Credit market outlook:
A recession is coming, creating opportunities for credit investors

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A default cycle has started
US bond default rates

Source: Moody's Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
Leveraged loan index default rates starting to rise

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Yields
US IG yield around 5.4% and HY yield around 8.5%

Source: ICE BofA, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.
US IG yield levels, by rating

Source: ICE BofA, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
US HY yield levels, by rating

Source: ICE BofA, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
European corporate IG and HY yields

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
European IG yield levels, by rating

Source: ICE BoF, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
European HY yield levels, by rating

Source: ICE BoFA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Annual returns for HY

US HY index total return (%)

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Yield for the leveraged loan index at 10.1%

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Spreads
Credit spreads wider, but not pricing in a recession
IG spreads by rating

US investment grade corporate bond spreads, by rating

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
HY spreads by rating

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
IG quality spreads, some differentiation between BBB and single-A

Source: ICE BoA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
HY quality spreads, some differentiation between CCC and B
US HY spread minus IG spread

Source: ICE BoA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bloomberg Index used CDA0 Index and HDA0 Index.
European IG and HY spreads
European IG spreads by rating

Source: ICE BoA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist.
European HY spreads by rating
European HY spread minus IG spread

Source: ICE, BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Ticker used HE00 Index and ER00 Index.
Spread between Europe HY and IG default swaps

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used ITRXEXE CBBT Currency and ITRXEBE CBBT Currency
Global HY spread minus global IG spread

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bloomberg Index used BGLCTRUU index and LG50TRUU Index
HY spreads by sector

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
HY spreads by sector

US HY spread by sector

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Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
IG spreads for financials and non-financials

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
CDS spreads

Source: Markit, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Long-duration IG spreads in US and Europe

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
New issuance
US IG issuance

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
IG issuance by rating

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.
Sector distribution of new IG issuance

New issuance by sector for US IG

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

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.
Sector distribution of new HY issuance

New issuance by sector for US HY

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

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.
IG new money primary mix

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of 31st May 2023.
HY new money primary mix

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of 31st May 2023
Loans new money primary mix

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: 2022 YTD till 31st May 2023
High grade volume by proceeds

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
High yield volumes by proceeds

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Loan volumes by proceeds

Loan issuance volumes by proceeds

- Refinancing
- LBO
- M&A
- Recap/Dividend
- Other

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Covenant lite loan issuance

Source: Pitchbook 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 March 2023.
Corporate bond issuance

Source: SIFMA, Apollo Chief Economist.
Corporate bond holdings
The biggest holder of US corporate bonds is foreigners

Holdings of corporate bonds (% of outstanding)

- Hedge funds and Households
- Banks
- Mutual Funds
- Foreigners
- Life Insurance Companies

Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
ECB purchases of corporate bonds

Source: ECB, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
ECB QE ending

ECB asset purchase programmes, net purchases

- Covered Bond 3
- Asset Backed Securities
- Public Sector
- Corporate Sector

Source: ECB, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Loans
Leveraged loan deals, by multiple

Share of leveraged deals

- Less than 3.0x
- Between 3.0x and 3.99x
- Between 4.0x and 4.99x
- Between 5.0x and 5.99x
- Between 6.0x and 6.99x
- 7.0x or more

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Credit metrics for leveraged loan deals

Median credit metrics for US Leveraged loans universe

- Leverage
- Interest Coverage
- Cash flow coverage

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Leveraged loans rating distribution, 2023Q1

US leveraged loan rating distribution

- BB: 59.78%
- BB/B: 8.58%
- B: 9.03%
- CCC or lower: 21.30%
- NR: 1.11%

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Leveraged loans distribution, by industry, 2023Q1

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Global bond default rates

Source: Moody's Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
Non US bond default rates

Source: Moody's Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
Bankruptcy filings will rise during the recession

Source: S&P Capital IQ, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bankruptcy figures include public companies or private companies with public debt with a minimum of $2 million in assets or liabilities at the time of filing, in addition to private companies with at least $10 million in assets or liabilities.
US CLO total volume

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist.
Liquidity in US credit markets
IG trading liquidity

Source: ICE BoA, FINRA TRACE, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist
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

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

Yield vs. market value for US fixed income securities

Source: Bloomberg Barclays, SIFMA, ICE BofA, Pitchbook LCD, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: data as of 4Q21
European fixed income markets by yield and size

Yield vs. market value for Euro fixed income securities
- Euro High Yield
- EM Euro
- EURO CMBS
- Euro Asset Backed & Mortgage Backed Securities
- 10+ Year Euro Government
- Euro IG Non-Financial
- Euro RMBS
- Euro IG Financial
- 7-10 Year Euro Government
- Euro Covered Bond
- 3-7 Year Euro Government
- 0-3 Year Euro Government

Source: Bloomberg Barclays, AFME, ICE BoA, Pitchbook LCD, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: data as of 4Q21
Japanese fixed income markets by yield and size

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 1Q22
Market cap of US credit markets

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 31st May 2023
Corporate bond market cap, by rating

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 31st May 2023
Quality composition of the IG Index

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Breakdown by market value. Data as of 31st May 2023
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Quality composition of the leveraged loans index

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
IG market is seven times bigger than HY and seven times bigger than the loan market.

