

# Voya Senior Loan Group



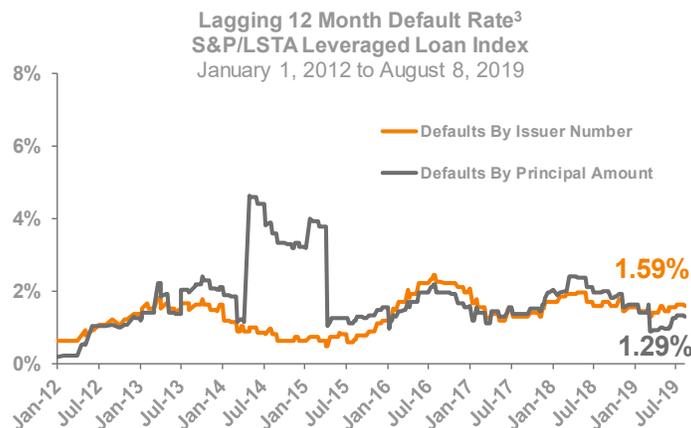
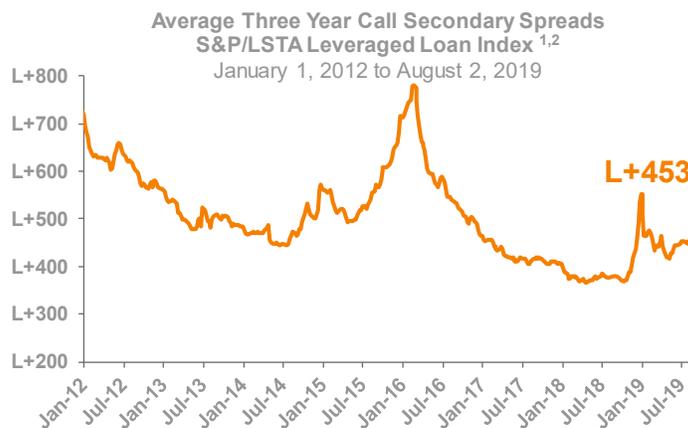
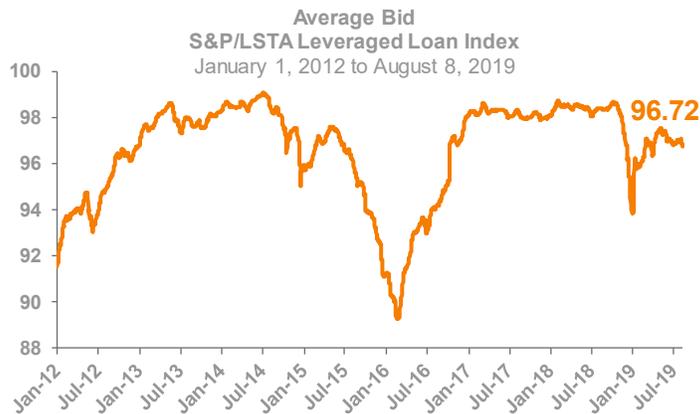
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## Weekly Highlights

- The U.S. loan market was not immune to the latest round of trade war escalations that dragged down most global financial markets early this week. The S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the “Index”) lost -0.21% for the seven day period ended Aug. 8, led lower by a 32 basis points reduction in the Index bid.
- New issue activity slowed this week, as just \$3.8 billion of new loans were launched into syndication, versus \$12.4 billion last week. Nonetheless, market participants remained busy as they worked through as much of the pipeline as possible ahead of the late summer slowdown. Net of all expected repayments, the forward calendar now stands at \$22.5 billion, down from the prior estimate of \$28.6 billion.
- Amidst the slightly softer backdrop, the secondary market pulled back a bit this week, while a busy week on the earnings front sparked movement for a handful of issuers.
- For the five business days ended Aug. 7, LCD’s estimate of outflows for loan mutual funds totaled \$289 million (Lipper FMI universe\*). Meanwhile, another three CLOs were issued during the period, bringing the YTD total to a robust \$75.6 billion.
- The Index did not experience any defaults during the week.



## Index Stats

	Spread	Weighted Avg Price	MTD Total Return	MTD Price Return	YTD Total Return	YTD Price Return
<b>S&amp;P/LSTA Index</b>	<b>3.43%</b>	<b>96.72</b>	<b>-0.20%</b>	<b>-0.33%</b>	<b>6.37%</b>	<b>2.54%</b>
BB Loans	2.62%	99.03	-0.03%	-0.14%	7.03%	3.70%
B Loans	3.78%	97.04	-0.26%	-0.40%	6.30%	2.22%
CCC Loans	5.98%	83.26	-0.91%	-1.13%	4.35%	-1.62%

\*S&P/LCD estimate.

Source: S&P/LCD, S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index and S&P Global Market Intelligence. Additional footnotes and disclosures on back page. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investors cannot invest directly in the Index.**



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1 – Assumes 3 Year Maturity. Three year maturity assumption: (i) all loans pay off at par in 3 years, (ii) discount from par is amortized evenly over the 3 years as additional spread, and (iii) no other principal payments during the 3 years. Discounted spread is calculated based upon the current bid price, not on par. Please note that Index yield data is only available on a lagging basis, thus the data demonstrated is as of August 2, 2019.

2 – Excludes facilities that are currently in default.

3 – Comprises all loans, including those not tracked in the LPC mark-to-market service. Vast majority are institutional tranches. Issuer default rate is calculated as the number of defaults over the last twelve months divided by the number of issuers in the Index at the beginning of the twelve-month period. Principal default rate is calculated as the amount defaulted over the last twelve months divided by the amount outstanding at the beginning of the twelve-month period.

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