Voya Leveraged Credit Group – Senior Loan Talking Points

Weekly Notables

Performance in the loan market softened this week due to heightened volatility in financial markets. The Morningstar® LSTA ® US Leveraged Loan Index (Index) returned 0.05% for the seven-day period ended April 18. The average bid price lost 12 bp, closing out the week at 96.51.

The primary market was quiet this week. However, borrowers continued to take advantage of the current backdrop to reprice their existing debt. In the forward calendar, net of the anticipated $16 billion of repayments not associated with the forward pipeline, the amount of new supply projected to enter the market is about $5 billion, versus $6.8 billion in the prior weekly estimate.

Trading levels in the secondary market moved lower across all credit cohorts. In terms of performance, higher-rated names outperformed their riskier counterparts. For the week, Double-Bs and Single-Bs retuned 0.10% and 0.09%, respectively. On the other hand, CCCs were in the red at -0.46%.

CLO issuance continued at a healthy clip, as managers priced eight new deals during the week, pushing the YTD volume to $57.69. Meanwhile, retail loan funds experienced an outflow of $115 million for the week ended April 17, bringing the YTD net inflow to $3 billion.

There were no defaults in the Index this week.

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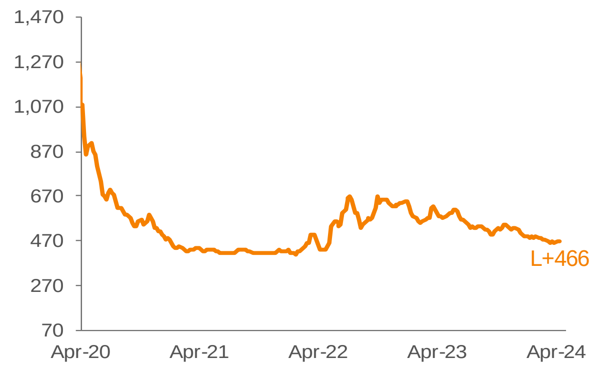
Average Bid

April 1, 2020 to April 18, 2024

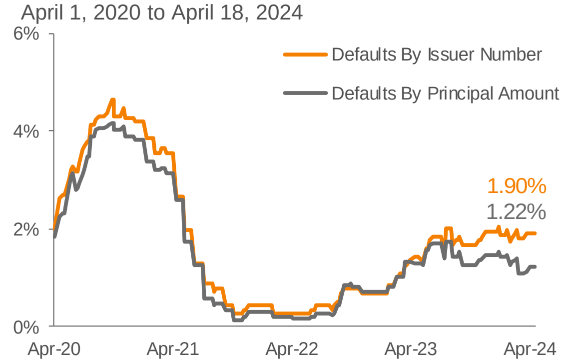
Average 3-YR Call Secondary Spreads[1,2]

April 1, 2020 to April 12, 2024



Lagging 12 Month Default Rate[3]

April 1, 2020 to April 18, 2024



Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index Stats

	Weighted Avg Spread*	Weighted Avg Price	MTD Total Return	MTD Price Return	YTD Total Return	YTD Price Return
Index	**3.63%**	**96.51**	**0.23%**	**-0.23%**	**2.69%**	**-0.11%**
BB Loans	2.89%	99.52	0.35%	-0.06%	2.35%	-0.16%
B Loans	3.90%	98.21	0.34%	-0.12%	2.81%	-0.05%
CCC Loans	4.83%	81.72	-1.14%	-1.74%	3.97%	0.20%

Source: Pitchbook Data, Inc./LCD, Morningstar ® LSTA ® Leveraged Loan Index. Additional footnotes and disclosures on back page. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investors cannot invest directly in the Index.** *The Index's average nominal spread calculation includes the benefit of base rate floors (where applicable).

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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 April 12, 2024.

2. Excludes facilities that are currently in default.

3. 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.

General Risks for Floating Rate Senior Loans: Floating rate senior loans involve certain risks. Below investment grade assets carry a higher than normal risk that borrowers may default in the timely payment of principal and interest on their loans, which would likely cause the value of the investment to decrease. Changes in short-term market interest rates will directly affect the yield on investments in floating rate senior loans. If such rates fall, the investment's yield will also fall. If interest rate spreads on loans decline in general, the yield on such loans will fall and the value of such loans may decrease. When short-term market interest rates rise, because of the lag between changes in such short-term rates and the resetting of the floating rates on senior loans, the impact of rising rates will be delayed to the extent of such lag. Because of the limited secondary market for floating rate senior loans, the ability to sell these loans in a timely fashion and/or at a favorable price may be limited. An increase or decrease in the demand for loans may adversely affect the loans.