

## Briefing

### Global Economic & Credit Market

#### Week 10 Ending – March 8, 2024

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### Economic Calendar

- Tuesday, March 12: Consumer Price Index
- Thursday, March 14: Producer Price Index and Retail Sales
- Friday, March 15: Consumer Sentiment

### Key Market Metrics

- S&P 500: (0.26%)WoW; +7.42% YTD; +30.76% YoY; 14.0x LTM EBITDA; 12.7x NTM EBITDA
- Dow Jones: (0.93%)WoW; +2.74% YTD; +20.05% YoY; 10.9x LTM EBITDA; 12.1x NTM EBITDA
- Nasdaq: (1.17%)WoW; +7.15% YTD; +41.86% YoY
- Ten Year US Treasury Yield: 4.13% (11) bps YTD; +17 bps YoY
- Currency:
  - British Pound per USD: \$1.29; 1.6% WoW; 1.0% YTD; 7.8% YoY
  - Euro per USD: \$1.09; 0.9% WoW; (1.0%)YTD; 3.4% YoY
  - USD per Yen: ¥147.05; (2.0%)WoW; 4.4% YTD; 8.0% YoY
  - Swiss franc per EUR: 1.04 CHF; (0.2%)WoW; (3.2%)YTD; 2.9% YoY

### U.S. News

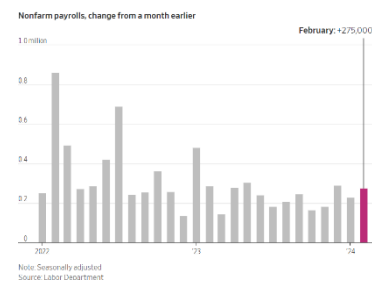
#### Consumer Credit

- Total consumer credit rose \$19.5 billion in January, translating into a 4.7% annual rate. The annual rate was 0.2% in December
- The increase was almost double the \$10 billion gain that economists were expecting
- Non-revolving credit, typically auto and student loans, rose 3.6% in January after a 0.6% in December
- Revolving credit, like credit cards, increased at a 7.7% rate after a 2.4% increase in December



#### U.S. Jobs Report

- U.S. employers added 275,000 jobs in February, exceeding the 198,000 expected in January
- The unemployment rate ticked up to 3.9%, up 3.7% from January, representing a two-year high
- Average hourly earnings rose 0.1% in February, below 0.2% expectations and down from 0.5% in January



#### Factory Orders

- U.S. factory orders fell 3.6% in January due to fewer contracts for Boeing passenger planes. Economics surveyed by the WSJ had forecasted a 3.1% decline.
- Excluding transportation, orders for manufactured goods decreased 0.8% in January
- Orders for durable goods decreased 6.2% last month

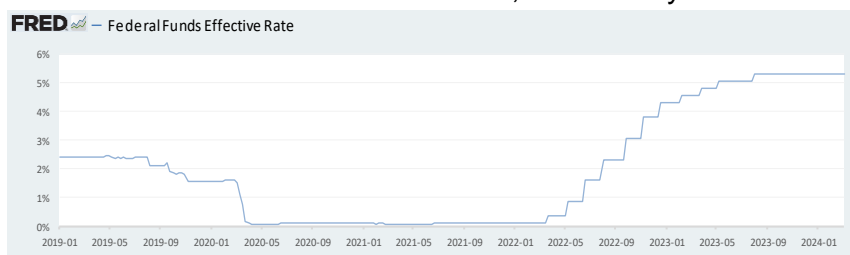


## ▪ Inflation Factors

- CPI:
  - The consumer-price index rose 3.1% in January year over year
  - On a monthly basis, the CPI increased 0.3% in January on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing 0.2% in December
  - The index for all items less food and energy (core CPI) rose 0.4% in January, after rising 0.3% in December
  - Core CPI increased 3.9% for the 12 months ending January
- Food & Beverages:
  - The food at home index increased 1.2% in January from the same month a year earlier, and increased 0.4% in January month over month
  - The food away from home index increased 5.1% in January from the same month a year earlier, and increased 0.5% in January month over month
- Commodities:
  - The energy commodities index decreased (3.2%) in January after decreasing (0.7%) in December
  - The energy commodities index fell (6.8%) over the last 12 months
  - The energy services index 2.5% in January after increasing 0.4% in December
  - The energy services index fell (2.0%) over the last 12 months
  - The gasoline index fell (6.4%) over the last 12 months
  - The fuel oil index fell (14.2%) over the last 12 months
  - The index for electricity rose 3.8% over the last 12 months
  - The index for natural gas fell (17.8%) over the last 12 months
- Supply Chain:
  - Drewry's composite World Container Index decreased to \$3,287.34 per 40ft container
  - Drewry's composite World Container Index has increased by 82.0% over the last 12 months
- Housing Market:
  - The shelter index increased 0.6% in January after increasing 0.4% in December
  - The rent index increased 0.6% in January after increasing 0.4% in December
  - The index for lodging away from home increased 4.3% in January after decreasing (1.1%) in December

## ▪ Federal Funds Rate

- The effective Federal Funds Rate is at 5.33%, flat 0.00% year to date



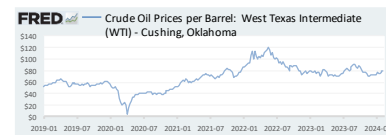
## World News

- **Haiti**
  - Pressure is mounting on Haiti's Prime Minister, Dr. Ariel Henry, to step down and call for elections as large parts of the country are under the control of heavily armed gangs which are in control of 80% of the capital city. Additionally, thousands of inmates escaped the two biggest prisons over the weekend
  - There is a global concern for a humanitarian crisis due to the closure of the airport and seaport. Food and medical supplies currently can't enter the country via sea or air
- **Gaza**
  - An international plan to facilitate aid deliveries to the Gaza Strip via the Mediterranean Sea launched this past week. Countries including the U.A.E., Jordan, Egypt and the Netherlands have all airdropped aid into Gaza
  - The airdrops followed weeks of failed attempts by the U.S. and Arab negotiators to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas
  - The airdrop plan has some inherent risk, as demonstrated on Friday when an airdrop killed five Palestinians after a parachute failed to open and at least one parcel fell on them
  - The U.S. is also planning to build a floating pier to increase the amount of humanitarian assistance entering Gaza
- **China**
  - A U.S. congressional probe of Chinese-built cargo cranes deployed at ports throughout the U.S. has found communications equipment that doesn't appear to support normal operations, increasing concerns that the foreign machines may pose a national security risk
  - The components include cellular modems that, in some cases, can be remotely accessed
  - Last month, the Biden administration announced it would invest more than \$20 billion over the next five years to replace foreign-built cranes with U.S.-manufactured cranes

