

Ten Creative Best Practices to Rev Up Your Auto Lending Marketing

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Kris Niblett, Creative Director Harland Clarke Marketing Services

- 20+ years experience creating strategic, award-winning, multichannel direct marketing communications for financial and other industries
- Drives results for major brands, including the largest financial institutions as well as community banks and credit unions
- HC creative team has captured 70+ awards, including Hermes Awards, DMA Echo Awards, Graphic Design USA Awards and the London International Advertising Award



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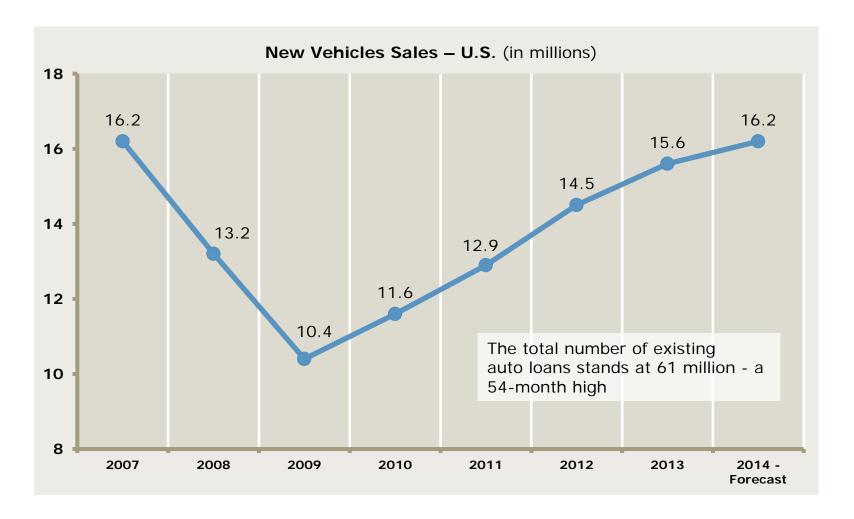
- 30+ years experience in strategic planning, marketing, and public relations
- Provides consultative services to banks and credit unions
- Develops marketing and retail strategies, and campaigns to grow targeted portfolios



Today's Agenda

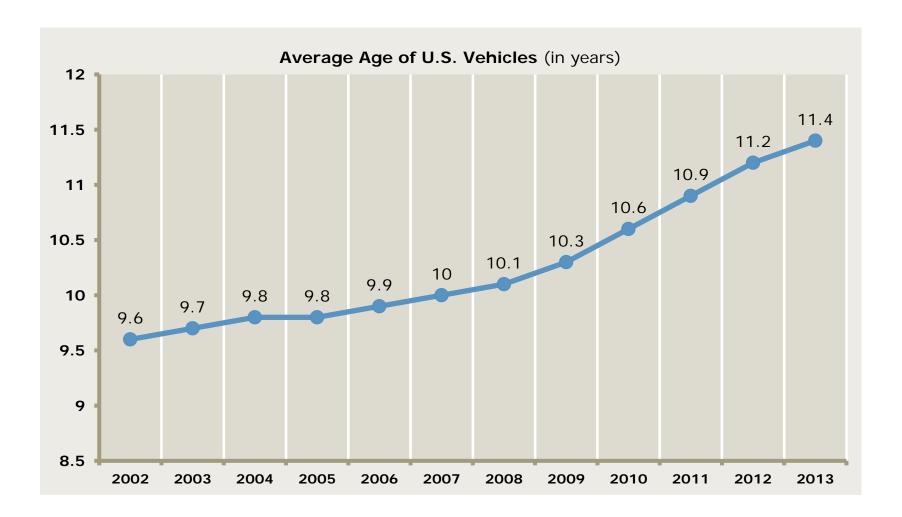
- Auto Lending Trends
- Strong Creative Accelerates Success
- Direct Marketing Creative Fundamentals
- Creative Challenges
- 10 Creative Best Practices for Auto Lending and Refi
- Key Creative Elements
- Legal Requirements
- In-Market Examples
- Beyond Mail
- Creative Credentials
- Q&A





