

Global Economic & Credit Market

Week 51 Ending – December 19, 2025

Economic Calendar

Tuesday, December 23: Q3 GDP; consumer confidence

Thursday, December 25: Christmas holiday

Key Market Metrics

	19-Dec	WoW	YTD	YoY	LTM EBITDA	NTM EBITDA
Equities						
S&P 500:	6,835	+0.10%	+16.20%	+15.24%	17.3x	15.0x
Dow Jones:	48,135	(0.67%)	+13.14%	+12.36%	12.6x	14.4x
Nasdaq:	23,308	+0.48%	+20.70%	+19.08%		
Credit						
High-yield:	2,109	+0.18%	+7.89%	+8.35%		
Leveraged Loan:	645	+0.02%	+5.68%	+5.92%		
Rates						
10Y Treasury:	4.13%	(4)bps	(44)bps	(40)bps		
1M SOFR:	3.73%	(0)bps	(60)bps	(60)bps		
3M SOFR:	3.69%	(1)bps	(61)bps	(63)bps		
6M SOFR:	3.62%	(2)bps	(63)bps	(66)bps		
Currencies						
British Pound / USD:	\$1.34	+0.06%	+6.90%	+6.44%		
Euro / USD:	\$1.17	(0.26%)	+13.10%	+12.27%		
USD / Yen:	¥157.75	+1.25%	+0.35%	+0.92%		
Swiss franc / EUR:	€ 1.07	+0.31%	+0.87%	(0.02%)		

U.S. News

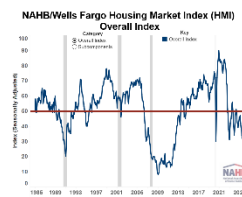
• Consumer Sentiment

- Consumer sentiment increased to 52.9 in December, a near-record low but up from 51.0 in November. The lowest reading ever reported was 50.0 in June 2022
- The expectations index, a measure of consumers' six-month outlook on the economy, reached 54.6 in December, up from 51.0 in November
- Year-ahead inflation expectations decreased from 4.6% in November to 4.2% in December, the fourth consecutive monthly decline

	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2024	M-M Change	Y-Y Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	52.9	51.0	74.0	+3.7%	-28.5%
Current Economic Conditions	50.4	51.1	75.1	-1.4%	-32.9%
Index of Consumer Expectations	54.6	51.0	73.3	+7.1%	-25.5%

- **Housing Market Index**

- Builder confidence in the market for newly built single-family homes rose one point to 39 in December
- Forty percent of builders reported cutting prices in December, the second consecutive month where the share was at 40% or higher
- In addition, the use of sales incentives was 67% in December, the highest percentage in the post-COVID era



- **Retail Sales & Inventories**

- U.S. food and retail services sales for October 2025 was materially unchanged from September 2025 at \$732.6 billion. Sales were up 3.5% from October 2024
- Nonstore retailers were up 9.0% from last year, while food service and drinking places were up 4.1% from October 2024
- The September 2025 percent change was revised to 0.2% when compared to August 2025, up from 0.1%

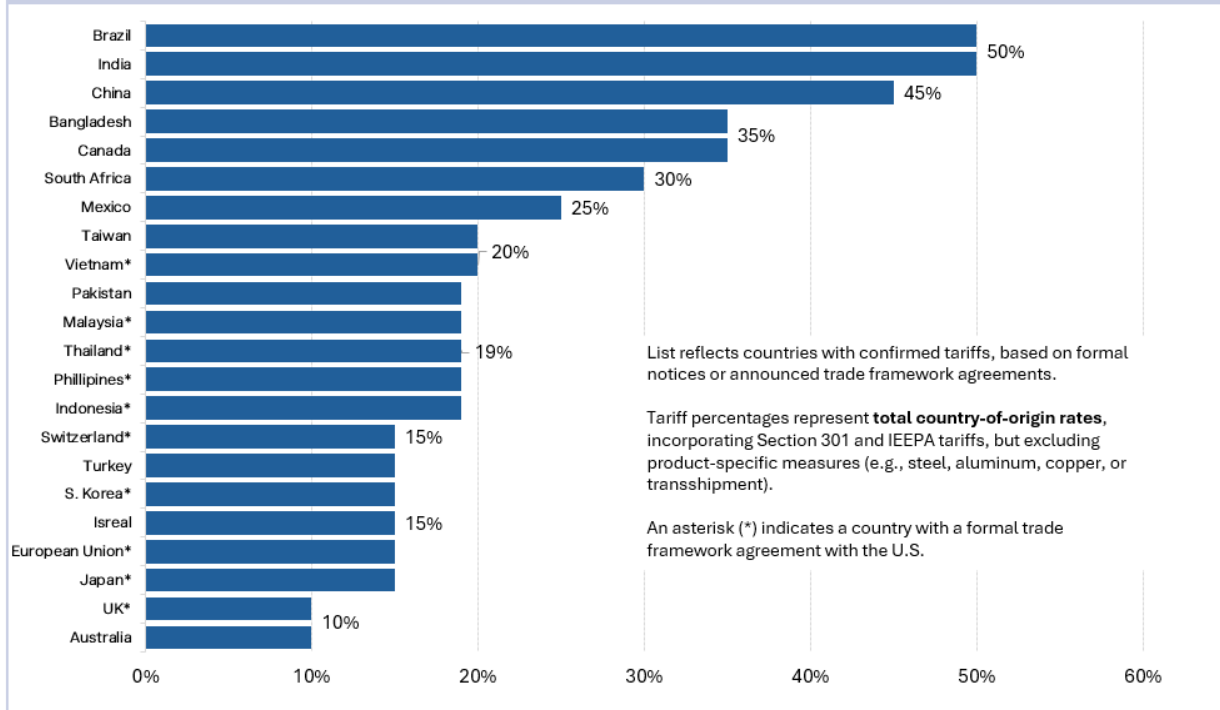
- **U.S. Tariff & Trade**

- As the Supreme Court reviews the legality of IEEPA-based actions, Section 232 is emerging as one potential replacement tariff tool, with the trade community reporting a rise in CF-29 Notices of Action from U.S. Customs requiring steel-content duty calculations to include a broader share of processing, labor, and other costs — not just the base steel value — resulting in higher total duties on steel and aluminum derivative products for importers
- President Trump's International Trade Administration announced the launch of a review in January to potentially expand Section 232 automotive tariffs to additional imported auto parts, with expectations that final determinations and any tariff scope changes would be issued within approximately 60 days

U.S. Customs Duties Collected by Trade Enforcement Program and Country (FY 2020–FY 2025, \$ millions)							
Trade Remedy Enforcement	Imported Products	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
Section 201	Solar Products	\$434	\$296	\$237	\$302	\$895	\$868
	Steel	\$4,830	\$1,220	\$1,570	\$2,610	\$1,450	\$1,290
Section 232	Aluminum	\$2,960	\$389	\$460	\$722	\$439	\$467
	Automobiles	\$18,330	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Automobile Parts	\$7,610	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Copper	\$514	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Section 301	China Products	\$35,050	\$38,190	\$38,370	\$49,460	\$44,080	\$34,590
IEEPA	China, all goods	\$28,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Mexico, all goods	\$5,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Canada, all goods	\$1,970	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Reciprocal Countries, all goods	\$51,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Brazil, all goods	\$294	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	India, all goods	\$272	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Japan, all goods	\$199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$158,723	\$40,095	\$40,637	\$53,094	\$46,863	\$37,215

Source: US Customs Trade Statistics Newsroom
 *US Customs Fiscal Year Calendar is October 1st to September 30th

Total Tariffs by Country: Top U.S. Trading Partners



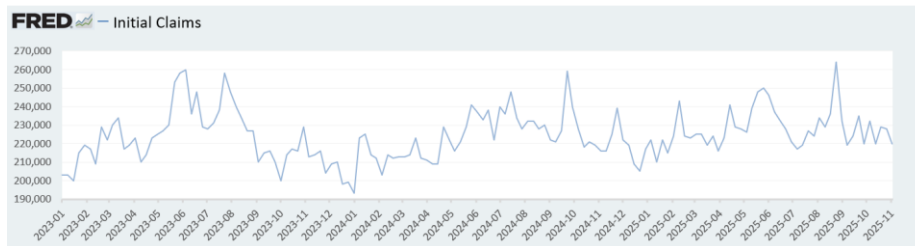
*The current 45% tariff rate on many Chinese goods reflects a layered structure of 25% Section 301 duties (2018), a 10% IEEPA "fentanyl" tariff (2025), and a 10% IEEPA reciprocal baseline tariff (2025); however, an estimated 10–20% of imports from China are not subject to Section 301, and some products remain at only 7.5% or 15% under Section 301

**The 50% tariff on Indian goods combines a 25% IEEPA "reciprocal" tariff (Aug. 7, 2025) with an additional 25% penalty tariff (Aug. 27, 2025) tied to India's continued imports of Russian oil.

***Goods from Canada and Mexico that qualify for USMCA agreement are not subject to IEEPA reciprocal tariffs

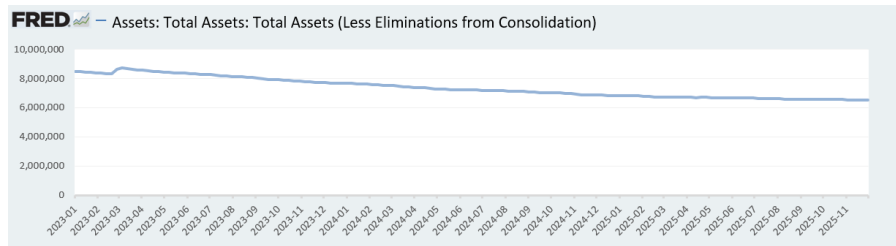
• Jobless Claims

- Initial jobless claims, a measure of how many workers were laid off across the U.S., decreased to 224,000 in the week ended December 12, down 13,000 from the prior week
- The four-week moving average was 217,500, up 500 from the prior week
- Continuing claims – those filed by workers unemployed for longer than a week – increased at 1.897 million in the week ended December 5. This figure is reported with a one-week lag



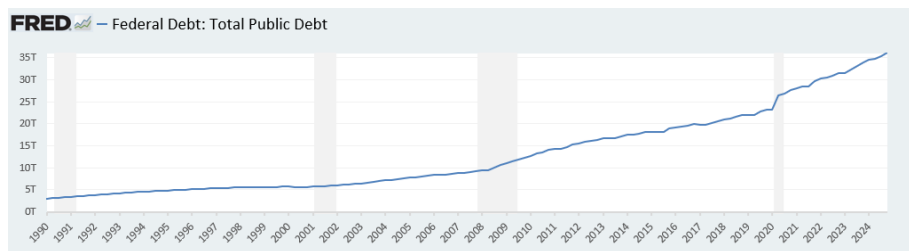
• Fed's Balance Sheet

- The Federal Reserve's assets totaled \$6.557 trillion in the week ended December 19, up \$17.6 billion from the prior week
- Treasury holdings totaled \$4.195 trillion, up \$5.7 billion from the prior week
- Holdings of mortgage-backed securities (MBS) were \$2.05 trillion in the week, down \$0.1 billion from the prior week



