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**January 13, 2022** 



# NCR Corporation (NYSE: NCR) Acquires LibertyX





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## NCR Corporation Acquires LibertyX

#### Transaction Overview





#### **Transaction Summary**

- On January 13, 2022, NCR Corporation (NYSE: NCR) announced that it has completed its acquisition of leading cryptocurrency software provider LibertyX
  - NCR and LibertyX previously announced that they had entered into a definitive agreement on August 2, 2021
- · Though financial terms were not initially disclosed, NCR's CFO Tim Oliver later revealed that the form of purchase would be all stock in the amount of 1.66 million shares (approximately \$73 million) on the Company's August 2021 earnings call (1)
- NCR intends to use assets from LibertyX, in tandem with capabilities from its subsidiary Cardtronics, to expand its "as-a-Service" offerings
- Specifically, the merger with LibertyX will allow NCR to use its Pay360 platform to offer LibertyX's digital currency solution to banks, retailers, and restaurants
  - NCR's Pay360 platform gives financial institutions a secure solution to enable cash-in and cash-out transactions
  - LibertyX's digital currency solution runs on ATMs, kiosks, and point-of-sale systems, enabling NCR to grow its customer base
  - NCR's effort to acquire LibertyX shows the Company's belief in the benefits of cryptocurrency and its strategic applications

#### **Transaction Commentary**

"NCR is an industry leader in banking, retail and hospitality, and has a tremendous customer base across our growth markets...We look forward to offering NCR's customers the ability to quickly and easily offer the digital payments and cryptocurrency capabilities consumer want, while significantly expanding the scope, scale, and reach of our software."



Chris Yim Co-founder & CEO



"Due to growing consumer demand, our customers require a complete digital currency solution, including the ability to buy and sell cryptocurrency, conduct cross-border remittance, and accept digital currency payments across digital and physical channels...The LibertyX solution will accelerate our ability to rapidly deliver these capabilities to the market."



Tim Vanderham Chief Technology Officer



## NCR Corporation Acquires LibertyX

## **LibertyX Overview**





#### **Company Overview**



Chairman & Founder

Chris Yim

**Headquarters:** 

Boston, MA

Established:

2013

- LibertyX is a cryptocurrency software provider that allows consumers to buy and sell Bitcoin at in-person ATMs
  - LibertyX has created the largest nationwide network of Bitcoin transaction terminals, with 12,000 ATMs employed at over 10,000 retail stores across 44 states
  - LibertyX has formed partnerships with independent ATM operators who own and manage ATMs in the United States at retail locations – one such network is NCR's Cardtronics
- LibertyX-equipped ATMs and kiosks enable customers to purchase and sell digital currencies, accept crypto payments, and engage in cross-border remittance practices
  - Users can purchase up to \$5,000 a day in bitcoin with their debit cards at ATMs, \$500 a day from retail locations, and \$3,000 a day at cash kiosks (1)
- LibertyX charges no fee to convert cash to bitcoin, but charges a \$4.95 retailer service fee per transaction at chain retailers to add cash

#### **Products & Services Overview**

#### How It Works

- To get started, users can download the LibertyX mobile app and create an account
- Once an account is created, users can enter their bitcoin wallet address and select the store they wish to purchase bitcoin at
- An order number is provided for the specific purchase, which users take to the store location or ATM and finalize the payment

#### Distribution Channels



#### **ATMs**

- Debit card only
- Up to \$5,000 per day

#### Retailers



- Cash only
- Up to \$500 per day at chain retailers
- Up to \$3,000 per day at independent retailers



#### Cash Kiosks

- Cash only
- Up to \$3,000 per day

12,000+ ATMs



10,000+ Retail Stores

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## **LibertyX Overview**

#### **Company Overview**



Michael Havford CEO:

**Headquarters:** Atlanta, Georgia

1884 Founded:

- NCR Corporation (NYSE: NCR) is an enterprise technology provider for restaurants, retailers and banks
  - The Company went public in 1925 with an issue of \$55 million in stock, which the largest public offering in US history at the time
- NCR is the largest global vendor of ATMs and sells point-of-sale terminals, self-service check-out systems, and self-check-in kiosks to its customers
  - Each solution combines hardware, software, consulting and support services, and third-party applications and technologies
- The Company's growing customer base includes over 1,200 financial institutions whose assets range in size from \$30 million to \$2+ trillion
  - Its Allpoint network serve 60 million cardholders and other consumers across the US