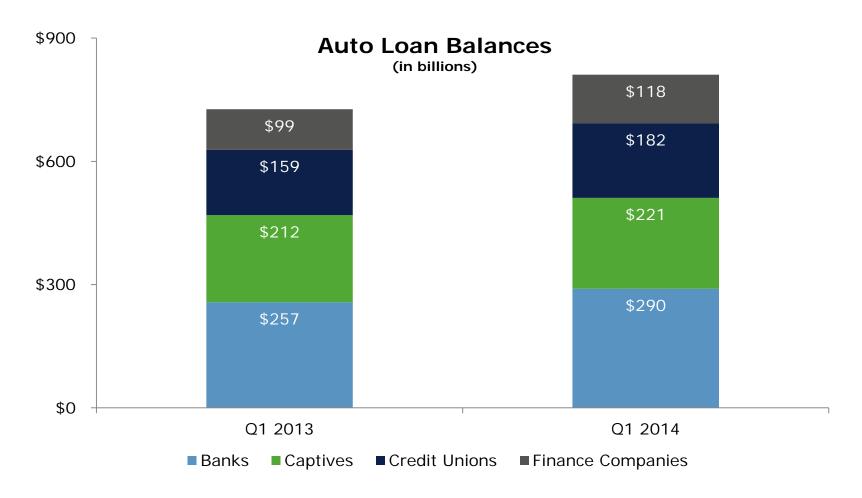
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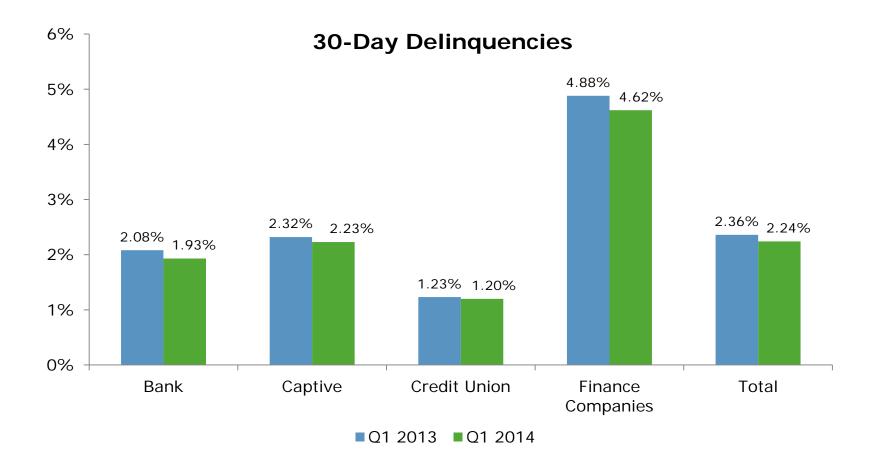
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Source: Experian



Strong Creative Elevates Success!

Three key elements for effective direct marketing of auto lending products

- Audience Data/Targeting
- 2. Offer
- 3. Creative





Direct Marketing Creative Fundamentals

- 1. Stand out by cutting through mailbox, inbox clutter
- 2. Keep messaging relevant to your audience and the economy
- 3. Call out competitive rate offer that interrupts rate shopping
- 4. Make it urgent with offer end date
- 5. Emphasize key benefits and product features
- 6. Keep it readable to keep prospect engaged
- 7. Leverage brand to strengthen value proposition
- 8. Strong, clear call to action makes it urgent
- 9. Offer response channel options for easy response

Creative uses copy and design to serve it up in the most relevant, compelling way!



Creative Challenges

- 1. Consumers **STRONGLY DISLIKE** car purchasing process
- 2. Competition is fierce
- 3. Consumers are shopping
- 4. Legal requirements are onerous



1. MAIL FORMATS

- #10 Envelope good for customers and prospects
 - Space for certificate or live check and disclosure for prescreened offers
- Postcard promotional, awareness-raising approach for prospects with no prescreened offer
- Both are cost-efficient

2. "As low as" RATE

- Entice with competitive rates "as low as"
- High-profile Johnson Box or sidebar
- Call-out on envelope

3. PRESCREENED call out

- Pre-selected/Prequalified/Preapproved
- Translates to easier buying process



4. OFFERS BEYOND RATE

- Delayed payments No payments for 60–90 days
- Check made out to dealer empowering!
- Save refinance your current loan at an X% lower rate savings chart
- Cash bonus offer \$200
- Sweeps (free gas, free payments)

