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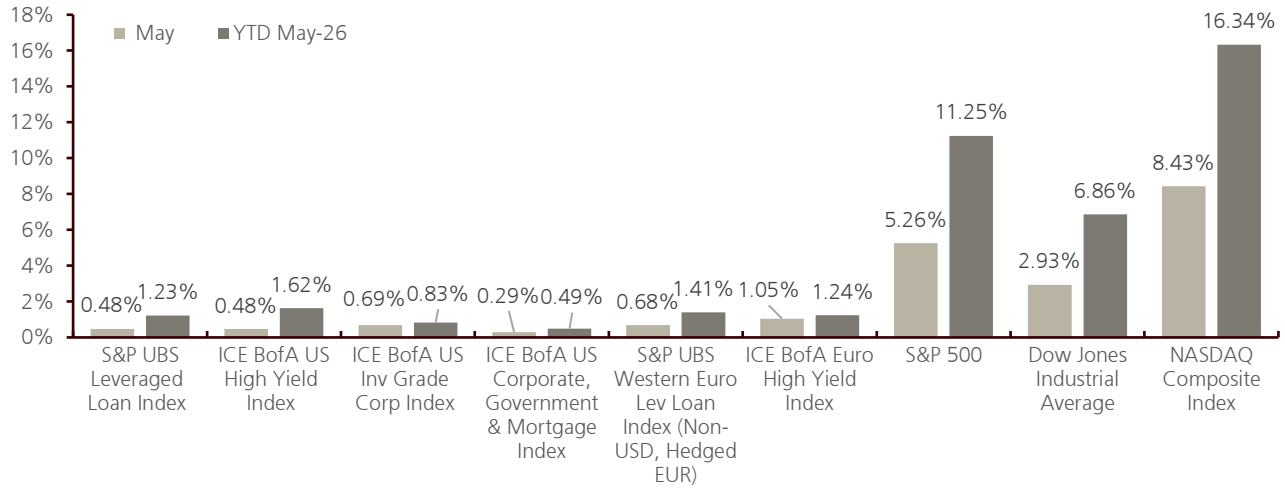
Credit Market Update

Credit Investments Group, June 15, 2026

Equity markets extended their rally in May, while credit markets were more subdued, delivering steady income but little price movement. Strong corporate earnings, low expectations for defaults, and continued demand for yield kept spreads tight despite fluctuations in the risk-free curve. On May 13, the Senate confirmed Kevin Warsh as the next Federal Reserve Chair. While Warsh has been vocal about lower interest rates, rising inflation has led markets to price in roughly an 80% likelihood of a rate hike.

Credit market performance overview and review
US leveraged loans were up 0.48% in May, bringing year-to-date performance to 1.23%. Loan spreads (3-year DM) finished the month at 487bps, which was 1bp tighter than at the end of April. High yield bonds were up 0.48% in May, bringing year-to-date performance to 1.62%. High yield bond spreads (OAS) tightened 9bps for the month, ending at 274bps.

Exhibit 1: Total returns for various asset classes – May 2026



Source: Bloomberg, UBS, S&P Indices. Please see index definitions in the end notes. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

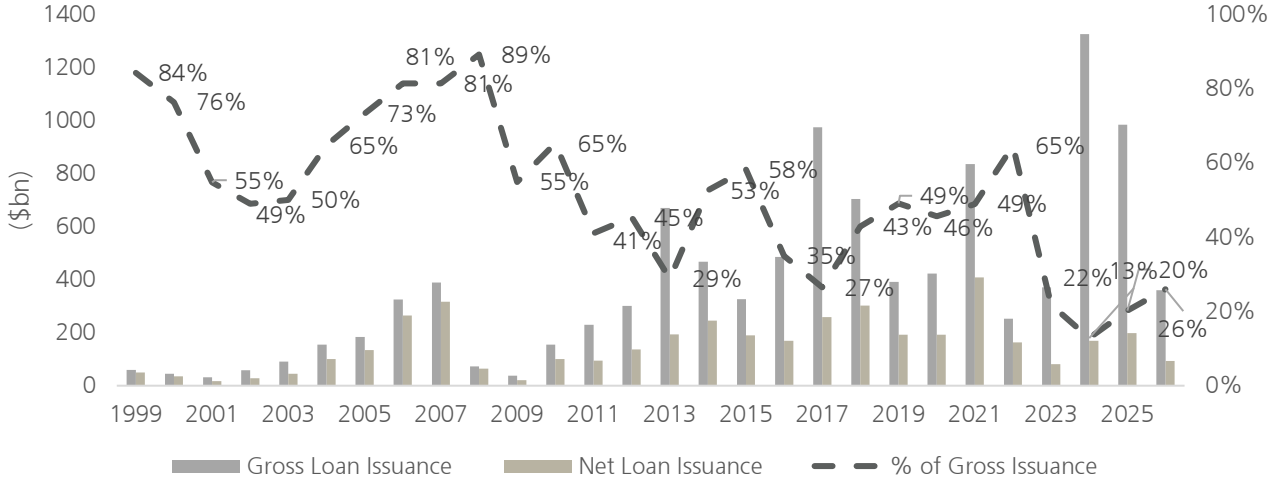
Yields in May were up for leveraged loans, down for high yield bonds and unchanged for investment grade bonds. The 3-year yield of the S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index ("Loan Index") ended the month at 8.73%, up 17bps from April. The yield-to-worst of the high yield index ended May at 7.01%, down 1bp from last month. Yields in BB, single B and CCC high yield bonds ended the month at 5.92%, 7.25% and 12.95%, respectively. Investment grade yields ended May at 5.13%, with no change from April.

Aerospace, Consumer Non-Durables and Metals/Mining were the top loan sector performers in May, with respective returns of 1.17%, 1.12% and 1.03%, while the largest sector laggards were Manufacturing, Financials and Media/Telecom, with respective returns of -0.10%, 0.09% and 0.14%.

Within US loans, the upper, middle and lower tiers returned 0.37%, 0.52% and 0.25%, respectively, in the month of May.

New issuance in the loan market was $108.1bn in May, which was comprised of $26.9bn of net new issuance. New issuance in the high yield market was $27.0bn in May, including $7.1bn of net new issuance.

Exhibit 2: Annual gross and net leveraged loan issuance



Source: JP Morgan. Data as of May 31, 2026.

US CLO new issuance in May totaled $16.3bn across 34 deals. May also saw 89 refi/reset/re-issues for $37.7bn. This brings the US CLO new issuance total for 2026 to $71.2bn across 151 deals which is lagging the $81.4bn across 170 deals last year. There was a total of $109.2bn US refi/reset/re-issues across 269 deals which is considerably lagging the $123.5bn refi/reset/re-issues across 277 deals for the same period last year. Both European and US loans – and, by extension, MVOC ratios – have rebounded since the onset of the Iran ceasefire, with a notably stronger recovery in Europe. This outperformance has been supported by Europe's lower exposure to Software, along with firmer trading across several Chemical names, a sector that had been a primary area of concern. Conversely, as a meaningful portion of the loan market has moved back to par, repricing activity has picked up on both sides of the Atlantic, placing additional pressure on CLO WAS. Generic US BSL CLO primary spreads were mixed in May. AAA and AA spreads ended ~2bps and ~5bps tighter, respectively, while A, BBB and BB widened by ~15bps, ~5bps and ~23bps for the month, respectively.

