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# Recent Developments

- Senior management team now complete with arrival of Greg Macfarlane
- Strategic realignment reduces cost structure and drives cohesive end-to-end client experience
- U.S. Client Services led by Jason Houseworth, Amy McAnarney, Susan Ehrlich, and Robert Turtledove
- Right management team in place to deliver better value for clients and shareholders
- Investor Conference to be held in NYC on 12/6

# Recent Developments: Sand Canyon (SCC)

- As previously announced, SCC experienced higher rep and warrant (R&W) claim activity in Q4
  - Believe claim activity is being driven primarily by expiring statutes of limitations
  - No additional accrual for R&W related liabilities recorded in Q4
  - SCC is a separate legal entity from HRB; continue to believe our legal position is strong on any potential corporate veil-piercing arguments
  - Incremental claim activity has not changed our approach to capital allocation

# Recent Developments: Capital Allocation

- Returned \$723 mm to shareholders since becoming CEO in May 2011
  - Repurchased and retired 36 mm shares (12% of shares outstanding) at a total cost of \$515 mm, or \$14.38 per share, including the repurchase of 21.3 mm shares since 5/1/12
  - Increased annual dividend rate in December by 33% to \$0.80 per share
  - Believe these actions demonstrate confidence in our business and that our philosophy on capital allocation is shareholder friendly

# Recent Developments: CLOC Negotiations

- Committed line of credit, or “CLOC”, expires July 2013
- Current CLOC requires minimum equity of \$500 mm at end of each quarter
- Expect to remove minimum equity covenant from our financing agreement; likely replaced with leverage and cash flow tests
- Although we have not yet finalized this agreement, we believe the proposed structure will serve our needs well

# FY12 Recap

- Top goal in FY12 was to grow clients in both assisted and digital categories
- Total returns prepared worldwide grew 4.3%, or 1.1 mm, to record 25.6 mm
- U.S returns up 900K, or 4.2%
  - Total IRS returns up ~2%; gained an estimated 30 bps of U.S. share
  - 60% of Americans chose assisted tax preparation, essentially the same proportion since the year 2000
- **Assisted**
  - Returns up 150K, or ~1%
  - Believe category grew ~60bps; gained an estimated 10 bps of share
  - Significant improvement in client satisfaction, up ~500 bps to 87%

# FY12 Recap

## ■ Digital

- Returns up 750K or 11%
- Believe category grew by ~8%, primarily due to migration of pen and paper filers and industry growth
- HRB gained an estimated 30 bps of share in digital and 75 bps in DIY category
- Net promoter score up >500 bps; digital product awareness up 11 pts

## ■ International

- Revenue grew 13% to \$233 mm, with solid growth in Canada and Australia
- Revenue grew 10% in local currencies

## ■ Financial Services

- Set record in total Emerald Cards units issued and total Emerald deposits
- Total Emerald Cards issued up 24% to 2.9 mm, with \$9.5B in total deposits

# FY12 Conclusion

- Pleased with client and share gains in light of competitive environment
- We were disadvantaged since refund anticipation loans (RALs) were in the marketplace
  - Having a competitive product was important: 53% of 1<sup>st</sup> half filers choose a settlement product vs. 13% in 2<sup>nd</sup> half
  - Fought aggressively for each client; invested heavily in marketing and Free Refund Anticipation Check (RAC) promotion
  - Free RAC helped level the playing field, retained early season clients, and led to significant growth in Emerald Cards issued
- Free RAC and marketing investments better position us going forward; though they pressured FY12 revenue and earnings

# Significant Accomplishments in FY12

- Believe we are on pace with long-term strategy
- Many accomplishments to be proud of:
  - Assisted continues to be resilient
  - Digital outpaced our largest competitors for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year
  - Clients served better as demonstrated by improved satisfaction and net promoter scores
  - Innovative solutions such as BlockLive and Mobile solidify us as the only tax prep company capable of serving clients anywhere, anyway and anyhow
  - Resolved outstanding litigation and shed non-core assets, which should lead to higher margins
- Believe we're now running a better company; squarely focused on what we do best – Tax Preparation
- Going forward, we must generate better balance of client and earnings growth

# Rationalized Cost Structure

## ■ Identified ways to operate more efficiently

- Important step in becoming a nimbler, more profitable and more client-centric company
- Expect these actions will add \$85 to \$100 mm of pretax earnings in FY13
- Working to eliminate additional, low-value added expenses to reinvest in future growth

# Free RAC

- Believe RALs will largely lose their importance in the marketplace next tax season
  - Should create a more level playing field, which gives us a competitive advantage
  - Believe we have the industry's best tax professionals and RAC offering
  - Expect Free RAC program will be discontinued in light of competitive landscape
  - Have not yet made a decision on appropriate pricing of RACs

# International

- Fastest growing business in terms of revenue; brand continues to resonate well abroad
  - Opened several offices in India, our 4<sup>th</sup> international market
  - India's current market of 30 to 35 mm taxpayers is growing rapidly
  - Indian government is updating its tax code so that it applies to more of its 1.2B citizens
- Plan to make prudent investments internationally focused on profitable and sustainable growth

