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TOP ACQUIRERS WORLDWIDE

The 150 largest acquirers of merchant card transactions based on the number of Visa/MasterCard purchase transactions at merchants during calendar year 2010 are listed on page 9.

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SMARTRAC PLANT IN THAILAND

Heavy rains and resulting high water in Thailand forced Smartrac Technology, the world's largest provider of RFID inlays and tags for smart payment cards and biometric passports, to evacuate its

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CAPITAL ONE SPARK BUSINESS CARD

Capital One Financial, the third largest issuer of credit cards to small businesses in the U.S., has created a new Spark Business brand to promote six products to this commercial segment. All

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NCR AND PAYPAL P2P PAYMENTS AT ATMS

NCR, the largest ATM manufacturer in the U.S. and worldwide, has formed a partnership with PayPal to initiate person-toperson (P2P) payments from ATMs in the U.S. The P2P service

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SMARTPHONE APP FOR THE "CASH PREFERRED"

A single-click purchase experience for mobile ecommerce initiated by a mobile wallet app for Android and Apple smartphones is aimed at unbanked/underbanked consumers who pay with cash

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TOP MAESTRO ISSUERS WORLDWIDE

The 100 largest issuers of Maestro brand debit cards based on purchases at merchants for calendar year 2010 are listed on page 11. The issuers represented 41 countries.

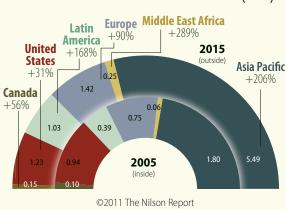
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AMEX ADDS SOMETRICS TO SERVE

Sometrics, best known as a provider of a virtual currency platform for in-game payments, has been acquired by American Express for \$30 million in cash and stock. Sometrics is now part of Amex's

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General Purpose Cards Worldwide 2005 vs. 2015 (Bil.)



GP CARDS PROJECTED WORLDWIDE

Cards with Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Maestro, Discover, JCB, Diners Club, China UnionPay, Interac (Canada), and U.S. PINbased EFT system brands reached 6.52 billion worldwide in 2010. These general purpose cards grew by 9.0% over the prior year. When comparing 2010 to 2009, cards increased 14.8% in Middle East/Africa, 14.1% in the Asia/Pacific region, 5.8% in Latin America, 5.5% in Europe, and 3.3% in Canada. Cards in circulation in the U.S. declined by 0.1%.

Cards in circulation in the Asia/Pacific region accounted for 53.02% of the world total in 2010, up from 50.68% in 2009. Europe at 16.44%

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PAYMENTWALL, provider to sellers of digital content and digital goods of a payment platform that offers consumers local market payment options, now markets MobilePay+, which combines 13 mobile payment providers in one platform. Users choose an amount of virtual currency or a subscription period they want to buy. They are then securely routed to the mobile payment provider with the best payout and conversion rate for the selected price point/region combination. The targeting happens based on Geo-IP data. The payments interface is available in 19 languages. Honor Gunday is CEO, (415) 707-9920, honor@paymentwall.com, www.paymentwall.com.

BILLGUARD, provider of a security service that scans credit card transactions to identify deceptive, erroneous, and fraudulent charges, has raised \$10 million in Series B financing. Khosla Ventures led the second round with participation from Founders Fund, Innovation Endeavors, and existing investors Bessemer Venture Partners and IA Ventures. Yaron Samid is CEO at BillGuard, (917) 519-1070, yaron@billguard.com, www.billguard.com.

PLACECAST provides ShopAlerts, an opt-in location-based mobile marketing service that delivers personalized offers via SMS text messages or into a mobile wallet. Blair Swedeen is SVP, Strategy, (415) 501-9757, blair.swedeen@placecast.net, www.placecast.net.

ZOOVY, which provides software used by more than 5,000 websites and online businesses to help increase sales and efficiency, has added Kount's fraud prevention technology to its platform. Brian Horakh is CEO at Zoovy, (760) 692-2093, brian@zoovy.com, www.zoovy.com. Steve Rouse is COO at Kount, (208) 489-3317, swr@kount.com, www.kount.com.

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Two-Day Conference November 30 – December 1, 2011 The Novotel Centrum Hotel, Warsaw, Poland Subscribers to The Nilson Report will receive a 20% discount.

Topics include: trends in the development of card products in the world and in Europe, acceptance of a card payment, mobile payments, contactless payments (cards), prepaid cards, product innovation in the card market (modern technology), development of non-cash payments, electronic banking, IT systems supporting card payments, security of e-payment (including: electronic sign, biometric), fight against fraud in card payments, authentication and identification, loyalty card systems, and outsourcing of card processes in practice. Speakers represent: Visa Europe, Atos Worldline, Gemalto, Global Payments Europe, Hitachi Europe, TAG Systems, NXP, LaserCard, Hypercom, Allami Nyomda, Polish Bank Association, National Bank of Poland, and more. Cost is \$535. Contact Kama Milewska at MedienService, 48 507-199-793 or 48 (22) 717-37-95, kama.milewska@apig.pl. Register at www.conkarta.pl.

The Largest Issuers of Payment Cards
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> Also lists the Largest Acquirers in Europe, Latin America, and the U.S.

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TSYS has purchased the merchant card processing contracts of Vanguard Payment Systems. Currently TSYS is the 10th largest U.S. acquirer. VPS held contracts with 1,200 U.S. merchants. Most are fine-dining restaurants and medical and dental businesses. Mark Pyke is President at TSYS Acquiring Solutions, (480) 333-7633, mpyke@tsys.com, www.tsys.com.

MOBEAM has closed a \$4.9 million Series A venture funding round. Participants included yet2Ventures, Samsung Ventures, and Mitsu. The company owns patented technology that overcomes the technical barrier that prevents mobile phones from interfacing with the laser scanners at retail locations. Chris Sellers is CEO at mobeam, (312) 953-5727, cksellers@mobeam.com, www.mobeam.com. Ben duPont is General Partner at yet2Ventures, (302) 351-6255, ben@yet2.com, www.yet2ventures.com.

NATIONAL ATM COUNCIL, which represents independent ATM deployers as well as several independent ATM operators acting on their own behalf and on behalf of all "similarly situated ATM deployers," have filed litigation in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that MasterCard and Visa fix pricing for ATM services. The plaintiffs are represented by Rubin PLLC, (202) 776-7763, jr@rubinpllc.com, www.rubinpllc.com.

