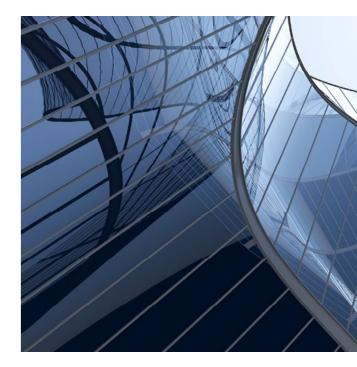


# **Floating-Rate Loan Market Monitor**

Floating-Rate Loan Group Q1 2023



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A leader in floating-rate loan investment management, Eaton Vance presents Floating-Rate Loan Market Monitor, an in-depth review of the loan market through clear and impactful charts. Providing timely information across a broad array of topics relating to this distinctive asset class, Floating-Rate Loan Market Monitor serves as a helpful resource in providing connectivity between changing market events and implications for investors' loan allocation.

Use Floating-Rate Loan Market Monitor to educate on the loan market, provide updates on loan market conditions and explain the role of loans within portfolios.

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# **Asset Class Review**

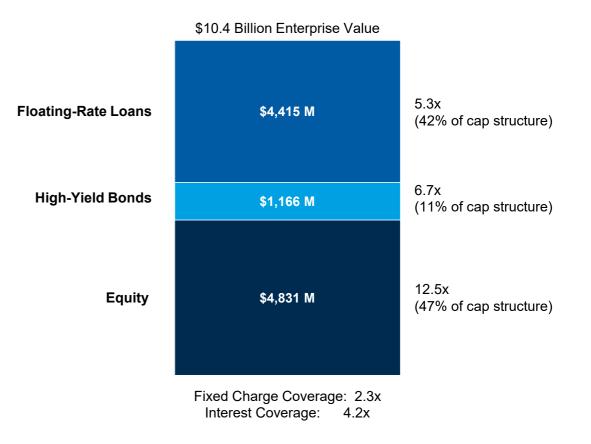
## **Floating-Rate Loan Primer**

- Corporate debt issued by below-investment-grade borrowers
- Most issuers are significant in size and scale and many are familiar household names
- · Companies undertake loans for recapitalizations, acquisitions and refinancings
- Coupon income from floating-rate loans resets regularly to maintain a fixed spread over a variable base rate, usually LIBOR and SOFR
- Loans are often referred to as "senior and secured": They typically have the highest priority of claims in an issuer's capital structure and are secured by specific collateral
- Other common monikers: bank loans, leveraged loans, senior loans (all are synonymous)

## **Fundamental Lending Proposition**

- Floating-rate loans represent a senior layer of issuer capital structure
- Substantial junior capital cushion provides low loan-to-value
- Secured by collateral including issuer accounts receivable, inventory, property, plant, equipment and/or stock

## Weighted Average Company Capital Structure \$4.4B Revenue & \$833M EBITDA



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## **Taxonomy of Floating-Rate Loans**

	U.S. Investment Grade	U.S. Floating-Rate Loans	U.S. High Yield
Size of Market	\$6.8 T	\$1.4 T	\$1.4 T
# of Issues	7,534	1,495	1,916
Avg. Credit Quality	A3/Baa1	B+/B	B1
Base Rate	US Treasuries	LIBOR/SOFR	US Treasuries
Coupon Structure	Fixed	Floating	Fixed
Avg. Duration	7.3 yrs.		3.8 yrs.
Avg. Yield to Maturity	5.2%	10.3%	8.6%
Avg. Maturity	11.1 yrs	4.4 yrs	5.3 yrs

Sources: Bloomberg, ICE Data Indices LLC, and Leveraged Commentary & Data (LCD), March 31, 2023. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results**. Data provided is for informational use only. It is not possible to invest directly in an Index. See end of material for important additional information and disclosures. US Investment Grade measured by the Bloomberg US Corporate Index. US Floating-Rate Loans measured by the Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index. US High Yield measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index. Size of market is based on par outstandings.

## **Top 40 Loan Market Issuers**

lssuer	Industry	% of Index
Asurion Corporation	IT Services	0.80%
Ultimate Software Group	Software	0.60%
HUB International Ltd	Insurance	0.55%
Peraton	Aerospace & Defense	0.54%
Medline Industries	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	0.54%
Cablevision Systems	Media	0.49%
athenahealth Inc	Health Care Technology	0.48%
TransDigm Inc	Aerospace & Defense	0.48%
Acrisure LLC	Insurance	0.46%
Charter Communications Holding Co LLC	Media	0.46%
American Airlines	Passenger Airlines	0.44%
SFR	Diversified Telecommunication Services	0.42%
Virgin Media Finance	Diversified Telecommunication Services	0.40%
Internet Brands	Software	0.40%
Restaurant Brands International	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	0.39%
SS&C Technologies Inc	Software	0.38%
United Continental Holdings	Passenger Airlines	0.37%
McAfee LLC	Software	0.36%
TransUnion LLC	Professional Services	0.35%
Bass Pro Shops Inc	Specialty Retail	0.35%

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Open Text Corporation	Software	0.35%
ICON Plc	Life Sciences Tools & Services	0.32%
AssuredPartners Inc	Insurance	0.32%
The Stars Group	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	0.32%
Zayo Group LLC	Diversified Telecommunication Services	0.32%
Quikrete Holdings Inc	Construction Materials	0.31%
Carnival Corporation	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	0.31%
Misys plc	Software	0.30%
Gainwell Acquisition Corp	IT Services	0.30%
AlliedUniversal	Commercial Services & Supplies	0.29%
Univision Communications Inc	Media	0.29%
Elanco Animal Health	Pharmaceuticals	0.29%
Citrix Systems	Software	0.28%
Culligan International Company	Machinery	0.28%
CDK Global	Software	0.28%
Authentic Brands	Media	0.28%
Verscend Technologies Inc	Health Care Technology	0.28%
MKS Instruments Inc	Semiconductors & Equipment	0.27%
Ineos Group Ltd	Chemicals	0.27%
Calpine Corp	Independent Power & Renewable	0.27%

