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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-32903

THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization) 20-4531180
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

12500 EAST BELFORD AVENUE 80112
ENGLEWOOD, CO
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (866) 405-5012

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if Smaller reporting company
 a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of October 24, 2014, 522,627,069 shares of our common stock were outstanding.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenues:				
Transaction fees	\$1,040.8	\$1,029.9	\$3,057.7	\$3,024.2
Foreign exchange revenues	360.6	347.7	1,034.2	998.1
Other revenues	39.5	31.2	105.4	97.8
Total revenues	1,440.9	1,408.8	4,197.3	4,120.1
Expenses:				
Cost of services	840.5	818.2	2,465.5	2,389.3
Selling, general and administrative	286.3	295.3	867.4	861.8
Total expenses	1,126.8	1,113.5	3,332.9	3,251.1
Operating income	314.1	295.3	864.4	869.0
Other income/(expense):				
Interest income	1.8	4.6	9.4	5.7
Interest expense	(43.2)	) (48.8)	) (134.2)	) (145.7)
Derivative gains/(losses), net	0.5	) (0.9)	) (2.1)	) (0.6)
Other income/(expense), net	(0.4)	) 1.5	(5.2)	) 5.7
Total other expense, net	(41.3)	) (43.6)	) (132.1)	) (134.9)
Income before income taxes	272.8	251.7	732.3	734.1
Provision for income taxes	38.7	37.3	101.4	109.1
Net income	\$234.1	\$214.4	\$630.9	\$625.0
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$0.44	\$0.39	\$1.17	\$1.12
Diluted	\$0.44	\$0.39	\$1.17	\$1.11
Weighted-average shares outstanding:				
Basic	527.8	552.1	537.0	558.5
Diluted	531.2	555.8	540.1	561.3
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.125	\$0.125	\$0.375	\$0.375

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)
(in millions)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		September 30,		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Net income	\$234.1	\$214.4	\$630.9	\$625.0	
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax (Note 9):					
Unrealized gains/(losses) on investment securities	(1.4) (0.2) 5.3	(3.7)
Unrealized gains/(losses) on hedging activities	52.4	(25.9) 56.2	(6.9)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1.2) (2.8) (8.4) (8.5)
Defined benefit pension plan adjustments	1.8	1.9	5.0	6.4	
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	51.6	(27.0) 58.1	(12.7)
Comprehensive income	\$285.7	\$187.4	\$689.0	\$612.3	

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,667.4	\$2,073.1
Settlement assets	3,465.8	3,270.4
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$466.4 and \$428.6, respectively	205.7	209.9
Goodwill	3,169.5	3,172.0
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$797.3 and \$672.3, respectively	768.9	833.8
Other assets	569.3	562.1
Total assets	\$9,846.6	\$10,121.3
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$596.1	\$638.9
Settlement obligations	3,465.8	3,270.4
Income taxes payable	201.5	216.9
Deferred tax liability, net	296.0	319.2
Borrowings	3,714.2	4,213.0
Other liabilities	393.3	358.2
Total liabilities	8,666.9	9,016.6
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value; 10 shares authorized; no shares issued	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 523.6 shares and 548.8 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	5.2	5.5
Capital surplus	429.2	390.9
Retained earnings	856.2	877.3
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(110.9	) (169.0
Total stockholders' equity	1,179.7	1,104.7
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$9,846.6	\$10,121.3

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(in millions)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$630.9	\$625.0
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	49.5	47.5
Amortization	152.9	150.4
Other non-cash items, net	7.5	10.5
Increase/(decrease) in cash, excluding the effects of acquisitions, resulting from changes in:		
Other assets	(16.0	) (30.5
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(47.1	) 46.8
Income taxes payable	(6.2	) (25.2
Other liabilities	3.8	(13.6
Net cash provided by operating activities	775.3	810.9
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capitalization of contract costs	(49.0	) (68.9
Capitalization of purchased and developed software	(29.4	) (36.6
Purchases of property and equipment	(50.9	) (60.7
Acquisition of business (Note 3)	(10.6) —
Purchases of non-settlement related investments	—	(100.0
Proceeds from sale of non-settlement related investments	100.2	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(39.7	) (266.2
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from exercise of options	8.6	21.4
Cash dividends paid	(199.9	) (208.6
Common stock repurchased (Note 9)	(450.0	) (340.6
Net proceeds from issuance of borrowings	—	249.3
Principal payments on borrowings	(500.0	) (300.0
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,141.3	) (578.5
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(405.7	) (33.8
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,073.1	1,776.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$1,667.4	\$1,742.7
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$97.6	\$112.3
Income taxes paid	\$131.3	\$136.0

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Business and Basis of Presentation

Business

The Western Union Company ("Western Union" or the "Company") is a leader in global money movement and payment services, providing people and businesses with fast, reliable and convenient ways to send money and make payments around the world. The Western Union® brand is globally recognized. The Company's services are primarily available through a network of agent locations in more than 200 countries and territories. Each location in the Company's agent network is capable of providing one or more of the Company's services.

The Western Union business consists of the following segments:

Consumer-to-Consumer - The Consumer-to-Consumer operating segment facilitates money transfers between two consumers, primarily through a network of third-party agents. The Company's multi-currency, real-time money transfer service is viewed by the Company as one interconnected global network where a money transfer can be sent from one location to another, around the world. This service is available for international cross-border transfers - that is, the transfer of funds from one country to another - and, in certain countries, intra-country transfers - that is, money transfers from one location to another in the same country. This segment also includes money transfer transactions that can be initiated through websites and account based money transfers.

Consumer-to-Business - The Consumer-to-Business operating segment facilitates bill payments from consumers to businesses and other organizations, including utilities, auto finance companies, mortgage servicers, financial service providers, government agencies and other businesses. The significant majority of the segment's revenue was generated in the United States during all periods presented, with the remainder primarily generated in Argentina.

Business Solutions - The Business Solutions operating segment facilitates payment and foreign exchange solutions, primarily cross-border, cross-currency transactions, for small and medium size enterprises and other organizations and individuals. The majority of the segment's business relates to exchanges of currency at the spot rate which enables customers to make cross-currency payments. In addition, in certain countries, the Company writes foreign currency forward and option contracts for customers to facilitate future payments.

All businesses that have not been classified in the above segments are reported as "Other" and include the Company's money order and other businesses and services, in addition to costs for the review and closing of acquisitions.

There are legal or regulatory limitations on transferring certain assets of the Company outside of the countries where these assets are located. However, there are generally no limitations on the use of these assets within those countries. Additionally, the Company must meet minimum capital requirements in some countries in order to maintain operating licenses. As of September 30, 2014, the amount of net assets subject to these limitations totaled approximately \$300 million.

Various aspects of the Company's services and businesses are subject to United States federal, state and local regulation, as well as regulation by foreign jurisdictions, including certain banking and other financial services

regulations.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and were prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. In compliance with those instructions, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") have been condensed or omitted.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in this quarterly report are presented on a consolidated basis and include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiaries. Results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year. All significant intercompany transactions and accounts were eliminated as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

In the opinion of management, these condensed consolidated financial statements include all the normal recurring adjustments necessary to fairly present the Company's condensed consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows as of September 30, 2014 and for all periods presented. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements within the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Consistent with industry practice, the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets are unclassified due to the short-term nature of the Company's settlement obligations contrasted with the Company's ability to invest cash awaiting settlement in long-term investment securities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncement

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a new accounting pronouncement regarding revenue from contracts with customers. This new standard provides guidance on recognizing revenue, including a five step model to determine when revenue recognition is appropriate. The standard requires that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Adoption of the new standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption not permitted. Management is currently evaluating the potential impact that the adoption of this standard will have on the Company's financial position, results of operations, and related disclosures, and will adopt the provisions of this new standard in the first quarter of 2017.

2. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Unvested shares of restricted stock are excluded from basic shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options at the presented dates are exercised and shares of restricted stock have vested, using the treasury stock method. The treasury stock method assumes proceeds from the exercise price of stock options, the unamortized compensation expense and assumed tax benefits of options and restricted stock are available to acquire shares at an average market price throughout the period, and therefore, reduce the dilutive effect.

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For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were 14.2 million and 15.7 million, respectively, of outstanding options to purchase shares of Western Union stock excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation, as their effect was anti-dilutive. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were 16.3 million and 22.5 million, respectively, of outstanding options to purchase shares of Western Union stock excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation, as their effect was anti-dilutive.

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(Unaudited)

The following table provides the calculation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	527.8	552.1	537.0	558.5
Common stock equivalents	3.4	3.7	3.1	2.8
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	531.2	555.8	540.1	561.3

3. Acquisitions

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company acquired the Brazilian foreign exchange operations of Fitta DTVM S.A. and Fitta Turismo Ltda. for total consideration of \$18.5 million. The Company expects that the acquisition will enable the Company to leverage its existing infrastructure to enter the retail walk-in foreign exchange business in Brazil and accelerate the introduction of additional Western Union products and services.

Of the total consideration noted above, \$15.6 million was allocated to identifiable intangible assets, the majority of which relates to contractual relationships. The identifiable intangible assets are being amortized over a period of two to twelve years with a weighted average life of ten years. The Company recognized \$2.4 million of goodwill related to this acquisition.

4. Productivity and Cost-Savings Initiatives Expenses

In the fourth quarter of 2012 and throughout 2013, the Company implemented initiatives to improve productivity and reduce costs. The following table summarizes the activity for the employee termination benefits and other costs related to the productivity and cost-savings initiatives accruals as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 (in millions):

	Severance, Outplacement and Related Benefits	Other (a)	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 45.4	\$ 1.0	\$ 46.4
Cash payments	(34.3	) (1.0	) (35.3
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$ 11.1	\$—	\$ 11.1

(a) Other expenses primarily related to the relocation of various operations to new and existing Company facilities and third-party providers including expenses for hiring, training, relocation, travel and professional fees. All such expenses were recorded when incurred.

The following table presents expenses related to productivity and cost-savings initiatives as reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
Cost of services	\$4.5	\$13.9
Selling, general and administrative	1.7	10.0
Total expenses, pre-tax	\$6.2	\$23.9
Total expenses, net of tax	\$4.3	\$16.6

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(Unaudited)

The following table summarizes expenses related to productivity and cost-savings initiatives incurred by reportable segment during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 (in millions):

	Consumer-to-Consumer	Consumer-to-Business	Business Solutions	Other	Total
First quarter 2013	\$ 3.2	\$ 0.5	\$—	\$0.5	\$4.2
Second quarter 2013	11.7	1.4	0.1	0.3	13.5
Third quarter 2013	5.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	6.2
Total expenses	\$ 20.4	\$ 2.4	\$0.2	\$0.9	\$23.9

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5. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value, as defined by the relevant accounting standards, represents the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. For additional information on how the Company measures fair value, refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The following tables reflect assets and liabilities that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in millions):

September 30, 2014	Fair Value Measurement Using			Assets/ Liabilities at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:				
Settlement assets:				
State and municipal debt securities	\$—	\$974.3	\$—	\$974.3
State and municipal variable rate demand notes	—	412.4	—	412.4
Other debt securities	—	9.4	—	9.4
Other assets:				
Derivatives	—	333.7	—	333.7
Total assets	\$—	\$1,729.8	\$—	\$1,729.8
Liabilities:				
Notes and other borrowings	\$—	\$3,916.7	\$—	\$3,916.7
Derivatives	—	260.5	—	260.5
Total liabilities	\$—	\$4,177.2	\$—	\$4,177.2
December 31, 2013	Fair Value Measurement Using			Assets/ Liabilities at Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:				
Settlement assets:				
State and municipal debt securities	\$—	\$874.2	\$—	\$874.2
State and municipal variable rate demand notes	—	865.0	—	865.0
Other debt securities	—	11.3	—	11.3
Other assets:				
Short-term bond mutual fund	100.2	—	—	100.2
Derivatives	—	224.3	—	224.3
Total assets	\$100.2	\$1,974.8	\$—	\$2,075.0
Liabilities:				
Notes and other borrowings	\$—	\$4,343.2	\$—	\$4,343.2
Derivatives	—	223.4	—	223.4
Total liabilities	\$—	\$4,566.6	\$—	\$4,566.6

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(Unaudited)

No non-recurring fair value adjustments were recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, except those associated with acquisitions. The valuation of assets acquired, as disclosed in Note 3, was derived primarily using unobservable Level 3 inputs, which require significant management judgment and estimation. No non-recurring fair value adjustments were recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Other Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts for many of the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, settlement cash and cash equivalents, and settlement receivables and settlement obligations approximate fair value due to their short maturities. The aggregate fair value of the Company's borrowings was based on quotes from multiple banks and excluded the impact of related interest rate swaps. All the assets and liabilities in the above tables were carried at fair value in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, with the exception of borrowings, which had a carrying value of \$3,714.2 million and \$4,213.0 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively (see Note 12).

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(Unaudited)

6. Commitments and Contingencies

Letters of Credit and Bank Guarantees

The Company had approximately \$215 million in outstanding letters of credit and bank guarantees as of September 30, 2014. The letters of credit and bank guarantees are primarily held in connection with lease arrangements, certain agent agreements, and in relation to an uncertain tax position. The letters of credit and bank guarantees have expiration dates through 2018, with the majority having a one-year renewal option, except for the bank guarantee related to the uncertain tax position, which will expire upon resolution of this matter. The Company expects to renew the letters of credit and bank guarantees prior to expiration in most circumstances.

Litigation and Related Contingencies

The Company is subject to certain claims and litigation, including but not limited to those discussed below:

State of Arizona Agreement and Settlement

On February 11, 2010, Western Union Financial Services, Inc. ("WUFSI"), a subsidiary of the Company, signed an agreement and settlement ("Southwest Border Agreement"), which resolved all outstanding legal issues and claims with the State of Arizona (the "State") and required the Company to fund a multi-state not-for-profit organization promoting safety and security along the United States and Mexico border, in which California, Texas and New Mexico are participating with Arizona. As part of the Southwest Border Agreement, the Company has made and expects to make certain investments in its compliance programs along the United States and Mexico border and a monitor (the "Monitor") has been engaged for those programs. In October 2014, the Superior Court of the State of Arizona In and For the County of Maricopa approved the removal of the Monitor and the appointment of a replacement Monitor. The Company has incurred, and expects to continue to incur, significant costs in connection with the Southwest Border Agreement. The Monitor has made a number of recommendations related to the Company's compliance programs, which also related to our Business Solutions business.

On January 31, 2014, the Southwest Border Agreement was amended to extend its term until December 31, 2017 (the "Amendment") and imposes obligations on the Company and WUFSI in connection with WUFSI's anti-money laundering ("AML") compliance programs and cooperation with law enforcement. In particular, the Amendment requires WUFSI to continue implementing the primary and secondary recommendations made by the Monitor appointed pursuant to the Southwest Border Agreement related to WUFSI's AML compliance program, and includes, among other things, timeframes for implementing such primary and secondary recommendations. Under the Amendment, the Monitor may make additional primary recommendations until January 1, 2015, and additional secondary recommendations until January 31, 2017. After these dates, the Monitor may only make additional primary or secondary recommendations, as applicable, that meet certain requirements as set forth in the Amendment. Primary recommendations may also be re-classified as secondary recommendations.