GOOD EXPERIENCE — fast, easy approval

- Creative can make process feel easy
- Approval in as little as X hours or days

6. URGENCY

- Tie offers to specific end date
- Restate end date in letter postscript

7. CLEAR CALL TO ACTION

- Tell customer or prospect exactly how to apply
- Make it sound easy
- Make the offer pop explain exactly how to get offer



8. EASY TO RESPOND

o Dealer, branch, call, online, QR code

9. CUSTOMER VS. PROSPECT

- Customer position as "customer offer"
- Prospect make more promotional to stand out

10. LEVERAGE BRAND

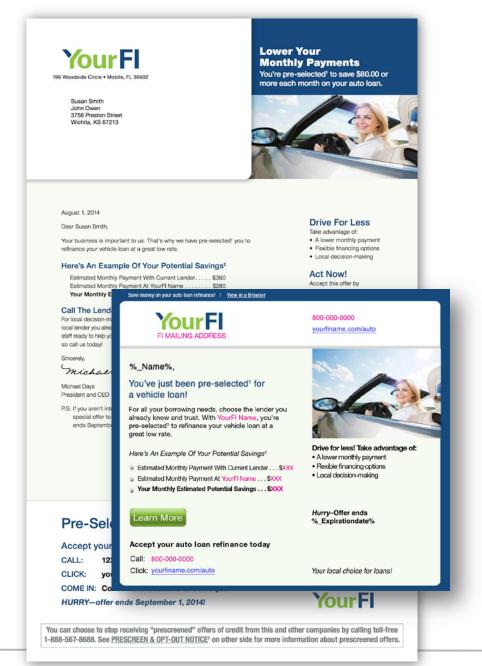
- Differentiating
- A trustworthy brand is part of the value proposition
- The trust factor for customers



MESSAGING HIERARCHY

- Pre-screened
- As low as XX% APR
 - o Customer exclusive offer?
- o "Bonus" offers such as delayed payment, cash, etc.
- Lower your monthly payments (i.e., refi savings)
- Empower customer to make a deal (check, preselected certificate)
- Quick and easy to apply with fast approval
- Urgency and easy to respond





Refi Genius™ Program Auto Lending – Mail and email

A good example of Creative Best Practices for auto lending

- Identifies your account holders' credit relationships with other financial institutions using three credit bureaus
- Sends personalized refinance offer to pre-screened, creditworthy account holders
- 3. Sells credit products, including auto loan, mortgage, HELOC, home equity loan, personal loan
- Designed to interrupt shopping behaviors with in-market communications
- 5. Creative built on best practices for auto lending
- Applicable to your auto lending initiative





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August 1, 2014

Your business is important to us. That's why we have pre-selected you to refinance your vehicle loan at a great low rate.

Here's An Example Of Your Potential Savings²

Estimated Monthly Payment With Current Lender. \$360
Estimated Monthly Payment At YourFI Name \$280
Your Monthly Estimated Potential Savings. \$80.00

Call The Lender You Know Start Saving Now

For local decision-making, a fast closing and dependable service, work with the local lender you already know. We have convenient locations and a friendly, helpful staff ready to help you save money. Your rate expires on September 1, 2014, so call us today!

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Michael Days President and CEO

P.S. If you aren't interested in refinancing your existing auto loan, use this special offer to purchase a new vehicle. But hurry—this exclusive offer ends September 1, 2014.

Drive For Less

- Take advantage of:
- · A lower monthly payment
- Flexible financing options
 Local decision-making
- Act Now!

Accept this offer by

September 1, 2014, and save up to \$80.00 more in monthly savings.

Locations

196 Woodside Circle Mobile, FL 36602 123-546-4321

14 Cedar Lane Mobile, FL 36602 123-645-9876

Federally Insured by NCUA

Pre-Selected for Susan Smith

Accept your YourFI Name Auto Loan today.

CALL: 123-546-4321

CLICK: yourfiname.com/auto

COME IN: Convenient locations to serve you

HURRY-offer ends September 1, 2014!



You can choose to stop receiving "prescreened" offers of credit from this and other companies by calling toll-free 1-888-567-8688. See <u>PRESCREEN & OPT-OUT NOTICE</u>* on other side for more information about prescreened offers.