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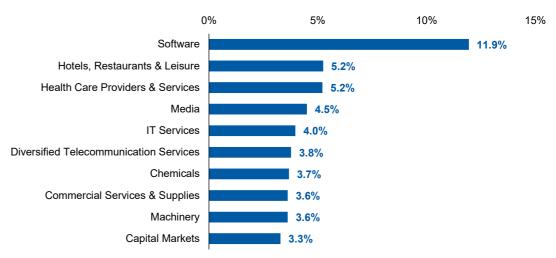
# Market Update

## **Floating-Rate Loan Quarterly Dashboard**

#### Index Statistics

Total Par Outstanding (\$B)	\$1,398.71		
Number of Issuers	1,167		
Number of Facilities	1,495		
Bid Price	\$93.38		
Nominal Spread	361 bps		
Discounted Spread (3 Years)	590 bps		
Years to Maturity	4.41 yrs.		
Yield to Maturity	10.26%		

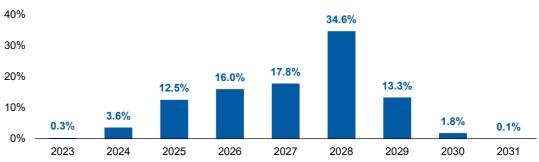
## **Top 10 Industries**



# Loan Type

First Lien	97.65%
Second Lien	2.35%

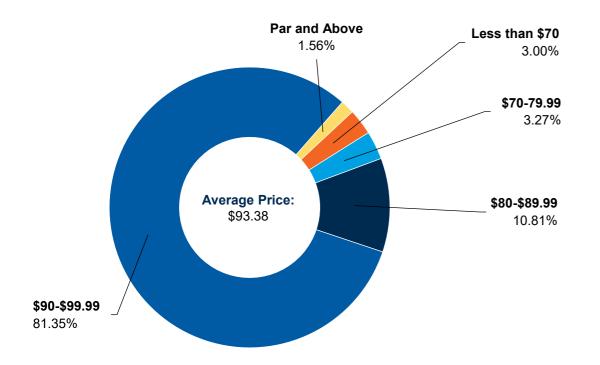
## Maturity Breakdown



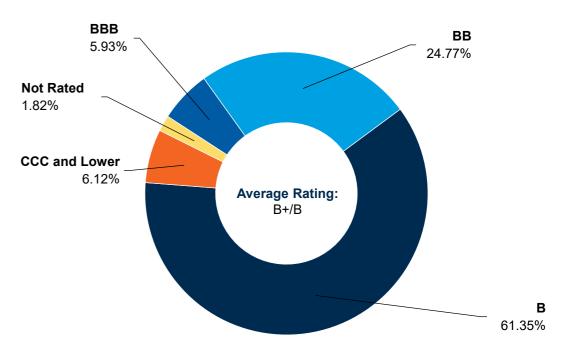
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## **Floating-Rate Loan Quarterly Dashboard**

## Breakdown by Bid Price



#### **Breakdown by Facility Rating**

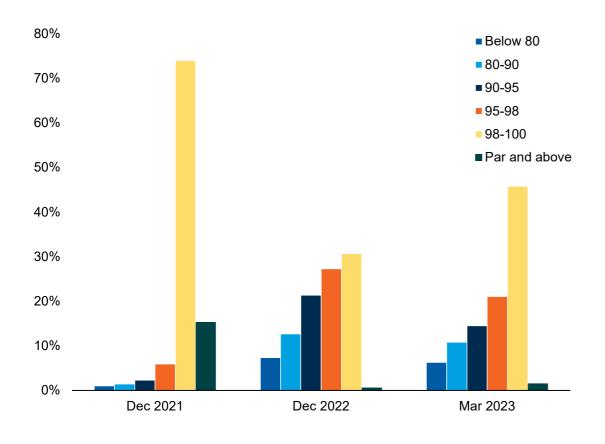


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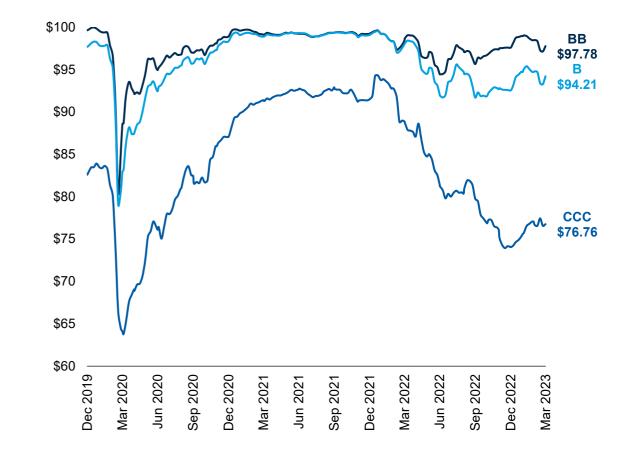
## **Floating-Rate Loan Quarterly Dashboard**