SIMPLEE now offers a fully integrated Web-based free electronic bill payment service that makes it possible for consumers to pay medical bills as well as manage their health insurance plans and expenses in a single place. Tomer Shoval is CEO, (415) 694-9537, tomer@simplee.com, www.simplee.com.

FAST FACTS

UNITED BANK CARD, which processes card transactions from over 110,000 merchant locations, will offer those customers Charge Anywhere's mobile point-of-sale services and payment gateway. Oscar Muñoz is VP, Int'l Business Development, Mobile Payment Tech. at Charge Anywhere, (732) 417-4447 x137, omunoz@chargeanywhere.com, www.chargeanywhere.com. Brian Jones is EVP Sales and Marketing at United Bank Card, (908) 730-6102, bjones@unitedbankcard.com, www.unitedbankcard.com.

CARD FULFILLMENT SERVICES, a division of Travel Tags, has increased its capacity to support fulfillment and personalization kits for prepaid, loyalty, and membership cards. Chad Fitterer is General Manager, (651) 450-1201, ctfitterer@traveltags.com, www.cardfulfillmentservices.com.

MEMBER ACCESS PACIFIC, which uses the Visa Debit Processing Service platform to manage accounts for its credit union customers, has licensed Serverside Group's card personalization platform to offer cardholders online design capabilities. Cyndie Martini is CEO at MAP, (206) 787-1610, cyndiemartini@ mapacific.com, www.mapacific.com.

MPAY GATEWAY, a PCI-certified acquiring card processor, has entered into an agreement with MasterCard to promote Master-Card acceptance through the mPay Gateway. The company's payment software calculates what the patient owes, authorizes payment at the time of service, and automatically collects the patient obligation after the insurer has settled the claim. Brian Beutner is CEO at mPay Gateway, (612) 332-0640, brian.beutner@ mpaygateway.com, www.mpaygateway.com. Steve Carnevale is SVP, Group Head, U.S. Market Development at MasterCard, (914) 249-3199, steve_carnevale@mastercard.com, www.mastercard.com.

TMG FINANCIAL SERVICES has purchased the \$16 million credit card portfolio of Extra Credit Union. The company now owns 60,000 credit card accounts. TMG is sister company to The Members Group, a provider of account processing support services to card issuers. Jeff Russell is CEO at TMG, (515) 457-2000, jeffr@themembersgroup.com, www.themembersgroup.com.

AFFINITY SOLUTIONS now offers Spot ON Deals, a discount/ daily deals platform aimed at reaching shoppers in a local area who have spending histories desired by merchants. Card issuers can market it as a turnkey program. Sovereign Bank, which uses First Data as its debit card account processor, is the first Spot ON customer. Jonathan Silver is CEO at Affinity Solutions, (212) 822-9601, jsilver@affinitysolutions.com, www.affinitysolutions.com. Eduardo Tobon is Head of Cards at Sovereign Bank, (617) 757-5588, etobon@sovereignbank.com, www.sovereignbank.com.

UNION PRIVILEGE, the member benefits unit of the AFL-CIO, now offers the Union Plus prepaid Visa card from program manager Rev Worldwide. Over 30 unions representing more than 9 million consumers have signed up to offer the card and a high-yield savings account that currently pays 5.10% APY on account balances. Inter National Bank is the card issuer. Roy Sosa is CEO at Rev, (512) 366-3640, roy.sosa@revworldwide.com, www.revworldwide.com. Leslie Tolf is Pres. at Union Privilege, (202) 293-5330, Itolf@unionprivilege.org, www.myunionprepaid.com.

FICO has been granted eight new patents by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for inventions underlying credit scoring, fraud detection, and predictive analytics. Andrew Jennings is Chief Analytics Officer, (415) 492-5780, ajennings@fico.com, www.fico.com.

YAPI KREDI, the 2nd largest payment card issuer in Turkey and 8th largest in Europe, will deploy SmartSoft's Ocean Payment Processing, Proceed – Prepaid and Debit Card Management solution, and MFS – Mobile Financial Services software modules. Nazan Somer is EVP, Retail Banking at Yapi Kredi, 90 (212) 328-3331, nazan.somer@yapikredi.com.tr, www.yapikredi.com.tr. Ahmet Akgun is VP, Regional Sales at SmartSoft, 90 (212) 329-7272, ahmet.akgun@smartsoftww.com, www.smartsoftww.com.

MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Greg Carr has been appointed Manager, Strategic Partnerships at First American Payment Systems, (817) 317-9147, gregary.carr@first-american.net. Stephen Buechner, formerly at Barclays, has been appointed Senior Credit and Risk Officer at GlobalCollect, 31 (23) 567-1500, stephen.buechner@globalcollect.com. Ali Jarallah, formerly at Central Bank of UAE, has been appointed Managing Director, Dubai at Mint Technology, 971 (50) 611-3447, ajarallah@mintinc.com. Debra Janssen has been appointed Managing Director, Access Prepaid Worldwide at MasterCard, (914) 249-6425, debra janssen@mastercard.com. Rahul Gupta has been appointed Group President, Digital Payment Solutions at Fisery, (262) 879-5000, rahul.gupta@fiserv.com. Kalle Radage, formerly at Nokia, has been appointed Chief Product & Strategy Officer at Payfirma, (604) 676-4172, kalle.radage@payfirma.com. Deependra Bhartan has been appointed COO at Transact Network, (350) 2000-3836, deependra@transactnetwork.com. Carl Morris, formerly at EPay, has been appointed VP, Business Development and Strategic Partnerships at DimpleDough, (518) 557-5550, cmorris@dimpledough. com. Deborah Davis, formerly at Green Dot Corp., has been appointed COO at The Tyburn Group, (415) 813-6461, ddavis@tyburngroup.com. Phil Ludwig has been appointed SVP, Sales at TriSource Solutions, (563) 359-9564, pludwig@trisourcesolutions.com. Nigel Motyer has been appointed General Manager at AIB Merchant Services, 353 (1) 218-2100, nigel.motyer@ aibms.com. Harshul Sanghi, formerly at Motorola Ventures, has been appointed Managing Partner, AMEX Ventures, Enterprise Growth at American Express, (212) 640-2143, harshul.sanghi@aexp.com. Kieron Abernethy, formerly at First Data, has been appointed SVP, Sales at **PayX International**, 44 (7795) 462-223, kieron.abernethy@payxintl.com. Mary Di Vincenzo has been appointed VP, Operations and Client Services, North America at **YESpay**, (416) 214-6012, mary.divincenzo@yes-pay.com.

