

Global Economic & Credit Market

Week 19 Ending – May 8, 2026

Economic Calendar

Monday, May 11: Existing Home Sales

Tuesday, May 12: CPI

Wednesday, May 13: PPI

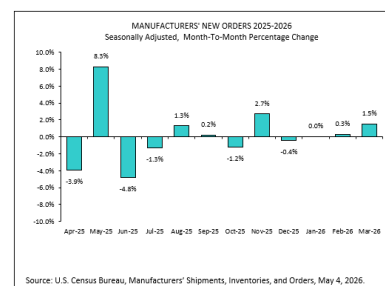
Key Market Metrics

	8-May	WoW	YTD	YoY	LTM EBITDA	NTM EBITDA
Equities						
S&P 500:	7,399	+2.33%	+8.08%	+30.63%	16.8x	13.2x
Dow Jones:	49,609	+0.22%	+3.22%	+19.92%	13.2x	12.1x
Nasdaq:	26,247	+4.51%	+12.93%	+46.40%		
Credit						
High-yield:		+0.32%	+1.40%	+8.78%		
Leveraged Loan:		+0.27%	+1.00%	+5.96%		
Rates						
10Y Treasury:	4.35%	(2)bps	+20 bps	(3)bps		
1M SOFR:	3.64%	(1)bps	(5)bps	(69)bps		
3M SOFR:	3.65%	(1)bps	(0)bps	(65)bps		
6M SOFR:	3.66%	(1)bps	+9 bps	(51)bps		
Currencies						
British Pound / USD:	\$1.36	+0.35%	+1.16%	+2.91%		
Euro / USD:	\$1.18	+0.56%	+0.35%	+4.98%		
USD / Yen:	¥156.68	(0.21%)	(0.02%)	+7.38%		
Swiss franc / EUR:	€ 1.09	+0.12%	+1.72%	+2.06%		

U.S. News

• Factory Orders

- US factory orders surged 1.5% in March, well above the 0.5% economists expected, marking the biggest monthly gain since November
- The jump was driven by the largest single-month increase in computer and electronics orders in 25 years, reaching \$29.6 billion



- Despite the strong data, manufacturers face headwinds from the war with Iran, which has pushed oil prices up nearly 50% and stretched supplier delivery times

- **New Home Sales**

- New home sales rebounded to 682k in March after January's dip, returning to the middle of their two-year range
- Buyer leverage remained elevated but eased slightly, with 8.5 months of supply on the market — down from 9.1 the prior month
- Median prices fell 6.2% year-over-year to \$387,400, reflecting affordability pressure and a shift toward cheaper homes

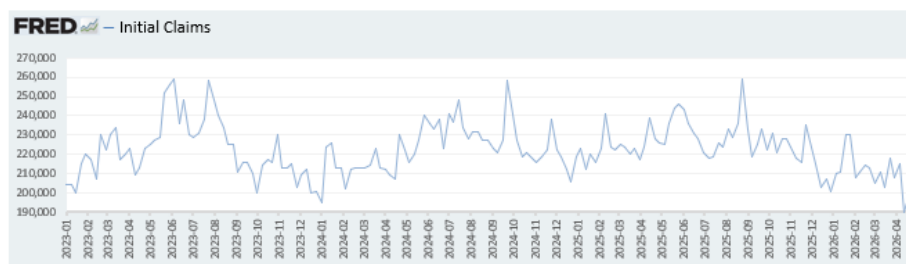


- **Nonfarm Payrolls**

- April added 115,000 jobs, well above the 55,000 forecast but down from March's unusually strong 185,000
- Unemployment held at 4.3%, though wage growth and labor force participation both came in weaker than expected
- The report signals a stable but sluggish labor market, with healthcare and transportation gaining while tech-related jobs continued their long decline

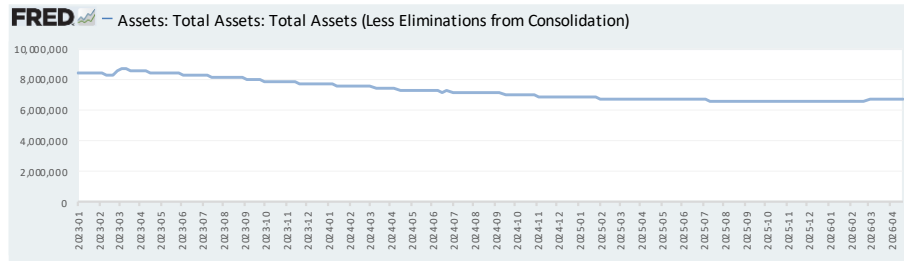
- **Jobless Claims**

- Initial jobless claims, a measure of how many workers were laid off across the U.S., increased to 200,000 in the week ended May 1, up 10,000 from the prior week
- The four-week moving average was 203,250, down 4,500 from the prior week
- Continuing claims – those filed by workers unemployed for longer than a week – decreased at 1.766 million in the week ended April 24. This figure is reported with a one-week lag



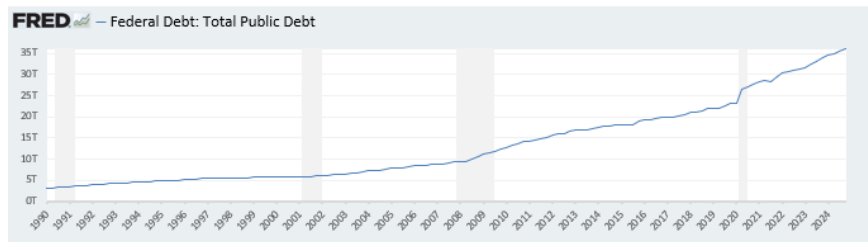
- **Fed's Balance Sheet**

- The Federal Reserve's assets totaled \$6.710 trillion in the week ended May 8, up \$9.6 billion from the prior week
- Treasury holdings totaled \$4.427 trillion, up \$5.4 billion from the prior week
- Holdings of mortgage-backed securities (MBS) were \$1.98 trillion in the week, down \$14.0 billion from the prior week



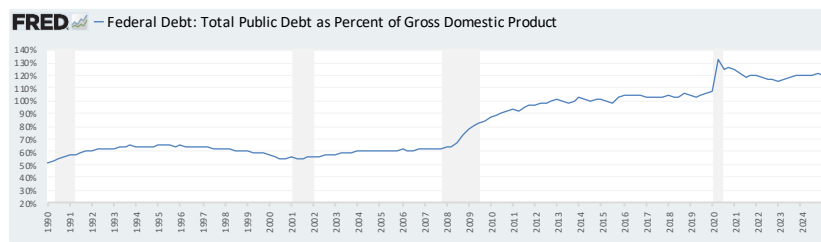
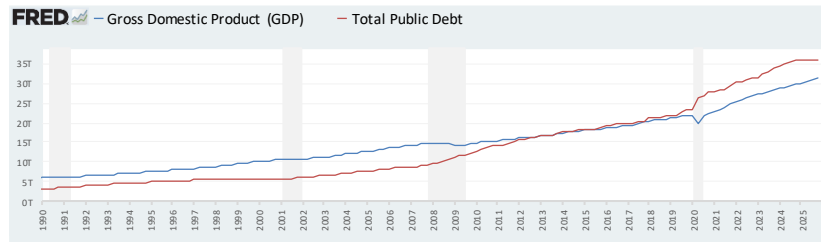
- **Total Public Debt**

- Total public debt outstanding was \$38.93 trillion as of May 8, an increase of 7.5% from the previous year
- Debt held by the public was \$31.26 trillion, and intragovernmental holdings were \$7.70 trillion



- **GDP**

- The latest annualized U.S. GDP stands at \$31.44 trillion as of December 31, 2025, an increase of 1.11% from the previous quarter, & an increase of 5.42% from the previous year
- The total public debt-to-GDP ratio is at 122.49% as of December 31, an increase of 1.05% from the previous year

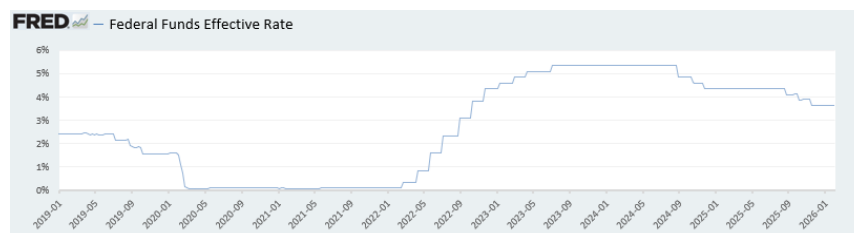


- **Inflation Factors**

- CPI:
 - The consumer-price index rose 3.3% in March year over year
 - On a monthly basis, the CPI increased 0.9% in March on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing 0.3% in February
 - The index for all items less food and energy (core CPI) rose 0.2% in March, after rising 0.2% in February
 - Core CPI increased 2.6% for the 12 months ending March
- Food & Beverages:
 - The food at home index increased 2.0% in March from the same month a year earlier, and decreased -0.2% in March month over month
 - The food away from home index increased 3.8% in March from the same month a year earlier, and increased 0.2% in March month over month
- Commodities:
 - The energy commodities index increased 21.3% in March after increasing 1.1% in February
 - The energy commodities index rose 19.4% over the last 12 months
 - The energy services index fell (0.2%) in March after decreasing (0.1%) in February
 - The energy services index rose 5.0% over the last 12 months
 - The gasoline index rose 18.9% over the last 12 months
 - The fuel oil index rose 44.2% over the last 12 months
 - The index for electricity rose 4.6% over the last 12 months
 - The index for natural gas rose 6.4% over the last 12 months
- Supply Chain:
 - Drewry's composite World Container Index increased to \$2,308.78 per 40ft container for the week of April 10
 - Drewry's composite World Container Index has increased by 1.9% over the last 12 months
- Housing Market:
 - The shelter index increased 0.3% in March after increasing 0.2% in February
 - The rent index increased 0.3% in March after increasing 0.2% in February
 - The index for lodging away from home increased 4.6% in March after increasing 3.8% in February

- **Federal Funds Rate**

- The effective Federal Funds Rate is at 3.64%, flat 0.00% year to date



World News

- **Middle East**

- The U.S. Navy successfully escorted two vessels through the Strait of Hormuz before pausing the operation after Iran retaliated with missiles and drones, striking ships and the UAE's oil hub at Fujairah
- Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, alarmed by the U.S. downplaying Iran's attacks, briefly blocked American access to their bases and airspace before restoring it following direct calls between Trump and the Saudi crown prince
- Some 20,000 sailors remain trapped in the Strait of Hormuz for over two months, with crews rationing food and water and dodging Iranian drones
- With insurance premiums up as much as 32-fold and ship owners facing bankruptcy, the humanitarian crisis is deepening, leaving low-wage seafarers from developing nations to fend for themselves

