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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)*

Ascent Capital Group, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title and Class of Securities)

043632108 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2014 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- [X] Rule 13d-1(b)
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- [_] Rule 13d-1(d)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Principal Global Investors, LLC

- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
 - (a)
 - (b)
- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 0
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 334,385
OWNED BY

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING PERSON WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 334,385 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 334,385 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN 10 SHARES (See Instructions) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 11 2.5 12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) IΑ CUSIP No. 043632108 Page 3 Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: Ascent Capital Group, Inc. Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 5251 DTC Pkwy Suite 1000 Greenwood Village, CO 80111 Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Principal Global Investors, LLC Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence: Principal Global Investors, LLC 801 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50392 Item 2(c). Citizenship: Principal Global Investors, LLC - State of Delaware Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock Item 2(e). CUSIP Numbers: 043632108 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d

2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

1(b)(1)(ii)(E)

(e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with section 240.13d

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned

334,385 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC

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- (b) Percent of Class
 - 2.5 Principal Global Investors, LLC
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole Power to Vote or Direct the VoteO Shares Common Stock Principal Global Investors, LLC
 - (ii) Shared Power to Vote or Direct the Vote

334,385 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC

- (iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition ofO Shares Common Stock Principal Global Investors, LLC
- (iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of 334,385 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC
- Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

[x]

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Persons other than the reporting persons have a right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of such securities. The interest of no such person having such an interest relates to more than five percent of the class.

Item 7. See Exhibit attached

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10(a). Certification

By signing below I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief,

the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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.

Principal Global Investors, LLC

By /s/ Jill Hittner Jill Hittner, Chief Financial Officer

Dated February 20, 2014

EXHIBIT 99.1

Principal Global Investors, LLC

Item 3 Classification:
(e) Investment Adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)