \$1,087,000 to \$1,370,000 compared to \$2,457,000 in last year's third quarter due to reduced termination and origination fees. Interest income in the current quarter rose by \$4,444,000 or 42% compared to the third quarter of 2020. Other income in the current quarter declined by \$304,000 compared to 2020. Average funds employed in the third quarter of 2022 increased by 7% to \$445 million compared to \$414 million last year and were 36% higher than the \$327 million in 2020.

Total expenses increased by 12% or \$1,609,000 to \$14,596,000 in the third quarter of 2022 from \$12,987,000 last year. Interest expense, the provision for credit and loan losses, depreciation and business acquisition expenses rose by \$2,139,000, \$733,000, \$16,000 and \$1,000, respectively. G&A and impairment of assets held for sale declined by \$1,260,000 and \$20,000, respectively.

Interest expense rose by 51% to \$6,356,000 in the third quarter of 2022 from \$4,216,000 last year on higher average interest rates and a 13% increase in average borrowings.

G&A is comprised of personnel costs, which represent the majority of the Company's costs, occupancy costs, commissions to third parties, marketing expenses, professional fees, information technology expenses and overhead expenses. G&A declined by \$1,260,000 in the current quarter compared to last year mainly due to a reduction in personnel costs including employee incentives, restructuring expenses and legal fees. The Company continues to manage its controllable expenses closely.

The provision for credit and loan losses increased by \$733,000 to \$1,069,000 compared to \$336,000 last year. The provision for losses comprised:

Quarter ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022	2021
Net write-offs	\$ 1,218	\$ 421
Reserves recovery related to decrease in total allowances for expected losses	(149)	(85)
	<b>\$ 1,069</b>	<b>\$ 336</b>

Net write-offs increased by \$797,000 to \$1,218,000 in the third quarter of 2022 compared to \$421,000 last year. The non-cash reserves decreased by \$64,000 to a recovery of \$149,000 compared to a recovery of \$85,000 last year. Net write-offs increased due to a more challenging economic environment caused by supply chain issues, inflation and the ensuing sharp increase in interest rates which resulted in higher delinquencies and a decrease in the credit metrics of AFCC's portfolio. The Company's allowance for expected losses and its portfolio of Loans and managed receivables are discussed in detail below and in the Statements. The Company manages its portfolio of Loans and managed receivables closely, as noted in the Risks and Uncertainties section below.



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There was no impairment charge taken in the third quarter of 2022 (2021 – \$20,000) related to assets held for sale to write them down to their estimated net realizable value ("NRV").

Depreciation expense increased by \$16,000 to \$201,000 (2021 - \$185,000) in the third quarter of 2022. Depreciation of \$154,000 (2021 – \$124,000) was charged on the Company's right-of-use assets in third quarter of 2022, while the balance of the expense related to capital assets.

Business acquisition expenses in the third quarter of 2022 totalled \$33,000 (2021 – \$32,000), all of which pertained to the amortization of intangible assets relating to AEF.

Income tax declined in the third quarter by \$290,000 to a recovery of \$17,000 compared to an expense of \$273,000 last year as pre-tax earnings fell by \$1,276,000.

Canadian operations reported a shareholders' net earnings of \$208,000 in the third quarter of 2022 compared to net earnings of \$382,000 in 2021 (see note 21 to the Statements). Shareholders' net earnings declined mainly due to higher interest expense and provision for losses. Revenue increased by \$712,000 or 8% to \$9,440,000. Expenses increased by \$1,014,000 or 22% to \$9,197,000. Interest expense and provision for losses increased by \$1,485,000 and \$378,000, respectively. Depreciation declined by \$828,000 and \$21,000, respectively. Income tax decreased by \$128,000 to \$35,000 on \$302,000 decline in pre-tax earnings.

U.S. operations reported a decline in shareholders' net earnings in the third quarter of 2022 compared to 2021 (see note 21 to the Statements). Shareholders' net earnings declined by \$638,000 to \$1,623,000 compared to \$2,261,000 last year. Revenue declined by \$325,000 or 4% to \$7,193,000. Expenses increased by \$649,000 or 13% to \$5,580,000. Interest, the provision for losses, depreciation and business acquisition expenses increased by \$709,000, \$355,000 \$37,000 and \$1,000, respectively. G&A and impairment of assets held for sale decreased by \$432,000 and \$21,000, respectively. Income tax declined by \$162,000 to a recovery of \$52,000. Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries declined to \$42,000 compared to \$216,000 in the third quarter of 2021.

*Nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared with nine months ended September 30, 2021*

Shareholders' net earnings for the first nine months of 2022 decreased by \$3,222,000 or 39% to \$5,091,000 compared to \$8,313,000 in the first nine months of 2021 but were higher by \$6,059,000 compared to a loss of \$968,000 in the first nine months of 2020. Shareholders' net earnings decreased compared to 2021 mainly as a result of higher interest expense and provision for loan losses, while shareholders' net earnings were higher compared to 2020 mainly as a result of higher revenue, lower interest expense, provision for losses and impairment of assets held for sale. Basic and diluted EPS were 59 cents compared to 97

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cents in the first nine months of 2021 and a loss per share ("LPS") of 11 cents in the first nine months of 2020. ROE in the first nine months of 2022 was 6.7% (2021: 12.0%).

Adjusted net earnings for the first nine months were \$5,291,000 compared to \$8,645,000 in the first nine months of 2021 and an adjusted net loss of \$63,000 in the first nine months of 2020. Adjusted EPS were 62 cents compared to \$1.01 in the first nine months of 2021 and adjusted LPS of 1 cent in the first nine months of 2020. Adjusted ROE for the first nine months of 2022 was 7.0% (2021: 12.4%). The following table provides a reconciliation of shareholders' net earnings (loss) to adjusted net earnings (loss):

Nine months ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022	2021	2020
Shareholders' net earnings (loss)	\$ 5,091	\$ 8,313	\$ (967)
Adjustments, net of tax:			
Stock-based compensation expense	126	13	—
Business acquisition expenses	64	133	166
Restructuring expenses	10	186	738
Adjusted net earnings (loss)	\$ 5,291	\$ 8,645	\$ (63)

Revenue for the first nine months of 2022 rose by \$4,104,000 or 9% to a record \$49,120,000 compared to \$45,015,000 last year. Interest income rose by \$6,056,000 or 16% to \$43,733,000 compared to \$37,677,000 in the first nine months of 2021 on a 18% increase in average funds employed and a 2% decline in average loan yields. Other income declined by \$1,952,000 or 27% to \$5,387,000 compared to \$7,339,000 in the first nine months of 2021 mainly due to decreased termination, origination and set up fees earned. Average funds employed in the first nine months of 2022 increased to \$452 million compared to \$383 million in 2021.

Total expenses for the first nine months of 2022 increased by \$9,235,000 or 26% to \$44,168,000 compared to \$34,933,000 last year. Interest expense, the provision for credit and loan losses and depreciation increased by \$5,682,000, \$5,510,000 and \$2,000, respectively. G&A, impairment of assets held for sale and business acquisition expenses decreased by \$1,019,000, \$835,000 and \$105,000, respectively.

Interest expense rose by 51% to \$16,789,000 compared to \$11,107,000 in the first nine months of 2021 on increased higher average interest rates and average borrowings.

G&A decreased by \$1,019,000 or 5% to \$21,541,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to \$22,560,000 last year. G&A declined mainly due reasons stated above. The Company continues to manage its controllable expenses closely.

The provision for credit and loan losses rose by \$5,510,000 to an expense of \$5,170,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to a recovery of \$340,000 last year. The provision comprised:

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Nine months ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022	2021
Net write-offs	\$ 3,512	\$ 602
Reserves expense (recovery) related to change in total allowances for losses	1,658	(942)
	<b>\$ 5,170</b>	<b>\$ (340)</b>

Net write-offs increased by \$2,910,000 to \$3,512,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to \$602,000 last year. Non-cash reserves increased by \$2,600,000 to \$1,658,000 from a recovery of \$942,000 last year. The provision for losses increased due to reasons stated above.

An impairment charge of \$38,000 (2021 – \$873,000) was taken against certain assets held for sale in the first nine months of 2022 to write them down to their estimated net realizable value ("NRV"). See note 6 to the Statements.

Depreciation expense increased by \$2,000 to \$532,000 in the first nine months of 2022. Depreciation of \$399,000 (2021 – \$341,000) was charged on the Company's right-of use assets in the first nine months of 2022, while the balance of the expense related to capital assets.

Business acquisition expenses totalled \$98,000 in the first nine months of 2022 (2021 – \$203,000), all of which pertained to the amortization of intangible assets relating to AEF. In the first nine months of 2021, transaction costs of \$94,000 were incurred, while the amortization of intangible assets related to ASBF and AEF totalled \$109,000.

Income tax declined by \$1,118,000 to a recovery of \$337,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to an expense of \$781,000 last year as pre-tax earnings fell by \$5,131,000.

Canadian operations reported a shareholders' net earnings of \$194,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to net earnings of \$1,941,000 in 2021. Revenue increased by \$5,885,000 or 26% to \$28,498,000. Expenses increased by \$8,422,000 to \$28,494,000. The provision for credit and loan losses rose by \$3,787,000, while interest expense, and G&A increased by \$3,736,000 and \$1,049,000, respectively. Impairment of assets held for sale, depreciation and business acquisition expenses declined by \$104,000, \$32,000 and \$14,000, respectively. Income tax declined by \$790,000 to a recovery of \$190,000.

U.S. operations reported a decline in shareholders' net earnings in the first nine months of 2022 compared to 2021. Shareholders' net earnings declined by \$1,475,000 to \$4,897,000 compared to \$6,372,000 last year. Revenue declined by \$1,577,000 to \$21,152,000. Expenses increased by \$1,016,000 to \$16,204,000. Interest expense, the provision for credit and loan losses and depreciation increased by \$2,150,000, \$1,723,000 and \$34,000, respectively. G&A declined by \$2,068,000 to \$8,976,000, while the impairment of assets held for sale and business acquisition expenses were lower by \$732,000 and \$91,000, respectively. Income tax declined by \$328,000 to a recovery of \$147,000. Net earnings

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attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries declined to \$198,000 compared to \$988,000 in the first nine months of 2021.

#### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Shareholders' equity at September 30, 2022 was \$105,637,000, 6% higher than the \$99,967,000 at December 31, 2021 and 9% above the \$96,819,000 at September 30, 2021. Book value per common share was \$12.34 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$11.68 at December 31, 2021 and \$11.31 at September 30, 2021. Please also see the consolidated statements of changes in equity on page 36 of this Third Quarter Report.

Total assets were \$502,130,000 at September 30, 2022, 3% lower than the \$520,109,000 at December 31, 2021 but 9% higher than the \$462,056,000 at September 30, 2021. Total assets largely comprised Loans. Excluding inter-company loans, identifiable assets located in the United States were 49% of total assets at September 30, 2022 compared to 49% at December 31, 2021 and 50% at September 30, 2021 (see note 21 to the Statements).

Gross finance receivables and loans (also referred to as Loans or funds employed), before the allowance for losses thereon, declined to 456,605,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$478,150,000 at December 31, 2021 but were 4% above the \$437,059,000 at September 30, 2021. As detailed in note 5 to the Statements, the Company's Loans comprised:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Working Capital loans	\$ 106,473	\$ 109,518	\$ 79,379
Receivable loans	96,225	105,550	102,478
Media loans	92,080	81,497	70,695
Other loans*	91,009	101,811	97,387
Lease receivables	70,818	79,774	87,120
Finance receivables and loans	456,605	478,150	437,059
Less allowance for expected losses	7,181	5,251	5,717
Finance receivables and loans, net	\$ 449,424	\$ 472,899	\$ 431,342

\* Other loans primarily comprise inventory and equipment loans.

Working capital loans, primarily AccordExpress loans, decreased by 3% to 106,473,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$109,518,000 at December 31, 2021 but were 34% above the \$79,379,000 at September 30, 2021. The Company's receivable loans decreased by 9% to \$96,225,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$105,550,000 at December 31, 2021 and were 6% below the \$102,478,000 at September 30, 2021. Media finance loans by BondIt increased by 13% to \$92,080,000 compared to \$81,497,000 at December 31, 2021 and were 30% above the \$70,695,000 at September 30, 2021. Other loans, which primarily comprise advances against assets such as inventory and equipment, declined to \$91,009,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$101,811,000 at December 31, 2021 and the \$97,387,000 at September 30, 2021. Lease receivables, representing AFCC's and AEF's net investment in equipment leases, declined by 11% to \$70,818,000 at September 30, 2022

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compared to \$79,774,000 at December 31, 2021 and were 19% below the \$87,120,000 at September 30, 2021.

Net of the allowance for expected losses thereon, Loans declined by 5% to \$449,424,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$472,899,000 at December 31, 2021 but were 4% higher than the \$431,342,000 at September 30, 2021. The Company's Loans principally represent advances made by its asset-based lending subsidiaries, AFIC and AFIU, to approximately 55 clients in a wide variety of industries, as well as AFCC's and AEF's lease receivables and equipment and working capital loans to approximately 840 clients and BondIt's media finance loans to approximately 75 media productions. The largest client in the diversified loan portfolio comprised 4% of gross Loans at September 30, 2022.

In its credit protection and receivables management business, the Company contracts with clients to assume the credit risk associated with respect to their receivables without financing them. Since the Company does not take title to these receivables, they do not appear on its consolidated statements of financial position. These managed receivables totalled \$10 million at September 30, 2022 compared to \$11 million at December 31, 2021 and September 30, 2021. Most of the clients' customers for which the Company assumes the credit risk are from the wholesale and distribution, and retail industries in North America. The Company monitors the credit risk related to its managed receivables very closely.

The Company's total portfolio, which comprises both gross Loans and managed receivables, as detailed above, declined by 5% to \$467 million at September 30, 2022 compared to \$490 million at December 31, 2021 but was 4% above the \$448 million at September 30, 2021.

As described in note 22(a) to the Statements, the Company's business principally involves funding or assuming the credit risk on the receivables offered to it by its clients, as well as financing other assets such as inventory and equipment. Credit approval for transactions supported by management in the Company's six operating businesses is delegated to a staff of senior credit officers within each business. Transactions in excess of \$1.0 million (US\$1.0 million U.S. Group companies), are approved by the Company's SVP, Underwriting and Portfolio Risk in consultation with the Corporate Credit Committee. Transactions in excess of \$2.5 million (US\$2.5 million in the case of U.S. group companies) are approved by the Credit Committee of the Board of Directors, which comprises three members of its Board. The Company monitors and controls its risks and exposures through financial, credit and legal systems and, accordingly, believes that it has procedures in place for evaluating and limiting the credit risks to which it is subject. Credit risk is subject to ongoing management review. Nevertheless, for a variety of reasons, there will inevitably be defaults by clients or their customers.

For its factoring products, the Company's primary focus continues to be on the creditworthiness and collectability of its clients' receivables. The clients' customers have

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varying payment terms depending on the industries in which they operate, although most customers have payment terms of 30 to 60 days from invoice date. Receivables become "ineligible" for lending purposes when they reach a certain pre-determined age, typically 75 to 90 days from invoice date, and are usually charged back to clients, thereby limiting the Company's credit risk on older receivables. Asset-based lending products additionally require focus on the performance of other collateral types (inventory, equipment and in certain cases real estate) as well as the underlying cash flows of the borrower. AFCC's and AEF's lease receivables and equipment and working capital loans are usually structured as term loans with payments spread out evenly over the term of the lease or loan, with terms up to 60 months. AFCC also has a revolving equipment loan product which has no fixed repayment terms and can be repaid at any time.

The Company uses a credit risk rating system for assessing obligor and transaction risk for finance receivables and loan exposures. Risk rating models use internal and external data to assess and assign credit ratings to borrowers, predict future performance and manage limits for existing loans and collection activities. The credit rating of the borrower is used (in addition to other criteria) to assess the predicted credit risk for each initial credit approval or significant account management action. In the Company's credit protection business, it employs a customer credit scoring system to assess the credit risk associated with the managed receivables that it guarantees. Please see note 5 to the Statements which presents tables summarizing the Company's finance receivables and loans, and managed receivables, by the three stage credit criteria of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), as well as an aged analysis thereof. Credit risk is managed by ensuring that, as far as possible, the receivables financed are of good quality and any inventory, equipment or other assets securing loans are appropriately appraised. Collateral is monitored and managed on an on-going basis to mitigate credit risk. In its asset-based lending and equipment finance operations, the Company assesses the financial strength of its clients and its clients' customers and the industries in which they operate on a regular and ongoing basis. Cash flows from a client's ongoing business operations represent the primary source of repayment.