## **Price Distribution**

Percent of the Index

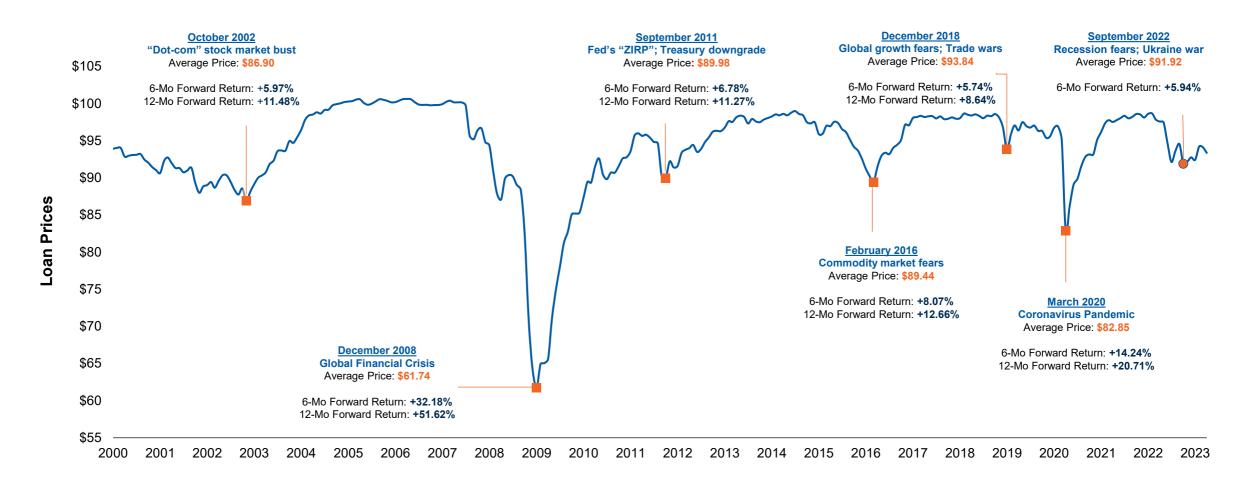


**Price by Credit Tier** Average Bid Price of Outstanding Loans



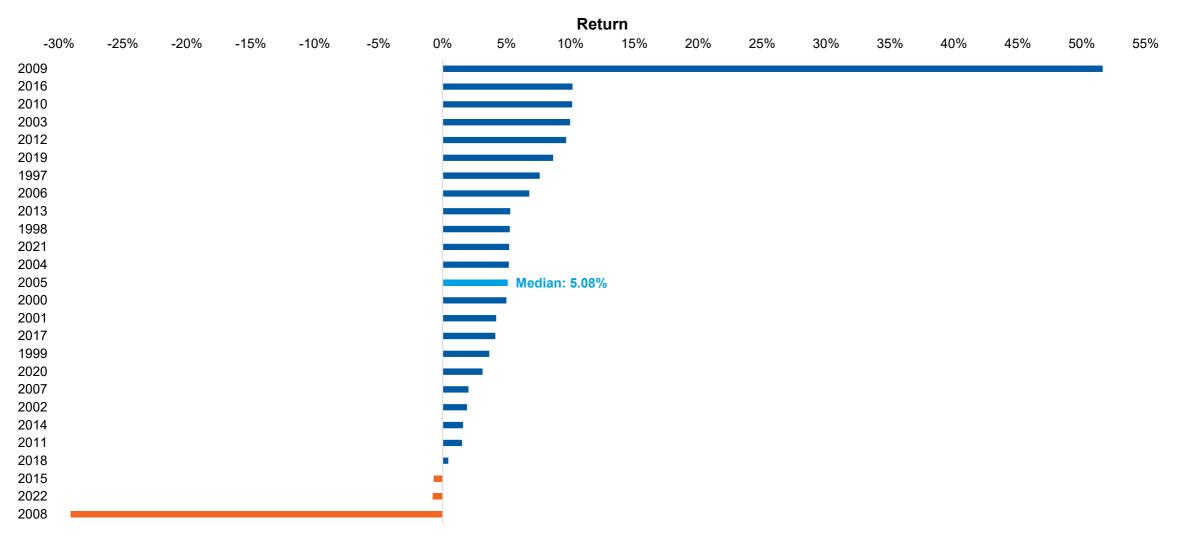
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## **Average Loan Prices & Subsequent Forward Returns**



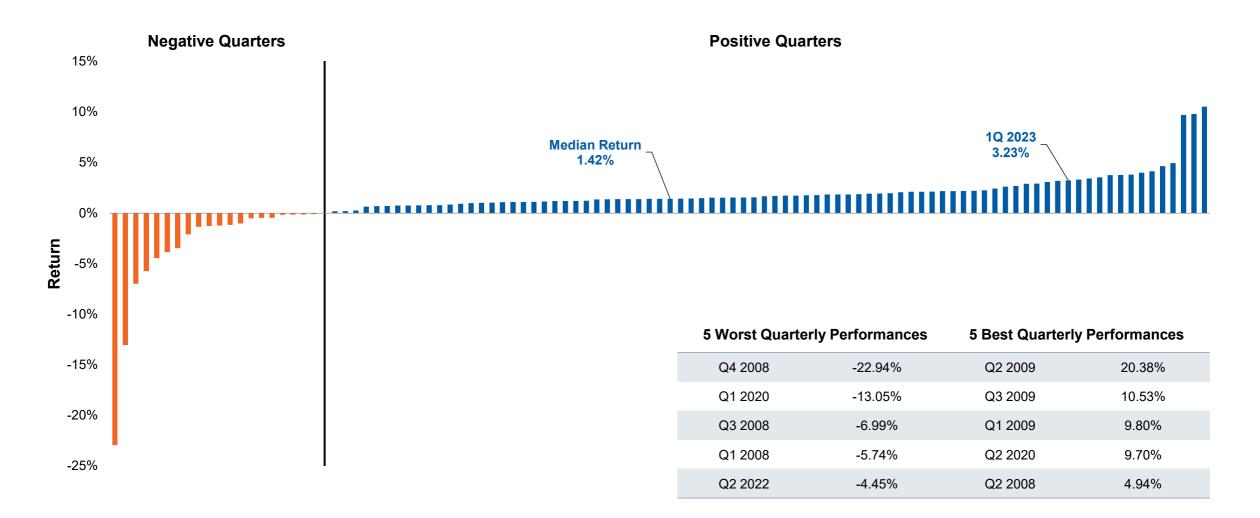
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## **Performance: Calendar Year Index Returns**



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## **Performance: Distribution of Quarterly Returns**

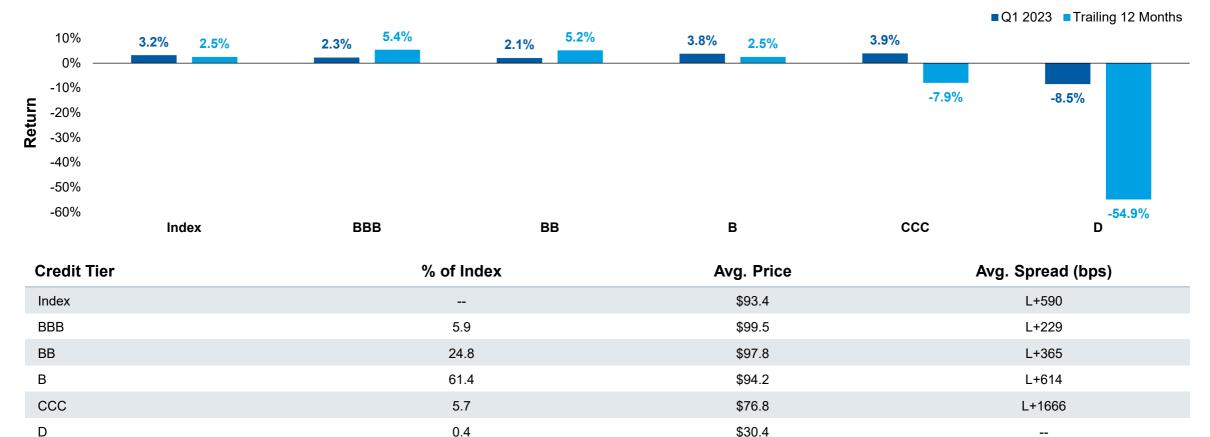


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## **Performance: Credit Tier Returns**