In May, loan funds and high yield funds both saw inflows, totaling $2.5bn and $0.6bn respectively.

The trailing 12-month par-weighted leveraged loan default rate including distressed exchanges decreased to 2.62% in May. The trailing 12-month par-weighted high yield bond default rate including distressed exchanges ticked down to 2.02%.

The average price of the loan index fell and ended May at 94.42 (including defaults). By rating, the average price in BB, single B and CCC loans ended the month at 99.65, 96.53 and 74.00, respectively. The average price of the high yield index ended May at 97.32. By rating, the average price in BB, single B and CCC high yield bonds ended the month at 98.94, 99.65 and 81.10, respectively.

The S&P UBS Western European Leveraged Loan Index (Non-USD Denomination, hedged to EUR) returned 0.68% in May and 1.41% year-to-date. The average price was 95.88, up 25bps in the month and down 53bps year-to-date. The discount margin for 3-year life was 489bps, down 12bps from last month and up 12bps year-to-date. The Western European Leveraged Loan Non-USD Market Size increased €4.7bn in the month and increased €15.7bn year-to-date to €373.4bn.

European CLO new issuance in May was €5.7bn across 14 deals with 10 refi/reset/re-issues for €4.0bn. This brings the EUR CLO new issuance total for 2026 to €24.5bn across 59 deals which is slightly lagging the €25.3bn new issue across 56 deals at the same time last year. There was a total of €18.9bn EUR refi/reset/re-issues across 52 deals year-to-date, which is outpacing the same time last year, when there were €15.0bn refi/reset/re-issues across 38 deals. Primary spreads tightened in May. AAA, AA, A, BBB and BB spreads tightened by ~6bps, ~8bps, ~35bps, ~58bps and ~85bps for the month, respectively.

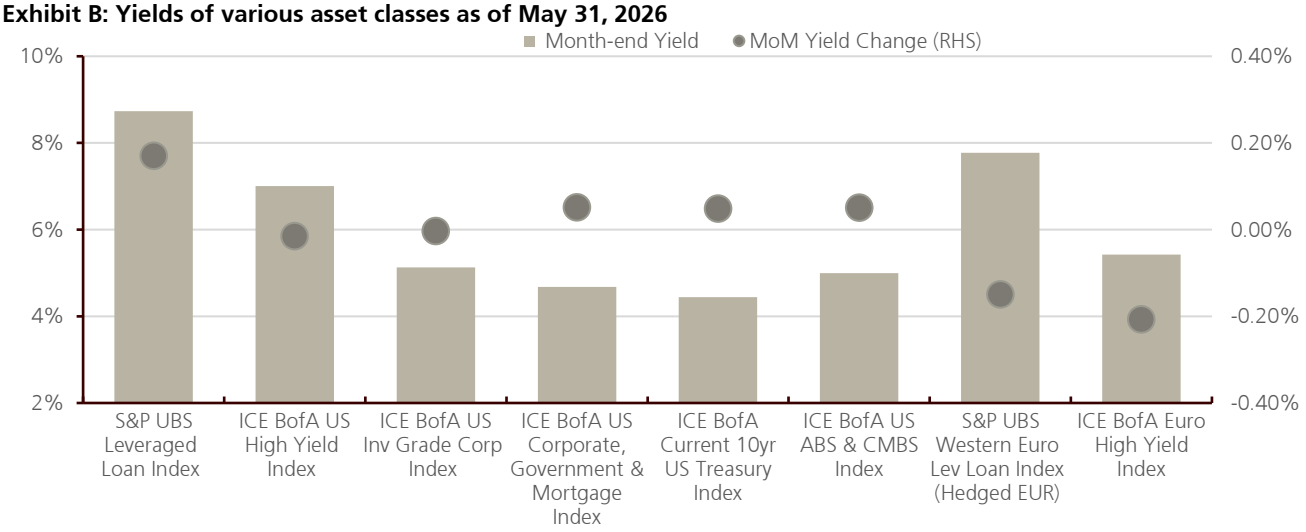
Appendix: Market data and charts

Exhibit A: Returns of various asset classes

	2025	Mar-26	1Q26	Apr-26	May-26	YTD 2026
S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index	5.94%	0.61%	-0.47%	1.23%	0.48%	1.23%
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	8.50%	-1.19%	-0.55%	1.70%	0.49%	1.64%
ICE BofA Investment Grade Index	7.78%	-2.02%	-0.42%	0.56%	0.71%	0.85%
ICE BofA 10yr US Treasury Index	7.82%	-2.52%	-0.11%	-0.21%	0.01%	-0.30%
S&P UBS Western Euro Lev Loan Index (Non-USD, Hedged EUR)	4.10%	-0.28%	-1.06%	1.80%	0.68%	1.41%
ICE BofA Euro High Yield Index	5.15%	-2.71%	-1.72%	1.94%	1.07%	1.26%
S&P 500	17.86%	-4.98%	-4.35%	10.49%	5.26%	11.25%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	14.92%	-5.20%	-3.19%	7.24%	2.93%	6.86%
NASDAQ Composite Index	21.17%	-4.68%	-6.96%	15.32%	8.43%	16.34%

Source: Bloomberg, UBS, S&P Indices. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Exhibit B: Yields of various asset classes as of May 31, 2026