## Commodities

### Oil Prices

- WTI: \$77.86 per barrel
  - (2.64%) WoW; +8.67% YTD; +2.83% YoY
- Brent: \$81.90 per barrel
  - (1.97%) WoW; +6.31% YTD; +0.38% YoY



### US Production

- U.S. oil production amounted to 13.2 million bpd for the week ended March 1, down 0.1 million bpd from the prior week

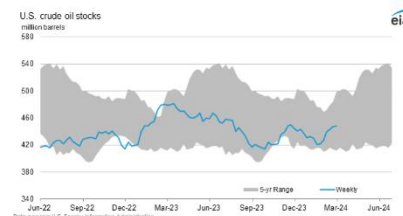
### Rig Count

- The total number of oil rigs amounted to 622, down 7 from last week

### Inventories

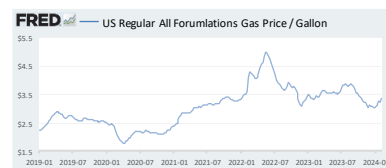
#### Crude Oil

- Total U.S. crude oil inventories now amount to 448.5 million barrels, down (6.3%) YoY
- Refiners operated at a capacity utilization rate of 84.9% for the week, up from 81.5% in the prior week
- U.S. crude oil imports now amount to 6.385 million barrels per day, down 15.2% YoY



#### Gasoline

- Retail average regular gasoline prices amounted to \$3.40 per gallon in the week of March 8, down (2.1%) YoY
  - Gasoline prices on the East Coast amounted to \$3.35, up 0.1% YoY
  - Gasoline prices in the Midwest amounted to \$3.35, up 0.3% YoY
  - Gasoline prices on the Gulf Coast amounted to \$3.04, down (0.8%) YoY
  - Gasoline prices in the Rocky Mountain region amounted to \$3.13, down (19.0%) YoY
  - Gasoline prices on the West Coast amounted to \$4.36, down (2.2%) YoY
- Motor gasoline inventories were down by 4.5 million barrels from the prior week
- Motor gasoline inventories amounted to 239.7 million barrels, up 0.7% YoY
- Production of motor gasoline averaged 9.63 million bpd, up 0.7% YoY
- Demand for motor gasoline amounted to 9.013 million bpd, up 5.3% YoY



#### Distillates

- Distillate inventories decreased by -4.1 million in the week of March 8
- Total distillate inventories amounted to 117.0 million barrels, down (4.3%) YoY
- Distillate production averaged 4.345 million bpd, down (4.0%) YoY
- Demand for distillates averaged 4.074 million bpd in the week, up 15.9% YoY



## Geopolitical Hotspots

- **Nigeria**
  - Jihadists kidnapped hundreds of children in Nigeria this past week. No group has claimed responsibility for the abduction, but it is likely the Islamic State West Africa Province or other factions of Boko Haram. Boko Haram abducted 200 schoolgirls back in 2014
- **Japan**
  - Japan's consumer prices rose at the slowest pace in nearly two years in January, but came in above expectations, backing views that the central bank will exit its negative interest rate policy, albeit cautiously
- **Australia**
  - Australian home prices hit a high in what was already one of the world's most expensive real-estate markets. Now, Australian officials say they have a plan that will help to make housing more affordable: curtailing migration
- **Canada**
  - Lynx Air, a budget airline based in Calgary, is shutting down due to rising costs, unfavorable exchange rates, and competitive tension in the Canadian aviation market
- **Argentina**
  - President Javier Milei of Argentina hosted U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken in Buenos Aires to discuss reshaping Argentina's foreign policy in alignment with the United States, amidst economic challenges and the pursuit of stability
- **Brazil**
  - Brazilian Federal Police seized the passport of former President Jair Bolsonaro and arrested four of his close allies as authorities narrowed in on the conservative and his aides over allegations that they plotted a military takeover as early as late-2022
- **Nicaragua**
  - Nicaragua's authoritarian government, which has expelled religious leaders, political opponents and journalists, has granted asylum to a former Panamanian president convicted of money laundering, the third former leader from the region to find refuge in Managua

**Credit News**

High yield bond yields decreased 13bps to 7.67% and spreads increased 2bps to 343bps. Leveraged loan yields decreased 18bps to 9.21% and spreads decreased 9bps to 510bps. WTD Leveraged loan returns were positive 32bps. WTD high yield bond returns were positive 60bps. 10yr treasury yields decreased 16bp to 4.09%. For the week, Yields decreased due to limited surprises in this week’s labor market report and Powell’s Congressional testimony as well as supportive earnings season.