## **Credit Tier Performance**

Q1 and Trailing 12 Months



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## **Performance: Industry Returns**

#### **Industry Performance: Top and Bottom 10** Q1 2023 Returns

					Return				
	-6%	-4%	-2%	0%	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
Consumer Fina	ance								
Air Freight & Logi	stics								
Water Uti	lities								
Distribu	utors								
Paper & Forest Prod	lucts								
Interactive Media & Serv	/ices								
Metals & Mi	ining								
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Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Produ	icers								
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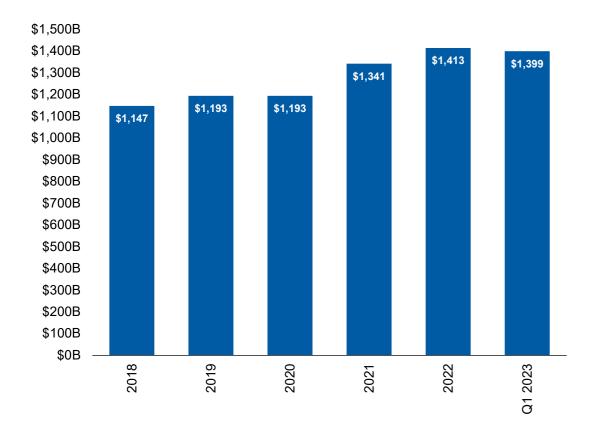
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## **Technical Factors: Market Size and Trading Volume**

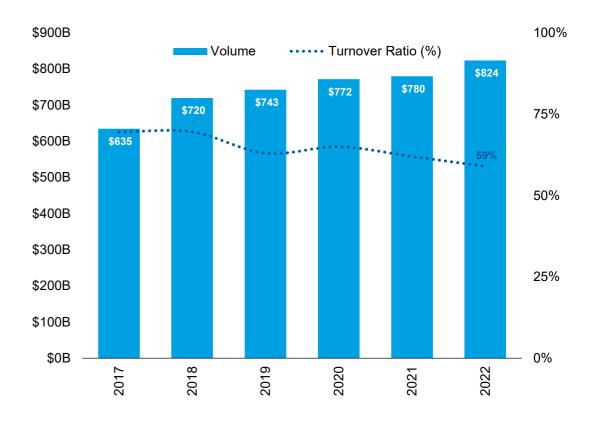
### **Market Size**

Par Amount of Outstanding Loan Market



## **Trading and Turnover**

U.S. Trading Volume and Annual Loan Turnover Ratio

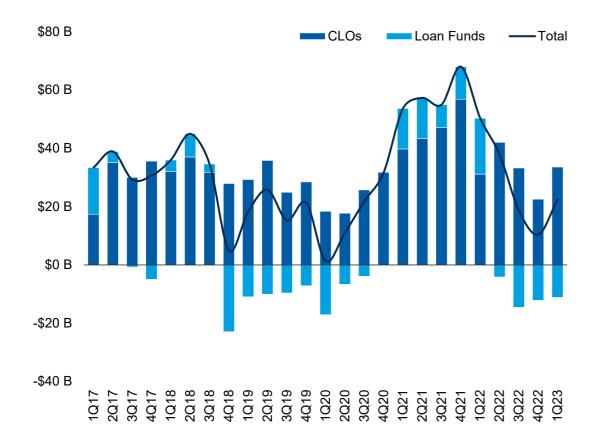


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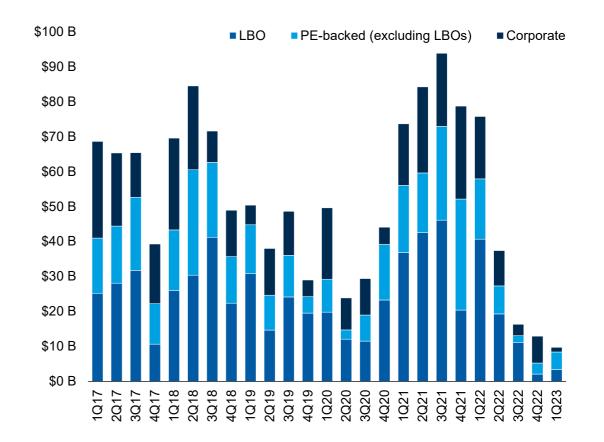
## **Technical Factors: Loan Demand and M&A Volume**

## **Visible Demand**

Quarterly CLO Creation and Mutual Fund Flows



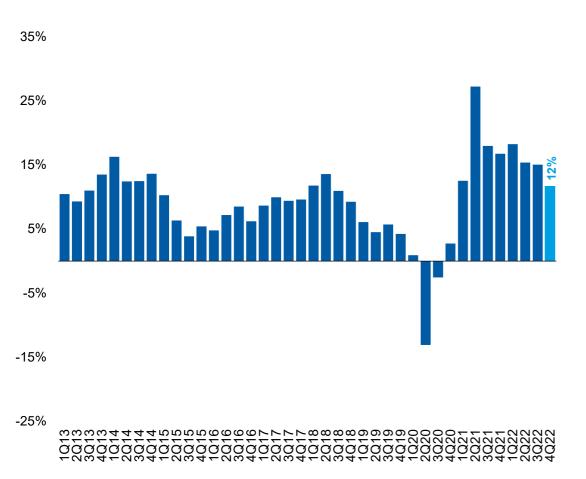
## Institutional Loan Volume Backing M&A Leveraged Buyout (LBO) and Other M&A



