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Credit market outlook: Approaching the peak in the Fed funds rate

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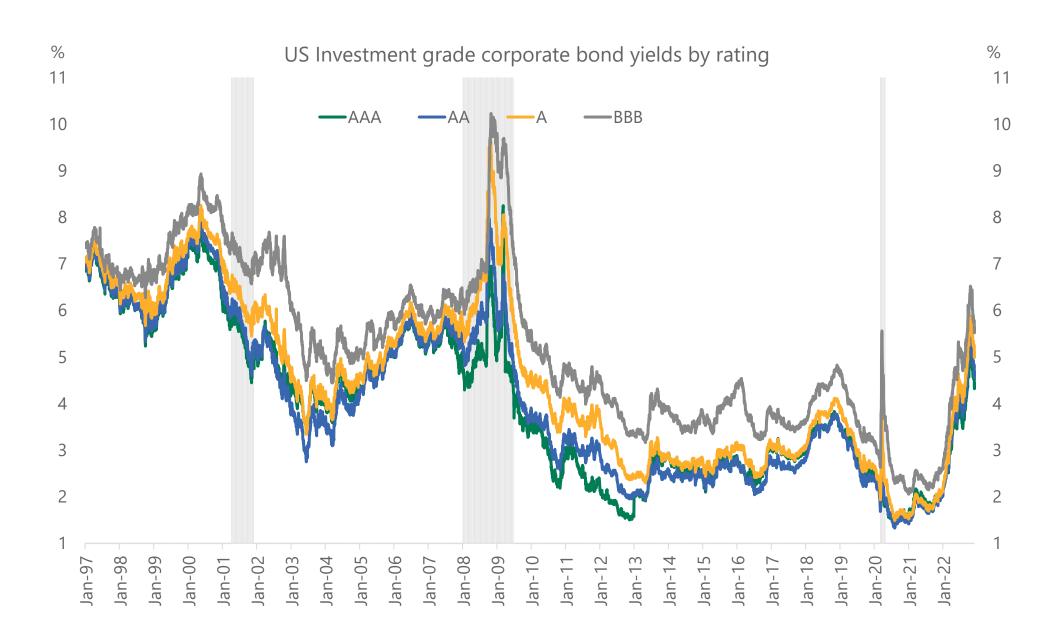
Yields

US IG and HY yield levels now around 5% and 8%, respectively



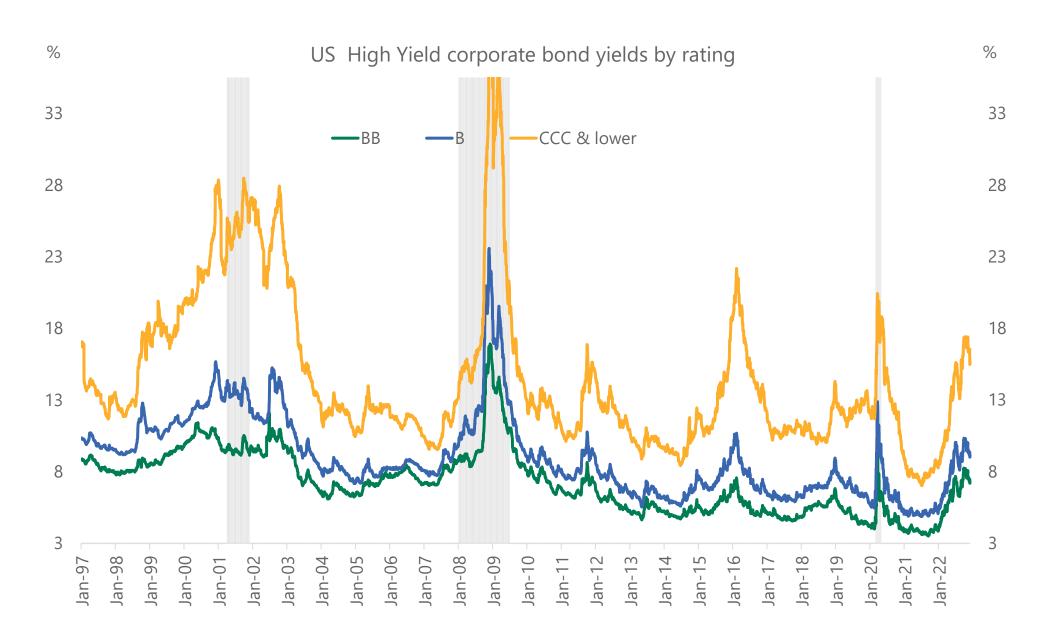
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IG yield levels, by rating



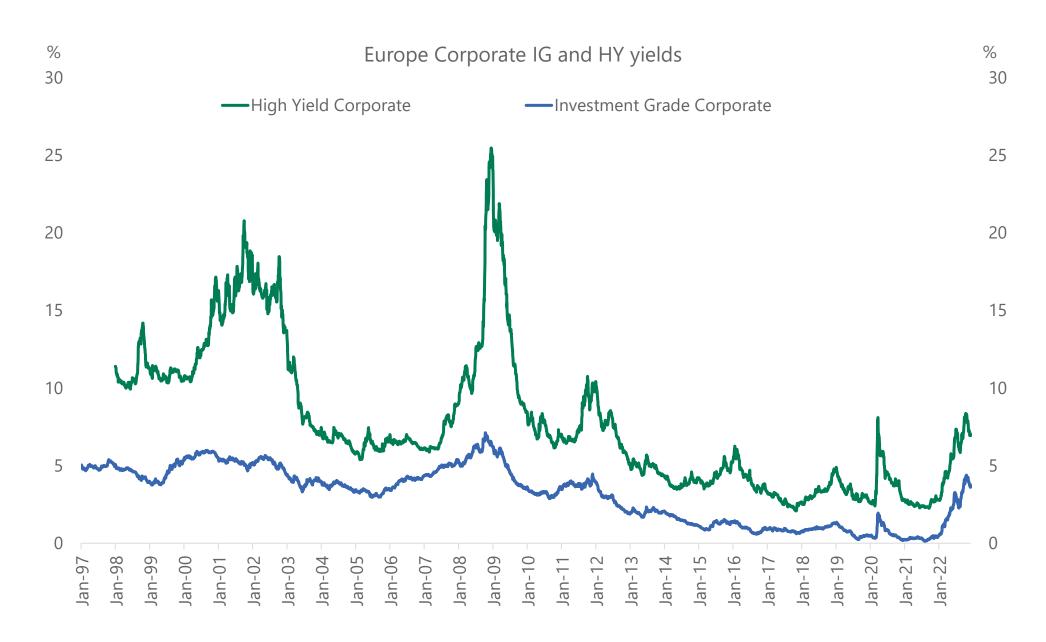
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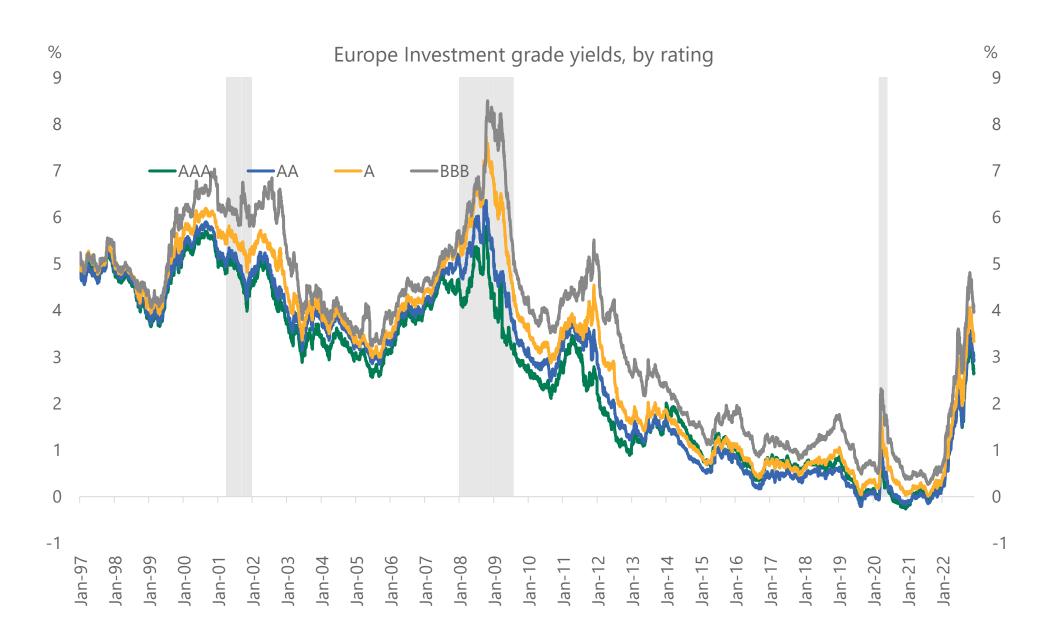


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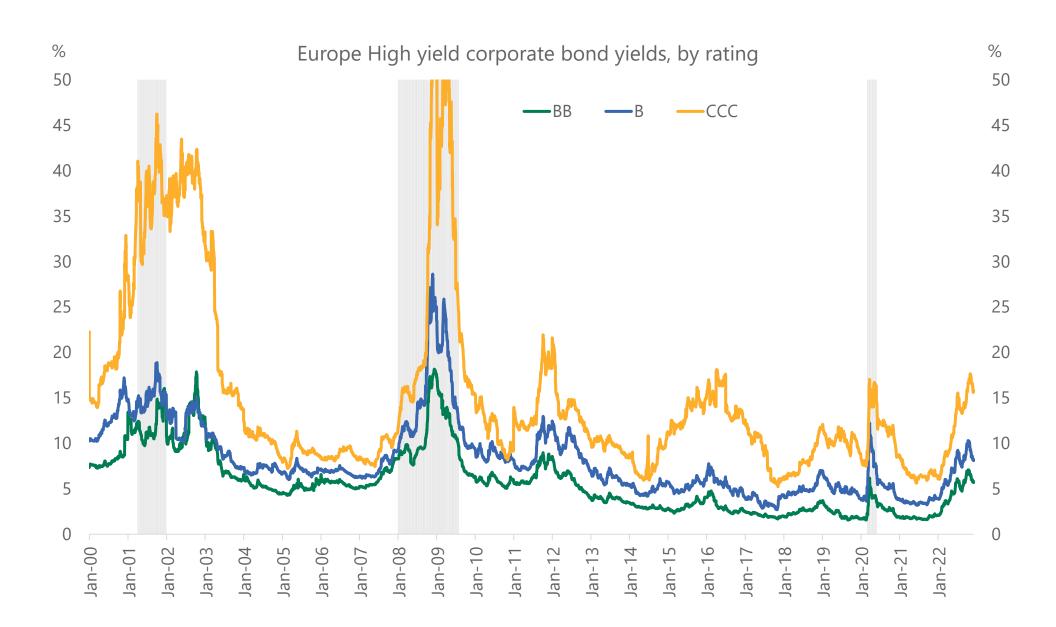
Europe Corporate IG and HY yields



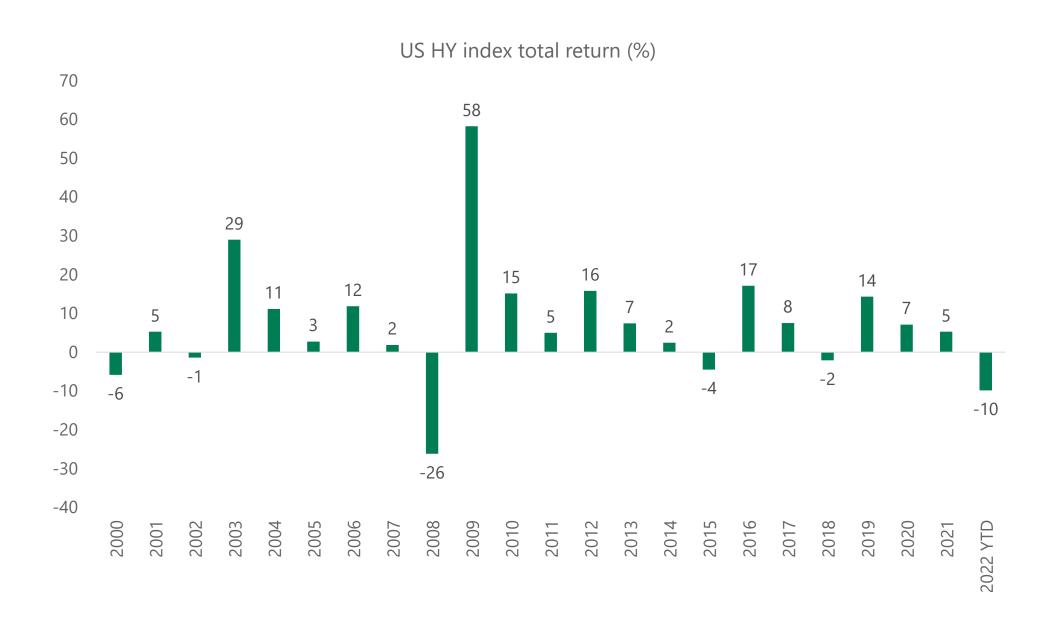
Europe IG yield levels, by rating



Europe HY yield levels, by rating

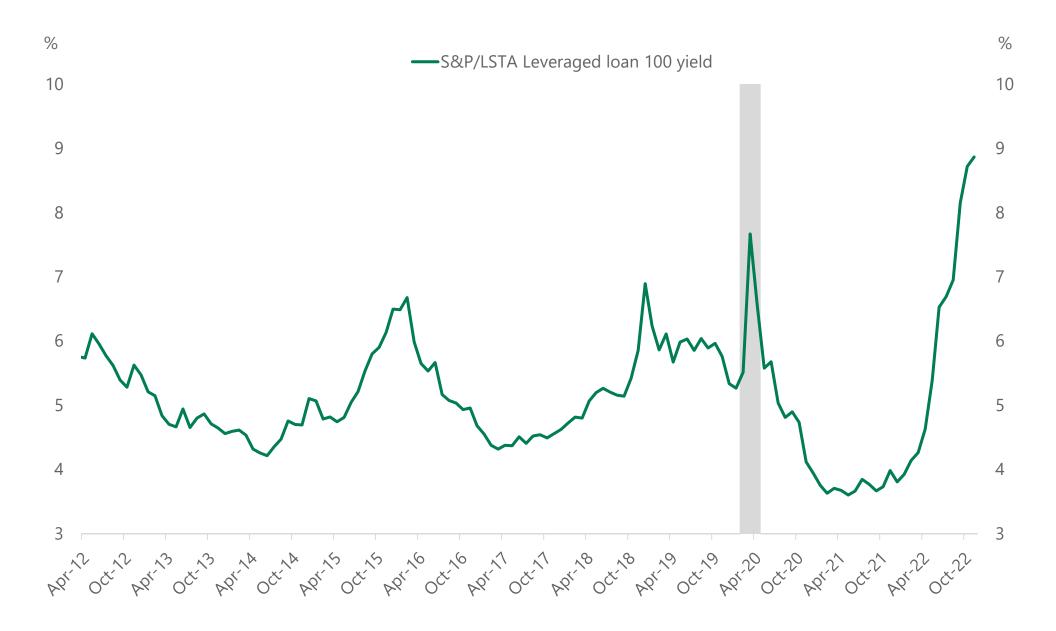


Annual returns for HY



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

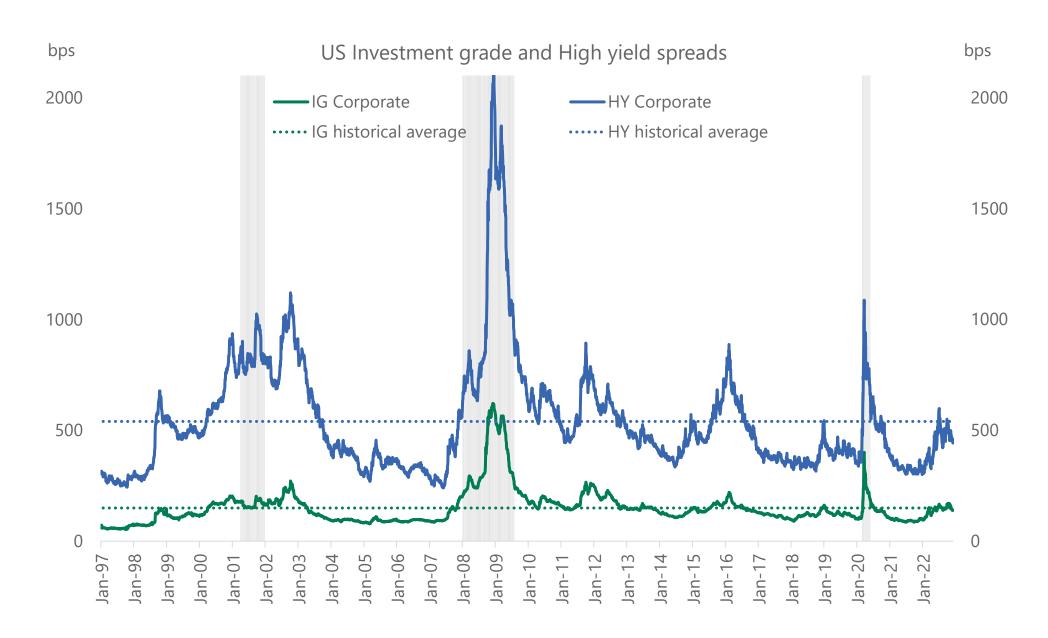
Yields for the leveraged loan index at 9%



Source: LCD Comps, Apollo Chief Economist

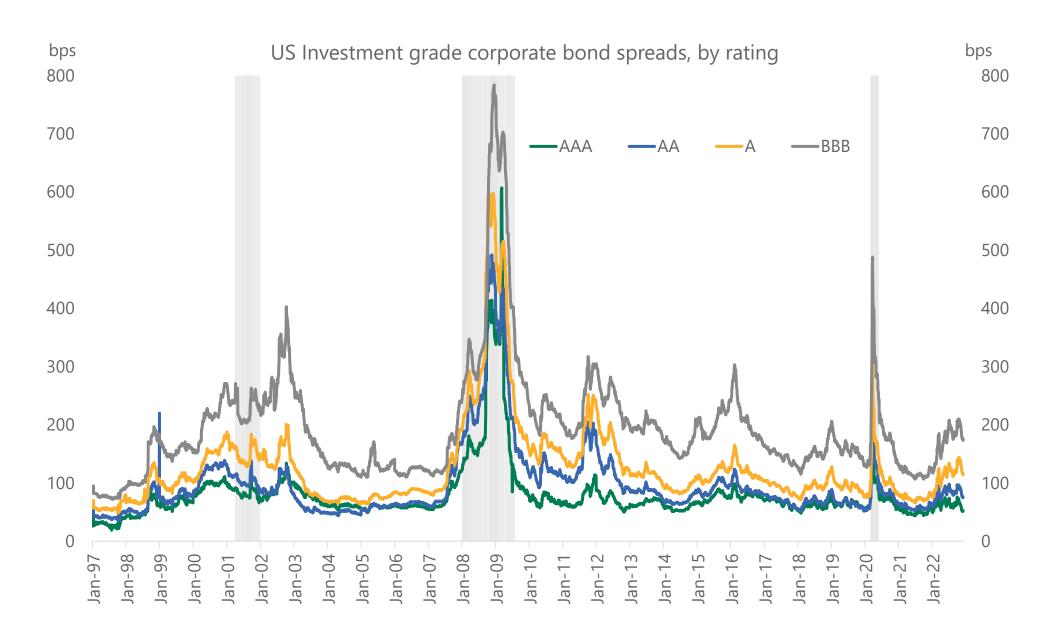
Spreads

Credit spreads near historical averages

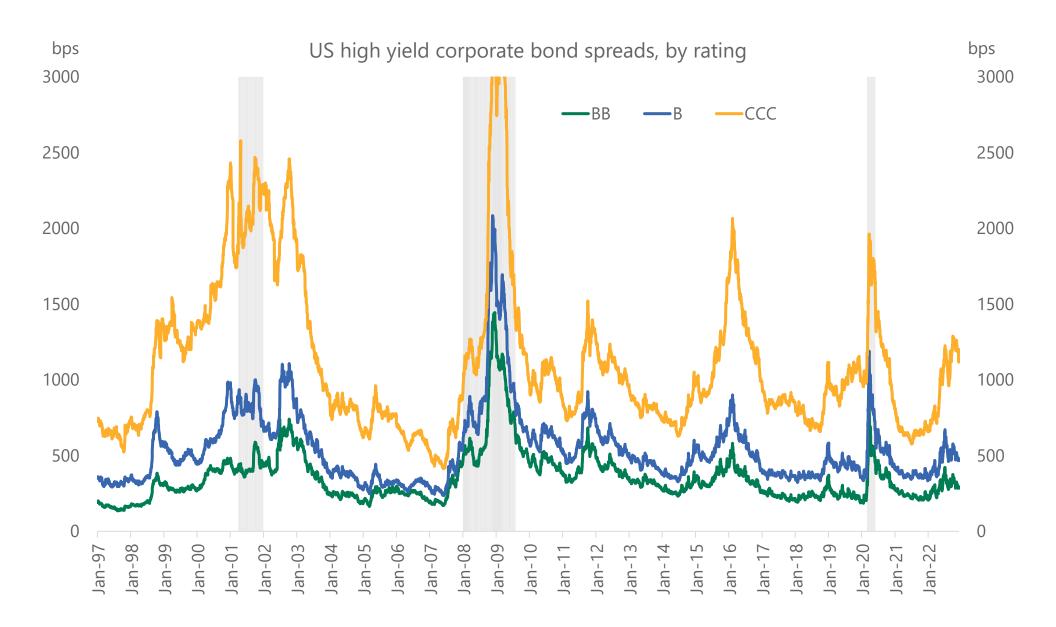




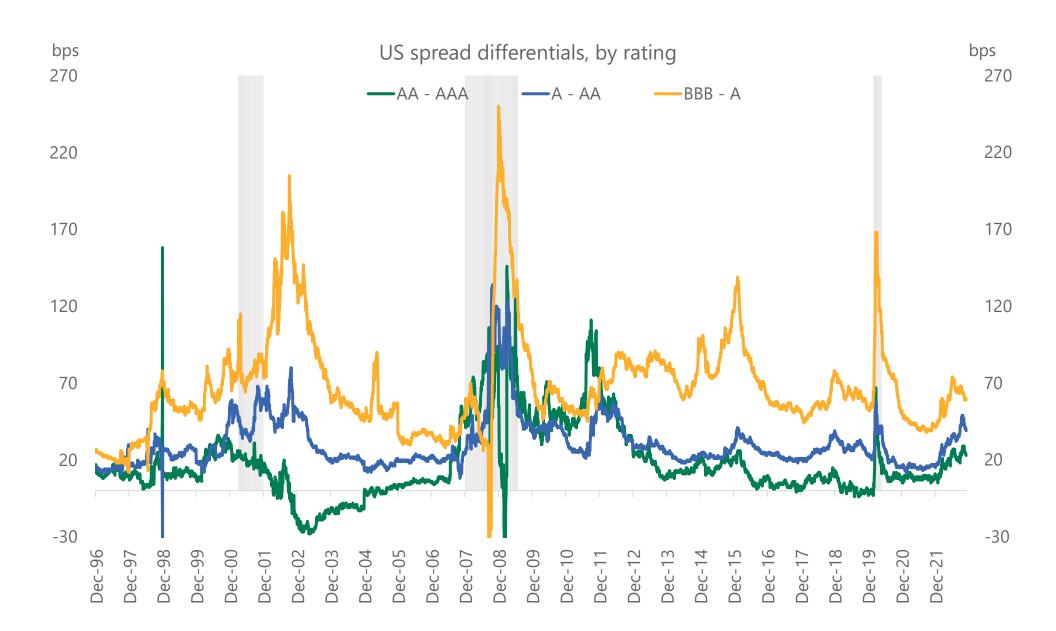
IG spreads by rating



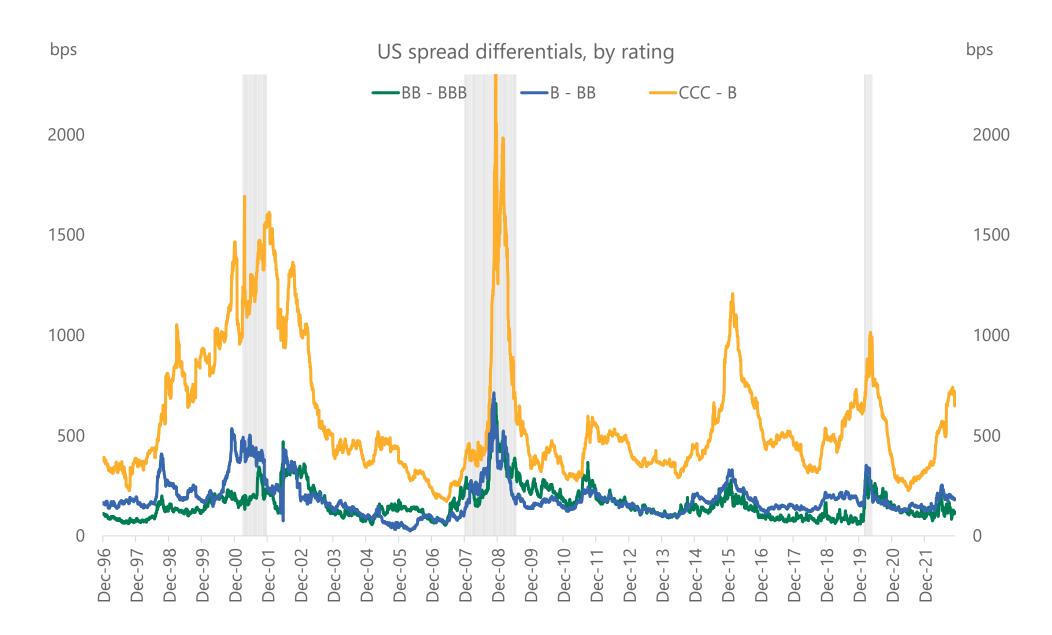
HY spreads by rating



IG quality spreads, more differentiation between BBB and single-A

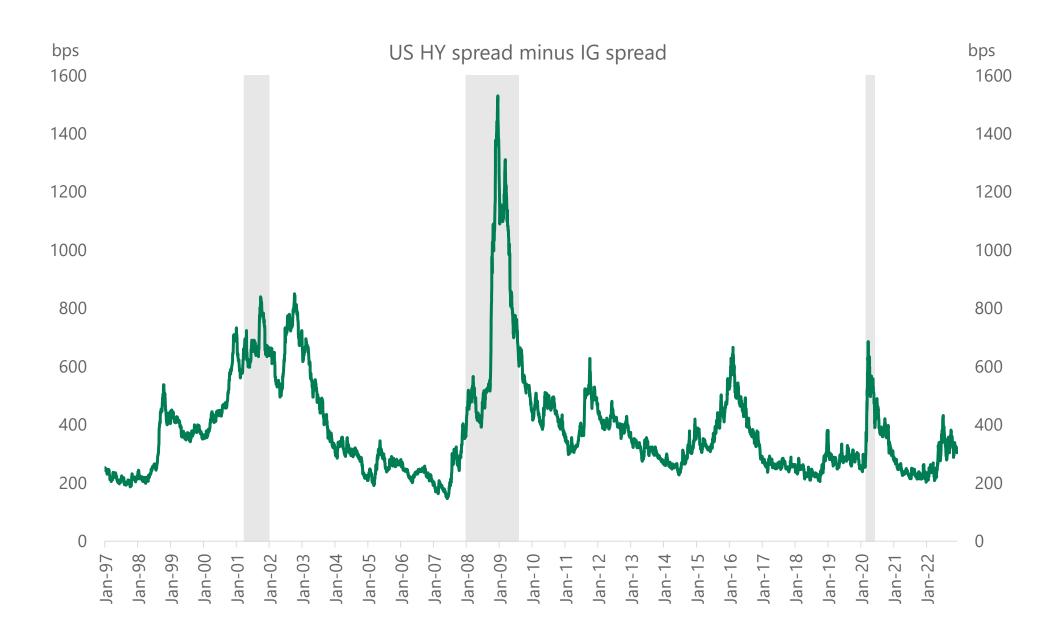


HY quality spreads, more differentiation between CCC and B



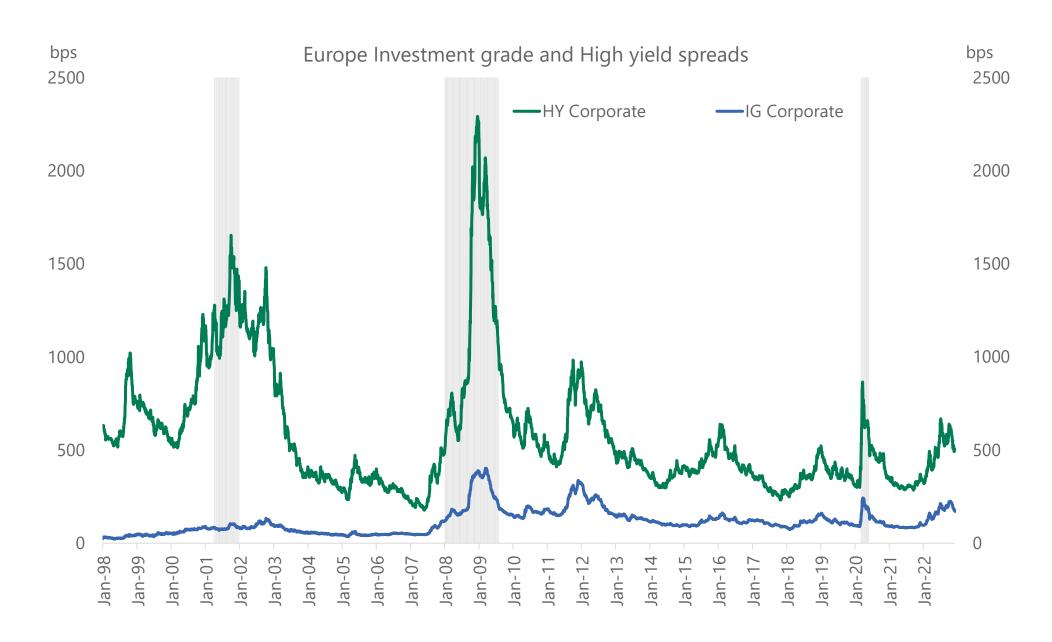


US HY spread minus IG spread



Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bloomberg Index used C0A0 Index and H0A0 Index