The Amendment provides that if WUFSI is unable to implement an effective AML compliance program along the U.S. and Mexico border, as determined by the Monitor and subject to limited judicial review, within the timeframes to implement the Monitor's primary recommendations, the State may, within 180 days after the Monitor delivers its final report on the primary recommendations on December 31, 2016, and subsequent to any judicial review of the Monitor's

findings, elect one, and only one, of the following remedies: (i) assert a willful and material breach of the Southwest Border Agreement and pursue remedies under the Southwest Border Agreement, which could include initiating civil or criminal actions; or (ii) require WUFSI to pay (a) \$50 million plus (b) \$1 million per primary recommendation or group of primary recommendations that WUFSI fails to implement successfully. There are currently more than 70 primary recommendations and groups of primary recommendations.

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(Unaudited)

If the Monitor concludes that WUFSI has implemented an effective AML compliance program along the U.S. and Mexico border within the timeframes to implement the Monitor's primary recommendations, the State cannot pursue either of the remedies above, except that the State may require WUFSI to pay \$1 million per primary recommendation or group of primary recommendations that WUFSI fails to implement successfully.

If, at the conclusion of the timeframe to implement the secondary recommendations on December 31, 2017, the Monitor concludes that WUFSI has not implemented an effective AML compliance program along the U.S. and Mexico border, the State cannot assert a willful and material breach of the Southwest Border Agreement but may require WUFSI to pay an additional \$25 million. Additionally, if the Monitor determines that WUFSI has implemented an effective AML compliance program along the U.S. and Mexico border but has not implemented some of the Monitor's secondary recommendations or groups of secondary recommendations that were originally classified as primary recommendations or groups of primary recommendations on the date of the Amendment, the State may require WUFSI to pay \$500,000 per such secondary recommendation or group of recommendations. There is no monetary penalty associated with secondary recommendations that are classified as such on the date of the Amendment or any new secondary recommendations that the Monitor makes after the date of the Amendment.

The Amendment requires WUFSI to continue funding the Monitor's reasonable expenses in \$500,000 increments as requested by the Monitor. The Amendment also requires WUFSI to make a one-time payment of \$250,000, which was paid in March 2014, and thereafter \$150,000 per month for five years to fund the activities and expenses of a money transfer transaction data analysis center formed by WUFSI and a Financial Crimes Task Force comprised of federal, state and local law enforcement representatives, including those from the State. In addition, California, Texas, and New Mexico are also participating in the money transfer transaction data analysis center.

The changes in WUFSI's AML program required by the Southwest Border Agreement, including the Amendment, and the Monitor's recommendations have had, and will continue to have, adverse effects on the Company's business, including additional costs. Additionally, if WUFSI is not able to implement a successful AML compliance program along the U.S. and Mexico border or timely implement a substantial portion of the Monitor's primary recommendations, each as determined by the Monitor, pursuit by the State of remedies under the Southwest Border Agreement, including the Amendment, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations.

United States Department of Justice Investigations

On March 20, 2012, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California ("USAO-CDCA") seeking documents relating to Shen Zhou International ("US Shen Zhou"), a former Western Union agent located in Monterey Park, California. The principal of US Shen Zhou was indicted in 2010 and in December 2013, pled guilty to one count of structuring international money transfers in violation of United States federal law in U.S. v. Zhi He Wang (SA CR 10-196, C.D. Cal.). Concurrent with the government's service of the subpoena, the government notified the Company that it is a target of an ongoing investigation into structuring and money laundering. Since March 20, 2012, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-CDCA seeking additional documents relating to US Shen Zhou, materials relating to certain other former and current agents and other materials relating to the Company's AML compliance policies and procedures. The government has interviewed several current and former Western Union employees and has served grand jury subpoenas seeking testimony from several current and former employees. The

government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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In March 2012, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania ("USAO-EDPA") seeking documents relating to Hong Fai General Contractor Corp. (formerly known as Yong General Construction) ("Hong Fai"), a former Western Union agent located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since March 2012, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-EDPA seeking additional documents relating to Hong Fai. The government has interviewed several current Western Union employees. The government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

On November 25, 2013, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania ("USAO-MDPA") seeking documents relating to complaints made to the Company by consumers anywhere in the world relating to fraud-induced money transfers since January 1, 2008. Concurrent with the government's service of the subpoena, the government notified the Company that it is the subject of the investigation. Since November 25, 2013, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-MDPA seeking documents relating to certain Western Union agents and Western Union's agent suspension and termination policies. The government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

On March 6, 2014, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida ("USAO-SDFL") seeking a variety of AML compliance materials, including documents relating to the Company's AML, Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA"), Suspicious Activity Report ("SAR") and Currency Transaction Report procedures, transaction monitoring protocols, BSA and AML training programs and publications, AML compliance investigation reports, compliance-related agent termination files, SARs, BSA audits, BSA and AML-related management reports and AML compliance staffing levels. The subpoena also calls for Board meeting minutes and organization charts. The period covered by the subpoena is January 1, 2007 to November 27, 2013. The Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-SDFL and the Broward County, Florida Sheriff's Office relating to the investigation, including a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the USAO-SDFL on March 14, 2014, seeking information about 33 agent locations in Costa Rica such as ownership and operating agreements, SARs and AML compliance and BSA filings for the period January 1, 2008 to November 27, 2013. Subsequently, the USAO-SDFL served the Company with seizure warrants requiring the Company to seize all money transfers sent from the United States to two agent locations located in Costa Rica for a 10-day period beginning in late March 2014. On July 8, 2014, the government served a grand jury subpoena calling for records relating to transactions sent from the United States to Nicaragua and Panama between September 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013. The government has also notified the Company that it is a target of the investigation. The investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information or seizure warrants as part of the investigation. The

Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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Shareholder Action and Other Matters

On December 10, 2013, City of Taylor Police and Fire Retirement System filed a purported class action complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against The Western Union Company, its President and Chief Executive Officer and a former executive officer of the Company, asserting claims under sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5 against all defendants. On September 26, 2014, the Court appointed SEB Asset Management S.A. and SEB Investment Management AB as lead plaintiffs. On October 27, 2014, lead plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint, which asserts the same claims as the original complaint, except that it brings the claims under section 20(a) of the Exchange Act only against the individual defendants. The consolidated amended complaint also adds as a defendant another former executive officer of the Company. The consolidated amended complaint alleges that, during the purported class period, February 7, 2012 through October 30, 2012, defendants made false or misleading statements or failed to disclose adverse material facts known to them, including those regarding: (1) the competitive advantage the Company derived from its compliance program; (2) the Company’s ability to increase market share, make limited price adjustments and withstand competitive pressures; (3) the effect of compliance measures under the Southwest Border Agreement on agent retention and business in Mexico; and (4) the Company’s progress in implementing an anti-money laundering program for the Southwest Border Area. This action is in a preliminary stage and the Company is unable to predict the outcome, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with this action. The Company and the named individuals intend to vigorously defend themselves in this matter.

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The Company and one of its subsidiaries are defendants in two purported class action lawsuits: James P. Tennille v. The Western Union Company and Robert P. Smet v. The Western Union Company, both of which are pending in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. The original complaints asserted claims for violation of various consumer protection laws, unjust enrichment, conversion and declaratory relief, based on allegations that the Company waits too long to inform consumers if their money transfers are not redeemed by the recipients and that the Company uses the unredeemed funds to generate income until the funds are escheated to state governments. The Tennille complaint was served on the Company on April 27, 2009. The Smet complaint was served on the Company on April 6, 2010. On September 21, 2009, the Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss the Tennille complaint and gave the plaintiff leave to file an amended complaint. On October 21, 2009, Tennille filed an amended complaint. The Company moved to dismiss the Tennille amended complaint and the Smet complaint. On November 8, 2010, the Court denied the motion to dismiss as to the plaintiffs' unjust enrichment and conversion claims. On February 4, 2011, the Court dismissed the plaintiffs' consumer protection claims. On March 11, 2011, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint that adds a claim for breach of fiduciary duty, various elements to its declaratory relief claim and WUFSI as a defendant. On April 25, 2011, the Company and WUFSI filed a motion to dismiss the breach of fiduciary duty and declaratory relief claims. WUFSI also moved to compel arbitration of the plaintiffs' claims and to stay the action pending arbitration. On November 21, 2011, the Court denied the motion to compel arbitration and the stay request. Both companies appealed the decision. On January 24, 2012, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit granted the companies' request to stay the District Court proceedings pending their appeal. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the parties executed a settlement agreement, which the Court preliminarily approved on January 3, 2013. On June 25, 2013, the Court entered an order certifying the class and granting final approval to the settlement. Under the approved settlement, a substantial amount of the settlement proceeds, as well as all of the class counsel's fees, administrative fees and other expenses, would be paid from the class members' unclaimed money transfer funds, which are included within "Settlement obligations" in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. During the final approval hearing, the Court overruled objections to the settlement that had been filed by several class members. In July 2013, two of those class members filed notices of appeal. The United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit heard oral arguments on March 18, 2014. The settlement requires Western Union to deposit the class members' unclaimed money transfer funds into a class settlement fund, from which class member claims, administrative fees and class counsel's fees, as well as other expenses will be paid. On November 6, 2013, the Attorney General of California notified Western Union of the California Controller's position that Western Union's deposit of the unclaimed money transfer funds into the class settlement fund pursuant to the settlement "will not satisfy Western Union's obligations to report and remit funds" under California's unclaimed property law, and that "Western Union will remain liable to the State of California" for the funds that would have escheated to California in the absence of the settlement. The State of Pennsylvania and District of Columbia have expressed similar views. Thus, there is reason to believe that these and potentially other jurisdictions may bring actions against the Company seeking reimbursement for amounts equal to the class counsel's fees, administrative costs and other expenses that are paid from the class settlement fund. If such actions are brought or claims that may otherwise require Western Union to incur additional escheatment-related liabilities are asserted, Western Union would defend itself vigorously.

In August 2013, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB") served Paymap, Inc. ("Paymap"), a subsidiary of the Company which operates solely in the United States, with a civil investigative demand requesting information and documents about Paymap's Equity Accelerator service, which is designed to help consumers pay off their mortgages more quickly. The CFPB's investigation sought to determine whether Paymap's marketing of the Equity Accelerator service violated the Consumer Financial Protection Act's prohibition against unfair, deceptive and abusive acts and practices ("UDAAP"). The Company cooperated with the investigation. After reviewing information and documents provided by the Company, in August 2014, the CFPB advised the Company of its view that certain aspects of

Paymap's marketing violated UDAAP. The Company has advised the CFPB that it disagrees with the CFPB's position. The Company is in discussions with the CFPB and is seeking to reach an appropriate resolution of this matter. Due to the early stage of the discussions, the Company is unable to predict whether the CFPB will institute an enforcement action to bring any claims against the Company as a result of the investigation, or the possible range of loss, if any, which could be associated with such an action. Should the CFPB institute an enforcement action against the Company, the Company could face significant restitution payments to certain Equity Accelerator consumers, civil money penalties, or regulatory consequences that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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On March 12, 2014, Jason Douglas filed a purported class action complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois asserting a claim under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq., based on allegations that since 2009, the Company has sent text messages to class members' wireless telephones without their consent. The plaintiff has not sought and the Court has not granted class certification. The Company intends to vigorously defend itself in this matter. However, due to the preliminary stage of the lawsuit and the uncertainty as to whether it will ever be certified as a class action, the potential outcome cannot be determined.

In addition, in the normal course of business, the Company is subject to other claims and litigation. Management of the Company believes such matters involving a reasonably possible chance of loss will not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The Company accrues for loss contingencies as they become probable and estimable.

On January 26, 2006, the First Data Corporation ("First Data") Board of Directors announced its intention to pursue the distribution of all of its money transfer and consumer payments business and its interest in a Western Union money transfer agent, as well as its related assets, including real estate, through a tax-free distribution to First Data shareholders (the "Spin-off"). The Spin-off resulted in the formation of the Company and these assets and businesses no longer being part of First Data. Pursuant to the separation and distribution agreement with First Data in connection with the Spin-off, First Data and the Company are each liable for, and agreed to perform, all liabilities with respect to their respective businesses. In addition, the separation and distribution agreement also provides for cross-indemnities principally designed to place financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of the Company's business with the Company and financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of First Data's retained businesses with First Data. The Company also entered into a tax allocation agreement that sets forth the rights and obligations of First Data and the Company with respect to taxes imposed on their respective businesses both prior to and after the Spin-off as well as potential tax obligations for which the Company may be liable in conjunction with the Spin-off (see Note 13).

7. Related Party Transactions

The Company has ownership interests in certain of its agents accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company pays these agents, as it does its other agents, commissions for money transfer and other services provided on the Company's behalf. Commission expense recognized for these agents for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$18.1 million and \$16.8 million, respectively, and \$51.3 million and \$48.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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8. Settlement Assets and Obligations and Non-Settlement Related Investments

Settlement assets represent funds received or to be received from agents for unsettled money transfers, money orders and consumer payments. The Company records corresponding settlement obligations relating to amounts payable under money transfers, money orders and consumer payment service arrangements. Settlement assets and obligations also include amounts receivable from, and payable to, customers for the value of their cross-currency payment transactions related to the Business Solutions segment.

Settlement assets and obligations consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Settlement assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$892.1	\$538.6
Receivables from selling agents and Business Solutions customers	1,177.6	981.3
Investment securities	1,396.1	1,750.5
	\$3,465.8	\$3,270.4
Settlement obligations:		
Money transfer, money order and payment service payables	\$2,485.3	\$2,376.6
Payables to agents	980.5	893.8
	\$3,465.8	\$3,270.4

Investment securities included in "Settlement assets" in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets consist primarily of highly-rated state and municipal debt securities, including variable rate demand notes. Variable rate demand note securities can be put (sold at par) typically on a daily basis with settlement periods ranging from the same day to one week, but have varying maturities through 2050. Generally, these securities are used by the Company for short-term liquidity needs and are held for short periods of time, typically less than 30 days. The Company is required to hold specific highly-rated, investment grade securities and such investments are restricted to satisfy outstanding settlement obligations in accordance with applicable state and foreign country requirements.

In 2013, the Company invested in a short-term bond mutual fund which held a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company sold this investment for \$100.2 million, which was also the fair value of this investment as of December 31, 2013. The investment was included in "Other assets" in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2013.

The substantial majority of the Company's investment securities are classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value. Investment securities are exposed to market risk due to changes in interest rates and credit risk. Western Union regularly monitors credit risk and attempts to mitigate its exposure by investing in highly-rated securities and through investment diversification. As of September 30, 2014, the majority of the Company's investment securities had credit ratings of "AA-" or better from a major credit rating agency.

Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are excluded from earnings and presented as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, net of related deferred taxes. Gains and losses on investments are calculated using the specific-identification method and are recognized during the period in which the investment is sold or when an investment experiences an other-than-temporary decline in value. Proceeds from the sale and maturity of available-for-sale securities during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were \$13.3 billion and \$14.3 billion, respectively.