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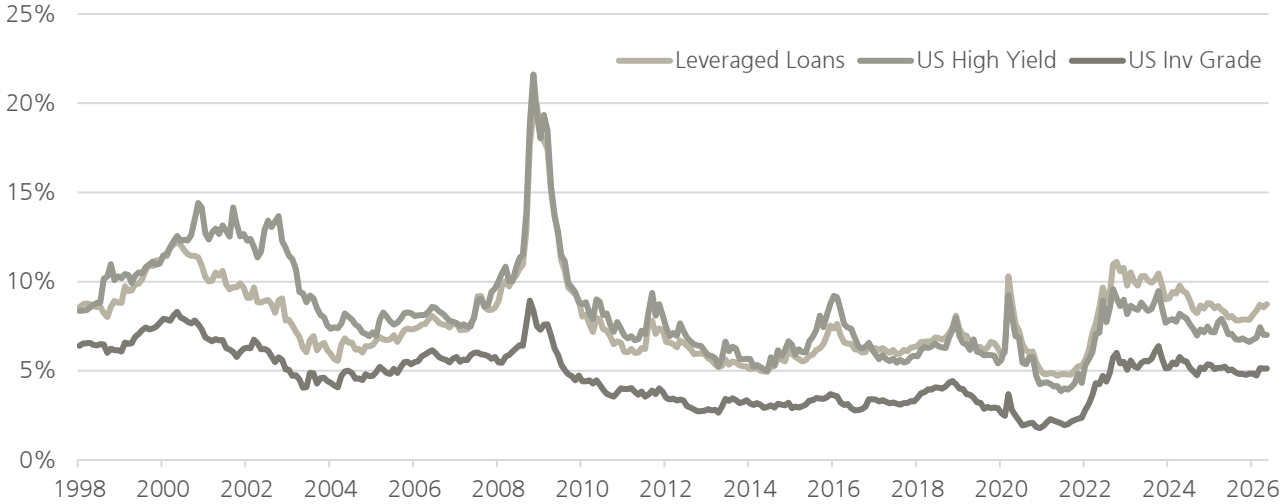
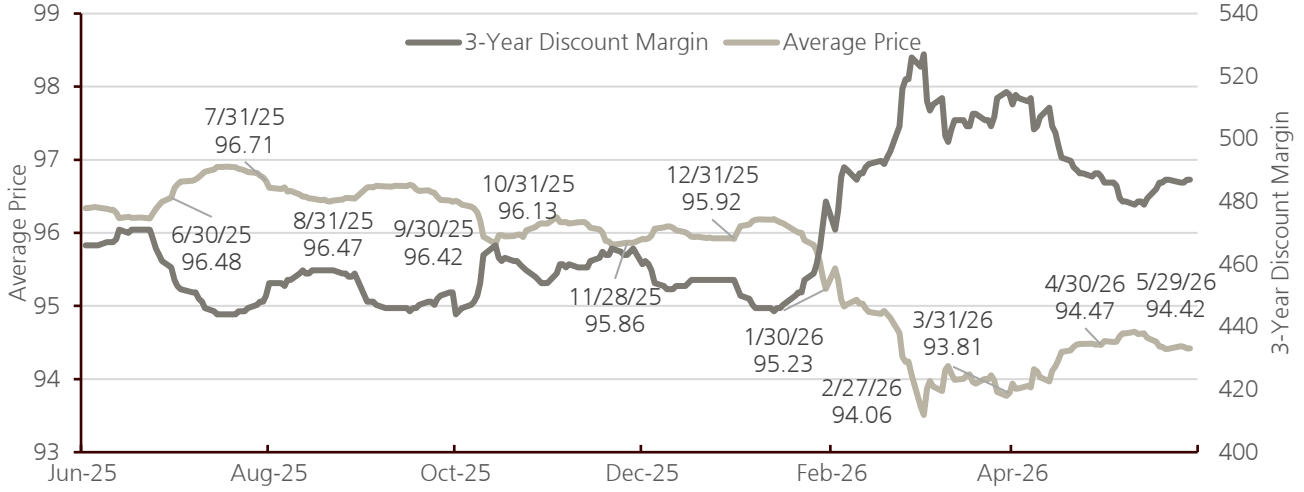


Leveraged loans uses S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index data. US high yield uses ICE BofA US High Yield Index data. US Inv Grade uses ICE BofA Investment Grade Corp Index data. Source: ICE Data Services, UBS, S&P Indices, Bloomberg. It is not possible to invest directly in the indices described above. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Exhibit D: Average price and 3-year discount margin of the S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index



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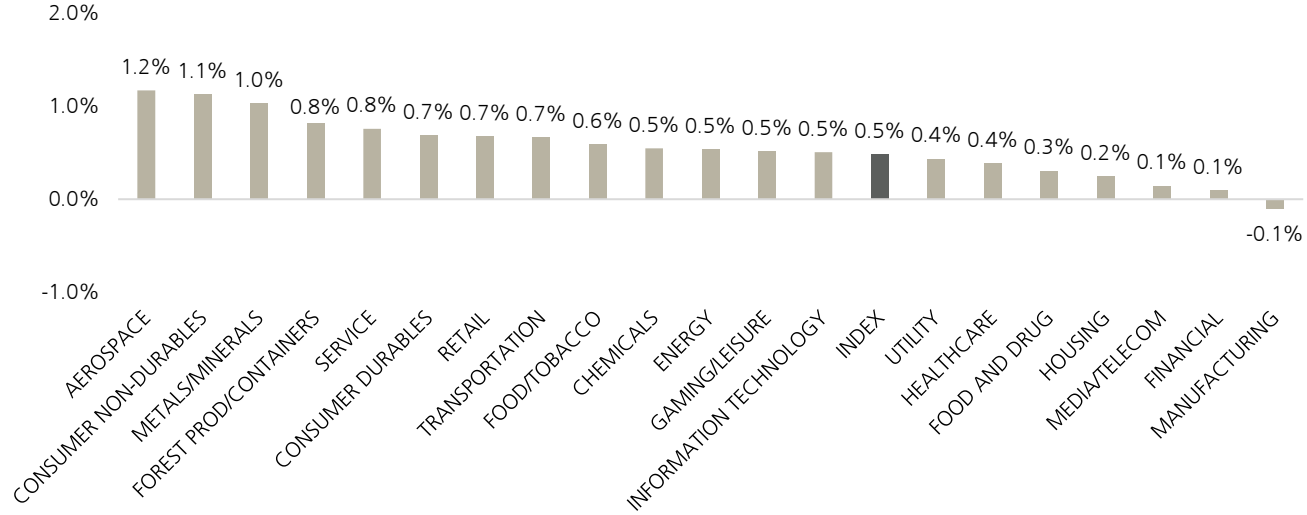

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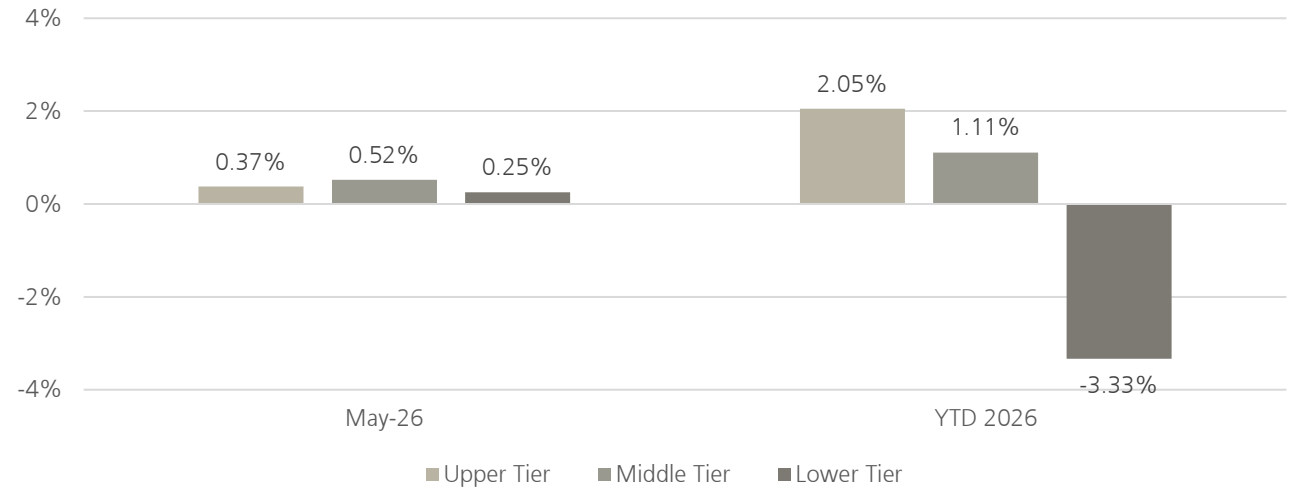