FAST FACTS

CREDIT UNION SERVICES ORGANIZATION, a United Solutions Company (USC), has been granted a U.S. card customization patent license by Serverside Group. USC had been named in litigation brought by Serverside against 15 financial institutions and technology vendors that alleged patent infringement. The licensing agreement releases USC from the suit. Adam Elgar is Pres. at Serverside, 44 (207) 534-3833, adam.elgar@ssgl.com, www.ssgl.com. Jim Giacobbe is CEO at USC, (850) 942-9186 x4106, igiacobbe@unitedsolutions.coop, www.unitedsolutions.coop.

VALID, a Brazil-based provider of payment, telecom, and identity cards and related products, has formed a partnership with Bell ID, provider of software that manages smart card life-cycles, token applications, and cryptographic keys. Their partnership covers provisioning and management services for NFC contactless applications. Jose Roberto Mauro is President at Valid, 55 (21) 2195-7207, jroberto@valid.com.br, www.valid.com.br. David Orme is CEO at Bell ID, 31 (10) 885-1010, d.orme@bellid.com, www.bellid.com.

CERIDIAN STORED VALUE SOLUTIONS has become a founding member of trade association Prepaid Forum Deutschland (PFD). Juergen Stichenwirth is VP, Sales, Continental Europe and the Middle East for SVS, 43 (664) 117-1108, jstichenwirth@ storedvalue.com, www.storedvalue.com. Hugo Godschalk is Coordinator at PFD, 49 (69) 951-1770, hgodschalk@paysys.de, www.prepaid-forum-deutschland.de.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

US ADVANCED PAYMENTS SUMMIT 2011:

November 28-30, 2011. The JW Marriott, Washington, D.C. Estimated attendance: 200. Cost for the three-day conference is \$2,745. Federal Government, State Government, Transit Agencies, and Retailers attend for FREE. Subscribers to The Nilson Report will receive a 20% discount. (Use code APSNIL.) Contact Jennifer Sobrino at Clarion Events (917) 514-1065, advancedpayments@clarionevents.com. Register at www.advancedpaymentssummit.com.

PAYTECH 2011: November 29-30, 2011. The Transatlantic Club, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Estimated attendance: 100 delegates. Cost for the two-day conference is \$1,800. Subscribers to The Nilson Report will receive a 20% discount. Contact Rafael Rinaldi at Latin Next Group, 55 (11) 3555-6910, rafael.rinaldi@latin-next.com. Register at www.paytechsummit.com.br.

PREPAID CARD COMPLIANCE 2012:

January 30-31, 2012. The Westin, Washington, D.C. Estimated attendance: 110. Cost for the two-day conference is \$1,995 (\$2,095 after November 18, 2011 and \$2,295 after January 10, 2012). *Subscribers to The Nilson Report will receive a \$300 discount*. Contact John Stoops at ACI, (212) 352-3220 x5483, j.stoops@americanconference.com. Register at www.americanconference.com/2012/871/prepaid-card-compliance.

BANCO DO BRASIL'S 20 million Ponte Pra Voce loyalty program members will be able to convert all existing points to a new dotz loyalty program operated by CBSM — Companhia Brasileria De Servicos De Marketing (dotz). Alliance Data Systems' LoyaltyOne subsidiary holds an equity position in dotz. Roberto Chade is CEO at dotz, 55 (11) 3377-4500, rchade@dotz.com.br, www.dotz.com.br. Bryan Pearson is President at LoyaltyOne, (416) 552-2210, bpearson@loyalty.com, www.loyalty.com.

AMERICAN BANKNOTE CORPORATION (ABnote) has launched a new division to be based in Australia that will focus on NFC technology. The company is the world's 14th largest manufacturer of payment cards. Thomas Bellenger is Mobile Technology Development Manager, 61 (2) 9829-0123, thomas.bellenger@abnote.com.au, www.abnote.com.au.

CHASE PAYMENTECH merchant processing customers in Canada are being offered Safetech Encryption. Consumer card data is encrypted at the swipe and formatted so that the retailer's POS system processes it in a form that is useless to any thief. Safetech Encryption has been available in the U.S. since January, and is offered in partnership with VeriFone. Sam Jawad is President at Chase Paymentech Canada, (416) 940-6250, sam.jawad@ chasepaymentech.com, www.chasepaymentech.ca.

COMMIDEA, a top provider of payment processing support to merchants in the U.K., has launched Vanguard, a payment gateway for the secure management of card-not-present transactions. The company is a unit of Point Group. Paul Holliday is Head, Marketing and Customer Proposition at Commidea, 44 (7827) 353-546, paul.holliday@commidea.com, www.commidea.com.

MONERIS SOLUTIONS, the largest acquirer in Canada, now offers the e-Select plus mobile app to give merchants the ability to accept signature-based card payments using their BlackBerry and Android smartphones. Amer Matar is Chief Tech. Officer at Moneris, (416) 734-1052, amer.matar@moneris.com, www.moneris.com.

IZETTLE, a Sweden-based company that facilitates chip-enabled card payments from iPhones, has received \$11.2 million (€8.2 million) in Series A venture funding. Investors include Index Ventures, Creandum, and Charles Dunstone, Cofounder of U.K.'s The Carphone Warehouse. Jacob de Geer is CEO at iZettle, 46 (709) 950-809, jacob@izettle.com, www.izettle.com.

MAKO NETWORKS, which has offices in New Zealand, Australia, the U.K., and the Middle East, provides network appliances, Internet connectivity, security, and PCI DSS compliance through its cloud-based Central Management System. Simon Gamble is Business Development Director, 64 (9) 551-2088, simong@ makonetworks.com, www.makonetworks.com.

PAY.ON, a top processor of online payments, has integrated into its platform the acquiring and issuing services available from Valitor, based in Iceland. Pay.On will market Valitor's services to payment services providers in other world regions. Olafur Vihjalmsson is Managing Director at Valitor, (354) 525-2294, olafurv@valitor.is. www.valitor.is. Markus Rinderer is CEO at Pay.On, 49 (89) 4523-0302, markus.rinderer@payon.com, www.payon.com.