**High-yield:**

Week ended 03/08/2024

▪ **Yields & Spreads<sup>1</sup>**

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
7.67%	343	7.80%	341	(13)	2

▪ **Pricing & Returns<sup>1</sup>**

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2023
\$93.53	\$92.94	59	0.60%	0.44%	1.09%	13.5%

▪ **Fund Flows<sup>2</sup>**

Total Flows (\$)
\$347mm

▪ **New Issue<sup>2</sup>**

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
10	\$7.6bn	\$66.9bn	\$38.9bn	+72%

▪ **Distressed Level (trading in excess of 1,000 bps)<sup>2</sup>**

2/29/24	1/30/24	12/30/23
6.20%	6.70%	6.60%

▪ **Total HY Defaults**

2/29/24	1/30/24	12/30/23
1.66%	2.04%	2.08%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Credit Suisse High Yield and Leveraged Loan Index

<sup>2</sup> Source: JP Morgan



**Leveraged loans:**

Week ended 03/08/2024

▪ Yields & Spreads<sup>1</sup>

Current Week		Prior Week		Δ (bps)	
Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread	Yield	Spread
9.21%	510	9.39%	519	(18)	(9)

▪ Leveraged Loan Index<sup>1</sup>

Pricing			Returns			
Current Week	Prior Week	Δ (bps)	WTD	MTD	YTD	2023
\$96.04	\$95.74	30	0.32%	0.27%	2.01%	12.9%

▪ Fund Flows<sup>2</sup>

Total Flows (\$)
\$497mm

▪ New Issue<sup>2</sup>

Week		YTD		
# New Deals	Total (\$)	Total (\$)	Prior Year YTD	CY vs PY
14	\$6.3bn	\$206.1bn	\$64.4bn	+220%

▪ Distressed Level (loan price below \$80)<sup>1</sup>

2/29/24	1/30/24	12/30/23
5.43%	5.80%	7.10%

## ▪ Total Loan Defaults

2/29/24	1/30/24	12/30/23
1.77%	1.95%	2.10%

**Default activity:**

- Most recent defaults include: Robertshaw (\$820mn, 2/29/24), Thrasio LLC (\$724mn, 2/28/24), Hornblower (\$838mn, 2/20/24), Careismatic (\$700mn, 1/22/24), Enviva Partners (\$750mn, 1/15/24), Ligado Networks (\$4.2bn, 11/1/23), and Air Methods (\$1.7bn, 10/24/23).

**CLOs:**

Week ended 03/08/2024

▪ New U.S. CLO Issuance<sup>2</sup>

# Priced	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets
13	\$6.0bn	\$2.0bn	\$3.9bn

▪ New U.S. CLO YTD Issuance<sup>2</sup>

Total U.S. CLOs	Total (\$)	New Issue	Refis/Resets	Prior Year YTD	CY vs. PY
129	\$57.7bn	\$35.7bn	\$22.0bn	\$24.7bn	+134%

**Note: High-yield and leveraged loan yields and spreads are swap-adjusted**<sup>1</sup> Source: Credit Suisse High Yield and Leveraged Loan Index<sup>2</sup> Source: JP Morgan

**Ratings activity:**

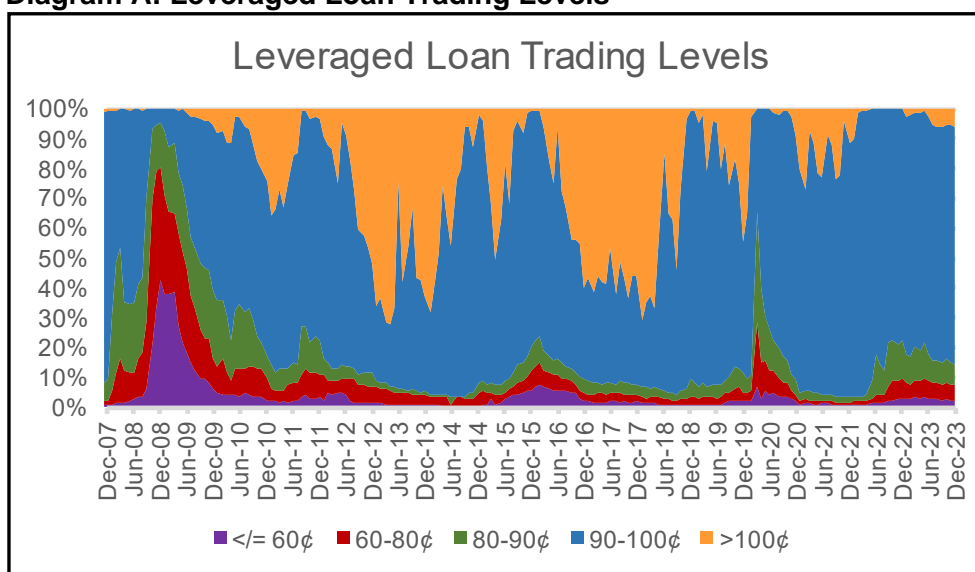
▪ **S&P and Moody's High Yield Ratings**

	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio	Downgrades	Upgrades	Ratio
Full Year 2023	546	304	1.8x	488	288	1.7x
Week Ending 01/05/24	1	2	0.5x	0	2	0.0x
Week Ending 01/12/24	8	6	1.3x	3	7	0.4x
Week Ending 01/19/24	2	6	0.3x	12	6	2.0x
Week Ending 01/26/24	10	0	n/a	15	6	2.5x
Week Ending 02/02/24	3	13	0.2x	11	7	1.6x
Week Ending 02/09/24	18	6	3.0x	5	7	0.7x
Week Ending 02/16/24	8	2	4.0x	14	9	1.6x
Week Ending 02/23/24	3	8	0.4x	16	16	1.0x
Week Ending 03/01/24	14	5	2.8x	6	2	3.0x
Week Ending 03/08/24	16	10	1.6x	15	14	1.1x
YTD 2024	83	58	1.4x	97	76	1.3x

Source: Bloomberg

**Appendix:**

**Diagram A: Leveraged Loan Trading Levels**



Source: Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index

**Diagram B: High Yield and Leveraged Loan LTM Price**

High Yield and Leveraged Loan Data [1]				
	LTM Price			
	Avg. Price	High [2]	Low [3]	LTM High vs. Low Δ
High Yield	88.8	93.5	85.4	8.2
Leveraged Loans	94.2	96.0	92.0	4.0