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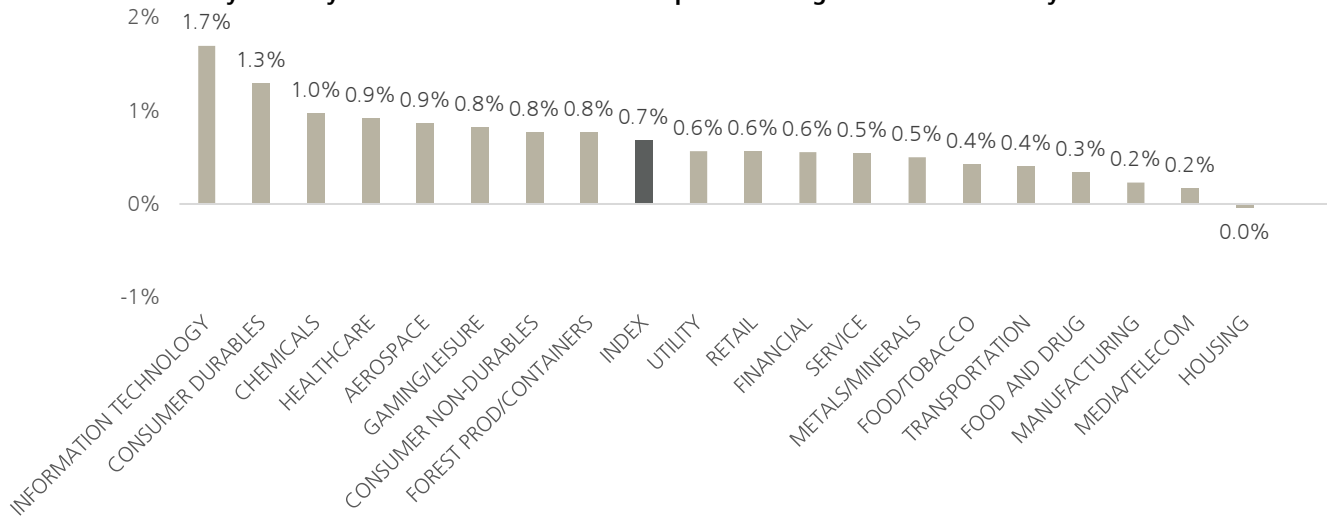

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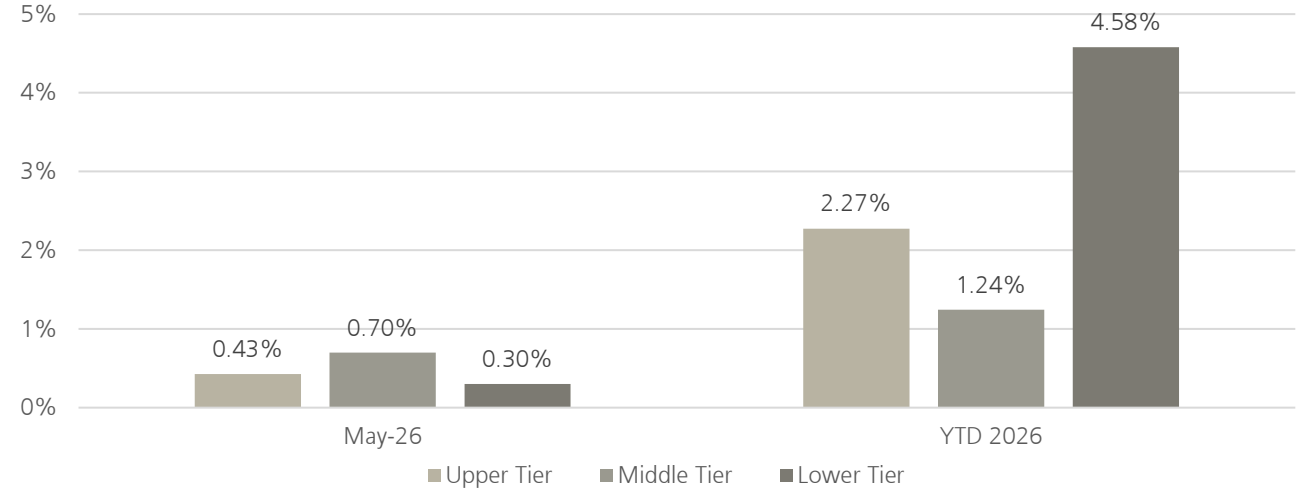

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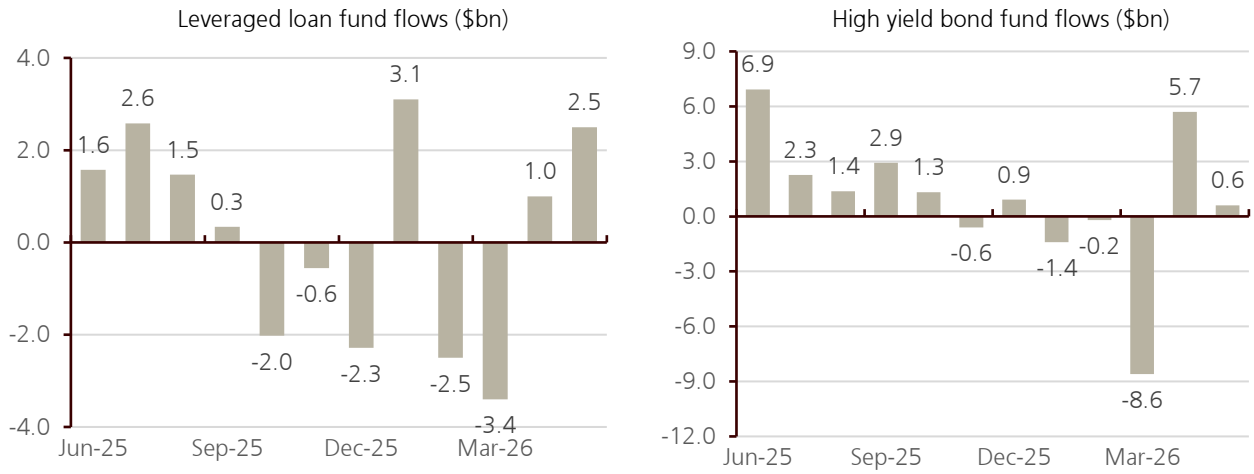