- **Europe**

- Rubio visited the Vatican and Italian PM Meloni to repair relations strained by Trump's false claim that Pope Leo XIV supports Iran having nuclear weapons
- The trip highlighted Rubio's role as the administration's diplomatic damage-control envoy, though European allies remain skeptical he can meaningfully restrain Trump
- Three passengers died and at least five more were infected with hantavirus during a 33-day Atlantic cruise, in an unprecedented case aboard a ship
- The outbreak went unrecognized for weeks before the cruise line escalated its emergency response

- **China**

- Ahead of a Trump-Xi summit on May 14-15, both sides are weighing formal AI talks to manage risks like autonomous military systems and rogue use of open-source models
- The effort mirrors Cold War-era nuclear stability frameworks, though skeptics note China has historically ignored crisis hotlines when tensions spike
- Two former Chinese defense ministers, Wei Fenghe and Li Shangfu, received suspended death sentences for corruption — the harshest punishments handed to disgraced generals under Xi
- The verdicts cap a sweeping military purge that has removed most of China's high command, raising questions about combat readiness even as Beijing steps up pressure on Taiwan

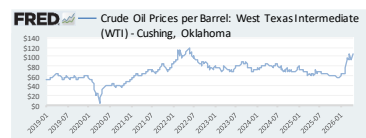
Geopolitical Hotspots

- **India**
 - Modi's BJP won a historic landslide in West Bengal — a state it had never before carried — as economic frustration and Hindu nationalist consolidation continue expanding the party's dominance across India
- **Australia**
 - Australia is permanently diversifying its oil imports beyond Middle East suppliers and accelerating its renewable energy transition, even as it secures emergency fuel reserves to buffer against the ongoing Strait of Hormuz disruption
- **Canada**
 - Canada approved Enbridge's ~\$3 billion Westcoast pipeline expansion, adding 300 million cubic feet per day of capacity as part of PM Carney's push to reduce U.S. trade dependence and boost Asian energy exports
- **Italy**
 - Trump publicly broke with Italian PM Giorgia Meloni — once his closest European ally — after she refused to send forces to the Strait of Hormuz and called his attacks on Pope Leo "unacceptable," leaving her isolated on both sides of the Atlantic
- **Japan**
 - Japan will release an additional 20 days' worth of oil reserves in early May to stabilize energy prices, as the country relies on the Middle East for over 90% of its crude imports and the Strait of Hormuz remains largely blocked
- **New Zealand**
 - New Zealand plans to spend roughly \$7 billion on its military, including enhanced strike capabilities and new helicopters, aiming to reverse military attrition by recruiting 2,500 personnel in the coming years
- **Venezuela**
 - A Colombian military C-130 carrying 128 people crashed shortly after takeoff in the southern jungle, killing 66, injuring dozens and prompting criticism over long-standing deficiencies in military aircraft and airport infrastructure
- **Cuba**
 - Cuba's nationwide blackout — driven by an obsolete, oil-dependent power grid and worsened by U.S. oil restrictions — has crippled basic services, intensified economic collapse, and fueled growing social unrest, with no near-term fix in sight
- **Hungary**
 - Hungarian authorities briefly detained seven Oschadbank employees and confiscated over \$80 million in cash and gold from trucks en route to Ukraine, escalating a conflict between the two countries over oil deliveries

Commodities

• Oil Prices

- WTI: \$95.42 per barrel
 - (6.40%) WoW; +27.36% YTD; +64.32% YoY
- Brent: \$101.29 per barrel
 - (6.36%) WoW; +28.95% YTD; +61.19% YoY



• US Production

- U.S. oil production amounted to 13.6 million bpd for the week ended May 1, down 0.0 million bpd from the prior week

• Rig Count

- The total number of oil rigs amounted to 548, up 1 from last week

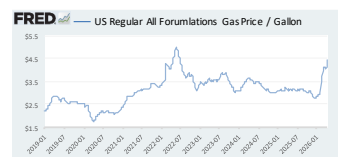
• Inventories

○ Crude Oil

- Total U.S. crude oil inventories now amount to 457.2 million barrels, up 4.3% YoY
- Refiners operated at a capacity utilization rate of 90.1% for the week, up from 89.6% in the prior week
- U.S. crude oil imports now amount to 5.750 million barrels per day, down (9.6%) YoY

○ Gasoline

- Retail average regular gasoline prices amounted to \$4.55 per gallon in the week of May 8, up 44.5% YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the East Coast amounted to \$4.36, up 40.3% YoY
 - Gasoline prices in the Midwest amounted to \$4.49, up 44.4% YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the Gulf Coast amounted to \$4.00, up 41.8% YoY
 - Gasoline prices in the Rocky Mountain region amounted to \$4.49, up 38.7% YoY
 - Gasoline prices on the West Coast amounted to \$5.72, up 33.2% YoY
- Motor gasoline inventories were down by 2.5 million barrels from the prior week
- Motor gasoline inventories amounted to 219.8 million barrels, down (2.6%) YoY
- Production of motor gasoline averaged 9.56 million bpd, down (1.5%) YoY
- Demand for motor gasoline amounted to 8.813 million bpd, up 1.1% YoY

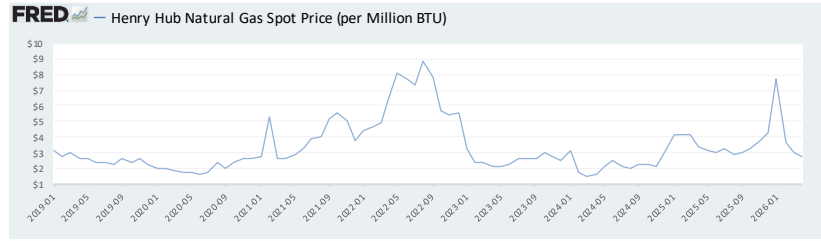


○ **Distillates**

- Distillate inventories decreased by -1.3 million in the week of May 8
- Total distillate inventories amounted to 102.3 million barrels, down (4.1%) YoY
- Distillate production averaged 4.916 million bpd, up 5.7% YoY
- Demand for distillates averaged 3.362 million bpd in the week, down (4.5%) YoY

○ **Natural Gas**

- Natural gas inventories increased by 63 billion cubic feet last week
- Total natural gas inventories now amount to 2,205 billion cubic feet, up 2.8% YoY



Credit News

High yield bond yields decreased 3 bps to 7.05% and spreads tightened 4bps to 311bps. Leveraged loan yields decreased 3bps to 8.53% while spreads tightened 8bps to 480bps. WTD high yield bond returns were positive 19bps. WTD leveraged loan returns were positive 25bps. 10yr treasury yields increased 1bps to 4.39%. High-yield and leveraged loan spreads tightened amid signs of a potential negotiation breakthrough with Iran, supported by strong earnings, active capital markets, continued inflows, and resilient labor market data.

High-yield:

Week ended 05/08/2026

- Yields & Spreads¹

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
7.05%	311	7.08%	314	(3)	(4)

- Pricing & Returns¹

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2025
\$96.74	\$96.62	12	0.19%	0.01%	1.40%	9.0%

- Fund Flows²

Total Flows (\$)
\$643mm

- New Issue²

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
18	\$11.9bn	\$136.7bn	\$79.5bn	+72%

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

4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26
4.99%	5.39%	5.67%

- Total HY Defaults

Excluding Distressed Exchanges			Including Distressed Exchanges		
4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26	4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26
1.28%	1.19%	1.17%	2.17%	2.07%	2.06%

Leveraged loans:

Week ended 05/08/2026

- Yields & Spreads¹

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
8.53%	480	8.56%	488	(3)	(8)

- Pricing & Returns¹

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2025
\$94.63	\$94.47	16	0.25%	0.24%	1.00%	6.0%

- Fund Flows²

Total Flows (\$)
\$844mm

- New Issue²

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
20	\$14.9bn	\$266.5bn	\$344.6bn	-23%

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

4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26
9.05%	9.57%	8.79%

- Total Leveraged Loan Defaults

Excluding Distressed Exchanges			Including Distressed Exchanges		
4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26	4/30/26	3/31/26	2/27/26
1.39%	1.46%	1.55%	2.75%	3.04%	3.23%

Default activity:

- Most recent defaults include: QVC Group (\$2.2bn, 4/16/2026), Cumulus Media (\$641mn, 03/05/2026), Trinseo (\$390mn, 02/17/2026), Beasley Broadcasting Group (\$189mn, 02/01/2026), Nine Energy Service (\$300mn, 02/01/2026), Multi-Color (\$4.5bn, 01/29/2026), Pretium Packaging (\$201mn, 01/28/2026), Saks Global Enterprises (\$2.7bn, 12/30/2025), United Site Services (\$2.6bn, 11/30/2025), and New Fortress Energy (\$3.5bn, 11/15/2025).

CLOs:

Week ended 05/08/2026

- New U.S. CLO Issuance²

# Priced	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets
22	\$10.3bn	\$1.5bn	\$8.8bn

- New U.S. CLO YTD Issuance²

Total U.S. CLOs	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets	Prior Year YTD	CY vs. PY
314	\$131.8bn	\$54.6bn	\$77.2bn	\$174.7bn	-25%

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:

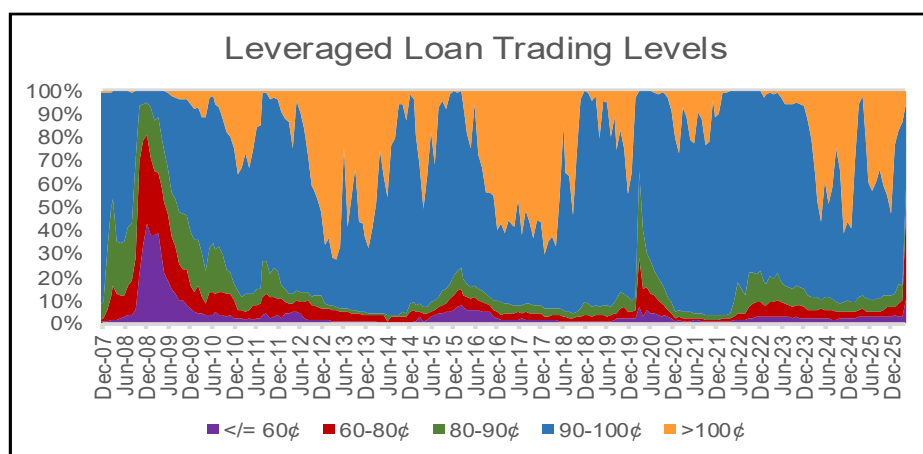
- S&P and Moody's High Yield Ratings

	S&P			Moody's		
	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio
Full Year 2025	388	261	1.5x	460	294	1.6x
Week Ending 01/02/26	0	0	n/a	0	0	n/a
Week Ending 01/09/26	4	4	1.0x	1	2	0.5x
Week Ending 01/16/26	8	5	1.6x	7	3	2.3x
Week Ending 01/23/26	4	3	1.3x	11	7	1.6x
Week Ending 01/30/26	5	5	1.0x	6	5	1.2x
Week Ending 02/06/26	10	8	1.3x	9	10	0.9x
Week Ending 02/13/26	5	2	2.5x	11	2	5.5x
Week Ending 02/20/26	7	2	3.5x	5	3	1.7x
Week Ending 02/27/26	10	3	3.3x	6	3	2.0x
Week Ending 03/06/26	8	7	1.1x	12	16	0.8x
Week Ending 03/13/26	7	2	3.5x	9	5	1.8x
Week Ending 03/20/26	8	10	0.8x	12	2	6.0x
Week Ending 03/27/26	4	7	0.6x	10	5	2.0x
Week Ending 04/03/26	9	3	3.0x	3	13	0.2x
Week Ending 04/10/26	10	7	1.4x	4	7	0.6x
Week Ending 04/17/26	3	3	1.0x	3	8	0.4x
Week Ending 04/24/26	8	4	2.0x	7	8	0.9x
Week Ending 05/01/26	6	5	1.2x	9	3	3.0x
Week Ending 05/08/26	8	5	1.6x	5	5	1.0x
YTD 2026	124	85	1.5x	130	107	1.2x