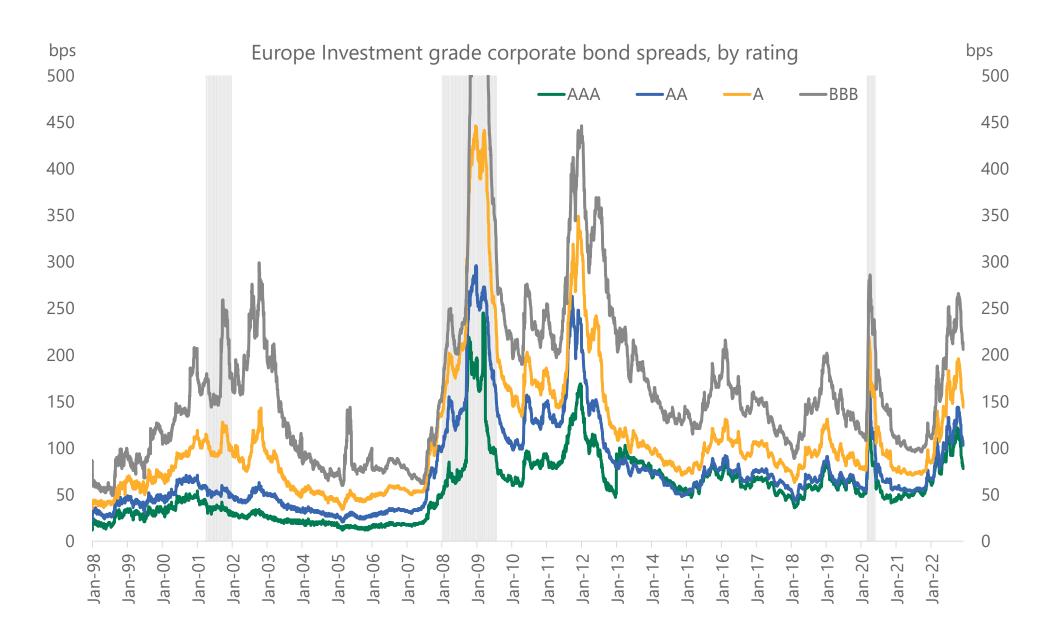
European IG and HY spreads



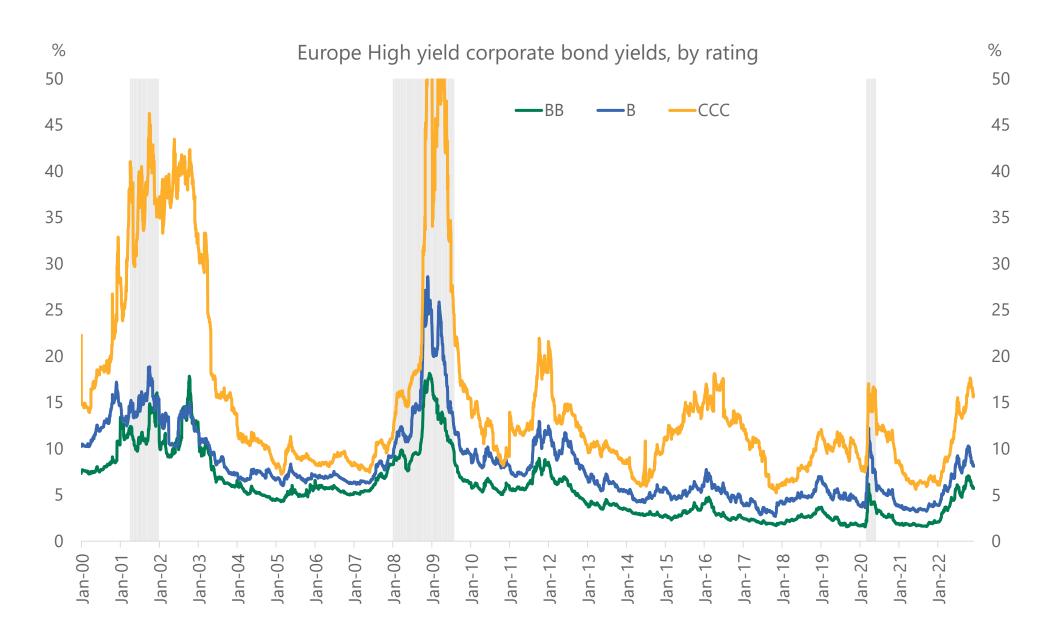
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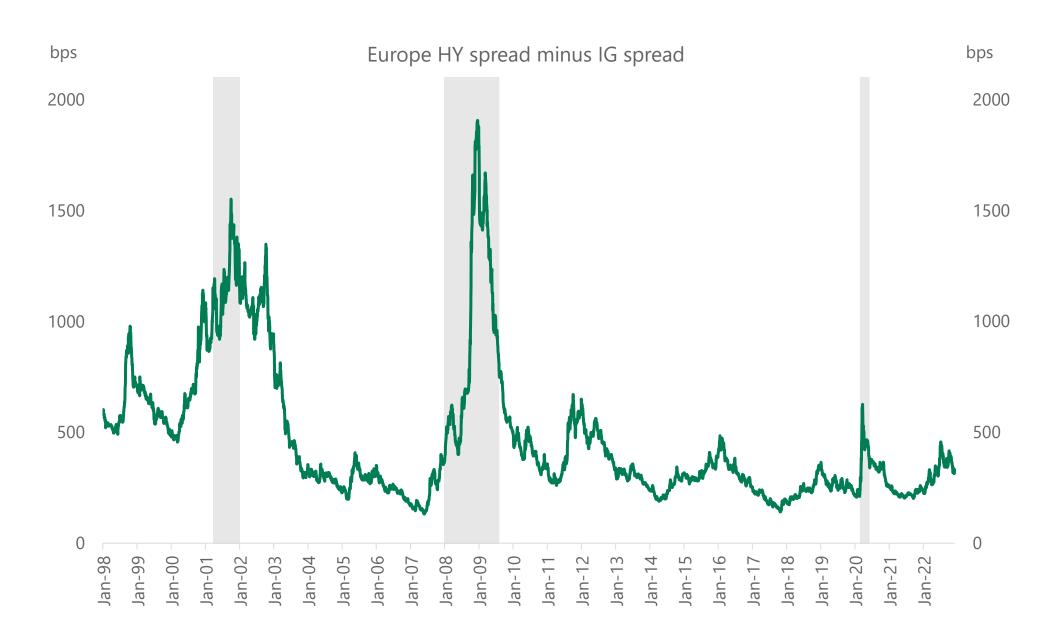
European IG spreads by rating



European HY spreads by rating

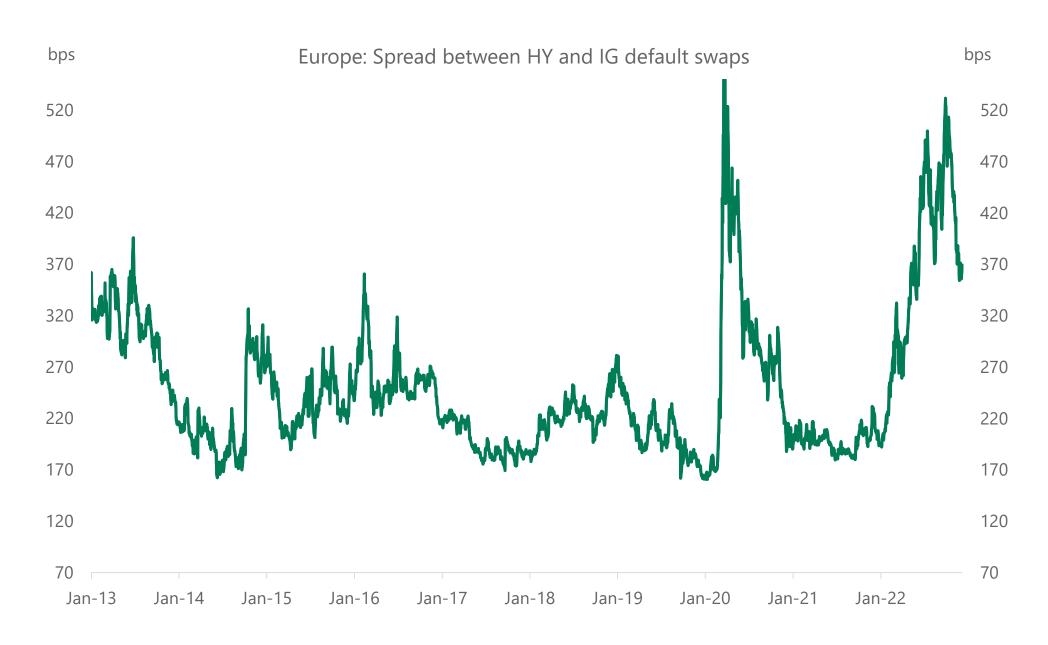


European HY spread minus IG spread



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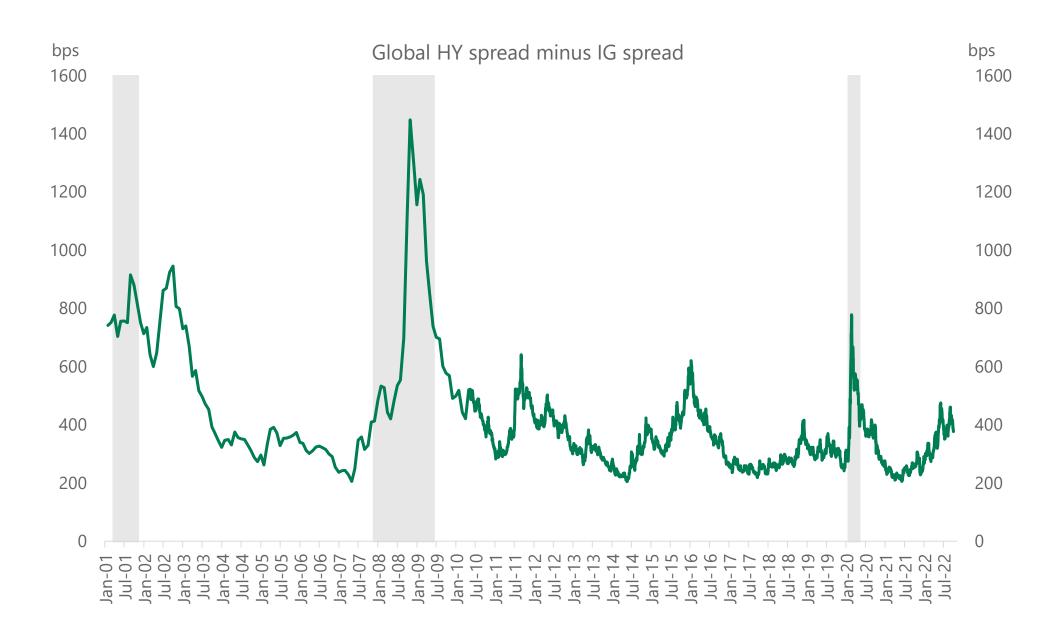
Spread between Europe HY and IG default swaps



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used ITRXEXE CBBT Curncy and ITRXEBE CBBT Curncy

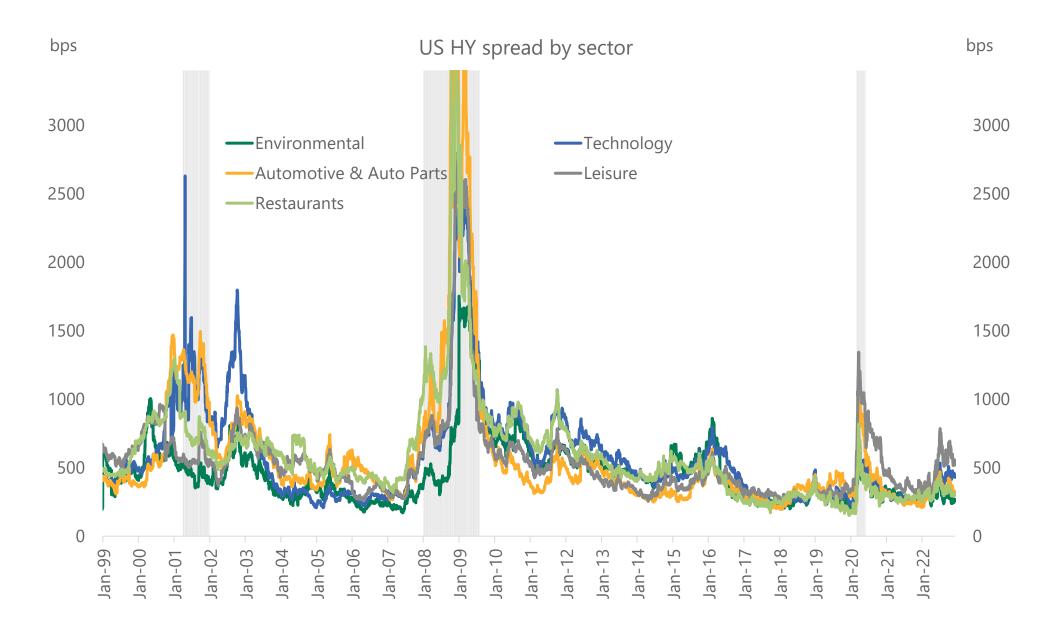


Global HY spread minus IG spread

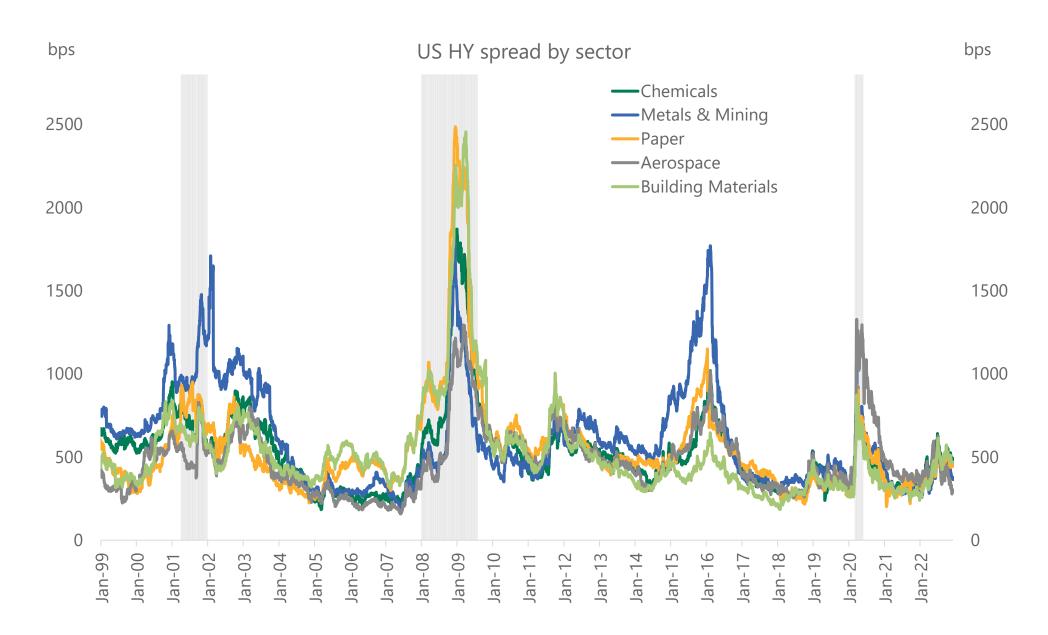


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bloomberg Index used BGLCTRUU index and LG50TRUU Index

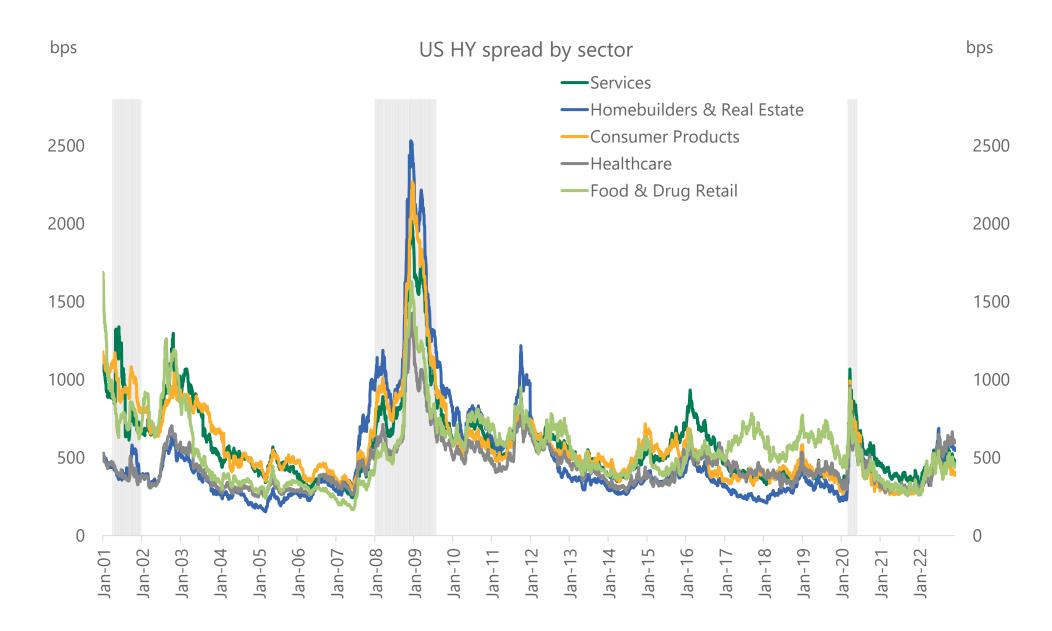




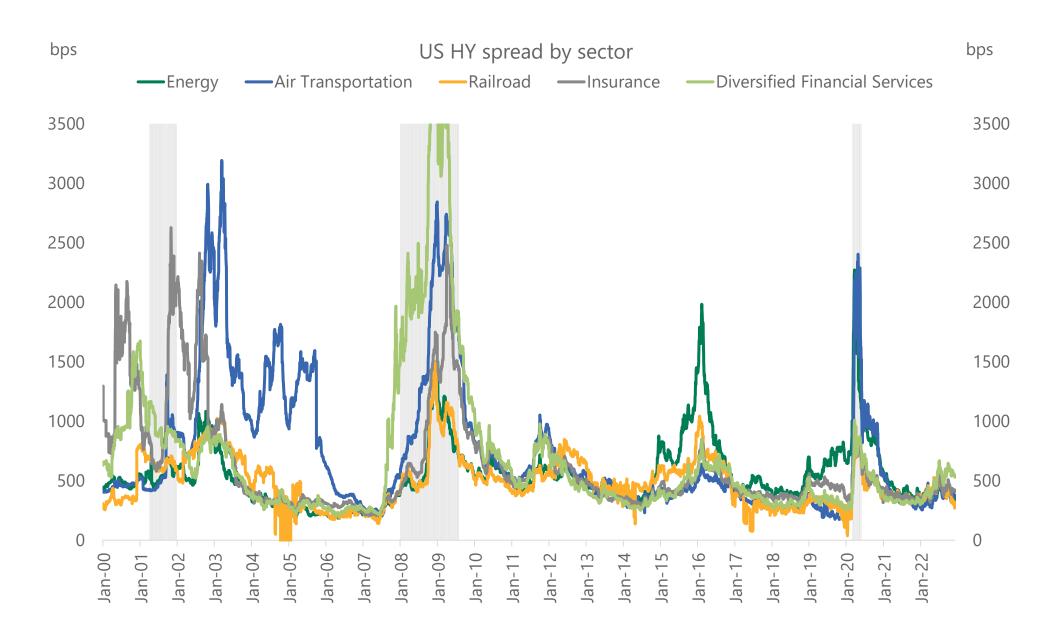




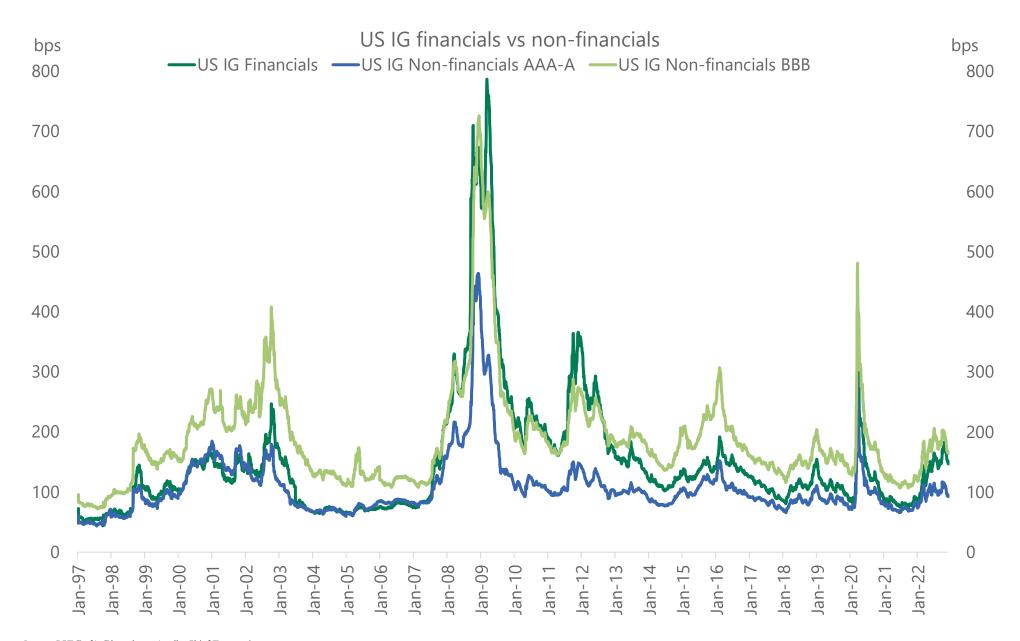




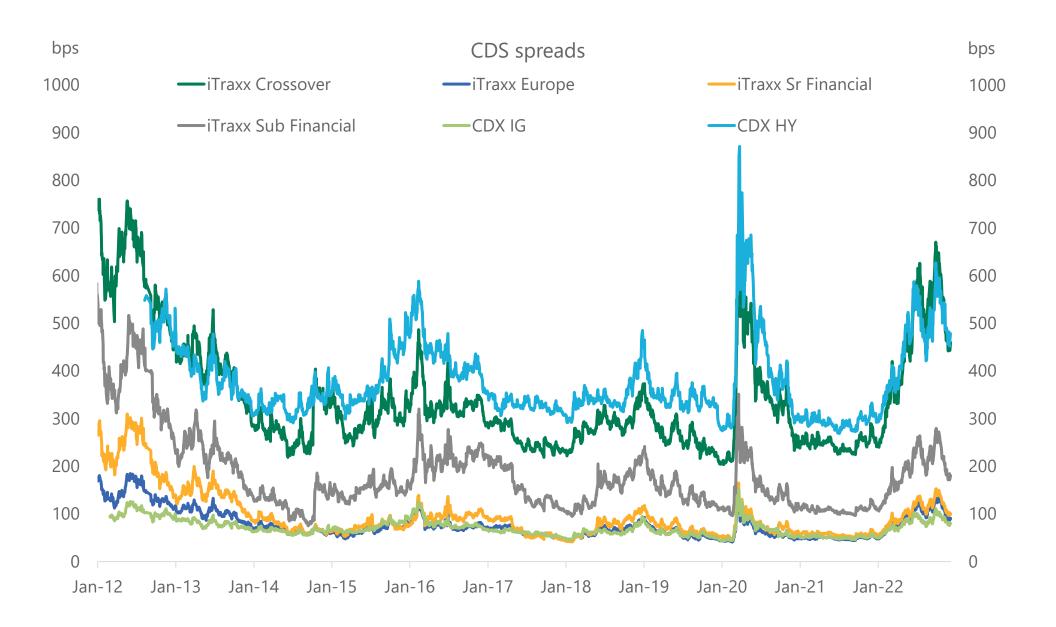




IG spreads for financials and non-financials



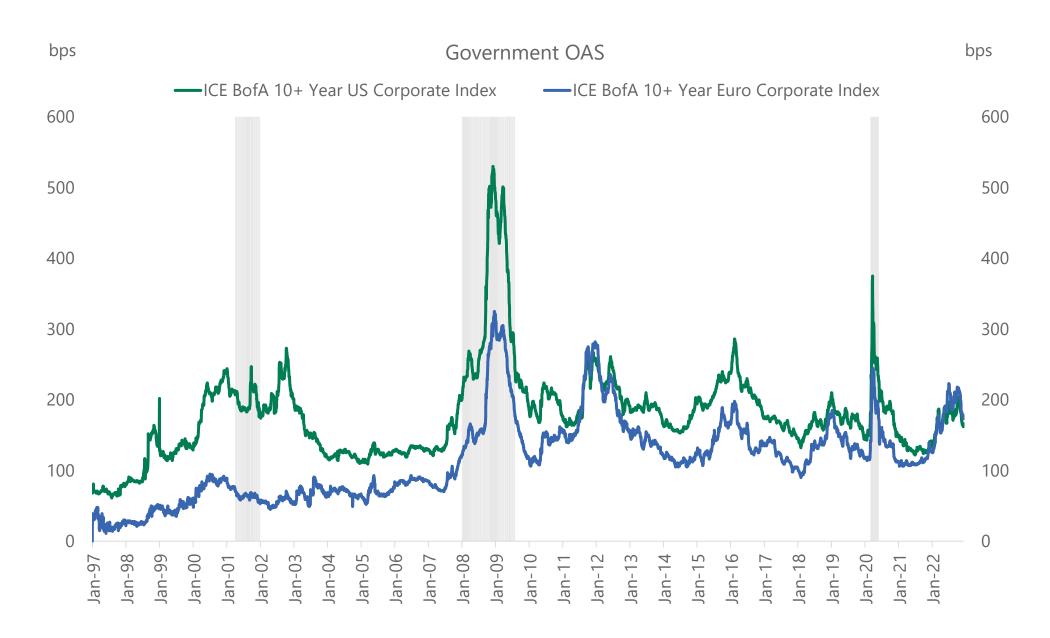
CDS spreads



Source: Markit, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

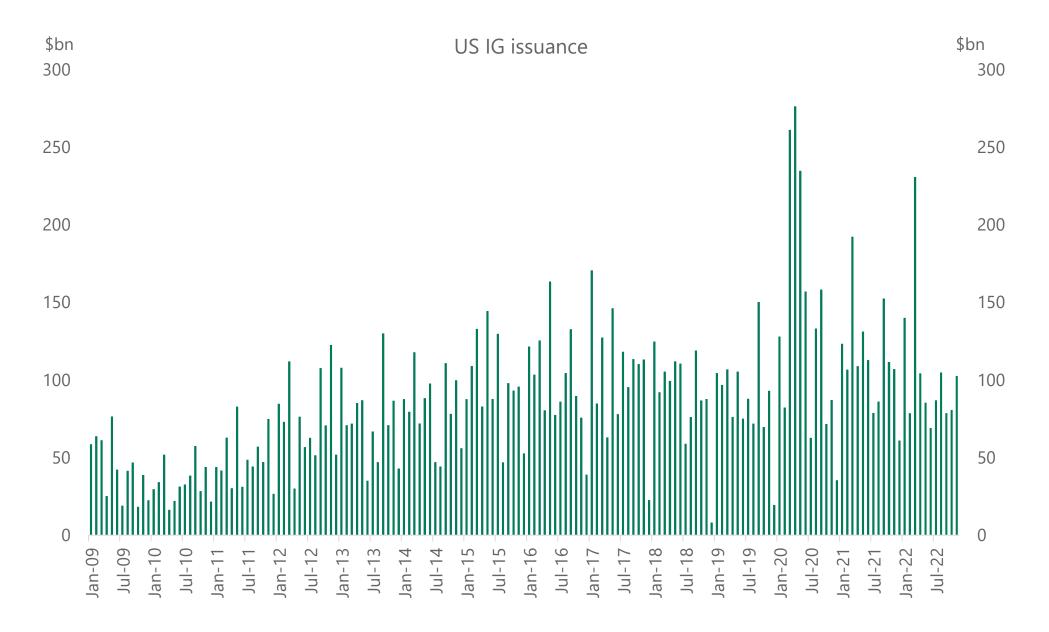


Long-duration IG spreads in US and Europe



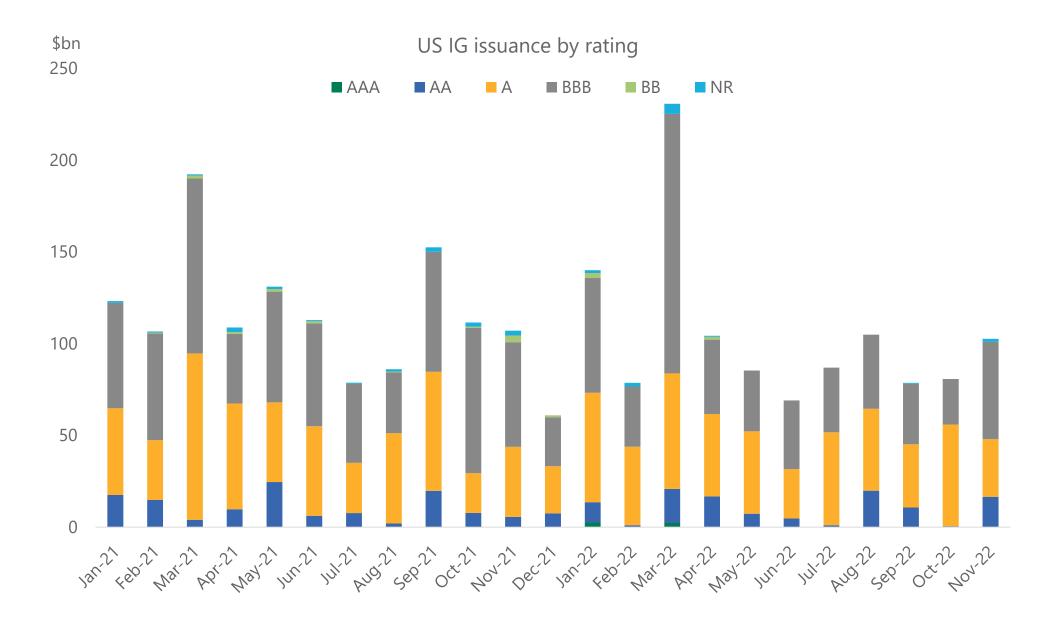
New issuance

US IG issuance



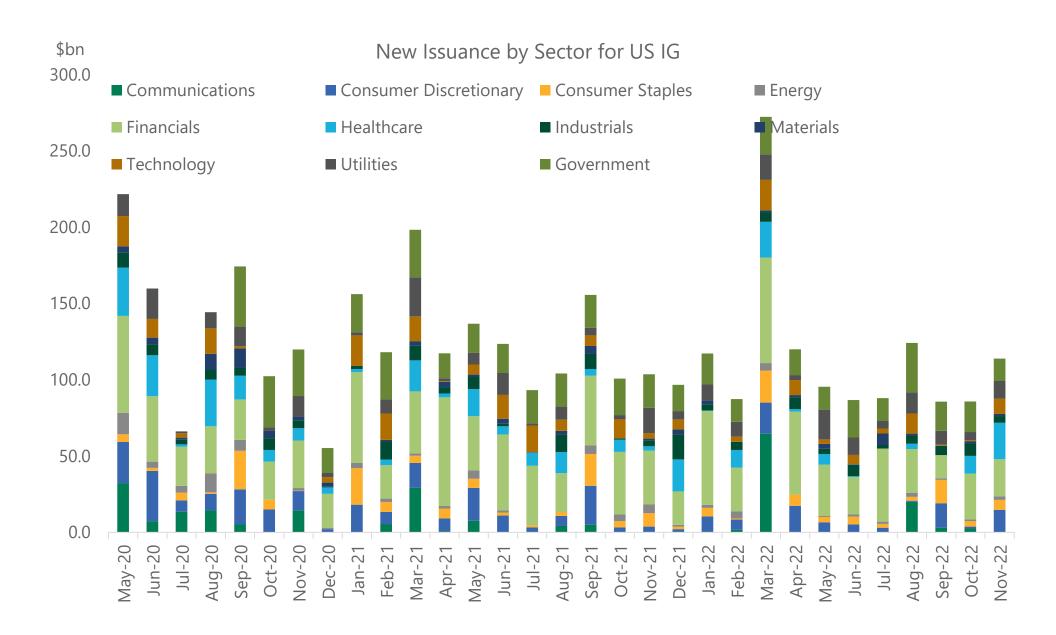
Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist

IG issuance by rating



Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.