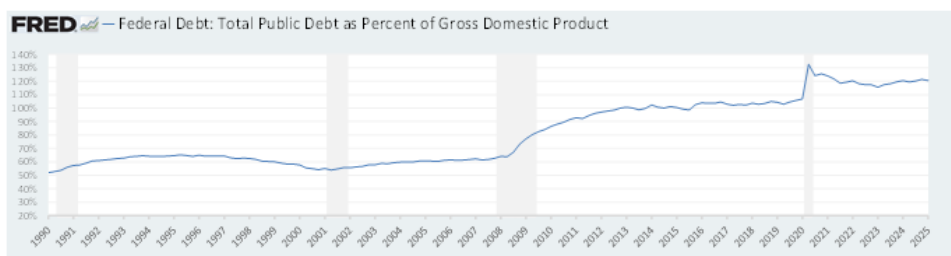
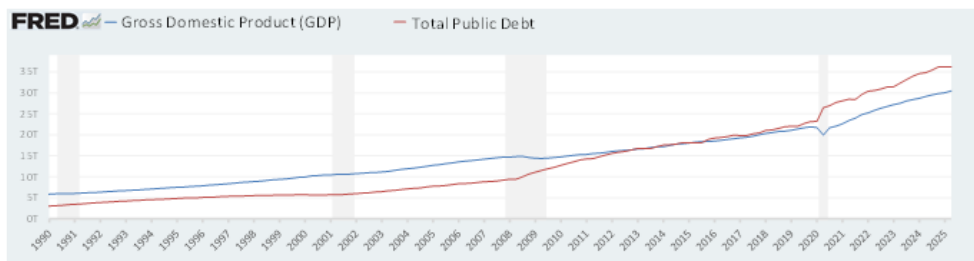
- **Total Public Debt**

- Total public debt outstanding was \$38.38 trillion as of December 19, an increase of 6.1% from the previous year
- Debt held by the public was \$30.81 trillion, and intragovernmental holdings were \$7.62 trillion



- **GDP**

- The latest annualized U.S. GDP stands at \$30.49 trillion as of June 30, 2025, an increase of 1.48% from the previous quarter, & an increase of 4.59% from the previous year
- The total public debt-to-GDP ratio is at 118.78% as of June 30, a decrease of -0.72% from the previous year

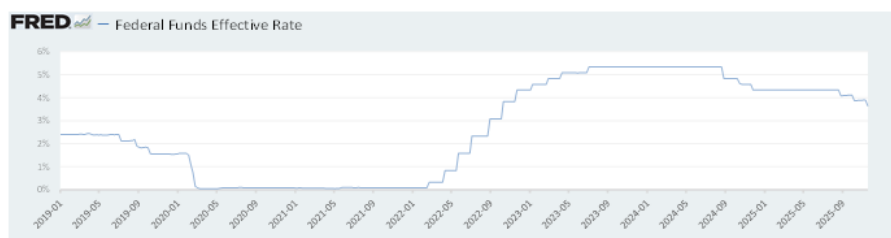


- **Inflation Factors**

- **CPI:**
 - The consumer-price index rose 3.0% in September year over year
 - On a monthly basis, the CPI increased 0.3% in September on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing 0.4% in August
 - The index for all items less food and energy (core CPI) rose 0.2% in September, after rising 0.3% in August
 - Core CPI increased 3.0% for the 12 months ending September
- **Food & Beverages:**
 - The food at home index increased 2.7% in September from the same month a year earlier, and increased 0.3% in September month over month
 - The food away from home index increased 3.7% in September from the same month a year earlier, and increased 0.1% in September month over month
- **Commodities:**
 - The energy commodities index increased 3.8% in September after increasing 1.7% in August
 - The energy commodities index fell (0.4%) over the last 12 months
 - The energy services index fell (0.8%) in September after decreasing (0.3%) in August
 - The energy services index rose 6.4% over the last 12 months
 - The gasoline index fell (0.5%) over the last 12 months
 - The fuel oil index rose 4.1% over the last 12 months
 - The index for electricity rose 5.1% over the last 12 months
 - The index for natural gas rose 11.7% over the last 12 months
- **Supply Chain:**
 - Drewry's composite World Container Index increased to \$2,181.93 per 40ft container for the week of December 19
 - Drewry's composite World Container Index has decreased by (42.6%) over the last 12 months
- **Housing Market:**
 - The shelter index increased 0.2% in September after increasing 0.4% in August
 - The rent index increased 0.2% in September after increasing 0.4% in August
 - The index for lodging away from home decreased (1.4%) in September after increasing 0.3% in August

- **Federal Funds Rate**

- The effective Federal Funds Rate is at 3.64%, down (0.69%) year to date



World News

- **Middle East**

- President Trump expressed frustration to Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu over the killing of Raed Saad. Trump feared the strike could jeopardize his plans to progress the cease-fire in Gaza and rebuild the region
- President Trump has signaled interest in moving the cease-fire into its second phase, which would include the disarmament of Hamas, Israel's exit from Gaza, and the assumption of security duties by an international stabilization force
- The U.S. launched an airstrike against more than 70 ISIS targets in Syria, in retaliation for an ambush last week that killed three Americans. The attack was the largest against ISIS since the fall of the Assad regime last year
- The ambush has put additional pressure on new Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa to remove hard-liners with extremist views from his ranks

- **Europe**

- European leaders committed to a \$105 billion loan to Ukraine for 2026-7. The bloc could not agree to use frozen Russian assets to finance the deal, largely due to opposition from Hungary and Belgium
- Without the loan, the EU expected Ukraine to run out of funds for buying weapons by April 2026. The loan covers two-thirds of Ukraine's total financing need for 2026-7, according to the International Monetary Fund
- The EU postponed its free trade agreement with Mercosur countries to January 2026 to address concerns from some member countries—particularly France and Italy—over the removal of tariff protections on domestic European farmers
- The deal would remove tariffs on European automobiles and wine into the Mercosur countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay). In exchange, the deal would make it easier for beef products to enter the EU from Mercosur countries

- **China**

- China's Vanke shares fell after proposals to extend a bond payment were rejected by bondholders. Vanke is one of the country's largest real estate companies
- Many of Vanke's bondholders are state-owned. Thus, the rejection signaled to investors that the Chinese government may not rescue the beleaguered company
- The U.S. approved \$11 billion in arms sales to Taiwan, including 82 Himars missile launchers and 60 howitzers. The sale is intended to increase Taiwan's defensive capabilities and deter China from an invasion of the country
- Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun decried the deal, stating that the U.S. is "...turning Taiwan into a powder keg"

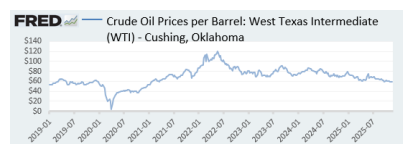
Geopolitical Hotspots

- **Canada**
 - British Columbia's Supreme Court ruled that a group of indigenous tribes held the right to about 730 acres of privately held land. The ruling may open the doors for other indigenous groups to press their claims, causing uncertainty in the real estate market
- **Venezuela**
 - The U.S. seized two oil tankers off the coast of Venezuela, enacting a policy of blockade that is applying pressure on President Nicolás Maduro's government
- **Australia**
 - At least 11 people were killed when two gunmen opened fire during a Hanukkah event at Sydney's Bondi Beach in what authorities called a terrorist attack targeting the Jewish community; one suspect was killed and another is in critical condition
- **UK**
 - The U.K. economy shrank for a second straight month in October, contracting 0.1% as weakness in the services sector, including retail, dragged on growth
- **Thailand**
 - Fighting continued along the Thai-Cambodian border, with both governments reporting new attacks despite President Trump's claim that the two sides had agreed to a cease-fire
- **India**
 - Russian President Vladimir Putin is visiting India to bolster ties by offering discounted Russian oil and military hardware, even as India faces U.S. tariffs over its Russian oil imports and seeks to maintain leverage with Washington while securing energy and defense needs
- **Israel**
 - Israel asked the International Criminal Court to nullify an arrest warrant against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu because of sexual assault allegations facing the Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan, which Israel claims impacted Khan's decision to seek the warrant
- **Argentina**
 - A planned \$20 billion bailout for Argentina from U.S. banks was shelved as they shift to a smaller, short-term loan package. Banks are now considering a \$5 billion solution to help Argentina meet a \$4 billion debt payment in January

Commodities

• Oil Prices

- WTI: \$56.66 per barrel
 - (1.36%) WoW; (21.00%) YTD; (19.72%) YoY
- Brent: \$60.47 per barrel
 - (1.06%) WoW; (18.98%) YTD; (17.60%) YoY



• US Production

- U.S. oil production amounted to 13.8 million bpd for the week ended December 12, down 0.0 million bpd from the prior week

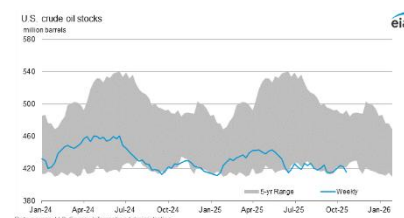
• Rig Count

- The total number of oil rigs amounted to 542, down 6 from last week

• Inventories

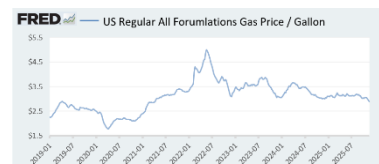
○ Crude Oil

- Total U.S. crude oil inventories now amount to 424.4 million barrels, up 1.8% YoY
- Refiners operated at a capacity utilization rate of 94.8% for the week, up from 94.5% in the prior week
- U.S. crude oil imports now amount to 6.589 million barrels per day, down 0.8% YoY



○ Gasoline

- Retail average regular gasoline prices amounted to \$2.87 per gallon in the week of December 19, down (5.9%) YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the East Coast amounted to \$2.96, down (4.6%) YoY
 - Gasoline prices in the Midwest amounted to \$2.77, down (6.4%) YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the Gulf Coast amounted to \$2.59, down (2.6%) YoY
 - Gasoline prices in the Rocky Mountain region amounted to \$2.68, down (9.8%) YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the West Coast amounted to \$3.98, up 1.7% YoY
- Motor gasoline inventories were up by 4.8 million barrels from the prior week
- Motor gasoline inventories amounted to 225.6 million barrels, up 0.9% YoY
- Production of motor gasoline averaged 9.61 million bpd, down (3.2%) YoY
- Demand for motor gasoline amounted to 9.078 million bpd, up 0.8% YoY

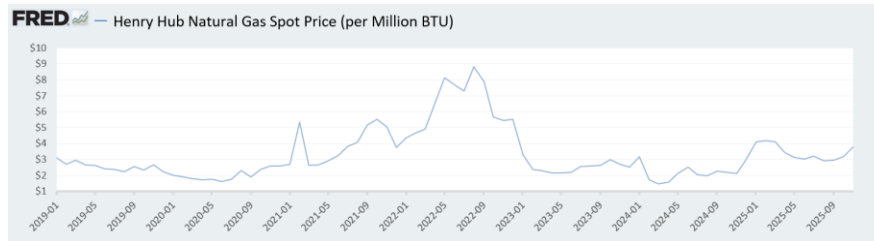


○ **Distillates**

- Distillate inventories decreased by 1.7 million in the week of December 19
- Total distillate inventories amounted to 118.5 million barrels, up 1.8% YoY
- Distillate production averaged 5.203 million bpd, down (1.3%) YoY
- Demand for distillates averaged 3.786 million bpd in the week, down (11.0%) YoY

○ **Natural Gas**

- Natural gas inventories decreased by 167 billion cubic feet last week
- Total natural gas inventories now amount to 3,579 billion cubic feet, up 1.4% YoY



Credit News

High yield bond yields increased 4bps to 6.75% while spreads increased 8bps to 316bps. Leveraged loan yields decreased 4bps to 7.81%, while spreads widened 3bps to 455bps. WTD high yield bond returns were positive 5bps. WTD leveraged loan returns were positive 2bps. 10yr treasury yields decreased 3bps to 4.11%. High yield and leveraged loan spreads drifted modestly wider as investors digested the final round of economic data releases ahead of the holiday slowdown, including payrolls, retail sales, PMIs, and CPI.