# Pricing

- Net retail tax preparation fees grew 1.2%; pricing up 30 bps
  - Free 1040EZ had short-term impact on pricing, but program has long-term benefits
- Reviewing our value proposition and pricing across all client segments
  - Goal is to continue serving clients in the most effective manner, while optimizing client revenue and earnings growth



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**Greg Macfarlane, CFO**

# FY12 Results

- Total revenue of \$2.9B, in line with prior outlook
- GAAP EPS from continuing ops of \$1.16 includes after-tax charges of \$31 mm, or \$0.10
  - Slightly above prior outlook of \$1.09 to \$1.15 per share

# Tax Services

- FY12 total revenue down \$50 mm, or 1.7%
- FY12 pretax income of \$704 mm; down \$63 mm from prior year
- Higher tax preparation revenues offset by declines in financial product revenues
  - Free RAC promotion resulted in a \$49 mm decline in RAC revenue
  - Emerald Card revenue up \$14 mm, or 15% due to unit and deposit volume growth
  - Emerald Advance revenues declined \$35 mm due to tighter underwriting; associated credit losses fell by \$71 mm
  - Increased marketing and advertising investment by \$36 mm, or 15%
    - Maintain competitive presence, drive awareness of digital products, and support launch of BlockLive
  - Gains on sale of company-owned offices declined \$28.5 mm
    - Sold 83 offices in FY12 vs. 280 offices in FY11
  - FY11 results included \$17 mm of non-recurring RAL revenue

# Corporate

- FY12 pretax loss of \$128 mm; \$12 mm improvement to prior year
  - Lower loss provisions on mortgages held at HRB Bank
- Principal balance of mortgage loans at HRB Bank, net of provision, continues to wind down; delinquency and loss rates have moderated
  - Net principal balance down \$79 mm from prior year to \$406 mm at April 30
- Charged off loans 180 days past due, which were previously reserved for in our loan loss allowance
  - Due to a change in HRB Bank's regulator from the OTS to the OCC
  - Change had no cash or income statement impact, but lowered principal amount of loans outstanding and related allowance

# Financial Position

- Balance sheet and liquidity remain strong
  - Total unrestricted cash at 4/30 was \$1.9B; total outstanding debt was \$1.0B
  - HRB Bank paid \$400 mm dividend of excess capital to parent in Q4
- ~271 mm shares outstanding at 6/26; down from ~292 mm at 4/30
- Total shareholder equity of \$1.3B
- Effective tax rate of 39.9%; up 240 bps to prior year
  - Primarily due to changes in the value of investments held within company-owned life insurance (COLI) policies
  - Plan to surrender certain COLI policies over the next 12 months, which triggered a one-time tax expense in FY12 for prior year gains
  - Excluding discrete items, expect effective tax rate in FY13 to approximate 39%
- FY12 depreciation & amortization from continuing ops: \$89 mm
- FY12 capital expenditures from continuing ops: \$75 mm

# Discontinued Operations

- FY12 net loss of \$80 mm compared to net income of \$14 mm in prior year
  - \$37 mm net loss on sale of RSM
  - Previously announced SCC/SEC settlement of \$28 mm
  - \$20 mm increase in loss provision for R&W-related claims in Q2
  - FY11 includes 12 months of RSM earnings while FY12 includes only 7 months

# Sand Canyon

- SCC received \$543 mm of new claims for alleged breaches of R&Ws in Q4
- \$618 mm of claims remained subject to review as of 4/30
- SCC reviewed \$329 mm of claims in Q4
  - 4% of claims reviewed were found to be valid
  - Payments related to valid claims totaled \$13 mm in Q4
  - At 4/30, SCC had GAAP equity of \$265 mm in addition to a \$130 mm accrual for R&W related liabilities
  - No additional accrual for R&W related liabilities recorded in Q4

# Sand Canyon

- Believe R&W exposure at SCC is primarily related to '06 and '07 originations
- Previously disclosed parent guarantees on certain '07 originations with original principal balance of \$1.7B
  - Outstanding principal and liquidated balance was \$1.4B at 4/30
  - \$29 mm of total claims received; \$4 mm deemed valid and paid by SCC
- Similar guarantees on REMIC's issued prior to '05 with outstanding principal balance of \$1.2B
  - Believe exposure is even more limited
  - Do not expect significant R&W claims to be asserted given underlying vintage and performance
  - Certificate holders have incurred <\$1 mm of losses; no R&W claims received since '08
  - Believe any claims would not be viable as they are beyond applicable statutes of limitations
- SCC is a separate legal entity from HRB; believe our legal position is strong on any potential veil-piercing arguments
- Views have not changed relative to our approach to capital allocation

# Closing Remarks

- Made some difficult decisions over the past year, but we believe they're the right decisions
  - Better positioned for long-term earnings growth, margin expansion, and improved shareholder returns
- Achieved our top goal of serving more clients; set records in total returns prepared, Emerald Cards issued and Emerald deposits
- Like our competitive position next tax season with a solid pipeline of clients to build upon
- Top priority this off-season is to ensure our client acquisition is profitable, while maintaining an attractive value proposition across all client segments
- Believe we'll be able to capitalize on opportunities, more quickly respond to clients' needs, and invest in our future



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