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	97.0	98.1	94.8	3.3
Leveraged Loans	95.7	96.9	93.5	3.4

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

[2] HY high price as of 1/22/26. LL high price as of 7/18/25

[3] HY low price as of 3/27/26. LL low price as of 3/3/26

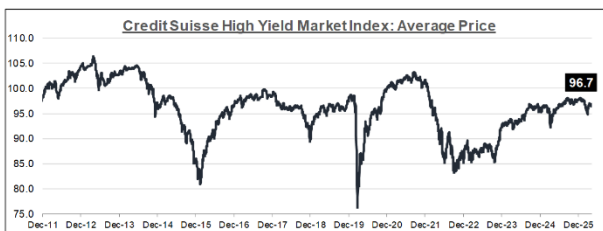
Diagram C: Leveraged Loan and High Yield Returns

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	0.25%	0.22%	0.19%	0.07%
MTD Return	0.24%	0.25%	0.01%	0.01%
YTD Return	1.00%	0.98%	1.40%	0.91%

[1] Credit Suisse Total Return information is calculated weekly. Yield data is as of 05/08/2026

[2] Yield data as of 05/08/2026

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

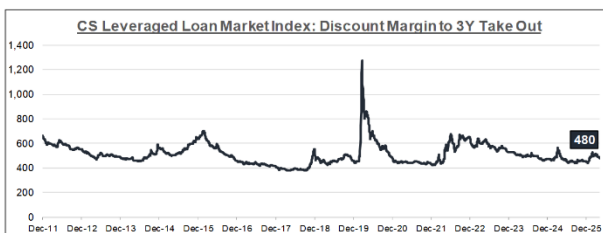


Source: CSFB High Yield Index (formerly DLJ High Yield Index) Average Price, expressed as a % of par value. Data is reported daily.

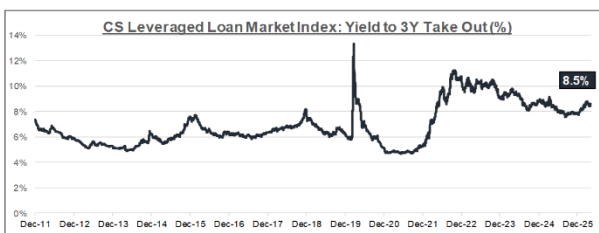


Source: CSFB Leveraged Loan Index Average Price, expressed as a % of par value. Data is reported daily.

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

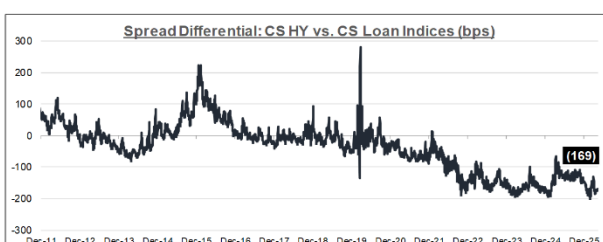


Source: CSFB High Yield Index (formerly DLJ High Yield Index) Spread-to-Worst, expressed in basis points. Data is reported daily.



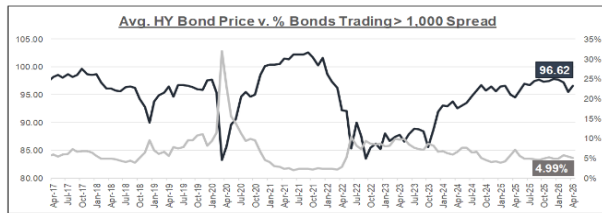
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Diagram G: Spread between High Yield Bonds and Leveraged Loans

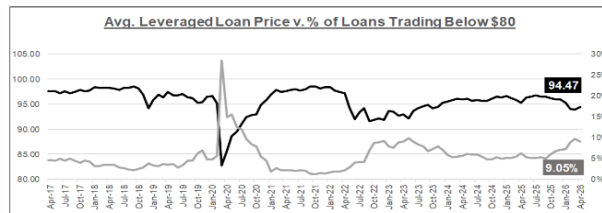


Source: CSFB HY Index and CSFB LL Index. Data is reported daily.

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

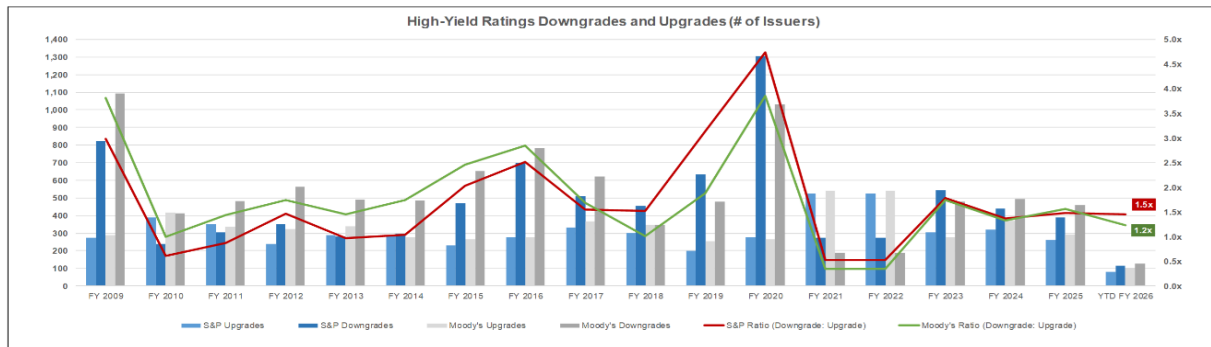


Diagram J: New Issue - Leveraged Loan and High Yield

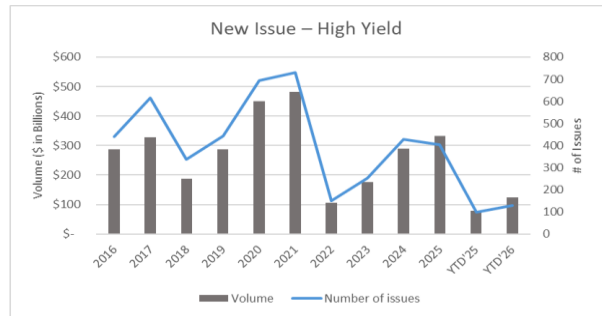
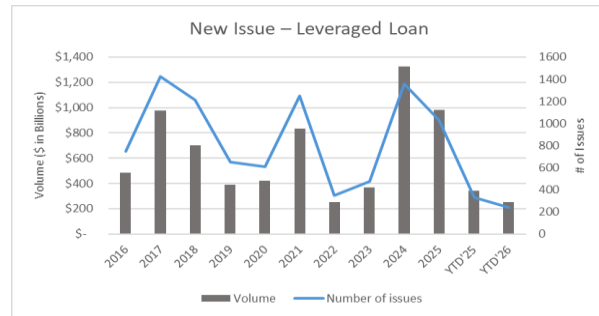
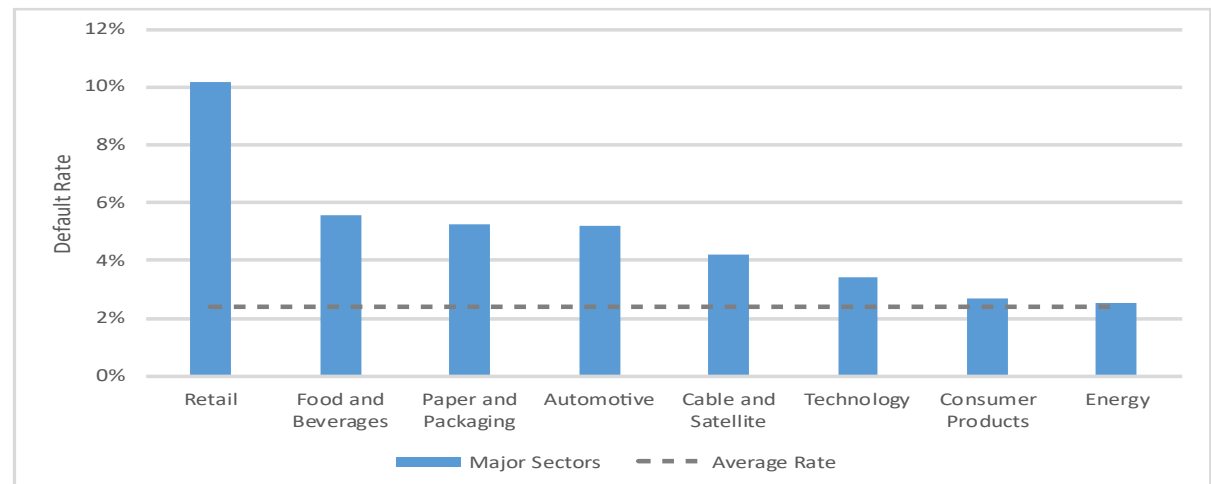