The Company also manages credit risk by limiting the maximum amount that it will lend to any one client, enforcing strict advance rates, disallowing certain types of receivables, applying concentration limits, charging back or making receivables ineligible for lending purposes as they become older, and taking cash collateral in certain cases. The Company will also confirm the validity of the receivables that it purchases or lends against. In its factoring operations, the Company administers and collects the majority of its clients' receivables allowing it to quickly identify problems as and when they arise and act promptly to minimize credit and loan losses. In the Company's Canadian small business finance operations, AFCC, security deposits are usually obtained in respect of equipment leases or loans, while a majority of ASBF's working capital loans have the benefit of a strong financial guarantor guaranteeing up to 80% of the loan balance in the event of a loss.

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As detailed in note 5, the Company had past due finance receivables and loans of \$34,248,000 at September 30, 2022, of which \$23,363,000 related to BondIt, the Company's media finance subsidiary, while \$10,855,000 related to AFCC and \$30,000 to AEF. Repayment of BondIt's loans are often delayed for non-credit related reasons such as delays in film production and the sale thereof which is a normal part of its business. Of the AFCC loans past due, \$5,579,000 are considered to have had a significant increase in credit risk (SICR), while the balance is less than 30 days past due and not considered to have had a SICR.

The Company had impaired finance receivables and loans of \$4,309,000 at September 30, 2022, or 0.9% of total funds employed. The impaired loans, most of which have been written down to NRV (being fair value less costs of realization) where necessary, are mainly secured by receivables, inventory and equipment, the estimated NRV of which was \$3,641,000 at September 30, 2022. As the vast majority of the Company's finance receivables and loans are secured, past due or impaired accounts do not necessarily lead to a significant expected credit loss ("ECL") based on the NRV of the security, which often results in a low or no loss given default ("LGD") in respect of these accounts. Details of net write-offs in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 are provided above.

In the Company's credit protection business, each customer is provided with a credit limit up to which the Company will guarantee that customer's total receivables. While these guarantees do not involve loans, as with the Company's lending businesses, all client and customer credit in excess of \$2.5 million is approved by the Credit Committee of the Board on a case-by-case basis. Note 22(a) to the Statements provides details of the Company's credit exposure by industrial sector.

The Company maintains separate allowances for expected losses on both its Loans and its guarantee of managed receivables. After the quarter-end review of the Company's portfolio by its Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") Committee, it was determined that all problem loans and accounts were identified and provided for where necessary. The Company's allowance for expected losses on Loans, calculated under the ECL criteria of IFRS 9, totalled \$7,181,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$5,251,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$5,717,000 at September 30, 2021. This represents management's best estimate of expected loan losses based on information available at those dates. The allowance for expected losses on the guarantee of managed receivables totalled \$31,000 at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 compared to \$182,000 at September 30, 2021. This allowance represents the fair value of estimated payments to clients under the Company's guarantees to them. This allowance is included in the total of accounts payable and other liabilities as the Company does not take title to the managed receivables and they are not included on its consolidated statements of financial position. The activity in the allowance for expected losses accounts in the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 is set out in note 5 to the Statements. The estimates of the allowances for

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expected losses involve judgement which management considers to be reasonable and supportable.

Assets held for sale totalled \$1,430,000 at September 30, 2022, \$160,000 at December 31, 2021 and September 30, 2021 and comprised certain assets securing defaulted finance receivables and loans from a number of clients and repossessed long-lived assets. The increase compared to December 31, 2021 resulted from additions to assets repossessed of \$1,430,000 during the nine months of 2022. During the first nine months of 2022, assets held for sale totalling \$122,000 were disposed off which resulted in a gain of \$8,000. An impairment charge of \$38,000 was also taken in 2022. These assets are currently being marketed for sale and will be disposed of as market conditions permit. See note 6 to the Statements.

Cash decreased to \$9,701,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$13,839,000 at December 31, 2021 but was higher than \$7,569,000 at September 30, 2021. The Company endeavors to minimize cash balances as far as possible when it has bank indebtedness outstanding. Fluctuations in cash balances are normal.

Restricted cash comprises cash held as security for non-recourse borrowings provided by a lender. Restricted cash totalling 5% of the outstanding loan balance from the lender is required to be held by it in a cash reserve account and is partly released as the loan balance is repaid. Further, cash receipts from the loan collateral securing the non-recourse borrowings are deposited into a cash collection account and can only be used to repay that debt. At September 30, 2022, restricted cash totalled \$6,965,000 compared to \$10,309,000 at December 31 and \$nil at September 30, 2021. Please refer to note 4 to the Statements.

Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization, totalled \$3,301,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$3,113,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$3,156,000 at September 30, 2021. Intangible assets totalling US\$2,885,000 were acquired upon the acquisition of AEF on October 27, 2017 and comprised customer and referral relationships and brand name. These assets are carried in the Company's U.S. subsidiary and are translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing period-end exchange rate; foreign exchange adjustments usually arise on retranslation. Customer and referral relationships are being amortized over a period of 15 years, while the acquired brand name is considered to have an indefinite life and is not amortized. Intangible assets comprising existing customer contracts and broker relationships were also acquired as part of the AFCC acquisition on January 31, 2014. These were amortized over a period of 5 to 7 years and, at September 30, 2022, are now fully amortized. Please refer to note 9 to the Statements.

Goodwill totalled \$14,202,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$13,140,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$13,179,000 at September 30, 2021. Goodwill of US\$2,409,000 and US\$5,538,000 was acquired on the acquisition of BondIt and AEF on July 1, 2017 and



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October 27, 2017, respectively. BondIt and AEF goodwill is carried in the Company's U.S. operations, together with US\$962,000 from a much earlier acquisition. Goodwill of \$1,883,000 was also acquired as part of the AFCC acquisition and is carried in the Company's Canadian operations. The goodwill in the Company's U.S. operations is translated into Canadian dollars at the prevailing period-end exchange rate; foreign exchange adjustments usually arise on retranslation. Please refer to note 8 to the Statements for information regarding the Company's annual goodwill impairment reviews.

Other assets, income taxes receivable, net deferred tax assets, and property and equipment at September 30, 2022 and 2021, and December 31, 2021 were not significant.

Total liabilities decreased by \$25,391,000 to \$390,758,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$416,149,000 at December 31, 2021 but were \$29,174,000 higher than the \$361,585,000 at September 30, 2021. The decrease since December 31, 2021 mainly resulted from lower loans payable.

Amounts due to clients decreased by \$2,942,000 to \$345,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$3,287,000 at December 30, 2021 and were \$1,320,000 lower than the \$1,665,000 at September 30, 2021. Amounts due to clients principally consist of collections of receivables not yet remitted to clients. Contractually, the Company remits collections within a week of receipt. Fluctuations in amounts due to clients are not unusual.

Bank indebtedness increased by \$8,077,000 to \$215,459,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$207,382,000 at December 31, 2021 but was \$41,283,000 lower than the \$256,743,000 at September 30, 2021. The Company's bank facility was amended in July to increase the commitment from \$367 million to \$436.5 million and extend the maturity for three years to July 2025. The Company was in compliance with all loan covenants at September 30, 2022 and 2021, and December 31, 2021. Subject to other debt borrowings, bank indebtedness principally fluctuates with the quantum of funds employed.

Loans payable decreased to \$117,849,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$149,437,000 at December 31, 2021 but were significantly higher than the \$48,640,000 at September 30, 2021. In December 2021, ASBF entered into a non-recourse loan and security agreement with a life insurance company to finance a portion of its working capital loans. This non-recourse loan is collateralized by the majority of ASBF's assets and bears a fixed rate of interest. At September 30, 2022, the amount outstanding under this loan facility totalled \$51,987,000 compared to \$89,388,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$nil at September 30, 2021. ASBF has been in compliance with all loan covenants under this facility since inception (see note 11 (b) to the Statements). During 2021, the revolving loan facility used to finance BondIt's media loans was increased to US\$47,000,000 (\$64,996,000). Borrowings under the facility, which expires on May 6, 2023, rose to \$65,862,000 including accrued interest and fees at September 30, 2022 compared to \$60,049,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$48,640,000 at September 30, 2021. BondIt was in compliance with all loan

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covenants thereunder during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021. See note 11(a) to the Statements.

Accounts payable and other liabilities, which comprise of a number of different liabilities, decreased by \$2,995,000 to \$8,868,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$11,863,000 at December 31, 2021 and were \$1,857,000 lower than the \$10,725,000 at September 30, 2021.

Notes payable increased by \$3,177,000 to \$19,169,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$15,992,000 at December 31, 2021 and were \$3,534,000 higher than the \$15,635,000 at September 30, 2021. The increase in notes payable since December 31, 2021 mainly resulted from new notes issued. Please see Related Party Transactions section below and note 12(a) to the Statements.

Convertible debentures with a face value of \$25,650,000 (25,650 convertible debentures of \$1,000 each) were issued by the Company in 2018 and 2019. Of these, 20,650 debentures are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"), while 5,000 are unlisted. All convertible debentures are unsecured and carry a coupon rate of 7.0% with interest payable semi-annually on September 30 and December 31 each year. These debentures mature on December 31, 2023 and are convertible at the option of the holder into common shares at a conversion price of \$13.50 per common share. Net of transaction costs and a \$23,200 discount on the issue of certain debentures, a total of \$23,781,000 was raised. Please see note 13 to the Statements, which details how the debt and equity components of the convertible debentures were allocated. At September 30, 2022, the debt component totalled \$25,130,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$24,153,000, September 30, 2021 – \$24,437,000), while the equity component totalled \$1,005,000 at September 30, 2022 and 2021 and December 31, 2021, net of deferred tax.

Income taxes payable, lease liabilities, deferred income and net deferred tax liabilities at September 30, 2022 and 2021, and December 31, 2021 were not material.

Capital stock totalled \$9,448,000 at September 30, 2022 and 2021 and December 31, 2021. There were 8,558,913 common shares outstanding at those dates. Please see note 15(b) to the Statements and the consolidated statements of changes in equity on page 36 of this report for details of changes in capital stock during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021. At the date of this MD&A, November 2, 2022, 8,558,913 common shares remained outstanding.

Contributed surplus totalled \$3,238,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$1,088,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$1,015,000 at September 30, 2021. The increase since December 31, 2021 relates to additional capital raised by BondIt which increased the contributed surplus by \$2,039,000 and the Company's stock options expense of \$111,000 (2021 – \$15,000). As noted above, included in contributed surplus is the equity component of the

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convertible debentures issued which totalled \$1,005,000, net of deferred tax. Please see the consolidated statements of changes in equity on page 36 of this report for details of changes in contributed surplus during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

Retained earnings increased by \$1,553,000 to \$84,853,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$83,300,000 at December 31, 2021 and were \$4,699,000 above the \$80,154,000 at September 30, 2021. The increase in 2022 comprised shareholders' net earnings of \$5,091,000 less the \$1,612,000 (US\$1,276,000) reduction related to the acquisition of an 8% interest in Accord CapX LLC from the remaining non-controlling interests and the dividends of \$1,926,000 (22.5 cents per common share). Please see the consolidated statements of changes in equity on page 36 of this report for changes in retained earnings during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

The Company's accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") account solely comprises the cumulative unrealized foreign exchange gain arising on the translation of the assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign operations. The AOCI balance increased to \$8,098,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$6,131,000 at December 31, 2021 and was above the \$6,201,000 at September 30, 2021. Please refer to note 18 to the Statements and the consolidated statements of changes in equity on page 36 of this report, which details movements in the AOCI account during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries totalled \$5,734,000 at September 30, 2022 compared with \$3,992,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$3,653,000 at September 30, 2021. On September 16, 2022, additional capital raised by BondIt resulted in non-controlling interest in BondIt being increased by 1% to a total of 40%. Please see note 19 to the Statements for details thereof and the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 36 of this report, which details movements in non-controlling interests during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company considers its capital resources to include equity and debt, namely, its bank indebtedness, convertible debentures, loans and notes payable. The Company's objectives when managing its capital are to: (i) maintain financial flexibility in order to meet financial obligations and continue as a going concern; (ii) maintain a capital structure that allows the Company to finance its growth using internally generated cash flow and debt capacity; and (iii) optimize the use of its capital to provide an appropriate investment return to its shareholders commensurate with risk.

The Company manages its capital resources and makes adjustments to them in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its underlying assets. To maintain or adjust its capital resources, the Company may, from time to time, change the

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amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders by way of normal course issuer bid, issue new shares, or reduce liquid assets to repay debt. Amongst other things, the Company monitors the ratio of its debt to total equity and its total equity and tangible equity to total assets. These ratios are set out in the table below.

(as a percentage)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Tangible equity / assets	17	16	18
Total equity / assets	22	20	22
Debt* / total equity	339	382	344

\* bank indebtedness, loans payable, notes payable and convertible debentures

The Company's financing and capital requirements generally increase with the level of Loans outstanding. The collection period and resulting turnover of outstanding receivables and loans also impact financing needs. In addition to cash flow generated from operations, the Company maintains credit facilities in Canada and the United States. The Company can also raise funds through its notes payable program or other forms of debt, such as convertible debentures, or equity.

The Company had credit facilities totalling approximately \$502 million at September 30, 2022 and had borrowed \$281 million against these facilities. In addition, the Company had borrowed \$52 million at September 30, 2022 under a non-recourse secured loan facility from a life insurance company (see note 11(b)). Funds generated through operating activities and the issuance of term debt, notes payable, convertible debentures or other forms of debt or equity decrease the usage of, and dependence on, these lines. Note 22(b) details the Company's financial assets and liabilities at September 30, 2022 by their maturity date.

As noted in the Review of Financial Position section above, the Company had cash balances of \$9,701,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$13,839,000 at December 31, 2021. At September 30, 2022, the Company also had restricted cash of \$6,965,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$10,309,000). As far as possible, cash balances are maintained at a minimum and surplus cash is used to repay bank indebtedness.

Management believes that current cash balances and existing credit lines, together with cash flow from operations, will be sufficient to meet the cash requirements of working capital, capital expenditures, operating expenditures, interest and dividend payments and will provide sufficient liquidity and capital resources for future growth over the next twelve months.

#### **Cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2021**

Cash inflow from net earnings before changes in operating assets and liabilities and income tax payments decreased to \$7,927,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to \$11,106,000 last year. After changes in operating assets and liabilities and income tax

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payments or refunds are taken into account, there was a net cash inflow from operating activities of \$18,845,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to an outflow of \$66,340,000 last year. The net cash inflow in the first nine months of 2022 largely resulted from repayment of Loans of \$39,279,000. In the first nine months of 2021, the net cash outflow largely resulted from funding gross Loans of \$77,059,000. Changes in other operating assets and liabilities are discussed above and are set out in the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows on page 37 of this report.

Cash outflows from investing activities totalled \$131,000 (2021 – \$143,000) in the first nine months of 2022 and comprised property and equipment additions.

Net cash outflow from financing activities totalled \$27,435,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to an inflow of \$68,388,000 last year. The net cash outflow this year resulted from repayment of loans payable of \$37,256,000, a dividend paid of \$1,926,000, the purchase of the remaining 8% of CapX LLC from non-controlling interests for \$537,000, payment of lease liabilities of \$411,000 and a distribution paid to non-controlling interests of \$149,000. Partially offsetting these outflows was a \$7,859,000 rise in bank indebtedness, \$2,816,000, net, received from the issue of notes payable in the current quarter, \$2,039,000 received from issuance of additional shares in BondIt and \$130,000 due to an increase in the non-controlling interest. In the first nine months of 2021, the net cash inflow resulted from a, a \$46,378,000 rise in bank indebtedness, \$26,866,000 increase in loan payable. Partially offsetting these inflows were redemptions of notes payable, net, of \$1,807,000, purchase of an additional 10% of BondIt from non-controlling interests for \$1,369,000, dividends paid of \$1,284,000, payment of lease liabilities of \$337,000 and distribution paid to non-controlling interests of \$59,000.

The effect of exchange rate changes on cash comprised an increase of \$1,239,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to a gain of \$119,000 in the first nine months of 2021.

Overall, there was a net cash outflow of \$7,482,000 in the first nine months of 2022 compared to an inflow of \$2,023,000 in the first nine months of 2021.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

(in thousands)	Payments due in				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	4 to 5 years	Thereafter	
Debt obligations	\$ 94,268	\$ 280,931	\$ 2,408	\$ —	\$ 377,607
Operating lease obligations	487	767	602	16	1,872
Purchase obligations	40	69	—	—	109
	\$ 94,795	\$ 281,767	\$ 3,010	\$ 16	\$ 379,588

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### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has borrowed funds (notes payable) on an unsecured basis from shareholders, management, employees, other related individuals and third parties. Notes payable totalled \$19,169,000 at September 30, 2022 compared to \$15,992,000 at December 31, 2021 and \$15,635,000 at September 30, 2021. Notes payable comprise: (i) unsecured demand notes due on, or within a week of, demand of \$4,702,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$2,333,000, September 30, 2021 – \$1,965,000); and (ii) term notes totalling \$14,467,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$13,659,000, September 30, 2021 – \$13,670,000), which are repayable on various dates the latest of which is July 31, 2025. Included in the term notes were notes totalling \$10,500,000 which matured on July 31, 2022 and were renewed for a period of three years. Notes due on, or within a week of demand, bear interest at rates that vary with the bank prime rate or Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), while the term notes bear interest at rates that are fixed over their respective terms.