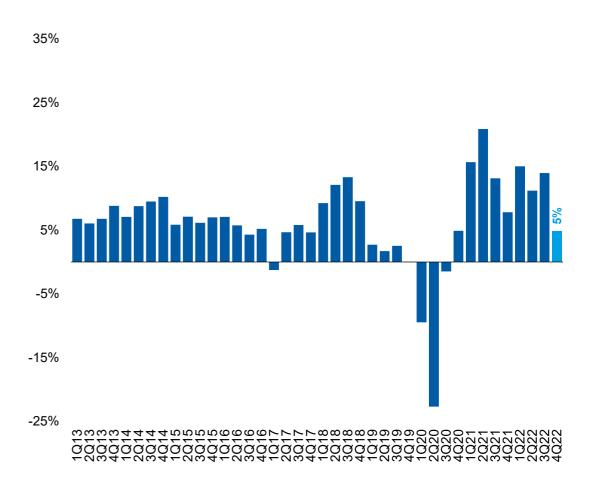
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## **Fundamental Conditions: Revenue and Earnings Growth**

## Year-Over-Year Revenue Growth



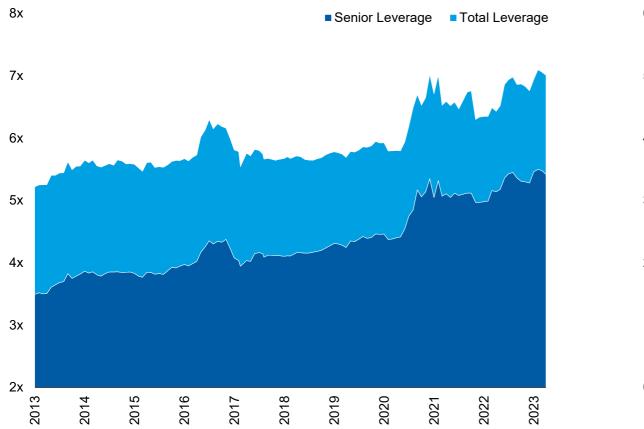
## Year-Over-Year EBITDA Growth



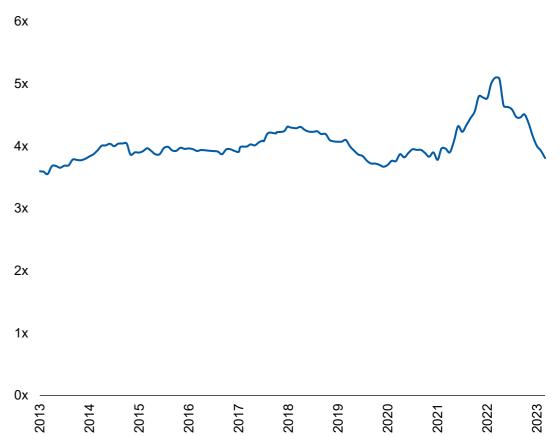
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## **Fundamental Conditions: Leverage and Interest Coverage**

## Weighted Average Leverage

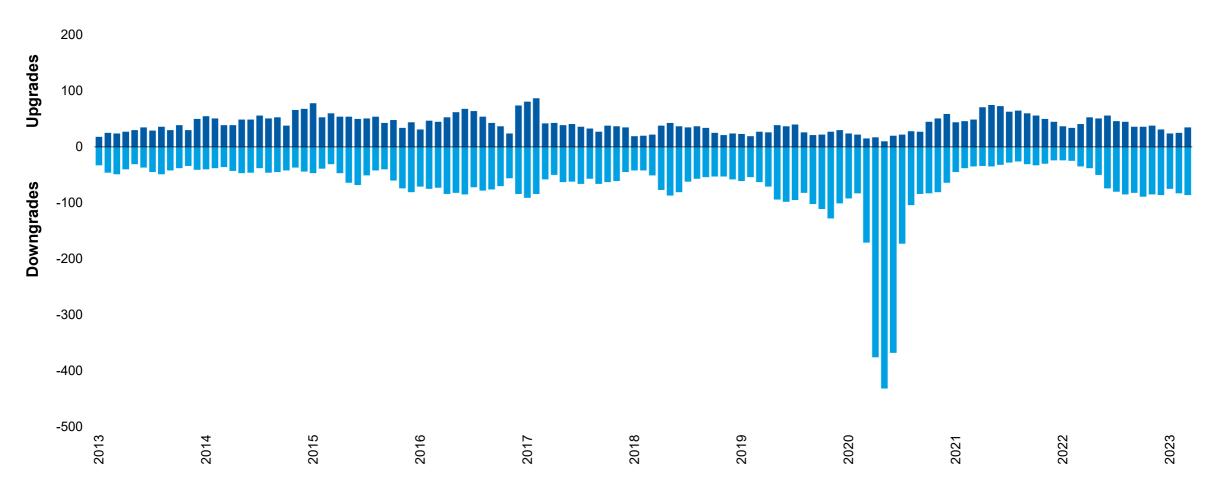


#### **Interest Coverage**



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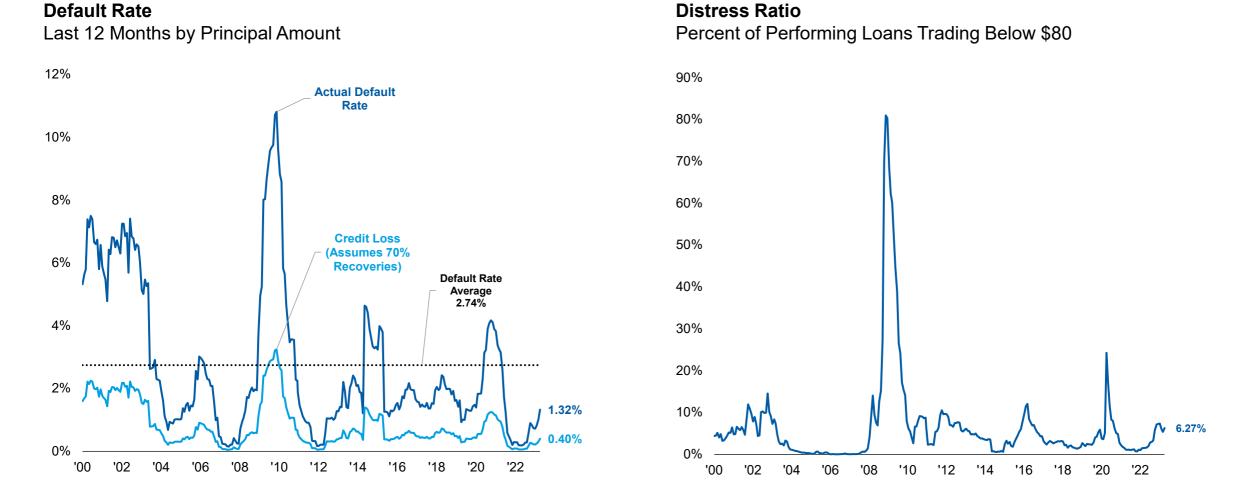
## Fundamental Conditions: Loan Downgrades Outpacing Upgrades