Diagram K: Leveraged Loan + HY Defaults by Sector - LTM



Source: JP Morgan Default Monitor

Diagram L: CLO Economics

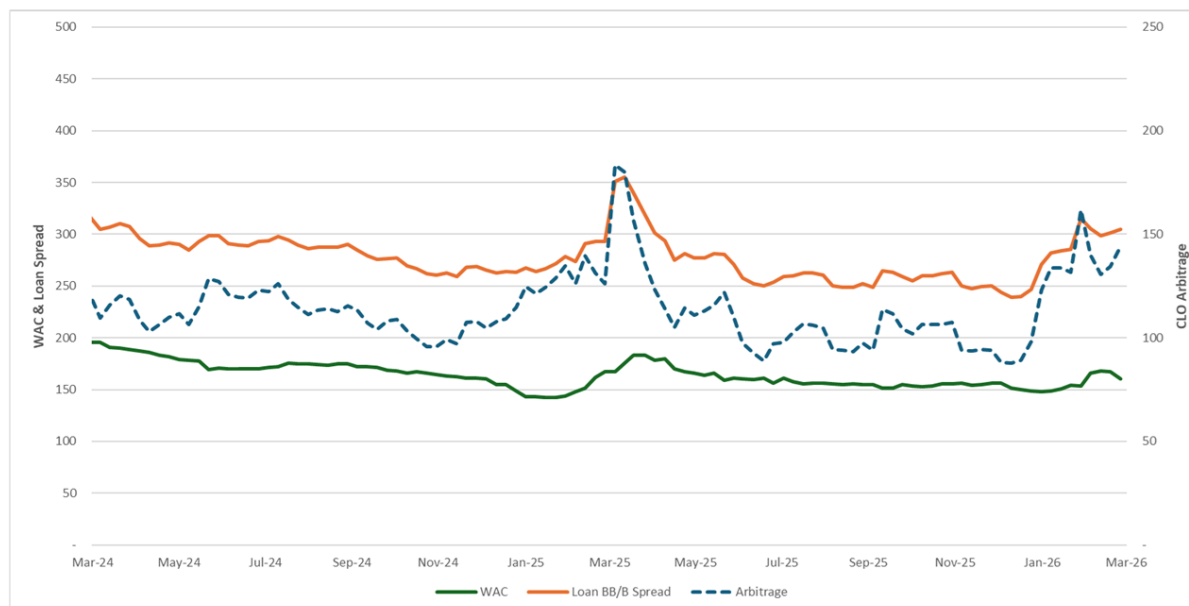
US CLO Economics											
CLO Arbitrage [1]			AAA Spread [2]			WAC Liabilities [2]			Asset WAS [3]		
1Q26	4Q25	1Q25	1Q26	4Q25	1Q25	1Q26	4Q25	1Q25	1Q26	4Q25	1Q25
122	97	119	S+120	S+124	S+119	S+156	S+159	S+154	S+398	S+376	S+393

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

[2] Source: LCD

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

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



Source: JPM and BBG

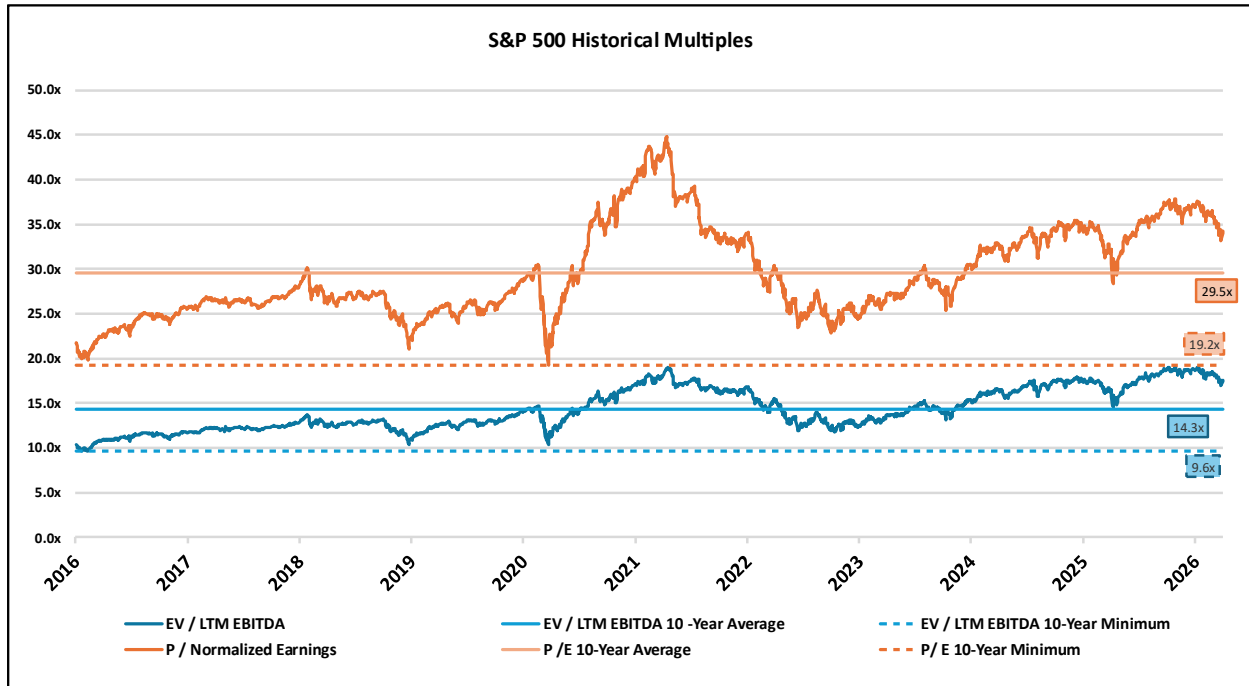
Source: JPM and BBG

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

By	4-17-26	4-24-26	5-1-26	5-8-26	Change				
					Weekly	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	Q1 2025
France - 10 year	3.58%	3.64%	3.69%	3.62%	(7 bps)	3 bps	25 bps	(17 bps)	26 bps
Germany - 10 year	2.96%	2.99%	3.04%	3.00%	(4 bps)	14 bps	10 bps	(13 bps)	37 bps
Italy - 10 year	3.68%	3.78%	3.86%	3.72%	(14 bps)	2 bps	6 bps	(39 bps)	35 bps
Japan - 10 year	2.42%	2.44%	2.52%	2.48%	(3 bps)	41 bps	23 bps	6 bps	27 bps
UK - 10 year	4.76%	4.91%	4.96%	4.90%	(7 bps)	(22 bps)	21 bps	(21 bps)	8 bps
US									
US - 2 year	3.71%	3.78%	3.88%	3.89%	1 bps	(7 bps)	(25 bps)	10 bps	(60 bps)
US - 5 year	3.85%	3.91%	4.01%	4.01%	(0 bps)	6 bps	(19 bps)	14 bps	(69 bps)
US - 10 year	4.25%	4.30%	4.37%	4.36%	(1 bps)	8 bps	(19 bps)	25 bps	(57 bps)
US - 30 year	4.88%	4.91%	4.96%	4.94%	(2 bps)	16 bps	(11 bps)	33 bps	(34 bps)

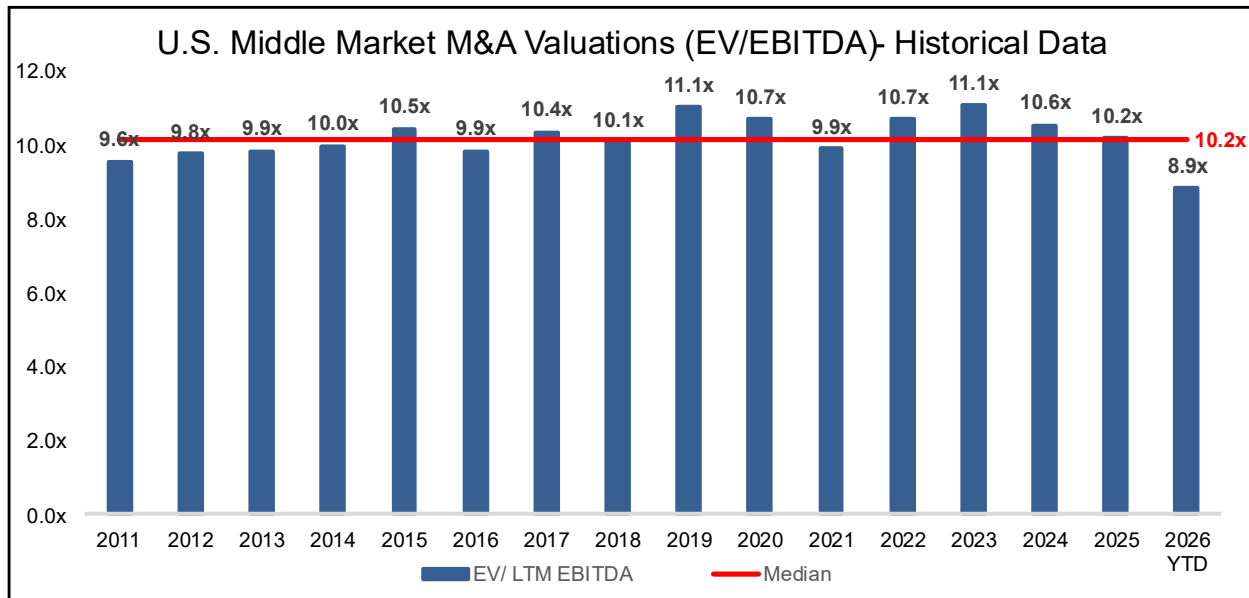
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Diagram N: S&P 500 Historical Multiples



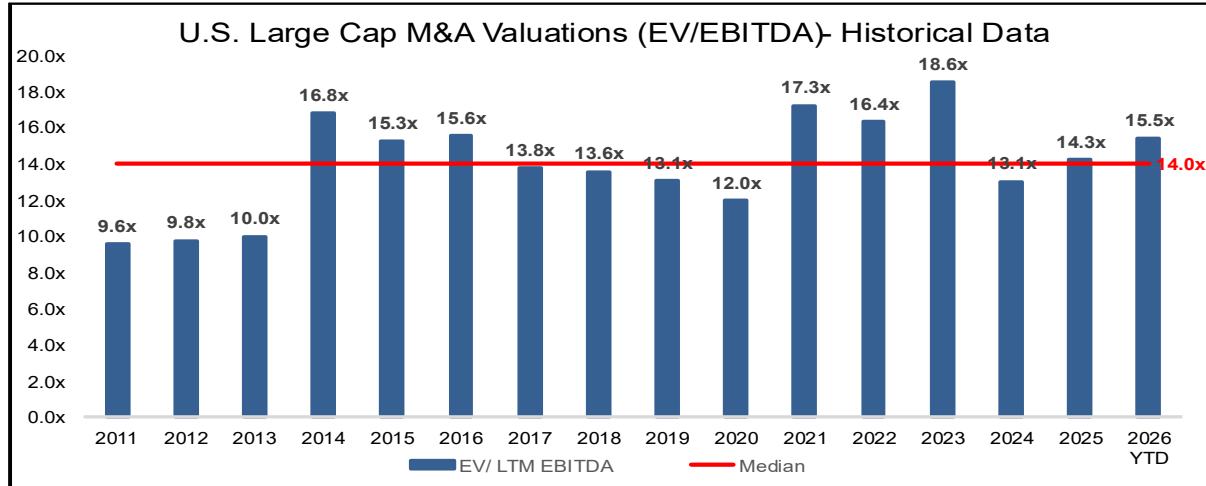
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Diagram O: U.S. Middle-Market M&A Valuations (EV/EBITDA)