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

[2] HY high price as of 3/7/24. LL high price as of 3/7/24

[3] HY low price as of 3/15/23. LL low price as of 3/24/23

**Diagram C: Leveraged Loan and High Yield Returns**

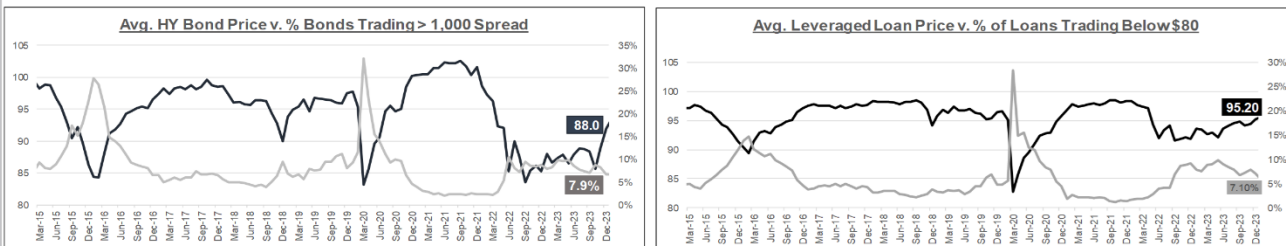
Leveraged Loan and High Yield Returns				
	Leveraged Loan Indices		High Yield Indices	
	Credit Suisse [1]	S&P/LSTA [2]	Credit Suisse [1]	S&P [2]
Weekly Return	0.32%	0.27%	0.60%	0.69%
MTD Return	0.27%	1.88%	0.44%	0.48%
YTD Return	2.01%	1.88%	1.09%	0.48%

[1] Credit Suisse Total Return information is calculated weekly. Yield data is as of 03/08/2024

[2] Yield data as of 03/08/2024



Diagram H: Percentage of Leveraged Loan and High Yield Market Trading at Distressed



Source: CSFB. Data is reported monthly.

Source: JPM. Data is reported monthly.

Diagram I: High Yield Upgrades and Downgrades

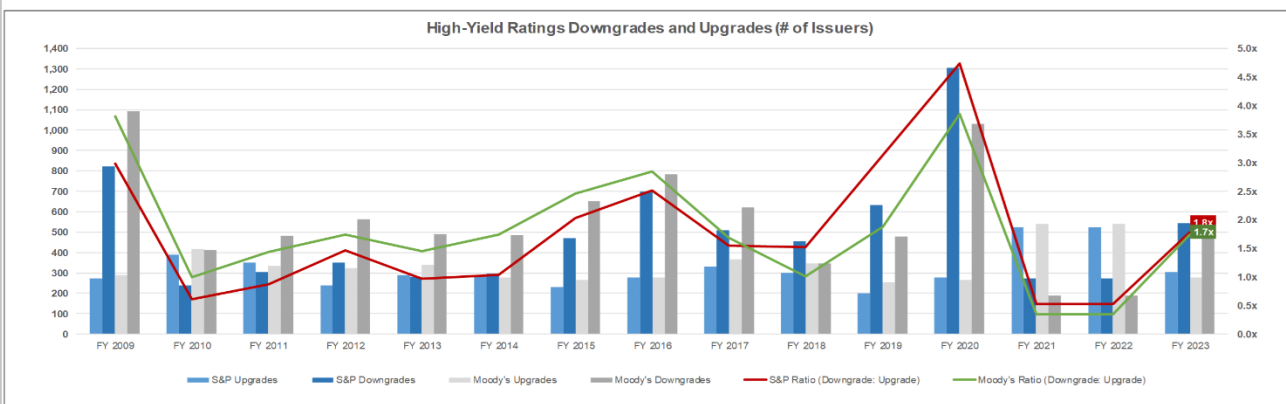
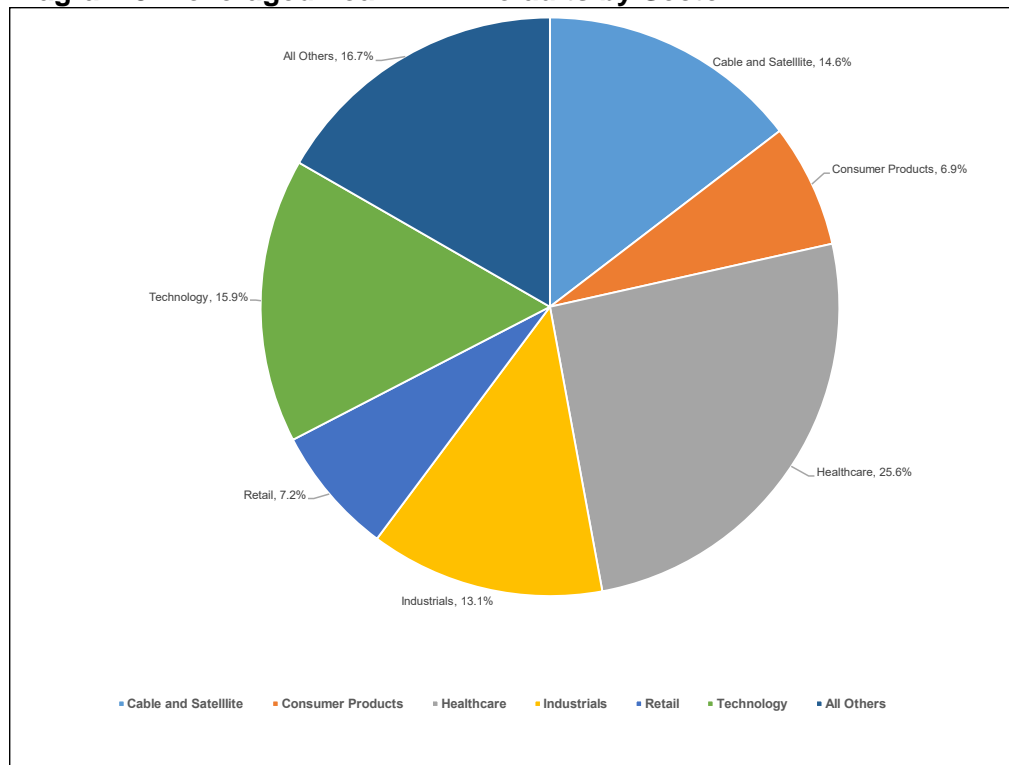