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The components of investment securities are as follows (in millions):

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Net Unrealized Gains
September 30, 2014					
Settlement assets:					
State and municipal debt securities (a)	\$959.6	\$974.3	\$15.5	\$(0.8)	) \$14.7
State and municipal variable rate demand notes	412.4	412.4	—	—	—
Other debt securities	9.4	9.4	—	—	—
	\$1,381.4	\$1,396.1	\$15.5	\$(0.8)	) \$14.7
December 31, 2013					
Settlement assets:					
State and municipal debt securities (a)	\$868.1	\$874.2	\$7.8	\$(1.7)	) \$6.1
State and municipal variable rate demand notes	865.0	865.0	—	—	—
Other debt securities	11.2	11.3	0.1	—	0.1
	\$1,744.3	\$1,750.5	\$7.9	\$(1.7)	) \$6.2
Other assets:					
Short-term bond mutual fund	100.0	100.2	0.2	—	0.2
	\$1,844.3	\$1,850.7	\$8.1	\$(1.7)	) \$6.4

(a) The majority of these securities are fixed-rate instruments.

The following summarizes the contractual maturities of settlement-related debt securities as of September 30, 2014 (in millions):

	Fair Value
Due within 1 year	\$131.3
Due after 1 year through 5 years	487.0
Due after 5 years through 10 years	384.3
Due after 10 years	393.5
	\$1,396.1

Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay the obligations or the Company may have the right to put the obligation prior to its contractual maturity, as with variable rate demand notes. Variable rate demand notes, having a fair value of \$20.1 million and \$392.3 million, are included in the "Due after 5 years through 10 years" and "Due after 10 years" categories, respectively, in the table above.

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9. Stockholders' Equity

The following table summarizes the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax (in millions). All amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss affect the line items noted below within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Unrealized gains on investment securities, beginning of period	\$10.8	\$4.2	\$4.1	\$7.7
Unrealized gains/(losses)	2.7	1.8	16.5	(0.2)
Tax expense	(1.0)	(0.8)	(6.0)	—
Reclassification of gains into "Other revenues"	(5.0)	(2.0)	(8.0)	(5.6)
Reclassification of gains into "Interest income"	—	—	(0.2)	—
Tax expense related to reclassifications	1.9	0.8	3.0	2.1
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on investment securities	(1.4)	(0.2)	5.3	(3.7)
Unrealized gains on investment securities, end of period	\$9.4	\$4.0	\$9.4	\$4.0
Unrealized losses on hedging activities, beginning of period	\$(29.2)	\$(2.9)	\$(33.0)	\$(21.9)
Unrealized gains/(losses)	50.9	(27.0)	49.5	1.2
Tax (expense)/benefit	(2.0)	4.0	(2.2)	(1.3)
Reclassification of (gains)/losses into "Transaction fees"	2.3	(3.1)	5.2	(7.6)
Reclassification of (gains)/losses into "Foreign exchange revenues"	0.8	(1.1)	1.9	(2.8)
Reclassification of losses into "Interest expense"	0.9	0.9	2.7	2.7
Tax expense/(benefit) related to reclassifications	(0.5)	0.4	(0.9)	0.9
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on hedging activities	52.4	(25.9)	56.2	(6.9)
Unrealized gains/(losses) on hedging activities, end of period	\$23.2	\$(28.8)	\$23.2	\$(28.8)
Foreign currency translation adjustments, beginning of period	\$(28.8)	\$(14.2)	\$(21.6)	\$(8.5)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(2.1)	(4.3)	(13.2)	(10.6)
Tax benefit	0.9	1.5	4.8	2.1
Net foreign currency translation adjustments	(1.2)	(2.8)	(8.4)	(8.5)
Foreign currency translation adjustments, end of period	\$(30.0)	\$(17.0)	\$(30.0)	\$(17.0)
Defined benefit pension plan adjustments, beginning of period	\$(115.3)	\$(125.4)	\$(118.5)	\$(129.9)
Reclassification of losses into "Cost of services"	2.6	3.1	7.8	9.3
Tax benefit related to reclassifications and other	(0.8)	(1.2)	(2.8)	(2.9)
Net defined benefit pension plan adjustments	1.8	1.9	5.0	6.4
Defined benefit pension plan adjustments, end of period	\$(113.5)	\$(123.5)	\$(113.5)	\$(123.5)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, end of period	\$(110.9)	\$(165.3)	\$(110.9)	\$(165.3)

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Cash Dividends Paid

The Company's Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.125 per common share in each of the first three quarters of 2014, representing \$199.9 million in total dividends. Of this amount, \$65.5 million was paid on September 30, 2014, \$66.8 million was paid on June 30, 2014 and approximately \$67.6 million was paid on March 31, 2014. The Company's Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.125 per common share in each of the first three quarters of 2013, representing \$208.6 million in total dividends. Of this amount, approximately \$69.0 million was paid on September 30, 2013, approximately \$69.3 million was paid on June 28, 2013 and \$70.3 million was paid on March 29, 2013.

Share Repurchases

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, 26.8 million and 22.2 million shares, respectively, were repurchased for \$445.0 million and \$334.5 million, respectively, excluding commissions, at an average cost of \$16.62 and \$15.05 per share, respectively. These amounts represent shares authorized by the Board of Directors for repurchase under the publicly announced authorizations. As of September 30, 2014, \$55.0 million remained available under the share repurchase authorization approved by the Company's Board of Directors through June 30, 2015. The amounts included in the "Common stock repurchased" line in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows represent both shares authorized by the Board of Directors for repurchase under the publicly announced authorization, described earlier, as well as shares withheld from employees to cover tax withholding obligations on restricted stock units that have vested.

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10. Employee Benefit Plan

The Company has a frozen defined benefit pension plan (the "Plan") for which it had a recorded unfunded pension obligation of \$55.3 million and \$70.4 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, included in "Other liabilities" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company is required to fund approximately \$13 million to the Plan in 2014, of which approximately \$10 million was contributed during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for the Plan (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Interest cost	\$3.4	\$3.0	\$10.2	\$9.1
Expected return on plan assets	(5.1	) (5.2	) (15.2	) (15.6
Amortization of actuarial loss	2.6	3.1	7.8	9.3
Net periodic benefit cost	\$0.9	\$0.9	\$2.8	\$2.8

11. Derivatives

The Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates, primarily the euro, and to a lesser degree the Canadian dollar, British pound, Australian dollar, Swiss franc, and other currencies, related to forecasted money transfer revenues and on money transfer settlement assets and obligations. The Company is also exposed to risk from derivative contracts written to its customers arising from its cross-currency Business Solutions payments operations. Additionally, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk related to changes in market rates both prior to and subsequent to the issuance of debt. The Company uses derivatives to (a) minimize its exposures related to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates and (b) facilitate cross-currency Business Solutions payments by writing derivatives to customers.

The Company executes derivatives with established financial institutions, with the substantial majority of these financial institutions having credit ratings of "A-" or better from a major credit rating agency. The Company also writes Business Solutions derivatives mostly with small and medium size enterprises. The primary credit risk inherent in derivative agreements represents the possibility that a loss may occur from the nonperformance of a counterparty to the agreements. The Company performs a review of the credit risk of these counterparties at the inception of the contract and on an ongoing basis. The Company also monitors the concentration of its contracts with any individual counterparty. The Company anticipates that the counterparties will be able to fully satisfy their obligations under the agreements, but takes action when doubt arises about the counterparties' ability to perform. These actions may include requiring Business Solutions customers to post or increase collateral and for all counterparties possible termination of the related contracts. The Company's hedged foreign currency exposures are in liquid currencies; consequently, there is minimal risk that appropriate derivatives to maintain the hedging program would not be available in the future.

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Foreign Currency — Consumer-to-Consumer

The Company's policy is to use longer-term foreign currency forward contracts, with maturities of up to 36 months at inception and a targeted weighted-average maturity of approximately one year, to mitigate some of the risk that changes in foreign currency exchange rates compared to the United States dollar could have on forecasted revenues denominated in other currencies related to its business. As of September 30, 2014, the Company's longer-term foreign currency forward contracts had maturities of a maximum of 24 months with a weighted-average maturity of approximately one year. These contracts are accounted for as cash flow hedges of forecasted revenue, with effectiveness assessed based on changes in the spot rate of the affected currencies during the period of designation. Accordingly, all changes in the fair value of the hedges not considered effective or portions of the hedge that are excluded from the measure of effectiveness are recognized immediately in "Derivative gains/(losses), net" within the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company also uses short duration foreign currency forward contracts, generally with maturities from a few days up to approximately one month, to offset foreign exchange rate fluctuations on settlement assets and obligations between initiation and settlement. In addition, forward contracts, typically with maturities of less than one year at inception, are utilized to offset foreign exchange rate fluctuations on certain foreign currency denominated cash and other asset positions. None of these contracts are designated as accounting hedges.

The aggregate equivalent United States dollar notional amounts of foreign currency forward contracts as of September 30, 2014 were as follows (in millions):

Contracts designated as hedges:

Euro	\$397.7
Canadian dollar	118.4
British pound	78.9
Australian dollar	53.4
Swiss franc	44.6
Other	88.8

Contracts not designated as hedges:

Euro	\$301.6
Canadian dollar	61.4
British pound	60.5
Australian dollar	29.3
Other (a)	162.8

(a) Comprised of exposures to 16 different currencies. None of these individual currency exposures is greater than \$20 million.

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Foreign Currency — Business Solutions

The Company writes derivatives, primarily foreign currency forward contracts and option contracts, mostly with small and medium size enterprises and derives a currency spread from this activity as part of its Business Solutions operations. The Company aggregates its Business Solutions payments foreign currency exposures arising from customer contracts, including the derivative contracts described above, and hedges the resulting net currency risks by entering into offsetting contracts with established financial institution counterparties. The derivatives written are part of the broader portfolio of foreign currency positions arising from its cross-currency Business Solutions payments operations, which primarily include spot exchanges of currency in addition to forwards and options. Foreign exchange revenues from the total portfolio of positions were \$94.4 million and \$92.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$272.5 million and \$264.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. None of the derivative contracts used in Business Solutions operations are designated as accounting hedges. The duration of these derivative contracts at inception is generally less than one year.

The aggregate equivalent United States dollar notional amounts of foreign currency derivative customer contracts held by the Company in its Business Solutions operations as of September 30, 2014 were approximately \$6 billion. The significant majority of customer contracts are written in major currencies such as the Canadian dollar, euro, Australian dollar, and British pound.

Interest Rate Hedging — Corporate

The Company utilizes interest rate swaps to effectively change the interest rate payments on a portion of its notes from fixed-rate payments to short-term LIBOR-based variable rate payments in order to manage its overall exposure to interest rates. The Company designates these derivatives as fair value hedges. The change in fair value of the interest rate swaps is offset by a change in the carrying value of the debt being hedged within "Borrowings" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and "Interest expense" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income has been adjusted to include the effects of interest accrued on the swaps.

The Company, at times, utilizes derivatives to hedge the forecasted issuance of fixed-rate debt. These derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges of the variability in the fixed-rate coupon of the debt expected to be issued. The effective portion of the change in fair value of the derivatives is recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company held interest rate swaps in an aggregate notional amount of \$1,225.0 million and \$1,550.0 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. Of this aggregate notional amount held at September 30, 2014, \$250.0 million related to notes due in 2015, \$500.0 million related to notes due in 2017, \$300.0 million related to notes due in 2018, and \$175.0 million related to notes due in 2020.

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Balance Sheet

The following table summarizes the fair value of derivatives reported in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (in millions):

	Derivative Assets		Derivative Liabilities			
	Fair Value		Fair Value			
	Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Derivatives — hedges:						
Interest rate fair value hedges — Corporate	Other assets	\$2.8	\$11.4	Other liabilities	\$5.9	\$7.8
Foreign currency cash flow hedges — Consumer-to-Consumer	Other assets	41.3	11.1	Other liabilities	4.0	27.7
Total		\$44.1	\$22.5		\$9.9	\$35.5
Derivatives — undesignated:						
Foreign currency — Business Solutions	Other assets	\$284.0	\$201.2	Other liabilities	\$248.9	\$186.2
Foreign currency — Consumer-to-Consumer	Other assets	5.6	0.6	Other liabilities	1.7	1.7
Total		\$289.6	\$201.8		\$250.6	\$187.9
Total derivatives		\$333.7	\$224.3		\$260.5	\$223.4

The fair values of derivative assets and liabilities associated with contracts that include netting language that the Company believes to be enforceable have been netted in the following tables to present the Company's net exposure with these counterparties. The Company's rights under these agreements generally allow for transactions to be settled on a net basis, including upon early termination, which could occur upon the counterparty's default, a change in control, or other conditions.

In addition, certain of the Company's other agreements include netting provisions, the enforceability of which may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and depending on the circumstances. Due to the uncertainty related to the enforceability of these provisions, the derivative balances associated with these agreements are included within "Derivatives that are not or may not be subject to master netting arrangement or similar agreement" in the following tables. In certain circumstances, the Company may require its Business Solutions customers to maintain collateral balances which may mitigate the risk associated with potential customer defaults.