High-yield:

Week ended 12/19/2025

- Yields & Spreads¹

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
6.75%	316	6.71%	308	4	8

- Pricing & Returns¹

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2024
\$97.58	\$97.65	-7	0.05%	0.36%	7.89%	8.6%

- Fund Flows²

Total Flows (\$)
\$1,800mm

- New Issue²

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
3	\$1.9bn	\$332.0bn	\$288.8bn	+15%

- Distressed Level (trading in excess of 1,000 bps)²

11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25
5.20%	4.88%	4.47%

- Total HY Defaults

Excluding Distressed Exchanges			Including Distressed Exchanges		
11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25	11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25
0.79%	0.64%	0.49%	1.82%	1.40%	1.39%

Leveraged loans:

Week ended 12/19/2025

- Yields & Spreads¹

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
7.81%	455	7.85%	452	(4)	3

- Pricing & Returns¹

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2024
\$95.94	\$96.07	-13	0.02%	0.38%	5.68%	9.3%

- Fund Flows²

Total Flows (\$)
(\$1,100mm)

- New Issue²

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
20	\$21.1bn	\$983.7bn	\$1,322.4bn	-26%

- Distressed Level (loan price below \$80)¹

11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25
6.76%	6.00%	4.90%

- Total Leveraged Loan Defaults

Excluding Distressed Exchanges			Including Distressed Exchanges		
11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25	11/30/25	10/31/25	9/30/25
1.31%	1.37%	1.53%	3.16%	3.33%	3.49%

Default activity:

- Most recent defaults include: New Fortress Energy (\$3.5bn, 11/15/2025), Packers Sanitation Services (\$1.2bn, 11/5/2025), Office Properties Trust (\$1.7bn, 10/31/25), GPS Hospitality (\$400mn, 10/30/25), Jordan Health Services (\$1.0bn, 10/15/25), Astra Acquisition (\$1bn, 9/30/25), First Brands (\$4.4bn, 9/29/25), Spirit Airlines (\$852mn, 8/29/25), ModivCare (\$1.1bn, 8/20/25), Anastasia Beverly Hills (\$606mn, 8/11/25), Claire's Stores (\$506mn, 8/6/25).

CLOs:

Week ended 12/19/2025

- New U.S. CLO Issuance²

# Priced	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets
25	\$12.5bn	\$5.0bn	\$7.5bn

- New U.S. CLO YTD Issuance²

Total U.S. CLOs	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets	Prior Year YTD	CY vs. PY
1,103	\$520.3bn	\$200.8bn	\$319.5bn	\$473.2bn	+10%

Note: High-yield and leveraged loan yields and spreads are swap-adjusted

¹ Source: Credit Suisse High Yield and Leveraged Loan Index

² Source: JP Morgan

Ratings activity:

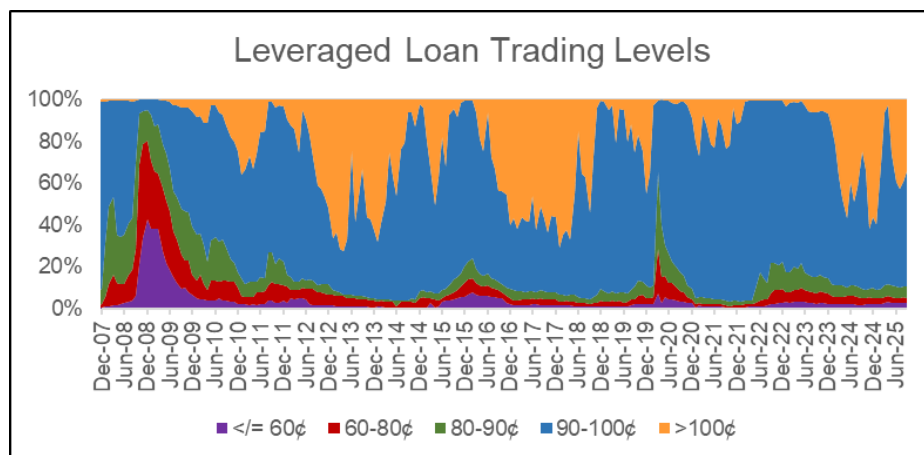
- S&P and Moody's High Yield Ratings

	S&P			Moody's		
	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio
Full Year 2024	439	320	1.4x	493	371	1.3x
Week Ending 01/03/25	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a
Week Ending 01/10/25	2	1	2.0x	4	3	1.3x
Week Ending 01/17/25	18	4	4.5x	7	11	0.6x
Week Ending 01/24/25	6	4	1.5x	9	5	1.8x
Week Ending 01/31/25	5	10	0.5x	13	8	1.6x
Week Ending 02/07/25	9	6	1.5x	8	8	1.0x
Week Ending 02/14/25	1	3	0.3x	11	6	1.8x
Week Ending 02/21/25	5	4	1.3x	5	5	1.0x
Week Ending 02/28/25	4	4	1.0x	9	6	1.5x
Week Ending 03/07/25	12	8	1.5x	11	9	1.2x
Week Ending 03/14/25	9	4	2.3x	12	16	0.8x
Week Ending 03/21/25	9	10	0.9x	16	8	2.0x
Week Ending 03/28/25	2	5	0.4x	6	11	0.5x
Week Ending 04/04/25	10	2	5.0x	5	7	0.7x
Week Ending 04/11/25	3	6	0.5x	8	1	8.0x
Week Ending 04/18/25	10	4	2.5x	11	2	5.5x
Week Ending 04/25/25	5	2	2.5x	6	4	1.5x
Week Ending 05/02/25	7	8	0.9x	18	5	3.6x
Week Ending 05/09/25	10	3	3.3x	12	2	6.0x
Week Ending 05/16/25	13	3	4.3x	11	8	1.4x
Week Ending 05/23/25	24	8	3.0x	13	6	2.2x
Week Ending 05/30/25	7	3	2.3x	9	5	1.8x
Week Ending 06/06/25	14	5	2.8x	19	6	3.2x
Week Ending 06/13/25	10	5	2.0x	15	6	2.5x
Week Ending 06/20/25	10	5	2.0x	19	6	3.2x
Week Ending 06/27/25	5	7	0.7x	9	6	1.5x
Week Ending 07/04/25	8	11	0.7x	11	5	2.2x
Week Ending 07/11/25	8	2	4.0x	6	2	3.0x
Week Ending 07/18/25	7	6	1.2x	8	7	1.1x
Week Ending 07/25/25	6	5	1.2x	12	4	3.0x
Week Ending 08/01/25	2	2	1.0x	4	6	0.7x
Week Ending 08/08/25	6	6	1.0x	3	6	0.5x
Week Ending 08/15/25	11	4	2.8x	8	6	1.3x
Week Ending 08/22/25	8	6	1.3x	5	3	1.7x
Week Ending 08/29/25	7	4	1.8x	9	2	4.5x
Week Ending 09/05/25	4	0	n/a	7	9	0.8x
Week Ending 09/12/25	9	8	1.1x	7	5	1.4x
Week Ending 09/19/25	3	6	0.5x	8	7	1.1x
Week Ending 09/26/25	8	8	1.0x	2	5	0.4x
Week Ending 10/03/25	10	2	5.0x	13	16	0.8x
Week Ending 10/10/25	3	6	0.5x	5	1	5.0x
Week Ending 10/17/25	5	6	0.8x	6	6	1.0x
Week Ending 10/24/25	3	6	0.5x	11	5	2.2x
Week Ending 10/31/25	5	4	1.3x	4	4	1.0x
Week Ending 11/07/25	7	5	1.4x	8	3	2.7x
Week Ending 11/14/25	7	6	1.2x	7	3	2.3x
Week Ending 11/21/25	11	13	0.8x	11	0	n/a
Week Ending 11/28/25	10	7	1.4x	6	9	0.7x
Week Ending 12/05/25	0	0	n/a	10	4	2.5x
Week Ending 12/12/25	14	3	4.7x	9	5	1.8x
Week Ending 12/19/25	8	8	1.0x	14	4	3.5x
YTD 2025	380	258	1.5x	460	287	1.6x

Source: Bloomberg

Appendix:

Diagram A: Leveraged Loan Trading Levels



Source: Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index

Diagram B: High Yield and Leveraged Loan LTM Price

High Yield and Leveraged Loan Data [1]				
	LTM Price			
	Avg. Price	High [2]	Low [3]	LTM High vs. Low Δ
High Yield	96.4	98.1	92.2	5.8
Leveraged Loans	96.2	96.9	94.0	2.9

[1] Data is from Credit Suisse High Yield Market Index and Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index

[2] HY high price as of 9/19/25. LL high price as of 7/18/25

[3] HY low price as of 4/7/25. LL low price as of 4/7/25

Diagram C: Leveraged Loan and High Yield Returns

Leveraged Loan and High Yield Returns				
	Leveraged Loan Indices		High Yield Indices	
	Credit Suisse [1]	S&P/LSTA [2]	Credit Suisse [1]	S&P [2]
Weekly Return	0.02%	0.04%	0.05%	0.21%
MTD Return	0.38%	0.39%	0.36%	0.36%
YTD Return	5.68%	5.62%	7.89%	7.89%

[1] Credit Suisse Total Return information is calculated weekly. Yield data is as of 12/19/2025

[2] Yield data as of 12/19/2025

Diagram D: Average Bid Price of High Yield Bonds & Loans



Source: CSFB High Yield Index (formerly DLJ High Yield Index) Average Price, expressed as a % of par value. Data is reported daily.



Source: CSFB Leveraged Loan Index Average Price, expressed as a % of par value. Data is reported daily.

Diagram E: Leveraged Loans Spreads & Yields



Source: CSFB Leveraged Loan Index Discount Margin to 3Y take-out, expressed in basis points. Data is reported daily.



Source: CSFB Leveraged Loan Index Yield to 3Y take-out, expressed as a percentage. Data is reported daily.

Diagram F: High Yield Bonds Spreads & Yields

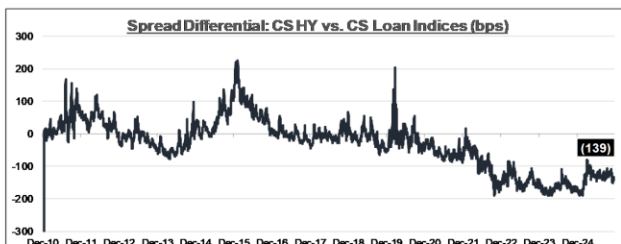


Source: CSFB High Yield Index (formerly DLJ High Yield Index) Spread-to-Worst, expressed in basis points. Data is reported daily.



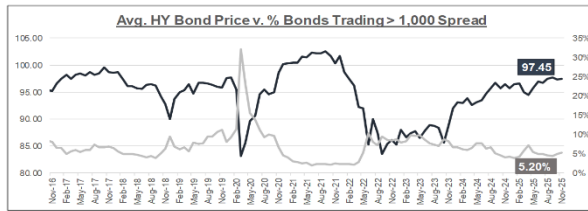
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Diagram G: Spread between High Yield Bonds and Leveraged Loans

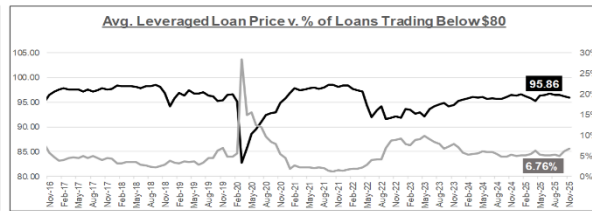


Source: CSFB HY Index and CSFB LL Index. Data is reported daily.

Diagram H: Percentage of Leveraged Loan and High Yield Market Trading at Distressed



Source: CSFB. Data is reported monthly.



Source: JPM. Data is reported monthly.