Of the notes payable, \$16,353,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$13,843,000, September 30, 2021 – \$12,501,000) was owing to related parties and \$2,816,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$2,149,000, September 30, 2021 – \$3,134,000) to third parties. Interest expense on these notes in the current quarter and first nine months of 2022 totalled \$341,000 (2021 – \$293,000) and \$949,000 (2021 – \$890,000), respectively. Please refer to note 12(a) to the Statements.

The following related parties had notes payable with the Company at September 30, 2022:

<b>Demand notes payable</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	
Hitzig Bros., Hargreaves & Co. Inc.*	Director	3,900,000
Ken Hitzig	Insider	500,000
<b>Term notes payable</b>		
Hitzig Bros., Hargreaves & Co. Inc.*	Director	4,000,000
Hitzig Bros., Hargreaves & Co. LLC.*	Director	US\$1,000,000
Oakwest Corporation Inc.	Director	3,000,000
Ken Hitzig	Insider	2,500,000

\* a director of the Company has an ownership interest in the company

Accord pays a rate of interest related to Canadian prime (at September 30, 2022 it was paying 4.95% or 5.45%) on its Canadian dollar unsecured demand notes payable, while its U.S. dollar unsecured demand notes pay a rate of interest related to SOFR (at September 30, 2022 it was paying 3.0%). These rates of interest are below the rates that Accord pays on its banking facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia ("BNS") resulting in interest savings to the Company. At September 30, 2022, Accord was paying interest at rates between 7% and 11% on its term notes payable.

Upon renewal of the BNS facility in July 2022, the Company renewed certain unsecured notes payable which had matured on July 31, 2022 for a further three-year term, expiring on July 31, 2025. These term notes are solely with related parties. The renewed credit facility

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allows these notes to be treated as "quasi equity" included in the Company's tangible net worth (TNW) for the purposes of leveraging its bank line (up to 3.5 x TNW). This creates additional borrowing capacity that Accord can utilize at lower credit facility rates of interest, which was the main business purpose thereof.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTINGS POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

Critical accounting estimates represent those estimates that are highly uncertain and for which changes in those estimates could materially impact the Company's financial results. The following are accounting estimates that the Company considers critical to the financial results of its business segments:

- (i) the allowance for expected losses on both its Loans and its guarantee of managed receivables. The Company maintains a separate allowance for expected losses on each of the above items at amounts which, in management's judgment, are sufficient to cover losses thereon. The allowances are based upon several considerations including current economic environment, condition of the loan and receivable portfolios, typical industry loss experience, macroeconomic factors and forward-looking information ("FLI"). The key inputs in the measurement of ECL allowances for each loan are as follows: (i) the probability of default (PD) which is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon; (ii) the loss given default (LGD) which is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time; and (iii) the exposure at default (EAD) which is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date. These key inputs associated with each loan are sensitized to future market and macroeconomic conditions through the incorporation of FLI. These estimates are particularly judgmental and operating results may be adversely affected by significant unanticipated credit or loan losses, such as occur in a bankruptcy or insolvency, or may result from severe adverse economic conditions. The Company's allowance for expected losses on its Loans and its guarantee of managed receivables are provided for under the three stage criteria set out in IFRS 9, where a Stage 1 allowance is established to reserve against accounts which have not experienced a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR") and which cannot be specifically identified as impaired on an item-by-item or group basis at a particular point in time. Stage 1 ECL results from default events on the financial instrument that are possible within the twelve-month period after the reporting date. Stage 1 accounts are considered to be in good standing. The Company's Stage 2 allowances are based on a review of the loan or managed receivable and comprises an allowance for those financial instruments which have experienced a SICR since initial recognition. Lifetime ECL are recognized for all Stage 2 financial instruments. Stage 3 financial instruments are those that the Company has classified as impaired. The Company classifies a financial instrument as impaired when the future cash flows of the financial instrument could be adversely impacted by events after its initial recognition. Evidence of impairment includes indications that the borrower is

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experiencing significant financial difficulties, or a default or delinquency has occurred. Lifetime ECL are recognized for all Stage 3 financial instruments. In Stage 3, financial instruments are written-off, either partially or in full, against the related allowance for expected losses when the Company judges that there is no realistic prospect of future recovery in respect of those amounts after the collateral has been realized or transferred at net recoverable value. Any subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off are credited to the respective allowance for expected losses. Management believes that its allowances for expected losses, which require a high degree of reasonable and supportable credit judgment, are sufficient and appropriate and does not consider it reasonably likely that the Company's material assumptions will change. The Company's allowances are discussed above and in notes 3(d), 5 and 22(a) to the Statements.

- (ii) Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. To determine if goodwill is impaired, the Company estimates the fair value (being the recoverable amount) of each of its CGUs and compares this to the carrying value of the CGU. In the Company's case the estimated fair value of each CGU is determined to be a multiple of the expected earnings of the CGU, where expected earnings are an estimate of future years' earnings. This provides a similar result to extrapolating and discounting budgeted earnings for the CGUs. The estimated fair value of each CGU is then compared to the carrying value of the CGU, including goodwill, to determine if the goodwill is impaired. The most sensitive assumptions used in the impairment testing is the multiple applied to the expected earnings of each CGU in determining the fair value thereof, as well as the expected earnings estimates themselves.

### **CONTROL ENVIRONMENT**

Disclosure controls and procedures ("DC&P") are designed to provide reasonable assurance that all relevant information is gathered and reported to management, including the CEO and CFO, on a timely basis so that appropriate decisions can be made regarding public disclosure. Internal Control over Financial Reporting ("ICFR") is a process designed by or under the supervision of the CEO and CFO, management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. As at September 30, 2022, management evaluated and concluded on the effective design of the Company's DC&P and ICFR and determined that there were no material changes to the Company's ICFR during the three months then ended that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's ICFR. Internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may



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become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate and, as such, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goal under all potential conditions.

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS**

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance, which is subject to substantial risks and uncertainties. Management remains optimistic about the Company's long-term prospects. Factors that may impact the Company's results include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed below. Please refer to note 22 to the Statements, which discuss the Company's principal financial risk management practices.

#### **Deterioration in economic or business conditions; impact of significant events and circumstances; Covid-19**

The Company's operating results may be negatively affected by various economic factors and business conditions, including the level of economic activity in Canada and the United States, in the markets in which it operates. To the extent that economic activity or business conditions deteriorate, delinquencies and credit losses may increase. Negative conditions and/or significant events can include the effects of Covid-19 or other pandemics, geo-political or military conflicts, sanctions and other trade disruptions, and unexpected changes in inflation and borrowing costs. As the Company extends credit primarily to small- and medium-sized businesses, many of its customers are particularly susceptible to economic slowdowns or recessions and may be unable to make scheduled lease or loan payments during these periods. Unfavorable economic conditions may also make it more difficult for the Company to maintain new origination volumes and the credit quality of new loans at levels previously attained. Unfavorable economic conditions could also increase funding costs or operating cost structures, limit access to credit facilities and other capital markets funding sources or result in a decision by the Company's lenders not to extend further credit. Any of these events could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Competition from alternative sources of financing**

The Company operates in an intensely competitive environment and its results could be significantly affected by the activities of other industry participants. The Company expects this level of competition to persist in the future as the markets for its services continue to develop and as additional companies enter its markets. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to compete effectively with current or future competitors. If the Company's competitors engage in aggressive pricing policies with respect to services that compete with those of the Company's, the Company would likely lose some clients or be forced to lower its rates, both of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, some of the Company's competitors may have higher risk tolerances or different risk assessments, which could allow them to establish more origination sources and customer relationships

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to increase their market share. Further, because there are fewer barriers to entry to the markets in which the Company operates, new competitors could enter these markets at any time. Because of all these competitive factors, the Company may be unable to sustain its operations at its current levels or generate growth in revenues or operating income, either of which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Credit risk, inability to underwrite finance receivables and loan applications**

The Company is in the business of financing its clients' receivables and making asset-based loans, including inventory and equipment financings, designed to serve small- and medium-sized businesses, which are often owner-operated and have limited access to traditional financing. There is a high degree of risk associated with providing financing to such parties as a result of their lower creditworthiness. Even with an appropriately diversified lending business, operating results can be adversely affected by large bankruptcies and/or insolvencies. Losses from client loans in excess of the Company's expectations could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, since defaulted loans as well as certain delinquent loans cannot be used as collateral under the Company's credit facilities, higher than anticipated defaults and delinquencies could adversely affect the Company's liquidity by reducing the amount of funding available to the Company under these financing arrangements. Furthermore, increased rates of delinquencies or loss levels could cause the Company to be in breach of its financial covenants under its credit facilities, and could also result in adverse changes to the terms of future financing arrangements available to the Company, including increased interest rates payable to lenders and the imposition of more burdensome covenants and increased credit enhancement requirements.

#### **Interest rate risk**

The Company has floating rate borrowings, as well as fixed rate borrowings. The Company also has finance receivables and loans at fixed rates and others at floating rates. When the fixed rate loans and finance receivables exceed the fixed rate borrowings, the Company is exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, such that an increase in floating interest rates could reduce the margin between the interest earned on Loans and the interest rate paid on floating rate borrowings. Fluctuations in interest rates may have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### **Foreign currency risk**

The Company has international operations, primarily in the United States. Accordingly, a significant portion of its financial resources are held in currencies other than the Canadian dollar. In recent years, the Company has seen the fluctuations in the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar affect its operating results when its foreign subsidiaries results are translated into Canadian dollars. It has also affected the value of the Company's net

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Canadian dollar investment in its foreign subsidiaries, which had, in the past, reduced the accumulated other comprehensive income component of equity to a loss position, although it is now in a large gain position. No assurances can be made that changes in foreign currency rates will not have a significant adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

### **External financing**

The Company depends and will continue to depend on the availability of credit from external financing sources, to continue to, among other things, finance new and refinance existing loans and satisfy the Company's other working capital needs. The Company believes that current cash balances and existing credit lines, together with cash flow from operations, will be sufficient to meet its cash requirements with respect to investments in working capital, operating expenditures and dividend payments, and also provide sufficient liquidity and capital resources for future growth over the next twelve months. However, there is no guarantee that the Company will continue to have financing available to it or if the Company were to require additional financing that it would be able to obtain it on acceptable terms or at all. If any or all of the Company's funding sources become unavailable on terms acceptable to the Company or at all, or if any of the Company's credit facilities are not renewed or re-negotiated upon expiration of their terms, the Company may not have access to the financing necessary to conduct its businesses, which would limit the Company's ability to finance its operations and could have a material adverse impact on its business, financial condition and results of operations. Please also see comments regarding business conditions due to Covid-19 on page 24.

### **Dependence on key personnel**

Employees are a significant asset of the Company, and the Company depends to a large extent upon the abilities and continued efforts of its key operating personnel and senior management team. If any of these persons becomes unavailable to continue in such capacity, or if the Company is unable to attract and retain other qualified employees, it could have a material adverse impact on the Company's businesses, financial condition and results of operations. Market forces and competitive pressures may also adversely affect the ability of the Company to recruit and retain key qualified personnel.

### **Income Tax Matters**

The income of the Company must be computed in accordance with Canadian, U.S. and foreign tax laws, as applicable, and the Company is subject to Canadian, U.S. and foreign tax laws, all of which may be changed in a manner that could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition or results of operation.

### **Recent and future acquisitions and investments**

In recent years, the Company has acquired or invested in businesses and may seek to acquire or invest in additional businesses in the future that expand or complement its

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current business. Recent acquisitions by the Company have increased the size of the Company's operations and the amount of indebtedness that will have to be serviced by the Company and any future acquisitions by the Company, if they occur, may result in further increases in the Company's operations or indebtedness. The successful integration and management of any recently acquired businesses or businesses acquired in the future involves numerous risks that could adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition, or results of operations, including: (i) the risk that management may not be able to successfully manage the acquired businesses and that the integration of such businesses may place significant demands on management, diverting their attention from the Company's existing operations; (ii) the risk that the Company's existing operational, financial, management, due diligence or underwriting systems and procedures may be incompatible with the markets in which the acquired business operates or inadequate to effectively integrate and manage the acquired business; (iii) the risk that acquisitions may require substantial financial resources that otherwise could be used to develop other aspects of the Company's business; (iv) the risk that as a result of acquiring a business, the Company may become subject to additional liabilities or contingencies (known and unknown); (v) the risk that the personnel of any acquired business may not work effectively with the Company's existing personnel; (vi) the risk that the Company fails to effectively deal with competitive pressures or barriers to entry applicable to the acquired business or the markets in which it operates or introduce new products into such markets; and (vii) the risk that the acquisition may not be accretive to the Company. The Company may fail to successfully integrate such acquired businesses or realize the anticipated benefits of such acquisitions, and such failure could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Fraud by lessees, borrowers, vendors or brokers**

The Company may be a victim of fraud by lessees, borrowers, vendors or brokers. In cases of fraud, it is difficult and often unlikely that the Company will be able to collect amounts owing under a lease/loan or repossess any related collateral. Increased rates of fraud could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Technology and cyber security**

The Company remains focused on the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the information and cyber security controls that protect its network, data and infrastructure. The cyber security risk landscape includes numerous cyber threats such as hacking threats, identity theft, denial of service, and advanced persistent threats. These and other cyber threats continue to become more sophisticated, complex, and potentially damaging. Third party service providers that the Company uses may also be subject to these risks which can increase our risk of potential attack. The Company establishes the requirements and sets out the overall framework for managing cyber and information security related risks. These include developing and implementing the appropriate activities to detect,

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respond to and contain the impact of cyber security threats, along with implementing the appropriate safeguards to ensure the delivery of critical infrastructure services.

The Company is continuously improving the strength of its practices and capabilities. It works closely with our critical cyber security and software suppliers to ensure that its technology capabilities remain cyber resilient and effective in the event of any unforeseen cyber attack. The Company has not experienced any material cyber security breaches and has not incurred any material expenses with respect to the remediation of such cyber events. Security risks continue to be actively monitored and reviewed, leveraging the expertise of the Company's service providers and vendors, reviewing industry best practices and regularly re-assessing controls in place to acknowledge, address and mitigate the risks identified. The Company maintains a cyber security insurance policy to provide coverage in the event of cyber security incidents.

### **Data management and privacy risk**

Data management and its governance are becoming increasingly important as the Company continues to invest in digital solutions and innovation and the ongoing expansion of business activities. Furthermore, there are regulatory compliance risks associated with data management and privacy. The Company establishes the requirements and sets out the overall framework for data management and managing privacy related risks.

### **Risk of future legal proceedings**

The Company is threatened from time to time with, or is named as a defendant in, or may become subject to, various legal proceedings, fines or penalties in the ordinary course of conducting its businesses. A significant judgment or the imposition of a significant fine or penalty on the Company could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operation. Significant obligations may also be imposed on the Company by reason of a settlement or judgment involving the Company, as well as risks pertinent to financing facilities, including acceleration and/or loss of funding availability. Publicity regarding involvement in matters of this type, especially if there is an adverse settlement or finding in the litigation, could result in adverse consequences to the Company's reputation that could, among other things, impair its ability to retain existing or attract further business. The continuing expansion of class action litigation in U.S. and Canadian court actions has the effect of increasing the scale of potential judgments. Defending such a class action or other major litigation could be costly, divert management's attention and resources and have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

## **OUTLOOK**

Despite the continued effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the global economy the Company has experienced strong growth in funds employed and revenue. From the pandemic induced low point of \$317 million (June 30, 2020), funds employed have since

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grown 44% to reach \$457 million at September 30, 2022. While growth resumed over this period, all of the operating companies have experienced headwinds in 2022 and are navigating new uncertainty as inflation and interest rates spike upwards. There are several challenges emerging, including a generally conservative approach by many of our clients (and prospective clients) to incurring more debt to buy equipment, expand operations, or make acquisitions, owing to the uncertain economic backdrop and forecast. As reported in our financial statements, the challenging economic environment is likely to weaken the payment performance of some of the Company's existing clients, in particular in the small business portfolio. While this quarter's allowance for expected loan losses fully reflects our expert credit judgement and third-party economic forecasts, it is possible that the economy underperforms expectations. And finally, in the current environment, the Company is favoring financially stronger clients, which has the effect of lowering average yields.

