

## The Supply of Credit in the Card Market

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This presentation is based on analysis and insight from Mintel Comperemedia:

#### **Mintel Comperemedia:**

- Comperemedia is the premier source for monitoring direct marketing in the US and Canada
- Includes direct mail, email, online and print for consumer and business markets

#### **Methodology:**

- Mail panel of 5,500+ unique consumers each month
- Email panel of 1,250 active online US consumers
- Online advertising panel of top 4,000 US websites
- Over 100 national newspapers, magazines and trade publications

# 9 sectors tracked:

- -Banking
- -Credit Cards
- -Insurance
- -Investments
- -Mortgage & Loan
- -Auto
- -Travel & Leisure
- -Technology
- -Telecom



#### Credit Card Acquisition Mail Volume is on the Rise

### Optimism is spreading throughout the industry



#### Source: Mintel Comperemedia



### Subprime Offers are Back in the Mail

Reach is being extended across all segments



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Credit Card Acquisition Household Reach (%)

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#### Rewards Cards Dominate the Card Acquisition Landscape

Plain Vanilla and Credit Building cards represent niche markets



Note: Shows relative size of each product segment based on share of Q4 2010 credit card acquisition mail volume

Source: Mintel Comperemedia



### The Acquisition Landscape has Changed Dramatically

#### There are now signs that the market is stabilizing



Share of Acquisition Mail Volume

Premium Rewards (Fee with rewards) General Market (No fee with rewards)



Source: Mintel Comperemedia

#### Cash Back is the Fastest Growing Rewards Segment



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#### Balance Transfer Fees are Up

The majority of intro BT offers continue to have a 3% "of check" fee



#### Mean BT Fee (%) for Offers with BT Intro APR

Source: Mintel Comperemedia



#### Cash Advance Fees Have Increased

The industry has shifted to a \$10 minimum for cash advances Minimum Cash Advance Fee (\$): Share of Cash Advance Offers





Source: Mintel Comperemedia

#### APRs Remain High Despite the Low Prime Rate

Competitive pressures are starting to restrain further increases Average Variable Go-to Purchase APR



Source: Mintel Comperemedia



#### The Majority of Offers for New Cards Promote Teaser Rates

The trend away from "bundled" purchase and BT offers has been reversed in recent quarters



**Teaser Rate Type: Share of Acquisition Mail Volume** 



Source: Mintel Comperemedia

### Balance Transfer Intro Offers are Becoming More Competitive

#### Intro offer terms are becoming more favorable for consumers



#### **Intro Length Period for Offers with BT Intro APR**

Source: Mintel Comperemedia



#### **Summary**

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Competition is increasing; volumes are up and subprime offers are back in the mail

The landscape has shifted – rewards are the norm and plain vanilla cards represent a niche market

APRs are higher; BT and Cash Advance Fees have increased Most offers promote teaser rates; teaser rate terms are becoming more favorable for consumers





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