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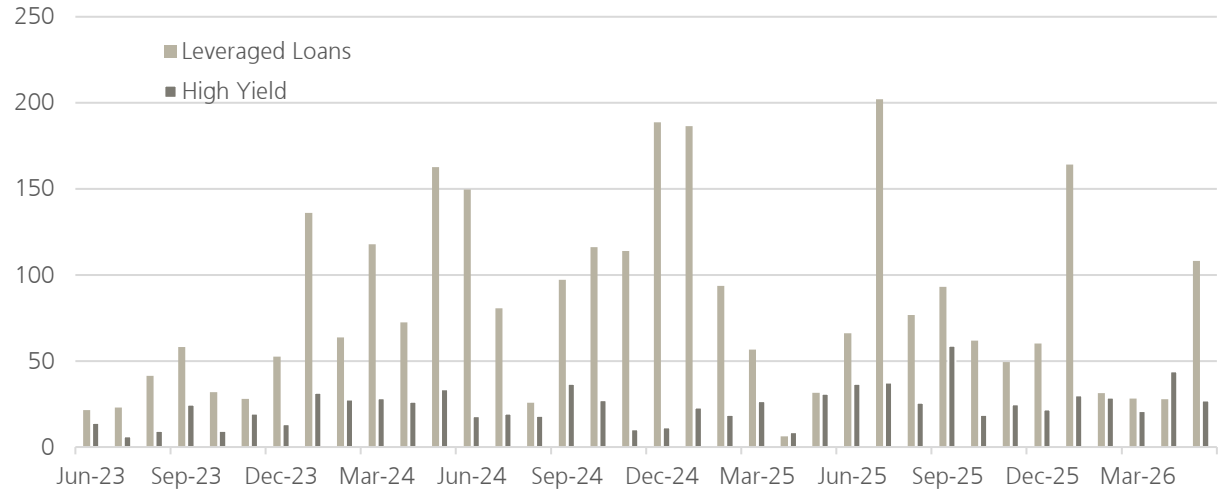

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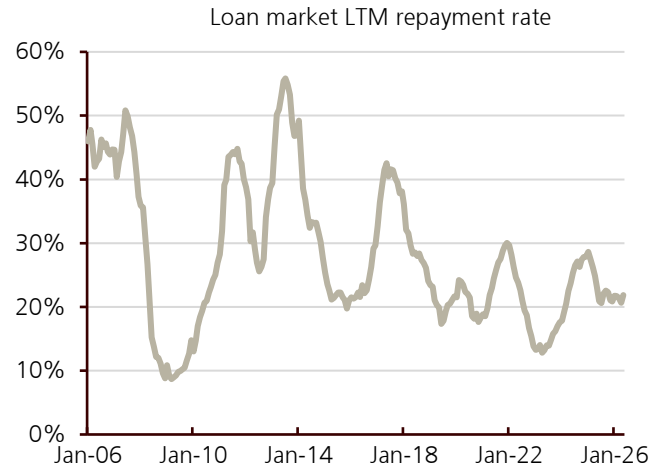

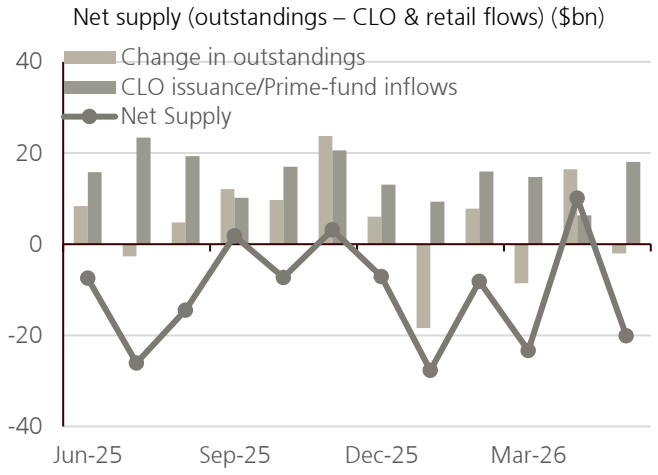

As of May 31, 2026. Net supply equals change in total outstanding volume in the loan market minus the visible demand (retail fund flows and CLO issuance). A positive number indicated more supply than visible demand. Source: Pitchbook I LCD.

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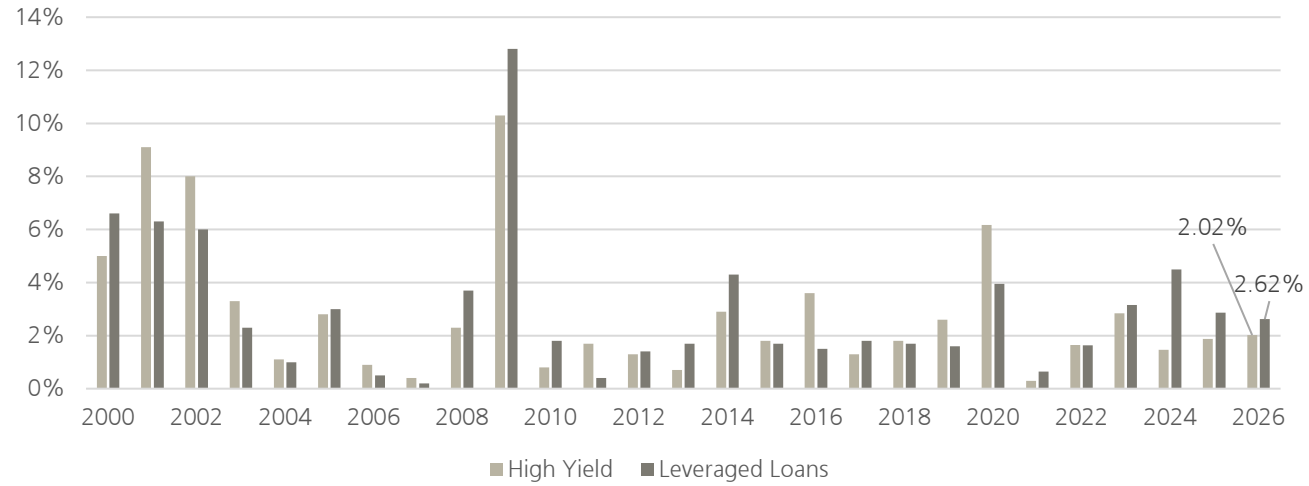

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Exhibit M: US LTM upgrade/downgrade activity (by volume in $bn)