The Company's strongest growth in recent years has come from its Canadian small business finance division, AFCC, as well as at BondIt Media Capital. In 2021 AFCC, saw strong interest in its AccordExpress small business loan program, developed in partnership with Export Development Canada ("EDC"). While that program ended on December 31, 2021, AFCC is developing several new products, some in partnership with EDC, and expects steady growth to resume in the fourth quarter of 2022 and early 2023. Throughout 2021 BondIt capitalized on increased demand for streaming content coupled with decreased competition, as traditional media financing channels took a cautious stance as production insurance became difficult to secure. This trend enhanced BondIt's reputation in the market and allowed it to win deals among the upper tier of producers in terms of experience, quality of cast and crew, and track record of results. As the pandemic-related constraints on on-set media production have lifted, BondIt is seeing renewed competition; while we expect growth to continue, it may not continue at the pace it has over the last two years.

The economic conditions for the Company's two ABL/factoring units, AFIC and AFIU, are becoming more conducive to growth. Notably, rapid inflation, supply chain problems, and rising interest rates tend to make banks more conservative in their lending, which provides opportunities for Accord as our lending expertise, and reliance on strong collateral, allows us to finance companies that may no longer meet the banks' criteria. As the new business pipelines in these two divisions builds, we anticipate growth in funds employed, revenue and earnings to follow.

More moderate growth is expected to come from AEF, the Company's U.S. equipment finance division. For the middle market companies AEF typically finances, ramping up investment in equipment is most comfortable when the economic forecast is most certain. For now, the economic environment continues to shift, with little visibility over the next six to twelve months. Supporting modest growth, AEF continues to see deal flow from its capital markets desk and is developing several promising new channel partnerships.

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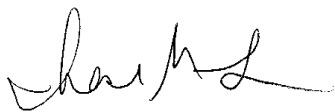
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As of December 31, 2021, the Company's receivables management division, AFL, has exited the domestic credit guarantee business. Facing long-term credit weakness in the retail sector, and intense competition from multinational credit insurers, AFL made the decision to focus only on its network of reliable foreign banks seeking credit guarantees for shipments to North American buyers. In recent years, AFL's contribution has not been financially significant to the Accord group overall.

To support the anticipated growth in funds employed, in July the Company increased its primary bank facility to \$437 million and extended the maturity date to July 2025, which should provide adequate growth capital for the Company. The Company also maintains non-bank loan facilities for BondIt (US\$47 million) and AFCC (\$52 million) as noted above.

With its substantial capital and borrowing capacity, Accord is well positioned to capitalize on market conditions as they evolve. For more than four decades the Company has successfully navigated through multiple economic cycles, giving us valuable perspective as the current environment unfolds. The Company also knows from experience that economic uncertainty creates growth opportunities, as capital providers become more selective, some competitors weaken, and the major banks become even more risk averse.



Irene Eddy  
Chief Financial Officer  
November 2, 2022

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### Appendix to MD&A: Non-IFRS Measures and Ratios (\$000s, except percentages)

	Three months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Adjusted net earnings</b>			
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	1,831	2,643	566
Adjustments, net of tax:			
Stock-based compensation expense	73	13	—
Business acquisition expenses	22	6	55
Restructuring expenses	—	139	—
Adjusted net earnings	1,926	2,801	621

	Three months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Adjusted earnings per share</b>			
Adjusted net earnings	1,926	2,801	621
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the period	8,559	8,559	8,559
<b>Adjusted earnings per share</b>	0.22	0.33	0.07

	Three months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Average funds employed (note)</b>			
Average funds employed	444,603	414,199	326,854

Note: average funds employed is average finance receivables and loans calculated for each month of the year or quarter and divided by the number of months in the period.

	Nine months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Return on average equity</b>			
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	5,091	8,313	(967)
Weighted average shareholders' equity (note)	101,193	92,890	90,232
Return on average equity (annualized)	6.7%	12.0%	-1.4%

Note: weighted average shareholders' equity is the average shareholder's equity calculated for each month of the period, then totalled up and divided by 12

	Nine months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Adjusted net earnings (loss)</b>			
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	5,091	8,313	(967)
Adjustments, net of tax:			
Stock-based compensation expense	126	13	—
Business acquisition expenses	64	133	166
Restructuring expenses	10	186	738
Adjusted net earnings (loss)	5,291	8,645	(63)



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	Nine months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Adjusted earnings (loss) per share</b>			
Adjusted net earnings	5,291	8,645	(63)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the period	8,559	8,559	8,565
<b>Adjusted earnings (loss) per share</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>- 0.01</b>

	Nine months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Adjusted return on equity</b>			
Adjusted net earnings	5,291	8,645	(63)
Weighted average shareholders' equity	101,193	92,890	90,232
<b>Adjusted return on equity (annualized)</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>

	Nine months ended Sept. 30		
	2022	2021	2020
<b>Average funds employed (note)</b>			
Average funds employed	452,003	382,627	343,298

Note: average funds employed is average finance receivables and loans calculated for each month of the year or quarter and divided by the number of months in the period.

	30 Sept.,	31 Dec.,	30 Sept.,
	2022	2021	2021
<b>Book value per share</b>			
Shareholders' equity	105,637	99,967	96,819
Common shares outstanding	8,559	8,559	8,559
<b>Book value per share</b>	<b>12.34</b>	<b>11.68</b>	<b>11.31</b>

	30 Sept.,	31 Dec.,	30 Sept.,
	2022	2021	2021
<b>Tangible equity</b>			
Total equity	111,371	103,960	100,472
Less: intangible assets	3,301	3,113	3,156
Less: goodwill	14,202	13,140	13,179
Less: deferred tax assets	6,287	3,416	3,205
Add: deferred tax liabilities	(214)	(277)	(432)
<b>Tangible equity</b>	<b>87,795</b>	<b>84,568</b>	<b>81,364</b>

	30 Sept.,	31 Dec.,	30 Sept.,
	2022	2021	2021
<b>Tangible equity / equity</b>			
Tangible equity	87,795	84,58	81,364
Assets	502,130	520,109	462,056
<b>Tangible equity / assets (as a percentage)</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>

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	30 Sept., 2022	31 Dec., 2021	30 Sept., 2021
<b>Total Equity / assets</b>			
Total equity	111,371	103,960	100,472
Assets	502,130	520,109	462,056
Equity / assets (as a percentage)	22%	20%	22%

	30 Sept., 2022	31 Dec., 2021	30 Sept., 2021
<b>Debt / equity</b>			
Debt (note)	377,608	396,964	345,454
Total equity	111,371	103,960	100,472
Debt / equity (as a percentage)	339%	382%	344%

*Note: debt comprises the total of bank indebtedness, loans payable, convertible debentures and notes payable as taken from the Company's Balance Sheet.*

	30 Sept., 2022	31 Dec., 2021	30 Sept., 2021
<b>Portfolio</b>			
Finance receivables and loans	456,605	478,150	437,059
Managed receivables (note)	10,339	11,441	11,072
Portfolio	466,944	489,591	448,131

*Note: managed receivables represent those off-balance sheet receivables on which the Company has assumed the credit risk and/or collection responsibilities (see note 5(b) to the Statements).*

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## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)

	September 30, 2022	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 9,700,574	\$ 13,839,291	\$ 7,569,330
Restricted cash (note 4)	6,965,341	10,309,097	—
Finance receivables and loans, net (note 5)	449,424,481	472,898,716	431,342,262
Income tax receivable	487,794	104,860	805,059
Other assets	8,386,105	1,853,864	1,127,819
Assets held for sale (note 6)	1,430,125	160,274	160,274
Deferred tax assets, net	6,287,004	3,415,590	3,204,755
Property and equipment (note 7)	1,944,710	1,273,381	1,512,093
Intangible assets (note 9)	3,301,371	3,113,196	3,156,028
Goodwill (note 8)	14,202,367	13,140,447	13,178,755
	<b>\$ 502,129,872</b>	<b>\$ 520,108,716</b>	<b>\$ 462,056,375</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Due to clients	\$ 344,692	\$ 3,287,532	\$ 1,664,726
Bank indebtedness (note 10)	215,459,300	207,382,279	256,742,774
Loans payable (note 11)	117,849,372	149,436,971	48,639,814
Accounts payable and other liabilities	8,867,852	11,863,049	10,725,495
Income tax payable	1,639,795	2,285,055	1,620,161
Notes payable (note 12(a))	19,169,088	15,992,357	15,634,593
Convertible debentures (note 13)	25,130,402	24,152,681	24,436,741
Lease liabilities (note 14)	1,627,809	979,416	1,107,544
Deferred income	456,384	493,007	580,930
Deferred tax liabilities, net	213,720	276,720	431,935
	<b>390,758,414</b>	<b>416,149,067</b>	<b>361,584,713</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Capital stock (note 15)	9,448,264	9,448,264	9,448,264
Contributed surplus (note 15(c))	3,237,939	1,088,263	1,015,457
Retained earnings	84,852,796	83,299,791	80,154,247
Accumulated other comprehensive income (note 18)	8,098,371	6,131,180	6,200,675
Shareholders' equity	105,637,370	99,967,498	96,818,643
Non-controlling interest in subsidiaries (note 19)	5,734,088	3,992,151	3,653,019
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>111,371,458</b>	<b>103,959,649</b>	<b>100,471,662</b>
	<b>\$ 502,129,872</b>	<b>\$ 520,108,716</b>	<b>\$ 462,056,375</b>

**Notice to Reader** - Management has prepared these condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes and is responsible for the integrity and fairness of the financial information presented therein. They have been reviewed and approved by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors. Pursuant to National Instrument 51-102, Part 4, Subsection 4.3(3)(a), the Company advises that its independent auditor has not performed a review or audit of these condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## Consolidated Statements of Earnings (unaudited)

Three and nine months ended September 30	Three months		Nine months	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>				
Interest (note 4)	\$15,082,093	\$ 13,662,285	\$ 43,732,715	\$ 37,676,489
Other income (note 4)	1,369,621	2,456,265	5,386,847	7,338,978
	<b>16,451,714</b>	16,118,550	<b>49,119,562</b>	45,015,467
<b>Expenses</b>				
Interest	6,355,749	4,216,398	16,789,220	11,107,551
General and administrative	6,936,861	8,196,693	21,541,560	22,560,476
Provision for (recovery of) credit and loan losses (note 4)	1,068,935	336,431	5,169,977	(340,145)
Impairment of assets held for sale	—	20,484	37,550	872,948
Depreciation	201,033	184,791	531,557	529,084
Business acquisition expenses:				
Transaction costs	—	—	—	93,958
Amortization of intangible assets	33,207	32,038	97,858	108,919
	<b>14,595,785</b>	12,986,835	<b>44,167,722</b>	34,932,791
Earnings before income tax	1,855,929	3,131,715	4,951,840	10,082,676
Income tax (recovery) expense	(17,000)	273,000	(337,000)	781,000
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>1,872,929</b>	2,858,715	<b>5,288,840</b>	9,301,676
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	42,102	215,467	197,806	988,251
<b>Net earnings attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 1,830,827</b>	\$ 2,643,248	<b>\$ 5,091,034</b>	\$ 8,313,425
Basic and diluted earnings per common share (note 15)	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.97

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

Three and nine months ended September 30	Three months		Nine months	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$ 1,830,827</b>	\$ 2,643,248	<b>\$ 5,091,034</b>	\$ 8,313,425
Other comprehensive income :				
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Unrealized foreign exchange income on translation of self-sustaining foreign operations (note 18)	2,928,662	1,001,921	1,967,191	125,010
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 4,759,489</b>	\$ 3,645,169	<b>\$ 7,058,225</b>	\$ 8,438,435

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## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

	Capital stock		Contributed surplus	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	Total equity
	Number of common shares outstanding	Amount					
Balance at January 1, 2021	8,558,913	\$ 9,448,264	\$ 1,201,785	\$ 73,124,659	\$ 6,075,665	\$ 3,908,751	\$ 93,759,124
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	8,313,425	125,010	—	8,438,435
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(1,283,837)	—	—	(1,283,837)
Stock-based compensation expense related to stock option grants	—	—	15,078	—	—	—	15,078
Distribution to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(58,518)	—	(58,518)
Purchase of additional 10% of BondIt LLC from non-controlling interests	—	—	(201,406)	—	(1,167,825)	—	(1,369,231)
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	988,251	—	988,251
Translation adjustment on non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(17,640)	—	(17,640)
Balance at Sept. 30, 2021	8,558,913	\$ 9,448,264	\$ 1,015,457	\$ 80,154,247	\$ 6,200,675	\$ 3,653,019	\$ 100,471,662
Balance at January 1, 2022	<b>8,558,913</b>	<b>\$ 9,448,264</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,263</b>	<b>\$ 83,299,791</b>	<b>\$ 6,131,180</b>	<b>\$ 3,992,151</b>	<b>\$ 103,959,649</b>
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	5,091,034	1,967,191	—	7,058,225
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(1,925,756)	—	—	(1,925,756)
Distribution to non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	(149,358)	—	(149,358)
Stock-based compensation expense related to stock option grants	—	—	110,221	—	—	—	110,221
Purchase of additional 8% of Accord CapX LLC from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	(1,612,273)	—	—	(537,073)
Increase of 1% in non-controlling interest on additional capital raised in BondIt	—	—	2,039,455	—	—	130,270	2,169,725
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	197,806	—	197,806
Translation adjustment on non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	488,019	—	488,019
Balance at Sept. 30, 2022	<b>8,558,913</b>	<b>\$ 9,448,264</b>	<b>\$ 3,237,939</b>	<b>\$ 84,852,796</b>	<b>\$ 8,098,371</b>	<b>\$ 5,734,088</b>	<b>\$ 111,371,458</b>

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

Nine months ended September 30	2022	2021
<b>Cash provided by (used in):</b>		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net earnings	\$ 5,288,840	\$ 9,301,676
Items not affecting cash:		
Allowances for expected losses, net of write-offs and recoveries (941,830)	1,657,715	
Deferred income	20,000	(39,435)
Amortization of intangible assets	97,858	108,919
Depreciation of property and equipment	531,557	529,084
Impairment of assets held for sale	37,550	872,948
Accretion of convertible debentures	528,846	478,293
Gain on disposal of right to use assets	(8,120)	—
Stock-based compensation expense related to stock option grants	110,221	15,078
Deferred tax recovery	(2,685,623)	(1,352,165)
Current income tax expense	2,348,623	2,133,165
	<b>7,927,467</b>	<b>11,105,733</b>
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Finance receivables and loans, gross	39,278,946	(77,058,909)
Due to clients	(2,971,640)	(1,249,018)
Other assets	(6,477,540)	750,138
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(15,665,409)	527,539
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale	130,844	623,433
Income tax paid, net	(3,377,794)	(1,038,772)
	<b>18,844,874</b>	<b>(66,339,856)</b>
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Property and equipment additions, net	(131,094)	(142,874)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Bank indebtedness	7,858,482	46,377,566
Loan payable	(37,255,897)	26,865,798
Notes payable issued, net	2,815,942	(1,806,972)
Dividend paid	(1,925,756)	(1,283,837)
Distribution of non-controlling interests	(149,358)	(58,518)
Increase of 1% non-controlling interest on additional capital raised by BondIt	2,169,725	—
Purchase of 8% of Accord CapX LLC from non-controlling interests	(537,073)	—
Purchase of 10% of BondIt LLC from non-controlling interests	—	(1,369,231)
Lease liabilities principal paid	(410,922)	(337,281)
	<b>(27,434,857)</b>	<b>68,387,525</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash</b>	<b>1,238,604</b>	<b>118,584</b>
(Decrease) increase in cash and restricted cash	<b>(7,482,473)</b>	<b>2,023,379</b>
Cash and restricted cash at January 1	<b>24,148,388</b>	<b>5,545,951</b>
Cash and restricted cash at September 30	<b>\$ 16,665,915</b>	<b>\$ 7,569,330</b>
<b>Supplemental cash flow information:</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities includes:		
Interest paid	\$ 15,280,818	\$ 10,222,940

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### 1. Description of the business:

Accord Financial Corp. (the "Company") is incorporated by way of Articles of Continuance under the Ontario Business Corporations Act and, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in providing asset-based financing, including factoring and receivables financing, equipment and inventory financing, leasing, working capital financing, credit investigation, credit protection and receivables management, to industrial and commercial enterprises, principally in Canada and the United States. The Company's registered office is at 40 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 602, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### 2. Basis of presentation and statement of compliance:

These condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements ("Statements") are expressed in Canadian dollars, the Company's functional and presentation currency, and are prepared in compliance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting ("IAS 34") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). These Statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required for full annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). They have been prepared using the accounting policies that the Company expects to utilize in its consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2022, the more significant of which are detailed in note 3. These accounting policies are based on IFRS standards and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") interpretations that the Company expects to be applicable at that time. These Statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

The preparation of the condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Changes to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Estimates that are particularly judgmental relate to the determination of the allowance for expected losses relating to finance receivables and loans and to the guarantee of managed receivables (notes 3(d) and 5), the carrying value of assets held for sale (note 6), the determination of the valuation of goodwill and intangible assets on acquisition, as well as in the impairment testing thereof (notes 7 and 8), and the net realizable value of deferred tax assets and liabilities.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic related to the novel coronavirus known as Covid-19. The rapid evolution of this pandemic combined with the restrictions on the movement of people and goods led to a significant contraction in economic activity. While covid-19 is no longer considered a pandemic, several follow-on effects are now emerging, including supply chain disruptions, high inflation, and rapidly increasing interest rates. As a result, significant economic uncertainty

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still persists, the expected impact of which requires increased judgment for many of the Company's estimates and assumptions and carry a higher degree of measurement uncertainty, variability and volatility. As events continue to evolve and additional information becomes available, the Company's estimates may change materially in the future. Examples of significant estimates include the allowances for expected losses, the determination of triggering events for the impairment of non-financial assets, such as goodwill and intangible assets, and fair value measurements, including those related to financial instruments. Management believes that its estimates are reasonable, supportable and appropriate.

The condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared on an historical cost basis except for the following items which are recorded at fair value:

- Derivative financial instruments (a component of other assets and/or accounts payable and other liabilities);
- Stock option grants (a component of contributed surplus); and
- Guarantee of managed receivables

These condensed interim unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 were approved for issue by the Company's Board of Directors ("Board") on November 2, 2022.

### **3. Significant accounting policies:**

#### **a) Basis of consolidation**

These financial statements consolidate the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries; namely, Accord Financial Ltd. ("AFL"), Accord Financial Inc. ("AFIC") and Accord Financial Canada Corp. ("AFCC") (formerly known as Varion Capital Corp.) in Canada and Accord Financial, Inc. ("AFIU") in the United States. The Company exercises 100% control over each of its subsidiaries. The accounting policies of the Company's subsidiaries are aligned with IFRS. Intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.

#### **b) Revenue recognition**

Revenue principally comprises interest, including discount fees, factoring commissions and other fees from the Company's asset-based financial services, including factoring and leasing, and is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. Interest charged on finance receivables and loans is recognized as revenue using the effective interest rate method. For receivables purchased in its recourse factoring business, discount fees are calculated as a discount percentage of the gross amount of the factored invoice and are recognized as revenue over the initial discount period. Additional discount fees are charged on a per diem basis if the invoice is not paid by the end of the initial discount period. For managed receivables, factoring commissions are charged up front and a certain portion is deferred and recognized over the period that



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costs are incurred collecting the receivables. In the Company's leasing business, interest is recognized over the term of the lease agreement or installment payment agreement using the effective interest rate; the effective interest rate is that rate which exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the lease, installment payment or loan agreement to the initial cost or loan amount of the asset. Fees related to direct finance leases, installment payment agreements and loan receivables of AFCC and Accord CapX LLC (doing business as Accord Equipment Finance ("AEF")), a wholly owned subsidiary of AFIU, are considered an integral part of the yield earned on the debtor balance and are accounted for using the effective interest rate method. Other revenue, such as management fees, due diligence fees, documentation fees, setup fees, commitment fees and service fees, is recognized as revenue when earned.

#### **c) Finance receivables and loans**

The Company finances its clients principally by providing asset-based loans, including factoring receivables and financing equipment leases, as well as providing guarantee backed working capital loans. Finance receivables and loans are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and that the Company does not intend to sell immediately or in the near term. Finance receivables and loans are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. The Company's finance receivables and loans are financial assets that are measured at amortized cost as the following conditions are met:

- i) the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- ii) the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

The Company's leasing operations have standard lease contracts that are non-cancellable direct financing leases and provide for monthly lease payments, usually for periods of one to five years. The present value of the minimum lease payments and residual values expected to be received under the lease terms is recorded at the commencement of the lease. The difference between this total value, net of execution costs, and the cost of the leased asset is unearned revenue, which is recorded as a reduction in the asset value, with the net amount being shown as the net investment in leases (specifically, the Company's lease receivables). The unearned revenue is then recognized over the life of the lease using the effective interest rate method, which provides a constant rate of return on the net investment throughout the lease term.

#### **d) Allowances for expected credit losses**

The Company maintains allowances for expected credit losses ("ECL") on its finance receivables and loans and its guarantee of managed receivables pursuant to the provisions of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, under which allowances for ECL are recognized

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on all financial assets that are classified either at amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and for all loan commitments and financial guarantees that are not measured at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). ECL allowances represent credit losses that reflect an unbiased and probability weighted amount which is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. Forward-looking information ("FLI") is explicitly incorporated into the estimation of ECL allowances, which involves significant judgment.

The Company's allowances for ECL are measured at amounts equal to either: (i) 12-month ECL (also referred to as Stage 1 ECL) which comprises an allowance for all non-impaired financial instruments which have not experienced a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR") since initial recognition. Stage 1 ECL is the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that represent the expected credit losses that result from default events on the financial instrument that are possible within the twelve-month period after the reporting date; or (ii) lifetime ECL (also referred to as Stage 2 ECL) which comprises allowances for those financial instruments which have experienced a SICR since initial recognition. Significant judgment is required in the application of SICR. The Company has established quantitative as well as qualitative criteria to determine SICR. The Company recognizes lifetime ECL for Stage 2 financial instruments compared to twelve months of ECL for Stage 1 financial instruments. In subsequent reporting periods, if the credit risk of the financial instrument improves such that there is no longer a SICR since initial recognition, then the Company will revert back to recognizing twelve months of ECL as the financial instrument has migrated back to Stage 1.

The calculation of ECL is based on the expected value of three probability-weighted scenarios to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at the effective interest rate. A cash shortfall is the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive. The key inputs in the measurement of ECL allowances are as follows: (i) the probability of default (PD) which is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon; (ii) the loss given default (LGD) which is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time; and (iii) the exposure at default (EAD) which is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date. These key inputs associated with each loan are sensitized to future market and macroeconomic conditions through the incorporation of FLI. Lifetime ECL is the expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. Stage 3 financial instruments are those that the Company has classified as impaired. Lifetime ECL are recognized for all Stage 3 financial instruments. For Stage 3 finance receivables and loans, either an allowance for ECL is provided thereon or, where the Company intends to or has actively taken possession of its collateral with a view to realizing on same as a means of recovering some or all of the outstanding account balance, the financial instrument is written down to its estimated net recoverable value, or in respect of the Company's managed receivables, an amount is

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accrued for the expected payment to client(s) under its guarantee. The Company classifies a financial instrument as impaired when the future cash flows of the financial instrument could be adversely impacted by events after its initial recognition. Evidence of impairment includes indications that the borrower is experiencing significant financial difficulties, or a default or delinquency has occurred. The Company also refers to these accounts as “workout” accounts. Accounts are in “workout” as a result of one or more loss events that occurred after the date of initial recognition of the instrument and the loss event has a negative impact on the estimated future cash flows of the instrument that can be reliably estimated and could include significant financial difficulty of the borrower, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, a high probability of the borrower entering a phase of bankruptcy or a financial reorganization, or a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the loan or the underlying assets that back the loan. A financial instrument is no longer considered impaired when all past due amounts, including interest, have been recovered, and it is determined that the principal and interest are fully collectable in accordance with the original contractual terms or revised market terms of the financial instrument with all criteria for the impaired classification having been remedied. Financial instruments are written-off, either partially or in full, against the related allowance for expected credit losses when we judge that there is no realistic prospect of future recovery in respect of those amounts after the collateral has been realized or transferred at net realizable value. Any subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off are credited to the respective allowance for expected credit losses.

#### **e) Goodwill**

Goodwill arises upon the acquisition of subsidiaries or loan portfolios. Goodwill is not amortized, but an annual impairment test is performed by comparing the carrying amount to the recoverable amount for the cash generating unit (“CGU”). Goodwill is also tested for impairment between annual assessments when facts and other circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. If the carrying value of the goodwill exceeds its recoverable amount, the excess is charged against earnings in the year in which the impairment is determined.

#### **f) Intangible assets**

Purchased intangible assets are recognized as assets in accordance with IAS 38, Intangible Assets, when it is probable that the use of the asset will generate future economic benefits and where the cost of the asset can be reliably determined. Intangible assets acquired are initially recognized at cost of purchase, which is also the fair value at the date acquired and are subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortization and, if applicable, accumulated impairment losses. The Company's intangible assets, with the exception of the acquired brand name which is considered to have an indefinite life and is not amortized, have a finite life and are amortized over their useful economic life. Intangible assets are also assessed for impairment each reporting period. The amortization period and method of amortization are reassessed annually. Changes in the expected useful life are accounted for by changing the amortization period or method, as

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appropriate, and are treated as a change in accounting estimates. The amortization expense is recorded as a charge against earnings. The Company's intangible assets comprise existing customer contracts, customer relationships, broker relationships and brand name in its leasing and small business finance operations. With the exception of the brand name, these are amortized over a period of five to fifteen years.

### **g) Foreign subsidiaries**

The Company's foreign subsidiaries report in U.S. dollars and their assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the period end. Revenue and expenses are translated into Canadian dollars at the average monthly exchange rate then prevailing. Resulting translation gains and losses are credited or charged to other comprehensive income or loss and presented in the accumulated other comprehensive income or loss component of equity.

### **h) Stock-based compensation**

The Company accounts for stock options issued to directors and/or employees using fair value-based methods. The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to calculate the fair value of the stock options on the grant date. The fair value of the stock options is recorded in general and administrative expenses over the awards vesting period.

The Company's LTIP (note 15(f)) originally contemplated that grants thereunder may be settled in common shares and/or cash. However, this was subsequently amended so that settlement will be in the form of cash only. Grants are determined as a percentage of the participants' short-term annual bonus, up to an annual LTIP pool maximum, and are then adjusted up or down based on the Company's adjusted return on average equity over the three-year vesting period of an award. The fair value of the LTIP awards, calculated at each reporting date, is recorded in general and administrative expenses over the awards' vesting period, with a corresponding liability established.

### **i) Financial assets and liabilities**

Financial assets and liabilities are recorded at amortized cost, with the exception of cash, derivative financial instruments, and the guarantee of managed receivables which are all recorded at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly manner between participants in an active (or in its absence, the most advantageous) market to which the Company has access at the transaction date. The Company initially recognizes loans and receivables on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets are recognized initially on the transaction date on which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions. The Company derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Company is recognized as a separate asset or liability.

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Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount presented in the consolidated statements of financial position when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s) and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows of the asset(s) that can be reliably estimated.

### j) **Convertible debentures**

Convertible debentures include both a debt and equity component due to the embedded financial derivative associated with the conversion option. The debt component of the debenture is initially recognized at fair value determined by discounting the future principal and interest payments at the rate of interest prevailing on the issue date for similar non-convertible debt instruments. The equity component of the convertible debenture is initially determined as the difference between the gross proceeds of the debenture issue and the debt component, net of any deferred tax liability that arises from the temporary difference between the carrying value of the debt and its tax basis. The equity component is included in contributed surplus within total equity. Directly attributable transaction costs related to the issuance of convertible debentures are allocated to the debt and equity components on a pro-rata basis, reducing their fair value at the time of initial recognition.

### k) **Assets held for sale**

Assets acquired or repossessed on realizing security on defaulted finance receivables and loans are held for sale and are stated at the lower of cost or net recoverable amount (also referred to as "net realizable value").

### l) **Government grants**

Government grants are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations as a reduction in the related expense, namely a reduction in general and administrative expenses ("G&A").

## 4. **Restricted cash:**

Restricted cash represents cash held as security for non-recourse borrowings provided by a lender. A cash reserve account held by the lender is required to be maintained at an amount equal to 5% of the loan principal outstanding. Additionally, cash collections related to certain financial assets securing the non-recourse borrowing can only be used to repay that debt on certain specified dates. At September 30, 2022, restricted cash totalled \$6,965,341 (December 31, 2021 – \$10,309,097, September 30, 2021 – \$nil) as partial security for an amount due to the lender of \$ 51,987,194 at September 30, 2022 (December 31, 2021 – \$89,387,586, September 30, 2021 – \$nil).

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### 5. Finance receivables and loans:

As detailed in note 2, there is a high degree of uncertainty relating to the adverse economic impact due to the current geo-political situation on the Company's portfolio of finance receivables and loans, and managed receivables, and the requirement to build FLI into our expected credit loss models under IFRS 9. Since the beginning of Covid-19 in the first quarter of 2020, this resulted in downgrades in internal risk ratings for some clients, and an increase in delinquencies. This, together with a weaker economic environment reflected in the FLI, led to significant increases in the Company's provision for credit and loan losses and allowances for expected losses.

#### a) Finance receivables and loans

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Working capital loans	\$ 106,473	\$ 109,518	\$ 79,379
Receivable loans	96,225	105,550	102,478
Media loans	92,080	81,497	70,695
Other loans*	91,009	101,811	97,387
Lease receivables	70,818	79,774	87,120
Finance receivables and loans	456,605	478,150	437,059
Less allowance for expected losses	7,181	5,251	5,717
Finance receivables and loans, net	\$ 449,424	\$ 472,899	\$ 431,342

\* Other loans primarily comprise inventory and equipment loans.

The Company's finance receivables and loans are generally either: (i) collateralized by a charge on substantially all of the borrowers' assets; or (ii) leased assets or factored receivables which the Company owns; or (iii) guaranteed by a credit worthy party. Collateral securing the Company's finance receivables and loans primarily comprises receivables, inventory and equipment, as well as other assets such as real estate and guarantees.

Lease receivables comprise the net investment in leases by AFCC and AEF as described in note 3(c). Lease receivables at September 30, 2022 are expected to be collected over a period of up to five years.

Interest income earned on finance receivables and loans during the quarter ended September 30, 2022 totalled \$15,082,093 (2021 – \$13,662,285), while interest income earned on finance receivables and loans during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 totalled \$43,732,715 (2021 – \$37,676,489).

Finance receivables and loans based on the contractual repayment dates thereof can be summarized as follows:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Less than 1 year	\$ 268,300	\$ 259,737	\$ 259,266
1 to 2 years	88,917	99,209	71,123
2 to 3 years	72,204	81,500	72,478
3 to 4 years	17,015	33,234	33,330
4 to 5 years	10,169	4,470	862
	\$ 456,605	\$ 478,150	\$ 437,059

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The aged analysis of the Company's finance receivables and loans was as follows:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Current	\$ 418,048	\$ 452,575	\$ 415,508
Past due but not impaired:			
Past due less than 90 days	12,131	15,214	4,914
Past due 90 to 180 days	6,551	1,942	7,625
Past due 180 days or more	15,566	6,723	6,951
Impaired loans	4,309	1,696	2,061
	<b>\$ 456,605</b>	<b>\$ 478,150</b>	<b>\$ 437,059</b>

The past due finance receivables and loans, especially those past due over 90 days, do not necessarily represent a SICR, which is based on the lifetime risk of default of an account, or an impairment, which may be rebutted where payments are delayed for non-credit related reasons, such as specific industry related reasons or practices as we often see across certain of the Company's lines of business. Of the past due finance receivables at September 30, 2022, \$23,363,000 related to BondIt Media Capital ("BondIt"), AFIU's 60% controlled media finance subsidiary, where media productions and the sale thereof are often delayed resulting in payment delays, while \$10,855,000 related to AFCC, all of which benefits from a guarantee from EDC of up to 80% of the loan balance, and \$30,000 to AEF.

As the Company's finance receivables and loans are generally collateralized, past due or impaired accounts do not necessarily lead to a significant ECL allowance or write-off depending on the net realizable value of the collateral security which may result in a low or no LGD.

At September 30, 2022, the estimated net realizable value of the collateral securing the impaired loans totalled \$3,641,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$1,639,000, September 30, 2021 – \$4,085,000).

The Company uses a credit risk rating system for assessing obligor and transaction risk for finance receivables and loan exposures. Risk rating models use internal and external data to assess and assign credit ratings to borrowers, predict future performance and manage limits for existing loans and collection activities. The credit rating of the borrower is used to assess the predicted credit risk for each initial credit approval or significant account management action. Credit ratings improve credit decision quality, adjudication time frames and consistency in the credit decision process and facilitate risk-based pricing.

As detailed in note 3(d), the Company uses models from Moody's Analytics to assign credit ratings to its finance receivables and loans and to estimate allowances, based on the segmentation of the portfolio as described below:

- Stage 1 - for new leases and loans and for existing leases or loans that have not experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is recognized equal to the net credit losses expected to result from defaults occurring in the next 12 months;

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- Stage 2 - for those leases or loans that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is recognized equal to the net credit losses expected over the remaining life of the lease or loan; and
- Stage 3 - for leases or loans that are considered credit-impaired, a loss allowance is recognized equal to full lifetime expected net credit losses.