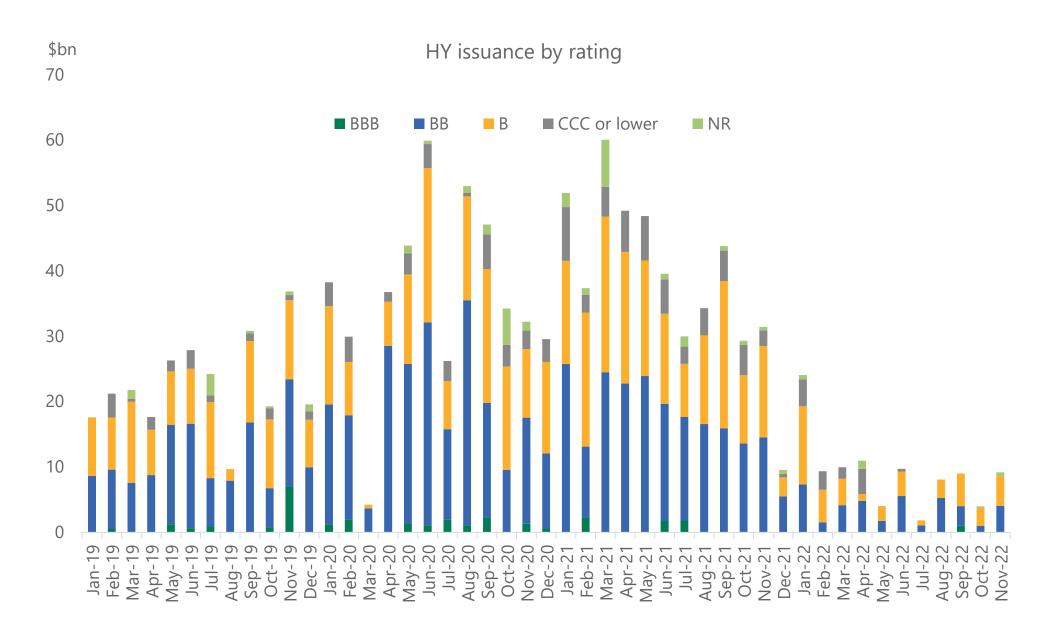
Sector distribution of new IG issuance



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Issuance includes bonds, loans, leveraged loans, and preferred.

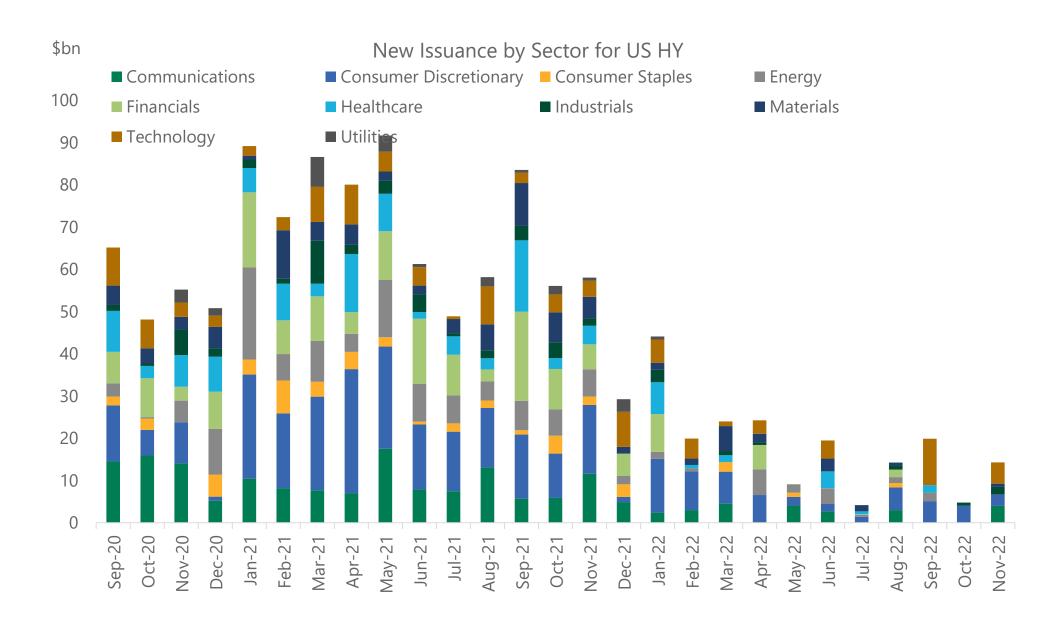


HY issuance by rating



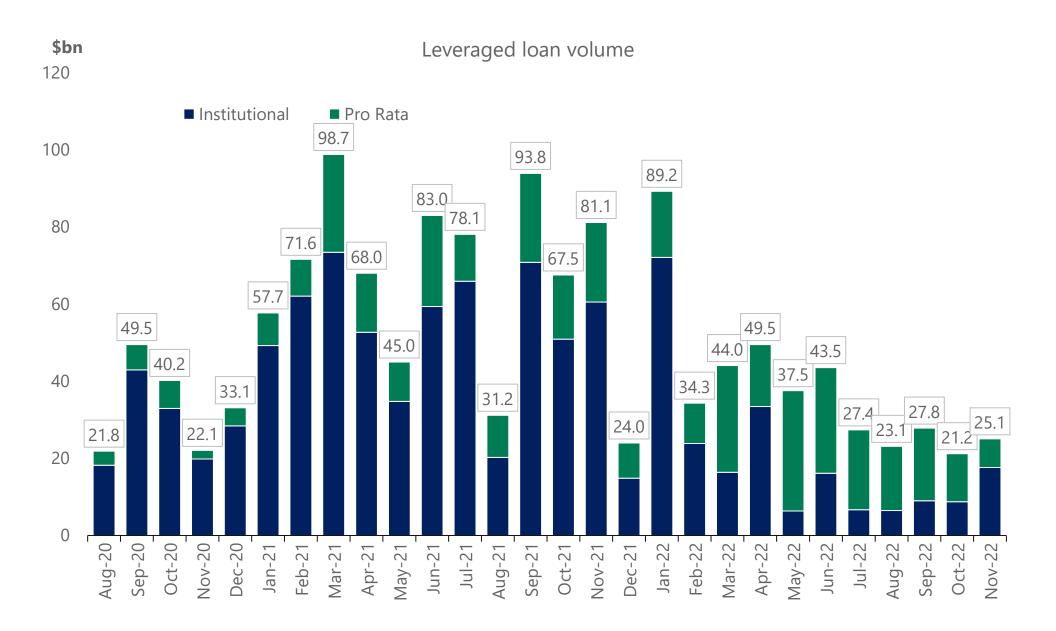
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Sector distribution of new HY issuance



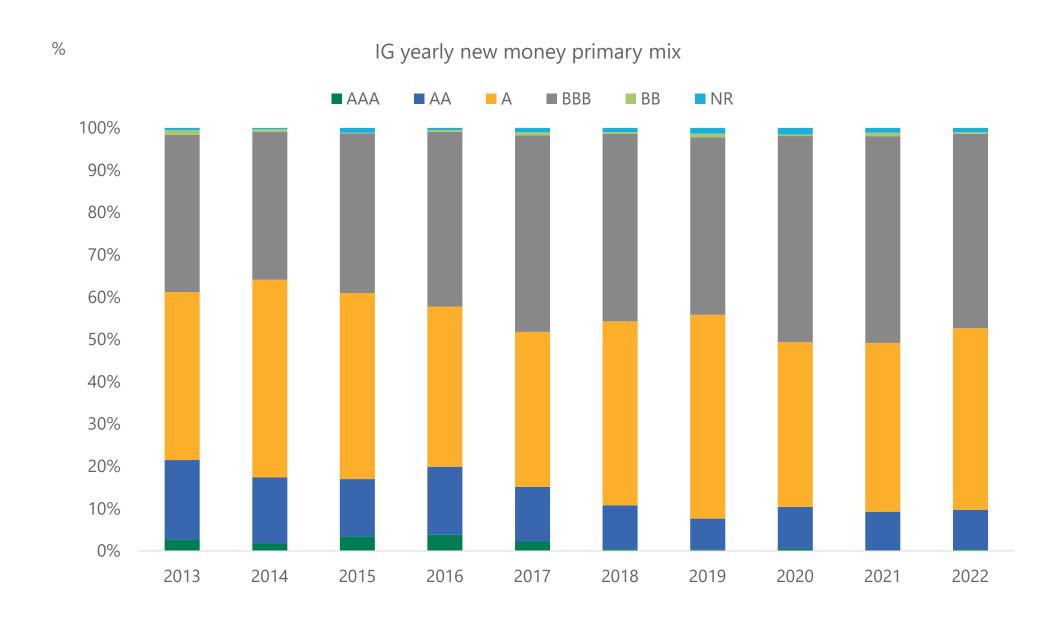
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Leveraged loan volume



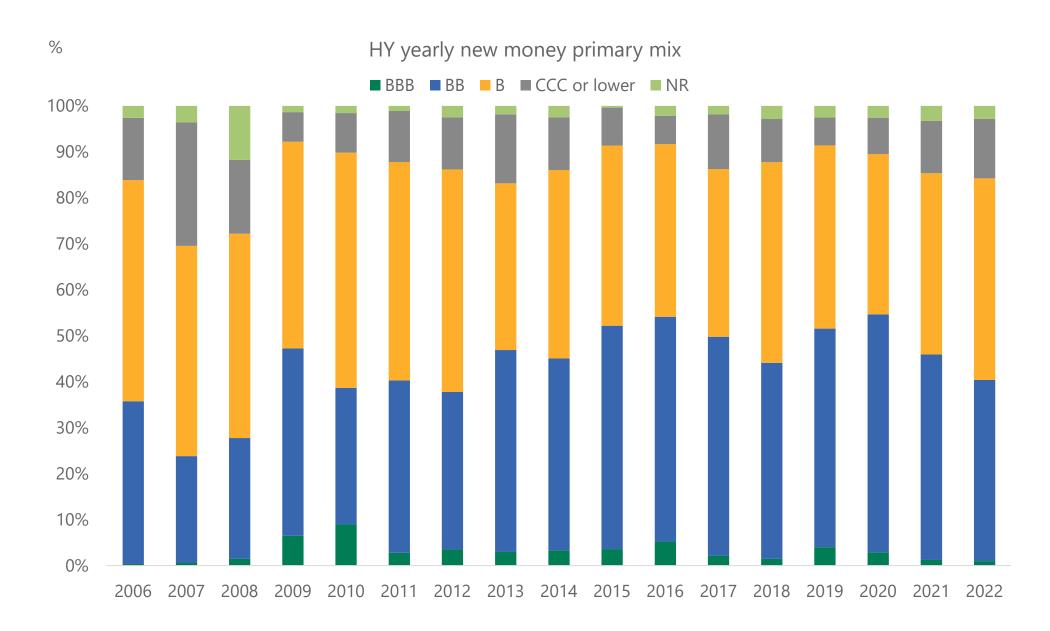
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IG new money primary mix



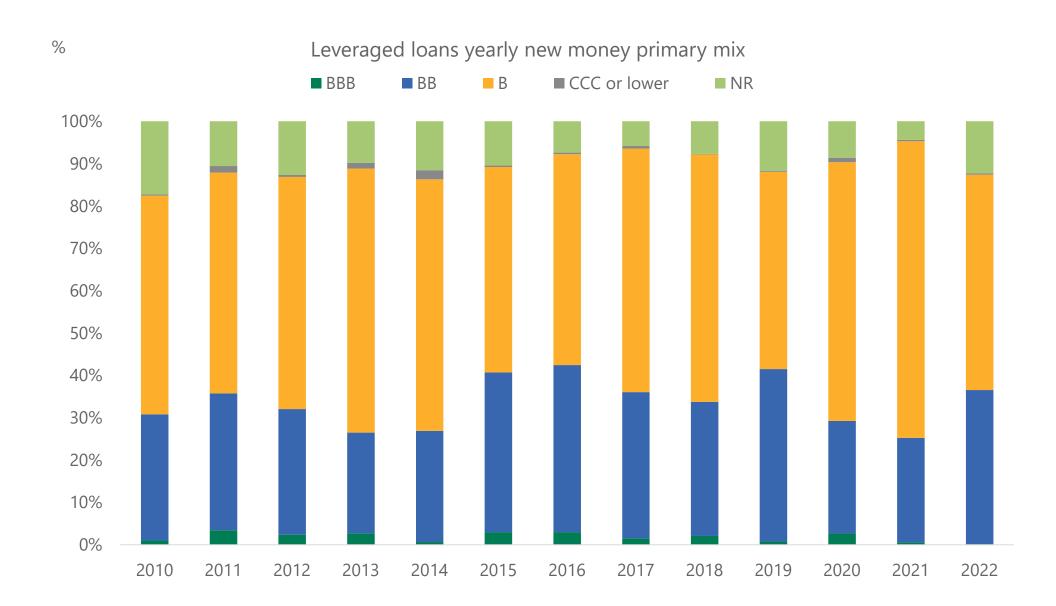
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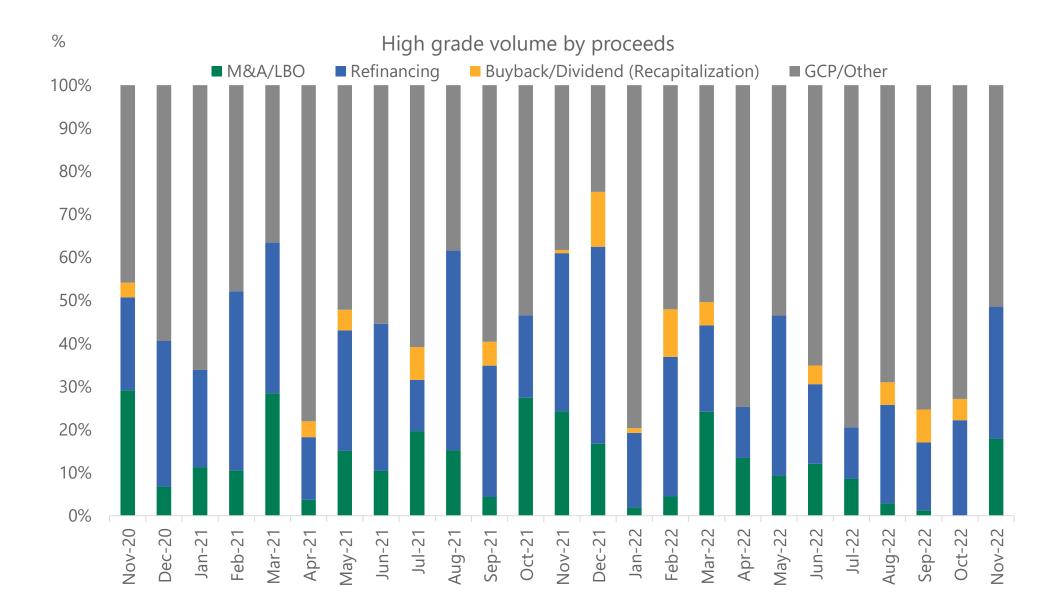
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Loans new money primary mix



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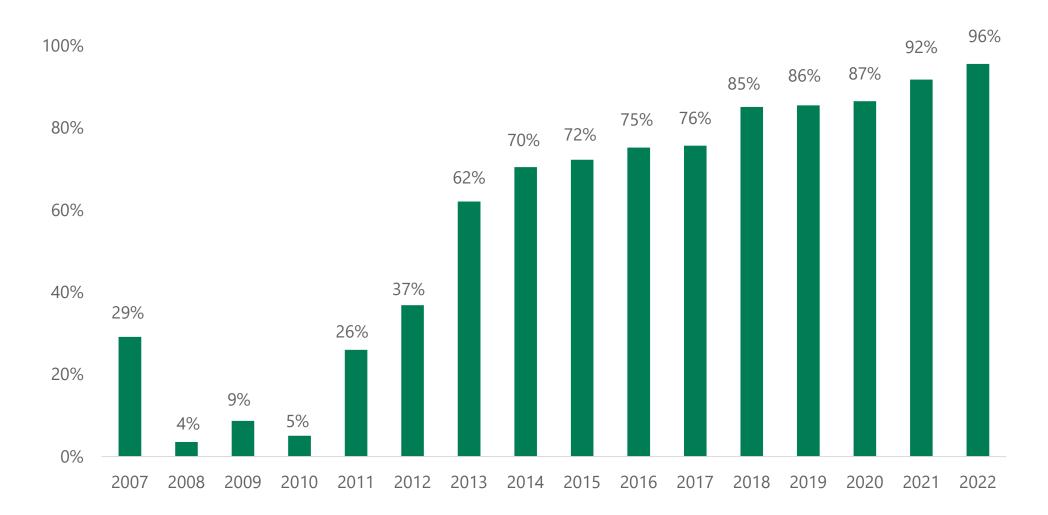
High grade volume by proceeds



Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist

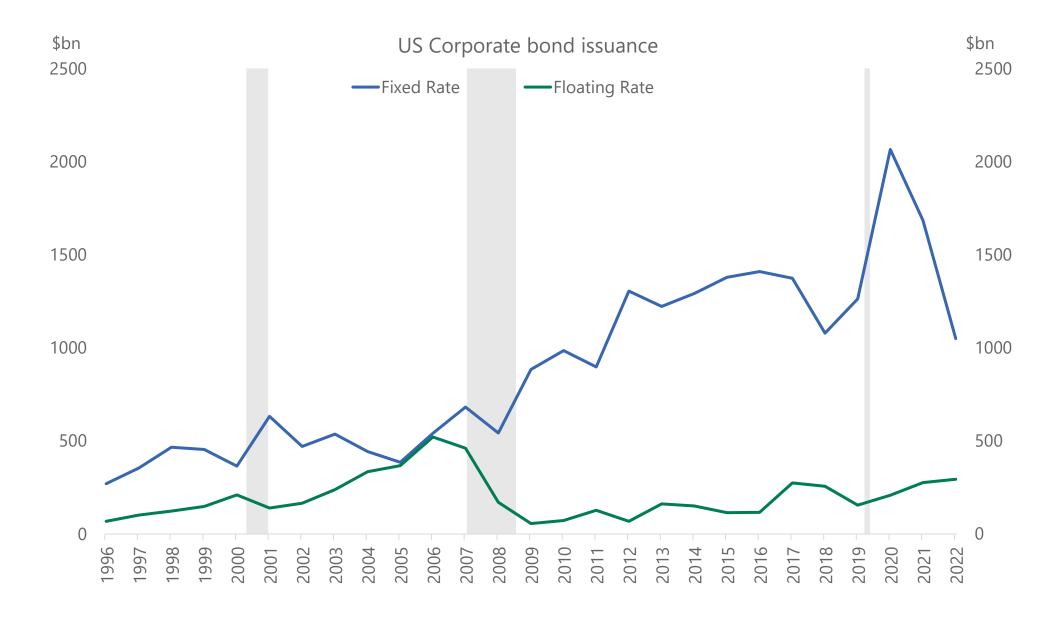
Covenant lite loan issuance

% Covenant lite loan issuance as % of total leveraged loans issuance 120%



Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.. Note: A covenant-lite loan is a type of financing with fewer restrictions on the borrower and fewer protections for the lender, often used in leveraged buyouts. Data as of 31st August 2022

Corporate bond issuance

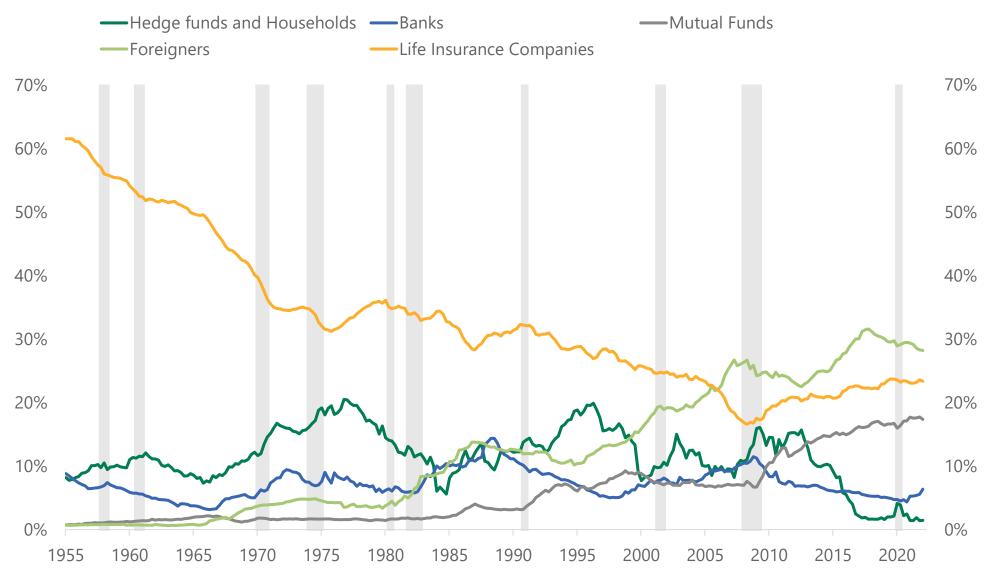


Source: SIFMA, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: 2022 YTD till 30th November 2022

Corporate bond holdings

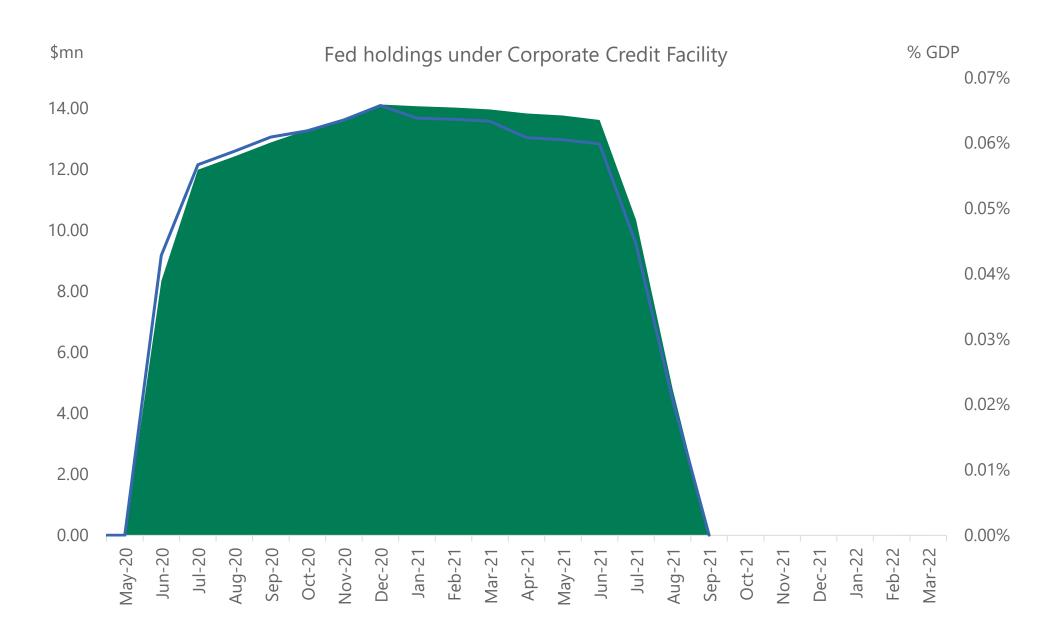
The biggest holder of US corporate bonds is foreigners





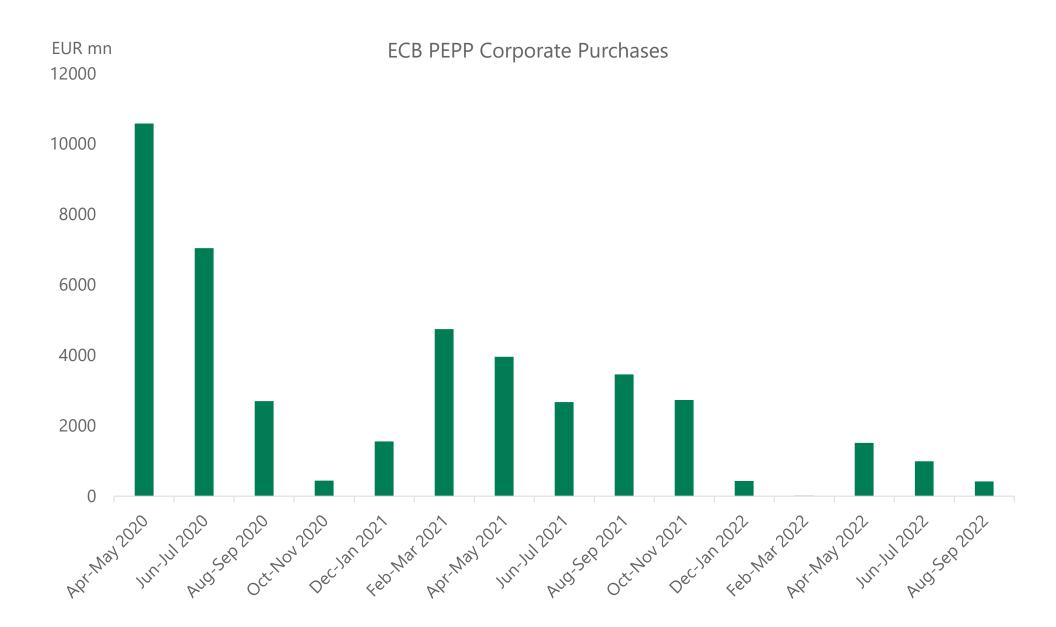
Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Fed holdings of corporate bonds



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

ECB purchases of corporate bonds

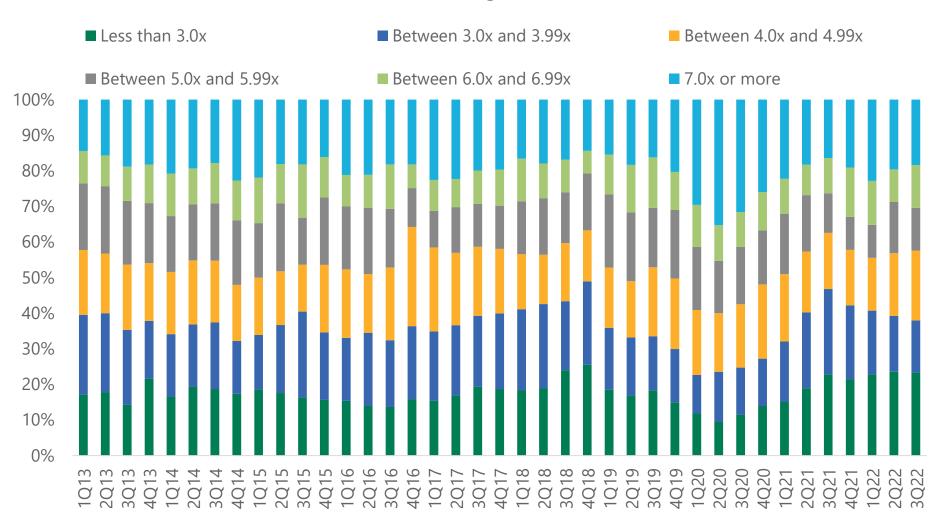


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Loans

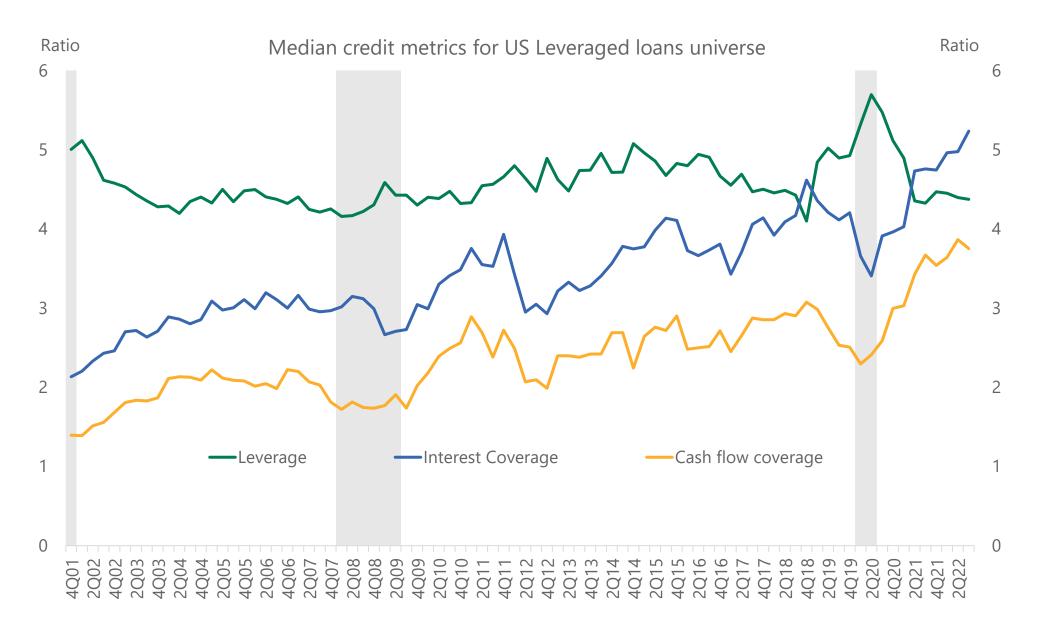
Leveraged loan deals, by multiple

Share of leveraged deals



Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist

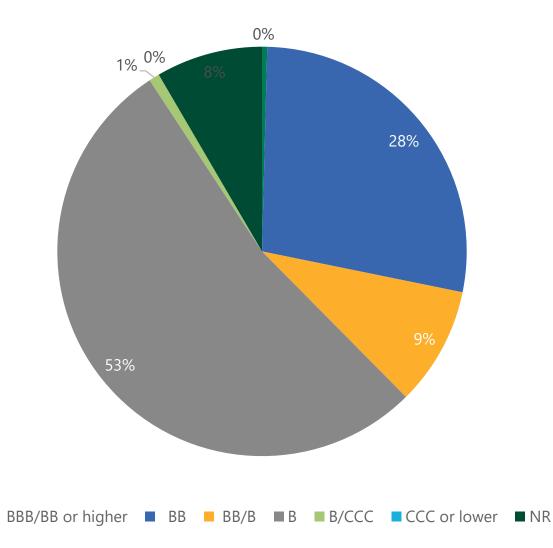
Credit metrics for leveraged loan deals



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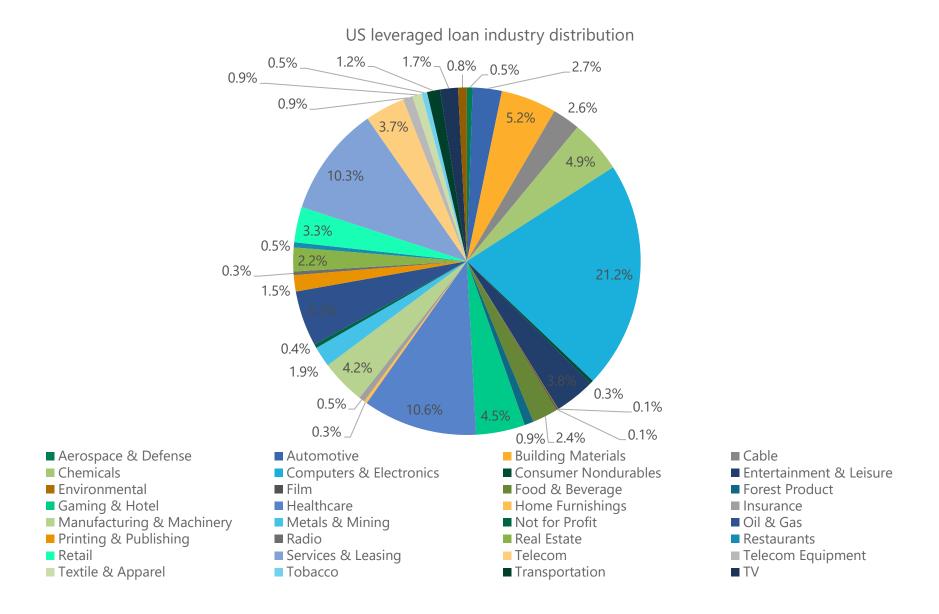
Leveraged loans rating distribution, 2022Q3







