

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)*

WORLD ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

981419 10 4

(CUSIP Number)

**Thomas W. Smith
323 Railroad Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 661-1200**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 1, 2012

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 981419 10 4

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Prescott General Partners LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) []
(b) [x]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

5 **OO (Funds of Managed Accounts)**
CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 **Not Applicable**
CITIZEN OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware
SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0
SHARED VOTING POWER
8 **2,128,726**
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

2,128,726
11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,128,726

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

Not Applicable
PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW (11)

13

14.5%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

OO

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING
PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF
ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Prescott Associates L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) []
(b) [x]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS):

5 **WC**
CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(D) OR 2(E)

6 **Not Applicable**
CITIZEN OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

7 **New York**
SOLE VOTING POWER
8 **0**
SHARED VOTING POWER
9 **1,338,005**
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
10 **0**
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

11 **1,338,005**
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,338,005

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

Not Applicable

PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW (11)

13

9.1%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

PN

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NAMES OF REPORTING
PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF
ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

1

Thomas W. Smith

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(a) []
(b) [x]

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS):

4

**PF and OO (Funds of Managed
Accounts)**

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(D) OR 2(E)

5

Not Applicable
CITIZEN OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

6

United States
SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

510,000
SHARED VOTING POWER
8
191,100
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

510,000
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

191,100
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

701,100

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 **Not Applicable**
PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW (11)

14 **4.8%**
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

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NAMES OF REPORTING
PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF
ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

1

Scott J. Vassalluzzo

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX
IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(a) []
(b) [x]

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS):

4

**PF and OO (Funds of Managed
Accounts)**

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(D) OR 2(E)

5

Not Applicable
CITIZEN OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

6

United States
SOLE VOTING POWER

7

31,788
SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

8

92,150
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

31,788
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

128,150
AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

159,938

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 **Not Applicable**
PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW (11)

14 **1.1%**
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

Explanatory Note:

The following constitutes Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") to the joint filing on Schedule 13D by Thomas W. Smith, Scott J. Vassalluzzo, Steven M. Fischer and Prescott Associates L.P. ("Prescott Associates") originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 30, 2011 (the "Schedule 13D"). This Amendment modifies the Schedule 13D to reflect, among other things, (i) the addition of Prescott General Partners LLC ("PGP") as a reporting person and (ii) the removal of Mr. Fischer as a reporting person. Effective January 1, 2012, each of Messrs. Smith, Vassalluzzo and Fischer assigned their general partnership interests in three private investment limited partnerships (including Prescott Associates) to PGP. The three private investment limited partnerships are referred to herein collectively as the "Partnerships." Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Schedule 13D, and unless amended or supplemented hereby, all information previously filed remains in effect.

Item 2. Identity and Background

Item 2 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) This statement is filed jointly by: (i) PGP; (ii) Prescott Associates; (iii) Thomas W. Smith; and (iv) Scott J. Vassalluzzo (the persons and entities in (i) - (iv) are referred to collectively herein as the "Reporting Persons"). PGP is the general partner of Prescott Associates. Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo are the managing members of PGP. Mr. Fischer is also a member of PGP. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that the Reporting Persons comprise a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Reporting Persons each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares reported in this statement in excess of those shares as to which they have or share voting or investment authority.

(b) The business address of each of the Reporting Persons and Mr. Fischer is 323 Railroad Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

(c) The principal business of PGP is to serve as general partner for the Partnerships. The principal business of Prescott Associates is to invest in securities. The principal occupation of each of Messrs. Smith, Vassalluzzo and Fischer is private investment manager and member of PGP.

(d) – (e) During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons nor Mr. Fischer has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors) or been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) PGP is a Delaware limited liability company. Prescott Associates is a New York limited partnership. Each of Messrs. Smith, Vassalluzzo and Fischer is a citizen of the United States.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The first paragraph of Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

As described more fully in Item 5 below, as general partner of the Partnerships, PGP may be deemed to beneficially own 2,128,726 shares of Common Stock held by the Partnerships. Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo may be deemed to beneficially own 191,100 and 128,150 shares of Common Stock, respectively, in their capacities as investment managers for several managed accounts, which consist of investment accounts for: (i) an employee profit-sharing plan of a corporation wholly owned by Mr. Smith and for which Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo are each a trustee, (ii) certain family members of Mr. Vassalluzzo and certain individual accounts managed by Mr. Smith and (iii) a private charitable foundation established by Mr. Smith and for which Mr. Smith acts as trustee. The Partnerships and the managed accounts are referred to collectively herein as the “Managed Accounts”). In addition, Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo own 500,000 and 30,000 shares of Common Stock, respectively, for their own accounts (collectively, the “Personal Shares”). The 2,367,614 shares of Common Stock owned by the Managed Accounts (the “Managed Account Shares”) were acquired by the Reporting Persons on behalf of the Managed Accounts for the purpose of achieving the investment goals of the Managed Accounts. Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo acquired the Personal Shares for investment purposes.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Paragraphs (a) and (b) of Item 5 of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) Based on information included in the Form 10-Q filed by the Issuer on November 1, 2011, which disclosed that 14,642,565 shares of Common Stock were outstanding as of November 1, 2011, the aggregate number and percentage of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons is as follows: PGP – 2,128,726 (14.5%); Prescott Associates – 1,338,005 shares (9.1%); Mr. Smith – 701,100 shares (4.8%); and Mr. Vassalluzzo – 159,938 shares (1.1%).

(b) PGP, as the general partner of the Partnerships, may be deemed to share the power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of 2,128,726 shares. Prescott Associates has the shared power to vote or to direct the vote and to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,338,005 shares. Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo have the sole power to vote or to direct the vote of and to dispose or to direct the disposition of 510,000 and 31,788 shares, respectively. In their capacities as investment managers for managed accounts, Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo may be deemed to share the power to vote or to direct the vote of 191,100 and 92,150 shares, respectively, and to share the power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 191,100 and 128,150 shares, respectively. Voting and investment authority over investment accounts established for the benefit of certain family members and friends of Messrs. Smith and Vassalluzzo is subject to each beneficiary’s right, if so provided, to terminate or otherwise direct the disposition of the investment account.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

1. Agreement relating to the joint filing of statement on Schedule 13D dated January 5, 2012.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 5, 2012

PRESCOTT General partners LLC
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Name: Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Title: Managing Member
PRESCOTT ASSOCIATES L.P.

By: Prescott General Partners LLC
Its: General Partner
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Name: Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Thomas W. Smith
Thomas W. Smith
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Scott J. Vassalluzzo

Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D, dated January 5, 2012, is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k).

Date: January 5, 2012

PRESCOTT General partners LLC
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Name: Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Title: Managing Member
PRESCOTT ASSOCIATES L.P.

By: Prescott General Partners LLC
Its: General Partner
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Name: Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Thomas W. Smith
Thomas W. Smith
/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzzo
Scott J. Vassalluzzo