Diagram I: High Yield Upgrades and Downgrades

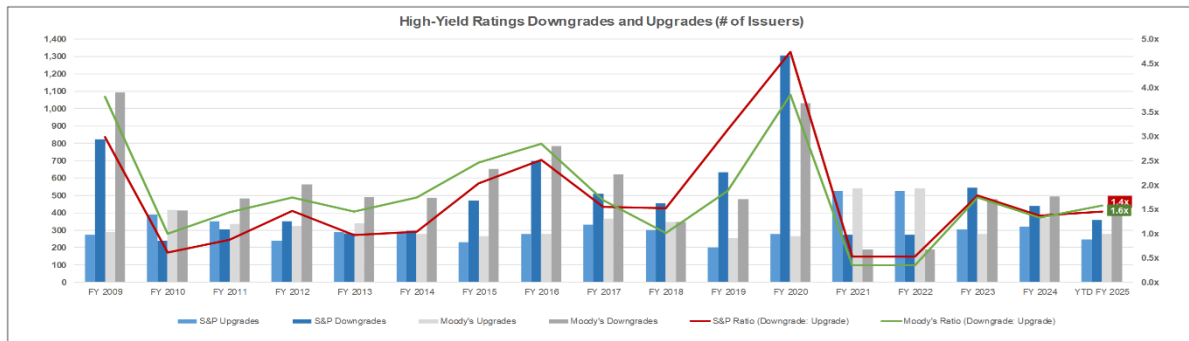


Diagram J: New Issue - Leveraged Loan and High Yield

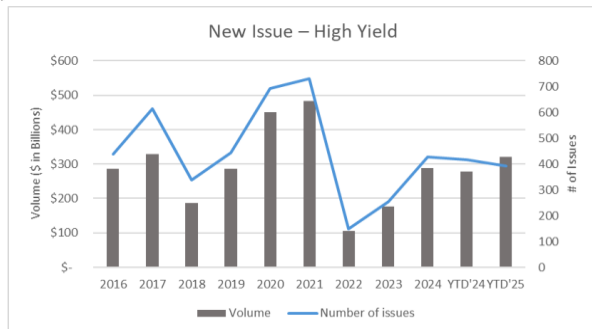
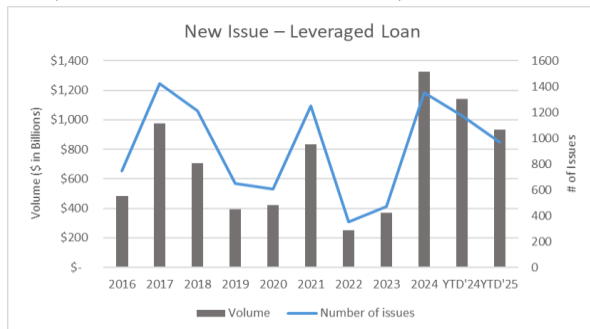
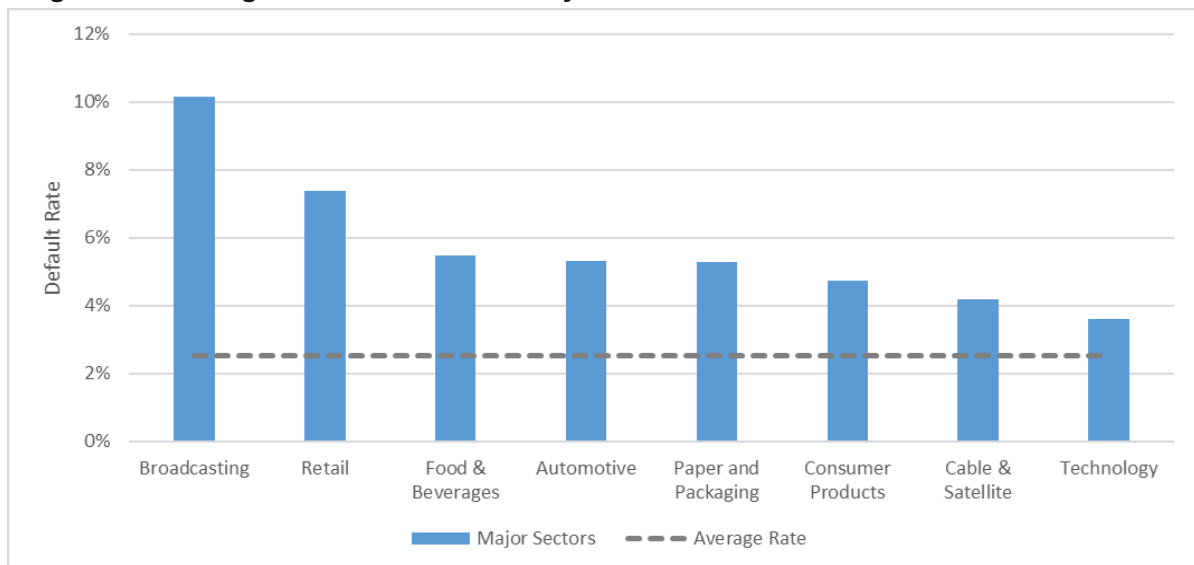


Diagram K: Leveraged Loan + HY Defaults by Sector – LTM



Source: JP Morgan Default Monitor

Diagram L: CLO Economics

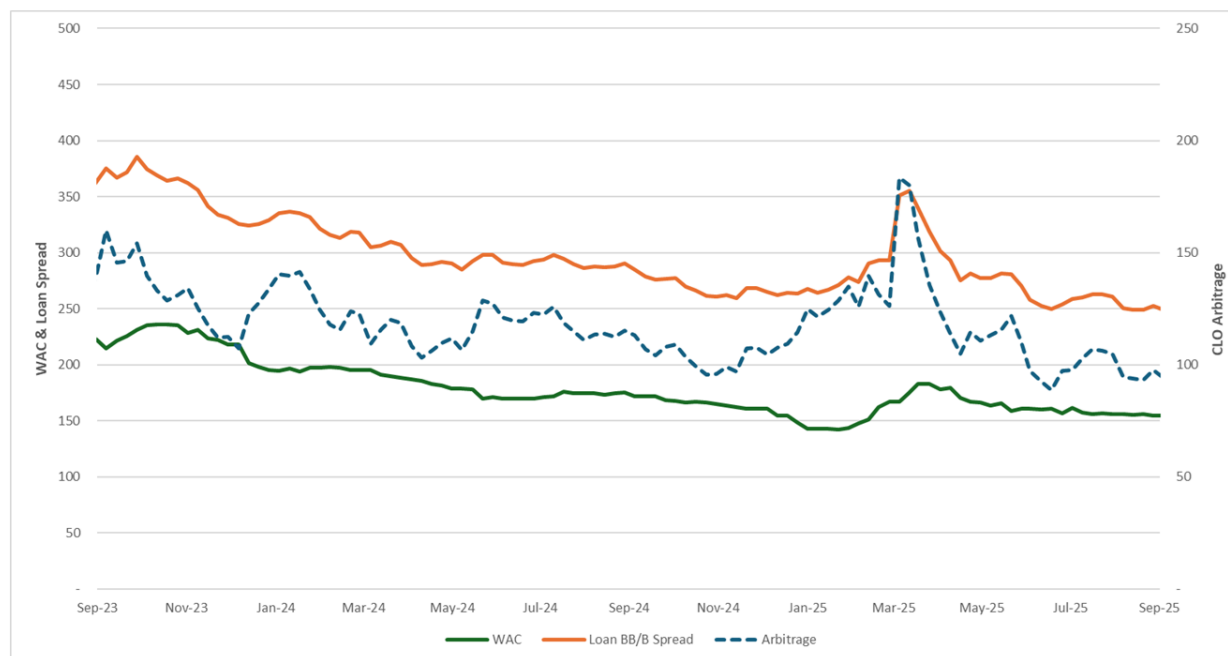
US CLO Economics											
CLO Arbitrage [1]			AAA Spread [2]			WAC Liabilities [2]			Asset WAS [3]		
3Q25	2Q25	3Q24	3Q25	2Q25	3Q24	3Q25	2Q25	3Q24	3Q25	2Q25	3Q24
89	122	115	S+131	S+136	S+138	S+166	S+178	S+176	S+375	S+420	S+411

[1] CLO Arbitrage = WAS - WAC - Fees & Losses

[2] Source: LCD

[3] Source: BBG. BB/B Loan Index Spared (25%/75% weighting)

*Assumptions: 50bp annual fees and 70bp annual loss (2% CDR, 65% Recovery)



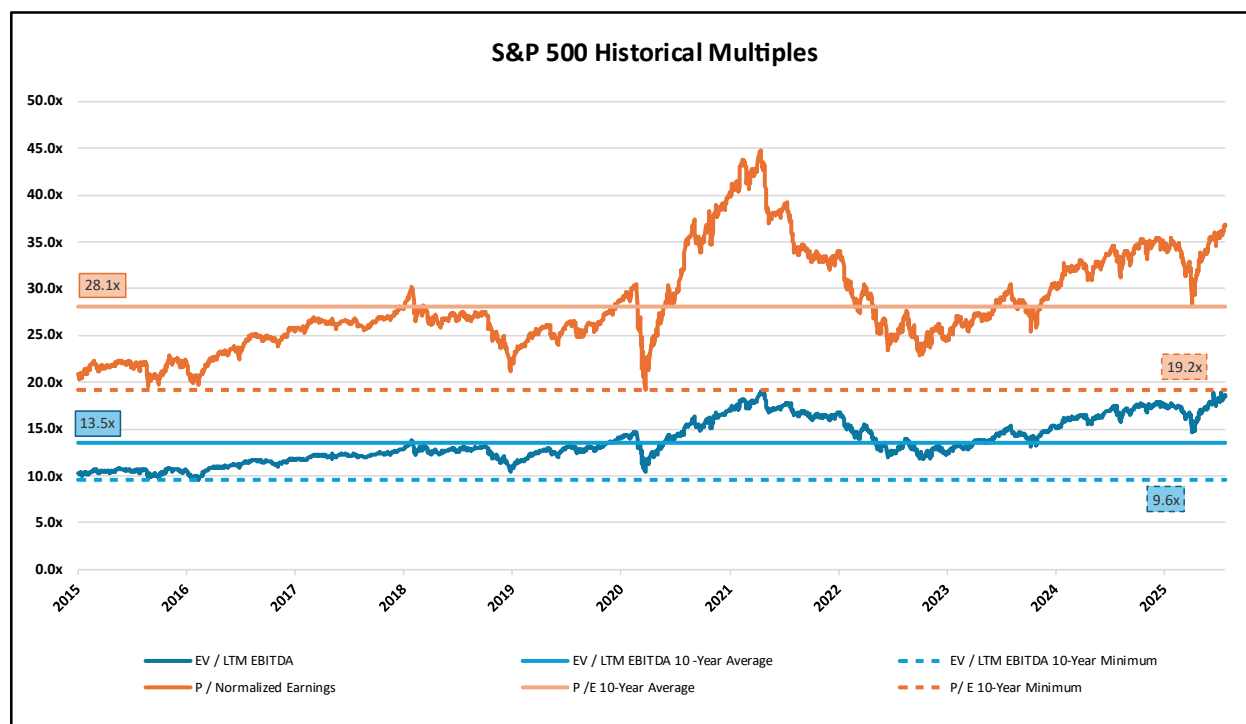
Source: JPM and BBG

Diagram M: Developed Country Govt. Bond Yields (%)

By	11/28/25	12/5/25	12/12/25	12/19/25	Change				
					Weekly	Q4 2024	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q1 2024
France - 10 year	3.41%	3.52%	3.58%	3.61%	4 bps	28 bps	(38 bps)	49 bps	25 bps
Germany - 10 year	2.69%	2.80%	2.86%	2.90%	4 bps	24 bps	(38 bps)	20 bps	27 bps
Italy - 10 year	3.40%	3.49%	3.55%	3.59%	4 bps	4 bps	(51 bps)	38 bps	13 bps
Japan - 10 year	1.81%	1.95%	1.95%	2.02%	7 bps	28 bps	(26 bps)	30 bps	17 bps
UK - 10 year	4.44%	4.48%	4.52%	4.52%	1 bps	63 bps	(16 bps)	20 bps	50 bps
US									
US - 2 year	3.49%	3.56%	3.52%	3.49%	(3 bps)	60 bps	(110 bps)	7 bps	34 bps
US - 5 year	3.60%	3.71%	3.74%	3.70%	(4 bps)	83 bps	(84 bps)	7 bps	42 bps
US - 10 year	4.01%	4.14%	4.18%	4.15%	(3 bps)	79 bps	(65 bps)	8 bps	43 bps
US - 30 year	4.66%	4.79%	4.84%	4.83%	(1 bps)	65 bps	(48 bps)	10 bps	43 bps