**Rolling 3-Month Count of Ratings Upgrades & Downgrades** 

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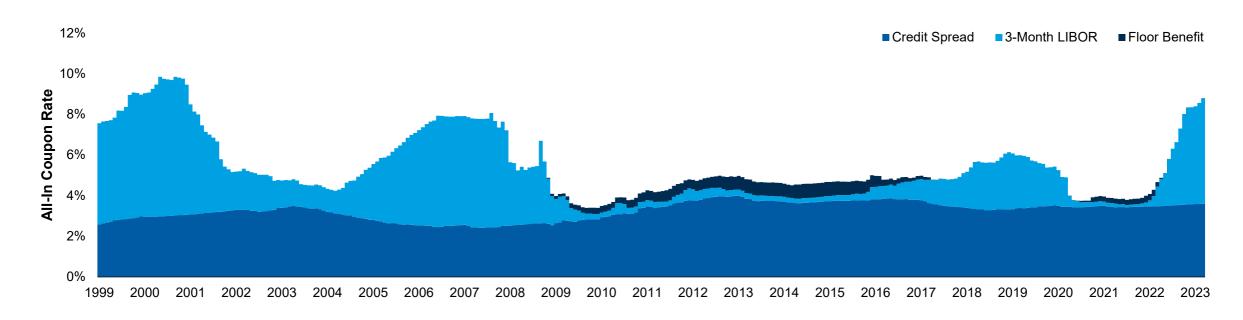
## **Fundamental Conditions: Default Rate and Distress Ratio**



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## Valuations: Composition of Average Loan Index Coupon



	Credit Spread	Corresponding All-In Rate	LIBOR Floor	% of Par Outstanding
Max (Jan 2013)	4.00%	4.97%	0% floor	34.1%
Post-Crisis Average	3.57%	4.88%	0.75% and less	57.0%
Current	3.61%	8.80%	1.00%	7.9%
Long-Term Average	3.25%	5.54%	>1.00%	0.1%
Min (June 2007)	2.42%	7.78%	No floor	0.9%

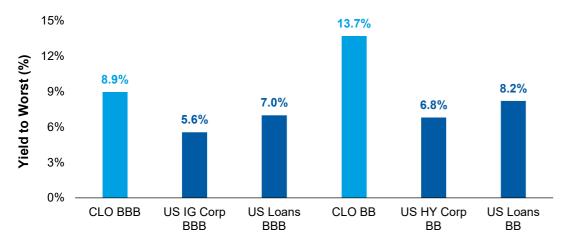
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## **Special Topic: Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs)**

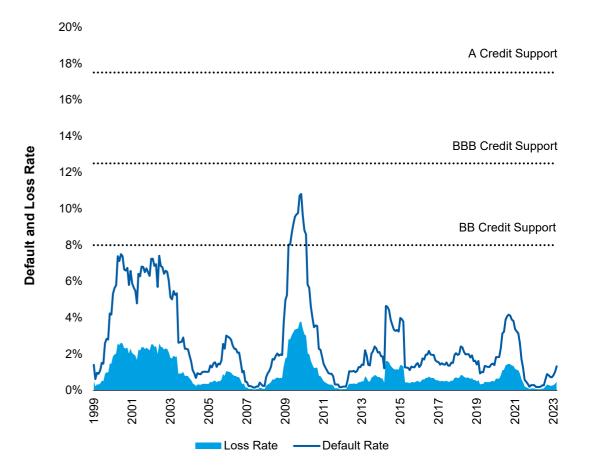
## Illustrative Capital Structure for a U.S. CLO

Credit Rating	Credit Enhancement	Credit Spread	Average Price
AAA	36%	160 – 200	\$98.3
AA	25%	200 - 240	\$96.7
А	17%	290 – 340	\$94.4
BBB	13%	405 – 655	\$91.1
BB	8%	780 – 1105	\$84.5

## **Comparative Yields for BBB and BB Tranches of CLOs**



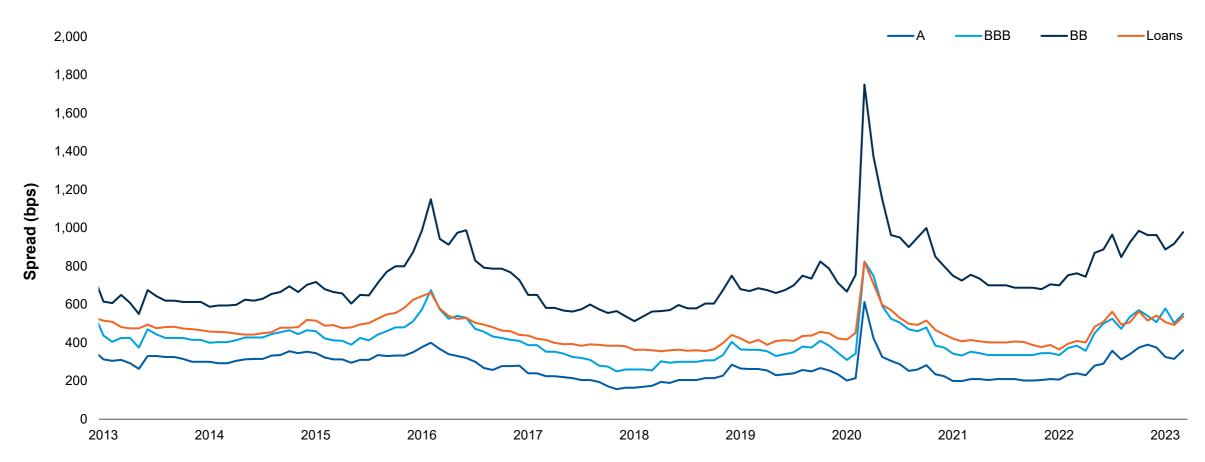
## **CLO Tranche Support**



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## Special Topic: Volatility of CLOs Relative to Underlying Loans