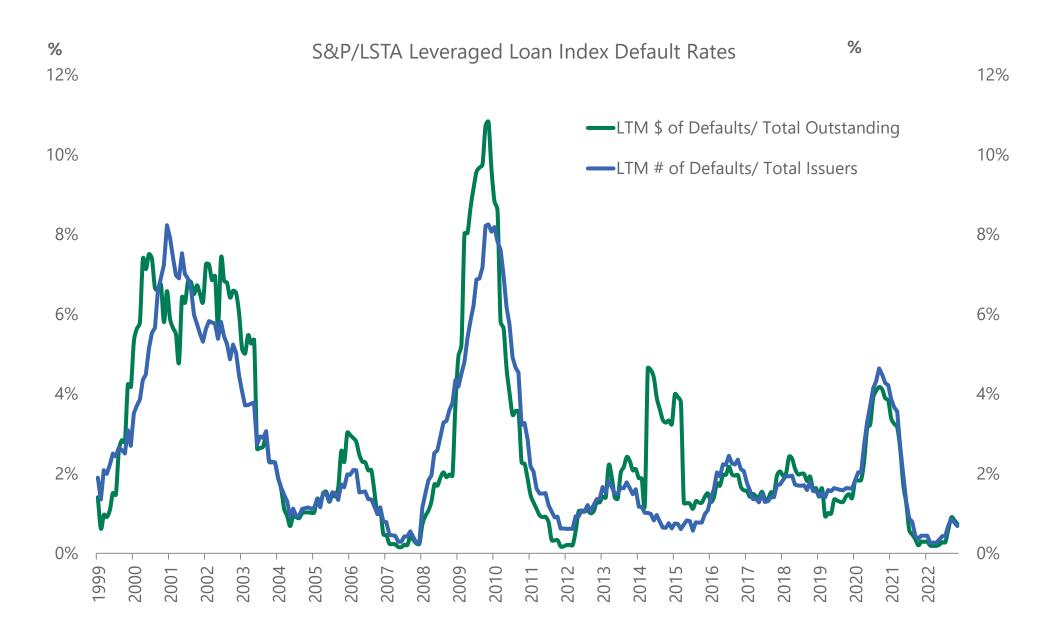
Leveraged loans distribution, by industry, 2022Q3





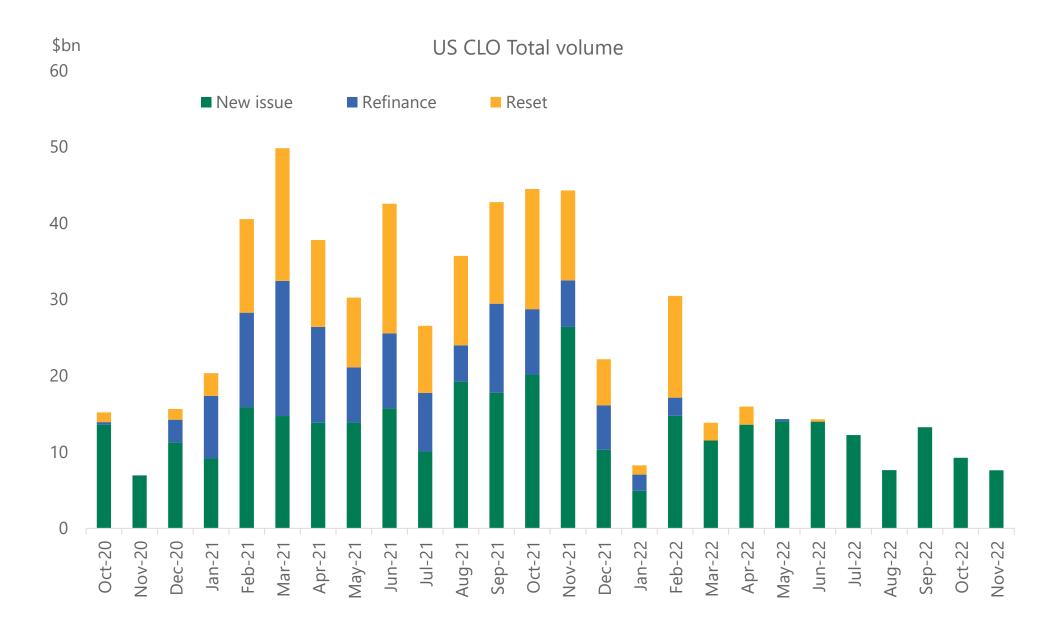


Leveraged loan index default rates starting to rise



Source: S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist

US CLO total volume

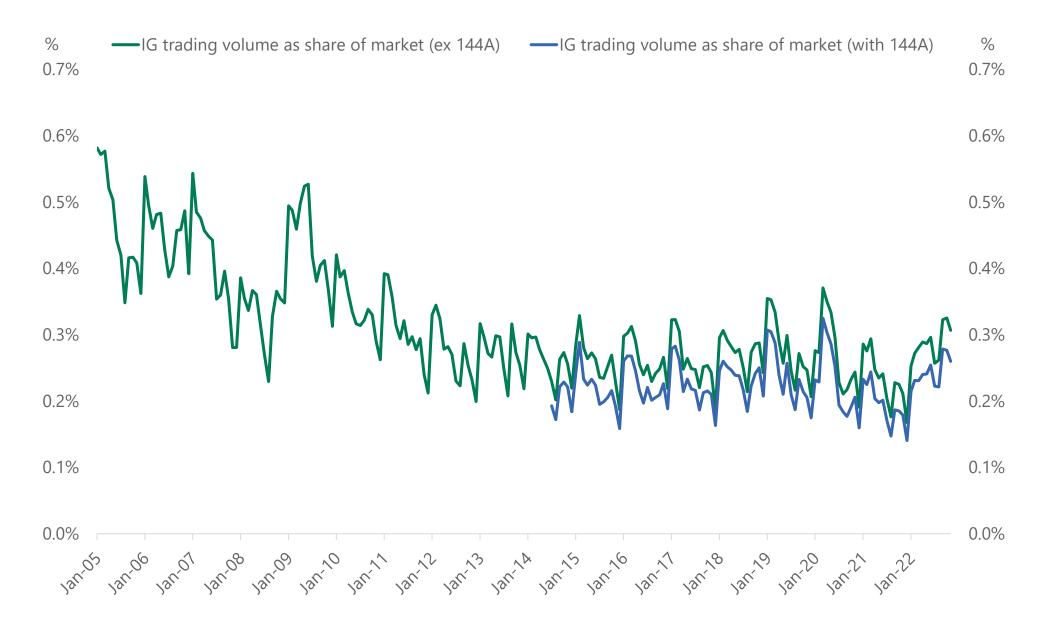


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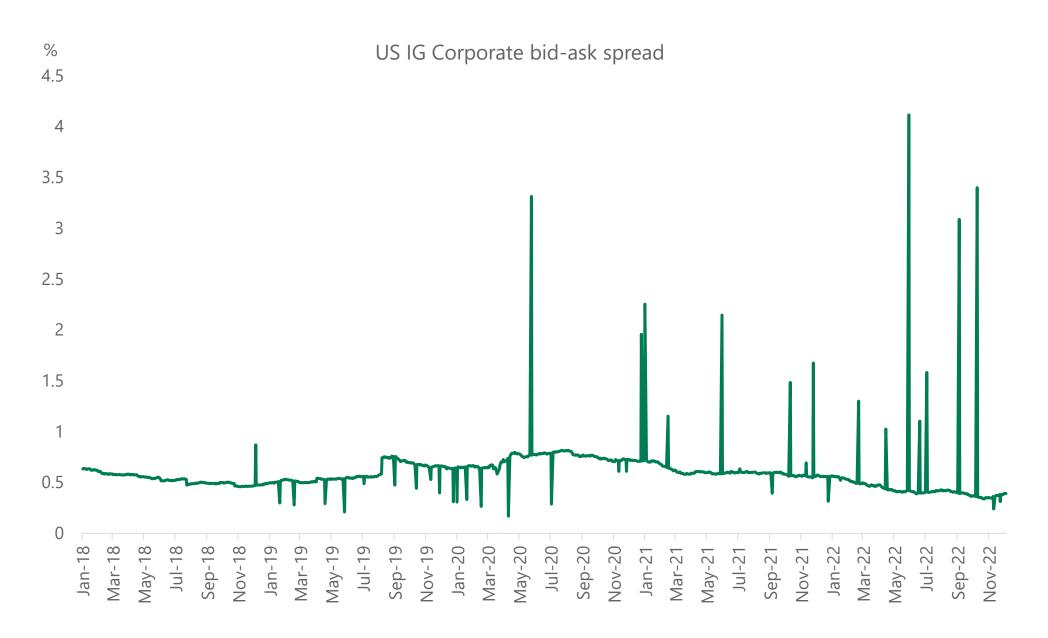
Liquidity in US credit markets

IG trading liquidity



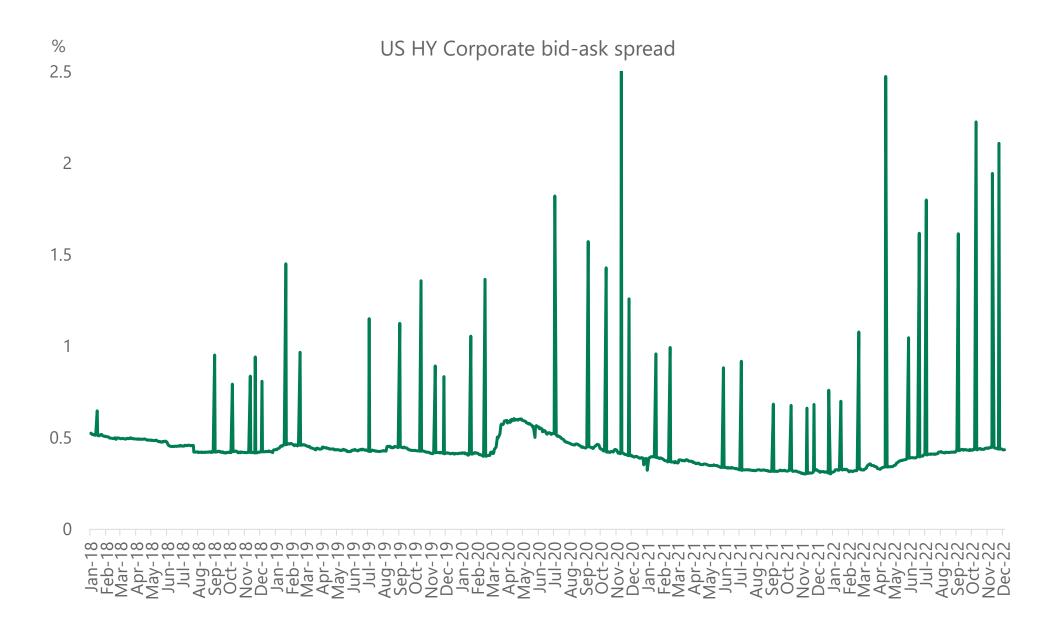
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Bid-ask spread for US IG



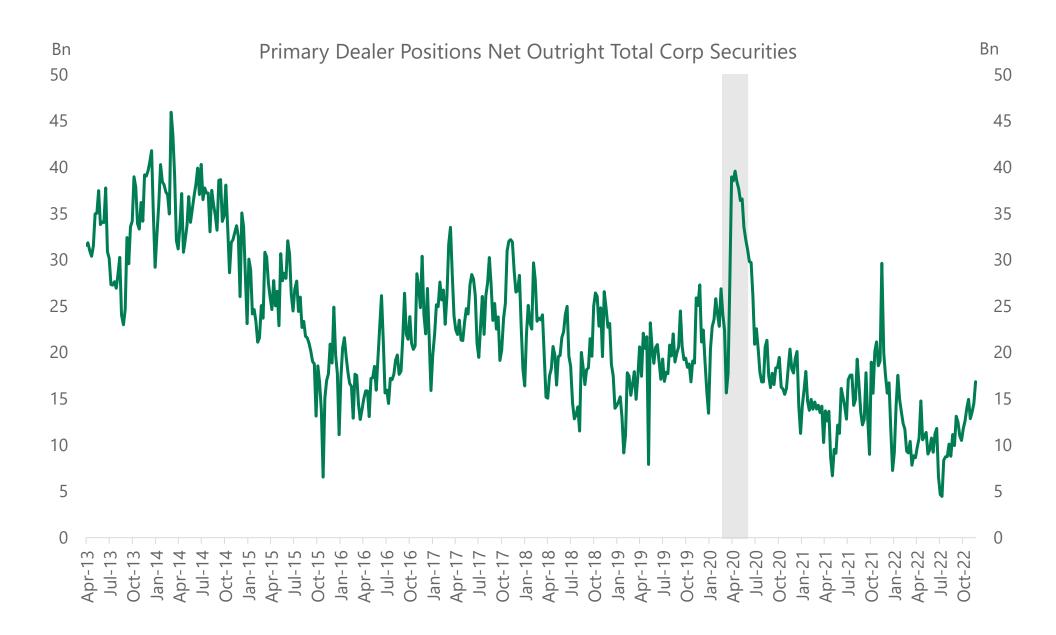
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: The bid-ask spread is the weighted average of Bloomberg Barclays US IG Index

Bid-ask spread for US HY



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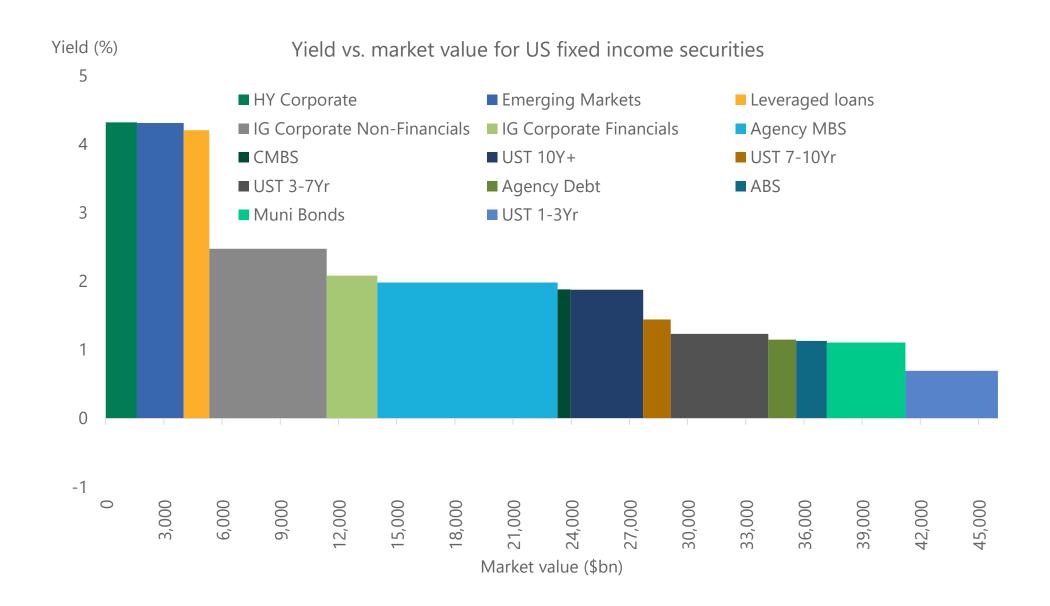
Very low dealer inventory of corporate bonds (IG+HY)



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

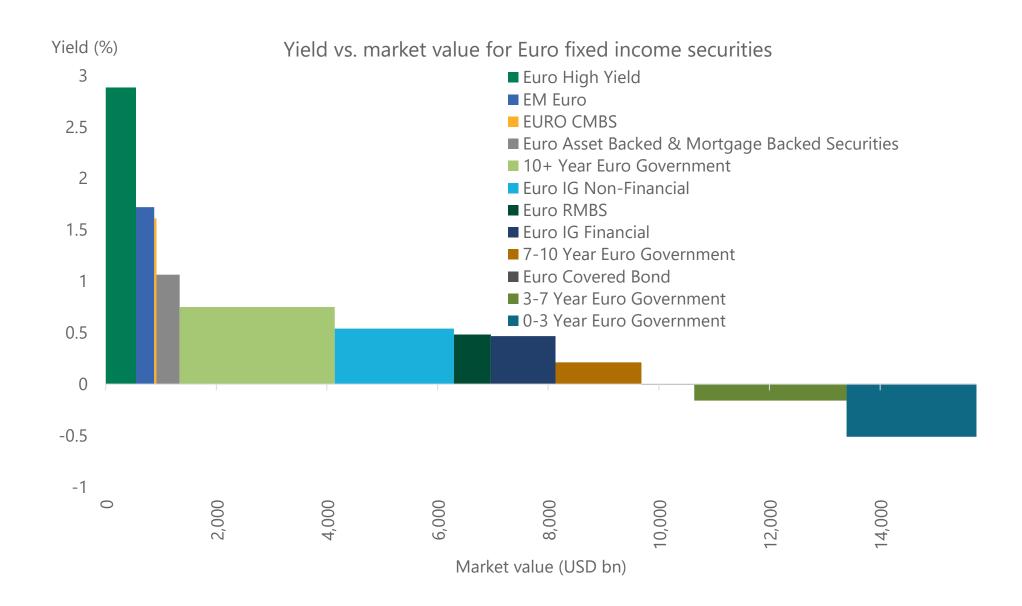
Credit markets in a broader perspective

US fixed income markets by yield and size



Source: Bloomberg Barclays, SIFMA, ICE BofA, S&P LCD, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: data as of 4Q21

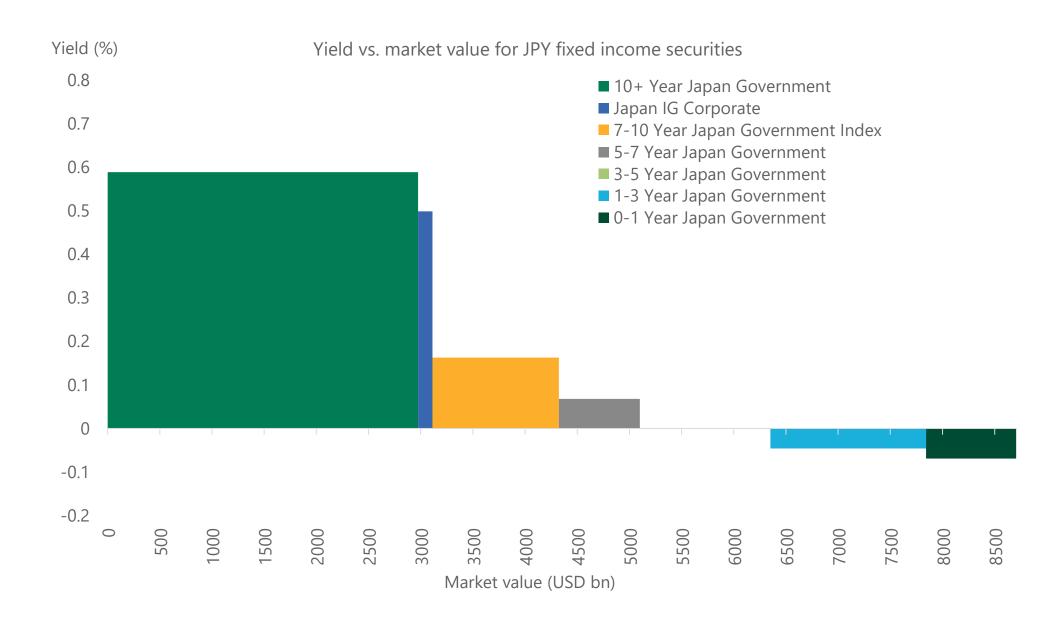
European fixed income markets by yield and size



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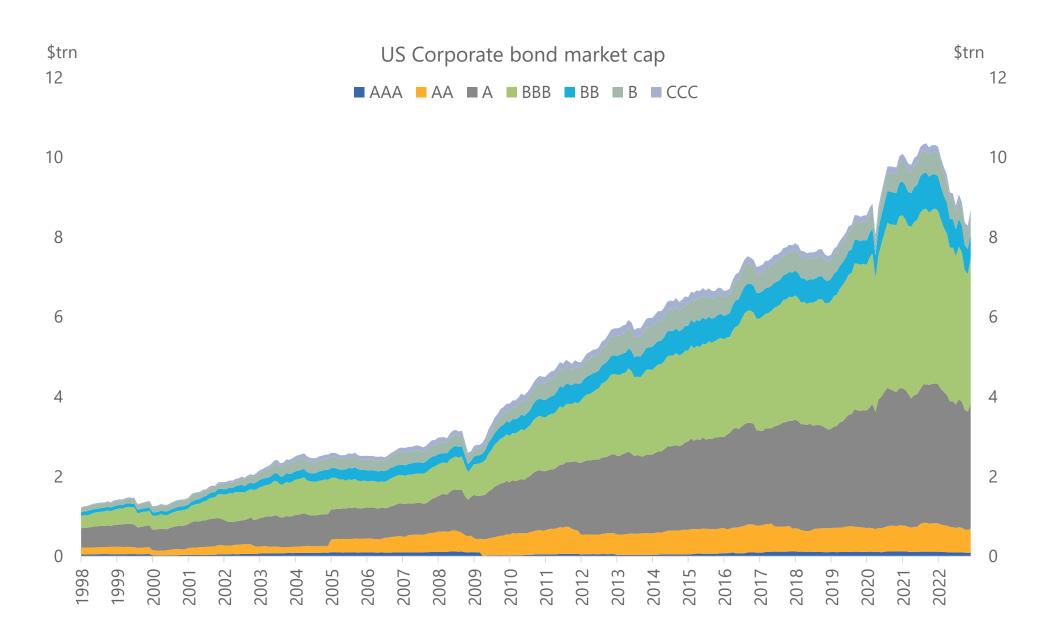
Japan fixed income markets by yield and size



Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 1Q22



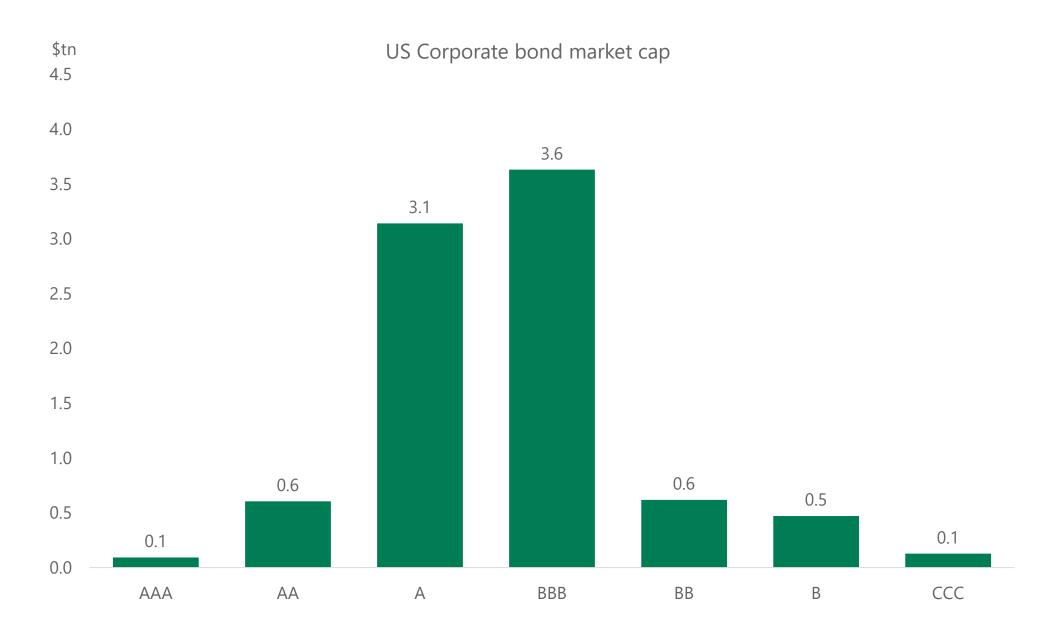
Market cap of US credit markets



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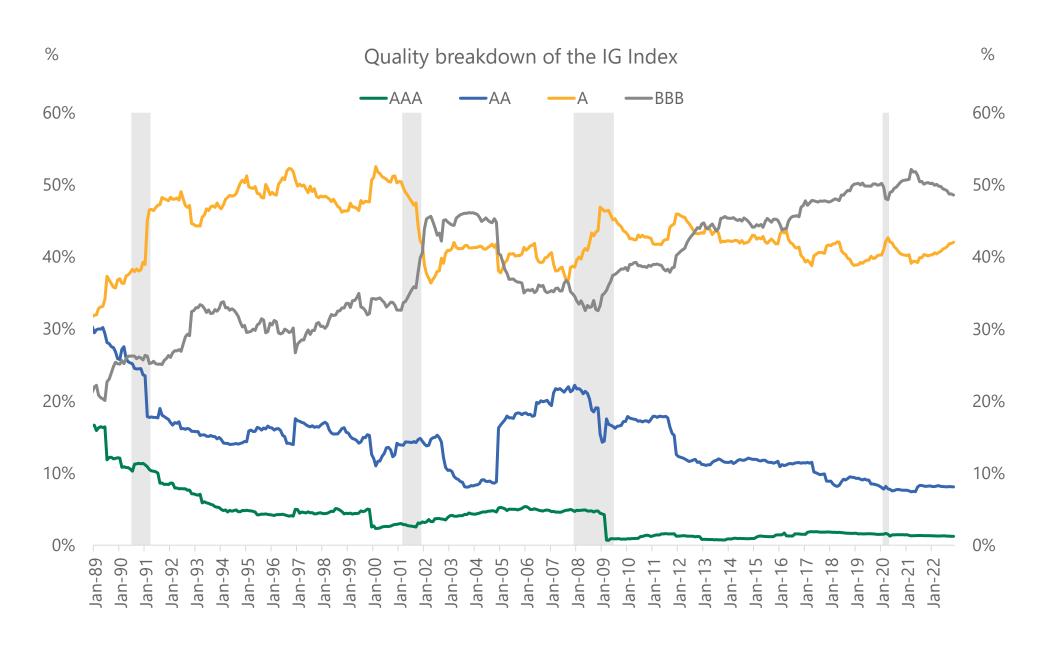
Corporate bond market cap, by rating



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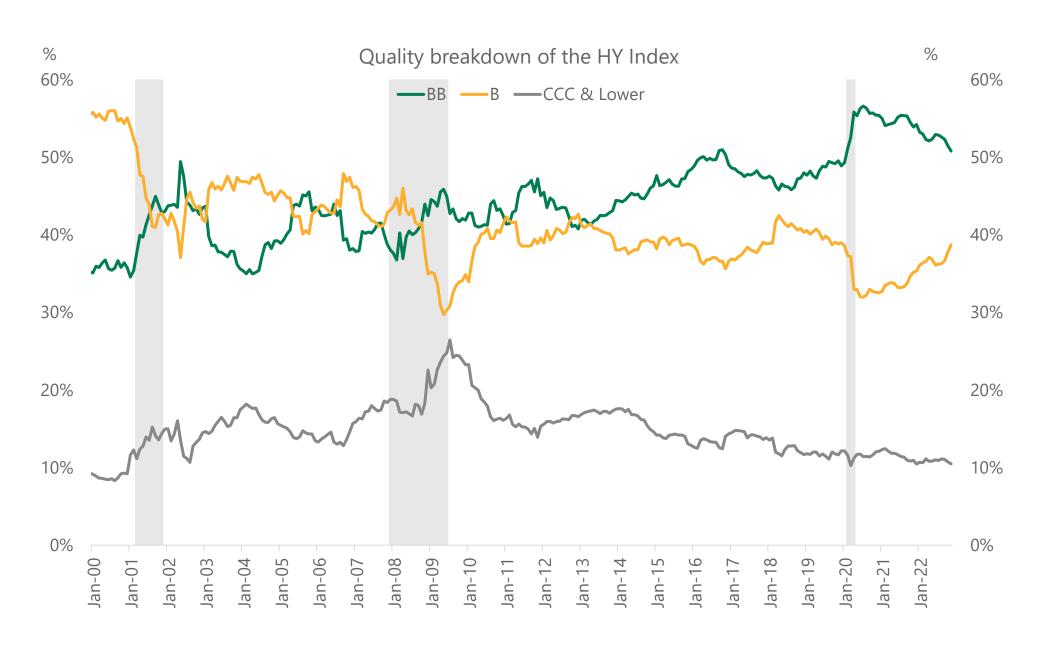


Quality composition of the IG Index



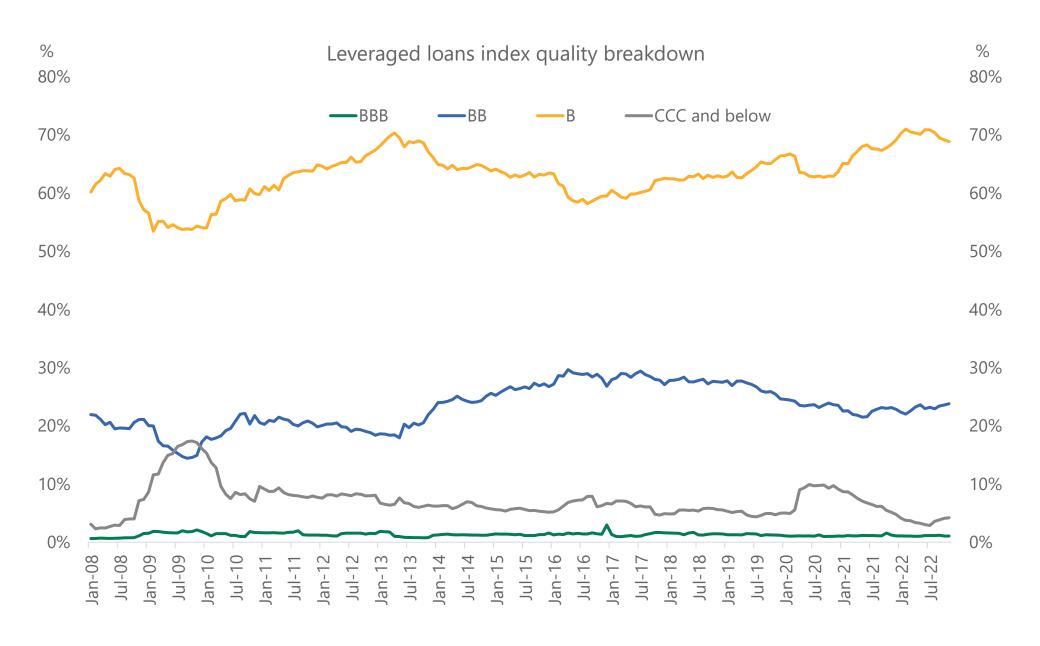
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Quality composition of the HY Index



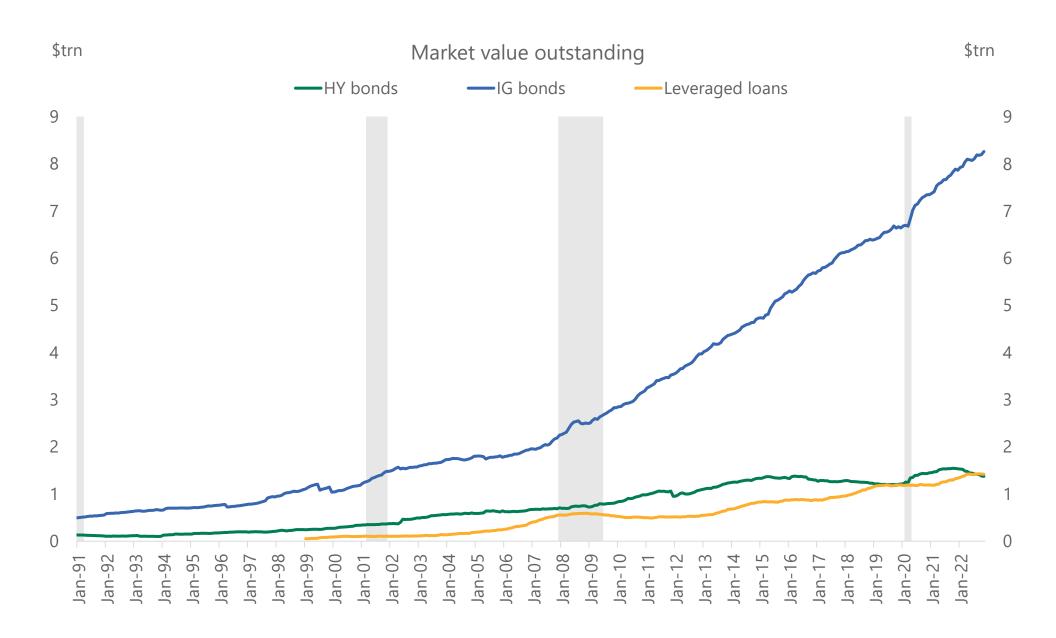
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Quality composition of the leveraged loans index