LINUDIX POS TERMINAL

Model VT-3000W POS terminals from South Korea-based Linudix are designed with a 32-bit central processing unit, embedded Linux operating system, and a 160 x 80 dots graphic

LCD display module. The terminal measures 165

mm x 115 mm x 110 mm and has

32 MB flash memory and 32 MB

SDRAM memory. A magnetic-stripe card reader version of the VT-3000W is standard. An EMVcompliant (Level 1, 2) chip card reader is an option.

> Linudix ranks sixth largest among POS terminal manufacturers based in South Korea. It shipped 46,600 terminals in 2010. Most stayed in South Korea, with 1,500 terminals going to Japan and another 1,050 to Africa. Cha Dal Kwan is Director at Linudix Co. Ltd. in Gyeonggi, South Korea, 82 (31) 381-4294 x411, dkcha@linudix.com, www.linudix.en.ec21.com. Prior issues: 980, 914, 796, 782, 771

ACI WORLDWIDE GETS S1

ACI will pay \$360 million in cash and 5.8 million ACI shares



to acquire S1. Both companies sell software used by banks, merchants, and processors to move and manage paymentrelated data. Over the last 12 months the companies generated combined pro forma revenues of \$683 million. After the transaction closes ACI will have \$150 million in cash on its balance sheet and another \$65

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million available through a line of credit. The company expects \$90 million in free cash flow.

S1 payment products are used by 3,000 customers

in more than 50 countries. Its software is being used at NCR automated teller machines to facilitate person-to-person

money transfers through PavPal.

ACI counts more than 800 financial institutions,

> processors, and retailers globally as clients, including 19 of the 20 largest banks worldwide and 5 of the top 10 U.S. retailers. Philip Heasley is CEO at ACI Worldwide in New

York, (646) 348-6700, philip. heasley@aciworldwide.com, www.aciworldwide.com. Prior

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GENERATED PRO FORMA REVENUES OF \$683 MILLION.

THE COMPANIES

SMARTRAC PLANT IN THAILAND

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five production facilities in Ayutthaya on October 6, 2011. Production equipment and material were moved upstairs, and several protective barriers were installed. Facilities remained dry until the night of October 13/14, when several small cracks and one major breach compromised the dikes surrounding Hi-Tech Industrial Estate, the area in which Smartrac is located. The water level in the ground floors of most buildings in the Estate

reached 2.5 meters. However, Smartrac says that preventive measures taken by staff limited damage, and that its production environment as well as the equipment that had been moved to upper floors were not affected.

Nonetheless, Smartrac's ability to produce inlays for smart payment cards is temporarily halted, and its disaster recovery plans have been implemented.

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SMARTRAC PLANT IN THAILAND

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The company has ramped up production of card inlays at



its Malaysia facilities, which hold card-quality management certification from MasterCard.

Smartrac is uncertain how soon it will be able to restart production in Ayutthaya.

Smartrac also manufactures

in Brazil, Germany, and the United States. It has insurance coverage for damages on buildings, machinery, and business interruption in Thailand,

www.smartrac-group.com.

THYRON MOBILE PIN ENTRY DEVICE

The PosMate Smart, a pocket-sized, mobile PIN entry device

from Thyron Systems, facilitates fully encrypted card transactions initiated

by either
EMV chip
or magneticstripe cards. It
uses encrypted
Bluetooth (class
2) technology to
connect securely
to a recognized
payment application

running on a compatible tablet or PDA or smartphone from Apple, BlackBerry, Android, or Windows Mobile. It can also connect directly to a point-of-sale terminal via a USB connection.

The device is PCI PED 2.0 compliant, EMV Level 1 & 2 (EMV 4) certified, and meets the U.K. Cards Association EAL4 Certification Standard. Its

battery is rechargeable lithium polymer.

PosMate Smart measures 128 mm (L) x 74 mm (W) x 24 mm (H) and is equipped with 64 MB flash memory and 8 MB SRAM memory. Currently available in the U.K. and Ireland, Thyron is negotiating additional distribution with local market partners in other European countries. James Hall is

Director, Commercial at Thyron Systems Limited in Watford, Herts, U.K., 44 (1923) 296-650, james.hall@thyron.com, www.thyron.com.

... CAN INTER-FACE INTO A POS TERMINAL VIA A USB CON-NECTION.

HANDPOINT MOBILE PAYMENTS SOFTWARE

U.K.-based Handpoint has provided software for mobile commerce payment processing to clients in Europe since 2004. It launched the world's first



mobile EMV-based chip and PIN project in partnership with IBM in the U.K. in 2007. Today, transactions processed using Handpoint software are generated by smartphones and tablets as well as from instore PC-based point-of-sale systems and countertop devices. And it also sells software and

payment services to merchants and acquirers to handle back-office processing. Handpoint clients currently process over 200,000 transactions daily, \$10 billion in

purchase volume annually.

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The company's main focus is end-to-end mobile payment processing software including point-to-point encryption for transactions initiated by EMV

> chip or magneticstripe cards or NFC devices. It also operates a fully PCI-DSS certified mobile payment gateway that handles both authorizations and settlements.

In addition to revenues earned from the licensing of its

software and operating the gateway, the company generates revenue by storing and managing payment card data for merchants, allowing them to reduce their security-related costs.

Handpoint clients include British Airways, Barclaycard, and the Central Bank of Iceland. Thordur Thorarinsson is CFO in Cambridge, U.K., 44 (1223) 597-909, tthorarinsson@handpoint.com, www.handpoint.com.

AUTHENTIFY TELEPHONE AUTHENTICATION

Telephone-based, out-of-band authentication and real time transaction approval or cancellation



services from Authentify protect online banking sessions, e-commerce payments, and wire transfers and can be integrated into existing security processes via an XML interface.

The latest version of Authentify's technology called 2CHK employs a small app that can be downloaded to a consumer's mobile device or computer desktop. It establishes a secure second

communication channel to an online banking platform and lets the user visually review details and approve or cancel the transaction.

2CHK is designed to combat malware including man-in-the-middle attacks as well as fraud resulting from stolen login credentials obtained through phishing or some other means.

2CHK aims to help financial institutions meet updated supplemental Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)

guidelines for transaction verification that go into effect January 1, 2012 in the U.S.

