

# **Market Update**

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### **About Pioneer Credit**

- Pioneer is a debt recovery specialist that acquires and services retail finance Purchased Debt Portfolios ("PDPs")
- PDPs are acquired from major banks, financial institutions and non-bank lenders in Australia, and are held on balance sheet
- Pioneer has no exposure to the Northern Hemisphere
- Pioneer is the #2 player in the Australian PDP market, with strong growth tailwinds
- Since 2008, Pioneer has invested over \$660m in PDPs, which is \$4.6bn in receivables across ~570,000 customer accounts
- An active customer base of ~205,000, with ~\$1.8bn in receivables due to Pioneer, including ~\$454m in payment arrangements
- Pioneer employs over 400 people in Australia and the Philippines. Our people are 'founded in good', and they have a strong social conscience. This is valued by debt vendors



#### We buy impaired credit

We partner with a range of leading financial institutions to purchase outstanding debt



#### We provide flexible solutions

We tailor solutions to help our customers address their account in a way that suits their needs



#### We focus on customer care

Our High Net Promotor Score ("NPS") shows our commitment to providing a positive customer experience

### **Board of Directors**



Steve Targett

Non-Executive Chairman

- Formerly CEO RACQ Bank, ANZ Japan and Europe, Director at Clydesdale Bank, National Bank of NZ, Cuscal Limited
- Chair at P&N Bank and CPT Global Ltd



**Keith John**Managing Director

- Founder of Pioneer Credit
- Over 25 years' experience in the financial services
- Director of Midbridge Investments Pty Ltd and Bondi Born



Suzan Pervan

Non-Executive Director

- Co-founder of accounting firm Gooding Pervan
- 14 years at EY and PwC
- Former Director at United Credit Union
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants



Peter Hall

Non-Executive Director

- Formerly MD at Genworth Australia, and MD at GE Mortgage Insurance
- Significant experience across financial services, with expertise in credit risk
- Previously Director of BNK Banking Corporation Limited



Pauline Gately

Non-Executive Director

- Significant investment banking career at Citibank, BNP, Merrill Lynch and Deutsche Securities
- Chair of Kalgoorlie Gold Mining Ltd, Director at Elixinol Wellness Ltd

### **Executive Leadership**



Sue Symmons
Company Secretary

- Over 25 years' experience including at Automotive Holdings Group Limited and Helloworld Ltd
- BComm, MBL and Member of the Governance Institute of Australia



Barry Hartnett
Chief Financial Officer

- 10 years at Pioneer across finance and corporate development
- BFin, Acc and Econ
- Member of the Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand



Andrea Hoskins
Chief Operating Officer

- Strategic and commercial leader with over 15 years' experience, mostly in financial services
- 10 years with HBF in senior management and executive roles
- BComm, GAICD



lan Brunette
Chief Information Officer

- Over 25 years IT experience
- 15 years in senior leadership across finance and insurance including 5 years as Head of Platform Operations at Bankwest

# **Our Purpose and Principles**



To put an end to debt stress



Act with purpose

We see people, and seek to understand



Be human

We do what's right, not what's easy



**Choose integrity** 

We commit to making a positive difference

### Pioneer's Market

High barriers to entry, increased regulatory oversight and greater compliance obligations underpin market share growth opportunities

#### PIONEER MARKET POSITION

Pioneer is well-positioned in a highly concentrated Australian PDP market, with increasing barriers to entry

#### Pioneer is one of few scaled participants:

- Access to funding combined with strong cash collections to seize attractive future opportunities
- Six vendors onboarded in FY23 and purchased from 18 in total

#### Pioneer holds a market-leading reputation:

- Vendors increasingly choose to partner exclusively with Pioneer, known for our differentiated, customer-first servicing approach and strong compliance record
- Stringent regulations and the necessity of a mature risk management framework is forcing competitors out of the market

#### Pioneer does not offer further credit:

 Vendors avoid selling to Pioneer's competitors with similar loan and credit offerings

#### **MARKET ACTIVITY**

#### **Macroeconomic:**

- **Australian Economy:** Attractive investment opportunities increasing with economic pressures. Pioneer has experienced almost no impact across our performing portfolio
- Australian Debt Market: The market continues to consolidate while barriers to entry increase.
   Pioneer has continued to grow market share attributed to our market leading customer treatment and exceptional compliance track record
- Australian Vendors: Vendors are selling more but are more selective about their partners, favouring those without competing products and with demonstrated excellent customer treatment