Finance receivables and loans classified under the three stage credit criteria of IFRS 9 were as follows:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Stage 1	\$ 389,869	\$ 436,592	\$ 404,876
Stage 2 (SICR)	62,427	39,862	30,122
Stage 3 (Impaired)	4,309	1,696	2,061
	<b>\$ 456,605</b>	<b>\$ 478,150</b>	<b>\$ 437,059</b>

Stage 1 finance receivables and loans comprise those accounts in good standing where there has been no SICR since initial recognition. Stage 2 finance receivables and loans comprise those accounts that have experienced a SICR since initial recognition, while Stage 3 finance receivables and loans comprise those accounts which are impaired.

The activity in the allowance for expected losses on finance receivables and loans account during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 was as follows:

	2022	2021
Allowance for expected losses at January 1	\$ 5,251,000	\$ 6,314,000
Provision for (recovery of) loan losses	5,208,461	58,942
Write-offs	(3,880,032)	(713,947)
Recoveries	329,283	86,178
Foreign exchange adjustment	272,288	(28,173)
Allowance for expected losses at September 30	<b>\$ 7,181,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,717,000</b>

The activity in the allowance for expected losses on finance receivables and loans during the first nine months of 2022 by stage of allowance was as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for expected losses at Jan. 1, 2022	\$ 3,319,910	\$ 1,871,696	\$ 59,394	\$ 5,251,000
Transfer between stages	(578,401)	565,930	12,471	—
Reserves expense (recovery)* related to change in allowance for expected losses	(385,997)	1,441,157	602,552	1,657,712
Foreign exchange adjustment	104,749	163,126	4,411	272,288
Allowance for expected losses at Sept. 30, 2022	<b>\$ 2,460,261</b>	<b>\$ 4,041,909</b>	<b>\$ 678,830</b>	<b>\$ 7,181,000</b>

\* a component of the provision for loan losses

The activity in the allowance for expected losses on finance receivables and loans during the first nine months of 2021 by stage of allowance was as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for expected losses at Jan. 1, 2021	\$ 3,527,040	\$ 2,786,960	\$ —	\$ 6,314,000
Transfer between stages	(67,245)	5,164	62,081	—
Reserves expense (recovery)* related to change in allowance for expected losses	53,017	(802,972)	181,128	(568,827)
Foreign exchange adjustment	(28,144)	(1,544)	1,515	(28,173)
Allowance for expected losses at Sept. 30, 2021	<b>\$ 3,484,668</b>	<b>\$ 1,987,608</b>	<b>\$ 244,724</b>	<b>\$ 5,717,000</b>

\* a component of the provision for loan losses



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The allowance for expected losses for some Stage 3 accounts can be minimal, as the impaired finance receivables and loans are in respect of accounts where the Company intends to or has actively taken possession of its collateral and is currently or will be liquidating the same as a means of recovering some or all of the outstanding account balance. In such cases, the finance receivables and loans have been written down to the present value of their estimated net recoverable amounts and any prior allowance for expected losses thereon reversed.

The Company's allowance for expected losses on finance receivables and loans is estimated using statistical models that involve a number of inputs and assumptions. The key drivers of changes in the allowance for expected losses include the following:

- Increase or decrease in the amount of finance receivables and loans
- Transfers between stages due to significant changes in credit risk, as reflected in changes in PD and LGD;
- Changes in forward-looking macroeconomic variables, used in the expected losses models.

The Company incorporates the impact of FLI into its allowance for expected losses. The Company utilizes credit risk modeling products and forecast macroeconomic scenario data from Moody's Analytics, a third-party service provider, for the purpose of computing forward-looking credit risk parameters under multiple macroeconomic scenarios that consider both market-wide and idiosyncratic factors and influences.

The Company employs macroeconomic indicator data derived from multiple macroeconomic scenarios to mitigate volatility in the estimation of its allowance for expected losses, and to satisfy the IFRS 9 requirement that future economic conditions are to be based on an unbiased, probability-weighted assessment of possible future outcomes. The macroeconomic indicator data utilized by the Company for the purpose of sensitizing PD and LGD to forward-looking economic conditions includes, but are not limited to monetary policy, fiscal policy, energy prices, Covid-19 trends, business investment, housing, employment, and supply chain amongst others.

Currently, the Company assigns discrete weights to several macroeconomic forecast scenarios for use in the estimation of its allowance for expected losses. The Company also applies experienced credit judgment in circumstances where the assumptions or models may not capture all the relevant risk factors. The Company has applied experienced credit judgement to consider uncertainty in the U.S. and Canadian macroeconomic environment attributable to rising interest rates, supply chain disruption, energy prices and labor/supply costs. The Company tracks forward estimates of the following indices in order to sensitize allowances for expected losses: Producer Price Index (PPI); WTI Crude; Global Supply Chain Stress Index (GSCP); and US and Canadian Prime Rates, as these factors have a pronounced impact on the Company's portfolio.

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The Company uses experienced credit judgement to review and analyze the various forecast scenarios and assign probability weightings. If management were to assign a 100% probability to the most pessimistic downside scenario forecast considered, the allowance for expected losses would have been \$1.10 million higher than the reported estimate of the allowance for expected losses as at September 30, 2022. Alternatively, the assignment of a 100% probability to the most optimistic upside scenario forecast considered would have resulted in the allowance for expected losses being \$2.18 million lower than that reported.

The nature of the Company's business involves funding or assuming the credit risk on the receivables of its clients, and the financing of other assets, such as inventory and equipment. The Company controls the credit risk associated with its finance receivables and loans, and managed receivables in a variety of ways, as discussed below. For details of the Company's policies and procedures in this regard, please refer to note 22(a).

At September 30, 2022, the Company held cash collateral of \$3,299,724 (December 31, 2021 – \$3,590,923, September 30, 2021 – \$4,049,331) to help reduce the risk of loss on certain of the Company's finance receivables and loans.

#### b) Managed receivables

The Company has entered into agreements with clients, whereby it has assumed the credit risk with respect to the clients' receivables. At September 30, 2022, the gross amount of these managed receivables was \$10,339,325 (December 31, 2021 – \$11,440,848, September 30, 2021 – \$11,071,776). Fees from the Company's receivables management and credit protection business during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 totalled \$114,322 (2021 – \$162,861) and \$322,569 (2021 – \$383,784), respectively. These fees are included in other income.

The aged analysis of the Company's managed receivables was as follows:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Current	\$ 5,638	\$ 11,066	\$ 10,881
Past due but not impaired:			
Past due less than 90 days	4,701	375	191
Past due more than 90 days	—	—	—
Impaired	—	—	—
	<b>\$ 10,339</b>	<b>\$ 11,441</b>	<b>\$ 11,072</b>

Managed receivables classified under the three stage credit criteria of IFRS 9 were as follows:

(in thousands)	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Stage 1	\$ 10,339	\$ 11,441	\$ 9,974
Stage 2 (SICR)	—	—	1,098
Stage 3 (Impaired)	—	—	—
	<b>\$ 10,339</b>	<b>\$ 11,441</b>	<b>\$ 11,072</b>

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Stage 1 managed receivables comprise those accounts in good standing where there has been no SICR since initial recognition. Stage 2 managed receivables comprise those accounts that have experienced a SICR since initial recognition. Outstanding client claims in respect of impaired managed receivables are an actual liability that is accrued for and included in accounts payable and other liabilities. At September 30, 2022 and 2021 and December 31, 2021, there were no Stage 3 (impaired) managed receivables.

Management provides an allowance for expected losses on the guarantee of these managed receivables, which represents the estimated fair value of the guarantees at that date. This allowance is included in the total of accounts payable and other liabilities as the Company does not take title to the managed receivables and they are not included in the consolidated statements of financial position.

The activity in the allowance for expected losses on the guarantee of managed receivables account during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	2021
Allowance for expected losses at January 1	\$ 31,000	\$ 555,000
Recovery of credit losses	<b>(38,484)</b>	(400,088)
Write-offs	—	(853)
Recoveries	<b>38,484</b>	27,941
Allowance for expected losses at September 30	\$ 31,000	\$ 182,000

The activity in the allowance for expected losses on the guarantee of managed receivables during the first nine months of 2022 by stage of allowance was as follows:

	<b>Stage 1</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Allowance for expected losses at Jan. 1, 2022	\$ 31,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 31,000
Reserves expense (recovery)* related to change in allowance for expected losses	—	—	—	—
Allowance for expected losses at Sept. 30, 2022	\$ 31,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 31,000

\* a component of the provision for loan losses

There were no transfers between the three stages of the allowance for losses on the guarantee of managed receivables during the first nine months of 2022.

The activity in the allowance for losses on the guarantee of managed receivables during the first nine months of 2021 by stage of allowance was as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Allowance for expected losses at Jan. 1, 2021	\$ 267,400	\$ 287,600	\$ —	\$ 555,000
Reserves recovery* related to decrease in allowance for expected losses	(167,400)	(205,600)	—	(373,000)
Allowance for expected losses at Sept. 30, 2021	\$ 100,000	\$ 82,000	\$ —	\$ 182,000

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#### 6. Assets held for sale:

Assets held for sale and movements therein during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	2022	2021
Assets held for sale at January 1	\$ 160,274	\$ 1,513,567
Additions	1,430,125	160,274
Disposals	(122,724)	(623,433)
Impairment charge	(37,550)	(872,948)
Foreign exchange adjustment	—	(17,186)
Assets held for sale at September 30	\$ 1,430,125	\$ 160,274

During the first nine months of 2022, the Company obtained title to or repossessed certain long-lived assets securing defaulted finance receivables and loans from one or more clients. These assets are being sold or are being actively marketed for sale and will be disposed of as market conditions permit. Additions to the assets held for sale during the first nine months of 2022 were \$1,430,125 while assets were disposed of for net proceeds of \$130,844 for a gain of \$8,120. An impairment charge of \$37,550 was booked against the assets in the first nine months of 2022 to write them down to NRV. The estimated net realizable value ("NRV") of the assets at the above dates was based upon appraisals thereof.

During the first nine months of 2021, assets totalling \$160,274 were added, while assets were disposed of for net proceeds of \$623,433. An impairment charge of \$872,948 was booked against the assets in the first nine months of 2021 to write them down to NRV.

#### 7. Property and equipment

Property and equipment includes the Company's right-of-use assets, comprising five office leases. The Company's right-of-use assets and movements therein during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

(in thousands)	2022	2021
Right-of-use assets at January 1	\$ 875	\$ 1,103
Addition	996	242
Depreciation expense	(399)	(341)
Foreign exchange adjustment	61	(3)
Right-of-use assets at September 30	\$ 1,533	\$ 1,001

Property and equipment at September 30, 2022 also includes capital assets, net, with a net book value of \$412,077 (December 31, 2021 – \$398,356, September 30, 2021 – \$511,507). The depreciation on these capital assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2022 was 132,471 (2021 – \$188,535).

#### 8. Goodwill:

	2022	2021
Goodwill at January 1	\$ 13,140,447	\$ 13,218,843
Foreign exchange adjustment	1,061,920	(40,088)
Goodwill at September 30	\$ 14,202,367	\$ 13,178,755

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At September 30, 2022 and 2021 goodwill of US\$8,908,713 was carried in AFIU, the Company's U.S. subsidiary. A foreign exchange adjustment is recognized each period-end when this balance is translated into Canadian dollars at a different prevailing period-end exchange rate.

Goodwill was allocated to the following cash generating units ("CGUs") at the following dates:

	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
U.S. operations	12,319,860	11,257,940	11,296,248
Canadian operations	1,882,507	1,882,507	1,882,507
	14,202,367	13,140,447	13,178,755

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. During 2021, the Company conducted annual impairment reviews on each CGU and determined that there was no impairment to the carrying value of goodwill.

### 9. Intangible assets:

Intangible assets and related amortization and foreign exchange adjustments during the first nine months of 2022 were as follows:

2022	Customer and referral relationships	Brand name	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
January 1, 2022	\$ 1,924,616	\$ 1,721,159	\$ 3,645,775
Foreign exchange adjustment	181,543	162,350	343,893
September 30, 2022	\$ 2,106,159	\$ 1,883,509	\$ 3,989,668
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>			
January 1, 2022	\$ (532,579)	\$ —	\$ (532,579)
Amortization expense	(97,858)	—	(97,858)
Foreign exchange adjustment	(57,860)	—	(57,860)
September 30, 2022	\$ (688,297)	\$ —	\$ (688,297)
<b>Book value</b>			
January 1, 2022	\$ 1,392,037	\$ 1,721,159	\$ 3,113,196
September 30, 2022	\$ 1,417,862	\$ 1,883,509	\$ 3,301,371

Changes in intangible asset during the first nine months of 2021 were as follows:

2021	Broker relationships	Customer and referral relationships	Brand name	Total
<b>Cost</b>				
January 1, 2021	\$ 1,343,938	\$ 1,938,018	\$ 1,733,145	\$ 5,015,101
Foreign exchange adjustment	—	(6,853)	(6,129)	(12,982)
September 30, 2021	\$ 1,343,938	\$ 1,931,165	\$ 1,727,016	\$ 5,002,119
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>				
January 1, 2021	\$ (1,330,482)	\$ (406,875)	\$ —	\$ (1,737,357)
Amortization expense	(13,456)	(95,463)	—	(108,919)
Foreign exchange adjustment	—	185	—	185
September 30, 2021	\$ (1,343,938)	\$ (502,153)	\$ —	\$ (1,846,091)
<b>Book value</b>				
January 1, 2021	\$ 13,456	\$ 1,531,143	\$ 1,733,145	\$ 3,277,744
September 30, 2021	\$ —	\$ 1,429,012	\$ 1,727,016	\$ 3,156,028

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### 10. Bank indebtedness:

A revolving credit facility with total commitments of approximately \$367 million provided by a syndicate of six banks which matured on July 26, 2022 was amended and extended for a three year period with a maturity date of July 26, 2025. Pursuant to the amendment the total commitments increased to \$436.5 mm and the secured overnight financing rate (SOFR) replaced LIBOR as the floating rate index. The index for the interest rate is either SOFR or the bank prime rate. The credit facility is secured by the Company's finance receivables and loans, except for finance receivables and loans that secure the BondIt loan and the ASBF loan. At September 30, 2022, the amount outstanding under the credit facility totalled \$215,459,300 (December 31, 2021 – \$207,382,279, September 30, 2021 – \$256,742,744). The Company was in compliance with all loan covenants under its bank line of credit during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

### 11. Loans payable:

#### a) BondIt loan

A revolving line of credit has been established by BondIt with a non-bank lender, which bears interest varying with a base rate, generally the higher of the U.S Prime Rate or the effective Federal Funds Rate. This line, which is secured by all of BondIt's assets, has a total commitment of US\$47,000,000 (\$64,996,000) and a maturity date of May 6, 2023. At September 30, 2022, the amount outstanding under this line of credit totalled \$65,862,178 inclusive of accrued interest and fees (December 31, 2021 – \$60,049,385, September 30, 2021 – \$48,639,814. BondIt was in compliance with all loan covenants under this facility during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021.

#### b) ASBF loan

During the fourth quarter of 2021, ASBF, a subsidiary of AFCC, entered into a non-recourse loan and security agreement with a life insurance company. This loan is secured by the majority of ASBF's assets and bears a fixed rate of interest. At September 30, 2022, the amount outstanding under this loan facility totalled \$51,987,194 (December 31, 2021 – \$89,387,586, September 30, 2021 – \$nil), of which \$19,737,120 is expected to be paid within one year and \$32,250,074 thereafter.

### 12. Related parties:

#### a) Notes payable:

Notes payable are to individuals or entities and consist of advances from shareholders, management, employees, other related individuals and third parties and comprise: (i) unsecured demand notes due on, or within a week of, demand of \$4,702,386 (December 31, 2021 – \$2,333,107, September 30, 2021 – \$1,964,593); (ii) term notes totalling \$14,466,702 (December 31, 2021 – \$13,659,250, September 30, 2021 – \$13,670,000), which are repayable on various dates the latest of which is July 31, 2025. These include certain term notes which matured on July 31, 2022 and were extended for a period three years.

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Notes payable were as follows:

	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
Demand and term notes due within one year			
Related parties	\$ 5,853,396	\$ 13,843,707	\$ 12,500,533
Third parties	2,815,692	1,516,800	3,134,060
	8,669,088	15,360,507	15,634,593
Term notes due after one year			
Related parties	10,500,000		
Third parties	—	631,850	—
	\$ 19,169,088	\$ 15,992,357	\$ 15,634,593

Notes due on, or within a week of, demand bear interest at rates that vary with bank prime rate or SOFR, while the term notes bear interest at annual rates between 7 % and 11%.