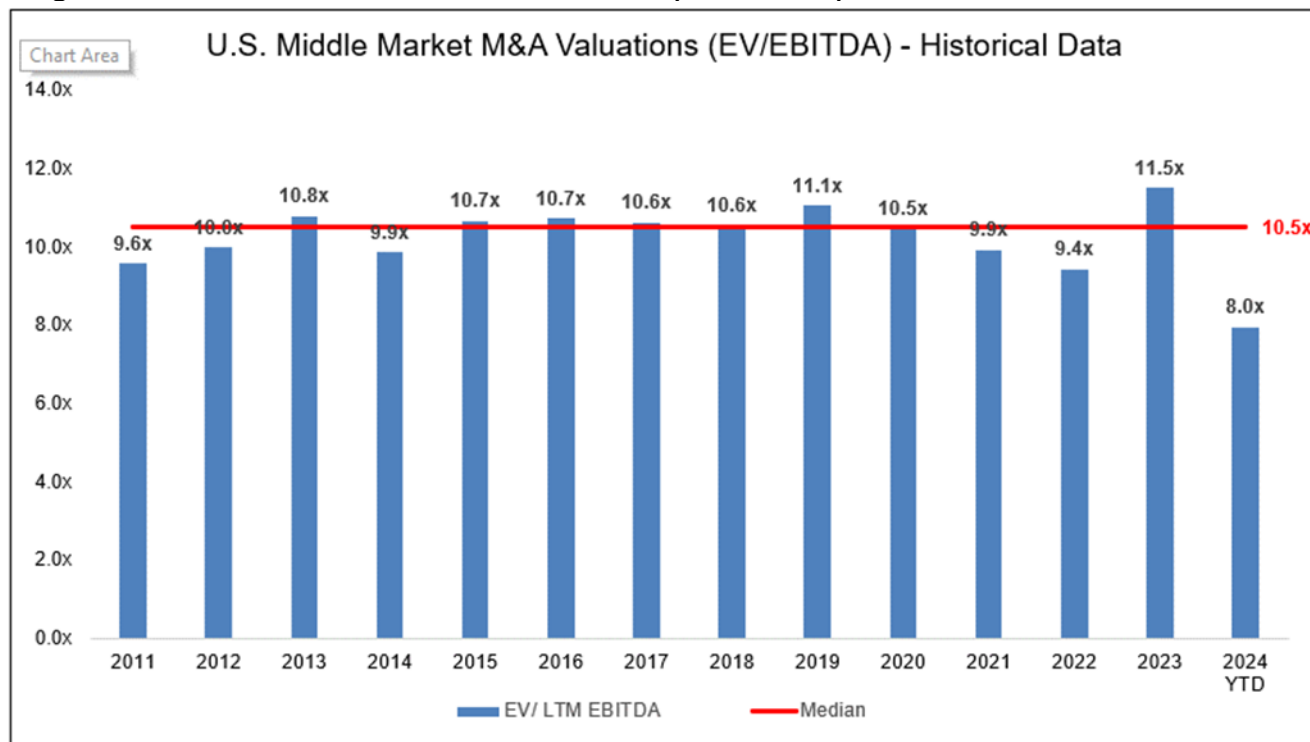
Diagram J: Leveraged Loan + HY Defaults by Sector – LTM



Source: JP Morgan Default Monitor.

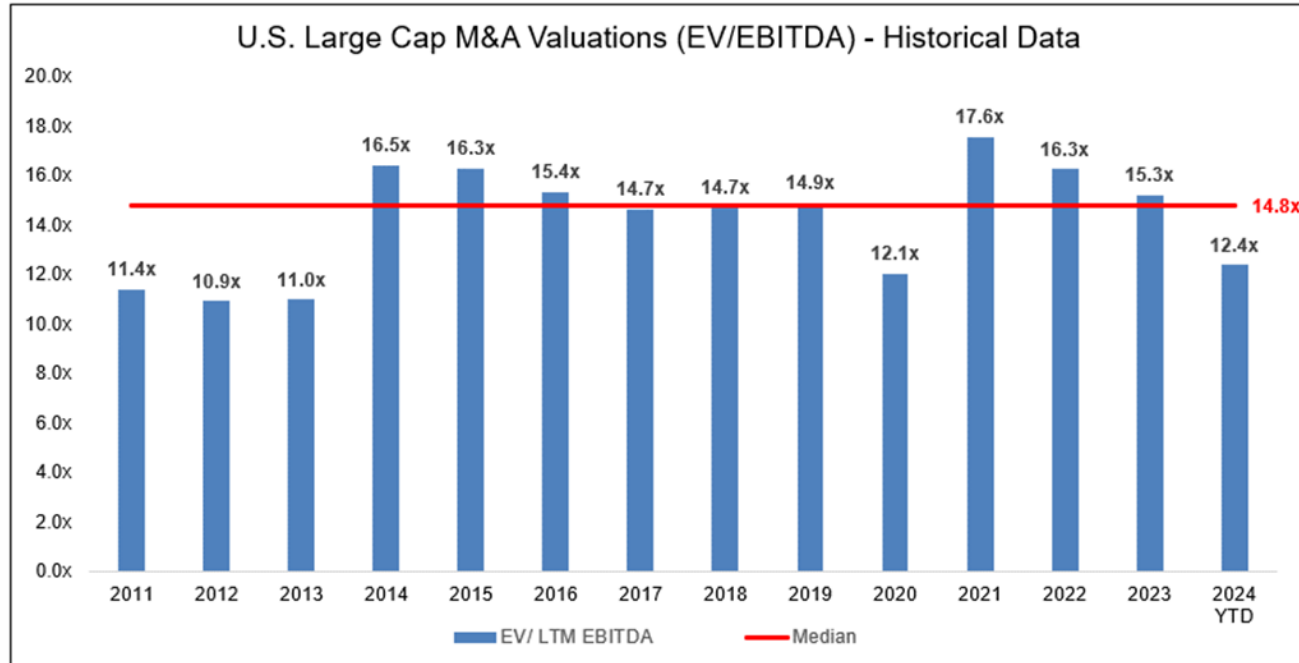


Diagram P: U.S. Middle-Market M&A Valuations (EV/EBITDA)