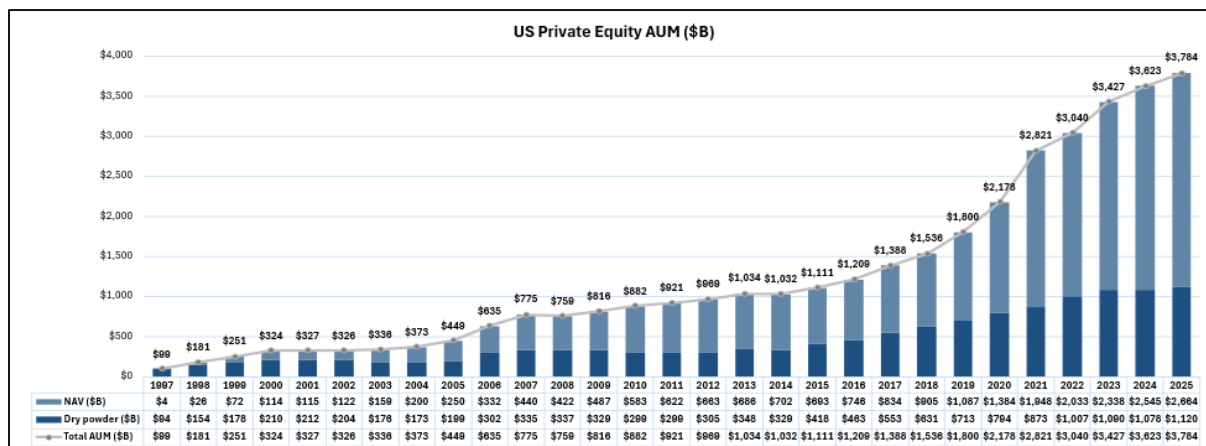
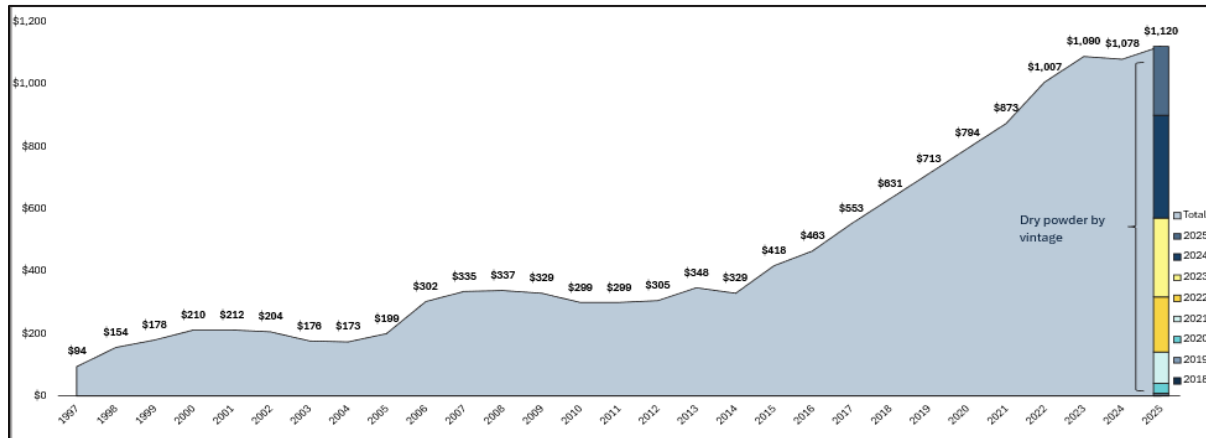
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Diagram P: U.S. Large Cap M&A Valuations (EV/EBITDA)



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

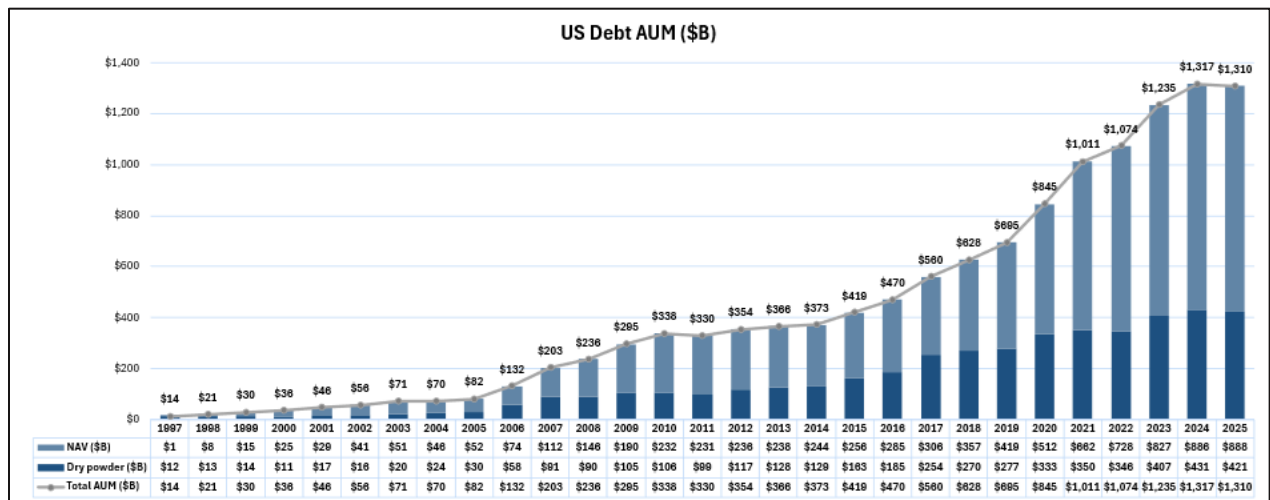
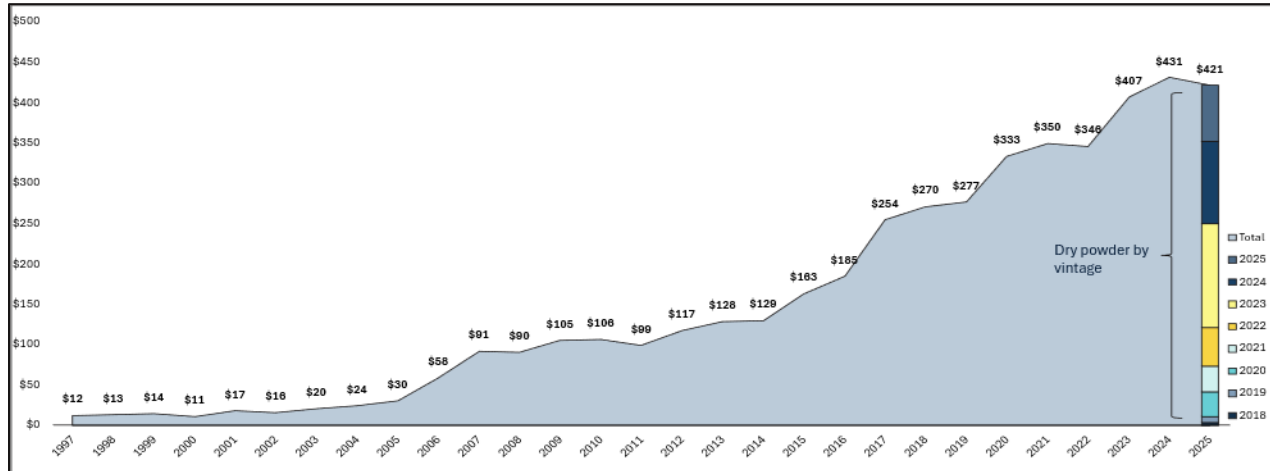


US Private Equity dry powder (\$B) by age bucket (years)

	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	\$78.7	\$143.4	\$249.6	\$259.1	\$206.7	\$108.0	\$77.4	\$108.8	\$170.5	\$193.3	\$170.5	\$218.5	\$260.8	\$341.6	\$434.3	\$427.3	\$468.9	\$593.9	\$720.8	\$662.5	\$497.5	\$475.7
2-5 years	\$49.6	\$33.1	\$37.5	\$67.4	\$123.5	\$206.6	\$191.4	\$139.3	\$78.2	\$91.7	\$122.7	\$174.6	\$150.5	\$161.8	\$150.7	\$244.4	\$280.9	\$214.2	\$220.9	\$360.2	\$531.6	\$597.6
5-7 years	\$44.9	\$22.3	\$14.9	\$8.7	\$6.6	\$14.8	\$30.2	\$50.6	\$56.5	\$62.5	\$36.0	\$25.0	\$52.1	\$49.9	\$45.9	\$41.2	\$44.6	\$64.6	\$65.3	\$66.8	\$49.4	\$46.6

*As of 6/30/2025

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

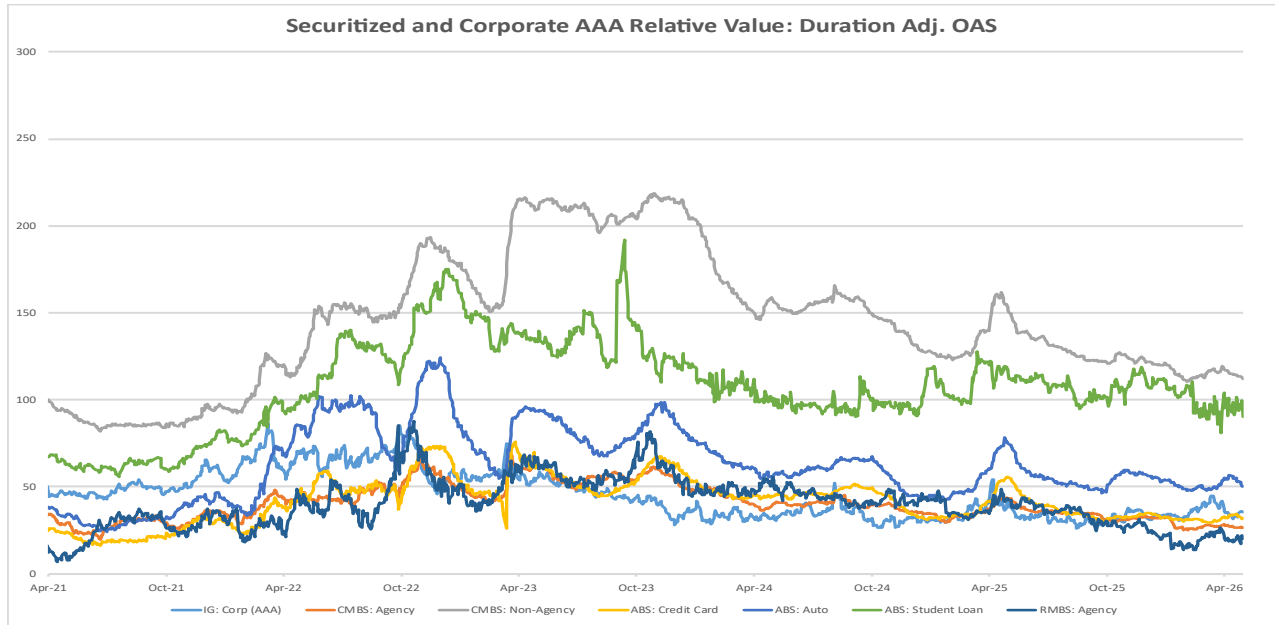


US Debt dry powder (\$B) by age bucket (years)