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The following tables summarize the gross and net fair value of derivative assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (in millions):

Offsetting of Derivative Assets

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Derivatives Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts
September 30, 2014					
Derivatives subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement	\$182.3	\$—	\$182.3	\$(105.2)	\$77.1
Derivatives that are not or may not be subject to master netting arrangement or similar agreement	151.4				
Total	\$333.7				

December 31, 2013

Derivatives subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement	\$118.4	\$—	\$118.4	\$(93.3)	\$25.1
Derivatives that are not or may not be subject to master netting arrangement or similar agreement	105.9				
Total	\$224.3				

Offsetting of Derivative Liabilities

	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Amounts Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Derivatives Not Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts
September 30, 2014					
Derivatives subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement	\$134.3	\$—	\$134.3	\$(105.2)	\$29.1
Derivatives that are not or may not be subject to master netting arrangement or similar agreement	126.2				
Total	\$260.5				

December 31, 2013

Derivatives subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement	\$146.1	\$—	\$146.1	\$(93.3)	\$52.8
	77.3				

Derivatives that are not or may not
be subject to master netting
arrangement or similar agreement
Total \$223.4

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Income Statement

The following tables summarize the location and amount of gains and losses of derivatives in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income segregated by designated, qualifying hedging instruments and those that are not, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013:

Fair Value Hedges

The following table presents the location and amount of gains/(losses) from fair value hedges for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

Derivatives	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives			Hedged Item	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Related Hedged Item (a)			Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)		
	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013		Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013
Interest rate contracts	Interest expense	\$(2.6)	\$ 3.1	Fixed-rate debt	Interest expense	\$5.6	\$(0.6)	Interest expense	\$(0.1)	\$ —
Total gain/ (loss)		\$(2.6)	\$ 3.1			\$5.6	\$(0.6)		\$(0.1)	\$ —

The following table presents the location and amount of gains/(losses) from fair value hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

Derivatives	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives			Hedged Item	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Related Hedged Item (a)			Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)		
	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013		Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013
Interest rate contracts	Interest expense	\$8.2	\$(5.0)	Fixed-rate debt	Interest expense	\$1.1	\$12.9	Interest expense	\$(0.4)	\$ —
Total gain/ (loss)		\$8.2	\$(5.0)			\$1.1	\$12.9		\$(0.4)	\$ —

Cash Flow Hedges

The following table presents the location and amount of gains/(losses) from cash flow hedges for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

Derivatives	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)		Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)		Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) (b)			
	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013		
Foreign currency contracts	\$50.9	\$(27.0)	Revenue	\$(3.1)	\$ 4.2	Derivative gains/(losses), net	\$(1.8)	\$ 0.3

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Interest rate contracts (c)	—	—	Interest expense	(0.9)	(0.9)	Interest expense	—	—
Total gain/(loss)	\$50.9	\$ (27.0)		\$(4.0)	\$ 3.3		\$(1.8)	\$ 0.3

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The following table presents the location and amount of gains/(losses) from cash flow hedges for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

Derivatives	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)		Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion)		Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) (b)			
	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013	Income Statement Location	Amount September 30, 2014	Amount September 30, 2013
Foreign currency contracts	\$49.5	\$ 1.2	Revenue	\$(7.1)	\$ 10.4	Derivative gains/(losses), net	\$(3.4)	\$ —
Interest rate contracts (c)	—	—	Interest expense	(2.7)	(2.7)	Interest expense	—	—
Total gain/(loss)	\$49.5	\$ 1.2		\$(9.8)	\$ 7.7		\$(3.4)	\$ —

Undesignated Hedges

The following table presents the location and amount of net gains/(losses) from undesignated hedges for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

Derivatives	Income Statement Location	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (d)			
		Amount Three Months Ended September 30,		Amount Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2014	2013	2014	2013
Foreign currency contracts (e)	Selling, general and administrative	\$28.1	\$(15.3)	\$27.3	\$(1.9)
Foreign currency contracts (f)	Derivative gains/(losses), net	2.3	(1.2)	1.3	(0.6)
Total gain/(loss)		\$30.4	\$(16.5)	\$28.6	\$(2.5)

(a) The gain/(loss) of \$5.6 million and \$(0.6) million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, was comprised of a gain/(loss) in value on the debt of \$2.7 million and \$(3.1) million, respectively, and amortization of hedge accounting adjustments of \$2.9 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. The gain of \$1.1 million and \$12.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, was comprised of a gain/(loss) in value on the debt of \$(7.8) million and \$5.0 million, respectively, and amortization of hedge accounting adjustments of \$8.9 million and \$7.9 million, respectively.

(b) The portion of the change in fair value of a derivative excluded from the effectiveness assessment for foreign currency forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges represents the difference between changes in forward rates and spot rates.

(c) The Company uses derivatives to hedge the forecasted issuance of fixed-rate debt and records the effective portion of the derivative's fair value in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. These amounts are reclassified to "Interest expense" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income over the life of the related notes.

(d) The Company uses foreign currency forward and option contracts as part of its Business Solutions payments operations. These derivative contracts are excluded from this table as they are managed as part of a broader currency portfolio that includes non-derivative currency exposures. The gains and losses on these derivatives are included as part of the broader disclosure of portfolio revenue for this business discussed above.

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The Company uses foreign currency forward contracts to offset foreign exchange rate fluctuations on settlement assets and obligations as well as certain foreign currency denominated positions. Foreign exchange gains/(losses) on settlement assets and obligations and cash balances, not including amounts related to derivatives activity as (e) displayed above and included in "Selling, general and administrative" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, were \$(24.5) million and \$9.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$(29.5) million and \$(2.3) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(f) The derivative contracts used in the Company's revenue hedging program are not designated as hedges in the final month of the contract.

An accumulated other comprehensive pre-tax gain of \$26.5 million related to the foreign currency forward contracts is expected to be reclassified into revenue within the next 12 months as of September 30, 2014. Approximately \$3.6 million of net losses on the forecasted debt issuance hedges are expected to be recognized in "Interest expense" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income within the next 12 months as of September 30, 2014. No amounts have been reclassified into earnings as a result of the underlying transaction being considered probable of not occurring within the specified time period.

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12. Borrowings

The Company's outstanding borrowings consisted of the following (in millions):

	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Commercial paper (a)	\$—	\$—
6.500% notes due 2014	—	500.0
Floating rate notes (effective rate of 1.2%) due 2015	250.0	250.0
2.375% notes due 2015 (b)	250.0	250.0
5.930% notes due 2016 (b)	1,000.0	1,000.0
2.875% notes (effective rate of 2.0%) due 2017	500.0	500.0
3.650% notes due 2018 (b)	400.0	400.0
3.350% notes due 2019 (b)	250.0	250.0
5.253% notes (effective rate of 4.6%) due 2020	324.9	324.9
6.200% notes due 2036 (b)	500.0	500.0
6.200% notes due 2040 (b)	250.0	250.0
Other borrowings	5.7	5.7
Total borrowings at par value	3,730.6	4,230.6
Fair value hedge accounting adjustments, net (c)	(0.2	) 0.9
Unamortized discount, net	(16.2	) (18.5
Total borrowings at carrying value (d)	\$3,714.2	\$4,213.0

Pursuant to the Company's commercial paper program, the Company may issue unsecured commercial paper notes in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion outstanding at any time, reduced to the extent of borrowings outstanding on the Company's Revolving Credit Facility in excess of \$150 million. The commercial paper notes may have maturities of up to 397 days from date of issuance.

(a) The difference between the stated interest rate and the effective interest rate is not significant.

The Company utilizes interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges to effectively change the interest rate payments on a portion of its notes from fixed-rate payments to short-term LIBOR-based variable rate payments in order to manage its overall exposure to interest rates. The changes in fair value of these interest rate swaps result in an offsetting hedge accounting adjustment recorded to the carrying value of the related note. These hedge accounting adjustments will be reclassified as reductions to or increases in "Interest expense" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income over the life of the related notes, and cause the effective rate of interest to differ from the notes' stated rate.

(b) As of September 30, 2014, the Company's weighted-average effective rate on total borrowings was approximately 4.4%.

The Company's maturities of borrowings at par value as of September 30, 2014 are \$500.0 million in 2015, \$1.0 billion in 2016, \$500.0 million in 2017, \$400.0 million in 2018, \$250.0 million in 2019 and approximately \$1.1 billion thereafter.

The Company's obligations with respect to its outstanding borrowings, as described above, rank equally.

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13. Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rates on pre-tax income for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were 14.2% and 14.8%, respectively, and 13.8% and 14.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The decrease in the Company's effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 is primarily due to the combined effect of various discrete items, including those related to foreign currency fluctuations on certain income tax attributes, and changes in tax contingency reserves, partially offset by changes in the composition of earnings between foreign and domestic. For the year ended December 31, 2013, 103% of the Company's pre-tax income was derived from foreign sources, and the Company currently expects that approximately 95% of the Company's pre-tax income will be derived from foreign sources for the year ending December 31, 2014. Certain portions of the Company's foreign source income are subject to United States federal and state income tax as earned due to the nature of the income, and dividend repatriations of the Company's foreign source income are generally subject to United States federal and state income tax.

Uncertain Tax Positions

The Company has established contingency reserves for a variety of material, known tax exposures. The Company's tax reserves reflect management's judgment as to the resolution of the issues involved if subject to judicial review or other settlement. While the Company believes its reserves are adequate to cover reasonably expected tax risks, there can be no assurance that, in all instances, an issue raised by a tax authority will be resolved at a financial cost that does not exceed its related reserve. With respect to these reserves, the Company's income tax expense would include (i) any changes in tax reserves arising from material changes during the period in the facts and circumstances (i.e., new information) surrounding a tax issue and (ii) any difference from the Company's tax position as recorded in the financial statements and the final resolution of a tax issue during the period. Such resolution could materially increase or decrease income tax expense in the Company's consolidated financial statements in future periods and could impact operating cash flows.

Unrecognized tax benefits represent the aggregate tax effect of differences between tax return positions and the amounts otherwise recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements, and are reflected in "Income taxes payable" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was \$106.5 million and \$117.5 million, respectively, excluding interest and penalties. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate was \$93.4 million and \$108.9 million as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, excluding interest and penalties.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties with respect to unrecognized tax benefits in "Provision for income taxes" in its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, and records the associated liability in "Income taxes payable" in its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company recognized \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million in interest and penalties during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$2.0 million and \$3.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company has accrued \$15.9 million and \$17.7 million for the payment of interest and penalties as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The unrecognized tax benefits accrual as of September 30, 2014 consists of federal, state and foreign tax matters. It is reasonably possible that the Company's total unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by approximately \$28 million during the next 12 months in connection with various matters which may be resolved.

The Company and its subsidiaries file tax returns for the United States, for multiple states and localities, and for various non-United States jurisdictions, and the Company has identified the United States as its major tax jurisdiction, as the income tax imposed by any one foreign country is not material to the Company. The United States federal income tax returns of First Data, which include the Company, are eligible to be examined for 2005 and 2006. The Company's United States federal income tax returns since the Spin-off are also eligible to be examined.

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The United States Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") completed its examination of the United States federal consolidated income tax returns of First Data for 2003 and 2004, which included the Company, and issued a Notice of Deficiency in December 2008. In December 2011, the Company reached an agreement with the IRS resolving substantially all of the issues related to the Company's restructuring of its international operations in 2003 ("IRS Agreement"). As a result of the IRS Agreement, the Company expects to make cash payments of approximately \$190 million, plus additional accrued interest, of which \$92.4 million have been made as of September 30, 2014. The Company anticipates paying the remaining amount in 2015 and beyond. The IRS completed its examination of the United States federal consolidated income tax returns of First Data, which include the Company's 2005 and pre-Spin-off 2006 taxable periods and issued its report on October 31, 2012 ("FDC 30-Day Letter"). Furthermore, the IRS completed its examination of the Company's United States federal consolidated income tax returns for the 2006 post-Spin-off period through 2009 and issued its report also on October 31, 2012 ("WU 30-Day Letter"). Both the FDC 30-Day Letter and the WU 30-Day Letter propose tax adjustments affecting the Company, some of which are agreed and some of which are unagreed. Both First Data and the Company filed their respective protests with the IRS Appeals Division on November 28, 2012 related to the unagreed proposed adjustments. The Company believes its reserves are adequate with respect to both the agreed and unagreed adjustments.

As of September 30, 2014, no provision had been made for United States federal and state income taxes on certain of the Company's outside tax basis differences, which primarily relate to accumulated foreign earnings of approximately \$5.5 billion, which have been reinvested and are expected to continue to be reinvested outside the United States indefinitely. Upon distribution of those earnings to the United States in the form of actual or constructive dividends, the Company would be subject to United States income taxes (subject to an adjustment for foreign tax credits), state income taxes and possible withholding taxes payable to various foreign countries. Such taxes could be significant. Determination of this amount of unrecognized United States deferred tax liability is not practicable because of the complexities associated with its hypothetical calculation.

Tax Allocation Agreement with First Data

The Company and First Data each are liable for taxes imposed on their respective businesses both prior to and after the Spin-off. If such taxes have not been appropriately apportioned between First Data and the Company, subsequent adjustments may occur that may impact the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Also under the tax allocation agreement, with respect to taxes and other liabilities that result from a final determination that is inconsistent with the anticipated tax consequences of the Spin-off (as set forth in the private letter ruling and relevant tax opinion) ("Spin-off Related Taxes"), the Company will be liable to First Data for any such Spin-off Related Taxes attributable solely to actions taken by or with respect to the Company. In addition, the Company will also be liable for half of any Spin-off Related Taxes (i) that would not have been imposed but for the existence of both an action by the Company and an action by First Data or (ii) where the Company and First Data each take actions that, standing alone, would have resulted in the imposition of such Spin-off Related Taxes. The Company may be similarly liable if it breaches certain representations or covenants set forth in the tax allocation agreement. If the Company is required to indemnify First Data for taxes incurred as a result of the Spin-off being taxable to First Data, it likely would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. First Data generally will be liable for all Spin-off Related Taxes, other than those described above.

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14. Stock Compensation Plans

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$8.9 million and \$29.7 million, respectively, resulting from stock options, restricted stock units, performance-based restricted stock units and bonus stock units in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$8.9 million and \$29.1 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company granted 0.9 million options at a weighted-average exercise price of \$16.01, 2.7 million restricted stock units at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$14.92, and 0.8 million performance-based restricted stock units (based on targeted performance) at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$13.95.

The restricted stock units granted in 2014 typically vest over four equal annual increments beginning 12 months after the date of grant, with the exception of restricted stock units granted to retirement eligible employees, which will vest on a prorated basis, upon termination. Restricted stock units granted prior to 2014 typically become 100% vested on the three year anniversary of the grant date, with the exception of restricted stock units granted to retirement eligible employees, which vest on a prorated basis, upon termination.

The performance-based restricted stock units granted in 2014 are restricted stock units, primarily granted to the Company's executives and consist of two separate awards. The first award consists of performance-based restricted stock units, which require the Company to meet certain financial objectives during 2014, 2015 and 2016. The second award consists of performance-based restricted stock units with a market condition tied to the Company's total shareholder return in relation to the S&P 500 index and is calculated over a three-year performance period (2014 through 2016). The actual number of performance-based restricted stock units that the recipients will receive for the 2014 awards will range from 0% up to 150% of the target number of stock units granted based on the actual results relative to the performance and market conditions.

As of September 30, 2014, the Company had 19.8 million outstanding options at a weighted-average exercise price of \$18.01, and had 15.9 million options exercisable at a weighted-average exercise price of \$18.61. The Company had 7.7 million non-vested restricted stock units at a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$14.68 as of September 30, 2014.

The Company used the following assumptions for the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the value of Western Union options granted in the nine months ended September 30, 2014:

Stock options granted:

Weighted-average risk-free interest rate	1.9	%
Weighted-average dividend yield	3.1	%
Volatility	33.8	%
Expected term (in years)	6.09	
Weighted-average grant date fair value	\$3.95	

All assumptions used to calculate the fair value of Western Union's stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 were determined on a consistent basis with those assumptions disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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15. Segments

As previously described in Note 1, the Company classifies its businesses into three segments:

Consumer-to-Consumer, Consumer-to-Business and Business Solutions. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise that engage in business activities, about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the Company's chief operating decision maker in deciding where to allocate resources and in assessing performance.

The Consumer-to-Consumer operating segment facilitates money transfers between two consumers. The Company's money transfer service is viewed by the Company as one interconnected global network where a money transfer can be sent from one location to another, around the world, including related transactions that can be initiated through websites and account based money transfers. The segment includes five geographic regions whose functions are limited to generating, managing and maintaining agent relationships and localized marketing activities, and also includes the Company's online money transfer service conducted through Western Union branded websites ("westernunion.com"). By means of common processes and systems, these regions and westernunion.com create an interconnected network for consumer transactions, thereby constituting one global Consumer-to-Consumer money transfer business and one operating segment.

The Consumer-to-Business operating segment facilitates bill payments from consumers to businesses and other organizations, including utilities, auto finance companies, mortgage servicers, financial service providers, government agencies and other businesses.

The Business Solutions operating segment facilitates payment and foreign exchange solutions, primarily cross-border, cross-currency transactions, for small and medium size enterprises and other organizations and individuals.