Banks outside the U.S. will find 2CHK transaction verification useful in meeting requirements from agencies including FSA in the U.K., and CEBS (GL34) and SEPA in the European Union. John Zurawski is VP Sales and Marketing at Authentify, Inc. in

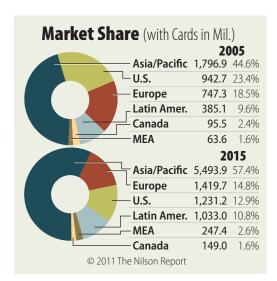
Chicago, Illinois, (773) 243-0328, john.zurawski@authentify.com, $\underline{www.authentify.com}$. Prior issues: 917, 826

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GENERAL PURPOSE CARDS PROJECTED WORLDWIDE

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was down from 17.00%, but it overtook the U.S. for the first time, due to the U.S.'s share decreasing to 16.22%



from 17.72%. Latin America at 10.07% was down from 10.37%, Middle East/Africa at 2.33% was up from 2.21%, and Canada at 1.91% was down from 2.02%.

By 2015, the payment card industry is expected to see a cumulative increase of 3.06 billion cards, led by Asia/Pacific, up 2.04 billion. Latin

America will follow, up 0.38 billion, then Europe, up 0.35 billion, the U.S., up 0.17 billion, Middle East/Africa, up 0.10 billion, and Canada, up 0.02 billion.

The largest gains in market share will occur in the Asia/Pacific region, which will grow 4.36 percentage points to 57.38%. Latin America

will increase 0.72 percentage points to 10.79%, and Middle East/Africa will grow 0.25 percentage points to 2.58%. The U.S. share is expected to fall 3.36 percentage points to 12.86%,

Europe is expected to drop 1.61 percentage points to 14.83%, and Canada is expected to fall 0.35 percentage points to 1.56%.

BY 2015, ASIA/

PACIFIC WILL

ACCOUNT FOR

57.4% OF ALL

CARDS.

CAPITAL ONE SPARK BUSINESS CARD

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Spark credit cards will carry the Visa service mark. Existing Capital One small business



customers will get new cards over time.

Top among the six products are new Spark Cash and Spark Miles products. Spark Cash offers cardholders 2% cash back on purchases made in

every merchant category, a feature not available

from any competitor. New cardholders are eligible to receive a one-time \$100 bonus if they spend \$1,000 in the first three months after an account has been opened. They get a one-time \$50 bonus for adding at least one additional authorized user within the first 60 days of opening an account. There is no expiration date on rewards and no limit on the amount of cash that can be rebated.

The Spark Miles card provides two miles for every dollar in purchases in every merchant category. New cardholders receive 10,000 bonus miles if they spend \$1,000 at merchants within the first three months. A one-time 5,000 miles bonus is provided for adding at least one additional card. There are no limits on the number of miles that can be earned, and no expiration date on the miles. There are no blackout dates for airline ticket redemptions.

All Spark cards can be personalized with the business's name and company logo. Business owners can set spending limits as well as track

employee spending. Capital One will also provide online quarterly and year-end statements that categorize expenses to assist businesses with budgeting and tax preparation. Additional employee cards are free for all Spark products. Rajsaday Dutt is Director, Marketing Strategies at Capital One in Richmond, Virginia, (804) 284-1000, rajsaday.dutt@capitalone.com,

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OWNERS SET LIMITS AND TRACK EMPLOYEE SPENDING.

NCR AND PAYPAL P2P PAYMENTS AT ATMS

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will be available only to ATM owners that use NCR's Aptra middleware and that operate on software vendor S1's platform. Out of 750,000 ATMs installed



in the U.S., an estimated 7% or 50,000 fall into this category

To activate the service, senders input their PIN at an ATM then use the touchscreen to designate the amount to be transferred along with the recipient's email address or mobile number. Funds are then sent by S1 to PayPal through the automated clearinghouse network, and

PayPal notifies the recipient when they are available. Recipients who do not have a PayPal account must sign up for one to get their money. There are 50 million active PayPal accounts in the U.S.

Unlike the data for a recipient's mobile phone, which can be entered on the same ATM

keypad where senders enter their PIN, email addresses are entered on a virtual keyboard that appears on the touchscreen.

NCR will soon announce that a credit union has been signed to test the P2P



service. Interested ATM owners will purchase a license from S1. Mark Critchett is Marketing Director, Payments and Merged Channels at NCR in Atlanta,

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Top 150 Acquirers Worldwide 2010