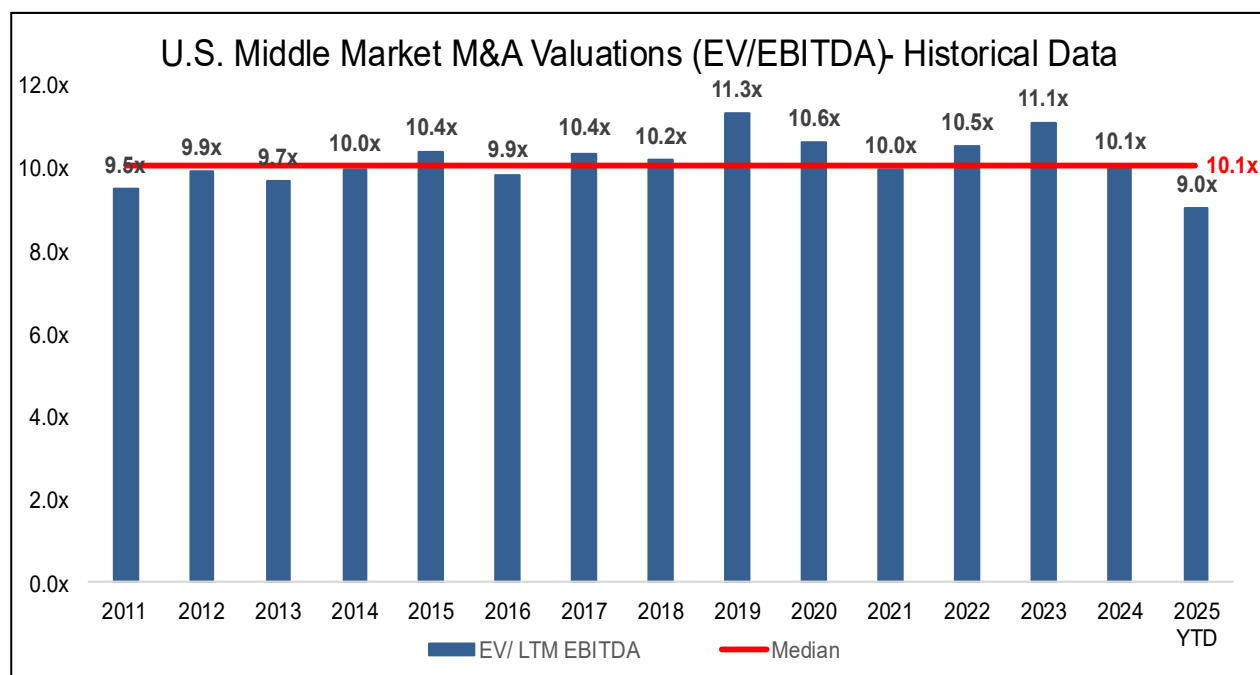
Source: Bloomberg

Diagram N: S&P 500 Historical Multiples



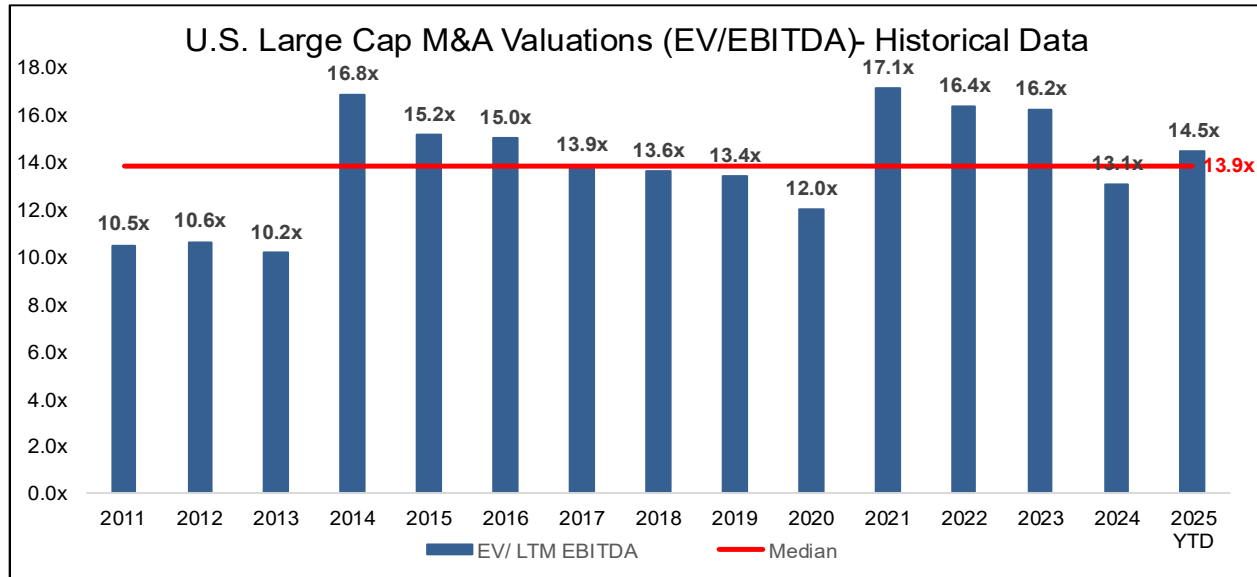
Source: S&P Capital IQ

Diagram O: U.S. Middle-Market M&A Valuations (EV/EBITDA)



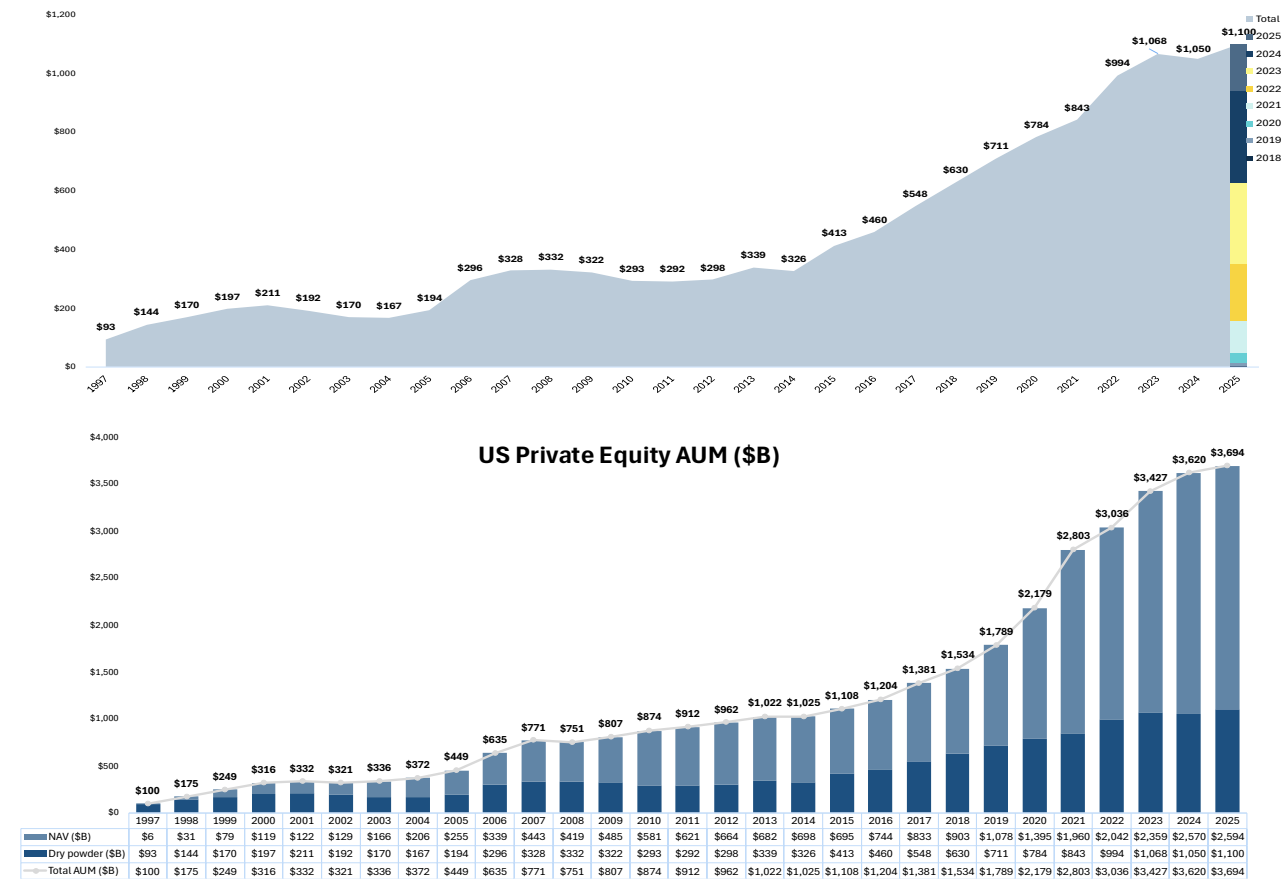
Source: Pitchbook

Diagram P: U.S. Large Cap M&A Valuations (EV/EBITDA)



Source: Pitchbook

Diagram Q: Dry Powder for All Private Equity Buyouts (\$B)

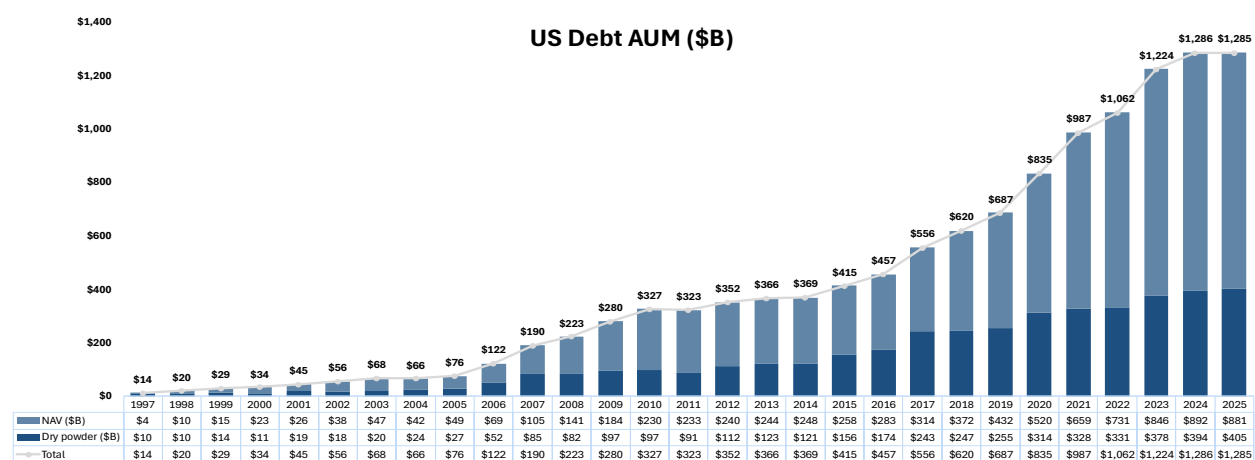
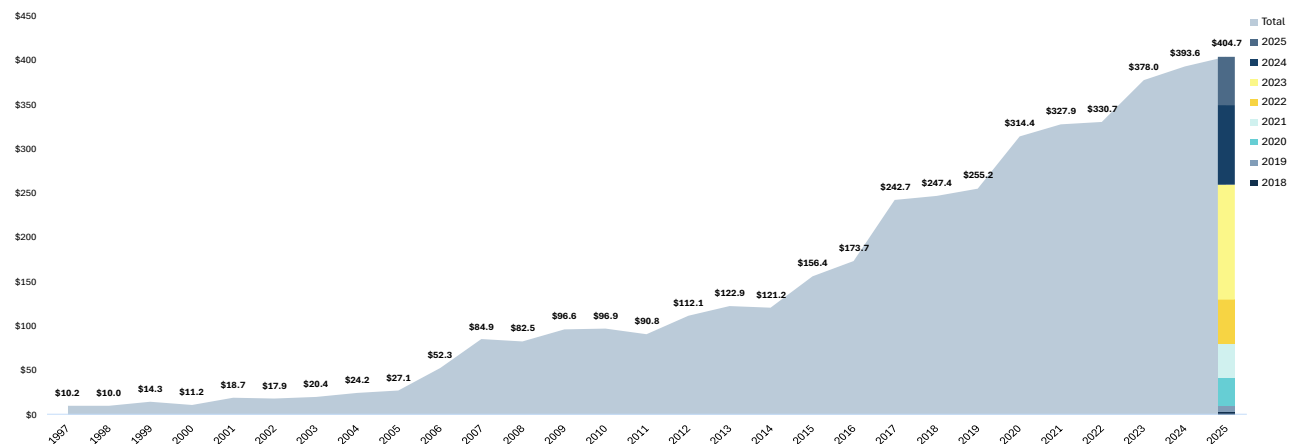