All businesses that have not been classified in the above segments are reported as "Other" and include the Company's money order and other businesses and services.

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The following table presents the Company's reportable segment results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenues:				
Consumer-to-Consumer:				
Transaction fees	\$874.0	\$861.1	\$2,566.7	\$2,519.1
Foreign exchange revenues	258.3	252.9	743.9	724.5
Other revenues	18.6	14.1	49.9	43.5
	1,150.9	1,128.1	3,360.5	3,287.1
Consumer-to-Business:				
Transaction fees	144.0	146.1	424.1	437.0
Foreign exchange and other revenues	6.4	6.2	19.4	22.0
	150.4	152.3	443.5	459.0
Business Solutions:				
Foreign exchange revenues	94.4	92.2	272.5	264.9
Transaction fees and other revenues	11.4	9.4	30.9	27.8
	105.8	101.6	303.4	292.7
Other:				
Total revenues	33.8	26.8	89.9	81.3
Total consolidated revenues	\$1,440.9	\$1,408.8	\$4,197.3	\$4,120.1
Operating income/(loss):				
Consumer-to-Consumer	\$286.1	\$271.1	\$790.6	\$795.5
Consumer-to-Business	23.2	29.3	76.6	98.6
Business Solutions (a)	(0.2)	(2.8)	(7.1)	(16.3)
Other	5.0	(2.3)	4.3	(8.8)
Total consolidated operating income	\$314.1	\$295.3	\$864.4	\$869.0

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company incurred \$3.8 million and \$13.9 million, respectively, of integration expenses related to the acquisition of Travelex Global Business Payments ("TGBP"), which was acquired in November 2011. TGBP integration expense consists primarily of severance and (a) other benefits, retention, direct and incremental expense consisting of facility relocation, consolidation and closures; IT systems integration; amortization of a transitional trademark license; and other expenses such as training, travel and professional fees. Integration expense does not include costs related to the completion of the TGBP acquisition, which are included in Other.

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This report on Form 10-Q contains certain statements that are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, our forward-looking statements. Words such as "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "guides," "provides guidance," "provides outlook" and other similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "may," "will," "should," "would," "could," and "might" are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Readers of the Form 10-Q of The Western Union Company (the "Company," "Western Union," "we," "our" or "us") should not rely solely on the forward-looking statements and should consider all uncertainties and risks discussed in the "Risk Factors" section and throughout the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. The statements are only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

Possible events or factors that could cause results or performance to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements include the following: (i) events related to our business and industry, such as: deterioration in consumers' and clients' confidence in our business, or in money transfer and payment service providers generally; changes in general economic conditions and economic conditions in the regions and industries in which we operate, including global economic and trade downturns or significantly slower growth or declines in the money transfer, payment service, and other markets in which we operate, including those related to interruptions in migration patterns; political conditions and related actions in the United States and abroad which may adversely affect our business and economic conditions as a whole; failure to compete effectively in the money transfer and payment service industry with respect to global and niche or corridor money transfer providers, banks and other money transfer and payment service providers, including telecommunications providers, card associations, card-based payment providers, electronic and Internet providers, and digital currencies; the pricing of our services and any pricing reductions, and their impact on consumer demand for our services and our financial results; our ability to adopt technology in response to changing industry and consumer needs or trends; our failure to develop and introduce new services and enhancements, and gain market acceptance of such services; changes in, and failure to manage effectively, exposure to foreign exchange rates, including the impact of the regulation of foreign exchange spreads on money transfers and payment transactions; our ability to maintain our agent network and business relationships under terms consistent with or more advantageous to us than those currently in place; interruptions of United States government relations with countries in which we have or are implementing significant business relationships with agents or clients; mergers, acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses and technologies into our Company, including Travelex Global Business Payments, and the failure to realize anticipated financial benefits from these acquisitions, and events requiring us to write down our goodwill; any material breach of security, including cybersecurity, or safeguards of or interruptions in any of our systems; decisions to change our business mix; failure to manage credit and fraud risks presented by our agents, clients and consumers or non-performance by our banks, lenders, other financial services providers or insurers; increased costs or loss of business due to difficulty for us, our agents or their subagents in establishing or maintaining relationships with banks needed to conduct our services; adverse movements and volatility in capital markets and other events which affect our liquidity, the liquidity of our agents or clients, or the value of, or our ability to recover, our investments or amounts payable to us; adverse rating actions by credit rating agencies; our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from productivity and cost-savings and other related initiatives, which may include decisions to downsize or to transition operating activities from one location to another, and to minimize any disruptions in our workforce that may result from those initiatives; our ability to attract and retain qualified key employees and to manage our workforce successfully; our ability to protect our brands and our other intellectual property rights; our failure to manage the potential both for patent protection and

patent liability in the context of a rapidly developing legal framework for intellectual property protection; changes in tax laws and unfavorable resolution of tax contingencies; cessation of or defects in various services provided to us by third-party vendors; material changes in the market value or liquidity of securities that we hold; restrictions imposed by our debt obligations; and changes in industry standards affecting our business; (ii) events related to our regulatory and litigation environment, such as: liabilities or loss of business resulting from a failure by us, our agents or their subagents to comply with laws and regulations and regulatory or judicial interpretations thereof, including laws and regulations designed to detect and prevent money laundering, terrorist financing, fraud and other illicit activity, and increased costs or loss of business associated with compliance with those laws and regulations; increased costs or loss of business due to regulatory initiatives and changes in laws, regulations and industry practices and standards affecting us, our agents, or their subagents, including related to anti-money laundering regulations, anti-fraud measures,

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customer due diligence, or agent and subagent due diligence, registration, and monitoring requirements; liabilities or loss of business and unanticipated developments resulting from governmental investigations and consent agreements with or enforcement actions by regulators, including those associated with compliance with or failure to comply with the settlement agreement with the State of Arizona, as amended; the impact on our business from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the rules promulgated there-under, and the actions of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and similar legislation and regulations enacted by other government authorities; changes in United States or foreign laws, rules and regulations including the Internal Revenue Code, governmental or judicial interpretations thereof and industry practices and standards, including the impact of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance provisions of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act; liabilities resulting from litigation, including class-action lawsuits and similar matters, including costs, expenses, settlements and judgments; failure to comply with regulations regarding consumer privacy and data use and security; effects of unclaimed property laws; failure to maintain sufficient amounts or types of regulatory capital to meet the changing requirements of our regulators worldwide; and changes in accounting standards, rules and interpretations; and (iii) other events, such as: adverse tax consequences from our spin-off from First Data Corporation; catastrophic events; and management's ability to identify and manage these and other risks.

Overview

We are a leading provider of money movement and payment services, operating in three business segments: Consumer-to-Consumer - The Consumer-to-Consumer operating segment facilitates money transfers between two consumers, primarily through a network of third-party agents. Our multi-currency, real-time money transfer service is viewed by us as one interconnected global network where a money transfer can be sent from one location to another, around the world. Our money transfer services are available for international cross-border transfers - that is, the transfer of funds from one country to another - and, in certain countries, intra-country transfers - that is, money transfers from one location to another in the same country. This segment also includes money transfer transactions that can be initiated through websites and account based money transfers.

Consumer-to-Business - The Consumer-to-Business operating segment facilitates bill payments from consumers to businesses and other organizations, including utilities, auto finance companies, mortgage servicers, financial service providers, government agencies and other businesses. The significant majority of the segment's revenue was generated in the United States during all periods presented, with the remainder primarily generated in Argentina.

Business Solutions - The Business Solutions operating segment facilitates payment and foreign exchange solutions, primarily cross-border, cross-currency transactions, for small and medium size enterprises and other organizations and individuals. The majority of the segment's business relates to exchanges of currency at the spot rate which enables customers to make cross-currency payments. In addition, in certain countries, we write foreign currency forward and option contracts for customers to facilitate future payments.

All businesses that have not been classified in the above segments are reported as "Other" and include our money order and other businesses and services, in addition to costs for the review and closing of acquisitions.

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Results of Operations

The following discussion of our consolidated results of operations and segment results refers to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in 2013. The results of operations should be read in conjunction with the discussion of our segment results of operations, which provide more detailed discussions concerning certain components of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions between our segments were eliminated for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in 2013, consolidated revenue increased primarily due to 5% and 6% transaction growth, respectively, in our Consumer-to-Consumer segment.

Operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased due to revenue increases, benefits from our prior productivity and cost-savings initiatives and decreased integration costs related to the acquisition of Traveler Global Business Payments ("TGBP") on November 7, 2011, partially offset by increased compliance program and legal costs. Operating income was materially consistent for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. The following table sets forth our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(in millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change		
Revenues:								
Transaction fees	\$1,040.8	\$1,029.9	1	%	\$3,057.7	\$3,024.2	1	%
Foreign exchange revenues	360.6	347.7	4	%	1,034.2	998.1	4	%
Other revenues	39.5	31.2	27	%	105.4	97.8	8	%
Total revenues	1,440.9	1,408.8	2	%	4,197.3	4,120.1	2	%
Expenses:								
Cost of services	840.5	818.2	3	%	2,465.5	2,389.3	3	%
Selling, general and administrative	286.3	295.3	(3)	)%	867.4	861.8	1	%
Total expenses	1,126.8	1,113.5	1	%	3,332.9	3,251.1	3	%
Operating income	314.1	295.3	6	%	864.4	869.0	(1))%
Other income/(expense):								
Interest income	1.8	4.6	(61)	)%	9.4	5.7	65	%
Interest expense	(43.2)	(48.8)	(11)	)%	(134.2)	(145.7)	(8))%
Derivative gains/(losses), net	0.5	(0.9)	*		(2.1)	(0.6)	*	
Other income/(expense), net	(0.4)	1.5	*		(5.2)	5.7	*	
Total other expense, net	(41.3)	(43.6)	(5)	)%	(132.1)	(134.9)	(2))%
Income before income taxes	272.8	251.7	8	%	732.3	734.1	0	%
Provision for income taxes	38.7	37.3	4	%	101.4	109.1	(7))%
Net income	\$234.1	\$214.4	9	%	\$630.9	\$625.0	1	%
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$0.44	\$0.39	13	%	\$1.17	\$1.12	4	%
Diluted	\$0.44	\$0.39	13	%	\$1.17	\$1.11	5	%
Weighted-average shares outstanding:								
Basic	527.8	552.1			537.0	558.5		
Diluted	531.2	555.8			540.1	561.3		

*Calculation not meaningful

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Revenues overview

For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, consolidated revenue increased 2%. These increases were primarily due to transaction growth in our Consumer-to-Consumer segment. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies, net of the impact of foreign currency hedges, negatively impacted consolidated revenue growth by approximately 3% and 2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, foreign exchange revenues increased, primarily due to increased amounts of cross-border principal sent in our Consumer-to-Consumer segment, increases in our retail walk-in foreign exchange services due to our acquisition of the Brazilian foreign exchange operations of Fitta DTVM S.A and Fitta Turismo Ltd ("Fitta") in the first quarter of 2014, and growth in our Business Solutions segment.

Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies, net of the impact of foreign currency hedges, have resulted in a reduction to revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 of \$35.0 million and \$93.8 million, respectively, over the same periods in the previous year.

Operating expenses overview

Enhanced regulatory compliance

The financial services industry, including money services businesses, continues to be subject to increasingly strict legal and regulatory requirements, and we regularly review our compliance programs. In connection with these reviews, and in light of growing and rapidly evolving regulatory complexity and heightened attention of, and increased dialogue with, governmental and regulatory authorities related to our compliance activities, we have made, and continue to make enhancements to our processes and systems designed to deter and prevent money laundering, terrorist financing, and fraud and other illicit activity, along with enhancements to improve consumer protection related to the Dodd-Frank Act and similar international regulations, and other matters. In coming periods we expect these enhancements will continue to result in changes to certain of our business practices and increased costs. Some of these changes have had, and we believe will continue to have, an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Cost of services

Cost of services primarily consists of agent commissions, which represented approximately two-thirds of total cost of services for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, and generally fluctuate as revenues fluctuate. Cost of services increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year primarily due to variable costs that generally increase as revenues and transactions increase, such as agent commissions and bank-related fees. Additionally, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, cost of services increased due to higher bank-related fees in our Consumer-to-Business and Business Solutions segments and higher agent commission rates in the walk-in services of our Consumer-to-Consumer segment, primarily from the renewal of certain strategic agent agreements. These increases were partially offset by benefits from our productivity and cost-savings initiatives and fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies that resulted in a positive impact on the translation of our expenses.

Selling, general and administrative

For the three months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased due to benefits from our productivity and cost-savings initiatives and decreased integration costs related to the acquisition of TGBP, partially offset by increased compliance program (see "Enhanced Regulatory Compliance" described above) and legal costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same period in the prior year, selling, general and administrative expenses increased due to increased

compliance program and legal costs, partially offset by benefits from our productivity and cost-savings initiatives and decreased integration costs related to the acquisition of TGBP. Additionally, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies resulted in a positive impact on the translation of our expenses.

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Total other expense, net

Total other expense, net was materially consistent for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year.

Income taxes

Our effective tax rates on pre-tax income were 14.2% and 14.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our effective tax rates on pre-tax income were 13.8% and 14.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The decrease in our effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 is primarily due to the combined effect of various discrete items, including those related to foreign currency fluctuations on certain income tax attributes, and changes in tax contingency reserves, partially offset by changes in the composition of earnings between foreign and domestic. For the year ended December 31, 2013, 103% of our pre-tax income was derived from foreign sources, and we currently expect that approximately 95% of our pre-tax income will be derived from foreign sources for the year ending December 31, 2014. Our foreign pre-tax income is subject to tax in multiple foreign jurisdictions, virtually all of which have statutory income tax rates lower than the United States. While the income tax imposed by any one foreign country is not material to us, our overall effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in tax laws, both foreign and domestic. Certain portions of our foreign source income are subject to United States federal and state income tax as earned due to the nature of the income, and dividend repatriations of our foreign source income are generally subject to United States federal and state income tax.

We have established contingency reserves for a variety of material, known tax exposures. As of September 30, 2014, the total amount of tax contingency reserves was \$108.2 million, including accrued interest and penalties, net of related items. Our tax reserves reflect our judgment as to the resolution of the issues involved if subject to judicial review or other settlement. While we believe that our reserves are adequate to cover reasonably expected tax risks, there can be no assurance that, in all instances, an issue raised by a tax authority will be resolved at a financial cost that does not exceed our related reserve. With respect to these reserves, our income tax expense would include (i) any changes in tax reserves arising from material changes during the period in facts and circumstances (i.e., new information) surrounding a tax issue and (ii) any difference from our tax position as recorded in the financial statements and the final resolution of a tax issue during the period. Such resolution could materially increase or decrease income tax expense in our consolidated financial statements in future periods and could impact our operating cash flows.