Source: Pitchbook

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





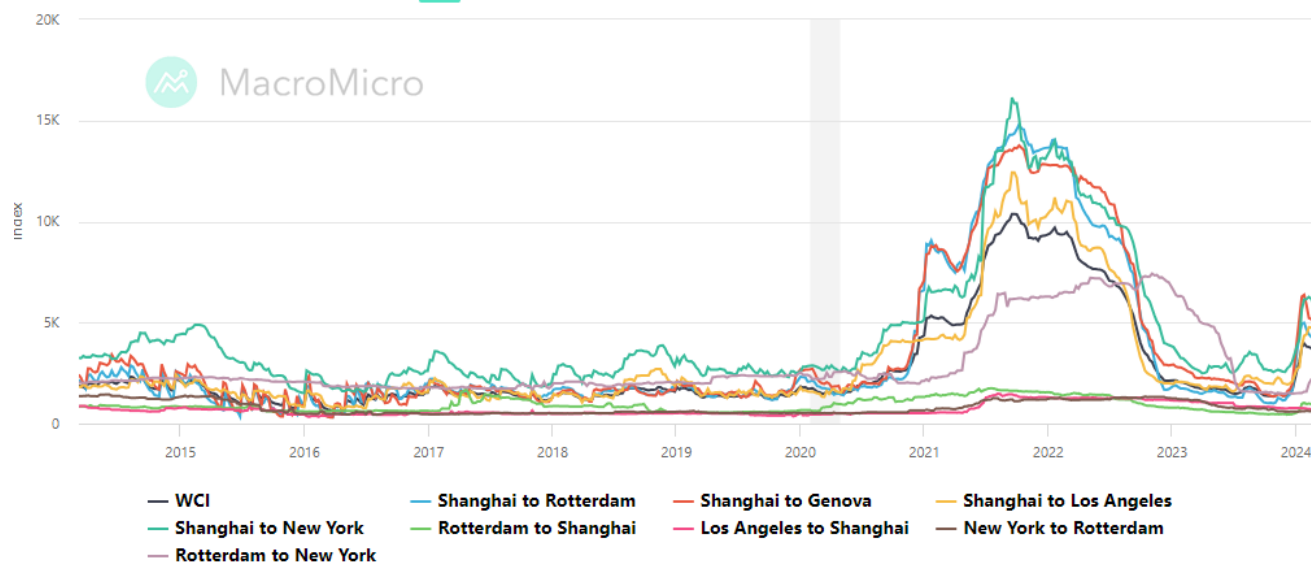




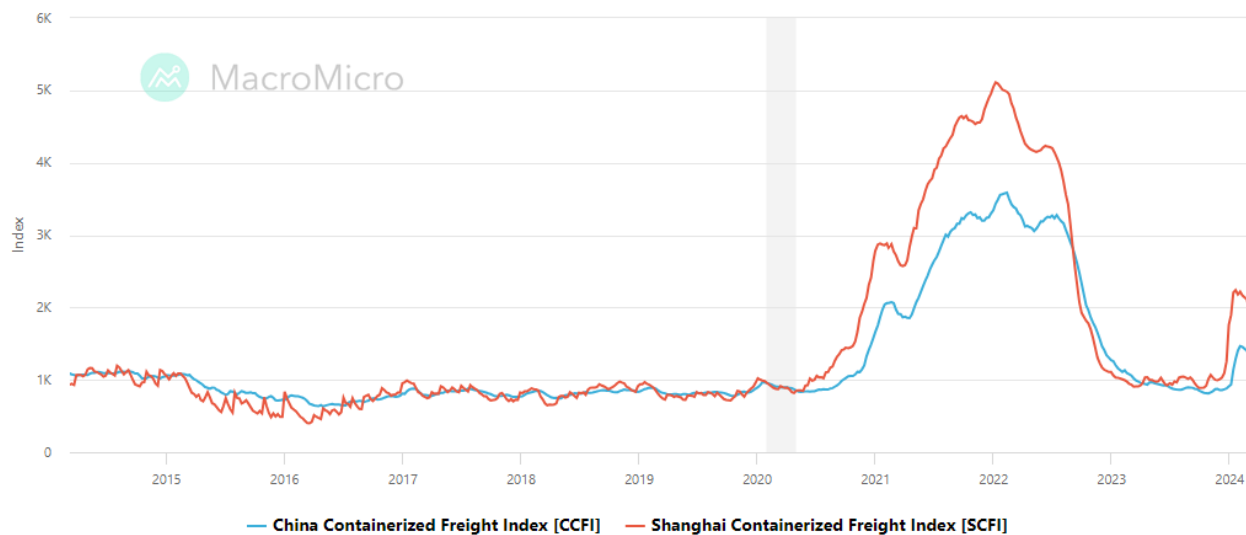


## Freight Rates

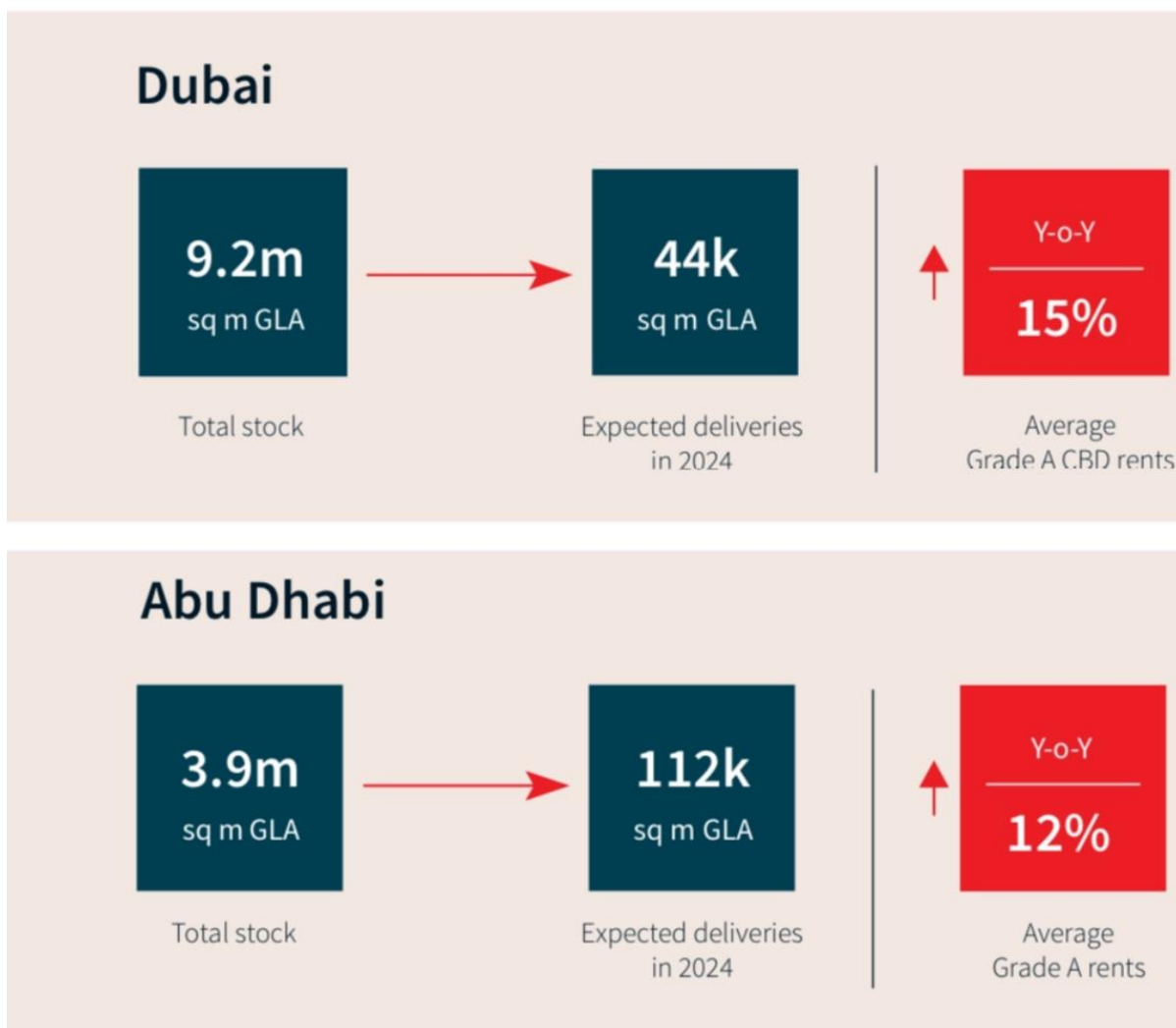
### Drewry World Container Index



### China-Global & Shanghai Export Container Freight Index



## UAE Office Q4 2023 Report:

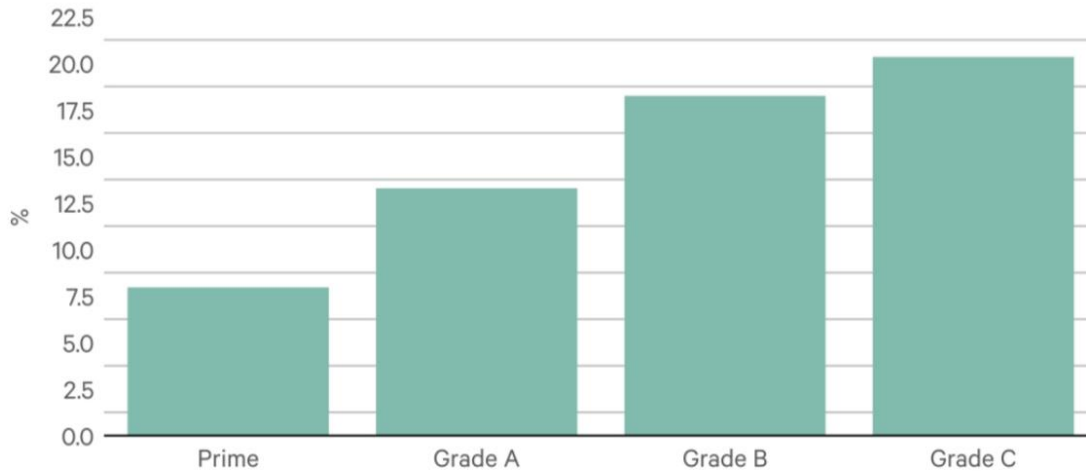


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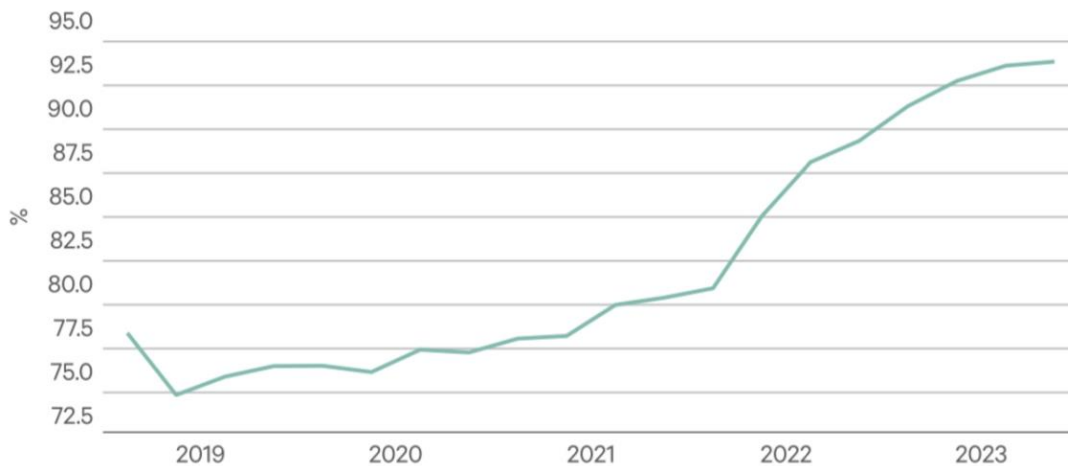
- In 2023, Dubai saw 92,000 sq. m. of gross leasable area (GLA) added, mainly in Grade A specifications, bringing the total to 9.2 million sq. m.
- By 2024, Dubai plans to introduce an additional 44,000 sq. m., while Abu Dhabi expects to add approximately 112,000 sq. m. of new office space.
- A 15% year-on-year increase in Dubai's Central Business District Grade A rents reached AED 2,425 per sq. m. per annum, a market record surpassing the previous high of 2016 by nearly 6%.
- Leasing activity rose, decreasing office vacancies in Dubai's CBD to 8% and city-wide in Abu Dhabi to 22%.
- Due to space scarcity and high rents in Dubai, tenants are negotiating harder and looking beyond primary locations for better deals.
- The current market provides opportunities for developers to launch new projects, spurred by demand and proactive measures in free zones.
- Office market demand is driven by new entrants and expansion plans, with a preference for high-quality offices, indicating a shift toward sustainable practices and shaping the market's future.