Key Creative Elements – Mail

- Lower your monthly payments
- Pre-selected
- Great low rate
- Savings chart
- Fast closing





Key Creative Elements – Mail

- Call to action end date
- P.S. refi or new loan end date
- Certificate call to action/channels
- FCRA-compliant disclosures

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Key Creative Elements – email

- Optimizes mail for email channel
- Subject line: "Save"
- Pre-selected
- Savings chart
- Call to action button
- FCRA-compliant disclosures

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Legal Requirements

Requirements

Opt-out box (for pre-screened offers)

Disclosure guidelines from the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)

Note: Pre-screened offers require both the short opt-out notice on the front of a piece and long opt-out notice on the back or front of a piece

Opt-out box graphic requirements are:

Short notice

- Front of the mail piece
- Type must be distinct, at least 12 point font
- Inside a border

Long notice

- Back or front of the mail piece
- Must begin with "Pre-screen & Opt-out Notice"
- Typeface must be distinct, at least 12 point font

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Arizona State Credit Union® Auto Loan or Refinance

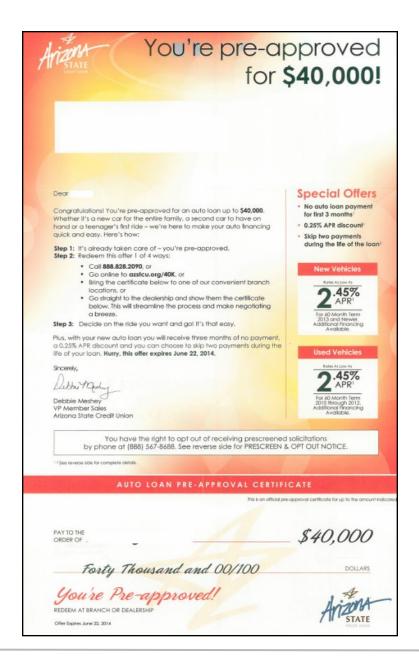
Target: Member cross-sell

Pre-approved: \$40,000 Certificate

Offer: 2.45% APR for new or used vehicle loans

- Offer sweetener: 3 months no payment, .25% APR discount, skip 2 payments during life of loan
- Format: Letter package
- Call to action: Call, go online, take certificate to branch or dealer

Well Done: Pre-approved emphasis; bold rate call-out in sidebar; well branded; three-step offer presentation; easy to act on certificate visually emphasizes pre-approved cash amount; scan-able





Family Savings Credit Union® Auto Loan Refinance

Target: Members and Prospects

 Pre-selected Rate Offer: as low as 2.79%

 Offer Sweetener: Delay payment for 45 days

Lending Partner: RateGenius

 Urgency: Promo code required, offer expiration

Format: Letter package

Call to action: Apply online

Well Done: Leads with low-rate; pre-qualified; recognizes consumer's good credit; promo code with end date positions offer as exclusive and urgent

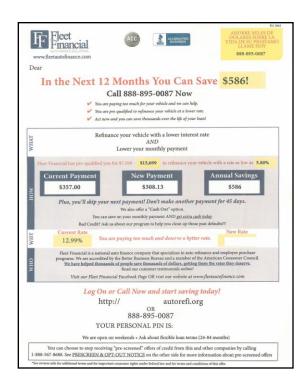




Fleet Financial[®] Auto Finance Solutions Auto Loan Refinance

- Target: Prospects
- Hero rate: Introduces lower rate and resulting savings
- Message: Save \$586 over next 12 months; skip a payment
- Format: Letter package with urgent, official envelope
- o Call to action: Call, go online

Well Done: Powerful savings benefit delivered through current payment / new payment / annual savings example







Mission Federal Credit Union® Auto Loan or Refinance

- Target: Members and Prospects
- Offer: Monthly payments as low as \$295, not pre-screened
- Offer sweetener: Defer 1st payment up to 90 days; sweeps to win a monthly payment
- Format: Letter package
- Urgency: End date with promo code
- Call to action: Apply online, call, branch

Well Done: Strong emphasis on low monthly payment







Langley Federal Credit Union® Auto Loan Refinance

Target: Member cross-sell

Pre-approved

 Offer: as low as 1.49% APR, Personalized customer offer certificate

 Offer sweetener with urgency: Refinance your loan by DATE and get \$50

Format: Letter package

Call to action: Call today

Well Done: Cash bonus offer provides urgency; "low cost" loan empowers recipient; strong brand differentiation



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Thomas B. Anderson Mary A. Anderson 2063 Pleasant Road Anywhere, USA 12345-1234 barcode

YOU'RE PRE-APPROVED!1

Refinance your auto loan for as low as

1.49% for up to 60 months.
PLUS get a \$50 bonus!