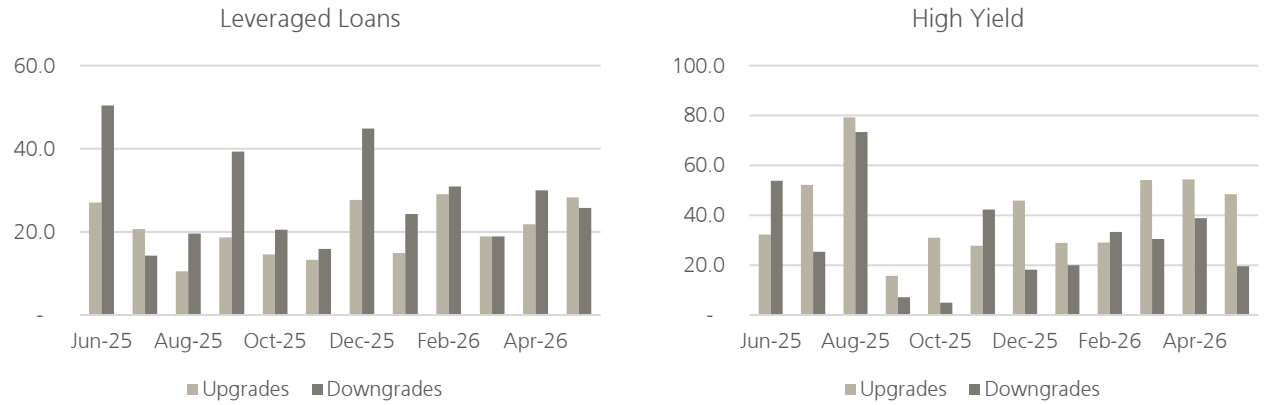

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Exhibit N: Returns of US CLO debt tranches

	2025	Mar-26	1Q26	Apr-26	May-26	YTD 2026
J.P. Morgan CLO Index	5.87%	0.06%	0.74%	0.80%	0.50%	2.05%
J.P. Morgan CLO AAA Index	5.45%	0.19%	1.01%	0.55%	0.43%	2.00%
J.P. Morgan CLO AA Index	5.93%	0.09%	0.99%	0.70%	0.45%	2.16%
J.P. Morgan CLO A Index	6.28%	0.21%	1.05%	0.64%	0.53%	2.23%
J.P. Morgan CLO BBB Index	7.09%	-0.14%	-0.15%	1.78%	0.66%	2.30%
J.P. Morgan CLO BB Index	9.11%	-2.02%	-3.15%	3.89%	1.37%	1.99%
J.P. Morgan CLO B Index	11.57%	-4.09%	-9.80%	4.28%	5.31%	-0.94%

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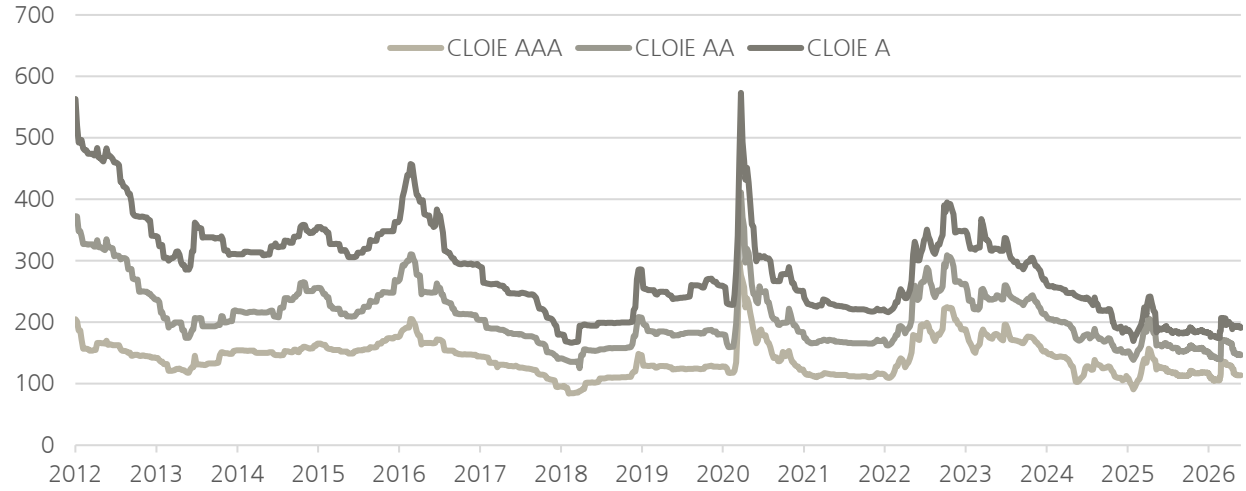
Exhibit O: Discount margin of AAA-, AA-, and A-rated US CLO tranches



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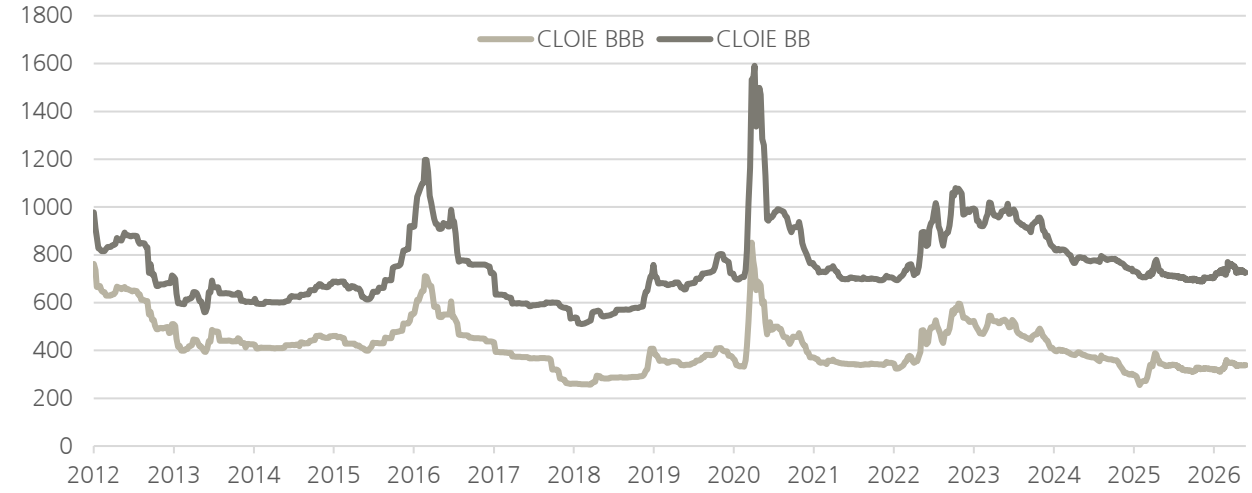

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Exhibit Q: Returns of Euro CLO debt tranches

	2025	Mar-26	1Q26	Apr-26	May-26	YTD 2026
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO Index	4.56%	-0.23%	0.33%	0.77%	0.53%	1.63%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO AAA Index	3.73%	0.00%	0.57%	0.46%	0.33%	1.36%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO AA Index	4.37%	-0.30%	0.48%	0.78%	0.55%	1.82%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO A Index	4.97%	-0.25%	0.56%	0.64%	0.75%	1.96%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO BBB Index	5.84%	-0.49%	0.32%	1.22%	0.89%	2.45%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO BB Index	8.34%	-0.65%	-0.25%	2.26%	1.32%	3.36%
J.P. Morgan Euro CLO B Index	12.50%	-3.50%	-4.75%	4.15%	1.85%	1.04%