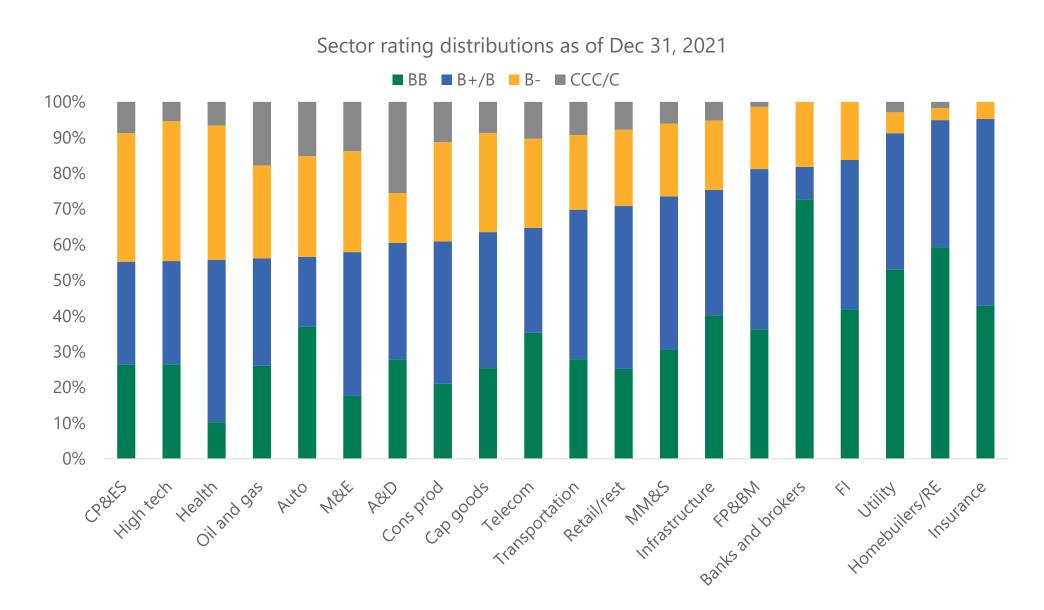
Source: LCD, Apollo Chief Economist

IG market is seven times bigger than HY and seven times bigger than the loan market



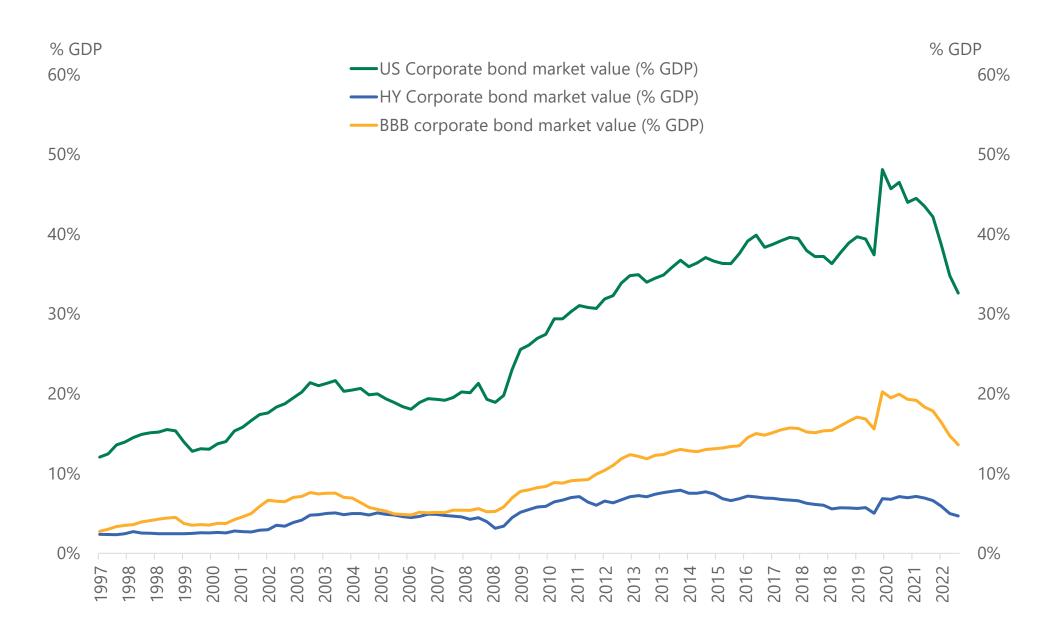
Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, S&P LCD, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Ticker used for HY is H0A0 Index and for IG it is C0A0 Index and for Loans it is SPBDALB Index.

HY sector rating distributions



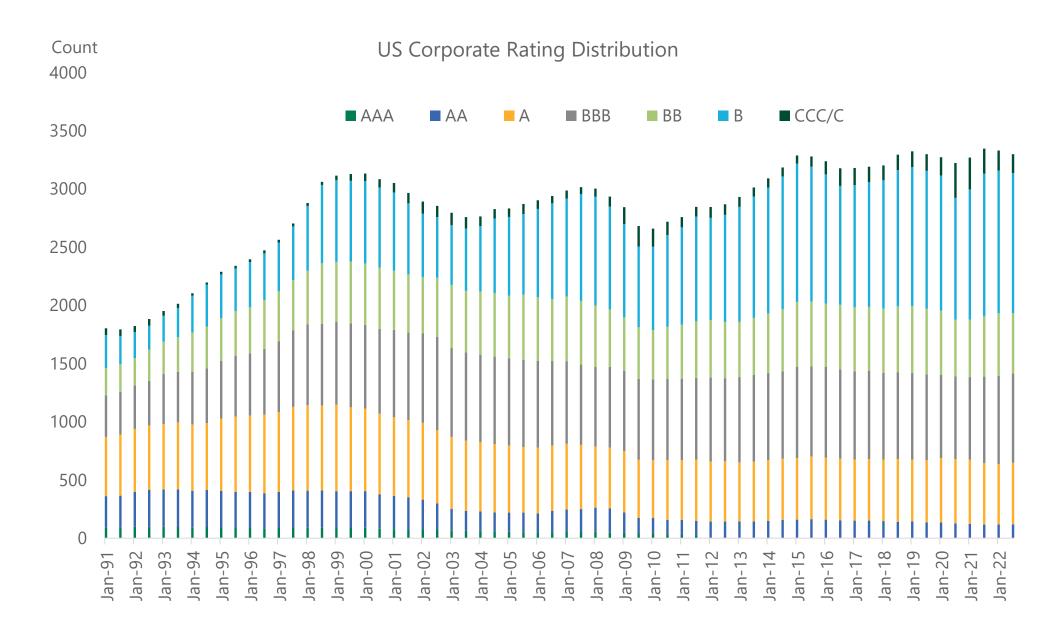
Source: S&P Global Ratings Research and S&P Global Market Intelligence's CreditPro®., Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Numbers in parentheses represent overall sector's proportion of the speculative-grade population. CP&ES-Chemicals, packaging, and environmental services. FP&BM--Forest products and building materials. Home/RE--Homebuilders and real estate companies.

US corporate bond markets as a share of GDP



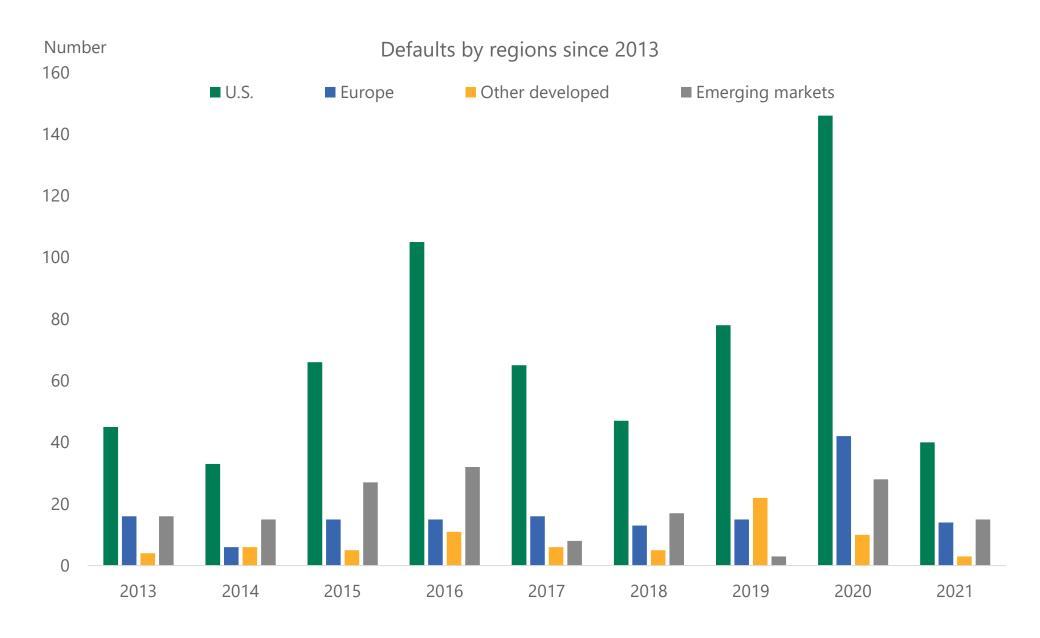
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Distribution of corporate credit ratings



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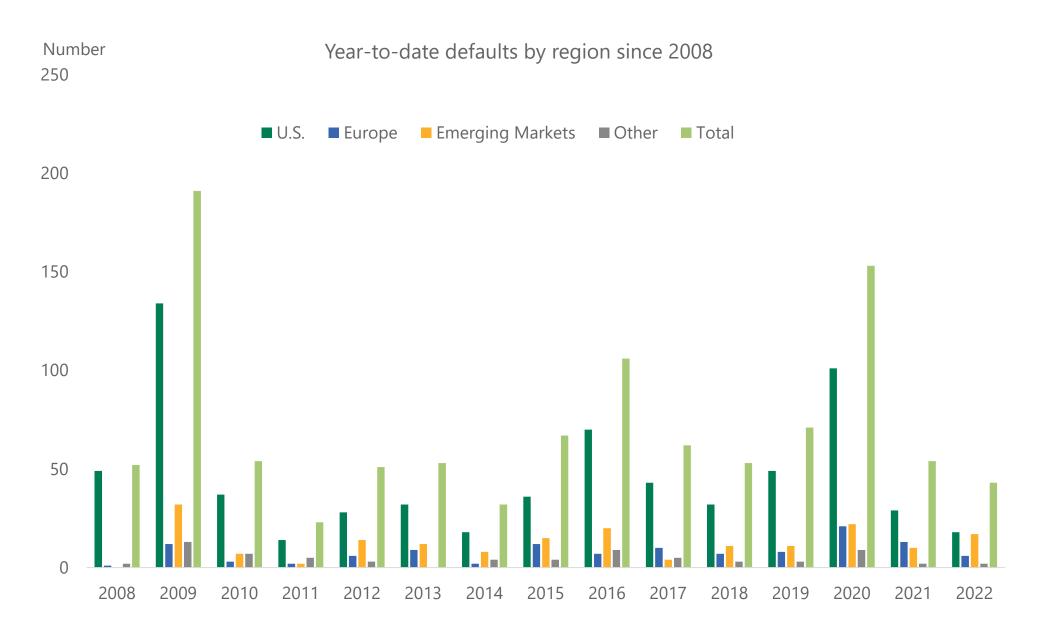
Global default rates remain low



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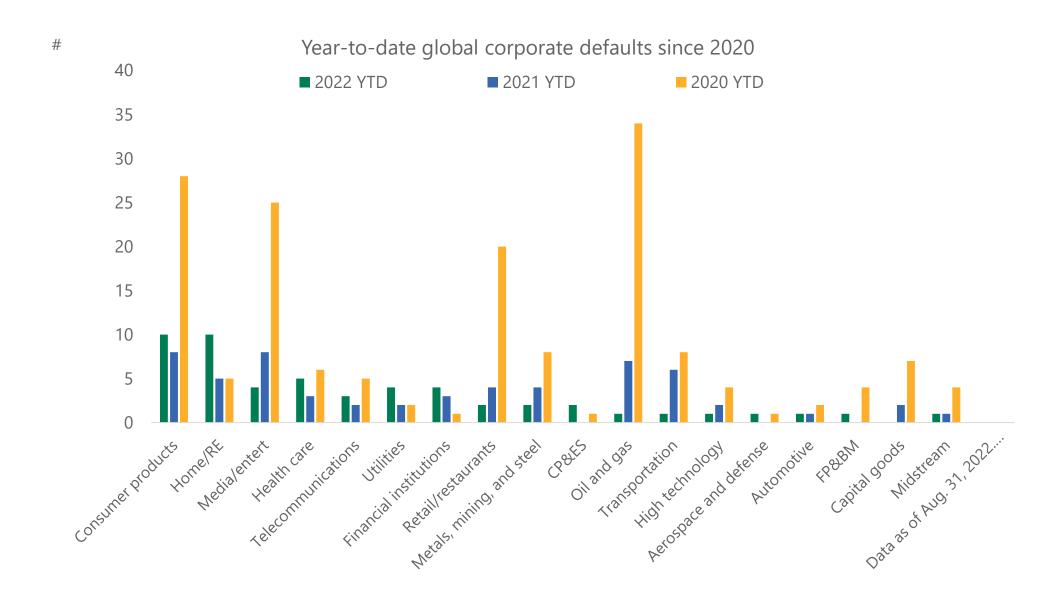
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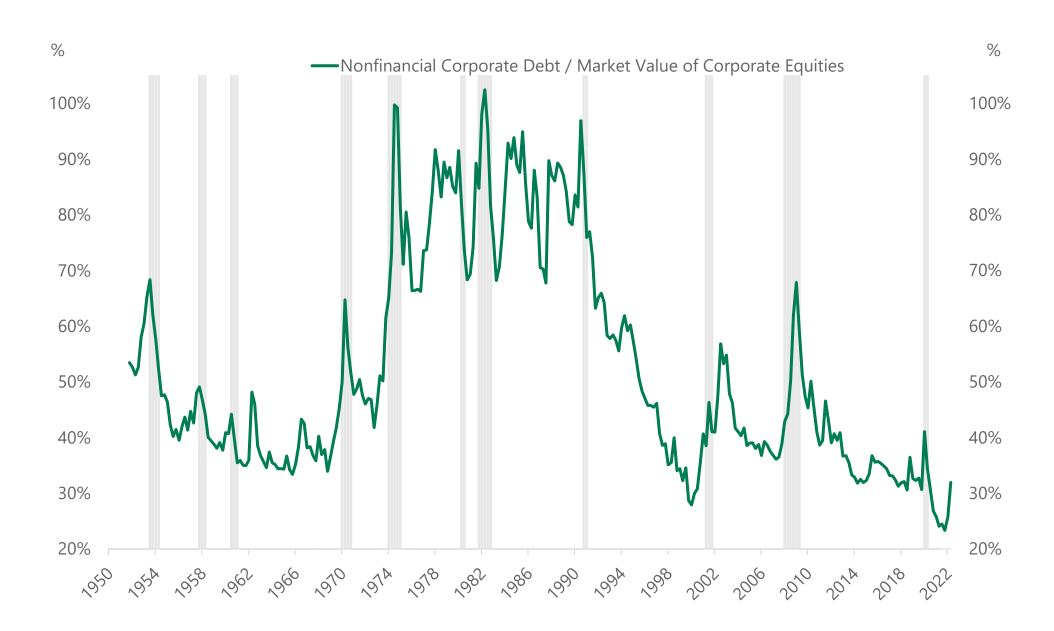


Default rates differ across sectors



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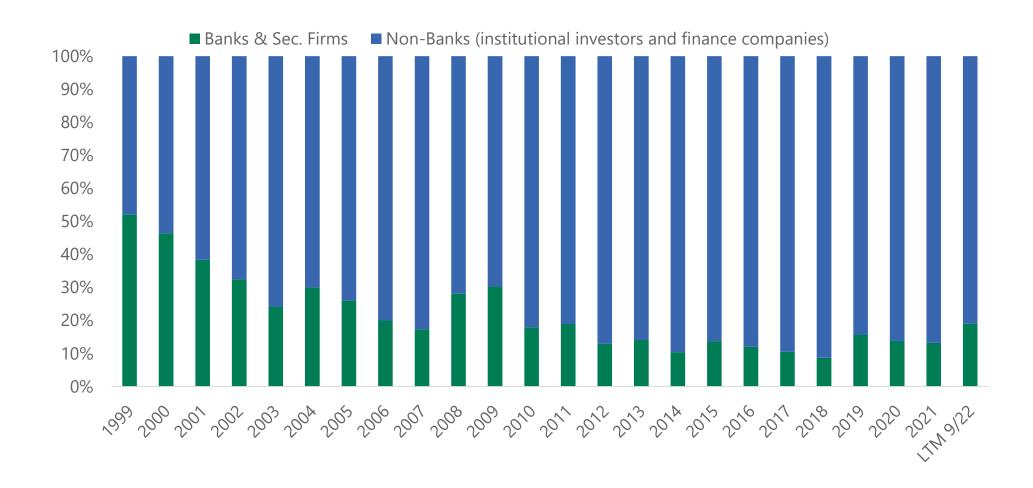
Debt-to-equity ratio is very low for corporate America



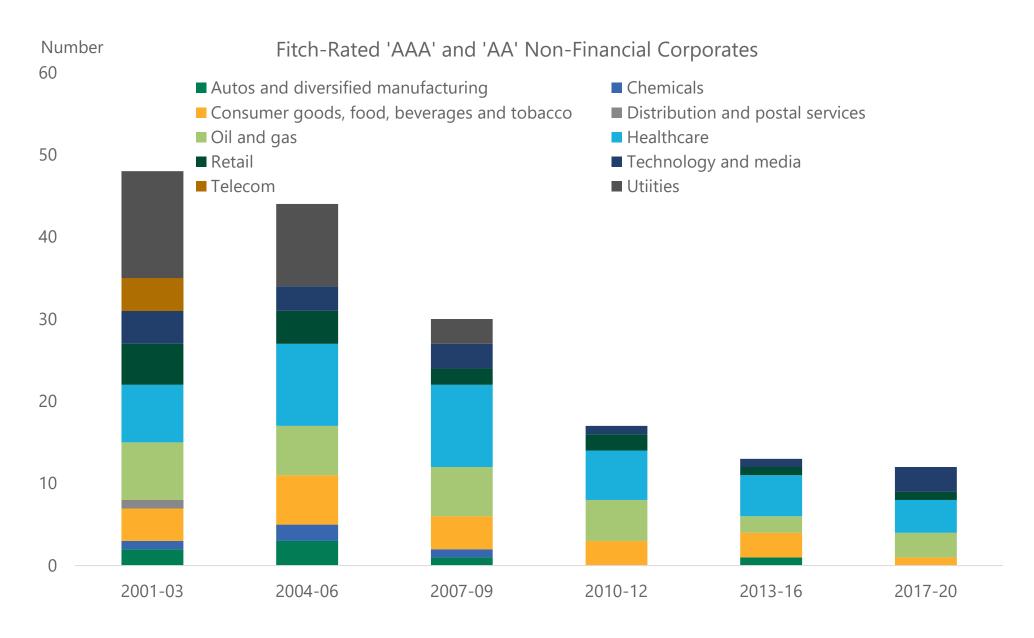
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More leveraged loans are bought by banks

Primary Investor Market: Leveraged Loans



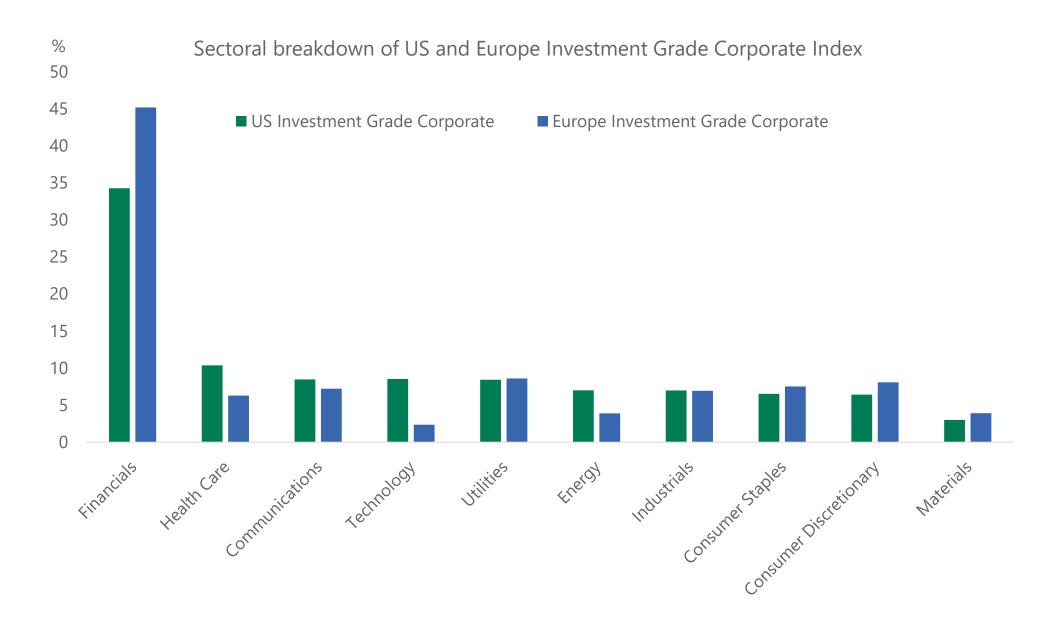
Fewer and fewer corporate bonds are rated AAA and AA



Source: Fitch Ratings, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Including state-linked issuers with Standalone Credit Profiles in the 'AA' category. Data cover issuers that have been rated for at least six years or at end-2020.

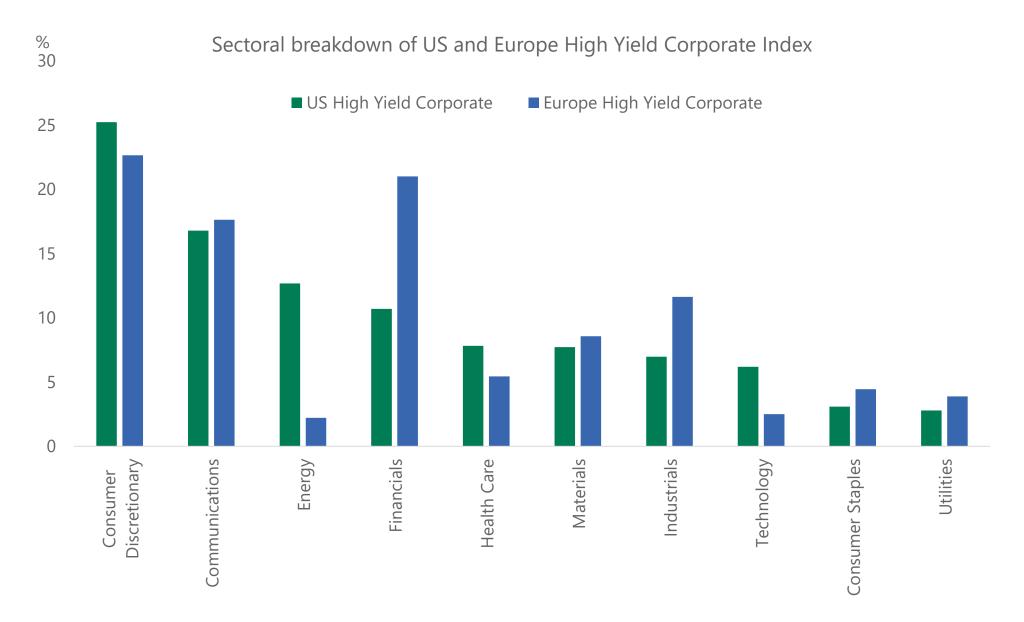


EU IG index: Bigger weight to financials, lower weight to energy, healthcare and tech



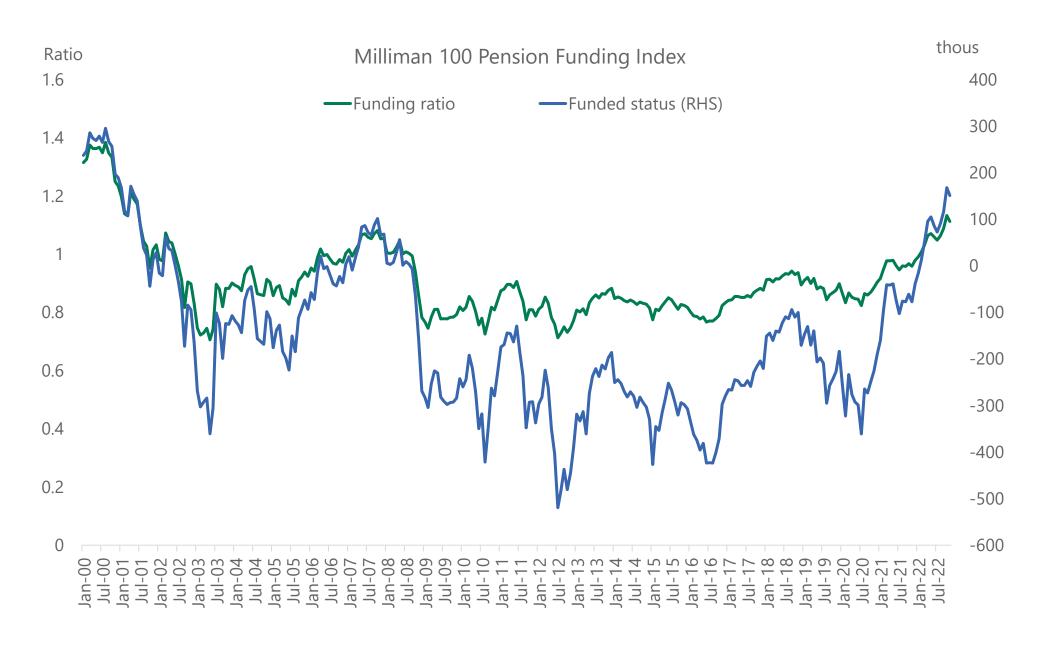
Source: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 30th September 2022

EU HY index: Bigger weight to financials and industrials. Lower weight to energy, healthcare, and tech



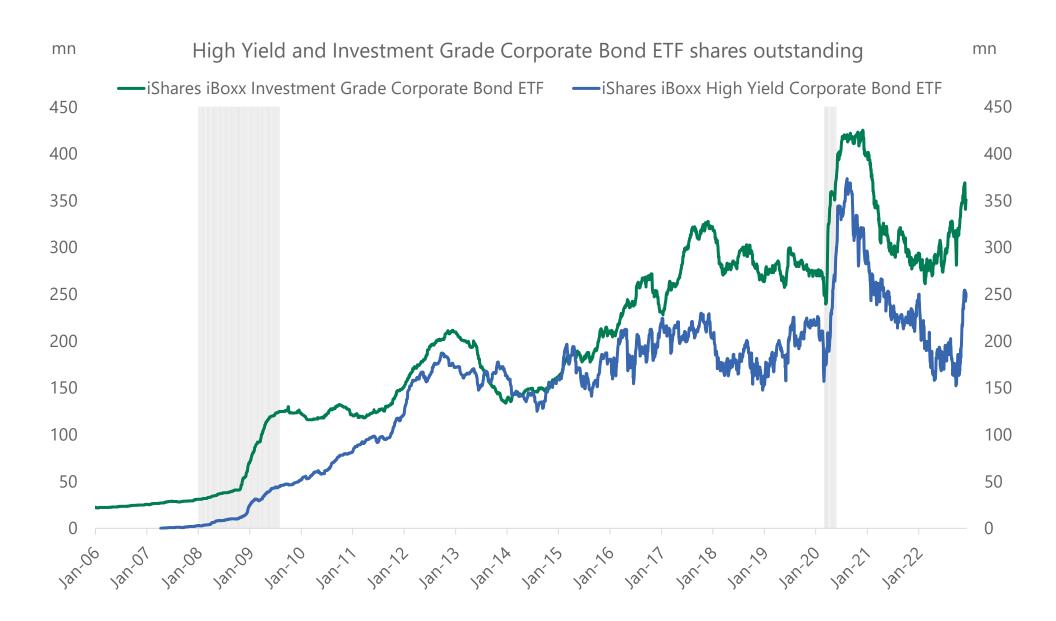
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Pension funding status has improved



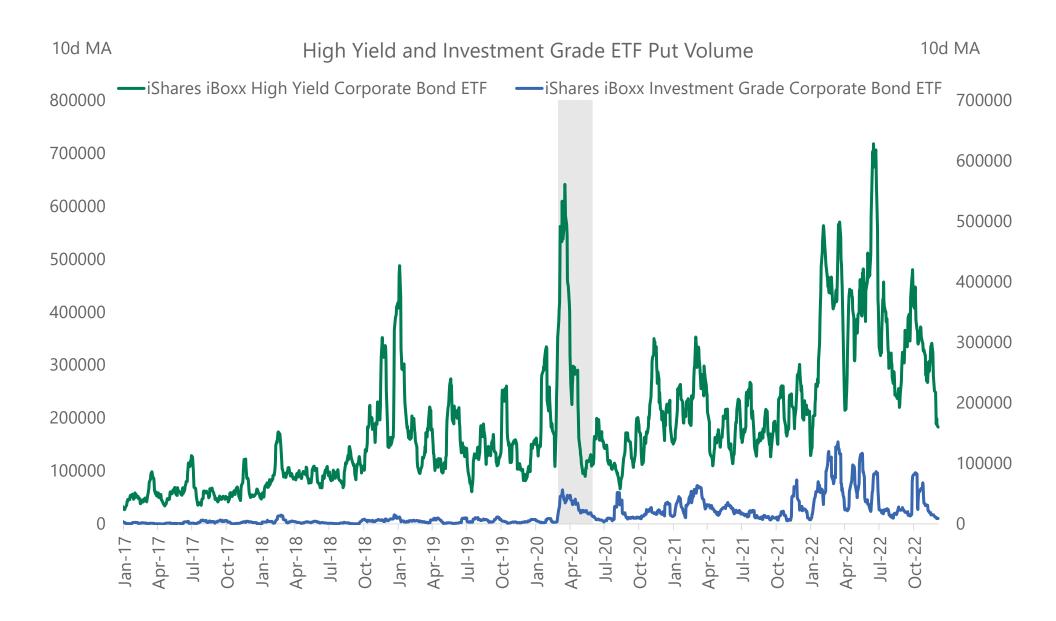
Source: Milliman, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Retail investors taking money out of HY