| | Transactions | | Transactions | 11.0 | nsactions | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Rank Acquirer, Country | (mil.) | Rank Acquirer, Country | (mil.) | Rank Acquirer, Country | (mil.) | | | | | |
| 1 Banc of America U.S. | 9,260.9 | 51 Lloyds Banking Group U.K. | 351.0 | 101 Standard Bank South Africa | 102.8 | | | | | |
| 2 First Data U.S. | 5,885.0 | 52 Sberbank Russia | 350.0 | 102 Banco Santander Mexico | 97.9 | | | | | |
| 3 Chase Paymentech Sol. U.S. | - | 53 iPayment U.S. | 335.1 | 103 Banc Sabadell Spain | 94.8 | | | | | |
| 4 Citi Merchant Services U.S. | 5,204.7 | 54 PayLife Bank Austria | 334.0 | 104 Finansbank Turkey | 92.9 | | | | | |
| 5 WorldPay U.K.* | 4,600.0 | 55 BBVA Bancomer Mexico | 328.0 | 105 Payment Processing Inc. U.S. | 89.7 | | | | | |
| 6 Fifth Third Proc. Sol. U.S. | 4,238.4 | 56 EVO Merchant Services U.S. | 311.3 | 106 Orient Corp. Japan | 89.6 | | | | | |
| 7 Cielo Brazil | 4,063.0 | 57 SIX Multipay Switzerland | 310.0 | 107 Banco Merc. del Norte Mexico | 89.0 | | | | | |
| 8 Barclays U.K. | 2,716.9 | 58 Akbank Turkey | 305.3 | 108 Aduno Switzerland | 86.4 | | | | | |
| 9 Credit Mutuel France | 2,350.2 | 59 TD Merchant Services Canad | a 304.1 | 109 Turkiye Vakiflar Bank Turkey | 84.8 | | | | | |
| 10 Redecard Brazil | 2,320.3 | 60 Teller AS Norway | 304.0 | 110 Commerce Bank U.S. | 84.5 | | | | | |
| 11 Elavon U.S. | 1,889.6 | 61 La Banque Postale France | 303.8 | 111 Key Merchant Serv./Elavon U.S | 5. 83.9 | | | | | |
| 12 Heartland Pymt. Sys. U.S. | 1,799.7 | 62 Nat'l Australia Bank Australia | a 298.5 | 112 Banesto Spain | 83.3 | | | | | |
| 13 Global Payments U.S. | 1,762.7 | 63 B+S Card Service Germany | 250.0 | 113 Kasikornbank Thailand | 81.7 | | | | | |
| 14 WorldPay U.S. | 1,748.0 | 64 TransFirst U.S. | 241.0 | 114 Redwood Merch. Serv. U.S. | 80.1 | | | | | |
| 15 Swedbank Group Sweden* | 1,350.0 | 65 Cynergy Data U.S. | 240.0 | 115 BBVA Banco Prov. Venezuela | 77.9 | | | | | |
| 16 BC Card South Korea | 1,316.3 | 66 Transbank Chile | 235.7 | 116 Evertec Puerto Rico | 76.0 | | | | | |
| 17 Group Credit Agricole France | - | 67 Merchant E-Solutions U.S. | 234.0 | 117 Network International U.A.E. | 75.4 | | | | | |
| 18 Wells Fargo Merch. Serv. U.S | | 68 Caja Madrid Spain | 230.1 | 118 United Merchant Services U.S. | 72.2 | | | | | |
| 19 HSBC/Global Payments U.K | | 69 First Nat'l Bank South Africa | 225.8 | 119 BankCard Services U.S. | 70.0 | | | | | |
| 20 Groupe BPCE France | 972.5 | 70 Banamex Mexico | 225.2 | 120 Financial Transaction Serv. U.S | 5. 64.3 | | | | | |
| 21 Moneris Solutions Canada | 964.7 | 71 Banco Santander Spain | 223.7 | 121 Banco de Venezuela Venezuela | | | | | | |
| 22 Mitsubishi UFJ Japan | 950.0 | 72 BBVA Spain | 207.8 | 122 Bancolombia Colombia | 63.7 | | | | | |
| 23 TSYS Merchant Solutions U | | 73 Citibank Singapore* | 204.0 | 123 CB PrivatBank Ukraine | 63.5 | | | | | |
| 24 Visa Argentina | 910.1 | 74 Moneris Solutions U.S. | 199.0 | 124 CardNET Dominican Republic | 62.4 | | | | | |
| 25 BNP Paribas France | 808.0 | 75 Sovereign/Santander U.S. | 194.8 | 125 SEB Bank Lithuania | 61.6 | | | | | |
| 26 Societe Generale France | 754.9 | 76 First Data Argentina | 189.0 | 126 CSOB Czech Republic | 61.5 | | | | | |
| 27 Kookmin Bank South Korea | 738.5 | 77 Handelsbanken Sweden | 187.8 | 127 Deutsche Credit Card Italy | 60.5 | | | | | |
| 28 Elavon Europe Ireland* | 713.7 | 78 Atos Worldline Belgium | 187.1 | 128 Element Payment Serv. U.S. | 59.9 | | | | | |
| 29 Luottokunta Finland | 697.3 | 79 Concardis Germany | 185.3 | 129 Payment Alliance Int'l U.S. | 59.8 | | | | | |
| 30 Global Payments Canada | 567.3 | 80 NCCC Taiwan | 173.8 | 130 Hang Seng Bank Hong Kong | 58.7 | | | | | |
| 31 Comercia Spain | 557.7 | 81 North American Bancard U.S | | 131 HSBC Mexico | 57.3 | | | | | |
| 32 Mercury Payment Sys. U.S. | 544.3 | 82 Erste Bank Group Austria* | 166.7 | 132 Elavon Canada | 53.9 | | | | | |
| 33 Samsung Card South Korea | 537.3 | 83 ChinaTrust Comm. Taiwan | 163.9 | 133 CAM Spain | 53.4 | | | | | |
| 34 The Bancorp Bank U.S. | 495.0 | | | 134 Privredna Banka Zag. Croatia | 53.4 | | | | | |
| 35 Commonwealth Australia | 480.5 | 84 eService Poland 85 Nedbank South Africa | 157.5 | 135 Merch. Choice Pymt. Sol. U.S. | | | | | | |
| 36 CIC Banques France | | | 157.3 | - | 53.2 | | | | | |
| • | 467.2 | 86 Banesco Banco Univ. Venezue 87 AIBMS Ireland | 153.8 | 136 Komercni Banka Czech Rep. | 50.7 | | | | | |
| 37 Hyundai Card South Korea | 443.8 | | | 137 Unicaja Spain | 47.8 | | | | | |
| 38 Cartasi Italy | 443.4 | 88 First American Pymt. Sys. U. | | 138 T. Halk Bankasi Turkey | 47.7 | | | | | |
| 39 Garanti Bank Turkey | 440.6 | 89 Intuit Payment Solutions U.S | | 139 Priority Payment Systems U.S. | | | | | | |
| 40 Yapi Kredi Bankasi Turkey | 440.4 | 90 Bank Pekao Poland | 150.1 | 140 Card Complete Austria | 45.5 | | | | | |
| 41 ANZ Merch. Serv. Australia | 429.0 | 91 Merrick Bank U.S. | 147.6 | 141 UCS Russia | 45.1 | | | | | |
| 42 Westpac Australia* | 424.5 | 92 BB&T U.S. | 143.4 | 142 Central Payment Co. U.S. | 43.8 | | | | | |
| 43 PNC Merchant Services U.S. | | 93 Total Merchant Services U.S. | | 143 Alpha Card Services U.S. | 43.5 | | | | | |
| 44 Unicre Portugal | 410.7 | 94 Sage Payment Solutions U.S | | 144 VisaNet Peru | 43.5 | | | | | |
| 45 Credit Saison Japan | 404.2 | 95 Fidelity Nat'l Info. Serv. U.S. | 130.0 | 145 Paysquare Netherlands | 43.0 | | | | | |
| 46 SunTrust Merch. Serv. U.S. | 402.5 | 96 MSI Merchant Services U.S. | 126.4 | 146 PowerPay U.S. | 42.5 | | | | | |
| 47 T. Is. Bankasi Turkey | 401.7 | 97 Grupo Banco Popular Spain | 124.2 | 147 Banco de Costa Rica Costa Rica | 40.0 | | | | | |
| 48 ABSA South Africa | 400.0 | 98 Global Payments Hong Kong | | 148 BBVA Compass U.S. | 39.8 | | | | | |
| 49 Polcard Poland | 371.2 | 99 Mercantil Banco Univ. Venezue | | 149 Al Rajhi Bank Saudi Arabia | 39.6 | | | | | |
| 50 Nordea Sweden | 363.9 | 100 United Bank Card U.S. | 114.9 | 150 MLS Direct Network U.S. | 37.6 | | | | | |
| Ranked by Visa & MasterCard purchase transactions by country. *Includes other countries. © 2011 The Nilson Report | | | | | | | | | | |
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PRIME FACTORS' KEY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