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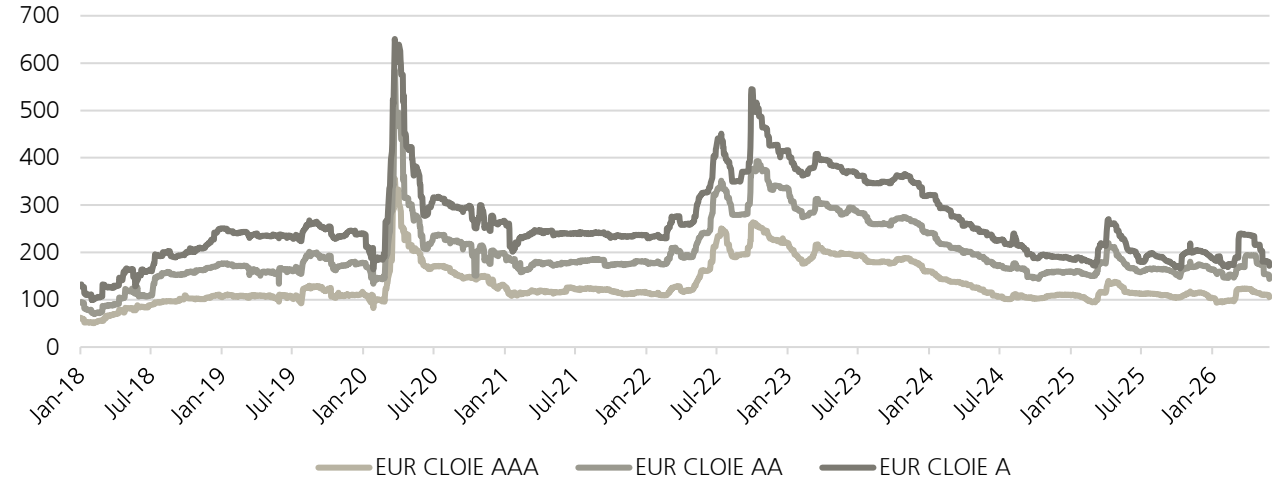

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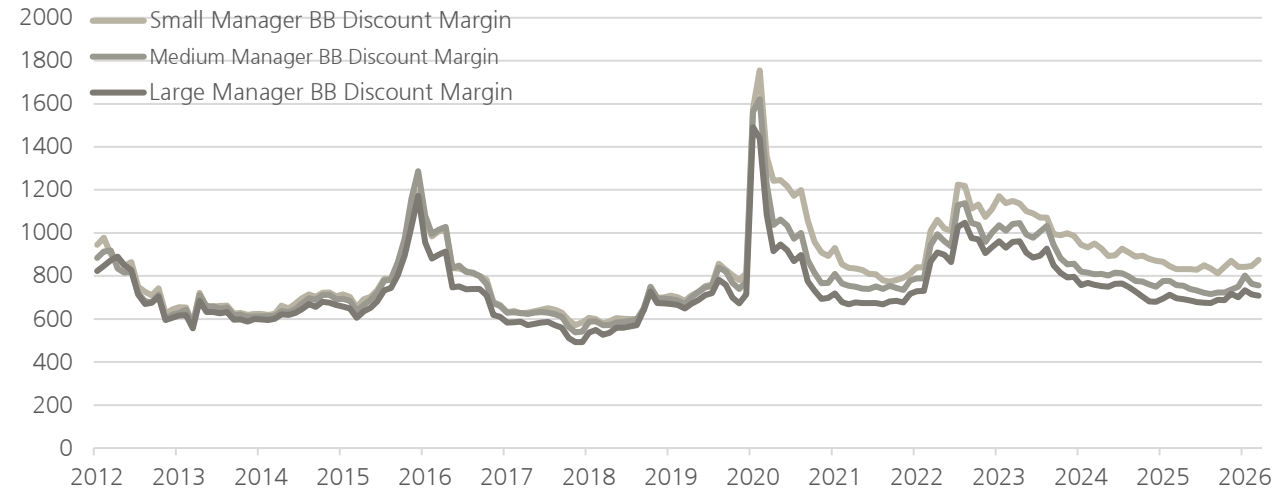

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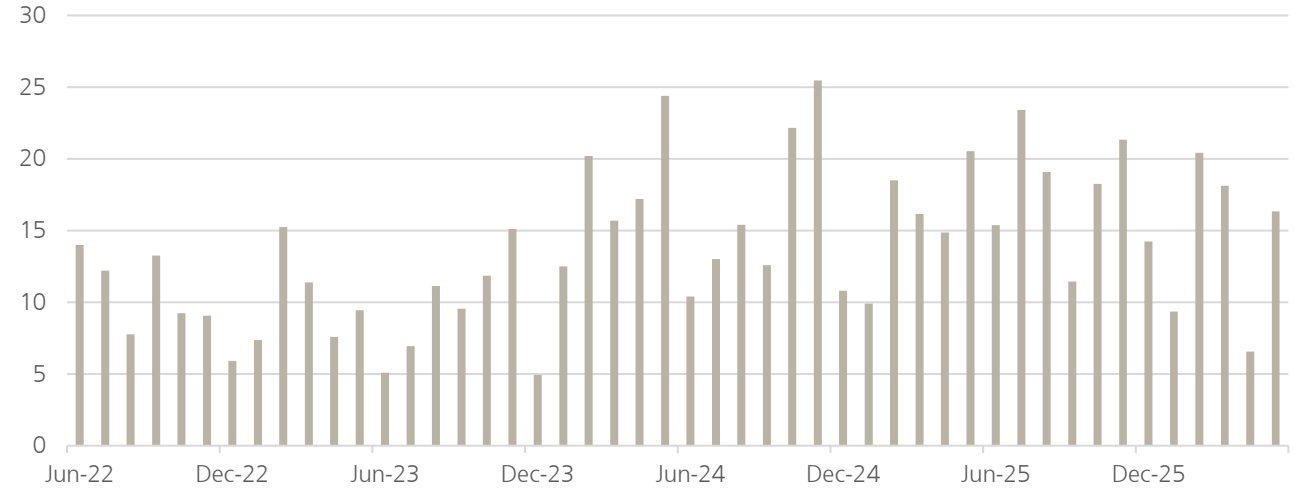

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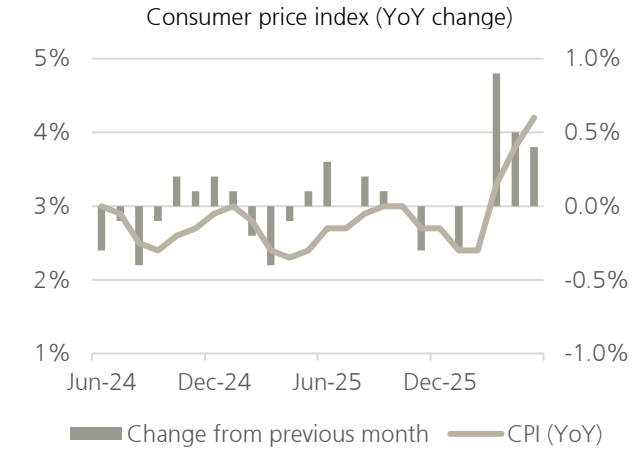