US Private Equity AUM (\$B)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
NAV (\$B)	\$73.1	\$139.4	\$246.0	\$254.4	\$205.1	\$103.7	\$73.5	\$105.9	\$167.2	\$188.4	\$170.9	\$215.2	\$259.0	\$336.9	\$435.3	\$426.7	\$462.3	\$569.8	\$712.8	\$649.9	\$474.2	\$419.2
Dry powder (\$B)	\$49.9	\$32.1	\$36.0	\$65.7	\$121.4	\$204.3	\$189.9	\$136.9	\$75.3	\$89.9	\$120.5	\$173.1	\$149.2	\$161.0	\$149.2	\$243.3	\$277.5	\$210.1	\$217.4	\$352.5	\$527.8	\$633.5
Total AUM (\$B)	\$43.7	\$22.0	\$14.1	\$7.8	\$5.9	\$14.2	\$29.2	\$48.8	\$55.3	\$60.9	\$34.8	\$25.0	\$51.6	\$50.0	\$45.8	\$41.0	\$44.1	\$63.4	\$64.1	\$66.1	\$48.1	\$47.2

*As of 3/31/2025

Diagram R: Dry Powder for All US Debt (\$B)

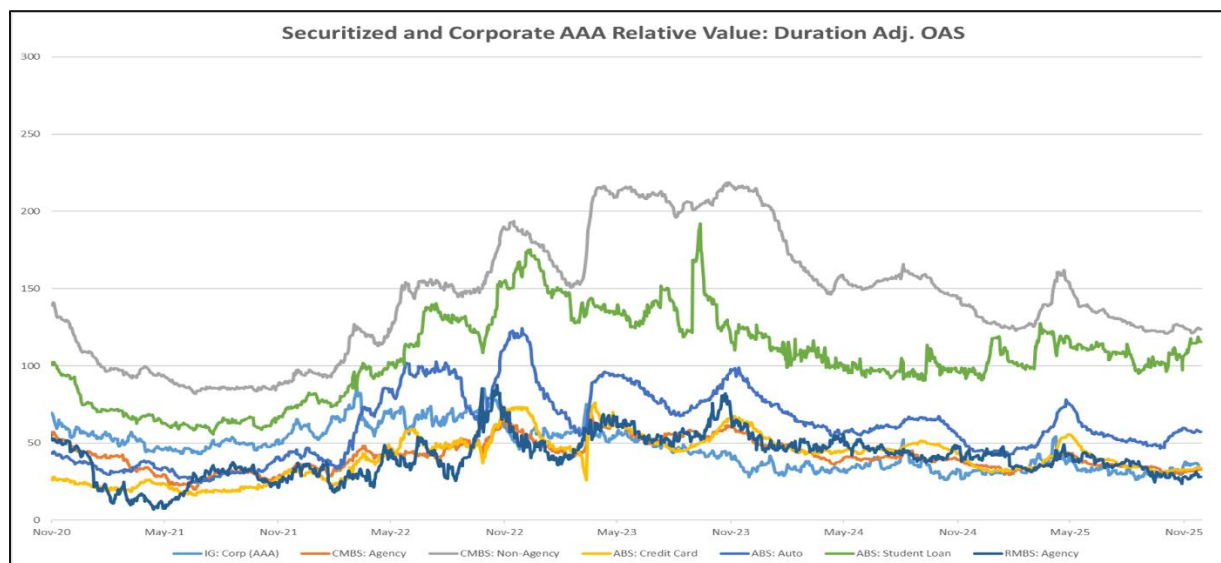


US Debt dry powder (\$B) by age bucket (years)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0-2 years	\$14.9	\$17.8	\$43.7	\$76.7	\$63.3	\$55.3	\$52.4	\$39.6	\$58.8	\$76.6	\$77.1	\$105.8	\$106.6	\$154.4	\$152.7	\$149.0	\$209.0	\$231.3	\$205.1	\$231.7	\$198.8	\$160.5
2-5 years	\$6.0	\$5.3	\$6.6	\$6.4	\$16.8	\$38.8	\$36.5	\$39.5	\$28.3	\$26.1	\$31.7	\$40.1	\$52.3	\$68.0	\$78.4	\$83.4	\$84.4	\$66.2	\$98.4	\$119.0	\$162.1	\$208.7
5-7 years	\$3.3	\$4.0	\$1.9	\$1.9	\$2.5	\$2.5	\$8.1	\$11.7	\$25.0	\$20.1	\$12.4	\$10.5	\$14.7	\$20.3	\$16.4	\$22.8	\$21.0	\$30.4	\$27.2	\$27.3	\$32.6	\$35.5

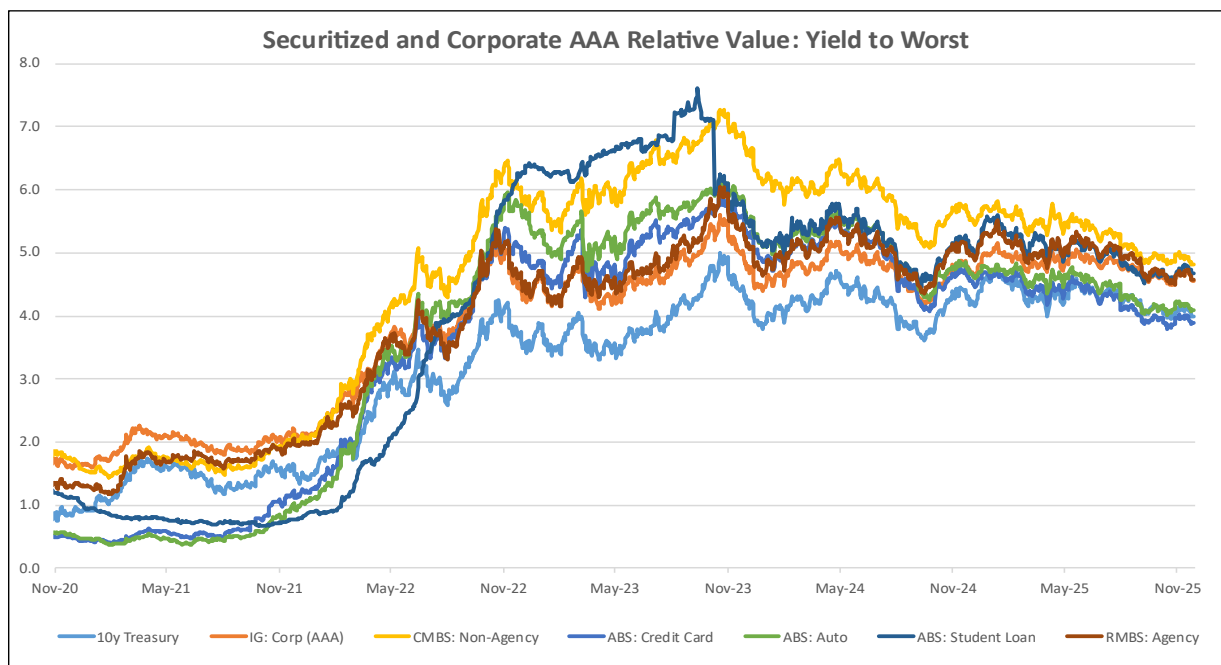
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Diagram S: Structured Credit Spreads



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Diagram T: Structured Credit Yield