Dear Thomas,

Why pay more than you have to for your car loan? At Langley Federal Credit Union, you're pre-approved for an auto loan with a rate as low a 1.49% APR for up to 60 months!

Keep your car. Trade your loan. And get \$50!

If you already have an auto loan elsewhere, you could save a bundle by refinancing at Langley. Refinance by October 31, 2013, and we'll give you \$50!

Special pricing for our members

We have auto loan options that mean you can afford a few extras—go for the heated leather seats, satellite radio or anything else you've always wanted. With your low-cost loan from Langley, you can afford more!

We're Langley and We're Lending!

You'll find competitive rates and generous terms on a variety of loans at Langley FCU. For a student loan, a mortgage, an unsecured signature loan, and more, come to Langley first. We'll work with you to make sure you have the right loan for your needs.

You're pre-approved-call today!

Why wait? This low-rate opportunity can save you money! Call 757-827-EASY or 800-588-EASY today!

Sincerely,

Curtis a. Baker
Sr. Vice President of Lending

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DRIVE FOR LESS!

CALL: 757-827-EASY or 800-588-EASY

CLICK: langleyfcu.org

STOP BY: Your nearest branch



Pre-approved for ((xfullname1))

Refinance your non-LFCU auto loan today for a rate as low as

1.49% APR with terms up to 60 months,

plus get a \$50 bonus!

Call 757-827-EASY or 800-588-EASY or stop by any of our 18 convenient branches today!

To learn more about our auto loans and all our other borrowing solutions, visit langleyfcu.org.

Offer ends October 31, 2013—Apply today!

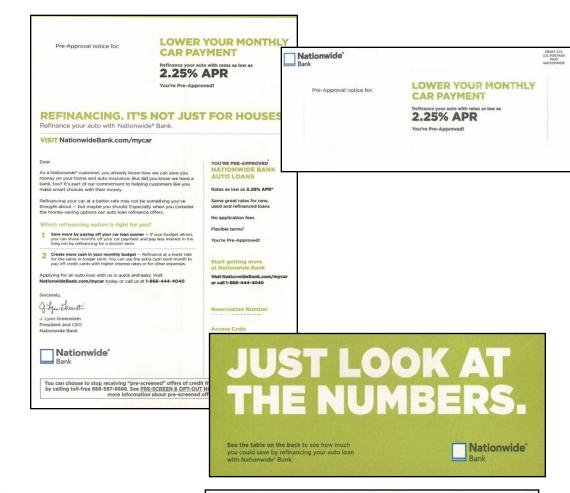




Nationwide Bank® Auto Loan Refinance

- Target: Cross-sell Customers who already have home or auto insurance products
- Pre-approved
- Rate: as low as 2.25% APR
- Offer Sweetener: No application fees, flexible terms
- Message: Two ways to save: 1)
 refinance and pay off your car sooner
 OR 2) refinance at a lower rate and
 lower your monthly payments
- Format: Letter package with insert
- Quick and easy
- Call to action: Online or call

Well Done: Strong focus on rate savings; includes simple savings chart on insert; clear branding "launches" Nationwide Bank; clean layout is scanable







Valley First Credit Union® Auto Loan or Refinance

Target: Members and Prospects

 Rate: as low as 2.54% APR, not prescreened

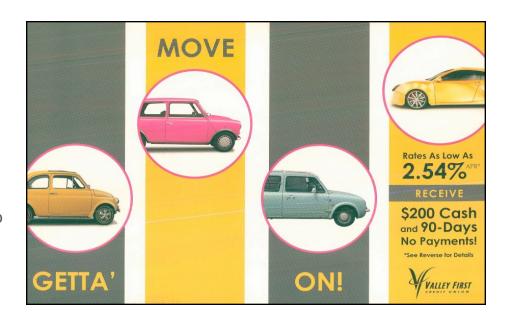
 Offer sweetener: \$200 cash and up to 90 days no payment