#### Stock Performance (NYSE: NCR)



#### **Products & Services Overview**



#### **Banking Solutions**

NCR's software, hardware, and services offerings connect to banks in order to increase customer engagement, drive revenue and cross-sell, and lower acquisition costs. More than 15,000 banks and credit unions are powered by NCR



#### Restaurant Solutions

NCR offers the Aloha POS, Aloha mobile POS, and selfordering kiosks, built by experts in restaurant operations, to streamline operations, handle payment processing, and ensure speed, accuracy, and ease of use



#### Retail Solutions

Regardless of size, location, and end customers served, NCR's next generation retail store architecture delivers the agility retailers need to compete in a world that increasingly prefers digital experiences



#### **Payment Solutions**

NCR provides payment-accepting equipment and processing services to suit users' needs, whether opening a new shop or integrating with an existing setup



#### **Telecom & Technology Solutions**

NCR works with leading communications services providers and network OEMs to bring service transformation, quality, speed, and a global reach to its customers

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Abra's \$55 million Financing



Say's \$140 million Sale to Robinhood



CAIS's \$225 million Financing



Forge's \$2 billion SPAC Merger



**Stronghold Completes its IPO** 



Republic Raises \$150 million in Series B Financing



Celsius Network Raises \$400 million in Financing



OpenSea Raises \$300 million in Series C Financing

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FT Partners has advised on some of the most prominent and groundbreaking transactions in the Securities / Capital Markets / Wealth Technology sectors

## FT Partners Advises Forge on its Merger with Motive Capital Corp.

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On September 13, 2021, Forge announced its merger with Motive Capital Corp.
- Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company is expected to have a pro forma fully diluted equity value of approximately \$2.0 billion (1)
  - Expected gross proceeds are \$532.5 million, prior to the payment of transaction expenses and up to \$100 million of cash consideration
  - The combination is further supported by a \$50 million commitment under Motive Partners' Forward Purchase Agreement and a \$68.5 million PIPE anchored by ION Group's \$50 million commitment and contributions from Temasek and Adit Ventures
- Forge's digital platform streamlines liquidity for hundreds of unicorn issuers and thousands of institutional and retail investors from around the world
  - Leveraging its robust technology, operations and trust infrastructure,
     Forge delivers a suite of services that includes trading, custody, data and company solutions
- Since inception, Forge has completed more than \$10 billion in transactions in more than 400 private companies

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- The confidence demonstrated by Motive Capital Corp, and other investors is a testament to Forge's business model, management and market opportunity
- Motive Partners intends to be a long-term strategic partner to Forge, accelerating growth and innovation in a market with substantial tailwinds

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as strategic and financial advisor to Forge
- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its \$150 million financing in May 2021, its merger with SharesPost in May 2020, its acquisition of IRA Services in October 2019, and its \$70 million Series B financing in July 2018
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' deep domain expertise within Capital Markets Tech, as well as its successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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on its merger with



MOTIVE CAPITAL CORP

(NYSE: MOTV)

for total consideration of

\$2,000,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Revolut on its \$800 million Series E Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On July 15, 2021, Revolut announced that it has raised \$800 million in financing from Softbank and Tiger Global, valuing the business at ~\$33 billion
- SoftBank and Tiger Global join existing investors including Balderton Capital, DST, Ribbit Capital, TCV and TSG Consumer Partners
- Revolut is building the world's first truly global financial superapp to help people get more from their money
  - In 2015, Revolut launched in the UK offering money transfer and exchange; Today, more than 16 million customers around the world use dozens of Revolut's innovative products to make more than 150 million transactions a month

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- The investment will enable the Company to further its growth plans, in particular
  its ongoing product innovation aimed at meeting customers' everyday financial
  needs and aspirations, from quick and easy global transfers, to managing
  everything from savings to insurance to democratizing wealth and trading
- It will also support the expansion of Revolut's offering to US customers and its entry to India and other international markets
- Revolut is now the most valuable financial superapp and the 4<sup>th</sup> most valuable private FinTech company globally