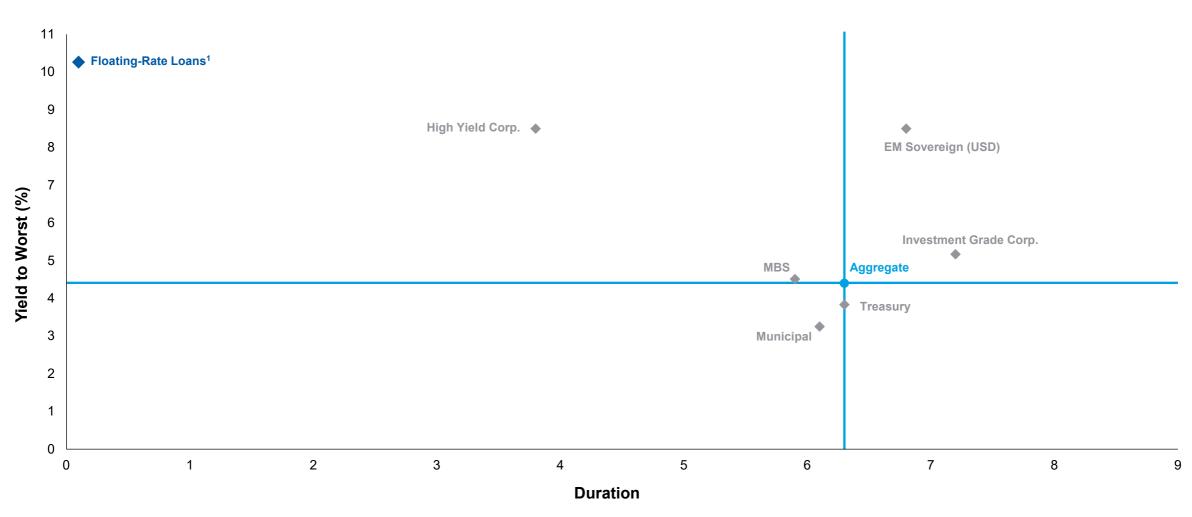




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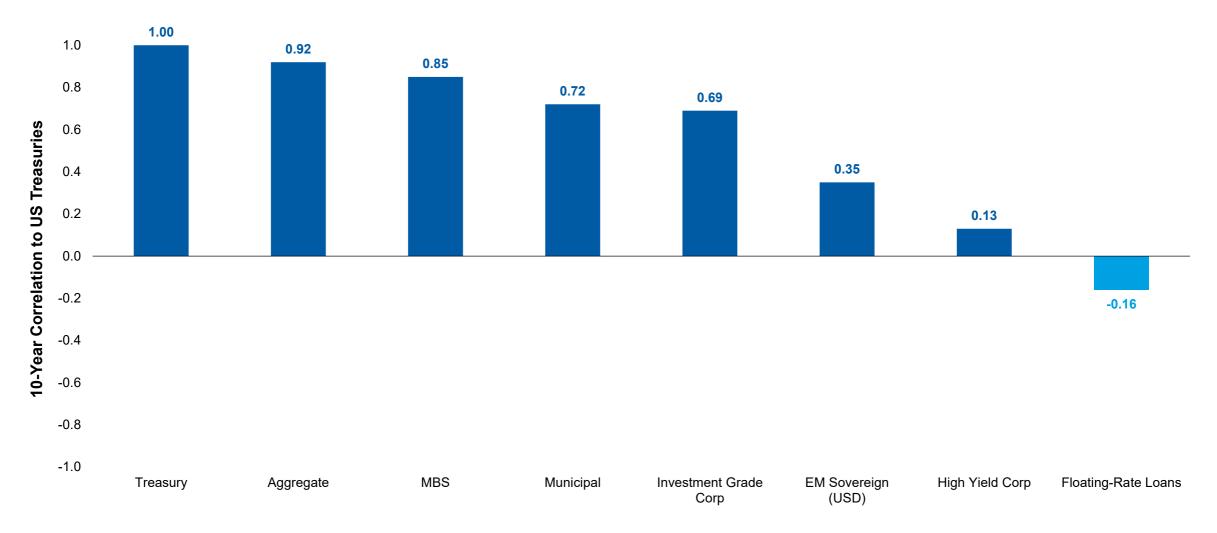
# **Portfolio Applications**

## Loans Among Higher Yielding Asset Classes With Little Duration



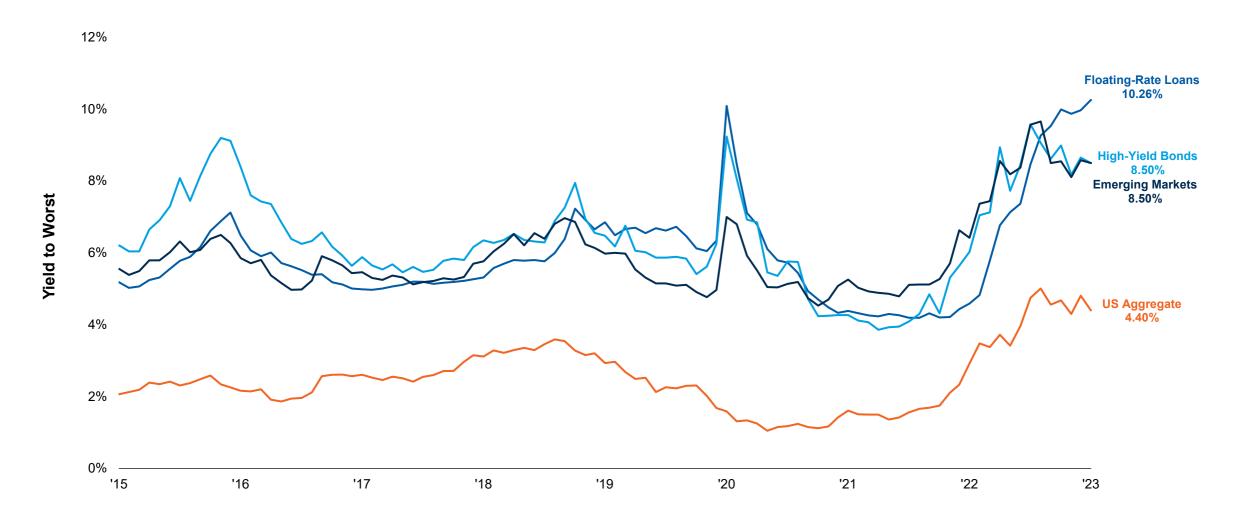
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## Floating-Rate Structure Key Driver of Negative Correlation With Bonds