More than 70 top payment card issuers, thirdparty processors, and card personalization

bureaus worldwide have



integrated software from Prime Factors when building their inhouse card management and personalization systems. Prime

Factors develops software that hardware

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MASTERCARD,

AND DISCOVER,

SECURITY RE-

QUIREMENTS.

AMEX, JCB,

PRIME FACTORS, INC. software that incorporates

security modules (HSM) needed for key management to create and verify the 3-digit security codes on the back of cards, create and authorize PINs, and generate and process data for EMV card issuance. By using the company's Bank Card Security System (BCSS) software, issuers save time in the implementation phase of their in-house development associated with programming

resources as well as by avoiding having personnel

learn a proprietary machine level language to deploy HSMs.

BCSS meets the logical security requirements of Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and JCB. The company's software is deployed with Thales-manufactured hardware security modules. Encrypted keys are stored in the BCSS key vault. Once installed on-site, issuers no longer have to regularly upgrade custom code to take advantage of any new functionality in Thales hardware. Prime Factor also assumes responsibility for

> staying current with card network security requirements, which reduces ongoing maintenance costs. Clients include TSYS, HSBC, GE Capital, Tieto Sweden, Arab Financial Services, Banco Popular Dominican Republic, Discover, and Standard Chartered. Patrick Riley is President at Prime Factors, Inc. in Eugene, Oregon, (541) 345-4334, patrick.riley@primefactors.com,

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SMARTPHONE APP FOR THE "CASH PREFERRED"

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at brick and mortar stores. The apps were created by Wipit, a start-up whose executives have prior experience in overthe-counter cash payments for mobile airtime.



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Consumers establish their Wipit account via their handset or on www.mywipit.com and utilize the store locator in the app to find a nearby retail location to add funds to their Wipit account.

Wipit plans to be a payment option at websites and is signing merchants to acceptance agreements beginning with

game publishers, entertainment sites, and recurring billers. Richard Kang is CEO at Wipit, Inc. in Pasadena, California, (949) 268-1511, richard.kang@ mywipit.com, www.mywipit. com.

Euronet Worldwide's ePay division (formerly known as Payspot), which provides airtime top-up payment

processing services for Sprint and other mobile network operators from 50,000 U.S. locations, will offer those retailers the opportunity to be cash acceptance locations to fund Wipit accounts.

RIA Financial Services,



Euronet's global funds transfer unit that links to 3,000 recurring billers, will open that group to Wipit accounts.

> Euronet has also made an equity investment in Wipit. Eric Mettemeyer is Regional Director for ePay at Euronet Worldwide in Leawood, Kansas, (913) 327-4200, emettemeyer@ epayworldwide.com,

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TRANSFER

UNIT.