	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	\$15.8	\$21.3	\$48.4	\$79.6	\$68.9	\$60.5	\$56.3	\$42.1	\$59.3	\$77.3	\$83.3	\$109.5	\$113.3	\$161.7	\$172.5	\$162.0	\$218.8	\$245.0	\$213.9	\$251.4	\$230.5	\$177.0
2-5 years	\$6.3	\$5.9	\$7.1	\$9.1	\$18.4	\$41.3	\$40.9	\$43.7	\$31.2	\$28.1	\$31.8	\$41.0	\$55.2	\$70.6	\$78.8	\$87.9	\$92.1	\$72.4	\$103.7	\$126.9	\$166.6	\$201.0
5-7 years	\$1.9	\$2.8	\$2.5	\$2.3	\$2.9	\$2.9	\$8.6	\$13.2	\$27.0	\$22.6	\$14.0	\$12.7	\$16.1	\$22.0	\$19.0	\$27.0	\$22.3	\$32.2	\$27.9	\$29.1	\$33.7	\$43.2

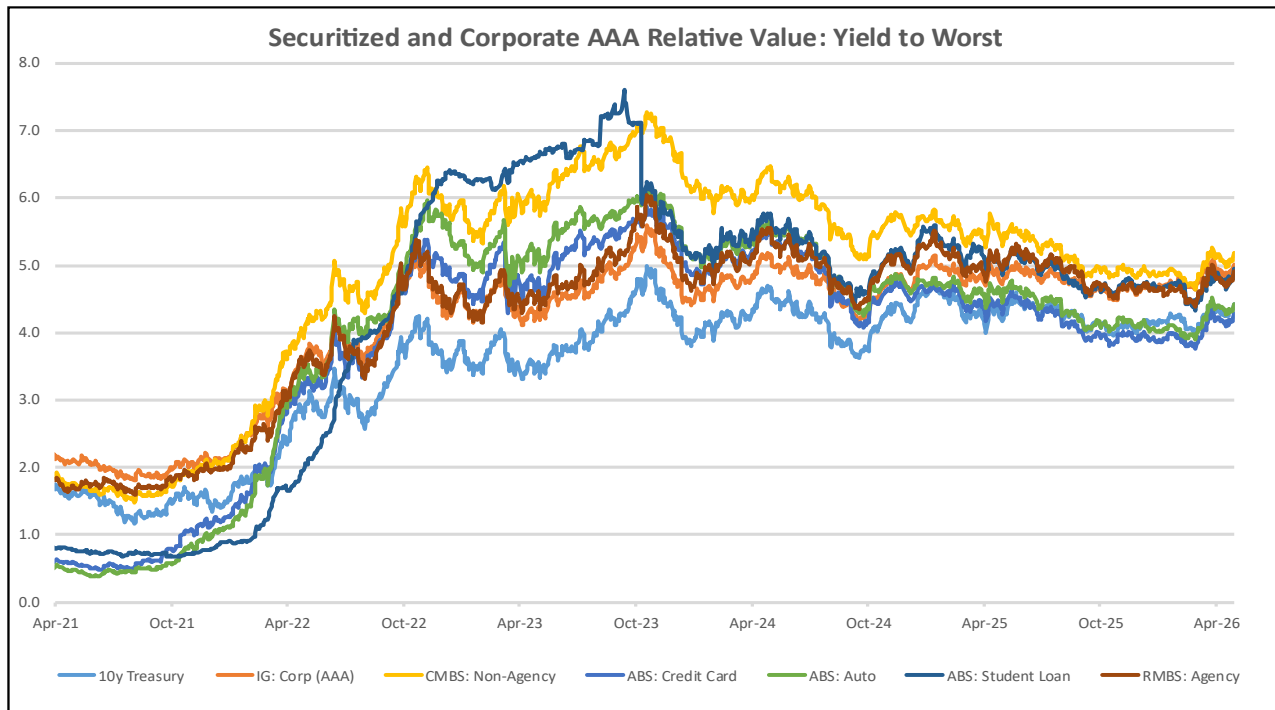
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Diagram S: Structured Credit Spreads



Source: Bloomberg

Diagram T: Structured Credit Yield



Source: Bloomberg

Diagram U: SOFR Curve

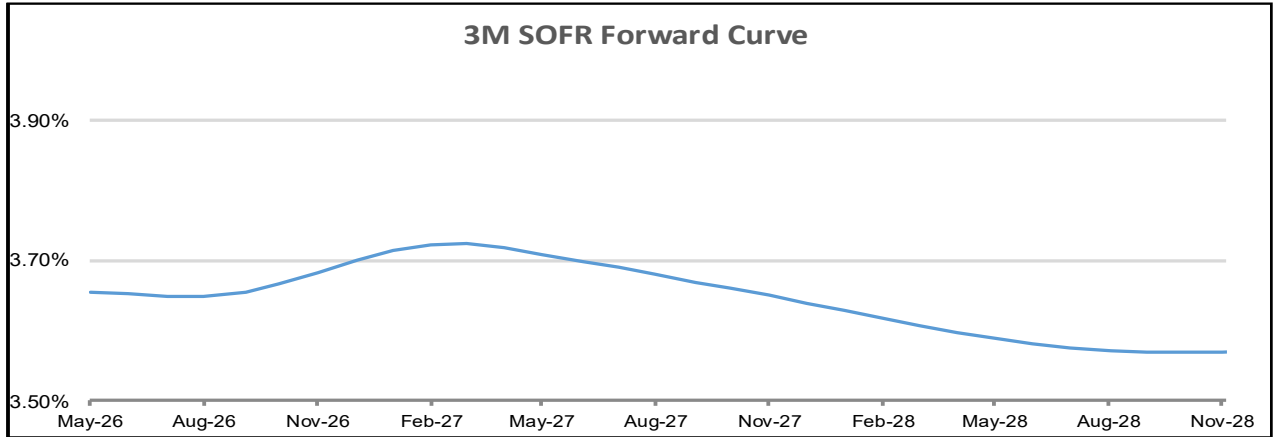
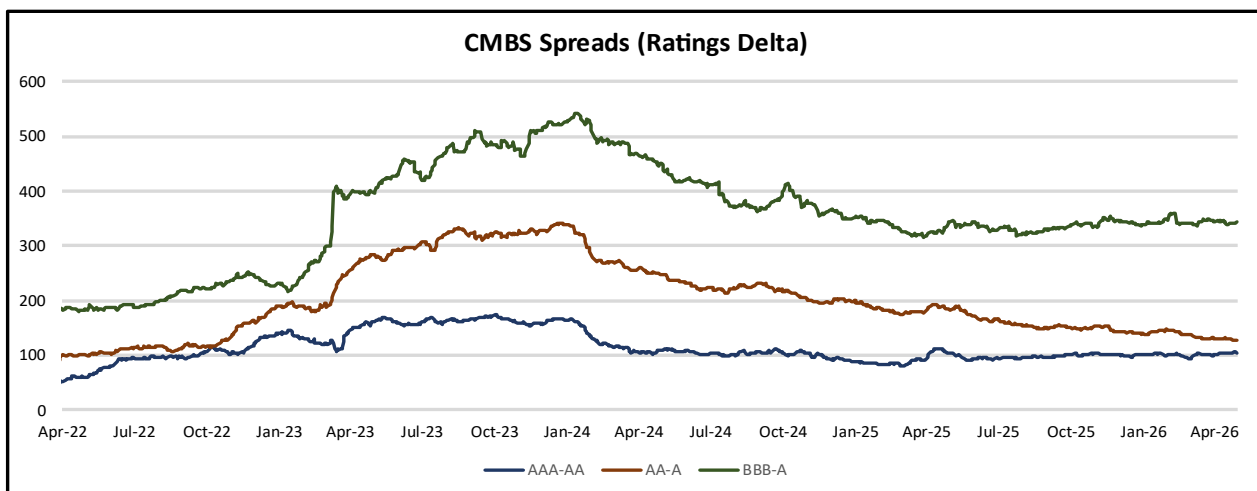
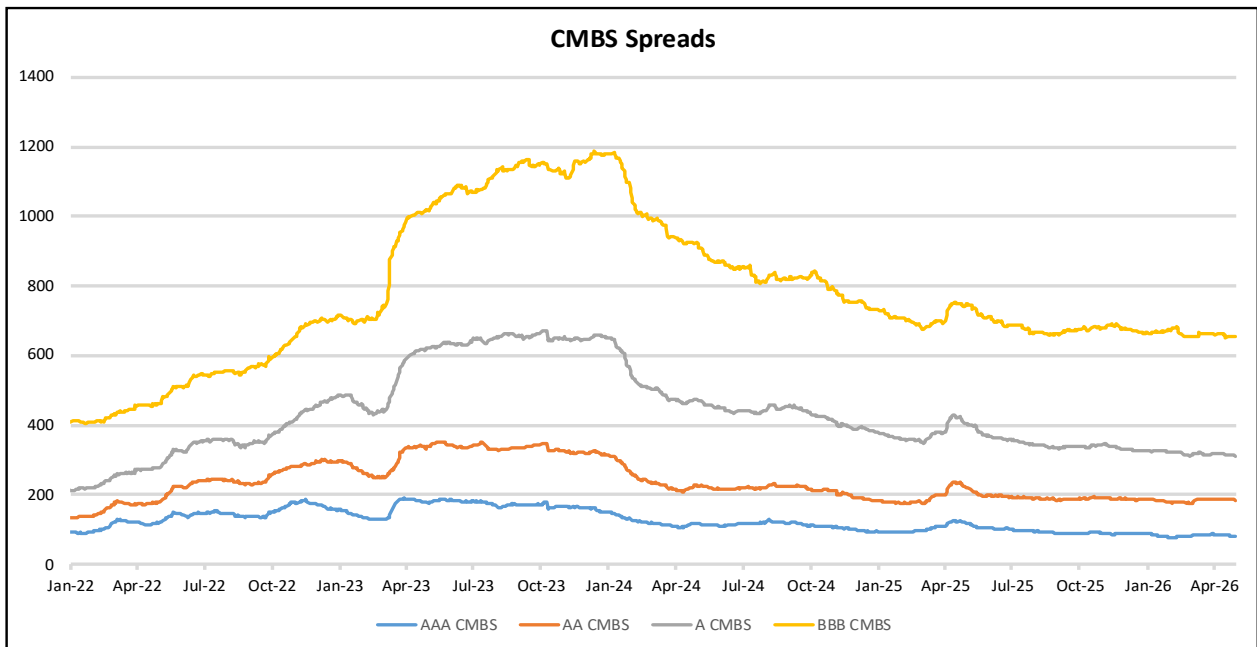