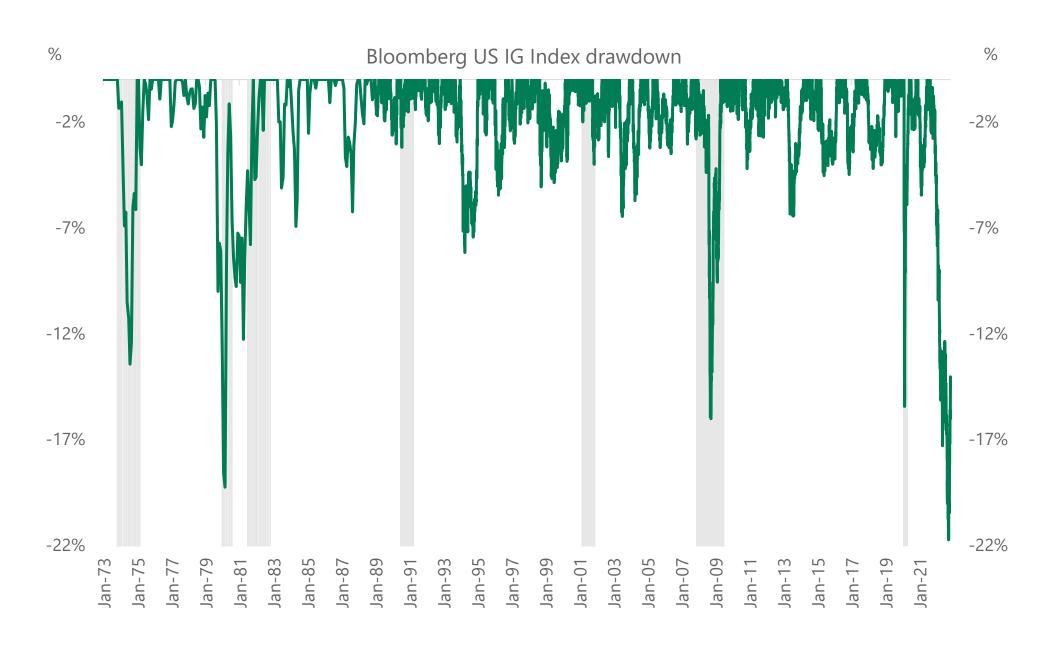


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used HYG US Equity and LQD US Equity

Put volumes for IG ETF and HY ETF



Passive IG investors down 14% from peak

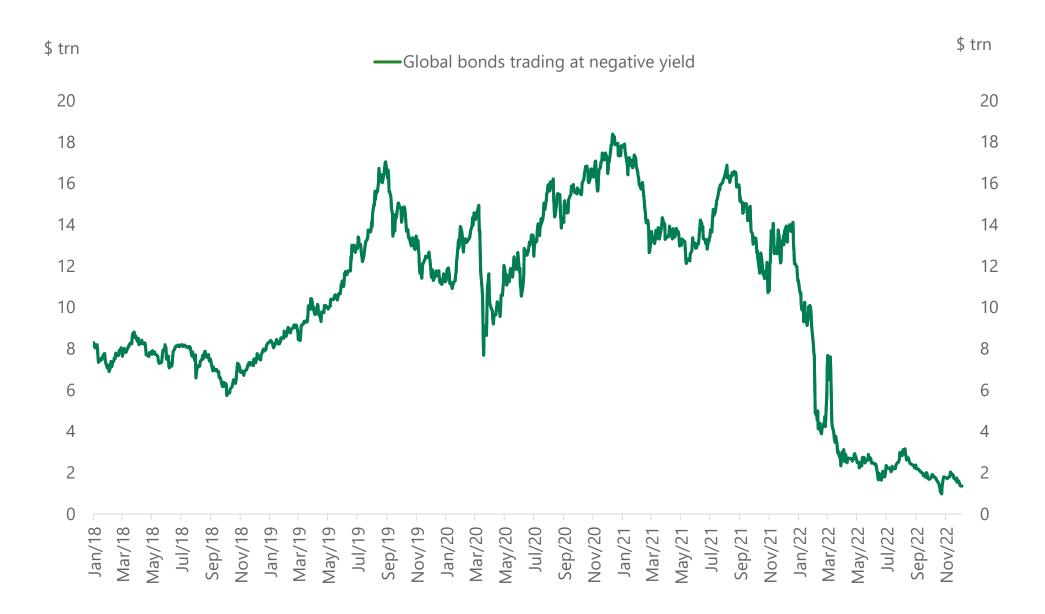


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Index used LUACTRUU Index

Bonds outstanding trading at negative interest rates

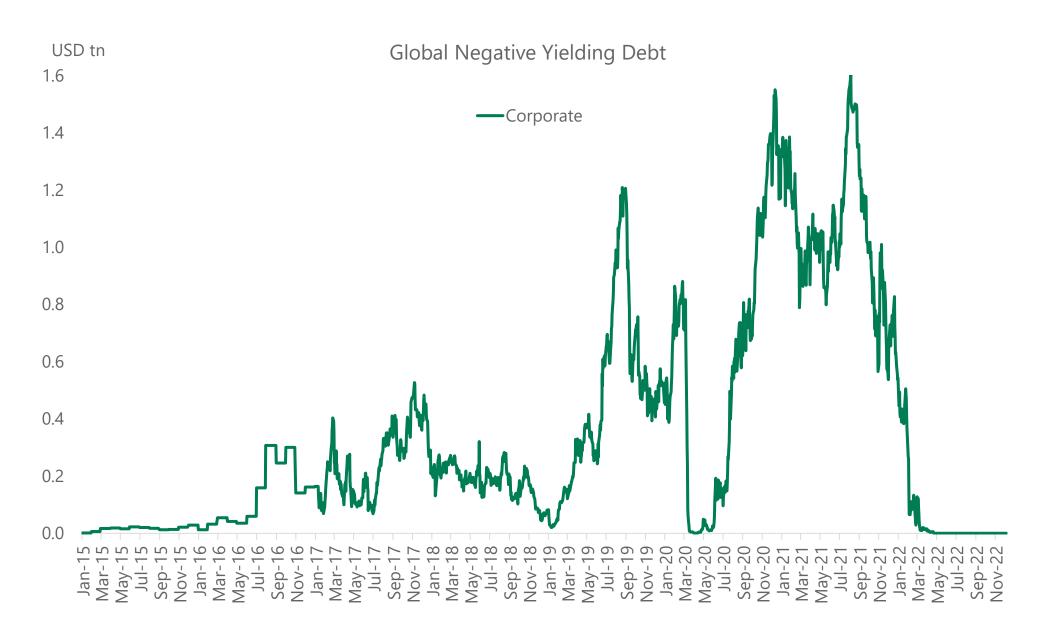


The total value of negative yielding debt in the world: \$2trn

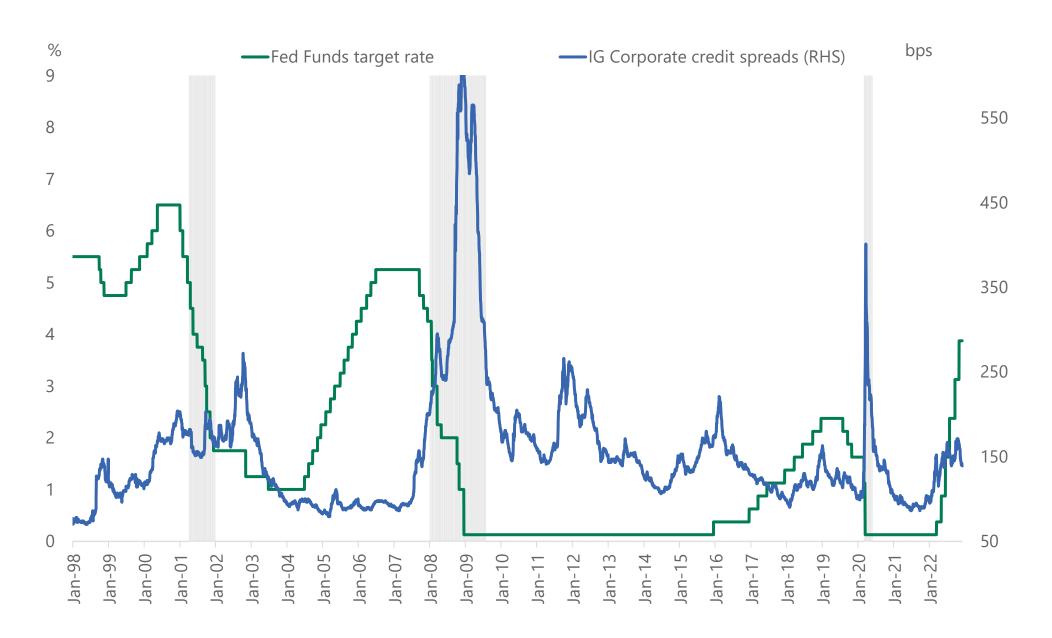




All corporate bonds now have positive yields

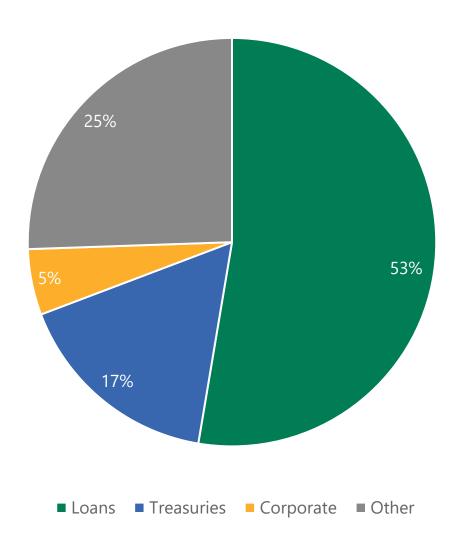


Fed hiking and credit spreads widening



US: Floating rate bonds outstanding, October 2022

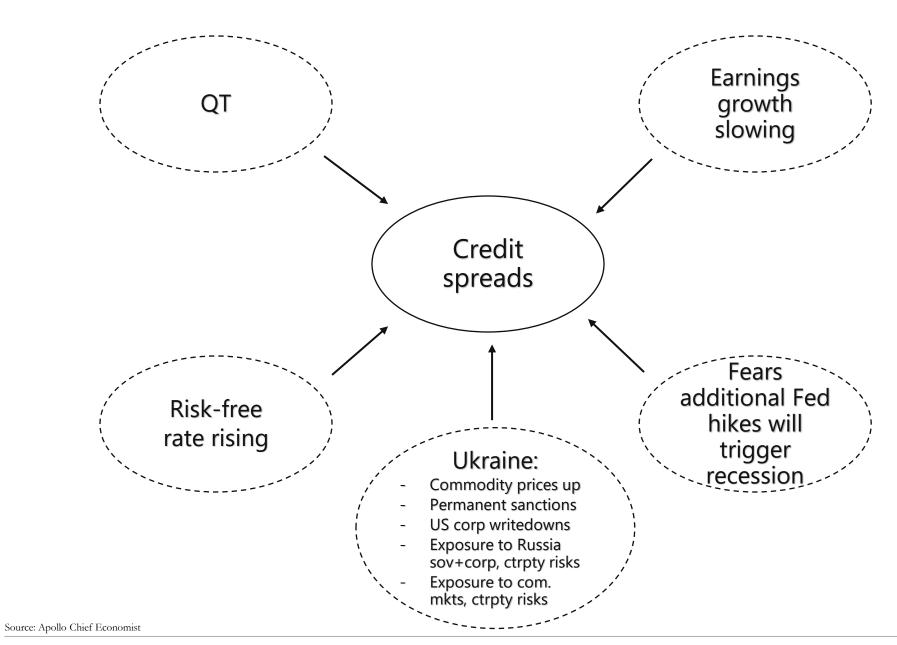




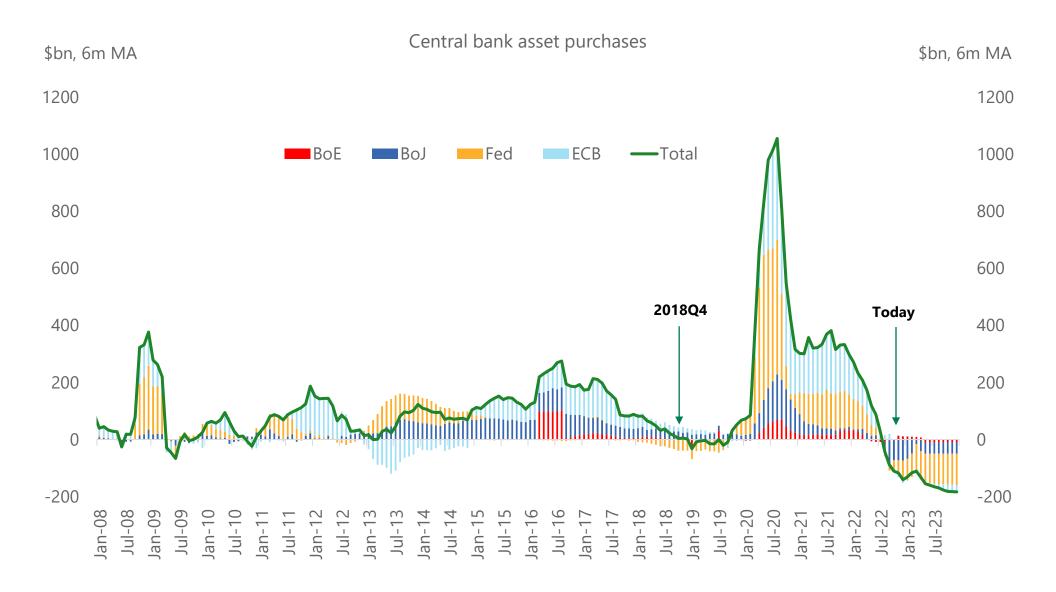
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Other includes Munis, Agency and Securitized. The chart filters floating rate securities for all asset class from the fixed income SRCH <GO> screen on Bloomberg.



Turbulence in credit markets continues



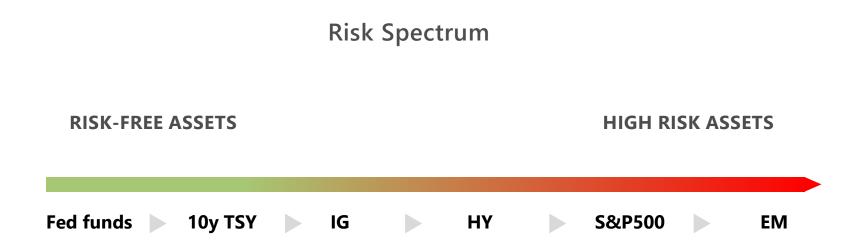
When QT begins, credit spreads widen, and equities go lower



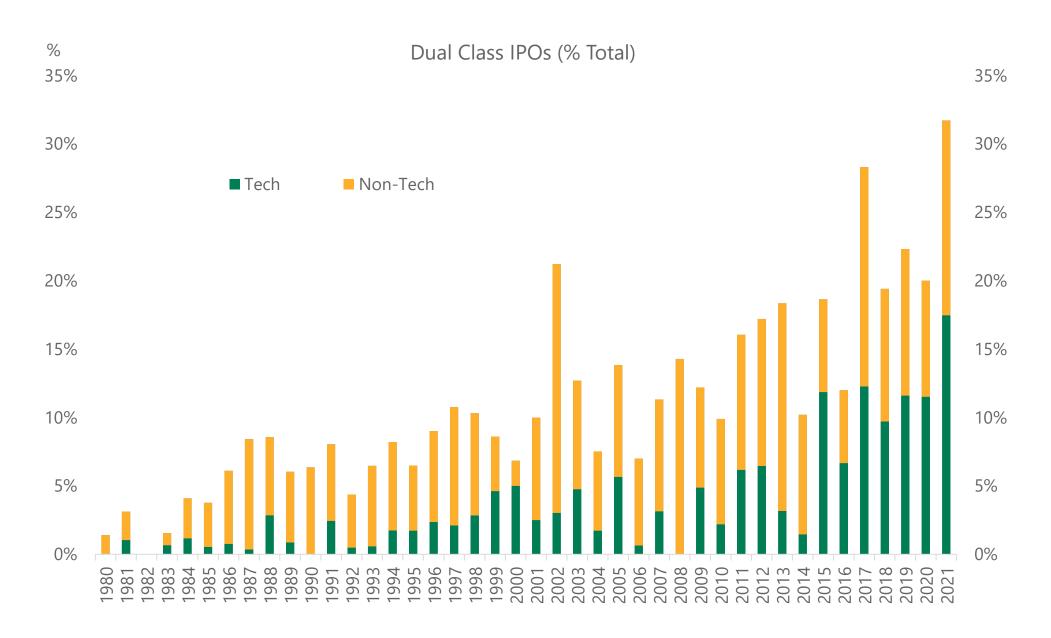
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Pace of purchases for 2021: BOE: £3.4bn per week till mid December 2021, FED: USD120bn per month with wind down from December with purchases ending in March 2022, ECB: Euro 90bn per month (20 bn APP + 60 bn PEPP), PEPP till March 2022, Euro 40bn in April, Euro 30bn in May and Euro 20bn in June, and only redemptions reinvested from August. BOJ:: USD 70bn per month. For 2022: All programs are expected to wind down linearly from January 2022 to December 2022. Fed QT \$ 95 per month from May 2022. BoE starts to sell GBP80 bn in the next 12 months and ECB starts QT in 2Q23



Inflation is reversing the hunt for yield

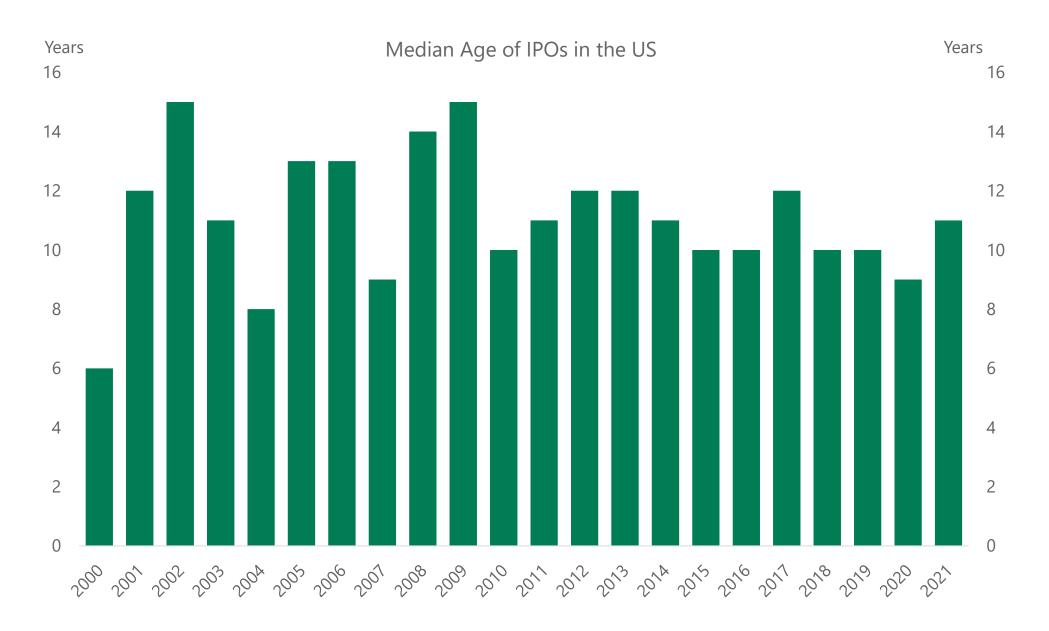


More dual class IPOs, driven by tech



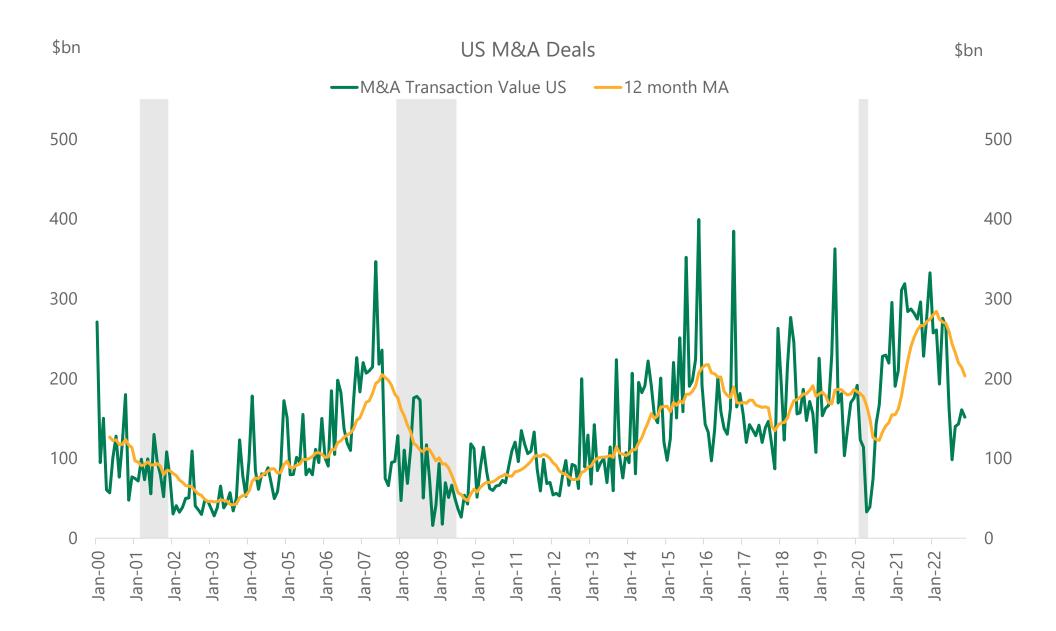
Source: Jay Ritter, Apollo Chief Economist

Median age of IPOs



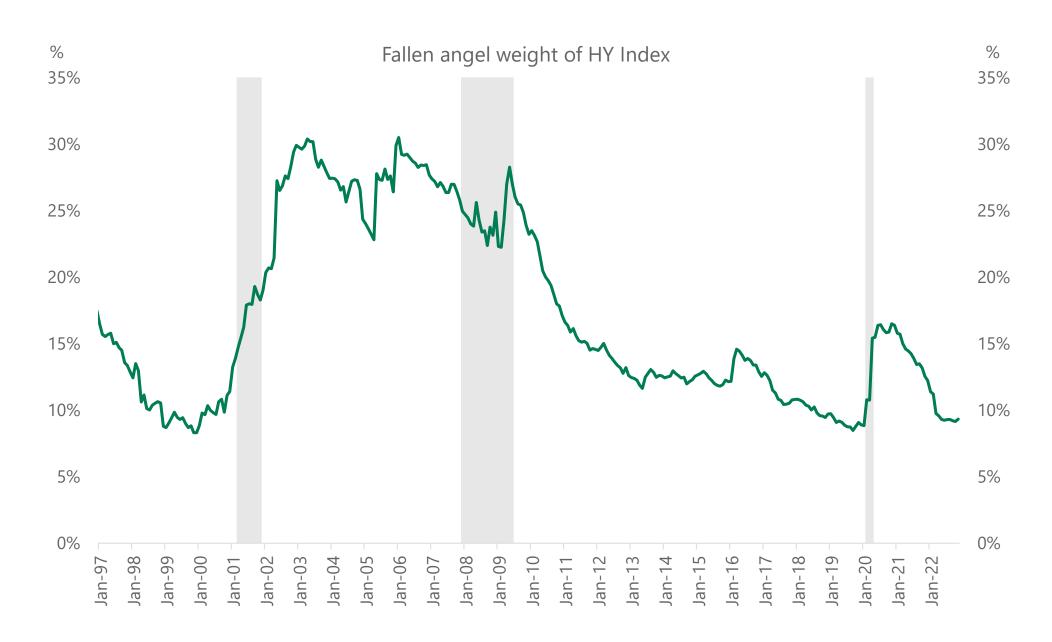
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The number of M&A deals is low at the moment



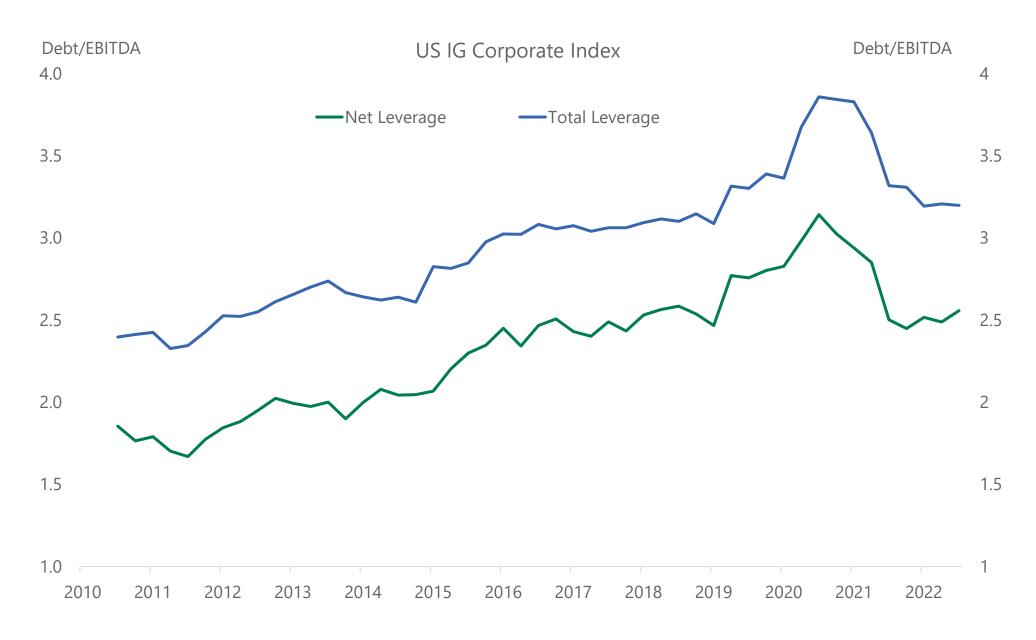
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Ticker used is MAATUS Index

Declining share of fallen angels in the HY index



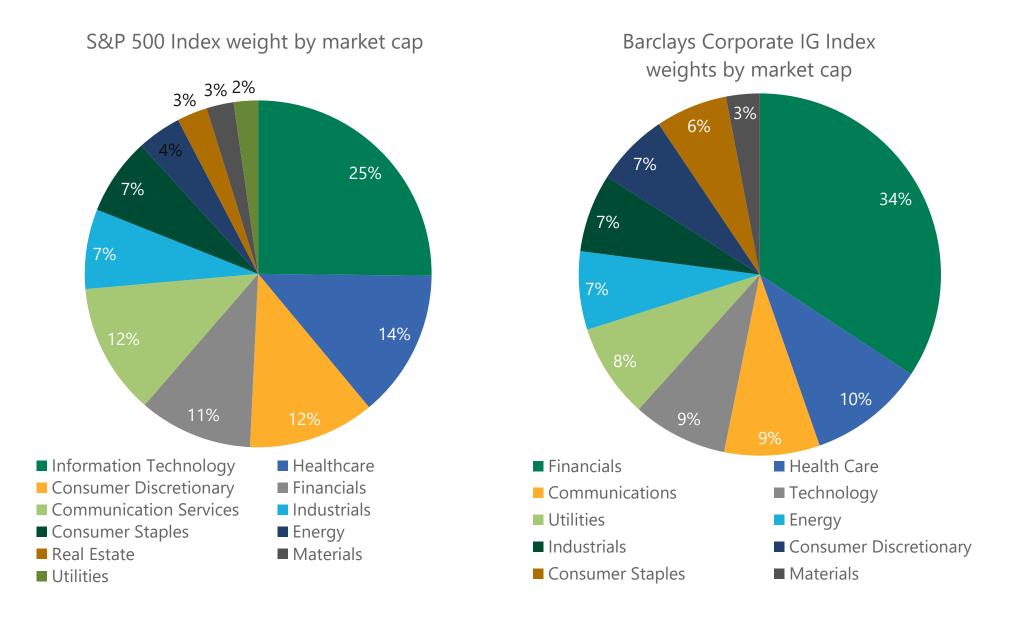
Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used H0A0 Index and H0FA Index

IG leverage down after the pandemic



Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Index used C0A0 Index

Big differences between weights in S&P500 and IG index

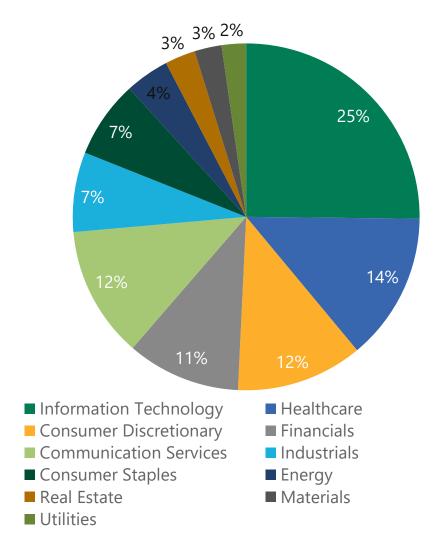


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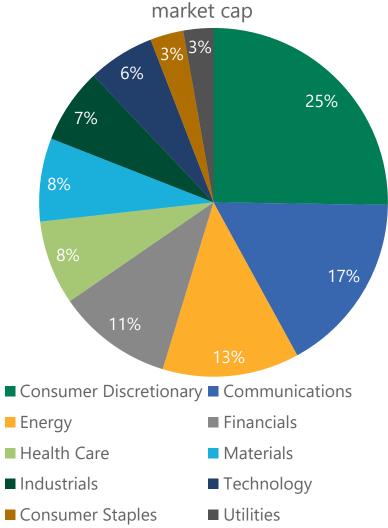


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Bloomberg Barclays HY index weights by



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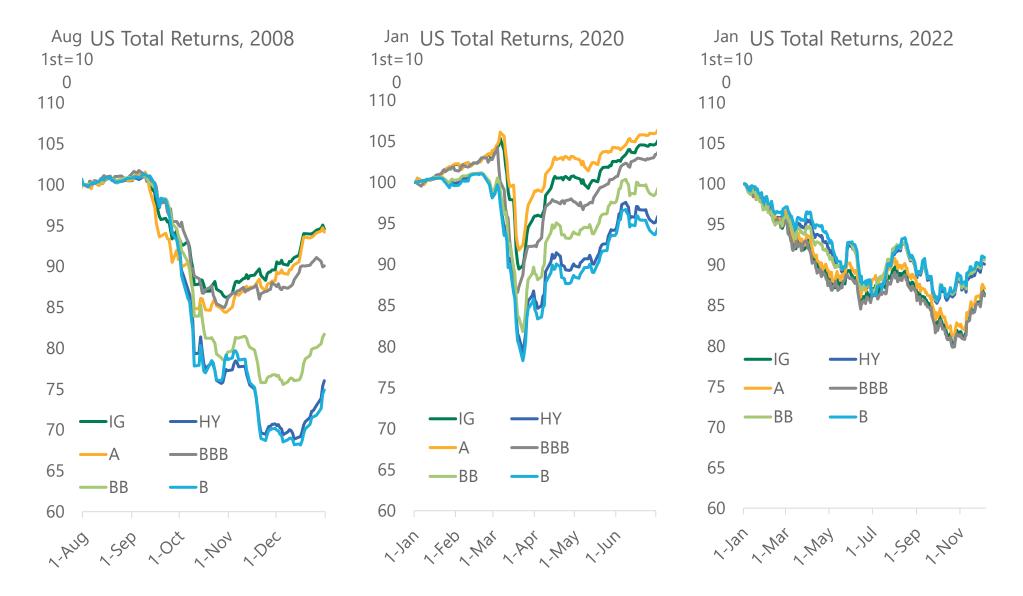