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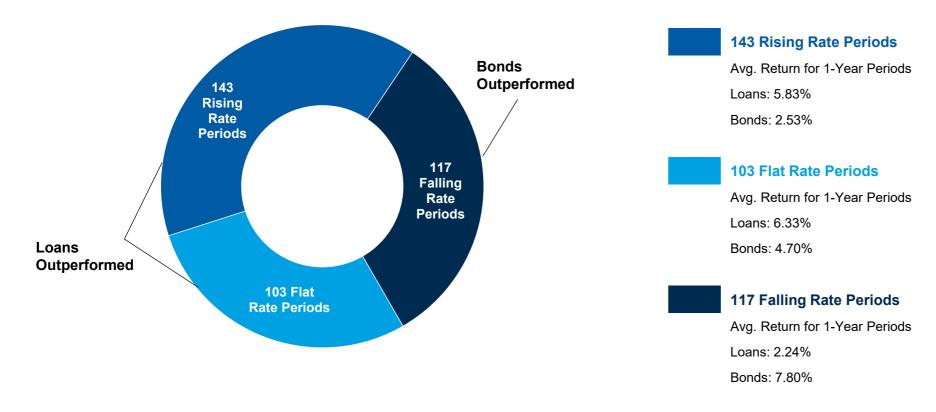
## Loan Yields Are Competitive With High-Yield Bonds and Emerging Markets (EM) Debt



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## Loan vs. Bond Performance in Various Interest-Rate Environments

Distribution of All Rolling 1-Year Return Periods: 1992–Q1 2023



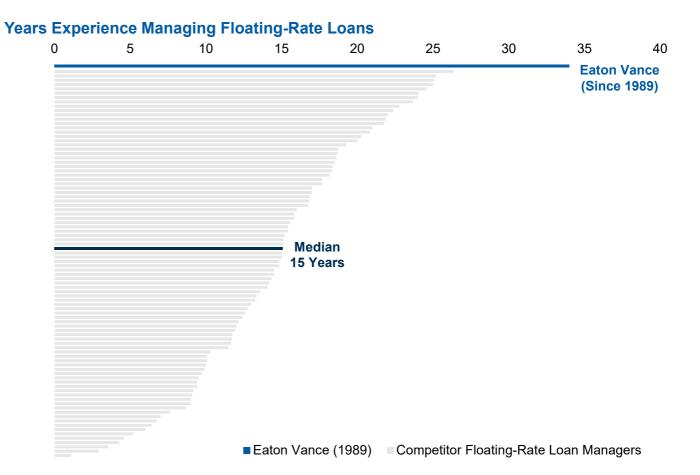
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## EATON VANCE FOR FLOATING-RATE LOANS

## The Advantage of Eaton Vance's Experience

- Premier manager with more than 30 years loan market experience
- 40+ member team dedicated exclusively to loan management
- Systematic risk-weighted portfolio construction underpinned by bottom-up credit research
- Dedicated to excellence in investment outcomes and client relationships



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#### EATON VANCE FOR FLOATING-RATE LOANS

## **Investment Team With Extensive Contiguous Experience**

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Stephen Monrad, CFA

Structured Portfolio Associate

Portfolio Manager

Senior Structured Portfolio Analyst,

16 Years of Experience • 14 Years at the Firm

3 Years of Experience • 3 Years at the Firm

Senior Credit Analyst, Portfolio Manager

Senior Credit Analyst, Portfolio Manager

34 Years of Experience • 22 Years at the Firm

23 Years of Experience • 19 Years at the Firm

14 Years of Experience • 9 Years at the Firm

11 Years of Experience • <1 Year at the Firm

4 Years of Experience • 4 Years at the Firm

Michael Turgel, CFA Senior Credit Analyst, Portfolio Manager 20 Years of Experience • 16 Years at the Firm

Brian Hickey, CFA Senior Credit Analyst 25 Years of Experience • 3 Years at the Firm

Daniel McElaney, CFA Senior Credit Analyst, Portfolio Manager 19 Years of Experience • 18 Years at the Firm

Anish Guha, CFA Senior Research Associate 4 Years of Experience • 4 Years at the Firm

Jimmy Jiang Research Associate 2 Years of Experience • 2 Years at the Firm

Matthew Leigh Research Associate <1 Years of Experience • <1 Years at the Firm

Senior Structured Portfolio Analyst

Structured Portfolio Associate

15 Years of Experience • <1 Years at the Firm

3 Years of Experience • <1 Years at the Firm

Steve Sebo

Phil Hansen

John Redding Portfolio Manager 36 Years of Experience • 24 Years at the Firm

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Christopher Reese Trader 4 Years of Experience • 1 Year at the Firm

Elizabeth McDonough Trading Associate 9 Years of Experience • 9 Years at the Firm

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#### OPERATIONS

Michael Botthof Director of Bank Loan Operations 33 Years of Experience • 25 Years at the Firm

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Phil Dillon Senior Structured Portfolio Analyst 12 Years of Experience • 2 Years at the Firm

Sheetal Shroff Senior Structured Portfolio Specialist 18 Years of Experience • 14 Years at the Firm

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