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Diagram U: SOFR Curve

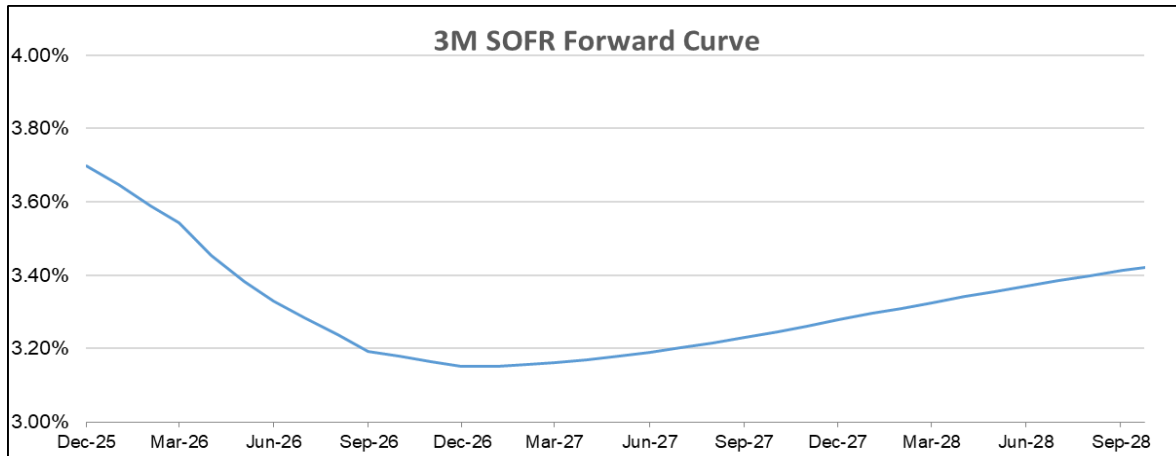
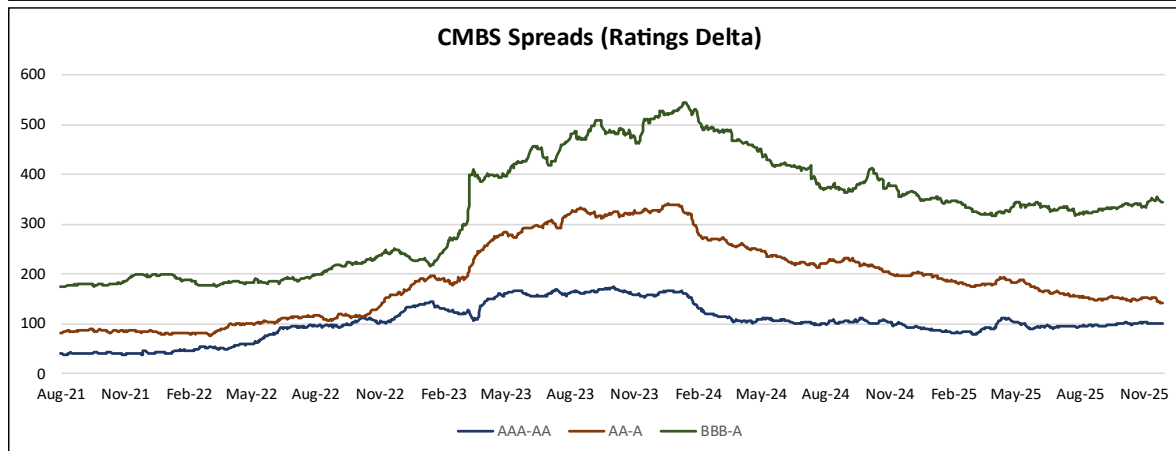
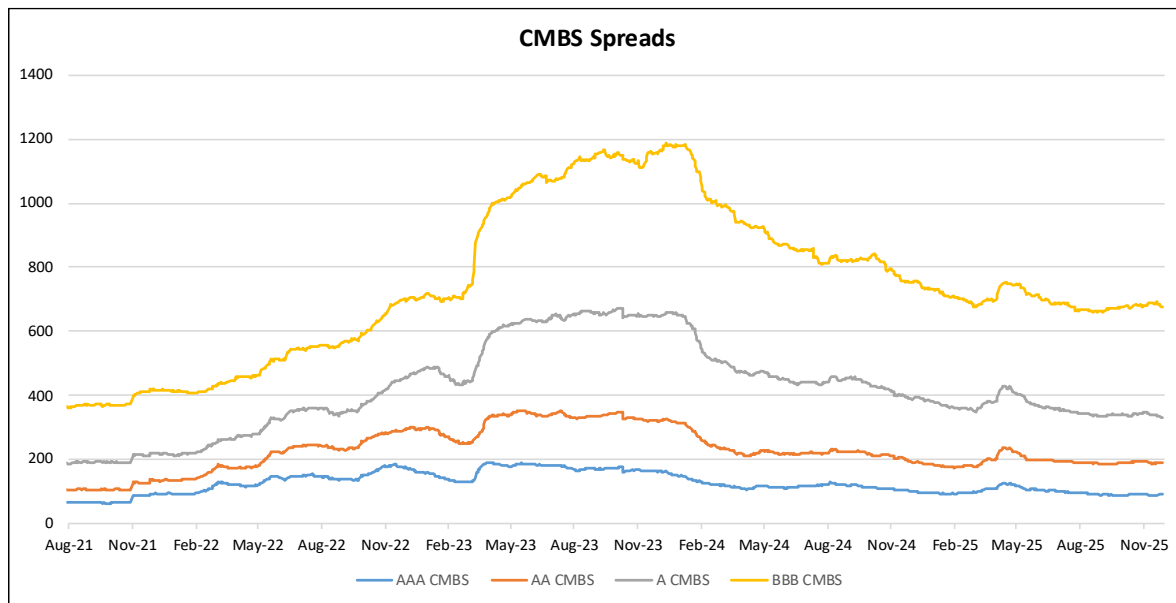


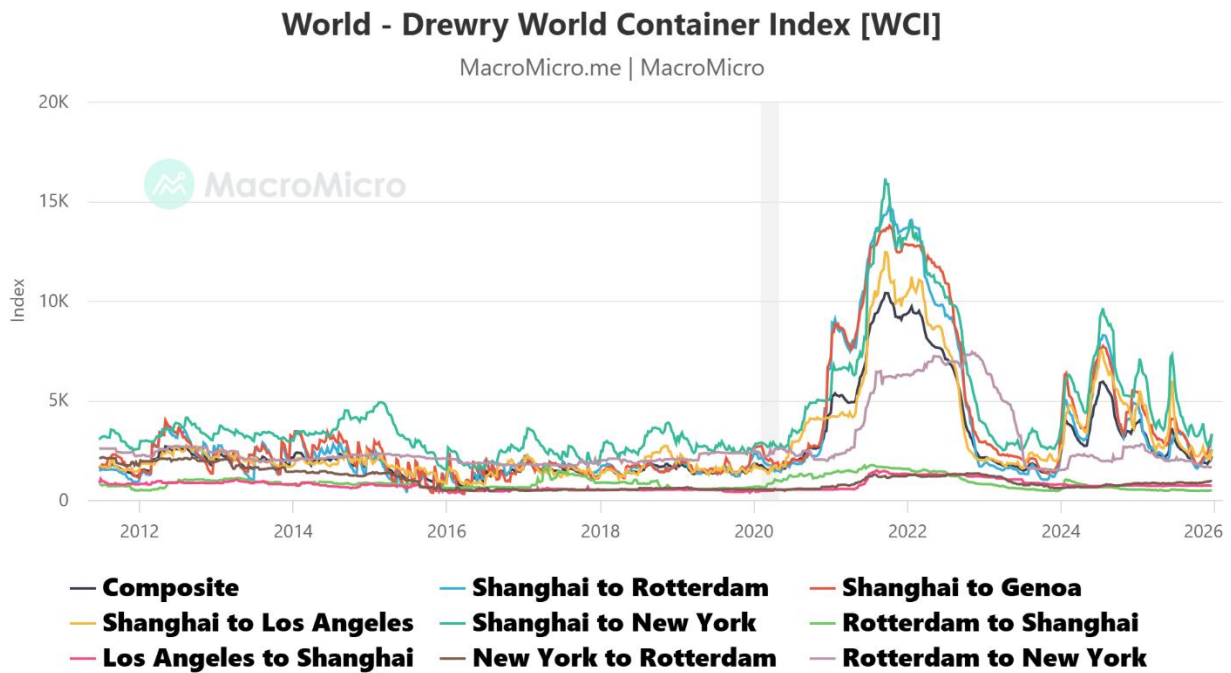
Diagram V: CMBS Spreads



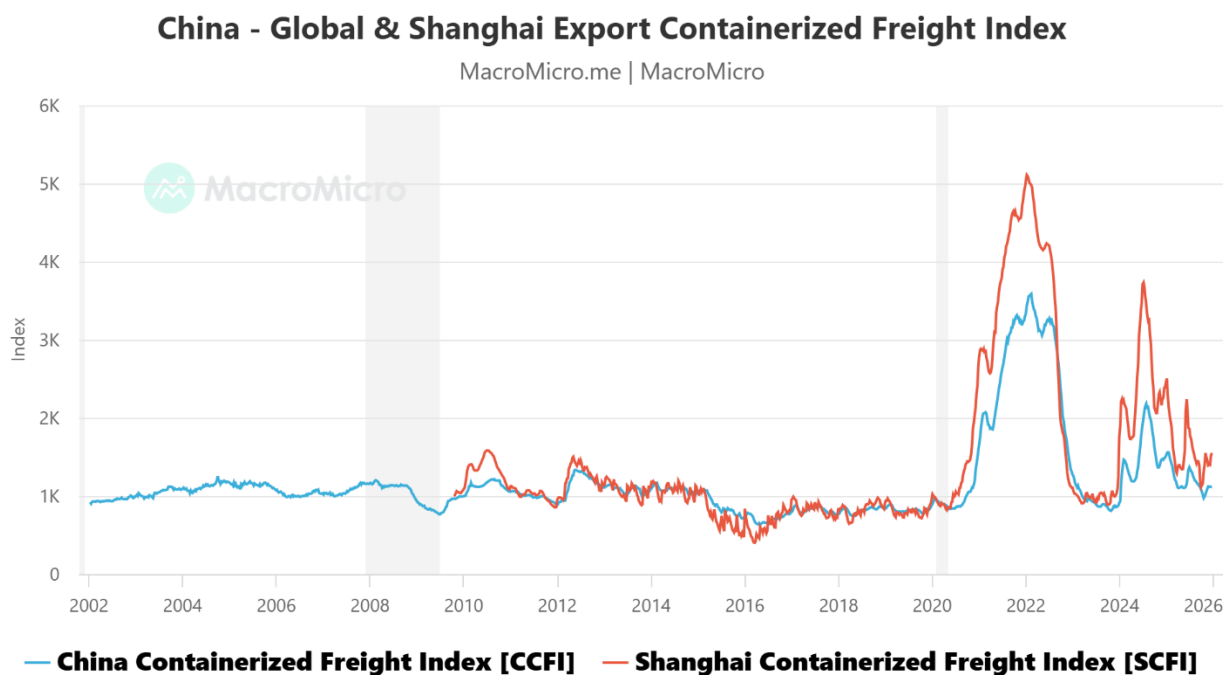
Source: Bloomberg

Freight Rates

Drewry World Container Index



China-Global & Shanghai Export Container Freight Index



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PERFORMANCE

Market Indices	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
DJIA	48,134.89	48,458.05	(0.67%)	13.14%	13.72%
S&P 500	6,834.50	6,827.41	0.10%	16.20%	16.39%
NASDAQ	23,907.62	23,195.17	0.48%	20.70%	20.19%
MSCI - EAFE	2,861.13	2,855.60	0.19%	26.50%	24.30%
MSCI - Emerging Markets	1,368.48	1,389.99	(1.55%)	27.24%	24.94%
US Dollar Index	98.60	98.40	(0.20%)	(9.11%)	(8.73%)
VIX	14.91	15.74	(5.27%)	(14.06%)	(6.85%)

High Yield & Loan Returns

	WTD	MTD	YTD	2024
High Yield Bond	0.05%	0.36%	7.89%	8.63%
Leveraged Loan	0.02%	0.38%	5.68%	9.33%

Market Ratios	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
CDOE Put/Call Ratio	0.59	0.57	3.51%	28.26%	31.11%

Commodities (\$ USD)	Metric	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Core Commodity Index	CRY Index	295.10	298.29	(1.07%)	(0.55%)	1.06%

Gasoline - Pump	Gallon	2.87	2.92	(1.75%)	(6.40%)	(9.28%)
Gasoline - Futures	Gallon	1.71	1.75	(2.51%)	(14.65%)	(12.08%)
Crude Oil - WTI	Barrel	56.66	57.44	(1.36%)	(21.00%)	(17.33%)
Crude Oil - Brent	Barrel	60.47	61.12	(1.06%)	(18.98%)	(18.82%)
Natural Gas	MM BTU	3.98	4.11	(3.14%)	9.66%	29.52%
Coal (1 contract = 1,000 tons)	Contract	108.40	108.50	(0.09%)	(42.55%)	(15.97%)

Aluminum	Metric Ton	2,945.00	2,868.50	0.02%	15.42%	16.47%
Copper	Metric Ton	11,881.50	11,515.00	3.18%	35.51%	31.60%
Iron Ore	Metric Ton	106.92	106.05	0.82%	3.19%	2.09%
Steel - Hot Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	907.00	907.00	0.00%	22.07%	14.81%
Steel - Cold Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	1,065.00	1,065.00	0.00%	17.03%	17.03%
Ferrous Scrap	Metric Ton	421.00	439.00	(4.10%)	0.24%	5.25%
Ammonia	Metric Ton	650.00	650.00	0.00%	20.52%	14.04%
Lumber	27.5k Board Ft	646.00	642.00	0.62%	11.28%	0.47%
Gold	Troy Ounce	4,338.88	4,299.63	0.91%	65.32%	67.83%
Silver	Troy Ounce	67.16	61.96	8.39%	132.36%	128.82%
Corrugated Box Cost	Short Ton	119.31	119.31	0.00%	(7.09%)	(8.16%)
Cotton	Pound	59.87	60.33	(0.76%)	(6.95%)	(43.40%)