	Top 50 Investment Grade corporate bond issuers	Top 50 High Yield corporate bond issuers
1	Bank of America Corporation	Ford Motor Credit Company LLC
2	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	CCO Holdings LLC/ CCO Holdings Capital Corp.
3	Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	Occidental Petroleum Corporation
4	Morgan Stanley	Tenet Healthcare Corporation
5	Citigroup Inc.	Centene Corporation
6	Wells Fargo & Company	CSC Holdings LLC
7	Apple Inc.	TransDigm Inc.
8	AT&T Inc	Ford Motor Company
9	Verizon Communications Inc.	T-Mobile US Inc
10	HSBC Holdings PLC	Carnival Corporation
11	Comcast Corporation	DISH DBS Corporation
12	Oracle Corporation	Bausch Health Companies Inc
13	Amazon.com Inc.	Community Health Systems Incorporated
14	AbbVie Inc.	Lumen Technologies Inc
15	The Boeing Company	Sirius Xm Radio Inc
16	Microsoft Corporation	OneMain Financial Corporation
17	T-Mobile USA Inc.	Royal Caribbean Group
18	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	Altice France S.A
19	CVS Health Corp	Addvantage Loyalty IP Ltd/ American Airlines Inc
20	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	Bombardier Inc.
21	Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp.	Caesars Entertainment Inc New
22	Walt Disney Company	Mozart Debt Merger Subordinated Inc.
23	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc	Equitrans Midstream Corporation
24	The Home Depot Inc.	Western Midstream Operating LP
25	Intel Corporation	1011778 B.C. Unlimited Liability Company / New Red Finance Inc.
26	BNP Paribas SA	Iron Mountain Incorporated
27	Amgen Inc.	Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons LP / Albertsons LLC
28	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc.	Sprint Capital Corporation
29	Barclays PLC	Icahn Enterprises L.P. / Icahn Enterprises Finance Corporation
30	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	FirstEnergy Corp.
31	International Business Machines Corporation	Post Holdings Inc.
32	HCA Inc.	Calpine Corporation
33	Shell International Finance B.V.	Hilton Domestic Operating Co Inc.
34	Broadcom Inc	Univision Commmunications Inc.
35	Energy Transfer LP	Navient Corporation
36	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Vistra Operations Co LLC
37	Aercap Ireland Capital DAC	Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch
38	General Motors Financial Company Inc	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
39	Exxon Mobil Corporation	Ball Corporation
40	Raytheon Technologies Corporation	Level 3 Financing Inc.
41	Pepsico Inc	Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.
42	Magallanes Inc.	YUM Brands Inc
43	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	Service Properties Trust
44	Societe Generale S.A.	Bath & Body Works Inc
45	Cigna Corporation	GFL Environmental Inc.
46	Royal Bank of Canada	Prime Securities Services Borrower LLC and Prime Finance Inc.
47	Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	Uber Technologies Inc
48	Pfizer Inc.	United Rentals (North America) Inc.
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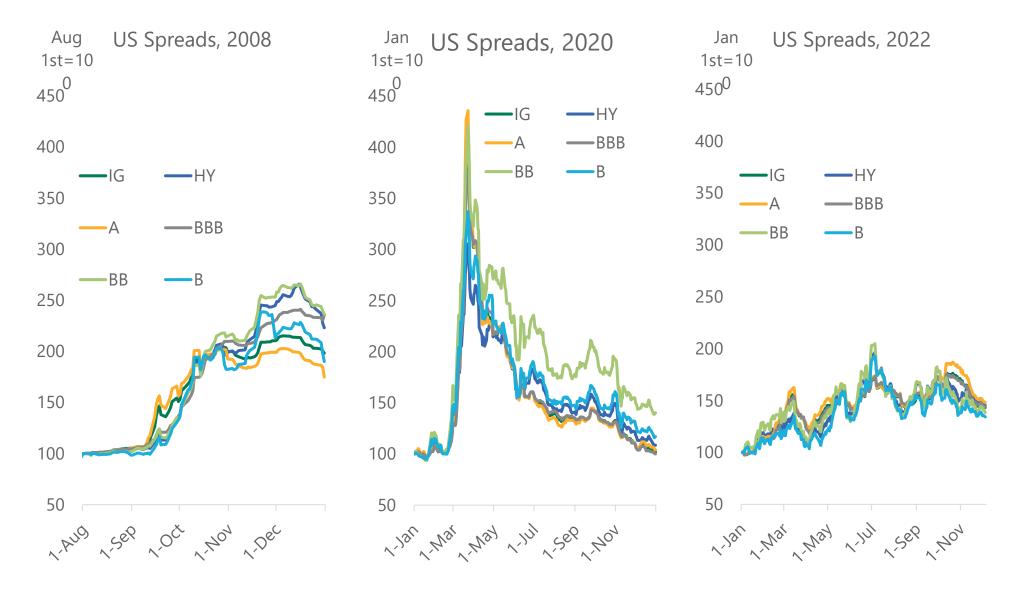
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Top 50 issuers for C0A0 and H0A0 Index



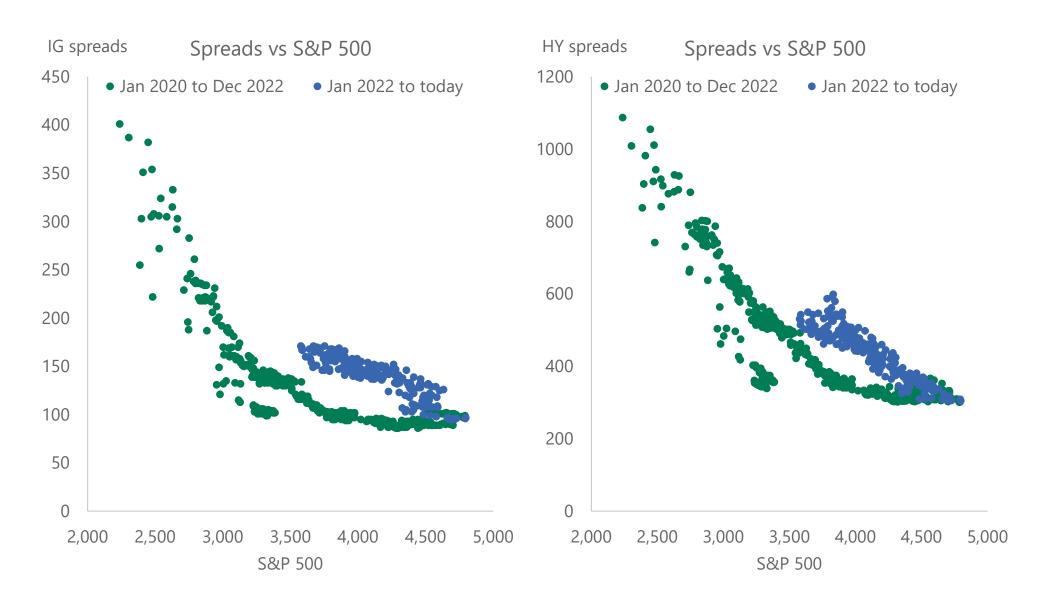
Synchronized sell-off in credit so far. Little differentiation between credits compared with 2008 and March 2020 episodes.



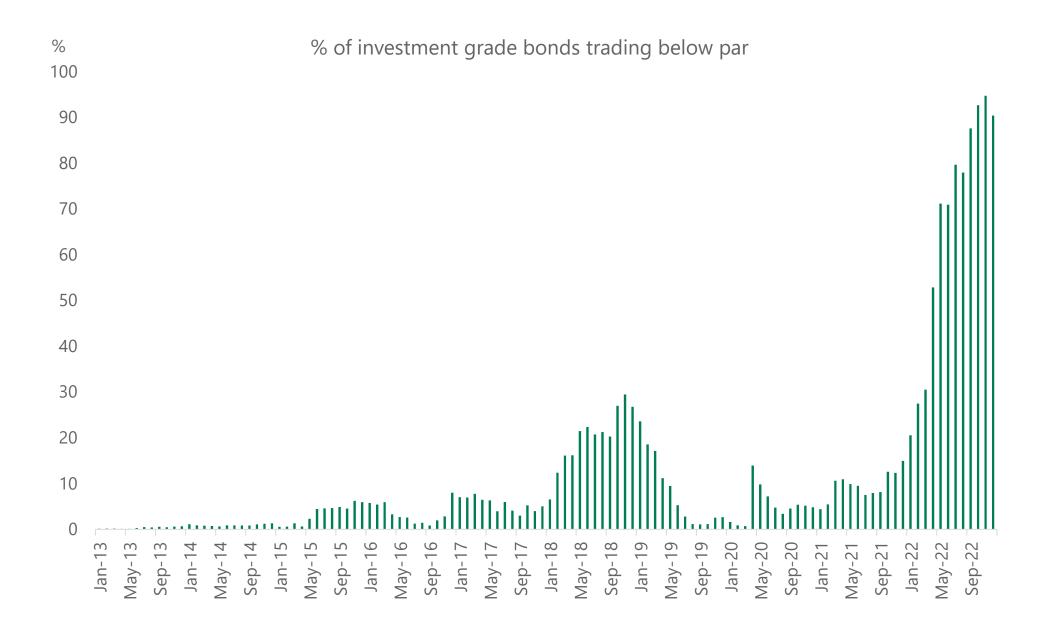
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Valuation of credit versus equities



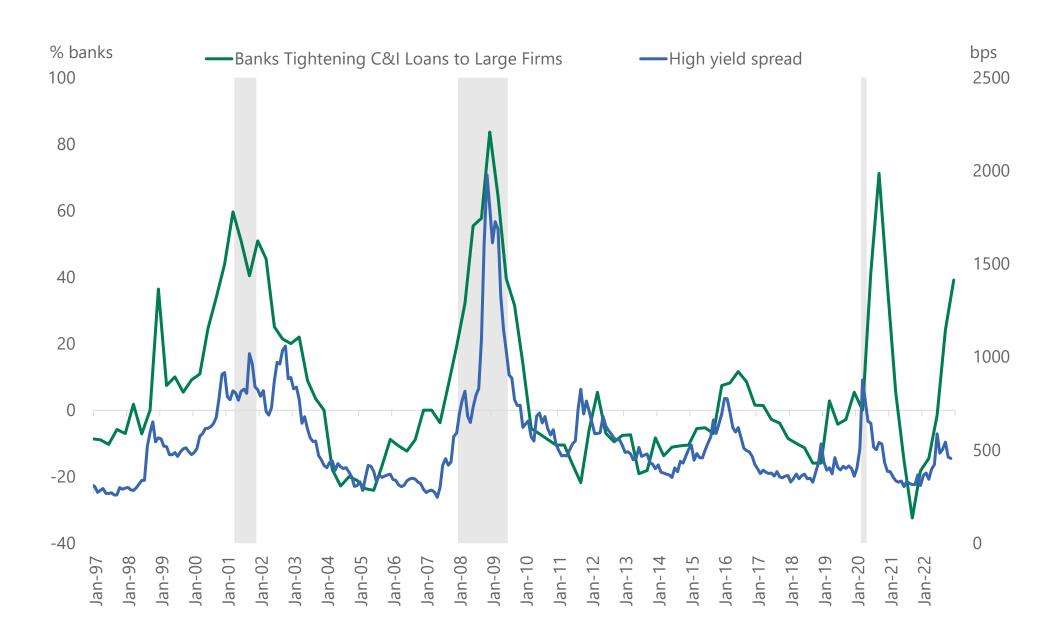
91% of the US IG market trading below par



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data used for members in the LBUSTRUU Index as of 6th December 2022

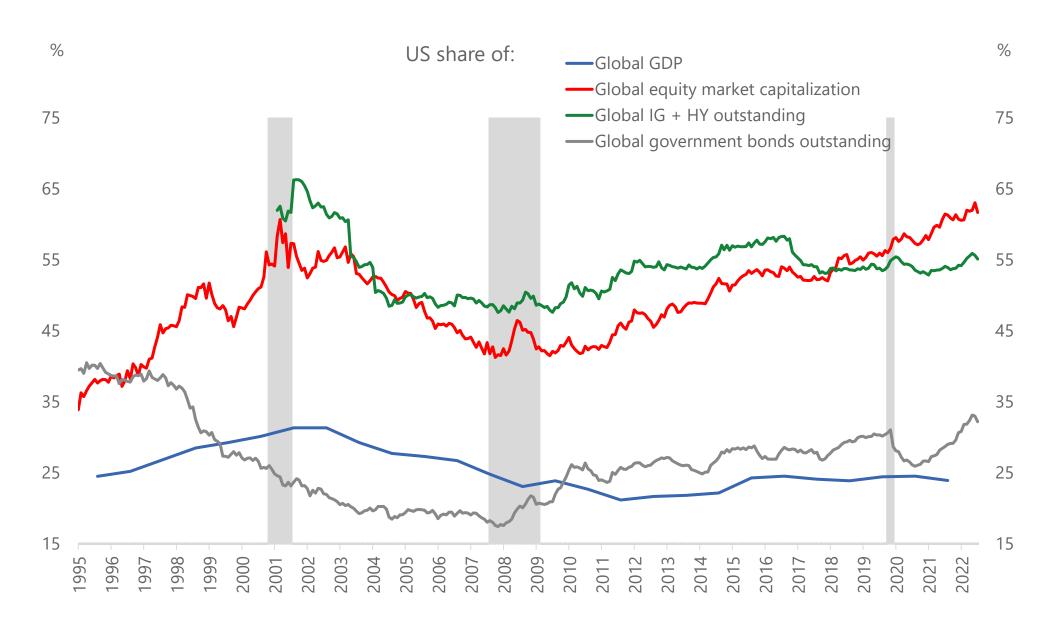


Banks starting to tighten credit conditions, HY spread should be trading wider



Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

US share of the world economy and global financial markets



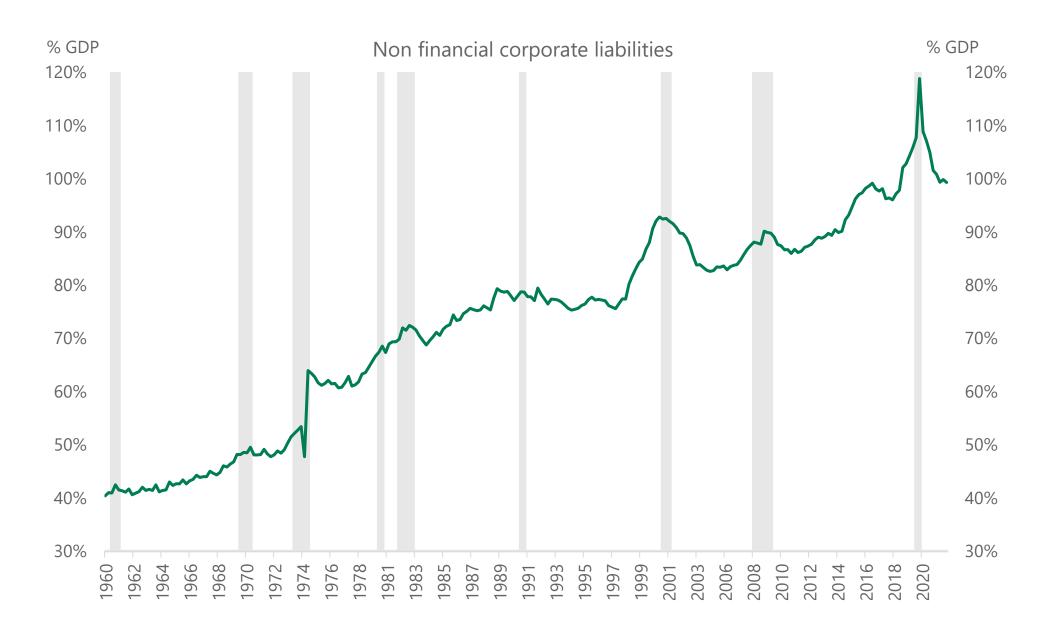
Source: Bloomberg, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: Bloomberg tickers: MXUS Index, MXWD Index, LUATTRUU Index, LF98TRUU Index, LG30TRUU index, LUACTRUU Index, 109805US index)

Credit markets have never been more vulnerable to rising rates.

Three reasons:

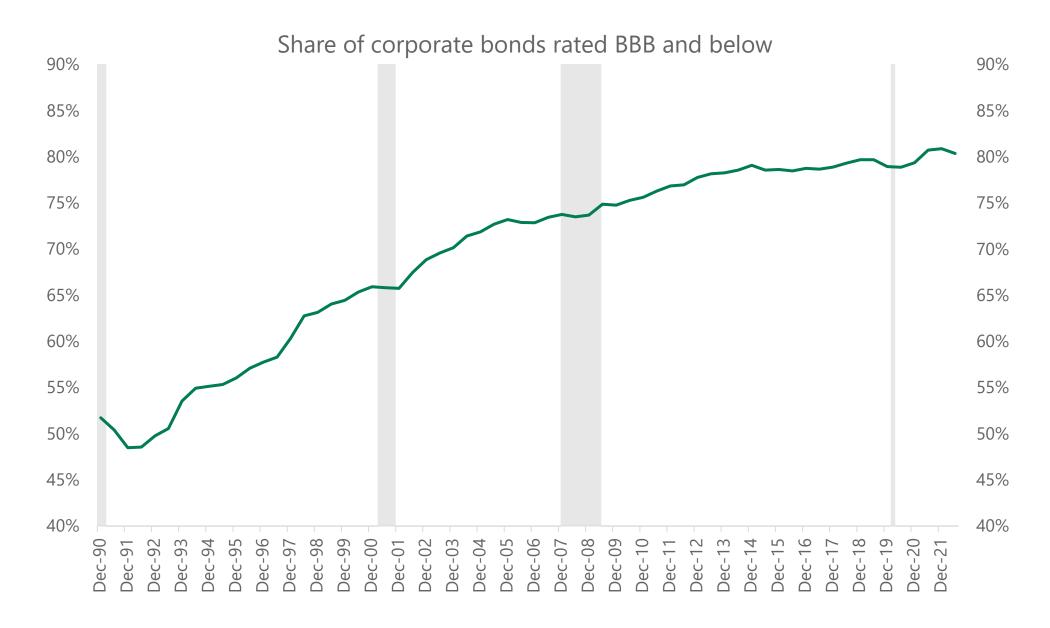
- 1) Very high leverage in the corporate sector
- 2) Lower-rated firms make up big share of all debt outstanding
- 3) Very high duration for the IG index and the HY index

Corporate debt is high as a share of GDP



Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Lower-rated firms are by definition more vulnerable to rising interest rates



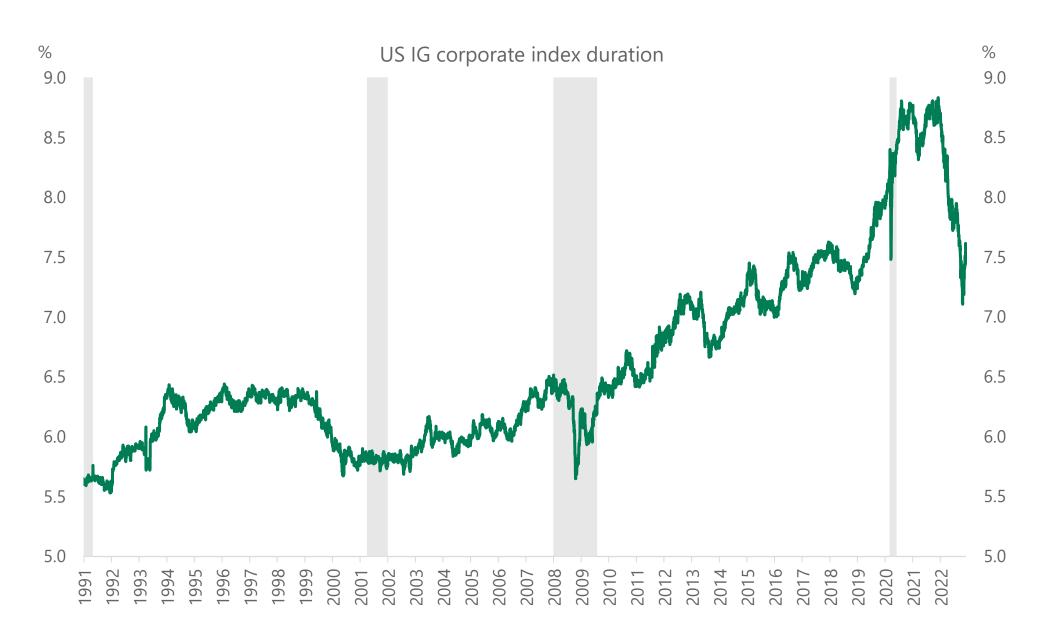
Source: S&P, Apollo Chief Economist

Share of corporate bond market value outstanding rated BBB and below



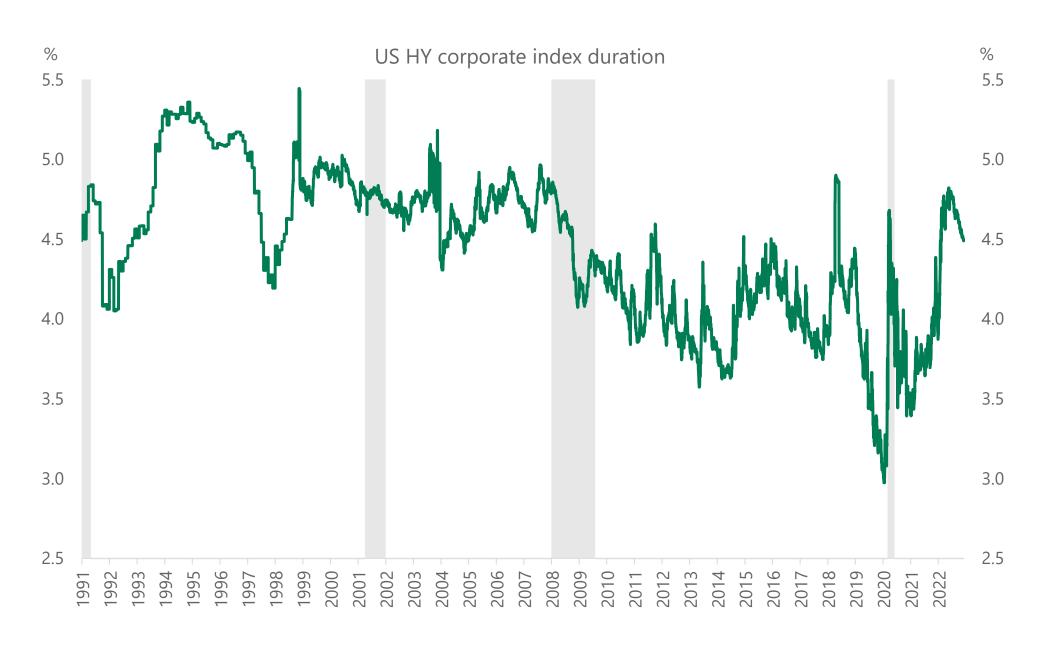
Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 31st October 2022

IG credit index duration declining



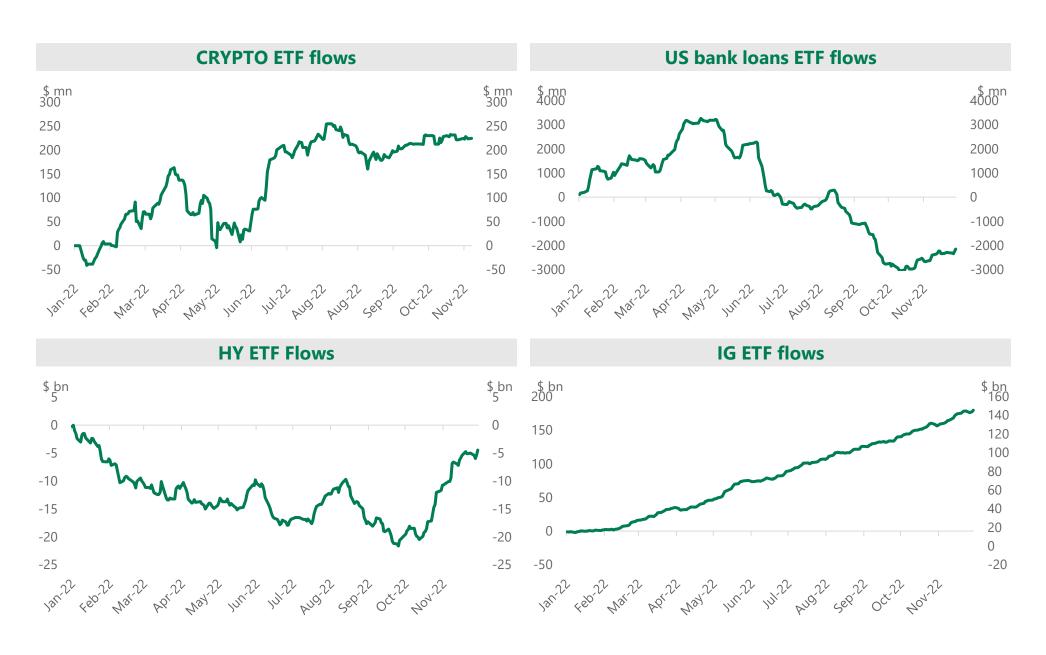
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HY credit index duration increasing



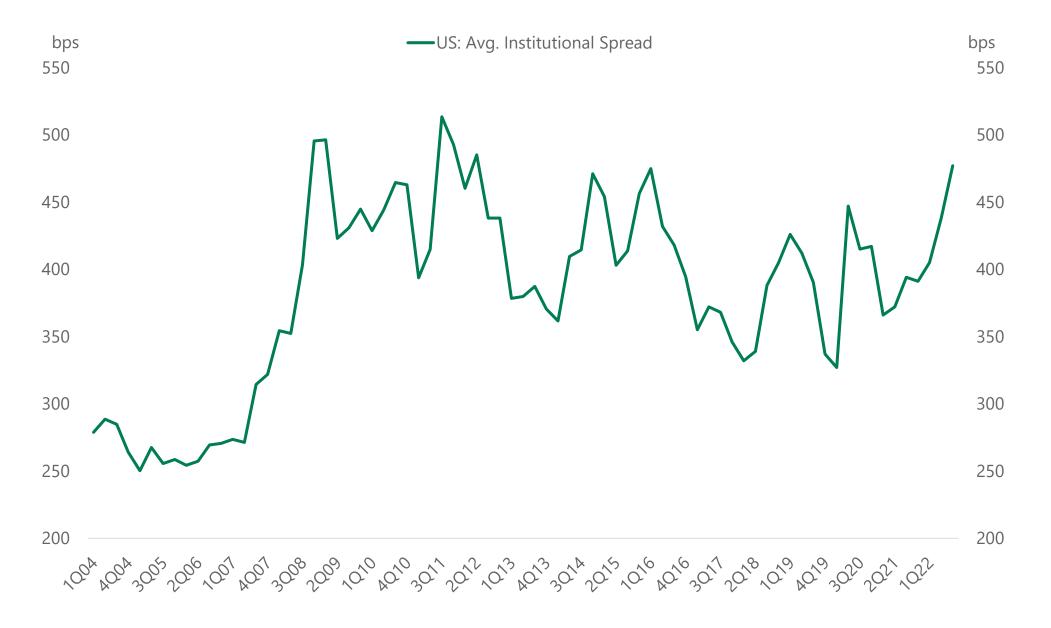
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Flow monitor



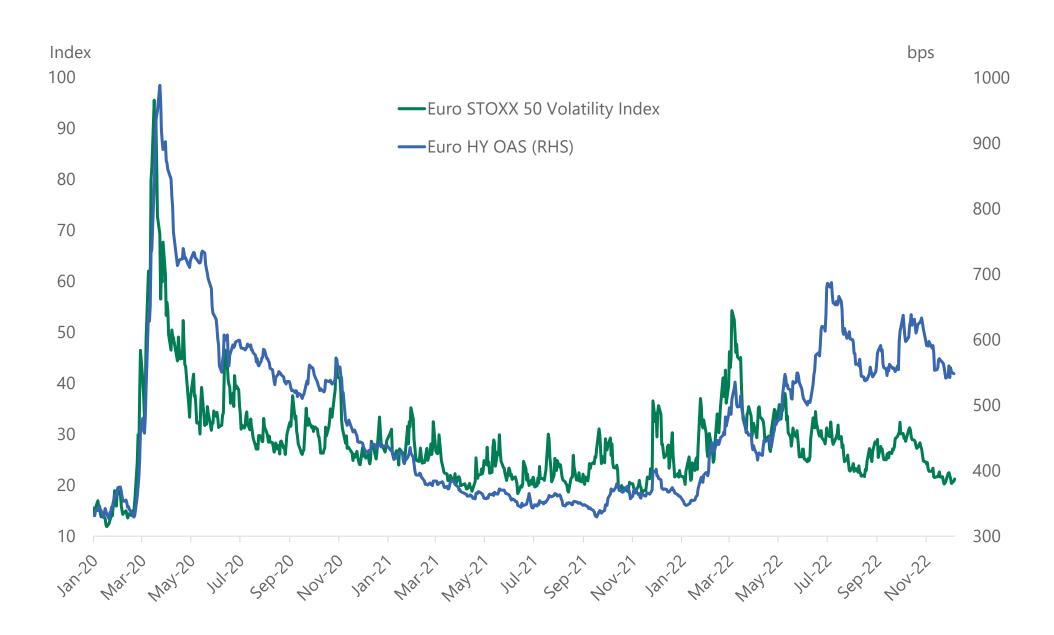
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: bito US equity: Crypto ETF flows, BFFUEBK Index: US Bank loans ETF flows, BFFUEHY Index: HY ETF flows; BFFUEIG Index: US IG ETF flows)

Loans: Institutional spread relative to bespoke loans



Source: S&P, Apollo Chief Economist

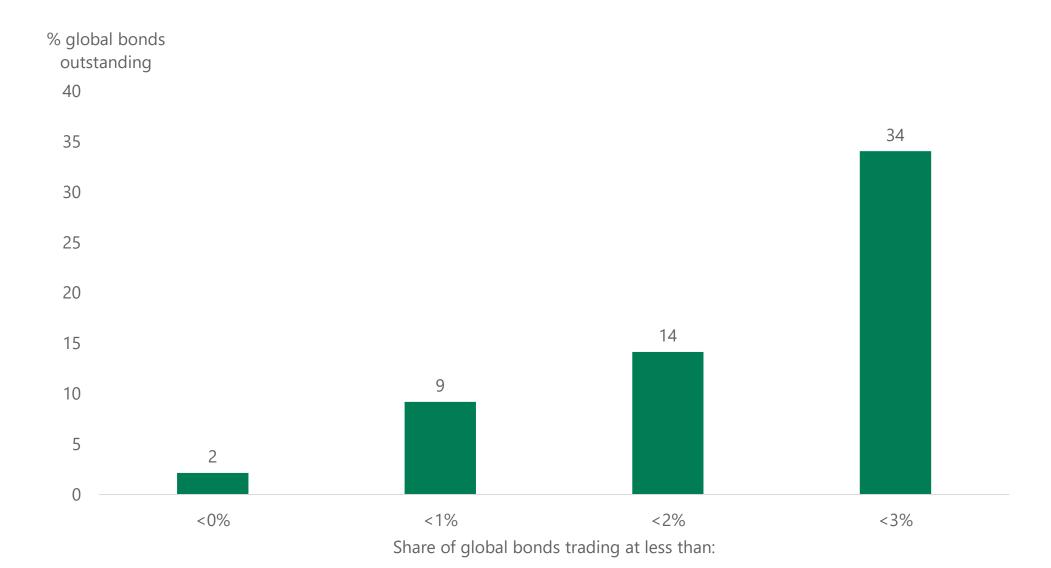
Disconnect between EU equity vol and EU HY spreads



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used are V2X Index and LP01OAS Index