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Revolut
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep expertise in the Consumer FinTech and Banking Tech space, as well as our successful track record generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth, unicorn FinTech companies globally

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## Revolut

on its Series E financing led by



for a total amount of

\$800,000,000

at a valuation of

~\$33,000,000,000



## FT Partners Advises CAIS on its \$225 million in Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On January 11, 2022, CAIS announced it has raised \$225 million of new capital in its Series C financing round at a post-money valuation of more than \$1 billion
  - The investment was led by Apollo Global Management and Motive Partners, with participation from Franklin Templeton
- CAIS is a leading alternative investment platform for financial advisors who seek improved access to and education about alternative investment funds and structured products
  - CAIS provides financial advisors with a broad menu of alternative investment strategies, including hedge funds, private equity, private credit, real estate, and structured products
  - CAIS offers a customized experience to a wide range of wealth management firms, including small- to mid-sized RIAs, large RIA aggregation platforms, and independent / regional broker-dealers
- Today, over 4,400 of independent financial advisors, who in total oversee more than \$2 trillion in assets, use the CAIS platform to access alternative investments

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- This investment accelerates CAIS mission to modernize how investors access alternative investments and advances the critical role CAIS plays in revolutionizing how the alternative investment and wealth management communities engage, learn, and transact
- CAIS will use the proceeds of this financing round to fuel further advancements in technology, enhance the customer experience, invest in the digitization of product operations and processes, and explore strategic opportunities

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial advisor to CAIS
- The transaction highlights FT Partners' industry-leading expertise and successful track record within the Wealth and Capital Markets Tech space

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CAIS

on its Series C financing from

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MOTIVE BARTNER

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON

for total consideration of

\$225,000,000 at a valuation of \$1,000,000,000+

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## FT Partners Advises AlphaSense on its \$180 million Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On September 30, 2021, AlphaSense announced it has raised \$180 million in a Series C financing round led by Viking Global Investors and Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM) Growth Equity
  - Viking Global Investors is a global investment firm founded in 1999 that manages ~\$58bn of capital for investors
  - GSAM Growth Equity ("Goldman Sachs") has invested over \$13bn in companies led by visionary founders and CEOs
  - Alliance Bernstein, Bank of America, Barclays, Citi, Cowen, Morgan
     Stanley, Wells Fargo and other investors also participated in the round
- AlphaSense is a leading market intelligence and search platform with operations in the United States, Europe, and India
  - AlphaSense leverages Al and NLP to extract insights from an extensive universe of public and private content, enabling professionals to make critical decisions with confidence and speed
  - AlphaSense is trusted by a majority of S&P 500 companies including 70% of top asset management firms and 76% of top consultancies

#### Significance of Transaction

- The capital infusion will be used to further invest in product development, content expansion and customer support, and to drive organic growth as well as acquisitions
- Through international expansion, AlphaSense plans to continue investing in global and foreign-language content and expanding its customer service and engineering teams worldwide

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to AlphaSense
- FT Partners previously advised AlphaSense on its \$50 million Series B financing round in 2019 and its \$33 million growth financing round in 2016
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' industry-leading expertise within the Information Technology / Capital Markets space and its successful track record

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on its Series C financing led by



Goldman Sachs

with participation from









Morgan Stanley COWEN

for a total amount of

\$180,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Say Technologies on its \$140 million Sale to Robinhood

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On August 10, 2021, Robinhood (NASDAQ:HOOD) announced it had agreed to acquire Say Technologies for approximately \$140 million
- Say is a mission-driven company that has built an innovative communication platform making it easier for investors to exercise their ownership rights
  - Say's proxy processing technology helps broker-dealers give their customers seamless access to their vote, and its Q&A platform lets everyday shareholders participate in events like earnings by asking and upvoting questions
- Robinhood is an online broker that offers commission-free investing in US securities and cryptocurrencies, fractional trading, and cash management
  - Robinhood's mission is to democratize finance and make investing accessible with education and information, fractional shares, IPO access, and more