Earnings per share

During the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, basic and diluted earnings per share were \$0.44 and \$0.39, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, basic earnings per share were \$1.17 and \$1.12, and diluted earnings per share were \$1.17 and \$1.11, respectively. Unvested shares of restricted stock are excluded from basic shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if outstanding stock options at the presented dates are exercised and shares of restricted stock have vested. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were 14.2 million and 15.7 million, respectively, of outstanding options to purchase shares of Western Union stock excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation under the treasury stock method as their effect was anti-dilutive. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, there were 16.3 million and 22.5 million, respectively, of outstanding options to purchase shares of Western Union stock excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation under the treasury stock method as their effect was anti-dilutive.

Earnings per share increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, as a result of the previously described factors impacting net income and lower weighted-average shares outstanding. The lower number of shares outstanding was due to stock repurchases exceeding stock issuances related to the Company's stock compensation programs.

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Segment Discussion

We manage our business around the consumers and businesses we serve and the types of services we offer. Each of our three segments addresses a different combination of consumer groups, distribution networks and services offered. Our segments are Consumer-to-Consumer, Consumer-to-Business, and Business Solutions. Businesses not considered part of these segments are categorized as "Other."

The following table sets forth the components of segment revenues as a percentage of the consolidated totals for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Consumer-to-Consumer	80	% 80	% 80	% 80	%
Consumer-to-Business	11	% 11	% 11	% 11	%
Business Solutions	7	% 7	% 7	% 7	%
Other	2	% 2	% 2	% 2	%
	100	% 100	% 100	% 100	%

Consumer-to-Consumer Segment

The following table sets forth our Consumer-to-Consumer segment results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(dollars and transactions in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change
Revenues:						
Transaction fees	\$874.0	\$861.1	1 %	\$2,566.7	\$2,519.1	2 %
Foreign exchange revenues	258.3	252.9	2 %	743.9	724.5	3 %
Other revenues	18.6	14.1	32 %	49.9	43.5	15 %
Total revenues	\$1,150.9	\$1,128.1	2 %	\$3,360.5	\$3,287.1	2 %
Operating income	\$286.1	\$271.1	6 %	\$790.6	\$795.5	(1) %
Operating income margin	25	% 24	%	24	% 24	%
Key indicator:						
Consumer-to-Consumer transactions	65.31	62.45	5 %	189.51	178.15	6 %

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The table below sets forth transaction and revenue changes by geographic region and westernunion.com compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, and revenues as a percentage of consolidated revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Consumer-to-Consumer transaction growth (a):				
Europe and CIS	10	%	10	%
North America	3	%	3	%
Middle East and Africa	1	%	5	%
Asia Pacific ("APAC")	0	%	3	%
Latin America and the Caribbean ("LACA")	2	%	3	%
westernunion.com	34	%	44	%
Consumer-to-Consumer revenue growth/(decline) (a):				
Europe and CIS	1	%	2	%
North America	2	%	1	%
Middle East and Africa	3	%	4	%
APAC	1	%	1	%
LACA	(3)	)%	(7))%
westernunion.com	21	%	31	%
Consumer-to-Consumer revenue as a percentage of consolidated revenue (a):				
Europe and CIS	21	%	21	%
North America	19	%	19	%
Middle East and Africa	16	%	16	%
APAC	12	%	12	%
LACA	8	%	8	%
westernunion.com	4	%	4	%

We view our Consumer-to-Consumer money transfer service as one interconnected global network where a money transfer can be sent from one location to another, around the world, including related transactions that can be initiated through websites and account based money transfers. The segment includes five geographic regions whose functions are limited to generating, managing and maintaining agent relationships and localized marketing activities and also includes our online money transfer service conducted through Western Union branded websites ("westernunion.com"). By means of common processes and systems, these regions and westernunion.com create an interconnected network for consumer transactions, thereby constituting one global Consumer-to-Consumer money transfer business and one operating segment.

Significant allocations are made in determining the transaction and revenue changes under the regional view in the above table. The geographic split for transactions and revenue is determined based upon the region where the money transfer is initiated and the region where the money transfer is paid. For transactions originated and paid in different regions, we split the transaction count and revenue between the two regions, with each region receiving 50%. For money transfers initiated and paid in the same region, 100% of the revenue and transactions are attributed to that region. For money transfers initiated through our websites, 100% of the revenue and transactions are attributed to westernunion.com.

Our consumers transferred \$22.1 billion and \$64.2 billion in Consumer-to-Consumer principal during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively, of which \$20.0 billion and \$58.0 billion, respectively, related to cross-border principal. For the three months ended September 30, 2014 both Consumer-to-Consumer principal and

cross-border principal increased 5% compared to the corresponding period in the prior year. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, Consumer-to-Consumer principal and cross-border principal increased 6% and 7%, respectively.

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Transaction fees and foreign exchange revenues

For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, Consumer-to-Consumer money transfer revenue increased 2%. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, revenue increased primarily due to transaction growth of 5% and 6%, respectively, partially offset by price reductions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies, net of the impact of foreign currency hedges, negatively impacted revenue by 2% and 1%, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, revenue was also negatively impacted by geographic and product mix.

Our Europe and CIS region experienced revenue growth of 1% and 2% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, on transaction growth of 10% for both periods. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, revenue was negatively impacted primarily by geographic and product mix and price reductions. Russia experienced strong transaction growth; Russia typically generates lower revenue per transaction than the European average.

Our North America region experienced revenue growth of 2% and 1% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, respectively, primarily due to transaction growth of 3% for both periods. The increase in revenue primarily resulted from transaction growth in our United States outbound and Mexico corridors. Revenue growth in our domestic money transfer services (transactions between and within the United States and Canada) was negatively impacted by declines in higher principal band transactions, which generate higher revenue per transaction.

Our Middle East and Africa region experienced revenue growth of 3% and 4% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, on transaction growth of 1% and 5%, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, the increase in revenue was primarily driven by growth in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, partially offset by declines in Libya.

Our APAC region experienced revenue growth of 1% for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, on flat transactions and transaction growth of 3%, respectively. The increase in revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 was primarily driven by growth in Japan and the Philippines.

Our LACA region experienced revenue declines of 3% and 7% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year on transaction growth of 2% and 3%, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, revenue was negatively impacted by government imposed restrictions on the market in Venezuela and fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and the Argentine peso and other foreign currencies in the region.

Westernunion.com experienced revenue growth of 21% and 31% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year, on transaction growth of 34% and 44%, respectively.

Foreign exchange revenues increased 2% and 3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, primarily due to increases in cross-border principal sent of 5% and 7%, respectively.

Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies, net of the impact of foreign currency hedges, have resulted in a reduction to revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 of \$17.9 million and \$37.9 million over the same periods in the previous year, respectively.

We have historically implemented and will likely implement price reductions from time to time in response to competition and other factors. Price reductions generally reduce margins and adversely affect financial results in the short term, but are done in anticipation that they will result in increased transaction volumes which may lead to increased revenues and operating income in these certain corridors thereafter. Price reductions totaled approximately 1% of our Consumer-to-Consumer revenue for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

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Operating income

Consumer-to-Consumer operating income increased 6% and declined 1% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in 2013, respectively. Results for the three months ended September 30, 2014 were impacted by the revenue increases described above and benefits from our productivity and cost-savings initiatives, partially offset by increased compliance program costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, these results were impacted by increased compliance program costs, partially offset by the revenue increases described above and benefits from our productivity and cost-savings initiatives. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in 2013, results were also impacted by higher agent commissions, which generally increase as revenue increases, including increases in agent commission rates in our walk-in services primarily due to the renewal of certain strategic agent agreements. The change in operating margins in the segment was due to these same factors.

Consumer-to-Business Segment

The following table sets forth our Consumer-to-Business segment results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change
Revenues:						
Transaction fees	\$144.0	\$146.1	(1)%	\$424.1	\$437.0	(3)%
Foreign exchange and other revenues	6.4	6.2	3%	19.4	22.0	(12)%
Total revenues	\$150.4	\$152.3	(1)%	\$443.5	\$459.0	(3)%
Operating income	\$23.2	\$29.3	(21)%	\$76.6	\$98.6	(22)%
Operating income margin	15	% 19	%	17	% 21	%

Revenues

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, Consumer-to-Business revenue decreased 1% and 3%, respectively, primarily due to the strengthening of the United States dollar against the Argentine peso, which negatively impacted our Consumer-to-Business revenue growth by 12% and 11%, respectively. Revenue was also negatively impacted by declines in our United States cash-based bill payments, partially offset by growth in our United States electronic bill payments.

Operating income

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, operating income decreased compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to higher bank-related fees resulting from changes in funding in our growing United States electronic bill payments as a result of increased credit card usage from our customers and larger principal transactions, in addition to the items which impacted revenues described earlier. The changes in operating margins in the segment were due to these same factors.

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Business Solutions Segment

The following table sets forth our Business Solutions segment results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change	
	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change		
Revenues:								
Foreign exchange revenues	\$94.4	\$92.2	2	%	\$272.5	\$264.9	3	%
Transaction fees and other revenues	11.4	9.4	21	%	30.9	27.8	11	%
Total revenues	\$105.8	\$101.6	4	%	\$303.4	\$292.7	4	%
Operating loss	\$(0.2)	\$(2.8)	*		\$(7.1)	\$(16.3)	*	
Operating loss margin	0	% (3)	%		(2)	% (6)	%	

*Calculation not meaningful

Revenues

For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, Business Solutions revenue grew 4%. Revenue increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to increased customer activity, including the increased use of hedging products in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the United States dollar and other currencies positively impacted revenue growth by 1%.

Operating loss

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, operating loss decreased compared to the same periods in the prior year due to decreased TGBP integration expenses, the revenue increases described above, and a value added tax recovery, partially offset by higher bank fees. The changes in operating loss margins in the segment were due to these same factors.

Other

The following table sets forth Other results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			% Change	
	2014	2013	% Change	2014	2013	% Change		
Revenues	\$33.8	\$26.8	26	%	\$89.9	\$81.3	11	%
Operating income/(loss)	\$5.0	\$(2.3)	*		\$4.3	\$(8.8)	*	

*Calculation not meaningful

Revenues

Other revenue increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 compared to the same periods in the prior year due to increases in our retail walk-in foreign exchange services resulting from our acquisition of Fitta, and increased investment income in our money order business, partially offset by declines in our prepaid services.

Operating income/(loss)

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we generated operating income due to increased operating income in our prepaid services and increased investment income in our money order business.

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Capital Resources and Liquidity

Our primary source of liquidity has been cash generated from our operating activities, primarily from net income and fluctuations in working capital. Our working capital is affected by the timing of interest payments on our outstanding borrowings and timing of income tax payments, among other items. The significant majority of our interest payments are due in the second and fourth quarters which results in a decrease in the amount of cash provided by operating activities in those quarters and a corresponding increase to the first and third quarters.

Our future cash flows could be impacted by a variety of factors, some of which are out of our control, including changes in economic conditions, especially those impacting migrant populations and changes in income tax laws or the status of income tax audits, including the resolution of outstanding tax matters.

A significant portion of our cash flows from operating activities has been generated from subsidiaries, some of which are regulated entities. Our regulated subsidiaries may transfer all excess cash to the parent company for general corporate use, except for assets subject to legal or regulatory restrictions, including: 1) requirements to maintain cash and other qualifying investment balances, free of any liens or other encumbrances, related to the payment of certain of our money transfer and other payment obligations; and 2) other legal or regulatory restrictions, including statutory or formalized net worth requirements.

We believe we have adequate liquidity to meet our business needs through our existing cash balances and our ability to generate cash flows through operations. These business needs include approximately \$100 million of remaining tax payments, plus additional accrued interest, we expect to make as a result of the IRS Agreement, which we anticipate paying in 2015 and beyond. In addition, we also believe we have adequate liquidity to pay dividends and make anticipated share repurchases. We have capacity to borrow up to \$1.65 billion in the aggregate under our revolving credit facility ("Revolving Credit Facility"), which supports borrowings under our \$1.5 billion commercial paper program and expires in January 2017. As of September 30, 2014, we had no outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility or commercial paper program.

Cash and Investment Securities

As of September 30, 2014, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$1.7 billion, of which approximately \$1.1 billion was held by our foreign entities. Our ongoing cash management strategies to fund our business needs could cause United States and foreign cash balances to fluctuate.

Repatriating foreign funds to the United States would, in many cases, result in significant tax obligations because most of these funds have been taxed at relatively low foreign tax rates compared to our combined federal and state tax rate in the United States. We have used and expect to continue to use foreign funds to expand and fund our international operations and to acquire businesses internationally. We regularly evaluate, taking tax consequences and other factors into consideration, our United States cash requirements and also the potential uses of cash internationally to determine the appropriate level of dividend repatriations of our foreign source income.

In many cases, we receive funds from money transfers and certain other payment services before we settle the payment of those transactions. These funds, referred to as "Settlement assets" on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, are not used to support our operations. However, we earn income from investing these funds. We maintain a portion of these settlement assets in highly liquid investments, classified as "Cash and cash equivalents" within "Settlement assets," to fund settlement obligations.

Investment securities, classified within "Settlement assets," were \$1.4 billion as of September 30, 2014. Substantially all of these investments are highly-rated state and municipal debt securities, including variable rate demand notes. Most state regulators in the United States require us to maintain specific highly-rated, investment grade securities and such investments are intended to secure relevant outstanding settlement obligations in accordance with applicable regulations.

Investment securities are exposed to market risk due to changes in interest rates and credit risk. We regularly monitor credit risk and attempt to mitigate our exposure by investing in highly-rated securities and diversifying our investment portfolio. As of September 30, 2014, the majority of our investment securities had credit ratings of "AA-" or better from a major credit rating agency. Our investment securities are also actively managed with respect to concentration.

As of September 30, 2014, all investments with a single issuer and each individual security were less than 10% of our investment securities portfolio.

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Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$775.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, from \$810.9 million in the comparable period in the prior year.

Financing Resources

As of September 30, 2014, we have outstanding borrowings at par value of \$3,730.6 million. The substantial majority of these outstanding borrowings consists of unsecured fixed-rate notes and associated swaps with maturities ranging from 2015 to 2040, and our borrowings also include our floating rate notes due in 2015. Our Revolving Credit Facility expires in January 2017 and provides for unsecured financing facilities in an aggregate amount of \$1.65 billion, including a \$250.0 million letter of credit sub-facility and a \$150.0 million swing line sub-facility. The purpose of our Revolving Credit Facility, which is diversified through a group of 17 participating institutions, is to provide general liquidity and to support our commercial paper program, which we believe enhances our short term credit rating. The largest commitment from any single financial institution within the total committed balance of \$1.65 billion is approximately 12%. As of and during the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we had no outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. If the amount available to borrow under the Revolving Credit Facility decreased, or if the Revolving Credit Facility were eliminated, the cost and availability of borrowing under the commercial paper program may be impacted.

Pursuant to our commercial paper program, we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 billion outstanding at any time, reduced to the extent of borrowings outstanding on our Revolving Credit Facility in excess of \$150 million. Our commercial paper borrowings may have maturities of up to 397 days from date of issuance. Interest rates for borrowings are based on market rates at the time of issuance. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, the average commercial paper balance outstanding was \$10.9 million and \$17.7 million, respectively, and the maximum balance outstanding was \$110.0 million and \$200.0 million, respectively. We had no commercial paper borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and 2013. Proceeds from our commercial paper borrowings were used for general corporate purposes.