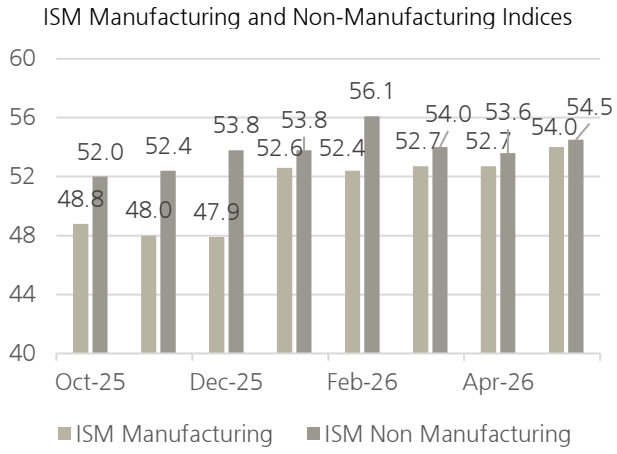

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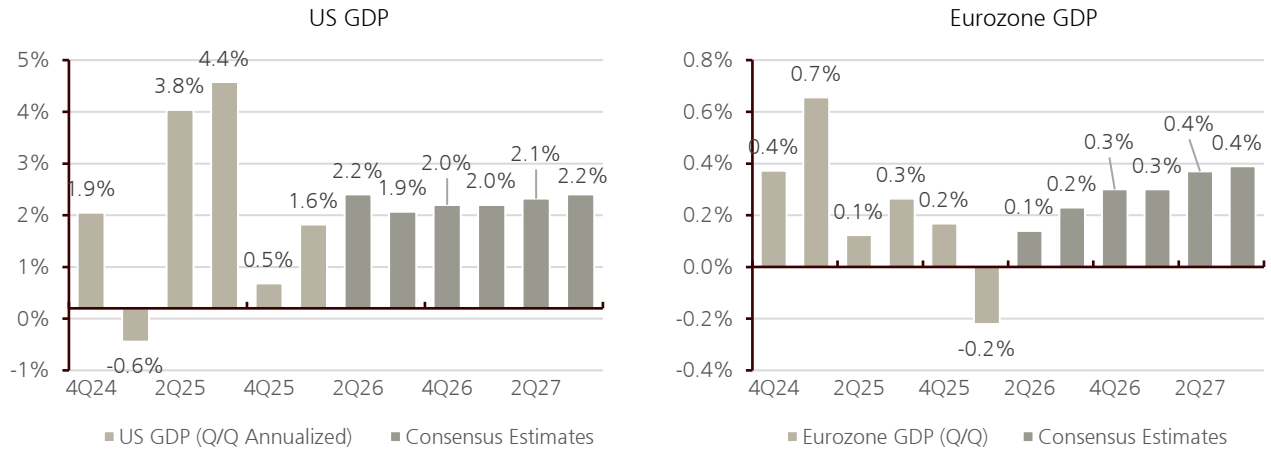

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About the Credit Investments Group

The Credit Investments Group (CIG) is a sub-investment grade arm of UBS Asset Management and manages approximately $57.6 billion as of April 30, 2026, in dedicated below-investment grade strategies in multiple vehicles including CLOs, institutional accounts, mutual funds, and other commingled vehicles. CIG has approximately 70 front office professionals and is one of the largest CLO managers.

Integration of UBS Asset Management Americas and Credit Suisse Asset Management Americas

On April 1, 2024, UBS Asset Management (Americas) LLC ("AM Americas LLC") absorbed two of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, UBS Hedge Fund Solutions LLC ("UBS HFS") and UBS O'Connor LLC ("O'Connor") by merger. Subsequently, on May 1, 2024, Credit Suisse Asset Management LLC ("CSAM LLC") merged with AM Americas LLC, with AM Americas LLC as the surviving entity. As a result, the AM Americas LLC organizational structure as of May 1, 2024, includes the business units of AM Traditional (the institutional advisory and fund business), UBS HFS, O'Connor, the multi-manager and direct infrastructure business of Real Estate and Private Markets ("REPM") Americas , as well as the Credit Investments Group ("CIG"), which was formerly a business unit of CSAM LLC. As of May 1, 2024, AM Americas LLC is the legal entity through which UBS HFS, O'Connor, AM Traditional, REPM Americas and CIG are providing advisory services and products. In addition, the REPM Americas direct real estate investments advisory business will continue to be operated through UBS Realty Investors LLC and its subsidiaries.

Index Definitions

S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index: The index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the $US-denominated leveraged loan market. New loans are added to the index on their effective date if they qualify according to the following criteria: Loans must be rated "5B" or lower; only fully-funded term loans are included; the tenor must be at least one year; and the Issuers must be domiciled in developed countries (Issuers from developing countries are excluded). Fallen angels are added to the index subject to the new loan criteria. Loans are removed from the index when they are upgraded to investment grade, or when they exit the market (for example, at maturity, refinancing or bankruptcy workout). Note that issuers remain in the index following default. Total return of the index is the sum of three components: principal, interest, and reinvestment return. The cumulative return assumes that coupon payments are reinvested into the index at the beginning of each period. Rating Tiers are defined as follows: Upper Tier: Split BBB and BB; Middle Tier: Split BB, B and Split B; Lower Tier: CCC/Split CCC and Default.

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ICE BofA US High Yield Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a below investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of $250 million. In addition, qualifying securities must have risk exposure to countries that are members of the FX-G10, Western Europe or territories of the US and Western Europe. The FX-G10 includes all Euro members, the US, Japan, the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. Original issue zero coupon bonds, 144a securities (both with and without registration rights), and pay-in-kind securities (including toggle notes) are included in the index. Callable perpetual securities are included provided they are at least one year from the first call date. Fixed-to-floating rate securities are included provided they are callable within the fixed rate period and are at least one year from the last call prior to the date the bond transitions from a fixed to a floating rate security. Contingent capital securities ("cocos") are excluded, but capital securities where conversion can be mandated by a regulatory authority, but which have no specified trigger, are included. Other hybrid capital securities, such as those issues that potentially convert into preference shares, those with both cumulative and non-cumulative coupon deferral provisions, and those with alternative coupon satisfaction mechanisms, are also included in the index. Securities issued or marketed primarily to retail investors, equity-linked securities, securities in legal default, hybrid securitized corporates, eurodollar bonds (USD securities not issued in the US domestic market), taxable and tax-exempt US municipal securities and DRD eligible securities are excluded from the index.

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