Diagram V: CMBS Spreads

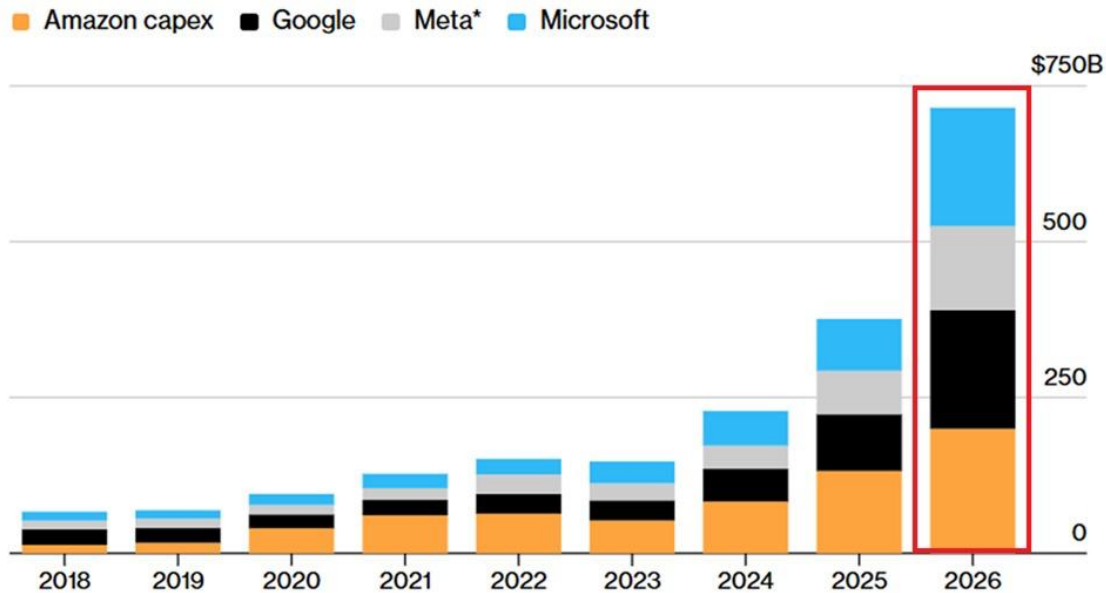


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ZCGC Real Estate:

US Hyperscalers Ratchet Up 2026 Capex Plans Past \$700 Billion

The four leading companies upped their AI spending plans after March quarter



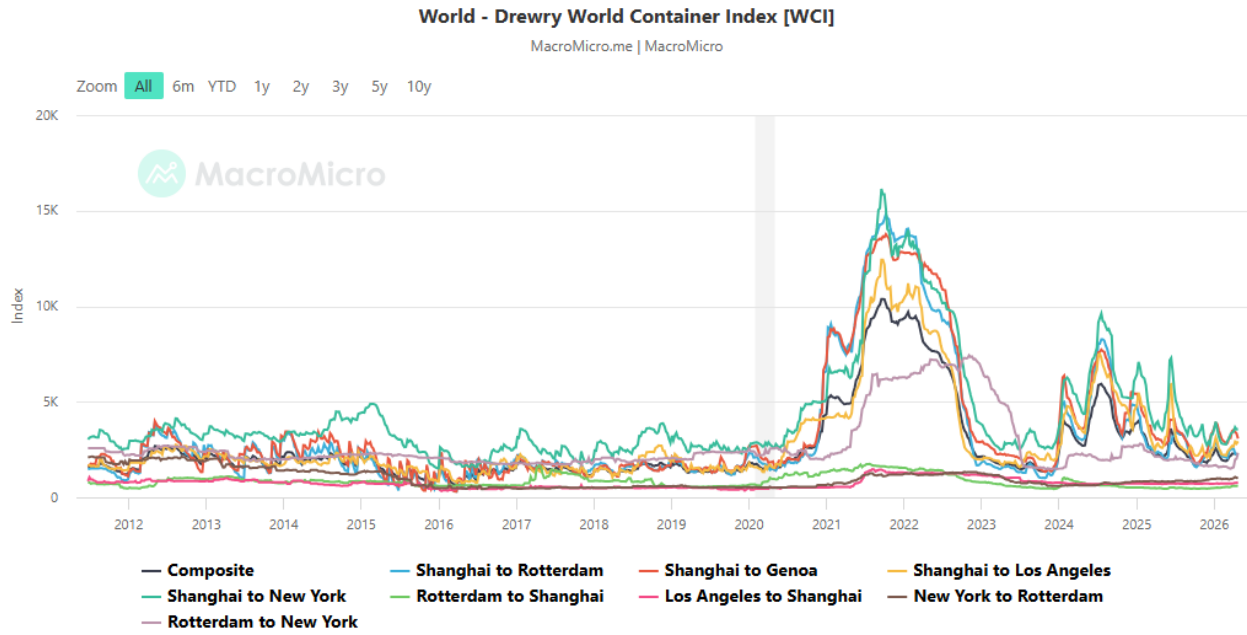
Note: 2026 figures represent company guidance, Meta's figure is midpoint of estimated range.

Source: Bloomberg, company filings, TKL

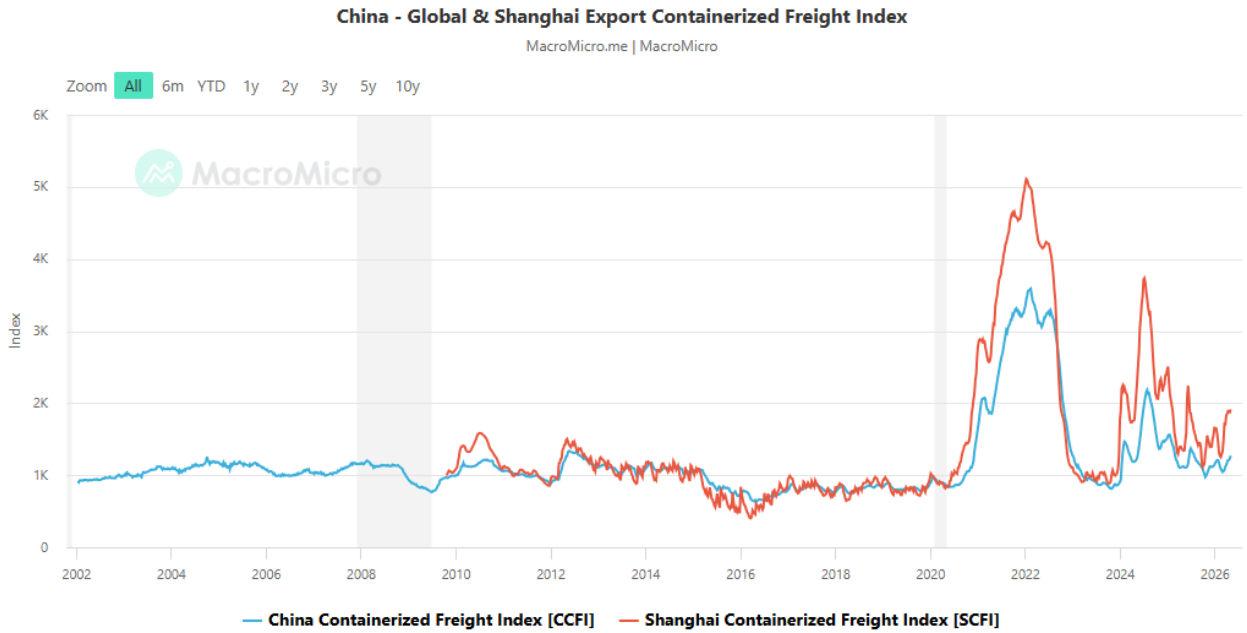
- \$715B combined 2026 CapEx across Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft (up +98% YoY, ~3x 2024, 5x 2023)
- Each hyperscaler's 2026 spend \approx prior two years combined, with Amazon at ~\$200B, Google and Microsoft at ~\$190B each, Meta at \$125–145B
- A structural shift from asset-light to capital-heavy as Big Tech races for AI dominance and locks in compute, chips, and data center capacity
- Near-term tailwind: cloud revenues accelerating and S&P 500 EPS estimates rising, helped by the accounting mismatch, revenue hits immediately while CapEx is capitalized over years
- The open questions: ROI timing, power and grid constraints, and whether AI monetization can match the historic scale of investment

Freight Rates

Drewry World Container Index



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PERFORMANCE

Market Indices	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
DJIA	49,689.16	49,499.27	0.22%	3.22%	11.32%
S&P 500	7,398.93	7,230.12	2.33%	8.80%	20.92%
NASDAQ	26,247.08	25,114.44	4.51%	12.93%	30.88%
MSCI - EAFE	3,076.29	3,048.80	0.90%	6.35%	31.50%
MSCI - Emerging Markets	1,711.25	1,601.42	6.86%	21.85%	58.25%
US Dollar Index	97.90	98.16	(0.26%)	(0.43%)	(9.39%)
VIX	17.19	16.99	1.18%	14.98%	14.45%

High Yield & Loan Returns	WTD	MTD	YTD	2025
High Yield Bond	0.19%	0.01%	1.40%	8.97%
Leveraged Loan	0.25%	0.24%	1.00%	5.99%

Market Ratios	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
CBOE Put/Call Ratio	0.53	0.46	15.22%	(42.39%)	0.00%

Commodities (\$ USD)	Metric	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Core Commodity Index	CRY Index	389.44	393.46	(1.01%)	30.34%	33.37%

Commodities (\$ USD)	Metric	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Gasoline - Pump	Gallon	4.53	4.43	2.19%	59.90%	44.04%
Gasoline - Futures	Gallon	3.53	3.60	(1.91%)	106.80%	69.11%
Crude Oil - WTI	Barrel	95.42	101.94	(6.40%)	66.18%	59.27%
Crude Oil - Brent	Barrel	101.29	108.17	(6.36%)	66.46%	61.19%
Natural Gas	MM BTU	2.76	2.78	(0.83%)	(25.20%)	(23.25%)
Coal (1 contract = 1,000 tons)	Contract	131.75	133.90	(1.61%)	22.56%	33.76%