Butter	Pound	1.42	1.48	(4.39%)	(44.51%)	(43.40%)
Cheese	Pound	1.52	1.53	(0.33%)	(19.91%)	(17.07%)
Cocoa	Pound	2.65	2.85	(6.91%)	(47.06%)	(34.50%)
Coffee	Pound	3.29	3.20	2.54%	7.23%	14.25%
Corn	Bushel	4.44	4.32	2.84%	(3.22%)	1.49%
Milk, Non Fat Dry	Pound	1.16	1.16	(0.24%)	(16.73%)	(16.73%)
Soybean	Bushel	10.49	10.77	(2.55%)	5.11%	10.24%
Sugar	Pound	0.15	0.15	(1.85%)	(23.05%)	(24.58%)
Wheat	Bushel	5.10	5.35	(4.63%)	(7.57%)	(5.82%)
Live Cattle	Pound	2.30	2.30	0.26%	18.85%	20.44%
Lean Hogs	Pound	0.85	0.83	1.41%	3.94%	0.96%
Beef, USDA Ground	Pound	3.62	3.57	1.17%	11.54%	14.86%
Chicken, Boneless & Skinless	Pound	4.21	4.21	0.00%	2.63%	6.58%

Currencies	Metric	Spot Prices		Futures		10-Year Historicals	
		19-Dec	12-Dec	2025	2026	Low	High
Japanese Yen	USD/JPY	157.750	155.810	150.000	146.500	99.890	161.090
Chinese Renminbi	USDCNY	7.041	7.055	7.100	7.000	6.195	7.346
Swiss Franc	USDCHF	0.796	0.796	0.800	0.800	0.815	1.030
British Pound	GBPUSD	1.338	1.337	1.330	1.360	1.069	1.590
Euro Zone Euro	EURUSD	1.171	1.174	1.170	1.200	0.959	1.251

TECHNICALS (Supply / Demand)

Bank Loan & High Yield, Inflows (Outflows) Mutual Fund, \$ USD in Millions, (Source: Lipper FMI)

Week Ending	Bank Loans		High Yield
	19-Dec-25	12-Dec-25	
17-Dec-25	\$ (1,180)	\$ (1,180)	\$ 1,800
10-Dec-26	\$ (123)	\$ (123)	\$ 642
3-Dec-25	\$ (182)	\$ (182)	\$ 1,184
26-Nov-25	\$ (60)	\$ (60)	\$ 705
19-Nov-25	\$ (89)	\$ (89)	\$ (333)
12-Nov-25	\$ 388	\$ 388	\$ (367)
5-Nov-25	\$ (137)	\$ (137)	\$ (955)
29-Oct-25	\$ (132)	\$ (132)	\$ 459
22-Oct-25	\$ (761)	\$ (761)	\$ (98)
Year To Date 2025	\$ 6,244	\$ 6,244	\$ 19,370
Year Ended December 31, 2024	\$ 21,086	\$ 21,086	\$ 19,373
Year Ended December 31, 2023	\$ (18,051)	\$ (18,051)	\$ (17,262)

NEW ISSUE SUMMARY

Institutional Loans	12/19/2025	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Priced	Prior Week	20	21,100
In-Market Forward Calendar		2	600

High Yield	12/19/2025	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Priced	Prior Week	3	1,900
In-Market Forward Calendar		0	0

ECONOMIC DATA RECAP

Key Economic Indicators:	Period Ending	Actual	Expected	Prior
Initial Jobless Claims	12/3/2025	224K	224K	237K
Continuing Claims	12/6/2025	1,897K	1,930K	1,830K
Change in Non-Farm Payrolls	11/30/2025	64K	50K	(105K)
Change in Private Payrolls	11/30/2025	69K	45K	52K

Unemployment Rate	U-3	11/30/2025	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%
Unemployment Rate	U-6	11/30/2025	8.7%	8.7%	8.0%
Average Work Week		11/30/2025	34.3	34.2	34.2

Existing Home Sales		11/30/2025	4.13M	4.16M	4.11M
Housing Starts		8/31/2025	1,307K	1,370K	1,429K
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	YoY	9/30/2025	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	MoM	9/30/2025	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%

Consumer Confidence		11/30/2025	88.7	93.5	95.5
GDP	QoQ-Annualized	6/30/2025	3.8%	3.3%	(0.5%)

Durable Goods Orders		9/30/2025	0.5%	0.5%	3.0%
Total Vehicle Sales		11/30/2025	15.60M	15.50M	15.30M
Capacity Utilization		9/30/2025	75.9%	76.9%	75.9%

Fed & Treasury Balance Sheet		19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YoY Change
Fed Total Assets	\$ in Billions	6,556.9	6,539.3	0.3%	(4.8%)
Public Debt	\$ in Billions	38,375.4	38,349.8	0.1%	6.0%

US Debt Outstanding		2Q25	1Q25	QoQ Change	YoY Change
Domestic Nonfinancial Debt	\$ in Billions	77,956.9	77,434.6	0.7%	3.4%

Shared National Credit		2024	2023	YoY Change
Shared National Credit Total Commitments	\$ in Billions	6,521.9	6,408.8	1.8%
Special Mention Commitments	\$ in Billions	161.8	176.6	-8.4%
Classified Commitments	\$ in Billions	434.0	395.6	9.7%

ECONOMIC / GDP DATA

International Monetary Fund Growth Rates (Source: IMF "World Economic Outlook")

Country	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
United States	5.7%	0.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.0%	2.1%
Brazil	4.6%	2.5%	3.2%	3.4%	2.4%	1.9%
China	8.1%	3.2%	5.2%	5.0%	4.8%	4.2%
Germany	2.8%	0.8%	(0.3%)	(0.5%)	0.2%	0.9%
India	6.1%	6.1%	8.2%	6.5%	6.7%	6.2%
Japan	1.6%	0.5%	1.5%	0.1%	1.1%	0.6%
United Kingdom	7.4%	0.6%	0.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.3%
Saudi Arabia	3.2%	8.7%	(0.8%)	2.0%	4.0%	4.0%
UAE	4.6%	7.5%	4.3%	4.0%	4.8%	5.0%

Market Indices	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	4,291.11	4,289.07	0.05%	5.64%	5.79%
Barclays High Yield Index	2,904.12	2,897.76	0.22%	8.24%	7.99%
Barclays Aggregate	2,344.14	2,336.30	0.34%	7.09%	6.94%

Loan Market Bids	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P Flow Name Index	95.95	96.04	(0.09%)	(0.44%)
S&P 100 Name Index	99.25	99.14	0.11%	1.32%
S&P BB's Index	99.00	99.89	0.01%	(0.20%)
S&P B's Index	97.98	98.00	(0.02%)	(1.16%)
S&P CCC's Index	74.57	74.80	(0.31%)	(2.50%)

Loan Market Spreads	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P BB's Index	S+247	S+247	0 bps	(14 bps)
S&P B's Index	S+410	S+408	2 bps	(21 bps)
S&P CCC's Index	S+1476	S+1468	8 bps	70 bps

Credit Default Swap - Volatility Indices	Index	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change
Investment Grade CDS	Market	60.77	60.77	(0.00%)	1.86%
High Yield CDS	Market	319.53	318.90	0.20%	2.58%

Credit		19-Dec	12-Dec	Wow Change	YOY Change
High Yield	OAS - YTW	T+275	T+275	0 bps	8 bps
Loan Index - S&P Flow Name	DM - 3 Year	S+455	S+453	2 bps	(13 bps)
US Treasury 2-Yr		3.48%	3.52%	(4 bps)	(87 bps)
US Treasury 3-Yr		3.52%	3.58%	(5 bps)	(83 bps)
US Treasury 5-Yr		3.69%	3.74%	(5 bps)	(71 bps)
US Treasury 7-Yr		3.91%	3.94%	(4 bps)	(56 bps)
US Treasury 10-Yr		4.15%	4.18%	(4 bps)	(37 bps)
US Treasury 30-Yr		4.82%	4.84%	(2 bps)	15 bps

US CLO Spreads - New Issue	30-Nov	31-Oct	MoM Change	YTD Change
AAA	S+128	S+125	3 bps	(1 bps)
AA	S+166	S+164	2 bps	(4 bps)
A	S+196	S+190	6 bps	1 bps
BBB	S+288	S+273	15 bps	(42 bps)
BB	S+588	S+605	(17 bps)	(60 bps)

Market Rates	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change
Fed Fund Rate	4.31%	4.31%	0 bps	(1 bps)
Prime Rate	6.75%	6.75%	0 bps	(75 bps)
Broker Call Rate	5.50%	5.50%	0 bps	(76 bps)
1M SOFR	3.73%	3.73%	(0 bps)	(60 bps)
3M SOFR	3.70%	3.71%	(1 bps)	(60 bps)
6M SOFR	3.62%	3.64%	(2 bps)	(63 bps)

Short Interest - Millions of shares	30-Nov	31-Oct	MoM Change	YTD Change
NYSE Mkt Short Interest	18,963.73	18,733.88	1.17%	17.53%
Nasdaq Short Interest	18,191.31	17,265.22	5.36%	22.69%

Fed Corp Primary Dealer Positions - \$ USD in Millions	30-Nov	31-Oct	MoM Change	YTD Change
Net Outright Total Corp Securities	15,903.00	11,951.00	33.07%	79.45%

Margin Debt - \$ USD in Billions	30-Nov	31-Oct	MoM Change	YTD Change
FINRA Margin Debt	1,214.32	1,183.65	2.59%	35.05%

Leveraged Finance Primary Volume - \$ USD in Billions

12/19/2025	Year To Date		Year End		YoY Change
	2025	2024	2024	2024	
Bank Debt	983.7	1,322.4	1,327.0	1,327.0	(25.61%)
Total Bonds	332.0	288.8	288.8	288.8	14.96%
Totals	1,315.7	1,611.2	1,615.8	1,615.8	(18.34%)

DEFAULT ACTIVITY

Total Loan Defaults - as of:	30-Nov	31-Oct	YE 2024
Default Rate by Total Amount of All Loans Outstanding	1.31%	1.37%	1.52%
Default Rate by Total Amount of All HY Bonds Outstanding	0.79%	0.64%	0.36%

Employment - Labor Participation Rates	30-Sep	31-Aug	YTD Change
Civilian Employment as % of Total Labor Force	59.7%	59.6%	0.54pp
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	62.3%	0.56pp

Government Assistance		30-Jun	31-May	YTD Change
SNAP fka Food Stamps - # of Participants	in Millions	41.6	41.7	(3.21%)

Retail Sales	31-Oct	30-Sep	YTD Change
Adj. Retail & Food Services Sales Index - US Census	732.6	732.4	2.09%

Packaging Papers & Containerboard	YoY	YTD YoY
Packaging Papers & Specialty Packaging Shipments (November)	1.00%	1.00%
Total Containerboard Production (Q3 2025)	(3.10%)	(3.08%)

U.S. Rig Count - Active Drilling Rigs, Exploring or Developing Oil & Natural Gas						
Type	Peak- 2000 to Date	# of Rigs	% Change	19-Dec	12-Dec	YoY Change
Oil	10/10/2014	1,609	(74.77%)	406	414	(15.94%)
Gas	9/12/2008	1,606	(92.69%)	127	127	24.51%

Rail & Truck Volume		31-Oct	30-Sep	YTD Change
Total Rail Freight Carloads	Tons in Thousands	952.37	956.81	0.22%
Total Intermodal	Tons in Thousands	1,210.82	1,185.41	1.92%
Truck Tonnage Index		112.18	114.32	0.21%

TSA Checkpoint Travel Numbers		19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YoY Change
Weekly Traveler Throughput	in Thousands	16,782.6	16,236.1	3.37%	(8.85%)

Freight Rates	19-Dec	12-Dec	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Baltic Exchange Dry Index	2,023	2,205	(8.25%)	102.91%	107.27%
Shanghai - Los Angeles Spot Rates	2,474	2,103	17.64%	(48.77%)	(54.82%)
Shanghai - NY Spot Rates	3,293	2,756	19.48%	(48.91%)	(53.52%)
Shanghai Containerized Freight Index	1,553	1,506	3.08%	(38.01%)	(36.88%)