Cash Priorities

Liquidity

Our objective is to maintain strong liquidity and a capital structure consistent with investment-grade credit ratings. We have existing cash balances, cash flows from operating activities, access to the commercial paper markets and our Revolving Credit Facility available to support the needs of our business.

Capital Expenditures

The total aggregate amount paid for contract costs, purchases of property and equipment, and purchased and developed software was \$129.3 million and \$166.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Amounts paid for new and renewed agent contracts vary depending on the terms of existing contracts as well as the timing of new and renewed contract signings. Other capital expenditures during these periods included investments in our information technology infrastructure and purchased and developed software.

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Share Repurchases and Dividends

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, 26.8 million and 22.2 million shares, respectively, were repurchased for \$445.0 million and \$334.5 million, respectively, excluding commissions, at an average cost of \$16.62 and \$15.05 per share, respectively. As of September 30, 2014, \$55.0 million remained available under a share repurchase authorization approved by our Board of Directors through June 30, 2015.

Our Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.125 per common share in each of the first three quarters of 2014, representing \$199.9 million in total dividends.

Debt Service Requirements

Our 2014 and future debt service requirements will include payments on any existing and future borrowings under our commercial paper program and interest payments on all outstanding indebtedness. In February 2014, \$500.0 million of our notes matured and were repaid from our cash balances. Overall, we have the ability to use cash, including cash generated from operations, and our Revolving Credit Facility, and could also access commercial paper and other financing sources to meet our debt obligations as they come due.

Our ability to continue to grow the business, make investments in our business, make acquisitions, return capital to shareholders, including through dividends and share repurchases, and service our debt will depend on our ability to continue to generate excess operating cash through our operating subsidiaries and to continue to receive dividends from those operating subsidiaries, and our ability to obtain adequate financing.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Other than facility and equipment leasing arrangements, we have no material off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Pension Plan

We have a frozen defined benefit pension plan (the "Plan") for which we had a recorded unfunded pension obligation of \$55.3 million as of September 30, 2014. We are required to fund approximately \$13 million to the Plan in 2014, of which approximately \$10 million was contributed during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Other Commercial Commitments

We had approximately \$215 million in outstanding letters of credit and bank guarantees as of September 30, 2014. The letters of credit and bank guarantees are primarily held in connection with lease arrangements, certain agent agreements, and in relation to an uncertain tax position. The letters of credit and bank guarantees have expiration dates through 2018, with the majority having a one-year renewal option, except for the bank guarantee related to the uncertain tax position, which will expire upon resolution of this matter. We expect to renew the letters of credit and bank guarantees prior to expiration in most circumstances.

As of September 30, 2014, our total amount of unrecognized income tax benefits was \$122.4 million, including associated interest and penalties. The timing of related cash payments for substantially all of these liabilities is inherently uncertain because the ultimate amount and timing of such liabilities is affected by factors which are variable and outside our control.

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Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Our Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates disclosed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K, for which there were no material changes, included:

Income taxes

Derivative financial instruments

Other intangible assets

Goodwill

Risk Management

We are exposed to market risks arising from changes in market rates and prices, including changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates and credit risk related to our agents and customers. A risk management program is in place to manage these risks.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

We provide Consumer-to-Consumer money transfer services in more than 200 countries and territories. We manage foreign exchange risk through the structure of the business and an active risk management process. We settle with the vast majority of our agents in United States dollars or euros. However, in certain circumstances, we settle in other currencies. We typically require the agent to obtain local currency to pay recipients; thus, we generally are not reliant on international currency markets to obtain and pay illiquid currencies. The foreign currency exposure that does exist is limited by the fact that the majority of transactions are paid by the next day after they are initiated. To mitigate this risk further, we enter into short duration foreign currency forward contracts, generally with maturities from a few days up to approximately one month, to offset foreign exchange rate fluctuations between transaction initiation and settlement. We also have exposure to certain foreign currency denominated cash and other asset positions and may utilize foreign currency forward contracts, typically with maturities of less than one year at inception, to offset foreign exchange rate fluctuations on these positions. In certain consumer money transfer and Business Solutions transactions involving different send and receive currencies, we generate revenue based on the difference between the exchange rate set by us to the consumer or business and the rate at which we or our agents are able to acquire the currency, helping to provide protection against currency fluctuations. We promptly buy and sell foreign currencies as necessary to cover our net payables and receivables which are denominated in foreign currencies.

We use longer-term foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates on Consumer-to-Consumer revenues denominated primarily in the euro, and to a lesser degree the Canadian dollar, British pound, Australian dollar, Swiss franc, and other currencies. We use contracts with maturities of up to 36 months at inception to mitigate some of the impact that changes in foreign currency exchange rates could have on forecasted revenues, with a targeted weighted-average maturity of approximately one year. We believe the use of longer-term foreign currency forward contracts provides predictability of future cash flows from our international Consumer-to-Consumer operations.

We have operations in countries where government-imposed restrictions limit the transfer of cash outside the country. In Argentina, our money transfer and bill payment operations together represent less than 5% of our total consolidated revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. As of September 30, 2014, we have approximately \$50 million in cash and cash equivalents denominated in the Argentine peso. The impact of changes in the official Argentine peso exchange rate on our cash and cash equivalents is immediately reflected in net income for our money transfer operations, whereas this impact is reflected in other comprehensive income/(loss) for our bill payment operations. A continued devaluation of the Argentine peso and additional limits on returning excess cash balances could further adversely affect future distributions or their value and our results of operations.

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We have additional foreign exchange risk and associated foreign exchange risk management due to the nature of our Business Solutions business. The majority of this business' revenue is from exchanges of currency at the spot rate enabling customers to make cross-currency payments. In certain countries, this business also writes foreign currency forward and option contracts for our customers to facilitate future payments. The duration of these derivative contracts at inception is generally less than one year. Business Solutions aggregates its foreign exchange exposures arising from customer contracts, including the derivative contracts described above, and hedges the resulting net currency risks by entering into offsetting contracts with established financial institution counterparties. The foreign exchange risk is actively managed.

As of December 31, 2013, a hypothetical uniform 10% strengthening or weakening in the value of the United States dollar relative to all other currencies in which our profits are generated would have resulted in a decrease/increase to pre-tax annual income of approximately \$41 million based on our 2014 forecast of Consumer-to-Consumer unhedged exposure to foreign currency. The exposure as of September 30, 2014 is not materially different based on our forecast of unhedged exposure to foreign currency through September 30, 2014. There are inherent limitations in this sensitivity analysis, primarily due to the assumption that foreign exchange rate movements are linear and instantaneous, that the unhedged exposure is static, and that we would not hedge any additional exposure. As a result, the analysis is unable to reflect the potential effects of more complex market changes that could arise, which may positively or negatively affect income.

Interest Rates

We invest in several types of interest bearing assets, with a total value as of September 30, 2014 of \$3.1 billion. Approximately \$2.2 billion of these assets bear interest at floating rates and are therefore sensitive to changes in interest rates. These assets primarily include cash in banks, money market instruments, and state and municipal variable rate securities and are included in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets within "Cash and cash equivalents" and "Settlement assets." To the extent these assets are held in connection with money transfers and other related payment services awaiting redemption, they are classified as "Settlement assets." Earnings on these investments will increase and decrease with changes in the underlying short-term interest rates.

The significant majority of the remainder of our interest bearing assets consist of highly-rated state and municipal debt securities which are fixed-rate instruments. These investments may include investments made from cash received from our money transfer business and other related payment services awaiting redemption classified within "Settlement assets" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. As interest rates rise, the fair value of these fixed-rate interest-bearing securities will decrease; conversely, a decrease to interest rates would result in an increase to the fair values of the securities. We have classified these investments as available-for-sale within "Settlement assets" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, and accordingly, recorded these instruments at their fair value with the net unrealized gains and losses, net of the applicable deferred income tax effect, being added to or deducted from our "Total stockholders' equity" on our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of September 30, 2014, we had \$250.0 million of floating rate notes, which had an effective interest rate of 1.2% or 1% above three-month LIBOR. Additionally, \$1,225.0 million of our fixed-rate borrowings at par value are effectively floating rate debt through interest rate swap agreements, changing this fixed-rate debt to LIBOR-based floating rate debt, with weighted-average spreads of approximately 200 basis points above LIBOR.

We review our overall exposure to floating and fixed rates by evaluating our net asset or liability position in each, also considering the duration of the individual positions. We manage this mix of fixed versus floating exposure in an attempt to minimize risk, reduce costs and improve returns. Our exposure to interest rates can be modified by changing the mix of our interest-bearing assets as well as adjusting the mix of fixed versus floating rate debt. The latter is accomplished primarily through the use of interest rate swaps and the decision regarding terms of any new debt issuances (i.e., fixed versus floating). We use interest rate swaps designated as hedges to increase the percentage of floating rate debt, subject to market conditions. As of September 30, 2014, our weighted-average effective rate on total borrowings was approximately 4.4%.

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A hypothetical 100 basis point increase/decrease in interest rates would result in a decrease/increase to pre-tax income of approximately \$15 million annually based on borrowings on September 30, 2014 that are sensitive to interest rate fluctuations. The same 100 basis point increase/decrease in interest rates, if applied to our cash and investment balances on September 30, 2014 that are sensitive to interest rate fluctuations, would result in an offsetting benefit/reduction to pre-tax income of approximately \$22 million annually. There are inherent limitations in the sensitivity analysis presented, primarily due to the assumption that interest rate changes would be instantaneous. As a result, the analysis is unable to reflect the potential effects of more complex market changes, including changes in credit risk regarding our investments, which may positively or negatively affect income. In addition, the current mix of fixed versus floating rate debt and investments and the level of assets and liabilities will change over time. We will also be further impacted by changes to future interest rates as we refinance our debt or by reinvesting proceeds from the sale or maturity of our investments.

Credit Risk

As of September 30, 2014, the majority of our investment securities had credit ratings of "AA-" or better from a major credit rating agency.

To manage our exposures to credit risk with respect to investment securities, money market fund investments, derivatives and other credit risk exposures resulting from our relationships with banks and financial institutions, we regularly review investment concentrations, trading levels, credit spreads and credit ratings, and we attempt to diversify our investments among global financial institutions. We also limit our investment level in any individual non-government money market fund to no more than \$100 million.

We are also exposed to credit risk related to receivable balances from agents in the money transfer, walk-in bill payment and money order settlement process. We perform a credit review before each agent signing and conduct periodic analyses. In addition, we are exposed to credit risk directly from consumer transactions particularly through our online services and electronic channels, where transactions are originated through means other than cash, and therefore are subject to "chargebacks," insufficient funds or other collection impediments, such as fraud, which are anticipated to increase as online services and electronic channels become a greater proportion of our money transfer business.

We are exposed to credit risk in our Business Solutions business relating to: (a) derivatives written by us to our customers and (b) receivables from certain customers for which beneficiaries are paid prior to receiving cleared funds from the customer, where we have offered "trade credit." For the derivatives, the duration of these contracts at inception is generally less than one year. The credit risk associated with our derivative contracts increases when foreign currency exchange rates move against our customers, possibly impacting their ability to honor their obligations to deliver currency to us or to maintain appropriate collateral with us. For those receivables where we have offered trade credit, collection ordinarily occurs within a few days. To mitigate the risk associated with potential customer defaults, we perform credit reviews of the customer on an ongoing basis, and, for our derivatives, we may require certain customers to post or increase collateral.

Our losses associated with bad debts have been approximately 1% or less of our consolidated revenues in all periods presented.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a new accounting pronouncement regarding revenue from contracts with customers. This new standard provides guidance on recognizing revenue, including a five step model to determine when revenue recognition is appropriate. The standard requires that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Adoption of the new standard is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption not permitted. We are currently evaluating the potential impact that the adoption of this standard will have on our financial position, results of operations, and

related disclosures, and will adopt the provisions of this new standard in the first quarter of 2017.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information under the caption "Risk Management" in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Item 2 of Part I of this report is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our controls and procedures related to our reporting and disclosure obligations as of September 30, 2014, which is the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that, as of September 30, 2014, the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us, including our consolidated subsidiaries, in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, as applicable, within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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Review Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of The Western Union Company

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated balance sheet of The Western Union Company (the Company) as of September 30, 2014, the related condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of The Western Union Company as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows, and stockholders' equity for the year then ended (not presented herein) and we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those consolidated financial statements in our report dated February 24, 2014. In our opinion, the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of The Western Union Company as of December 31, 2013, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Denver, Colorado
October 30, 2014

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PART II
OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

United States Department of Justice Investigations

On March 20, 2012, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California ("USAO-CDCA") seeking documents relating to Shen Zhou International ("US Shen Zhou"), a former Western Union agent located in Monterey Park, California. The principal of US Shen Zhou was indicted in 2010 and in December 2013, pled guilty to one count of structuring international money transfers in violation of United States federal law in U.S. v. Zhi He Wang (SA CR 10-196, C.D. Cal.). Concurrent with the government's service of the subpoena, the government notified the Company that it is a target of an ongoing investigation into structuring and money laundering. Since March 20, 2012, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-CDCA seeking additional documents relating to US Shen Zhou, materials relating to certain other former and current agents and other materials relating to the Company's anti-money laundering ("AML") compliance policies and procedures. The government has interviewed several current and former Western Union employees and has served grand jury subpoenas seeking testimony from several current and former employees. The government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In March 2012, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania ("USAO-EDPA") seeking documents relating to Hong Fai General Contractor Corp. (formerly known as Yong General Construction) ("Hong Fai"), a former Western Union agent located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since March 2012, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-EDPA seeking additional documents relating to Hong Fai. The government has interviewed several current Western Union employees. The government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

On November 25, 2013, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania ("USAO-MDPA") seeking documents relating to complaints made to the Company by consumers anywhere in the world relating to fraud-induced money transfers since January 1, 2008. Concurrent with the government's service of the subpoena, the government notified the Company that it is the subject of the investigation. Since November 25, 2013, the Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-MDPA seeking documents relating to certain Western Union agents and Western Union's agent suspension and termination policies. The government's investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is

unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

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On March 6, 2014, the Company was served with a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida ("USAO-SDFL") seeking a variety of AML compliance materials, including documents relating to the Company's AML, Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA"), Suspicious Activity Report ("SAR") and Currency Transaction Report procedures, transaction monitoring protocols, BSA and AML training programs and publications, AML compliance investigation reports, compliance-related agent termination files, SARs, BSA audits, BSA and AML-related management reports and AML compliance staffing levels. The subpoena also calls for Board meeting minutes and organization charts. The period covered by the subpoena is January 1, 2007 to November 27, 2013. The Company has received additional subpoenas from the USAO-SDFL and the Broward County, Florida Sheriff's Office relating to the investigation, including a federal grand jury subpoena issued by the USAO-SDFL on March 14, 2014, seeking information about 33 agent locations in Costa Rica such as ownership and operating agreements, SARs and AML compliance and BSA filings for the period January 1, 2008 to November 27, 2013. Subsequently, the USAO-SDFL served the Company with seizure warrants requiring the Company to seize all money transfers sent from the United States to two agent locations located in Costa Rica for a 10-day period beginning in late March 2014. On July 8, 2014, the government served a grand jury subpoena calling for records relating to transactions sent from the United States to Nicaragua and Panama between September 1, 2013 and October 31, 2013. The government has also notified the Company that it is a target of the investigation. The investigation is ongoing and the Company may receive additional requests for information or seizure warrants as part of the investigation. The Company is cooperating fully with the government. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of the government's investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of any possible criminal charges or civil claims that may be brought against the Company. Should such charges or claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards or regulatory consequences which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Other Governmental Investigations

