

# Voya Leveraged Credit Group – Senior Loan Talking Points



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## Weekly Notables

- Performance in the US loan market was softer relative to November levels, as the Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index (Index) returned 0.04% for the seven-day period ended December 8. The average bid price lost 13 bps, closing out the period at 92.72.
- This week's relatively stable market tone opened some opportunities in the primary market, as a handful of refinancing and M&A-related deals launched during the week. In the forward calendar, net of the anticipated \$11.5 billion of repayments not associated with the forward pipeline, repayments now outstrip net new supply by about \$1.4 billion, versus \$3.2 billion on November 30.
- Secondary trading levels were largely flat and there was continued dispersion at the cohort level. Double-Bs were well ahead of Single-Bs and CCCs, with the rating categories closing out the week with returns of 0.22%, 0.02% and -0.66%, respectively.
- CLO issuance has begun to decelerate, as the market winds down into year end. CLO managers priced one new deal this week, bringing the YTD issuance to \$124.17 billion. Retail loan funds experienced outflows of \$521.5 million for the week ended December 7, pushing YTD outflows to \$5.7 billion (Morningstar Direct).
- There were no defaults in the Index during the week.

## Average Bid

December 1, 2017 to December 8, 2022



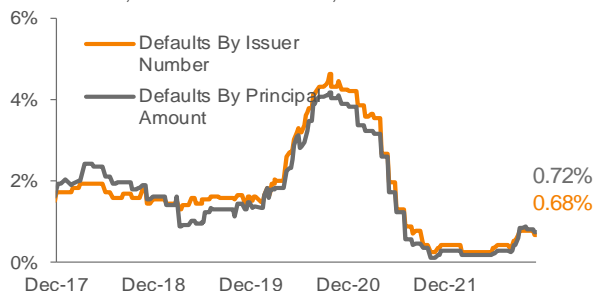
## Average 3-YR Call Secondary Spreads<sup>1,2</sup>

December 1, 2017 to December 2, 2022



## Lagging 12 Month Default Rate<sup>3</sup>

December 1, 2017 to December 8, 2022



## Morningstar® LSTA® US Leveraged Loan Index Stats

	Weighted Average Spread*	Weighted Average Price	MTD Total Return	MTD Price Return	YTD Total Return	YTD Price Return
Index	3.57%	92.72	0.14%	-0.03%	-0.90%	-5.94%
BB Loans	2.78%	97.57	0.32%	0.17%	2.46%	-1.90%
B Loans	3.80%	92.66	0.12%	-0.06%	-1.35%	-6.61%
CCC Loans	5.21%	74.49	-0.46%	-0.72%	-11.67%	-18.43%

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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<sup>1</sup> 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 December 2, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes facilities that are currently in default.

<sup>3</sup> 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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