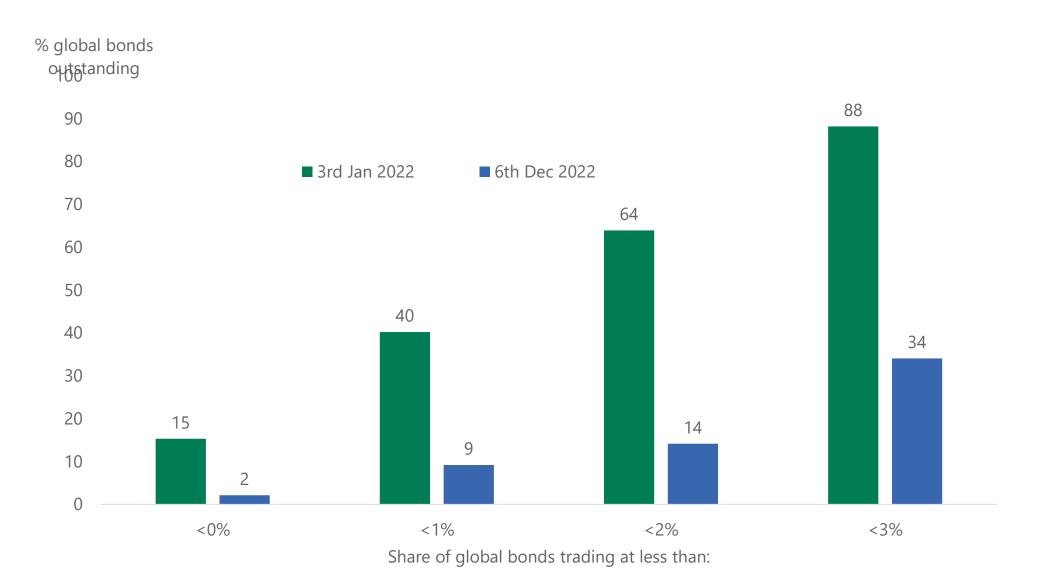


14% of bonds in the world trading at less than 2%



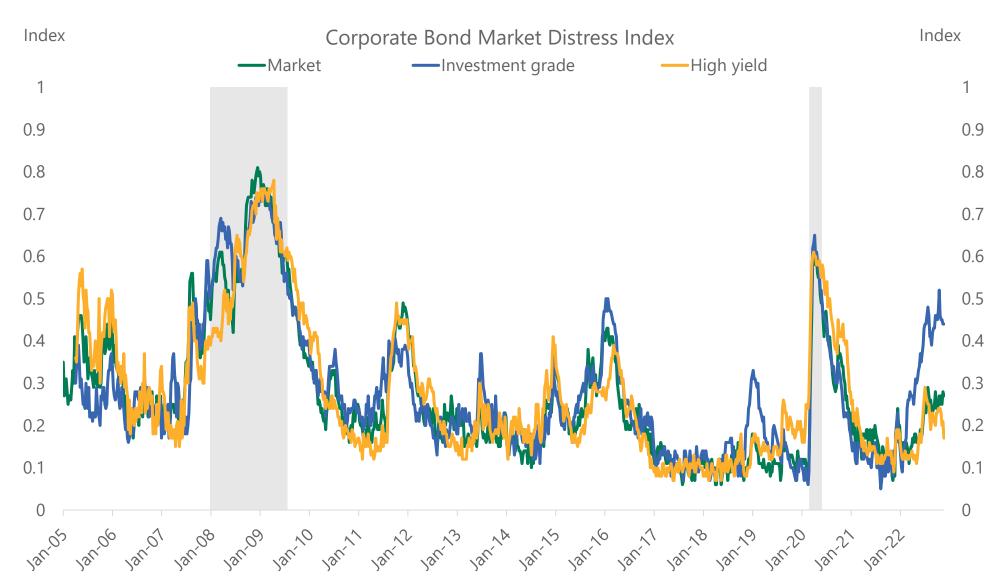
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

14% of bonds in the world trading at less than 2%, down from 64% on Jan 1



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

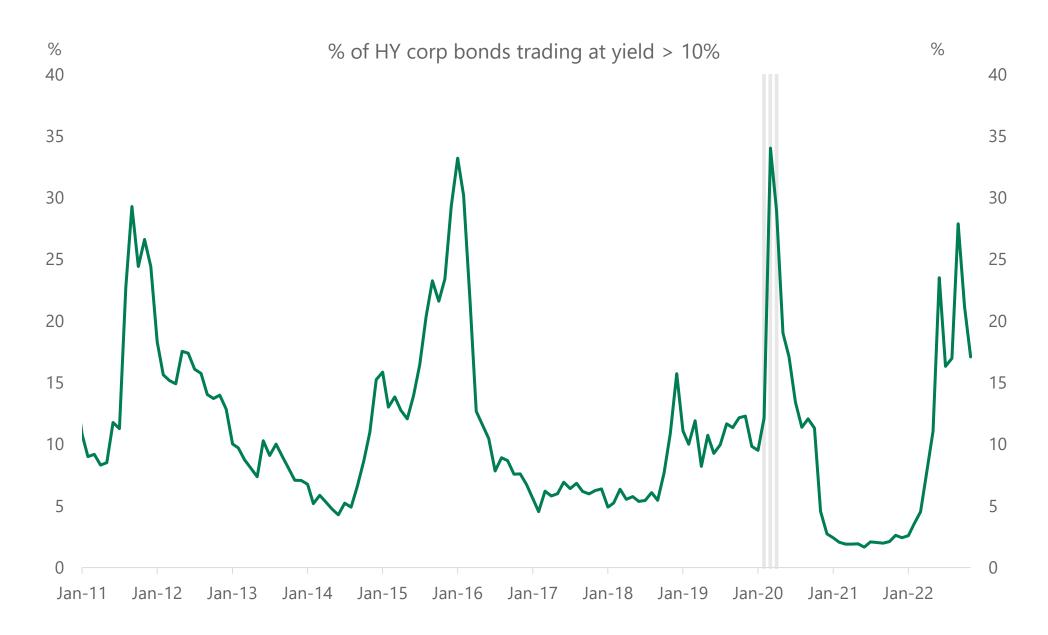
NY Fed measure of corporate bond market functioning shows more distress in IG



Source: FRB of New York, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: Corporate bonds are a key source of funding for U.S. non-financial corporations and a key investment security for insurance companies, pension funds, and mutual funds. Distress in the corporate bond market can thus both impair access to credit for corporate borrowers and reduce investment opportunities for key financial sub-sectors. CMDI offers a single measure to quantify joint dislocations in the primary and secondary corporate bond markets. Ranging from 0 to 1, a higher level of CMDI corresponds with historically extreme levels of dislocation. CMDI links bond market functioning to future economic activity through a new measure.

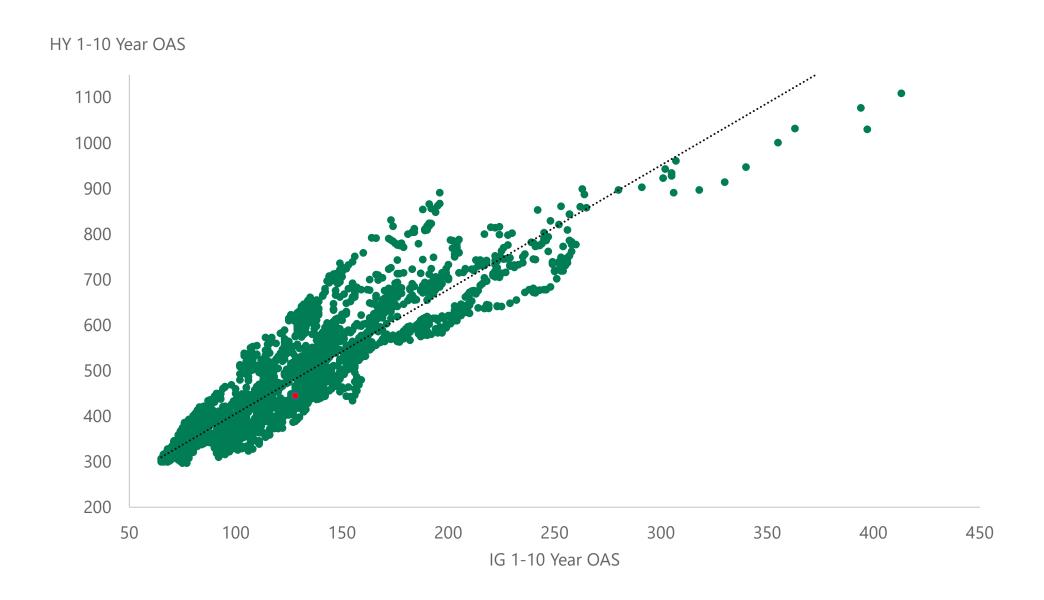


Percentage of HY bonds trading with yield higher than 10%



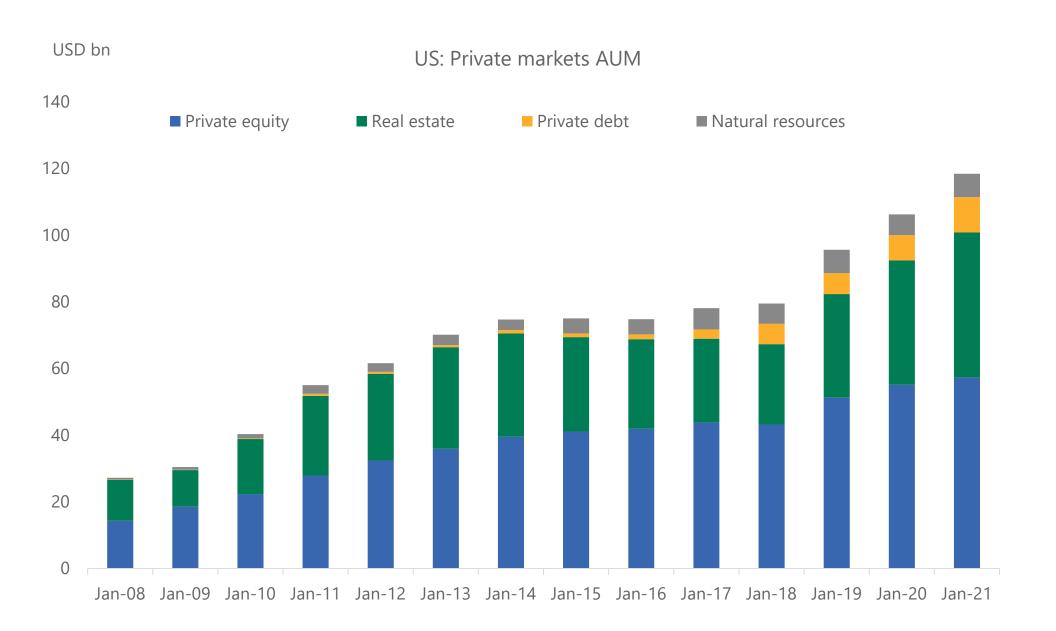
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: HY bond universe is H0A0 Index

Correlation between same-duration HY and IG



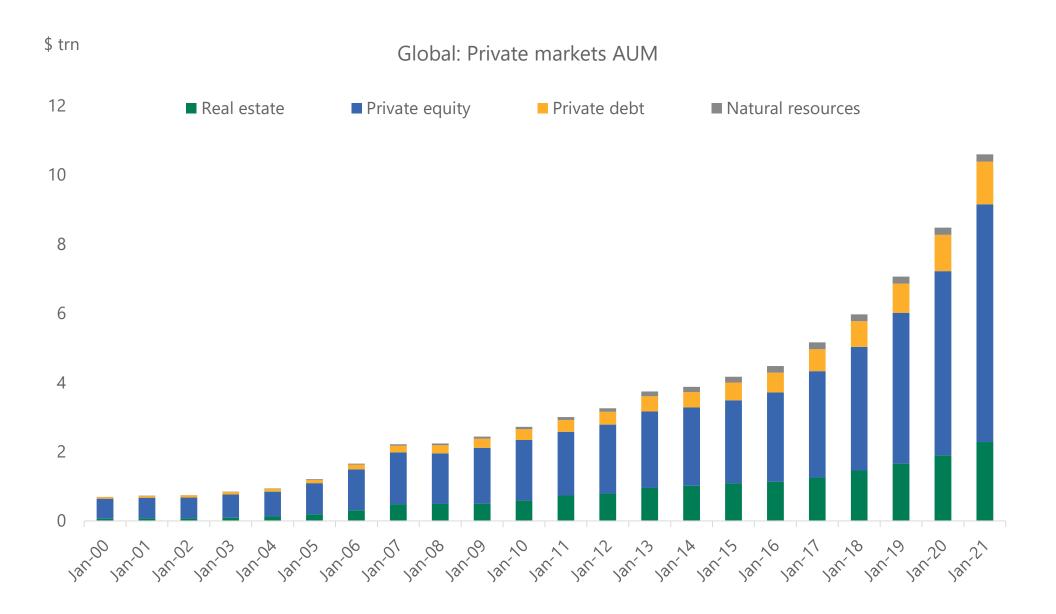
Source: Bloomberg, ICE BofA, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Red dot indicates data as of 4th December 2022

US: Total assets under management in private markets



Source: Preqin, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: Real estate includes private real estate and infrastructure funds)

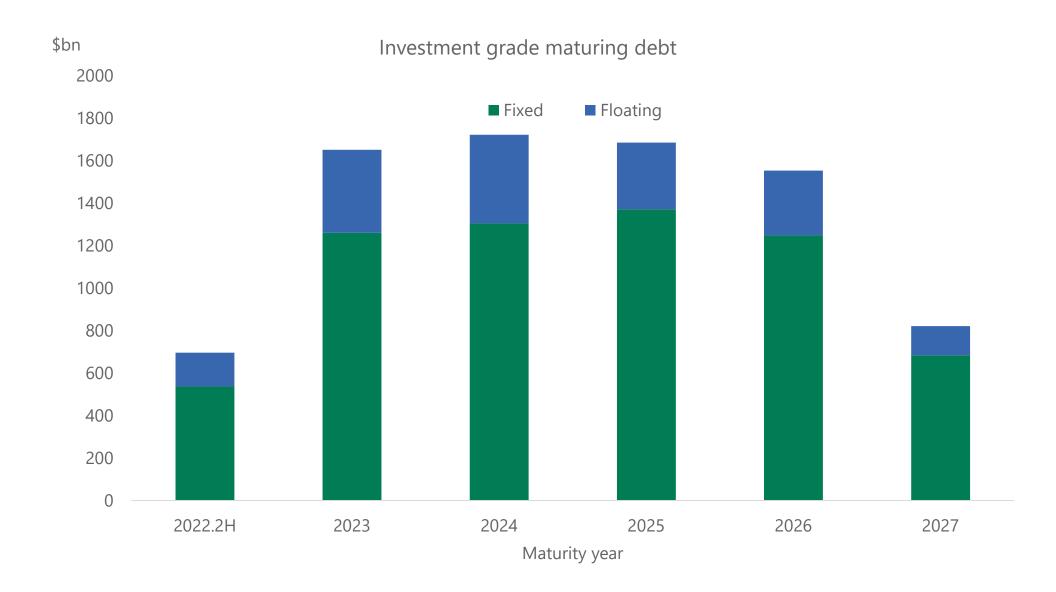
Total assets under management in private markets funds globally



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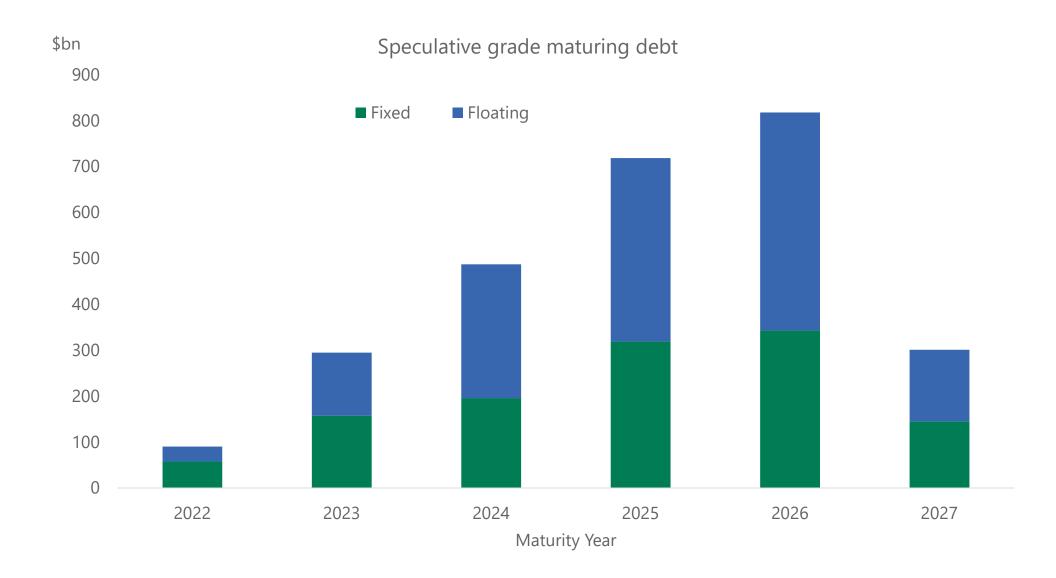
Investment grade maturity wall



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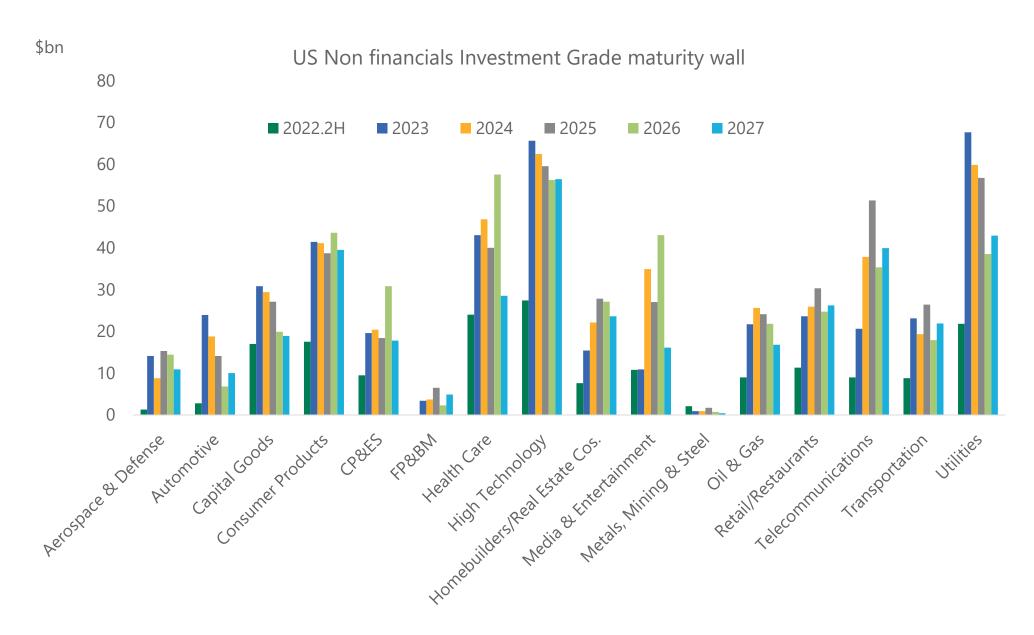
High yield maturity wall



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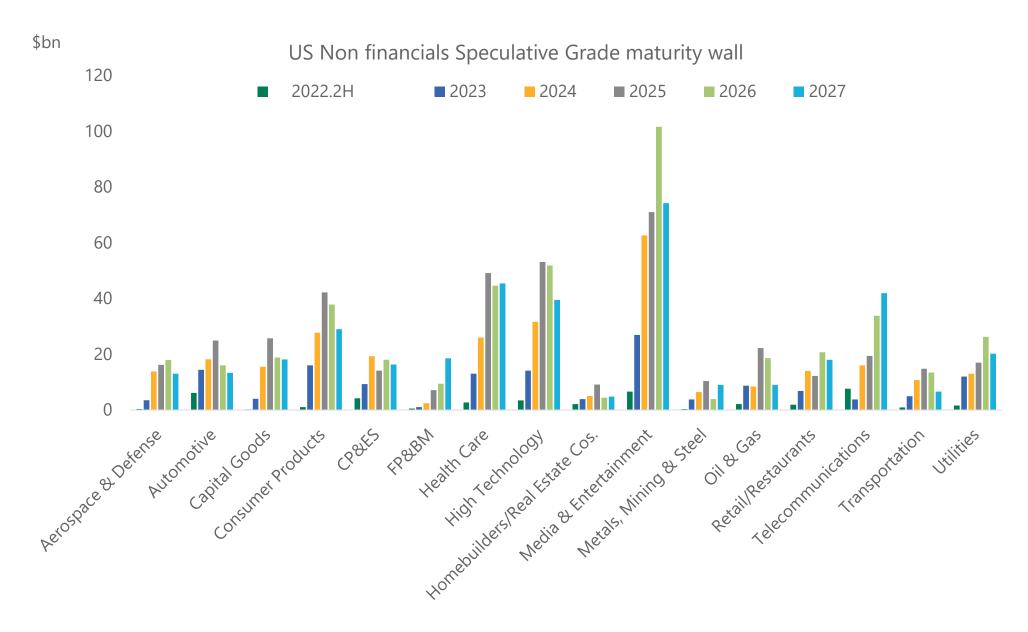


US Non financials maturity wall



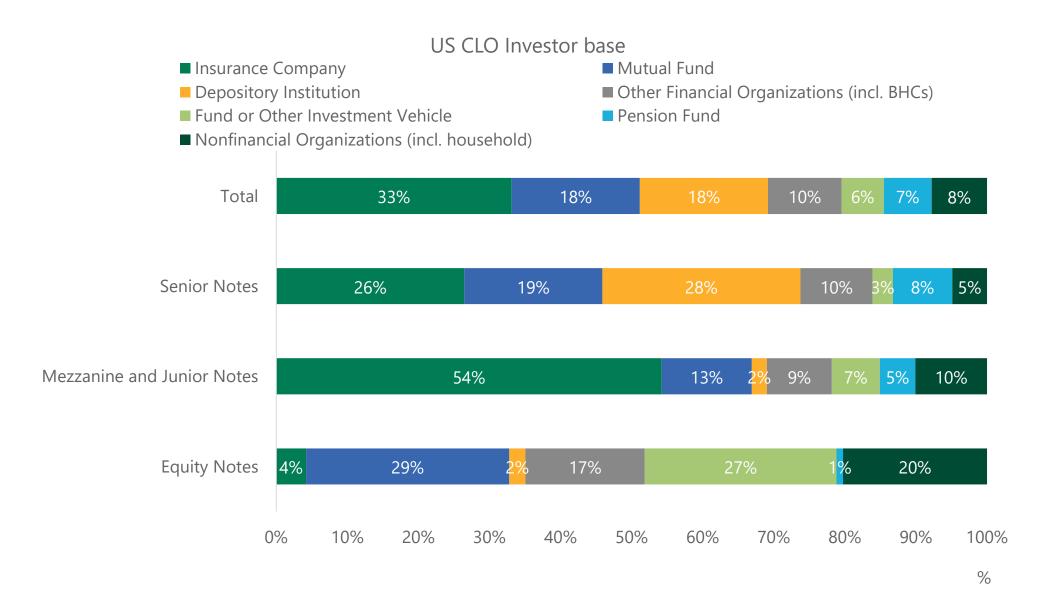
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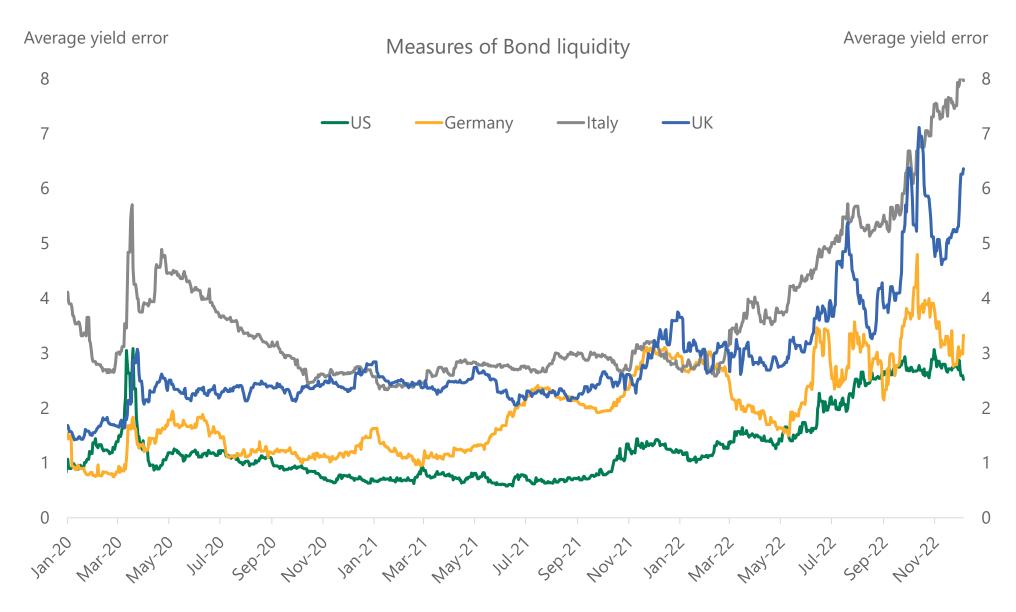
US CLO Investor base by tranche



Source: TIC, Moody's data, Fed, Apollo Chief Economist

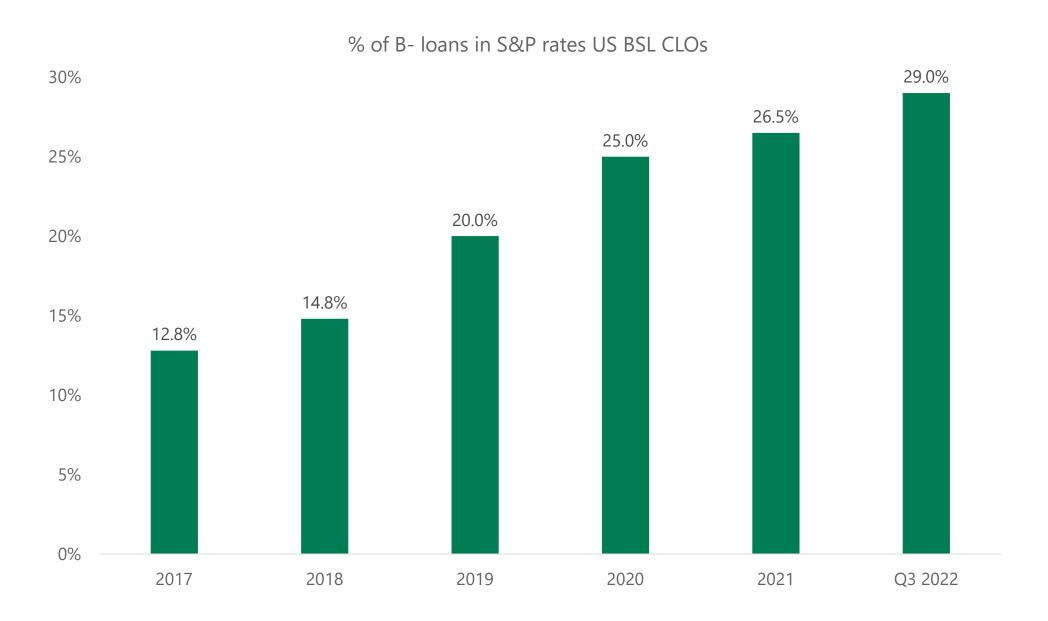


Liquidity in bond market



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: The index displays the average yield error across the universe of government notes and bonds with remaining maturity 1-year or greater, based off the intra-day Bloomberg relative value curve fitter. When liquidity conditions are favorable the average yield errors are small as any dislocations from fair values are normalized within a short time frame. Average yield error is defined as an aggregate measure for dislocations in Treasury securities across the curve.)

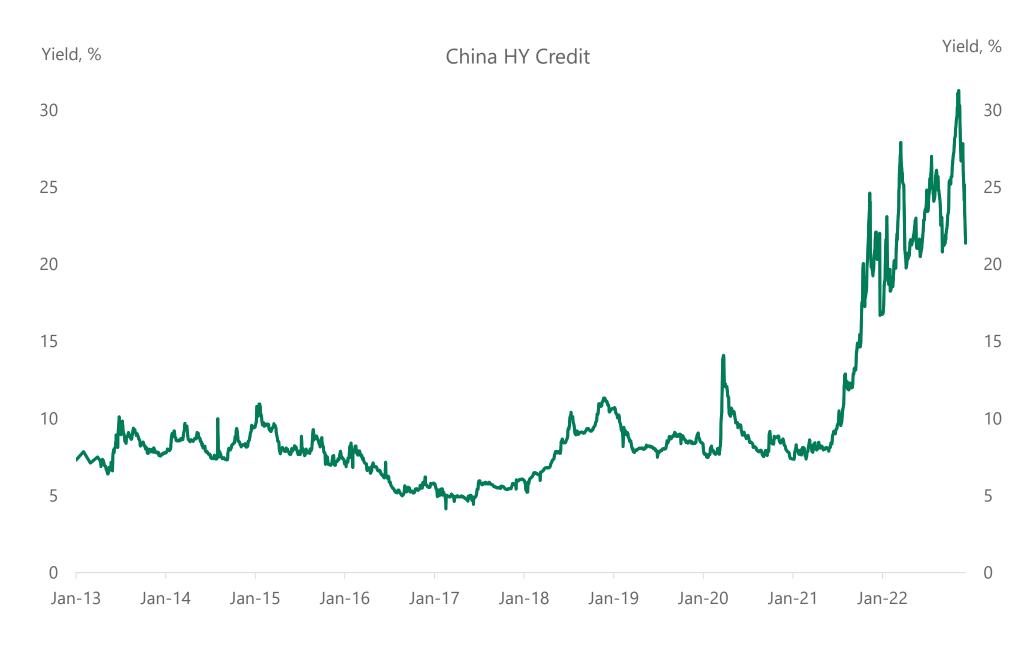
29% of the loans in the S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan Index are rated B-



Source: S&P, Apollo Chief Economist

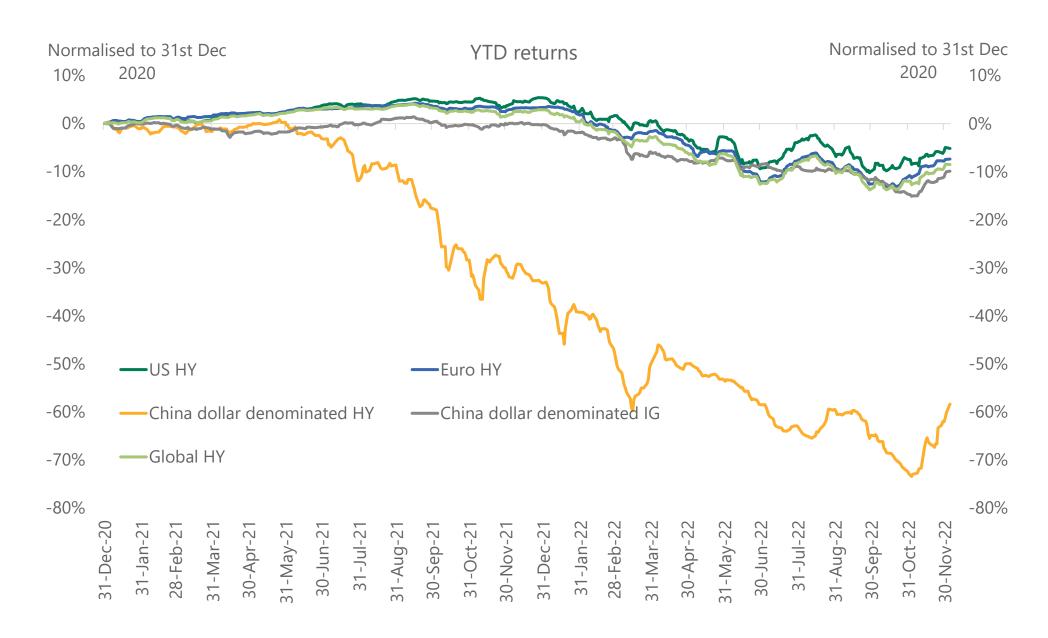
China HY

The yield on China HY around 25%



Source: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg H29381US Index, Apollo Chief Economist

Little contagion from China HY to US and EU credit markets



Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist,

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Mr. Slok has a Ph.D in Economics and has studied at the University of Copenhagen and Princeton University.