#### **Competitive landscape:**

- Market Exits: Market exits have occurred due to the high cost of capital for overcommitted participants.
- Opportunistic Performing Portfolios: There is an increase in performing PDPs acquired directly from vendors. These portfolios consist of customers who have consistently honoured their commitments without defaulting
- Entire Portfolio Acquisitions and M&A: Increased regulation and market share of scaled players has led to smaller players exiting the market and consequently selling their entire PDP portfolios

# Performance



## **1Q24 Financial Update**

#### Consistent Cash Collections

- 2H23 PDP investment of \$16.8m, a 78% decrease compared to the prior year, highlighting strong 1Q24 cash collections across all vintages
- Recent PDP investment performing ahead of expectations
- Contracted forward flow volumes increasing as economy tightens

#### PDP Investment

- 81% of YTD PDP investment from forward flow agreements, underpinning PDP investment
- o Continued focus on Australian banking and finance accounts
- Significant PDP opportunities available to Pioneer

#### CASH COLLECTIONS<sup>1</sup>

\$30.0m

1Q23: \$30.8m

**V** (3%)

#### PDP INVESTMENT<sup>1</sup>

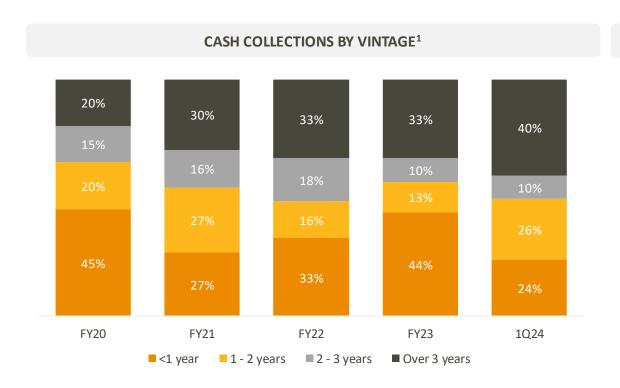
\$12.9m

1Q23: \$10.7m

**▲ 21%** 

### **Cash Collections**

Performance increasing across older vintages, while recent PDP investment drives newer vintages



#### **CASH COLLECTIONS OVERVIEW**

- Consistent Q1 Cash Collections driven by:
  - Appropriate servicing strategies for a tightening economy
  - Consistent contribution from performing portfolio
  - Contribution from the large FY22 performing portfolio which continues ahead of underwriting
- Increasing contributions from older vintages highlighting the depth in quality of Pioneer's PDP portfolio

Note

## **Customer Outcomes and Approach**

Strong NPS¹ demonstrates our genuine care for our customers



#### **DIFFERENTIATED APPROACH**

- **Pioneer is an Australian specialist:** No exposure to the Northern Hemisphere. We are solely focused on growing from our #2 position in the Australian market
- **Pioneer has a unique servicing approach:** We work closely with the customer to understand their situation, delivering tailored solutions for their benefit
- **Pioneer is one of only a few scaled participants:** We generate significant free cash flow, with access to additional funding as required, to invest in PDPs
- **Pioneer has a market leading reputation:** Best vendors partner with trusted purchasers with strong compliance records, and an enviable reputation
- Pioneer does not offer further credit to customers: Banks and financiers clearly prefer purchasers that do not extend the debt cycle
- **Pioneer does not compete with its vendors:** Pioneer is a pure play debt purchaser and servicer. We do not compete with vendors by selling a loan product. This is in part driving Pioneer market share growth

# **Portfolio**

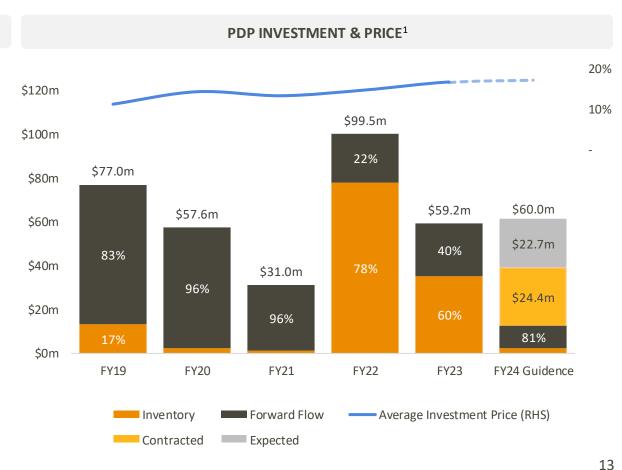


### **PDP Investment**

Increasing opportunities and PDP investment are driving solid growth for FY24

#### **PDP INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

- Focus on Australian banking and finance PDPs; controls ensure appropriate investment
- No payday lending or lower quality receivables
- Prices have remained steady, variances generally reflect vendor presale treatment, not competition
- Solid pipeline for FY24 PDP investment;
  - o 62% of \$60m FY24 PDP investment guidance
  - O Agreements in place with 12 vendors