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, Western Union received civil investigative demands from certain state attorneys general who have initiated an investigation into the adequacy of the Company's consumer protection efforts over the last several years. The civil investigative demands seek information and documents relating to money transfers sent from the United States to certain countries, consumer fraud complaints that the Company has received and the Company's procedures to help identify and prevent fraudulent transfers. Due to the stage of the investigation, the Company is unable to predict the outcome of the investigation, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with any possible civil claims that might be brought by one or more of the states. Should such claims be brought, the Company could face significant fines, damage awards, or regulatory consequences, or compulsory changes in our business practices, that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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The Company has had discussions with the United States Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") regarding the Company's consumer protection and anti-fraud programs. On December 12, 2012, the Company received a civil investigative demand from the FTC requesting that the Company produce (i) all documents relating to communications with the monitor appointed pursuant to the agreement and settlement (the "Southwest Border Agreement") Western Union Financial Services, Inc. entered into with the State of Arizona on February 11, 2010, as amended, including information the Company provided to the monitor and any reports prepared by the monitor; and (ii) all documents relating to complaints made to the Company by consumers anywhere in the world relating to fraud-induced money transfers since January 1, 2011. On April 15, 2013, the FTC filed a petition in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York requesting an order to compel production of the requested documents. On June 6, 2013, the Court granted in part and denied in part the FTC's request. On August 14, 2013, the FTC filed a notice of appeal. On August 27, 2013, Western Union filed a notice of cross-appeal. On February 21, 2014, the Company received another civil investigative demand from the FTC requesting the production of all documents relating to complaints made to the Company by or on behalf of consumers relating to fraud-induced money transfers that were sent from or received in the United States since January 1, 2004, except for documents that were already produced to the FTC in response to the first civil investigative demand. On October 7, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit entered a summary order reversing in part and vacating and remanding in part the June 6, 2013 order entered by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. On October 22, 2014, the Company received another civil investigative demand issued by the FTC requesting documents and information since January 1, 2004 relating to the Company's consumer fraud program, its policies and procedures governing agent termination, suspension, probation and reactivation, its efforts to comply with its 2005 agreement with 47 states and the District of Columbia regarding consumer fraud prevention, and complaints made to the Company by or on behalf of consumers concerning fraud-induced money transfers that were sent to or from the United States, excluding complaint-related documents that were produced to the FTC in response to the earlier civil investigative demands. The civil investigative demand also seeks various documents concerning approximately 720 agents, including documents relating to the transactions they sent and paid and the Company's investigations of and communications with them. The Company may receive additional civil investigative demands from the FTC. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of this matter, or provide a range of loss, if any, which could be associated with any possible claims that might be brought against the Company.

In August 2013, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB") served Paymap, Inc. ("Paymap"), a subsidiary of the Company which operates solely in the United States, with a civil investigative demand requesting information and documents about Paymap's Equity Accelerator service, which is designed to help consumers pay off their mortgages more quickly. The CFPB's investigation sought to determine whether Paymap's marketing of the Equity Accelerator service violated the Consumer Financial Protection Act's prohibition against unfair, deceptive and abusive acts and practices ("UDAAP"). The Company cooperated with the investigation. After reviewing information and documents provided by the Company, in August 2014, the CFPB advised the Company of its view that certain aspects of Paymap's marketing violated UDAAP. The Company has advised the CFPB that it disagrees with the CFPB's position. The Company is in discussions with the CFPB and is seeking to reach an appropriate resolution of this matter. Due to the early stage of the discussions, the Company is unable to predict whether the CFPB will institute an enforcement action to bring any claims against the Company as a result of the investigation, or the possible range of loss, if any, which could be associated with such an action. Should the CFPB institute an enforcement action against the Company, the Company could face significant restitution payments to certain Equity Accelerator consumers, civil money penalties, or regulatory consequences that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In December 2013, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") advised the Company that it was conducting an investigation relating to (i) the Company's digital and electronic channels and the revenues

allocated to and reported by those channels; and (ii) the Payment Services Directive and the Company's strategic initiatives surrounding the Payment Services Directive. Subsequently, the SEC served the Company with subpoenas seeking information relating to its investigation. On September 3, 2014, in connection with its investigation relating to the Company's digital and electronic channels, the SEC filed an application in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado seeking an order compelling the production of certain email and other electronically stored information for three employees. After the Company and the SEC reached an agreement on the production of that material, the SEC withdrew its application. The Company is unable to predict the outcome of this matter, or the range of loss, if any, which could be associated with the resolution of this investigation.

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Shareholder Actions

On December 10, 2013, City of Taylor Police and Fire Retirement System filed a purported class action complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado against The Western Union Company, its President and Chief Executive Officer and a former executive officer of the Company, asserting claims under sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5 against all defendants. On September 26, 2014, the Court appointed SEB Asset Management S.A. and SEB Investment Management AB as lead plaintiffs. On October 27, 2014, lead plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint, which asserts the same claims as the original complaint, except that it brings the claims under section 20(a) of the Exchange Act only against the individual defendants. The consolidated amended complaint also adds as a defendant another former executive officer of the Company. The consolidated amended complaint alleges that, during the purported class period, February 7, 2012 through October 30, 2012, defendants made false or misleading statements or failed to disclose adverse material facts known to them, including those regarding: (1) the competitive advantage the Company derived from its compliance program; (2) the Company’s ability to increase market share, make limited price adjustments and withstand competitive pressures; (3) the effect of compliance measures under the Southwest Border Agreement on agent retention and business in Mexico; and (4) the Company’s progress in implementing an anti-money laundering program for the Southwest Border Area. This action is in a preliminary stage and the Company is unable to predict the outcome, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with this action. The Company and the named individuals intend to vigorously defend themselves in this matter.

On January 13, 2014, Natalie Gordon served the Company with a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint and Jury Demand that was filed in District Court, Douglas County, Colorado naming the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, one of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but one of its current directors as individual defendants, and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint asserts claims for breach of fiduciary duty and gross mismanagement against all of the individual defendants and unjust enrichment against the President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer based on allegations that between February 12, 2012 to October 30, 2012, the individual defendants made or caused the Company to issue false and misleading statements or failed to make adequate disclosures regarding the effects of the Southwest Border Agreement, including regarding the anticipated costs of compliance with the Southwest Border Agreement, potential effects on business operations, and Company projections. Plaintiff also alleges that the individual defendants caused or allowed the Company to lack requisite internal controls, caused or allowed financial statements to be misstated, and caused the Company to be subject to the costs, expenses and liabilities associated with the City of Taylor Police and Fire Retirement System lawsuit. Plaintiff further alleges that the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer received excessive compensation based on the allegedly inaccurate financial statements. On March 12, 2014, the Court entered an order granting the parties’ joint motion to stay proceedings in the case during the pendency of certain of the shareholder derivative actions described below.

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On January 19, 2014, Stanley Lieblein filed a shareholder derivative complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, one of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants and the Company as a nominal defendant. The allegations and claims in this lawsuit are similar to those made in the Gordon lawsuit but relate to a longer period - April 27, 2010 through October 30, 2012. The complaint asserts claims for violations of section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5 against the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer in connection with the Company's repurchase of its stock at an alleged cost of \$1.557 billion; for violations of section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and waste of corporate assets against the director defendants in connection with the Company's stock repurchases; for breaches of fiduciary duty against all of the individual defendants; for unjust enrichment against all of the individual defendants relating to their receipt of compensation; and for misappropriation of information and insider trading against the former executive officer. The claims are based on allegations that the individual defendants made or caused the Company to issue false and misleading statements or failed to make adequate disclosures regarding, among other things, the effects of the Southwest Border Agreement (including regarding the anticipated costs of compliance with the Southwest Border Agreement and potential effects on business operations), Company projections and trends and the adequacy of internal controls.

On February 11, 2014, R. Andre Klein filed a shareholder derivative complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, one of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants and the Company as a nominal defendant. The allegations and claims in this lawsuit are similar to those in the Lieblein lawsuit and relate to the same period - April 27, 2010 through October 30, 2012. The complaint asserts claims for violations of section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5 against the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer in connection with the Company's repurchase of its stock at an alleged cost of \$1.557 billion; for violations of section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against the director defendants in connection with the Company's stock repurchases; for breaches of fiduciary duty against all of the individual defendants; for unjust enrichment against all of the individual defendants relating to their receipt of compensation; for abuse of control and gross mismanagement against all of the individual defendants; and for misappropriation of information and insider trading against the former executive officer of the Company. The claims are based on allegations that the individual defendants made or caused the Company to issue false and misleading statements or failed to make adequate disclosures regarding, among other things, the effects of the Southwest Border Agreement (including regarding the anticipated costs of compliance with the Southwest Border Agreement and potential effects on business operations), Company projections and trends and the adequacy of internal controls.

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On February 20, 2014, City of Cambridge Retirement System filed a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint and Jury Demand in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, another current executive officer, two of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint asserts claims for breach of fiduciary duty against the individual defendants, violation of section 14(a) of the Exchange Act against the director defendants, violation of Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5 against the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and one of the former executive officers and violation of section 20(a) of the Exchange Act against the director defendants and one of the former executive officers. The claims are based on, among other things, allegations that the director defendants affirmatively declined to stop and prevent the Company's non-compliance with state and federal AML laws and regulations after receiving red flags indicating prolonged willful illegality, reappointed the same directors to the Company's Audit Committee between 2006 and 2014 and awarded excessive compensation packages to Western Union's senior executives despite the executives' responsibility for the Company's non-compliance with state and federal AML laws. The complaint also alleges that between 2009 and 2013, the director defendants caused the Company to issue proxy statements that contained materially incomplete and inaccurate disclosures, including that the Company's financial results depended on the non-compliance with AML requirements; the Board was aware of regulatory and criminal enforcement actions and that the directors were not curing violations; the extent to which the Board considered increasing red flags in their determination to re-nominate certain directors to the Audit Committee; and the extent to which the Board considered ongoing regulatory and criminal investigations in awarding compensation to senior executives. The complaint further alleges that the officer defendants caused the Company to willfully ignore the mandatory recording and reporting requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act and similar state laws and authorized and implemented policies and practices they knew or should have known to be inadequate for monitoring and enforcing compliance with those requirements. In addition, the complaint alleges that between April 27, 2010 and October 30, 2012, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and one of the former executive officers made or participated in the preparation and dissemination of materially false and misleading statements or failed to make adequate disclosures regarding, among other things, the Company's cooperation with the Southwest Border Agreement Monitor and progress in improving its AML monitoring program, and that they profited from those statements through insider stock sales at artificially inflated stock prices and caused the Company to suffer damages via the repurchase of its stock.

On February 26, 2014, Mayar Fund Ltd filed a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, one of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants, and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint asserts causes of action against all defendants for violation of section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5; the former executive officer for breach of fiduciary duty for misappropriation of material, non-public information; all defendants for breach of fiduciary duty; the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officers for unjust enrichment; and all defendants for corporate waste. The causes of action asserted in the complaint are based on allegations that the individual defendants caused the Company to issue false statements or failed to disclose adverse facts about the Company, caused the Company to pay artificially inflated prices to repurchase stock, failed to supervise the Company and failed to ensure that the Company's AML policies were effective and that the Company was complying with AML laws and regulations. Plaintiff also alleges that the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer received excessive compensation based on inaccurate financial statements and that the former executive officer sold stock at artificially high prices based on material, non-public information.

On February 28, 2014, the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System filed a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint and Jury Demand in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the

Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, two of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants, and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint asserts causes of action against the individual defendants for breach of fiduciary duty; the director defendants for violation of section 14(a) of the Exchange Act; the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and one of the former executive officers for violation of Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5; and the director defendants and one of the former executive officers for violation of section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The causes of action are based on allegations that are similar to those in the City of Cambridge Retirement System lawsuit.

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On March 7, 2014, MARTA/ATU Local 732 Employees Retirement Plan filed a Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado naming the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, one of its former executive officers, one of its former directors, and all but two of its current directors as individual defendants, and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint asserts causes of action against the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the former executive officer for violation of section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Securities and Exchange Commission rule 10b-5; the director defendants for violation of section 20(a) of the Exchange Act; the individual defendants for breach of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment and waste of corporate assets; and the former executive officer for misappropriation of information and insider trading. The causes of action are based on allegations that are similar to those in the Lieblein lawsuit.

All of the actions described above under "Shareholder Actions" are in a preliminary stage and the Company is unable to predict the outcome, or the possible loss or range of loss, if any, which could be associated with these actions. The Company and the named individuals intend to vigorously defend themselves in all of these matters.

Other Matters

On March 12, 2014, Jason Douglas filed a purported class action complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois asserting a claim under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq., based on allegations that since 2009, the Company has sent text messages to class members' wireless telephones without their consent. The plaintiff has not sought and the Court has not granted class certification. The Company intends to vigorously defend itself in this matter. However, due to the preliminary stage of the lawsuit and the uncertainty as to whether it will ever be certified as a class action, the potential outcome cannot be determined.

In addition, the Company is a party to a variety of other legal proceedings that arise in the normal course of our business. While the results of these legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the final outcome of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors described in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table sets forth stock repurchases for each of the three months of the quarter ended September 30, 2014:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased*	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs**	Remaining Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in millions)
July 1 - 31	800,442	\$17.48	788,028	\$163.1
August 1 - 31	3,929,610	\$17.29	3,914,548	\$95.4
September 1 - 30	2,359,545	\$17.16	2,351,605	\$55.0
Total	7,089,597	\$17.27	7,054,181	

These amounts represent both shares authorized by the Board of Directors for repurchase under a publicly *announced authorization, as described below, as well as shares withheld from employees to cover tax withholding obligations on restricted stock units that have vested.

On February 11, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized \$500 million of common stock repurchases through June 30, 2015, of which \$55.0 million remained available as of September 30, 2014. Management has historically and **may continue to establish prearranged written plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1. A Rule 10b5-1 plan permits us to repurchase shares at times when we may otherwise be unable to do so, provided the plan is adopted when we are not aware of material non-public information.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

See "Exhibit Index" for documents filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

The Western Union Company
(Registrant)

Date: October 30, 2014

By: /S/ HIKMET ERSEK
Hikmet Ersek
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: October 30, 2014

By: /S/ RAJESH K. AGRAWAL
Rajesh K. Agrawal
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 30, 2014

By: /S/ AMINTORE T.X. SCHENKEL
Amintore T.X. Schenkel
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer
and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Order Granting Stipulation to Extend Time for Production of Data issued October 17, 2014 by The Honorable Warren Granville, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
15	Letter from Ernst & Young LLP Regarding Unaudited Interim Financial Information
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer of The Western Union Company Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer of The Western Union Company Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
32	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document