#### Significance of Transaction

- As part of Robinhood, Say will be able to further its goal of creating a new ecosystem of ownership and engagement to benefit all investors and companies
- Together the companies will find new ways to expand what it means to be an investor through new products and experiences that democratize shareholder access

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Say Technologies
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep Wealth & Capital Markets
  Tech domain expertise and successful track record of generating favorable
  outcomes for leading companies globally

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on its sale to



for approximately

\$140,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Abra on its Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On September 15, 2021, Abra announced it has raised \$55 million in Series C financing led by IGNIA and Blockchain Capital with participation from new investors Kingsway Capital and Tiga Investments
- Additional participation in the round came from existing investors including Amex Ventures, Arbor Ventures, Lerer Hippeau, and Kenetic Advisors
- Founded by Bill Barhydt in 2014, Abra is the leading wealth management platform in the crypto space, allowing hundreds of thousands of users to earn yield on crypto assets, trade over 100 virtual currencies, and borrow against crypto holdings
  - Abra has processed over \$1 billion in crypto-backed loans and paid millions of dollars in interest to retail and institutional clients
  - Abra Earn offers users to earn competitive interest rates on crypto assets, including up to 8% interest on stablecoins, compounded daily
  - Abra's cross-border lending platform matches developed market investors with developing market borrowers to capitalize on a massive yield arbitrage opportunity

#### Significance of Transaction

- The investment will fuel Abra's rapid user base growth and support its continued commitment to expanding the product suite and capabilities
- Abra's Series C financing will allow the company's world-class development team to further expand its product suite for wealth management, trading, and payments, with a focus on offerings for high-net-worth clients and institutions

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive financial and strategic advisor to Abra
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' industry-leading expertise within the burgeoning crypto space, as well as its successful track record of generating highly favorable outcomes for high-growth FinTech companies globally

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on its Series C financing led by





for a total consideration of

\$55,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Nutmeg on its £45 million Series E Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On January 22, 2019, Nutmeg announced it has raised £45 million in its Series
   E financing round led by Goldman Sachs and Convoy
  - Goldman Sachs' Principal Strategic Investments Group is a new investor in the Nutmeg platform, while Convoy, a Hong Kong-based financial advisory firm, is investing for a second time
  - Convoy first invested in Nutmeg in November 2016
- Headquartered in London, Nutmeg is a digital wealth manager operating in the U.K. and Asia (Hong Kong / Taiwan)
  - Nutmeg provides bespoke automated advice and discretionary portfolio management with exposure to multiple asset classes, through its diversified ETF-based portfolios
  - Nutmeg serves more than 60,000 active investors and manages approximately £1.5 billion in assets under management

#### Significance of Transaction

- Nutmeg's Series E financing is the largest funding round by a European digital wealth manager to-date
- Demonstrates Goldman Sachs' continued focus on consumer facing FinTech following the launch of Marcus, its online savings account in the UK

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Nutmeg
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' strong domain expertise and successful track record in the WealthTech space

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in its Series E Financing from





for total consideration of

£45,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Forge on its Merger with SharesPost

#### Overview of Transaction

- On May 12, 2020, Forge announced its merger with SharesPost
- SharesPost is a private market alternative trading system focused on enabling retail and institutional investors and company employees to access liquidity
  - Founded in 2009, SharesPost built the first private equity marketplace, which strove to connect buyers and sellers of private securities through its proprietary trading platform
- Forge's digital platform streamlines liquidity for hundreds of unicorn issuers and thousands of institutional and retail investors from around the world
  - Leveraging its robust technology, operations and trust infrastructure,
     Forge delivers a suite of services that includes trading, custody, data and company solutions

#### Significance of Transaction

- Together, the two companies will create one of the largest global private securities marketplaces, bringing liquidity and transparency at scale to pre-IPO companies and investors
- Combined, the two will have facilitated thousands of transactions with more than \$6 billion in private market transaction volume, for hundreds of unique issuers and over 1 million customers
- The deal will provide Forge with deeper insight on private company trends, as well as bid, offer, and pricing data that provides transparency to clients and partners to better understand and engage in the private markets

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Forge
- FT Partners previously advised Forge on its \$70 million Series B financing
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' deep alternative marketplace domain expertise and its continued success in providing buy-side advisory to top-tier FinTech companies

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