Interest expense on the notes payable for the three and nine months ended September 30 was as follows:

	Three months		Nine months	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Related parties	\$ 276,702	\$ 230,402	\$ 771,041	\$ 750,967
Third parties	64,652	62,259	177,587	139,287
	\$ 341,354	\$ 292,661	\$ 948,628	\$ 890,254

### b) BondIt participations:

BondIt utilizes non-recourse loan participations to accommodate, and distribute the risk of, large media loans that represent high concentrations within the overall portfolio. At September 30, 2022, participations in BondIt client loans totalled US\$33,353,000 (December 31, 2021 – US\$40,704,000, September 30, 2021 – US\$28,890,000), of which US\$8,626,000 (December 31, 2021 – US\$1,562,000, September 30, 2021 – US\$1,820,000) was provided by related parties. These participations are not included in the Company's statements of financial position.

### 13. Convertible debentures:

Convertible debentures with a face value of \$25,650,000 (25,650 convertible debentures) carrying a 7% coupon rate were issued by the Company in 2018 and 2019. Of these, 20,650 debentures are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"), while 5,000 are unlisted. Interest on all the convertible debentures is payable semi-annually on September 30 and December 31 each year. The debentures mature on December 31, 2023 and are convertible at the option of the holder into common shares of the Company at a conversion price of \$13.50 per common share.

The debentures were not redeemable by the Company prior to December 31, 2021 except in limited circumstances following a change of control. On or after December 31, 2021 and at any time prior to December 31, 2022, the debentures may be redeemed at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon provided that the market price of the

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Company's common shares is at least 125% of the conversion price. On or after December 31, 2022 and prior to the maturity date, these debentures may be redeemed in whole or in part at the option of the Company at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon.

The Company used the residual method to calculate the allocation between the debt and equity components of the debentures. Gross proceeds were allocated to the debt component of the debentures by discounting the future principal and interest payments at the rate of interest prevailing on the issue date for similar non-convertible debentures. The equity component was initially determined to be the difference between the gross proceeds and the debt component. Transaction costs were then allocated to the debt and equity components on a pro-rata basis. The equity component is carried net of deferred taxes and is included in contributed surplus.

The allocation of gross proceeds from the issuance of the convertible debentures and the balances outstanding related to the debt and equity components at September 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Liability component of debentures	Equity component of debentures	Total
Debentures issued	\$ 24,152,897	\$ 1,473,903	\$ 25,626,800
Transaction costs	(1,739,323)	(106,414)	(1,845,737)
Net proceeds	22,413,574	1,367,489	23,781,063
Deferred taxes	—	(362,384)	(362,384)
Accretion in carrying value of debenture liability	2,267,952	—	2,267,952
Accrued interest	448,875	—	448,875
	<b>\$ 25,130,401</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,105</b>	<b>\$ 26,135,506</b>

The allocation of gross proceeds from the issuance of the convertible debentures and the balances outstanding related to the debt and equity components at September 30, 2021 were as follows:

	Liability component of debentures	Equity component of debentures	Total
Debentures issued	\$ 24,152,897	\$ 1,473,903	\$ 25,626,800
Transaction costs	(1,739,323)	(106,414)	(1,845,737)
Net proceeds	22,413,574	1,367,489	23,781,063
Deferred taxes	—	(362,384)	(362,384)
Accretion in carrying value of debenture liability	1,574,292	—	1,574,292
Accrued interest	448,875	—	448,875
	<b>\$ 24,436,741</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,105</b>	<b>\$ 25,441,846</b>

At September 30, 2022 all debentures remained outstanding.



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### 14. Lease liabilities:

The following table presents the contractual cash flows for lease obligations at September 30:

(in thousands)	2022	2021
Less than one year	\$ 487	\$ 409
One to five years	1,385	777
Thereafter	—	46
Total undiscounted lease obligations	1,872	1,232
Less: short-term lease commitments elected for exemption under IFRS 16	(17)	(8)
Less: future interest	(227)	(116)
	\$ 1,628	\$ 1,108

For the three months ended September 30, 2022, principal and interest payments for the five office leases recognized as right-of-use assets under IFRS 16 totalled \$171,346 (2021 - \$116,315) and \$23,319 (2021 - \$17,034), respectively, for total lease payments of \$194,665 (2021 - \$133,349). For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, principal and interest payments for the five office leases recognized as right-of-use assets under IFRS 16 totalled \$410,922 (2021 - \$337,281) and \$58,335 (2021 - \$44,569), respectively, for total lease payments of \$469,257 (2021 - \$381,850). No variable lease payments are included in the measurement of the Company's lease liabilities.

### 15. Capital stock, contributed surplus, dividends, stock option plans, senior executive long-term incentive plan, deferred share unit plan and stock-based compensation:

#### a) Authorized capital stock

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of an unlimited number of first preferred shares, issuable in series, and an unlimited number of common shares with no par value. The first preferred shares may be issued in one or more series and rank in preference to the common shares. Designations, preferences, rights, conditions or prohibitions relating to each class of shares may be fixed by the Board. At September 30, 2022 and 2021, there were no first preferred shares outstanding.

#### b) Issued and outstanding

The Company's issued and outstanding common shares during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 are set out in the consolidated statements of changes in equity.

#### c) Contributed surplus

The Company's contributed surplus and movements therein during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021 are set out in the consolidated statements of changes in equity.

#### d) Dividends

Dividends in respect of the Company's common shares are declared in Canadian dollars. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, dividends totalling \$641,919 (2021 - \$427,945) and \$1,925,756 (2021 - \$1,283,837) or \$0.075 (2021 - \$0.05) and \$0.225 (2021 - \$0.10), respectively, per common share were declared and paid.

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On November 2, 2022, the Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.075 per common share, payable December 1, 2022 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 15, 2022.

#### e) Stock option plans

The Company has a stock option plan (the "2021 SOP") for employees and directors. Under the terms of the plan, an aggregate of 850,000 common shares, representing 9.9% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares, have been reserved for issuance upon the exercise of stock options granted. The number of common shares issued within a one-year period shall not exceed 10% of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares. The options granted will vest one-third on the date of the grant, and one-third on each of the first two anniversaries of the date of grant or over such other period as the Board may decide. The options shall be exercisable for a period established by the Board which shall in any event be no later than seven years after the date of grant. The exercise price of all options granted under the 2021 SOP is not lower than the volume-adjusted average trading price of the Company's common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange during the ten days immediately preceding the date of grant.

The Company's former key employee stock option plan ("KESOP") and non-executive directors' stock option plan ("NEDSOP") under which an aggregate of 1,000,000 and 500,000 common shares, respectively, had been reserved for issuance upon the exercise of options granted to key managerial employees of the Company, its subsidiaries and non-executive directors were terminated on March 10, 2021. At September 30, 2021, no options were outstanding under the KESOP, while 60,000 vested options, granted on July 27, 2016, were outstanding under the NEDSOP. These had an exercise price of \$9.28 and expired unexercised on July 26, 2021.

On September 19, 2022, the Company granted 72,000 stock options at an exercise price of \$8.34 to its President and senior employees. In 2021, the Company granted 80,100 stock options to senior employees on August 4, 2021 at an exercise price of \$8.83, while 12,000 stock options were granted to its President on October 12, 2021 at an exercise price of \$8.83.

As of September 30, 2022, outstanding options granted under the 2021 SOP were as follows:

Exercise price	Grant date	Expiry date	Sept. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept. 30, 2021
\$8.83	Aug. 4, 2021	Aug. 3, 2028	66,500	80,100	80,100
80,1\$8.83	Oct. 12, 2021	Aug. 3, 2028	12,000	12,000	—
\$8.34	Sept. 19, 2022	Sept. 18, 2029	72,000	—	—
			150,500	92,100	80,100

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Of the outstanding options, 75,000 were vested at September 30, 2022. The decrease in the options issued in 2021 relates to certain employees leaving the Company and their options being cancelled.

The fair value of the options granted was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions on the grant date:

	September 19, grant	October 12, 2021 grant	August 4, 2021 grant
Risk free interest rate	3.17%	1.35%	0.92%
Expected dividend yield	3.29%	2.48%	2.24%
Expected share price volatility	27.51%	29.53%	29.36%
Expected life of option	7.0 years	6.8 years	7.0 years
Fair value per option	\$1.87	1.67	1.97

**f) Senior executive long-term incentive plan:**

Under the long-term incentive plan ("LTIP"), which was introduced in 2015, grants may be made annually to the Company's senior executive management group and are measured and assessed over a three-year performance period. Grants are determined as a percentage of the participants' short-term annual bonus subject to an annual LTIP pool maximum of 5% of adjusted consolidated net earnings. Vesting of the LTIP is subject to achievement over a three-year period of a cumulative adjusted return on average equity and may be adjusted up or down subject to achievement of certain minimum and maximum return thresholds. The Company's Board terminated the LTIP on March 10, 2021. Any payouts in respect of the outstanding LTIP awards after that date will be settled in cash. The payout value of outstanding vested and unvested LTIP awards at September 30, 2022, December 31, 2021 and September 30, 2021 was \$nil.

**g) Deferred share unit ("DSU") plan:**

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company granted 2,157 DSUs (2021 – nil) and 5,553 DSUs (2021 – nil), respectively, to directors under its DSU Plan, which was introduced effective January 1, 2022. DSUs are granted at fair market value at the date of grant and vest immediately. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, \$16,000 (2021 – \$nil) and \$47,000 (2021 – \$nil), respectively, was recorded as stock-based compensation expense in respect of DSU grants under the DSU Plan.

**h) Stock-based compensation:**

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recorded a stock-based compensation expense of \$87,923 (2021 – \$15,078), of which \$71,923 (2021 – \$15,078) related to stock option grants under the 2021 SOP and \$16,000 (2021 – \$nil) related to DSU grants. For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recorded a stock-based compensation expense of \$157,221 (2021 – \$15,078), of which \$110,221 (2021 – \$15,078) related to stock option grants under the 2021 SOP and \$47,000 (2021 – \$nil) related to DSU grants.

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### 16. Earnings per common share and weighted average number of common shares outstanding:

Basic earnings per share have been calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the year without the inclusion of dilutive effects. Diluted earnings per share are calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares plus dilutive common share equivalents outstanding in the period, which consist of stock options and convertible debentures.

The following is a reconciliation of common shares used in the calculation for the three and nine months ended September 30:

	Three months		Nine months	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	8,558,913	8,558,913	8,558,913	8,558,913
Effect of dilutive stock options	3,586	—	946	—
Dilutive weighted average number of common shares outstanding	8,562,499	8,558,913	8,559,859	8,558,913

Certain outstanding options were excluded from the calculation of diluted shares outstanding in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 because they were considered to be antidilutive for earnings per common share purposes, while for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 all outstanding options were excluded for the same reason. Details of outstanding options are set out in note 15(e).

### 17. Contingent liabilities:

- a) In the normal course of business there is outstanding litigation, the results of which are not expected to have a material effect on the Company. Pending litigation, or other contingent matters, may represent a potential financial loss to the Company. The Company accrues a loss if the Company believes the loss is probable and it can be reasonably estimated. The decision is based on information that is available at the time. The Company estimates the amount of the loss by consulting with the outside legal counsel that is handling the litigation. This involves analyzing potential outcomes and assuming various litigation and settlement strategies. At September 30, 2022 and 2021, and December 31, 2021, the Company was not aware of any litigation the aggregate liability from which would materially affect the financial position of the Company, and thus had not accrued a loss.
- b) At September 30, 2022 the Company was contingently liable with respect to letters of guarantee issued on behalf of its clients in the amount of \$774,424 (December 31, 2021 – \$644,487, September 30, 2021 – \$646,680). These amounts were considered in determining the allowance for expected losses on finance receivables and loans. At the above dates, there were no letters of credit issued on behalf of clients for which the Company was contingently liable.

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### **18. Accumulated other comprehensive income:**

Accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") solely comprises the unrealized foreign exchange gain or loss (commonly referred to as cumulative translation adjustment) arising on translation of the assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries which report in U.S. dollars. Changes in the AOCI balance during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 are set out in the consolidated statements of changes in equity.

### **19. Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries:**

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries at September 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 comprised a 40% interest in BondIt's common member units (September 30, 2021 – 49%). On September 16, 2022, BondIt raised additional capital as a result of which the Company reduced its share by 1% of the common members units in BondIt for \$130,270 (US\$98,213). On August 1, 2021, the Company acquired an additional 10% of the common member units in BondIt from non-controlling interests at a cost of \$1,369,231 (US\$1,098,725). On January 1, 2022, AFIU acquired the remaining 8% of AEF common units from non-controlling interests at a cost of \$537,073 (US\$425,000) bringing its ownership in AEF up to 100%. The non-controlling interests in AEF at December 31, 2021 and September 30, 2021 totalled 8%. The consolidated statements of changes in equity illustrate the movements in non-controlling interests during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021.

### **20. Fair value of financial assets and liabilities:**

Financial assets and liabilities, other than lease receivables and term loans to clients in our equipment and small business finance businesses, term loan payable, lease liabilities and convertible debentures, are short term in nature and, therefore, their carrying values approximate fair values. Changes in interest rates, credit spreads and liquidity costs are the main cause of changes in the fair value of the Company's financial instruments resulting in a favourable or unfavourable variance compared to carrying value. For the Company's financial instruments carried at cost or amortized cost, the carrying value is not adjusted to reflect increases or decreases in fair value due to market fluctuations, including those due to interest rate changes. Under the fair value hierarchy, finance receivables and loans would be classified as Level 3.

### **21. Segmented information:**

The Company operates and manages its businesses in one industry segment – providing asset-based financing to industrial and commercial enterprises, principally in Canada and the United States. An operating segment of the Company engages in business activities from which it earns revenues and incurs expenses, including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with any of the Company's other subsidiaries. Operating segment results are regularly reviewed by the Company's Chief Operating Decision Makers ("CODM") to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the operating segment and assess its performance and for which discrete financial information is available. Segment results that are reported to the CODM include items that are directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

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There were no significant changes to property and equipment and goodwill during the periods under review.

Three months ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022				2021			
	Canada	United States	Inter-Company	Total	Canada	United States	Inter-Company	Total
Identifiable assets	\$259,957	\$244,977	\$ (2,804)	\$ 502,130	\$229,353	\$235,257	\$ (2,554)	\$462,056
Revenue								
Interest income	\$ 9,216	\$ 6,047	\$ (181)	\$ 15,082	\$ 7,902	\$ 5,887	\$ (127)	\$ 13,662
Other income	224	1,146	—	1,370	826	1,631	—	2,457
	9,440	7,193	(181)	16,452	8,728	7,518	(127)	16,119
Expenses								
Interest	4,283	2,254	(181)	6,356	2,798	1,545	(127)	4,216
General and administrative	3,918	3,019	—	6,937	4,746	3,451	—	8,197
Provision for credit and loan losses	924	145	—	1,069	546	(210)	—	336
Impairment of assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	21
Depreciation	72	129	—	201	93	92	—	185
Business acquisition expenses	—	33	—	33	—	32	—	32
	9,197	5,580	(181)	14,596	8,183	4,931	(127)	12,987
Earnings before income tax	243	1,613	—	1,856	545	2,587	—	3,132
Income tax expense (recovery)	35	(52)	—	(17)	163	110	—	273
Net earnings	208	1,665	—	1,873	382	2,477	—	2,859
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	—	42	—	42	—	216	—	216
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	\$ 208	\$ 1,623	\$ —	\$ 1,831	\$ 382	\$ 2,261	\$ —	\$ 2,643
Nine months ended September 30 (in thousands)	2022				2021			
	Canada	United States	Inter-Company	Total	Canada	United States	Inter-Company	Total
Identifiable assets	\$259,957	\$244,977	\$ (2,804)	\$502,130	\$229,353	\$235,257	\$ (2,554)	\$462,056
Revenue								
Interest income	\$ 27,171	\$ 17,092	\$ (531)	\$ 43,732	\$ 19,524	\$ 18,479	\$ (327)	\$ 37,676
Other income	1,327	4,060	—	5,387	3,089	4,250	—	7,339
	28,498	21,152	(531)	49,119	22,613	22,729	(327)	45,015
Expenses								
Interest	11,106	6,214	(531)	16,789	7,370	4,064	(327)	11,107
General and administrative	12,566	8,976	—	21,542	11,517	11,044	—	22,561
Provision for credit and loan losses	4,575	595	—	5,170	788	(1,128)	—	(340)
Impairment of assets held for sale	37	—	—	37	141	732	—	873
Depreciation	210	321	—	531	242	287	—	529
Business acquisition expenses	—	98	—	98	14	189	—	203
	28,494	16,204	(531)	44,167	20,072	15,188	(327)	34,933
Earnings before income tax	4	4,948	—	4,952	2,541	7,541	—	10,082
Income tax expense (recovery)	(190)	(147)	—	(337)	600	181	—	781
Net earnings	194	5,095	—	5,289	1,941	7,360	—	9,301
Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	—	198	—	198	—	988	—	988
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	\$ 194	\$ 4,897	\$ —	\$ 5,091	\$ 1,941	\$ 6,372	\$ —	\$ 8,313

## 22. Financial risk management:

The Company is exposed to credit, liquidity and market risks related to the use of financial instruments in its operations. The Board has overall responsibility for the establishment and

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oversight of the Company's risk management framework through its Audit Committee. In this respect, the Audit Committee meets with management and the Company's Risk Management Committee at least quarterly. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify, analyze, limit, control and monitor the risks faced by the Company. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in the risk environment faced by the Company.