Note:

Average price excludes investments in Performing Portfolios

# **Portfolio Opportunity**

\$1.8b of receivables due - \$1.4bn is the opportunity set and \$454m is the performing portfolio, which has been stable through cost of living and inflationary crisis, with growth expected to resume

TOTAL PORTFOLIO OPPORTUNITY

PERFORMING PORTFOLIO GROWTH (YTD)

#### **PIONEER PORTFOLIO**

\$1.8bn in receivables

~205k active customers

PERFORMING PORTFOLIO

\$454m in receivables

#### **WIP PORTFOLIO**

\$1.4bn in receivables



# **Strategic Updates**

# Systems & Technology update

Implementing enterprise grade technology, and significantly strengthening our cyber security posture will provide a better customer experience, enhance our operational efficiency and reduce cost to service

#### SYSTEM UPDATE

#### **Core System Replacement**

- Well progressed with the implementation of the new system of record and Customer Relationship Management system
- The new system is enterprise grade, used by banks and the world's largest and most successful debt purchasers
- Expected to significantly improve the effectiveness of our people, and drive down the cost to service
- Expected go-live in late FY24

#### **INVESTMENT INTO SECURITY, DATA & TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Cyber Security Improvements**

- Enhanced cybersecurity measure to ensure a secure environment for customer data
- Regular audits, culminating in thorough reports and action plans for key stakeholders to ensure strict compliance with APRA standard

#### **Data and Technology Optimisation**

- Continued investment into advanced data analytics and machine learning techniques to extract valuable insights from data
- Drives cash collections growth and cost to service saving through data-driven strategies that identify opportunities and mitigate risks
- Migration to a scalable and cost-effective cloud infrastructure

# **Refinancing Update**

Pioneer continues to advance its refinancing process and expects to materially reduce funding costs

#### **UPDATE**

- Numerous banks (Australian and international) in the data room
- Material decrease to cost of funds expected
- Increased flexibility within funding structure expected to provide greater balance sheet flexibility going forward
- No additional equity expected to support refinancing
- Updated timing: targeting binding terms pre-Christmas

#### SENSITIVITY TO FY24 BASE FUNDING COSTS

Interest Rate	Interest Expense	Incremental Cash	Cash Balance
12.99% - Current	(\$35.2m)	-	\$8.4m
10.0%	(\$27.1m)	\$8.1m	\$16.5m
9.0%	(\$24.4m)	\$10.8m	\$19.2m
8.0%	(\$21.7m)	\$13.5m	\$21.9m
7.0%	(\$19.0m)	\$16.2m	\$24.6m

Average FY24 YTD interest rate is 12.99%

# Outlook



# **Alignment to Shareholders**

Management are the largest shareholders in Pioneer and remuneration is aligned to shareholders and designed to reward long term sustainable growth

COMPANY OWNERSHIP			
Shareholdings	# Shares	% Holding	
Keith John <sup>1</sup>	17.2m	15%	
Board and Management (exc. Keith John)	2.9m	3%	
Mr James Simpson	11.3m	10%	
Nomura	9.1m	8%	
Other	71.5m	64%	
Total	111.9m	100%	

#### LTI UPDATE

- LTI built on 3-year (FY22 FY25) performance, where each year's hurdle must be met to open that year's incentive
  - But an incentive will only be paid if a separate 4<sup>th</sup> year (FY26) hurdle is met. If not met, all rights lapse
- Hurdle is an Audited Statutory Net Profit after Taxation of at least \$18m for the financial year ended 30 Jun-26



### **Positive FY24 Outlook**

Pioneer expects continued growth; greater market share as a preferred purchaser of high-quality Australian bank originated customers



### Continued industry regulatory focus

- Continued investment in compliance, customer treatment and audit
- Pioneer's strong compliance record and NPS remain an advantage



Strong tailwinds for PDP opportunities

- \$60m PDP investment guidance for FY24
- Agreements in place with 12 vendors
- 5 year forward flow with CBA to 2027
- Significant opportunities



**Reduce cost of funds** 

- Process commenced to reduce cost of funds
- Material savings to be realised from FY24



Realise operating leverage

- CRM replacement commenced, due late FY24, expected to deliver efficiencies from FY25
- Data and other cost out opportunities exist with our larger size and buying power



Material uplift in NPAT

- Macro tailwinds, tightening economy for increased PDP supply, into an environment of full employment
- Executive incentives target set at an FY26 Statutory NPAT of at least \$18m