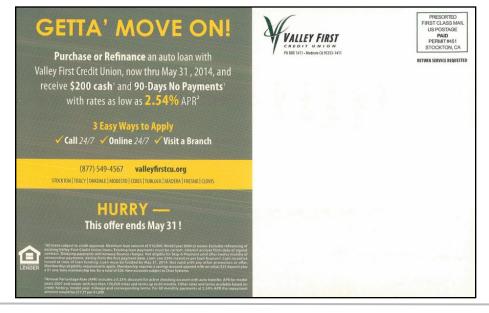
Format: Postcard

Urgency: Hurry with end date

Call to action: Call, online, visit

Well Done: Uses urgency to call attention to competitive offer







Virginia Credit Union® Auto Loan

Target: Members and Prospects

Get pre-approved fast

 Rate: as low as 1.99% APR, First-Pay-Delay

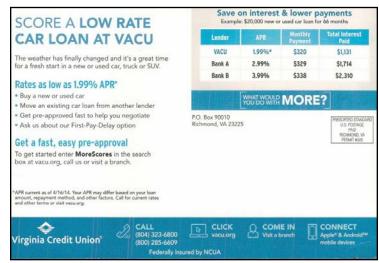
 Key message: Fast, easy approval, move existing loan from other provider, seasonal Spring message

Format: Postcard

Call to action: Online, call, visit

Well Done: Leads with great low rate and includes savings chart







ABCO Federal Credit Union® Auto Loan

Target: Member cross-sell

 Offer: Transfer your loan and get 3% below your current rate or more

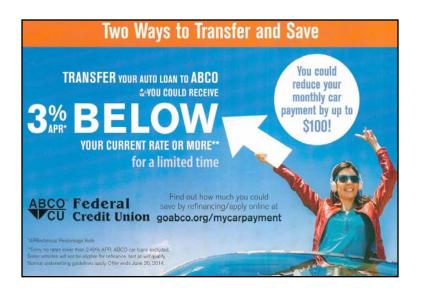
 Key message: Reduce your monthly payment by up to \$100, also includes offers for credit card on address side

Format: Postcard

Urgency: For a limited time

Call to action: Apply online or call

Well Done: Inexpensive way to show that VCU will work to lower your current auto loan rate and save you money







Chartway Federal Credit Union® Mortgage Referral

Target: Members and prospects

Rate: As low as 1.99%

 Offer sweetener: No payment for 45 days, plus enter to win FREE GAS for a year

 Message: Fast approval – get an answer in as little as two hours

Format: Postcard

Urgency: Limited time

Call to action: Call, online

Well Done: Attention-getting and promotional -- puts focus on low rate and free gas offer







Beyond Mail

Integrated multichannel campaigns surround your customers with your auto lending message

Mail

QR code (if sensible to drive to app page)

Email

- Customer cross-sell
- Great channel for relationship-based offers and more
- Piggyback onto regular e-newsletter streams

In-branch

- Take-ones
- Posters
- Tent cards
- Banker sheets

Web

- Online banking pop-ups
- Drive to landing page

Channel integration creates synergies

ATM

Promotional messaging and offer coupons

Mobile

 Integrated promotional messaging to customers

Social Media

- Challenging for many financial institutions
- Build awareness of your financial institution as actively lending
- Positive exposure for good customer experiences
- Blogs











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- Direct marketing best practices
- Award-winning creative
- Integrated multichannel execution

We live and breathe financial services. Design. Copywriting. Creative Strategy. Our creative team has experience in pulling it all together to drive results across the customer lifecycle.

- Acquisition, onboarding, activation/utilization, cross-sell, retention
- Consumer and business
- Lending, deposits, M&A
- o Integrated across all channels: mail, email, mobile, web, ATM, branch
- Delivering a positive customer brand experience at every touch

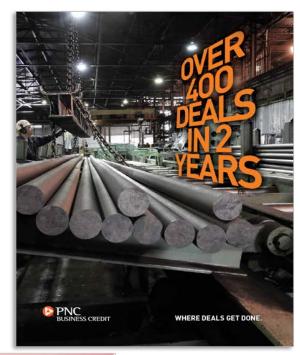


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47 Creative Awards

- **Marketing Effectiveness Awards Platinum**
- Hermes Creative Awards Platinum & Gold
- MarCom Awards Platinum & Gold
- **Communicator Awards**
- **Graphic Design USA Awards**
- **Summit Creative Award**
- **APEX®** Awards of Excellence
- IABC Gold Pen & Gold Quill







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use the chat window and send your question to "All Panelists" Kris Niblett, Creative DirectorStephen Nikitas, Senior Marketing Strategist

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