GLOBAL FUNDS

LINK TO

Maestro Issuers 2010

| | Purchase | | | | Purchase | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--------|---|---------------|-------|--|--|
| David Innovation | Volume | Cards | Da ala | I Ct | Volume | Cards | | |
| Rank Issuer, Country | (mil. \$U.S.) | (000) | Rank | • | (mil. \$U.S.) | (000) | | |
| 1 BancoPosta Italy | \$43,865.2 | • | | Privredna Banka Zagreb Croatia | \$617.3 | 906 | | |
| 2 ING Netherlands | \$27,092.0 | | | Borgun Iceland | \$594.4 | 152 | | |
| 3 Commonwealth Ba | • | • | | Akbank Turkey | \$587.1 | 5,207 | | |
| 4 RBS/NatWest U.K. | \$21,422.2 | | | ING Belgium | \$525.2 | 1,841 | | |
| 5 Itau Unibanco Brazil | • • | | | Ahli United Bank Kuwait | \$501.6 | 198 | | |
| 6 Euro 6000 Spain | \$7,851. | | | Vseobecna Uveroba Banka (VUB) Slovakia | \$486.0 | 365 | | |
| 7 Clydesdale Bank U.H | | | | Bancaribe Venezuela | \$485.2 | 315 | | |
| 8 Caixa Economica Fe | | | | CIC Banques France | \$467.5 | 251 | | |
| 9 Deutsche Bank Gerr | | | | Cartao BRB Brazil | \$423.3 | 809 | | |
| 10 Raiffeisen Bank Inte | | | | Slovenska Sporitelna Slovakia | \$410.6 | 340 | | |
| 11 UBS Switzerland | \$6,261.3 | | | Nedbank South Africa | \$410.4 | 831 | | |
| 12 HSBC U.K. | \$5,428.5 | | - | Hana SK Card South Korea | \$396.8 | 733 | | |
| 13 Groupe Credit Agric | | | | BRD Romania | \$394.0 | 1,357 | | |
| 14 Banesco Banco Uni | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | - | Bank BPH Poland | \$388.3 | 311 | | |
| 15 KB Kookmin Card So | • | | | PKO Bank Poland | \$315.3 | 234 | | |
| 16 Raiffeisen Switzerlan | | | | Banco Cooperativo do Brasil Brazil | \$312.4 | 1,172 | | |
| 17 ANZ Banking Group | | | | Erste & Steiermarkische Bank Croatia | \$276.4 | 436 | | |
| 18 Bank Austria Austria | • | | | Abanka Vipa Slovenia | \$252.3 | 147 | | |
| 19 Standard Bank Sout | | • | | Banco AV Villas Colombia | \$234.6 | 778 | | |
| 20 Credit Suisse Switze | | | | BCSC Colombia | \$231.9 | 590 | | |
| 21 Banco Santander Br | , | | | Mauritius Commercial Bank Mauritius | \$228.8 | 530 | | |
| 22 Bank Pekao Poland | \$2,882.7 | | | MBNA (Bank of America) Canada | \$222.1 | 2,786 | | |
| 23 Credit Mutuel France | | | | Bank Zachodni WBK Poland | \$216.9 | 185 | | |
| 24 Shinhan Card South | . , | | | Banco Popular Dominican Republic | \$214.5 | 647 | | |
| 25 Commerzbank Gern | | | | Alior Bank Poland | \$205.6 | 206 | | |
| 26 Absa Bank South Afr | . , | | 76 | Santander Consumer Bank Germany | \$204.6 | 206 | | |
| 27 Mercantil Banco Un | | | 77 | Banca Comerciala Romana (BCR) Romania | \$193.9 | 992 | | |
| 28 Grupo Bancolombia | | | - | BFC Banco Fondo Comun Venezuela | \$188.2 | 660 | | |
| 29 BBVA Banco Provin | | | | Banka Koper Slovenia | \$184.1 | 174 | | |
| 30 Sberbank Russia | \$2,235.3 | | | Nuevo Banco de Santa Fe Argentina | \$180.5 | 440 | | |
| 31 Swedbank Sweden | \$2,205.7 | | | Santander Totta Portugal | \$176.6 | 63 | | |
| 32 Westpac Banking C | | | | Swedbank Lithuania | \$172.6 | 438 | | |
| 33 Banco de Venezuela | | | | Newcastle Building Society United Kingdom | | 453 | | |
| 34 Banco Santander C | • • • | · · | | Erste Bank Hungary | \$156.8 | 226 | | |
| 35 Caixa Geral de Depo | | • | | UniCredit Bank (HVB) Germany | \$154.6 | 1,347 | | |
| 36 OTP Bank Hungary | \$1,402.8 | • | | Swedbank Estonia | \$150.3 | 63 | | |
| 37 Erste Bank Austria | \$1,400.0 | | | HDFC India | \$147.3 | 4,820 | | |
| 38 Riyad Bank Saudi Ar | | | | Finansbank Turkey | \$147.2 | 876 | | |
| 39 Nat'l Commercial B | | | | Hrvatska Postanska Banka (HPB) Croatia | \$145.2 | 466 | | |
| 40 SABB Saudi Arabia | \$985.7 | | | VakifBank Turkey | \$132.6 | 4,277 | | |
| 41 CBC Banque Belgiun | | | | Isbank Turkey | \$118.1 | 1,158 | | |
| 42 ING Bank Poland | \$843. | | | Bank BGZ Poland | \$113.5 | (1) | | |
| 43 Banco Davivienda | · | | | Banco Colpatria Colombia | \$91.2 | 317 | | |
| 44 Cathay United Banl | | | | Yapi Kredi Bankasi Turkey | \$87.7 | 1,035 | | |
| 45 BNP Paribas Fortis | | • | | Banco Santander Colombia | \$82.6 | 158 | | |
| 46 Woori Financial Gro | <u> </u> | | | Komercni Banka Czech Republic | \$81.8 | 184 | | |
| 47 State Bank of India | | | | Banc Sabadell Spain | \$78.0 | 50 | | |
| 48 Garanti Bank Turkey | | | | SEB Banka Latvia | \$74.6 | 111 | | |
| 49 Ceska Sporitelna Cz | | | | Halkbank Turkey | \$73.2 | 1,936 | | |
| 50 Intesa Sanpaolo Gr | oup Italy \$629.0 | 5 810 | 100 | RBTT Bank Trinidad & Tobago | \$67.4 | 427 | | |
| (1) No longer issues. (2) Includes Yorkshire Bank. (3) Includes Le Credit Lyonnais. © 2011 The Nilson Report | | | | | | | | |

CITI COMMITS TO PRIVATE LABEL

Citigroup will hold onto its private-label credit card operations in the U.S. and Canada. The business, which provides credit cards for retailers and gasoline sellers, has earned \$1.39 billion in

income from continuing operations so far this year. The bank sees the portfolio as a steady source of revolving credit outstandings in the current credit environment. Citi is the second largest provider

of credit cards to U.S. retailers behind GE. It is

the largest provider of credit cards to gasoline sellers in the U.S. cit

U.S. clients include Sears, The Home Depot, Office Depot, Macy's, Shell, ExxonMobil, and 30 others. Canada clients include Staples, Petro-Canada,

and The Home Depot. Craig Vallorano is Executive VP, Strategy and Business Development at Citi Retail Partner Cards in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, (224) 222-2345, craig.vallorano@citi.com, www.citi.com. Prior issues: 979, 969

AMEX ADDS SOMETRICS TO SERVE

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Enterprise Growth Group, and will be integrated into the company's Serve digital

> payments platform. Sometrics brings Serve not only the ability to offer consumers and sellers of digital content virtual

currencies but also billing serve to telecom accounts. Sellers also benefit from

> its artificial intelligence tools including predictive analytics used to deliver targeted offers to consumers.

Publishers of online games use Sometrics to promote their free-to-play offers and then introduce virtual currency within the game to monetize their business. Sometrics also provides them with the ability to target offers to players from Netflix, Disney, Columbia House, and other partners

based on the player's location, demographic, conversion history, and social affiliation. Game publishers that use Sometrics include BigPoint, Habbo, Nexon, NHN USA, PopCap, and IMVU.

Sometrics provides telecom account billing options in 100 countries as well as global and local credit and debit card acceptance.

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TOR AGNOSTIC.

Currently it can facilitate payments from more than 225 million consumers in 200 countries. Its predictive analytics enable publishers to steer

players to the payment options that hold the best chance of converting a consumer from a free player to a buyer.

Sometrics raised \$6 million in funding from the Mail Room Fund, an investment consortium that includes the William Morris Talent Agency, Accel, and Venrock, as well as AT&T, Greycroft Partners, and Steamboat Ventures.

American Express is buying companies, spending on internal systems, and promoting an open API initiative to developers with the aim of making Serve a comprehensive, funding agnostic, form factor agnostic,

> master account that gives consumers every possible funding source for payments made both online and offline. Jason Hogg is President, Serve Enterprises at American Express in St. Petersburg, Florida,

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