Source: ICE BoFA, Bloomberg, Pitchbook 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

Sector rating distributions as of Dec 31, 2021

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

Source: ICE BofA, BEA, Haver Analytics, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Distribution of corporate credit ratings

Source: S&P, Apollo Chief Economist
Global default rates remain low

Defaults by regions since 2013

Sources: S&P Global Ratings Research and S&P Global Market Intelligence's CreditPro®, Apollo Chief Economist.
Global default rates remain low

Year-to-date defaults by region

Sources: S&P Global Ratings Research and S&P Global Market Intelligence’s CreditPro®, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of 30th April 2023
Default rates differ across sectors

Sources: S&P Global Ratings Research and S&P Global Market Intelligence's CreditPro®, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as 31st December 2022
Debt-to-equity ratio is very low for corporate America

Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.
More leveraged loans are held by banks

Source: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
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.
Comparing the US IG index with the EU IG index

Sectoral breakdown of US and Europe investment grade corporate index

Source: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 31st March 2023
Comparing the US HY index with the EU HY index

Sectoral breakdown of US and Europe high yield corporate index

Source: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist Data as of 31st March 2023
Pension funding status has improved
Retail investor activity in IG and HY

High yield and investment grade corporate bond ETF shares outstanding

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used HYG US Equity and LQD US Equity
Put volumes for IG and HY ETF

High yield and investment grade ETF put volume

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Fewer high yield bonds being traded

Source: FINRA Trace, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
IG index drawdown

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Index used LUACTRUU Index
Bonds outstanding trading at negative interest rates

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
The total value of negative yielding debt in the world
All corporate bonds now have positive yields
Fed hiking and credit spreads widening

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
US: Floating rate bonds outstanding, June 2023

US floating rate universe

- Loans: 52%
- Treasuries: 19%
- Corporate: 5%
- Other: 24%

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.
From QE to QT to BoJ QE (to maintain YCC)

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 60bn 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

Source: Apollo Chief Economist
Dual class IPOs, driven by tech

Source: Jay Ritter, Apollo Chief Economist
Median age of IPOs

Source: Jay Ritter, Apollo Chief Economist
M&A activity declining

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Ticker used is MAATUS Index
Declining share of fallen angels in the HY 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

Note: Data as of 31st March 2023. Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
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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

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
84% of the US IG market trading below par

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data used for members in the LBSTRUU Index as of 1st June 2023
Banks tightening credit conditions, HY spread should be trading wider
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, BTSYTRUU Index, LF98TRUU Index, LG30TRUU index, LUACTRUU Index, I09805US index)
Corporate debt is coming down as a share of GDP
Lower-rated firms are by definition more vulnerable to rising interest rates.
Share of corporate bond market value outstanding rated BBB and below

Source: ICE BofA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of 31st May 2023
IG credit index duration declining
HY credit index duration

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: The measure used is modified duration, which measures the expected change in a bond's price to a 1% change in interest rates.
Flow monitor

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: bito US equity, Crypto ETF flows, BFFUBEK 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: Pitchbook LCD, Apollo Chief Economist
Convergence between EU equity vol and EU HY spreads

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Tickers used are V2X Index and LP01OAS Index.
12% of bonds in the world trading at less than 2% yield

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
NY Fed measure of corporate bond market functioning elevated level of 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.)
24% of HY bonds trading with yield higher than 10%

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

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

Source: S&P Global ratings Research, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of July 1, 2022. Includes issuers’ investment-grade bonds, loans, and revolving credit facilities that are rated by S&P Global Ratings.
High yield maturity wall

Source: S&P Global ratings Research, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of July 1, 2022. Includes issuers' speculative-grade bonds, loans, and revolving credit facilities that are rated by S&P Global Ratings.
IG: US Non financials maturity wall

Source: S&P, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: CP&ES—Chemicals, packaging, and environmental services. FP&BM—Forest products and building materials. Media and entertainment includes the leisure sector. Includes bonds, loans, and revolving credit facilities that are rated by S&P Global Ratings. Data as of July 1, 2022.
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US CLO investor base by tranche

Source: TIC, Moody’s data, Fed, Apollo Chief Economist
Liquidity deteriorating in UK 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 Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan Index are rated B-.
Not a broad-based rally in the S&P500

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist.
The yield on China HY is now at 20%
Little contagion from China HY to US and EU credit markets
US IG spread widening

Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Default rates for auto loans and credit cards are moving higher
Maturity profile for US fixed income

Source: ICE, Bloomberg, Pitchbook LCD, Mortgage Bankers Association, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of March 2023
Regional bank spreads still very wide

Source: ICE BoA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Unweighted average spreads of bonds from ICE 5-10 Year US Banking Index, C6PX Index for bonds issued before 1st Jan 2023. There are 8 banks in the Regional index and 41 banks in the Diversified index, and Regional banks include BankUnited Inc, Citizens Financial Group, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, Regions Financial Corporation, Truist Financial Corporation, Webster Financial Corp, Wintrust Financial Corp, Zions, and Diversified banks includes JP Morgan, Citibank, Bank of America, etc.
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist
Almost 700 US banks exceed the 2006 CRE loan concentration guidance

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: C&D = Construction and Development, data as of May 2023 and based on regulatory filings
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