Commodities (\$ USD)	Metric	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Aluminum	Metric Ton	3,593.00	3,474.00	0.92%	16.94%	45.20%
Copper	Metric Ton	13,573.00	12,987.00	4.51%	9.26%	43.91%
Iron Ore	Metric Ton	110.93	107.86	2.85%	3.55%	12.93%
Steel - Hot Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	1,078.00	1,084.00	(0.55%)	17.17%	26.23%
Steel - Cold Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	1,210.00	1,210.00	0.00%	13.62%	4.09%
Ferrous Scrap	Metric Ton	421.00	439.00	(4.10%)	0.00%	(10.43%)
Ammonia	Metric Ton	825.00	775.00	6.45%	26.92%	98.80%
Lumber	27.5K Board Ft	580.00	573.00	1.22%	7.71%	4.32%
Gold	Troy Ounce	4,715.25	4,614.21	2.19%	9.17%	42.64%
Silver	Troy Ounce	80.34	75.36	6.61%	12.11%	147.48%
Corrugated Box Cost	Short Ton	121.08	121.08	1.48%	1.48%	(5.72%)
Cotton	Pound	80.00	79.20	1.01%	31.99%	(33.73%)

Commodities (\$ USD)	Metric	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Butter	Pound	1.67	1.60	4.39%	18.93%	(33.73%)
Cheese	Pound	1.66	1.66	0.06%	1.84%	(9.53%)
Cocoa	Pound	1.90	1.63	16.30%	(33.80%)	(49.37%)
Coffee	Pound	3.29	3.20	2.54%	7.23%	14.25%
Corn	Bushel	4.56	4.68	(2.56%)	3.63%	(6.84%)
Milk, Non Fat Dry	Pound	2.07	2.02	2.73%	77.30%	48.84%
Soybean	Bushel	11.94	11.88	0.55%	15.89%	12.08%
Sugar	Pound	0.15	0.15	(1.74%)	(2.13%)	(21.46%)
Wheat	Bushel	6.08	6.25	(2.72%)	19.82%	9.66%
Live Cattle	Pound	2.49	2.53	(1.62%)	7.28%	23.77%
Lean Hogs	Pound	0.91	0.93	(2.10%)	6.79%	18.65%
Beef, USDA Ground	Pound	3.88	3.89	(0.19%)	11.78%	17.35%
Chicken, Boneless & Skinless	Pound	1.22	1.22	(0.81%)	2.52%	10.91%

Currencies	Metric	8-May	1-May	2025	2026	10-Year Historicals
						Low High
Japanese Yen	USDJPY	156.680	157.010	150.000	153.000	99.890 161.690
Chinese Renminbi	USDCNY	6.801	6.838	7.100	6.750	6.195 7.340
Swiss Franc	USDCHF	0.777	0.782	0.800	0.770	0.815 1.030
British Pound	GBPUSD	1.363	1.358	1.330	1.360	1.060 1.588
Euro Zone Euro	EURUSD	1.179	1.172	1.170	1.200	0.959 1.251

TECHNICALS (Supply / Demand)

Bank Loan & High Yield, Inflows (Outflows) Mutual Fund, \$ USD in Millions, (Source: Lpper FMI)	Week Ending	Bank Loans	High Yield
	6-May-26	\$ 844	\$ 643
	29-Apr-26	\$ 14	\$ 1495
	22-Apr-26	\$ 795	\$ 567
	15-Apr-26	\$ 398	\$ 2,799
	8-Apr-26	\$ 103	\$ 808
	1-Apr-26	\$ (34)	\$ (2,561)
	25-Mar-26	\$ 46	\$ (1,969)
	18-Mar-26	\$ (793)	\$ (3,341)
	11-Mar-26	\$ (825)	\$ (1,534)
Year To Date 2026		\$ 906	\$ (6,700)
Year Ended December 31, 2025		\$ 6,052	\$ 19,823
Year Ended December 31, 2024		\$ 21,086	\$ 19,373

NEWISSUE SUMMARY

Institutional Loans	5/8/2026	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Priced	Prior Week	20	14,390
In-Market Forward Calendar		10	9,300

High Yield	5/8/2026	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Priced	Prior Week	10	11,900
In-Market Forward Calendar		1	900

ECONOMIC DATA RECAP

Key Economic Indicators:	Period Ending	Actual	Expected	Prior
Initial Jobless Claims	5/2/2026	209K	205K	199K
Continuing Claims	4/25/2026	1,746K	1,800K	1,710K
Change in Non-Farm Payrolls	4/30/2026	115K	65K	185K
Change in Private Payrolls	4/30/2026	123K	75K	199K
Unemployment Rate	U-3 4/30/2026	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Unemployment Rate	U-6 4/30/2026	8.2%	8.2%	8.0%
Average Work Week	4/30/2026	34.3	34.2	34.2
Existing Home Sales	3/31/2026	3.98M	4.07M	4.13M
Housing Starts	3/31/2026	1,502K	1,380K	1,398K
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	YoY 2/28/2026	0.9%	1.1%	1.2%
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	MoM 2/28/2026	(0.1%)	0.4%	(0.1%)
Consumer Confidence	4/30/2026	92.8	89.0	92.2
GDP	QoQ-Annualized 3/31/2026	2.0%	2.2%	0.5%
Durable Goods Orders	3/31/2026	0.8%	0.4%	(1.2%)
Total Vehicle Sales	4/30/2026	15,92M	16,00M	16,30M
Capacity Utilization	3/31/2026	76.7%	76.3%	76.1%

Fed & Treasury Balance Sheet	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YoY Change	
Fed Total Assets	\$ in Billions	6,709.5	6,700.0	0.1%	(1.8%)
Public Debt	\$ in Billions	38,931.7	38,967.8	(0.1%)	7.5%

US Debt Outstanding	4Q25	3Q25	QoQ Change	YoY Change	
Domestic Nonfinancial Debt	\$ in Billions	80,719.3	79,697.3	1.3%	5.0%

Shared National Credit	2025	2024	YoY Change	
Shared National Credit Total Commitments	\$ in Billions	6,911.4	6,521.9	6.0%
Special Mention Commitments	\$ in Billions	155.3	161.8	-4.0%
Classified Commitments	\$ in Billions	437.5	434.0	0.8%

ECONOMIC / GDP DATA

Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
United States	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
Brazil	2.5%	3.2%	3.4%	2.5%	1.6%	2.3%
China	3.2%	5.2%	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Germany	0.8%	(0.3%)	(0.5%)	0.2%	1.1%	1.5%
India	6.1%	6.5%	6.5%	7.3%	6.4%	6.4%
Japan	0.5%	1.5%	0.1%	1.1%	0.7%	0.6%
United Kingdom	0.6%	0.3%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%	1.5%
Saudi Arabia	8.7%	(0.8%)	2.0%	4.3%	3.6%	3.7%
UAE	7.5%	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	4.7%

Market Indices	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	4,344.85	4,334.58	0.24%	1.80%	5.98%
Barclays High Yield Index	2,954.55	2,953.13	0.05%	1.37%	8.48%
Barclays Aggregate	2,359.15	2,352.99	0.26%	0.44%	5.53%

Loan Market Bids	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P Flow Name Index	94.63	94.52	0.11%	(1.35%)
S&P 100 Name Index	97.48	97.26	0.23%	(1.92%)
S&P BB's Index	100.01	99.83	0.18%	0.12%
S&P B's Index	97.18	96.95	0.24%	(0.78%)
S&P CCC's Index	68.32	68.74	(0.61%)	(8.42%)

Loan Market Spreads	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P BB's Index	\$+246	\$+251	(5 bps)	(1 bps)
S&P B's Index	\$+439	\$+447	(8 bps)	29 bps
S&P CCC's Index	\$+1738	\$+1737	1 bps	267 bps

Credit Default Swap - Volatility Indices	Index	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change
Investment Grade CDS	Market	52.72	54.13	(2.60%)	5.43%
High Yield CDS	Market	323.49	328.38	(1.49%)	2.21%

Credit	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YOY Change	
High Yield	OAS - YTW	T+266	T+264	2 bps	(76 bps)
Loan Index - S&P Flow Name	DM - 3 Year	\$+480	\$+486	(6 bps)	(12 bps)
US Treasury 2-Yr		3.88%	3.88%	1 bps	1 bps
US Treasury 3-Yr		3.91%	3.90%	1 bps	5 bps
US Treasury 5-Yr		4.00%	4.01%	(1 bps)	2 bps
US Treasury 7-Yr		4.18%	4.19%	(2 bps)	0 bps
US Treasury 10-Yr		4.35%	4.37%	(2 bps)	(2 bps)
US Treasury 30-Yr		4.93%	4.96%	(2 bps)	9 bps

US CLO Spreads - New Issue	27-Apr	27-Mar	MoM Change	YTD Change
AAA	\$+127	\$+128	(1 bps)	0 bps
AA	\$+160	\$+165	(5 bps)	0 bps
A	\$+178	\$+198	(20 bps)	(1.7 bps)
BBB	\$+290	\$+323	(33 bps)	0 bps
BB	\$+600	\$+648	(48 bps)	0 bps

Market Rates	8-May	1-May	WoW Change	YTD Change
Fed Fund Rate	4.31%	4.31%	0 bps	6.7 bps
Prime Rate	6.75%	6.75%	0 bps	0 bps
Broker Call Rate	5.50%	5.50%	0 bps	0 bps
1M SOFR	3.64%	3.65%	(1 bps)	(5 bps)
3M SOFR	3.65%	3.66%	(1 bps)	(0 bps)
6M SOFR	3.67%	3.67%	(0 bps)	10 bps

Short Interest - Millions of shares	31-Mar	28-Feb	MoM Change	YTD Change
NYSE Mkt Short Interest	20,647.94	19,973.87	3.47%	6.48%
Nasdaq Short Interest	20,395.67	19,479.92	4.70%	9.86%

Fed Corp Primary Dealer Positions - \$ USD in Millions	30-Apr	31-Mar	MoM Change	YTD Change
Net Outright Total Corp Securities	15,160.00	14,302.00	6.00%	138.59%

Margin Debt - \$ USD in Billions	31-Mar	28-Feb	MoM Change	YTD Change
FINRA Margin Debt	1,220.92	1,263.19	(2.58%)	(0.38%)

Leveraged Finance Primary Volume - \$ USD in Billions

5/8/2026	Year To Date 2026	2025	Year End 2025	YoY Change
Bank Debt	266.5	344.6	984.3	(22.66%)
Total Bonds	136.7	79.5	332.0	71.95%
Totals	403.2	424.1	1,316.3	(4.93%)