**a) Credit risk:**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a client or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Credit risk arises with respect to loans to and other financial transactions with clients, the guarantee of managed receivables, and any other financial transaction with a counterparty that the Company deals with. The carrying amount of loans (\$457 million) and managed receivables (\$10 million) represents the Company's maximum credit exposure as of the reporting dates and is the most significant measurable risk that it faces. The nature of the Company's asset-based lending business involves funding or assuming the credit risk on the receivables offered to it by its clients, as well as financing other assets, such as inventory and equipment. The Company often owns the factored receivables that it finances. The Company does not take title to the managed receivables as it does not lend against them, but it assumes the credit risk from the client in respect of these receivables.

In its asset-based lending business, the Company makes loans that are secured against various forms of collateral. The collateral is generally first ranking security on the client's assets which typically comprise receivables, inventory, equipment and real estate, or a guarantee from a counterparty. The Company provides an expected loss allowance on its finance receivables and loans based on the estimated credit risk. There were no significant changes in the quality of collateral or changes to the Company's collateral policy during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021.

At September 30, 2022, the Company had impaired loans of \$4,309,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$1,696,000, September 30, 2021 – \$2,061,000), while, at that date, it held collateral for these loans with an estimated net realizable value of \$3,641,000 (December 31, 2021 – \$1,639,000, September 30, 2021 – \$4,085,000). These impaired loans were mainly secured by receivables, inventory and/or equipment. The Company accrued a liability for impaired managed receivables at September 30, 2022 and 2021, and December 31, 2021, in respect of any unpaid claims under the Company's credit guarantees (see note 5(b)).

Credit approval for transactions supported by management in the Company's six operating businesses is delegated to a staff of senior credit officers within each business. Transactions in excess of \$1.0 million (US\$1.0 million U.S. Group companies), are approved by the Company's SVP, Underwriting and Portfolio Risk in consultation with the Corporate Credit Committee. Transactions in excess of \$2.5 million (US\$2.5 million in the case of U.S. group companies) are approved by the Credit Committee of the Board of Directors,

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which comprises three members of its Board. The Company monitors and controls its risks and exposures through financial, credit and legal systems and, accordingly, believes that it has procedures in place for evaluating and limiting the credit risks to which it is subject. Credit risk is subject to ongoing management review. Nevertheless, for a variety of reasons, there will inevitably be defaults by clients or their customers. For its factoring products, the Company's primary focus continues to be on the creditworthiness and collectability of its clients' receivables. The clients' customers have varying payment terms depending on the industries in which they operate, although most customers have payment terms of 30 to 60 days from the invoice date. Receivables become "ineligible" for lending purposes when they reach a certain pre-determined age, typically 75 to 90 days from invoice date, and are usually charged back to clients, thereby limiting the Company's credit risk on older receivables. Asset-based lending products additionally require focus on the performance of other collateral types (inventory, equipment and in certain cases real estate) as well as the underlying cash flows of the borrower. AFCC's and AEF's lease receivables and equipment and working capital loans are usually structured as term loans with payments spread out evenly over the term of the lease or loan, with terms up to 60 months. AFCC also has a "revolving" equipment loan product which has no fixed repayment terms and can be repaid at any time.

The Company uses an internal credit risk rating system for assessing obligor and transaction risk for finance receivables and loan exposures. Risk rating models use internal and external data to assess and assign credit ratings to borrowers, predict future performance and manage limits for existing loans and collection activities. In its credit protection and receivables management business, the Company employs a customer credit scoring system to assess the credit risk associated with the managed receivables that it guarantees. Please see note 5 which presents the Company's finance receivables and loans and managed receivables by the three stage credit criteria of IFRS 9, as well as an aged analysis thereof. Credit risk is managed by ensuring that, as far as possible, the receivables financed are of the highest quality and that any inventory, equipment or other assets securing loans are appropriately appraised. Collateral is monitored and managed on an ongoing basis to mitigate credit risk. In its asset-based lending and equipment finance operations, the Company assesses the financial strength of its clients and its clients' customers and the industries in which they operate on an ongoing basis. Cash flows from a client's ongoing business operations represent the primary source of repayment.

The Company also manages credit risk by limiting the maximum amount that it will lend to any one client, enforcing strict advance rates, disallowing certain types of receivables, charging back or making receivables ineligible for lending purposes as they become older, and taking cash collateral in certain cases. The Company will also confirm the validity of the receivables that it finances. In its asset-based lending operations, the Company administers and collects the majority of its clients' receivables allowing it to quickly identify problems as and when they arise and act promptly to minimize credit and loan losses. Regular field examinations are conducted to verify collateral such as inventory



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and equipment. In the Company's Canadian small business finance operations, AFCC, security deposits are usually obtained in respect of equipment leases or loans, while a majority of ASBF's working capital loans have the benefit of a strong financial guarantor guaranteeing up to 80% of the loan balance in the event of a loss.

In the Company's credit protection and receivables management business, each customer is provided with a credit limit up to which the Company will guarantee that customer's total receivables. All customer credit in excess of \$2.5 million is approved by the Credit Committee of the Board on a case-by-case basis. At September 30, 2022, the Company had guaranteed one customer's accounts receivable in excess of \$5 million.

The Company's credit exposure relating to its finance receivables and loans by industrial sector was as follows:

(in \$000's)	Sept. 30, 2022		Sept. 30, 2021	
	Gross finance receivables and loans	% of total	Gross finance receivables and loans	% of total
Media	\$ 96,689	21	\$ 71,352	16
Manufacturing	79,356	17	90,296	21
Wholesale trade	49,208	11	39,285	9
Finance and Insurance	41,465	9	48,545	11
Administrative and support and Waste management and Remediation services	35,840	8	18,534	4
Transportation and Warehousing	30,798	7	30,991	7
Construction	26,068	6	22,144	5
Mining	25,516	6	21,424	5
Retail Trade	20,188	5	11,854	3
Real Estate Rental and Leasing	10,779	2	17,490	4
Professional, Scientific and Technical services	9,185	2	17,661	4
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	8,550	2	18,032	4
Health care and social assistance	8,402	2	18,253	4
Accommodation and Food Services	6,599	1	3,946	1
Other services (except public administration)	5,122	1	2,372	1
Other	2,840	—	4,880	1
	<b>\$ 456,605</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 437,059</b>	<b>100</b>

The Company's credit exposure relating to its managed receivables by industrial sector was as follows:

(in \$000's)	Sept. 30, 2022		Sept. 30, 2021	
	Managed receivables	% of total	Managed receivables	% of total
Wholesale and distribution	\$ 10,339	100	\$ 8,230	74
Retail	—	—	2,842	26
	<b>\$ 10,339</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 11,072</b>	<b>100</b>

As set out in notes 3(d) and 5, the Company maintains separate allowances for expected losses on both Loans and loans and its guarantee of managed receivables in accordance with IFRS 9. The allowances for expected losses are based on statistical models, including the impact of FLI based on several macroeconomic forecast scenarios. The allowances for expected losses is deemed sufficient based on the results of the expected loss modeling and experienced credit judgement.

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### b) Liquidity risk:

The Company's financial assets and liabilities at September 30, 2022 by maturity date were as follows:

(in thousands)	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	Thereafter	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>							
Cash and restricted cash	\$ 15,034	\$ 783	\$ 709	\$ 140	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 16,666
Finance receivables and loans	246,756	90,077	87,975	21,124	10,673	—	456,605
All other assets	8,693	—	—	—	—	—	8,693
	<b>\$ 270,483</b>	<b>\$ 90,860</b>	<b>\$ 88,684</b>	<b>\$ 21,264</b>	<b>\$ 10,673</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 481,964</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>							
Due to clients	\$ 345	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 345
Bank indebtedness	—	—	215,459	—	—	—	215,459
Loans payable	85,599	15,658	14,184	2,408	—	—	117,849
Notes payable	8,669	—	10,500	—	—	—	19,169
Convertible debentures	—	25,130	—	—	—	—	25,130
All other liabilities	8,355	349	2,004	325	241	15	11,289
	<b>\$ 102,968</b>	<b>\$ 41,137</b>	<b>\$ 242,147</b>	<b>\$ 2,733</b>	<b>\$ 241</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>	<b>\$ 389,241</b>

The Company's financial assets and liabilities at September 30, 2021 by maturity date were as follows:

(in thousands)	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	Thereafter	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>							
Cash	\$ 7,569	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,569
Finance receivables and loans	231,946	68,684	82,200	53,367	862	—	437,059
All other assets	1,756	—	—	—	—	—	1,756
	<b>\$ 241,271</b>	<b>\$ 68,684</b>	<b>\$ 82,200</b>	<b>\$ 53,367</b>	<b>\$ 862</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 446,384</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>							
Due to clients	\$ 1,665	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,665
Bank indebtedness	256,742	—	—	—	—	—	256,742
Loan payable	48,640	—	—	—	—	—	48,640
Notes payable	15,634	—	—	—	—	—	15,634
Convertible debentures	—	—	24,437	—	—	—	24,437
All other liabilities	12,028	218	144	87	93	38	12,608
	<b>\$ 334,709</b>	<b>\$ 218</b>	<b>\$ 24,581</b>	<b>\$ 87</b>	<b>\$ 93</b>	<b>\$ 38</b>	<b>\$ 359,726</b>

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations and support business growth. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that, as far as possible, it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they come due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation. The Company's principal obligations are its bank indebtedness, loan payable, notes payable, convertible debentures, due to clients, and accounts payable and other liabilities. At September 30, 2022, revolving credit lines and a term loan facility totalling approximately \$553,733,000 had been established with a syndicate of banks, as well as non-bank lenders. The revolving facilities bear interest varying with the bank prime rate or SOFR, while the term

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loan carries a fixed rate of interest. At September 30, 2022, the Company had borrowed \$333,308,672 (December 31, 2021 – \$356,819,250, September 30, 2021 – \$305,382,588) against these facilities. These facilities are collateralized primarily by finance receivables and loans to clients. As detailed in note 10, the Company was in compliance with all loan covenants under its bank line of credit during the first nine months of 2022 and 2021, while BondIt was compliant with all covenants under its line of credit with its non-bank lender (see note 11(a)). ASBF was compliant with its non-recourse term loan facility with a life insurance company at September 30, 2022 (see note 11(b)).

Notes payable of \$4,702,386 are due on, or within a week of demand, while term notes totalling \$14,466,702 are repayable at various dates the latest of which is July 31, 2025 (see note 12(a)). Notes payable are to individuals or entities and consist of advances from shareholders, directors, management, employees, other related individuals and third parties. At September 30, 2022, 85% (2021 – 80%) of these notes were due to related parties and 15% (2021 – 20%) to third parties. The Company's convertible debenture liability was \$25,130,402 at September 30, 2022. These debentures mature on December 31, 2023. Due to clients principally consist of collections of receivables not yet remitted to the Company's clients. Contractually, the Company remits collections within a week of receipt. Accounts payable and other liabilities comprise a number of different obligations, the majority of which are payable within nine months. At September 30, 2022, the Company had gross finance receivables and loans totalling \$456,605,481 (December 31, 2021 – \$478,149,717, September 30, 2021 – \$437,059,262) which substantially exceeded its total liabilities of \$390,758,414 at that date (December 31, 2021 – \$416,149,067, September 30, 2021 – \$361,584,713). The Company's receivables normally have payment terms of 30 to 60 days from invoice date. Together with its unused credit lines, management believes that current cash balances and liquid short-term assets are more than sufficient to meet its financial obligations as they come due.

**c) Market risk:**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates, will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments. The objective of managing market risk is to control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return on risk.

**i) Currency risk:**

The Company's Canadian operations have some assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, principally finance receivables and loans, cash, bank indebtedness, due to clients and notes payable. These assets and liabilities are usually economically hedged, although the Company enters into foreign exchange contracts from time to time to hedge its currency risk when there is no economic hedge. At September 30, 2022, the Company's unhedged foreign currency positions in its Canadian operations totalled \$529,000 (2021 – \$364,000). The Company ensures that its net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by buying or selling foreign currencies on a spot or forward basis to address short-term imbalances. The impact of a 1% change in the value of the

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Company's foreign currency holdings against the Canadian dollar would not have a material impact on the Company's net earnings.

#### ii) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk pertains to the risk of loss due to the volatility of interest rates. The Company's lending and borrowing rates include both fixed rates and floating rates. The Company manages its interest rate exposure where possible, through the use of securitization or other match funding strategies. If the Company's floating rate borrowings exceed its floating rate finance receivables and loans, the Company could be exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, such that an increase in floating interest rates could increase the Company's interest expense beyond its ability to pass the increase on to its clients.

The following table shows the interest rate sensitivity gap at September 30, 2022:

(in thousands)	Floating rate	0 to 12 months	1 to 3 years	4 to 5 years	Thereafter	Non-rate sensitive	Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and restricted cash	\$ 13,704	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,962	\$ 16,666
Finance receivables and loans, net	165,571	126,960	140,853	23,221		(7,181)	449,424
All other assets	—	1,779	—	—	—	34,261	36,040
	\$ 179,275	\$ 128,739	\$ 140,853	\$ 23,221	\$ —	\$ 30,042	\$ 502,130
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Due to clients	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 345	\$ 345
Bank indebtedness	11,425	204,034	—	—	—	—	215,459
Loans payable	65,862	19,737	29,842	2,408	—	—	117,849
Notes payable	4,702	3,967	10,500	—	—	—	19,169
Convertible debentures	—	—	25,130	—	—	—	25,130
All other liabilities	—	2,035	650	469	15	9,638	12,807
<b>Equity</b>	—	—	—	—	—	111,371	111,371
	81,989	229,773	66,122	2,877	15	121,354	502,130
	\$ 97,286	\$ (101,034)	\$ 74,731	\$ 20,344	\$ (15)	\$ (91,312)	\$ —

At September 30, 2022, the Company's floating rate and short-term liabilities (primarily bank indebtedness), net of unrestricted cash, exceed the Company's floating rate assets by \$111 million. Additional assets maturing in less than twelve months, if not redeployed in new Loans, would be used to pay down bank indebtedness, thus narrowing the sensitivity gap over the year. Furthermore, a portion of BondIt's interest rate exposure is attributable to its minority shareholders. Based on the Company's interest rate positions at September 30, a 100 basis point rise in interest rates would decrease pre-tax earnings by approximately \$357,000 over a twelve month period. A 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would add a similar amount to pre-tax earnings.

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### **23. Capital disclosure:**

The Company considers its capital structure to include equity and debt; namely, its bank indebtedness, loans payable, notes payable and convertible debentures. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to: (a) maintain financial flexibility in order to preserve its ability to meet financial obligations and continue as a going concern; (b) maintain a capital structure that allows the Company to finance its growth using internally generated cash flow and debt capacity; and (c) optimize the use of its capital to provide an appropriate investment return to its shareholders commensurate with risk.

The Company's financial strategy is formulated and adapted according to market conditions in order to maintain a flexible capital structure that is consistent with its objectives and the risk characteristics of its underlying assets. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its underlying assets. To maintain or adjust its capital structure, the Company may, from time to time, change the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders by way of normal course issuer bid, issue new shares or debt, or reduce liquid assets to repay other debt. The Company monitors the ratio of its debt to total equity and its total equity to total assets. At September 30, 2022, as a percentage, these ratios were 339% (December 31, 2021 – 382%, September 30, 2021 – 344%) and 22% (December 31, 2021 – 20%, September 30, 2021 – 22%), respectively. The Company's debt and leverage will usually rise with an increase in finance receivables and loans and vice-versa. The Company's share capital is not subject to external restrictions. However, the Company's credit facilities include debt to tangible net worth ("TNW") covenants. Specifically, at September 30, 2022, the Company is required to maintain a senior debt to TNW ratio of less than 3.5 on its syndicated bank facility. BondIt, which has a loan facility with a non-bank lender, is required to maintain a TNW of at least US\$5,000,000. There were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management from previous periods.

### **24. Government grants:**

During the three months ended September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2021, and during the nine months ended September 30, 2022, the Company did not receive any government grants. In the first nine months of 2021, the Company received \$249,481 under the CEWS program and \$75,474 under the CERS program. These grants were offset against their respective payroll and rent expenses in G&A.

### **25. Subsequent events:**

At November 2, 2022, there were no subsequent events occurring after September 30, 2022 that required disclosure or adjustments to the financial statements.

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