FIGURE 6: Dubai, Office Rents, YoY % Change to Q4 2023



Source: CBRE Research/ Macrobond

FIGURE 7: Dubai, Offices, Average Occupancy Rate, %



Source: CBRE Research

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- Limited quality stock in Free Zones is a challenge, with a trend toward medium-sized stock and first-come, first-served leasing.
- The last quarter saw high rental rates and strong sales in strata markets, notably in the DMC and Business Bay.
- Average occupancy rates rose to 92.6%, pushing rental rates up by 8.0%, 13.3%, 18.2%, and 20.3% for different office grades.
- Despite scarce available stock and pre-leased upcoming developments, rent growth is expected to stay strong, with high-quality assets leading the performance.

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PERFORMANCE

Market Indices	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
DJIA	38,722.69	39,087.38	(0.93%)	2.74%	13.71%
S&P 500	5,123.69	5,137.08	(0.26%)	7.42%	22.58%
NASDAQ	16,085.11	16,274.94	(1.17%)	7.15%	31.84%
MSCI - EAFE	2,357.74	2,303.90	2.34%	5.44%	10.49%
MSCI - Emerging Markets	1,037.09	1,024.68	1.21%	1.30%	(0.81%)
US Dollar Index	102.71	103.86	(1.11%)	1.36%	0.95%
VIX	14.74	13.11	12.43%	18.39%	(21.30%)
US Equities Avg Daily Dollar Volume (\$ in Billions)	416.49	427.01	(2.46%)	11.06%	(21.18%)

Market Ratios	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change	
TED Spread	3 Month LIBOR - 3 Month T-Bills	20.24	18.01	12.40%	(22.35%)	4.17%
Put/Call Ratio	Equities	0.56	0.60	(6.67%)	(13.85%)	14.29%

Commodities Indices (\$ USD)	Metric	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Core Commodity Index	CRY Index	276.60	277.11	(0.18%)	4.84%	1.83%
Gasoline - Pump	Gallon	3.40	3.34	1.77%	8.98%	(2.69%)
Gasoline - Futures	Gallon	2.53	2.61	(3.44%)	20.19%	3.05%
Crude Oil - WTI	Barrel	78.01	79.97	(2.45%)	8.88%	2.81%
Crude Oil - Brent	Barrel	82.08	83.55	(1.76%)	6.54%	(0.11%)
Natural Gas	MM BTU	1.81	1.84	(1.63%)	(28.20%)	(26.51%)
Coal (1 contract = 1,000 tons)	Contract	210.29	210.29	0.00%	(2.02%)	6.82%

Commodities Indices (\$ USD)	Metric	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
Aluminum	Metric Ton	2,240.00	2,245.00	(0.22%)	(6.04%)	(14.41%)
Copper	Metric Ton	8,579.50	8,503.50	0.89%	0.24%	(5.23%)
Iron Ore	Metric Ton	117.05	113.89	2.77%	(14.17%)	(5.57%)
Steel - Hot Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	814.00	790.00	3.04%	(28.28%)	3.43%
Steel - Cold Rolled Coil	Metric Ton	1,135.00	1,175.00	(3.40%)	(9.92%)	17.01%
Ferrous Scrap	Metric Ton	430.00	440.00	(2.27%)	(19.63%)	(9.47%)
Gold	Troy Ounce	2,178.95	2,082.92	4.61%	5.62%	13.92%
Silver	Troy Ounce	24.31	23.12	5.14%	2.17%	3.60%
Cotton	Pound	93.89	94.21	(0.34%)	22.08%	12.54%
Butter	Pound	2.80	2.76	1.63%	5.16%	18.75%
Cheese	Pound	1.64	1.66	(1.21%)	5.20%	(15.08%)
Cocoa	Pound	2.80	2.87	1.09%	52.43%	147.05%
Com	Bushel	4.26	4.12	3.40%	(9.55%)	(36.88%)
Milk, Non Fat Dry	Pound	1.19	1.20	(1.04%)	(1.17%)	(5.90%)
Soybean	Bushel	11.71	11.43	2.41%	(9.51%)	(23.71%)
Sugar	Pound	0.21	0.21	0.28%	2.77%	(2.35%)
Wheat	Bushel	5.27	5.60	(5.94%)	(16.12%)	(30.78%)
Live Cattle	Pound	1.88	1.88	(0.45%)	8.02%	(83.59%)
Lean Hogs	Pound	0.84	0.88	(4.20%)	24.13%	11.98%
Beef, USDA Ground	Pound	3.07	3.05	0.58%	5.98%	15.82%
Chicken, Boneless & Skinless	Pound	3.52	3.54	(0.56%)	0.00%	15.07%

Currencies	Metric	Spot Prices	Futures	2025	10-Year Historicals		
		8-Mar	1-Mar	2024	Low High		
Japanese Yen	USDJPY	147.060	150.120	133.000	139.500	75.820	138.570
Chinese Renminbi	USDCNY	7.187	7.197	6.840	7.060	6.041	7.179
Swiss Franc	USDCHF	0.877	0.883	0.880	0.890	0.721	1.030
British Pound	GBPUSD	1.286	1.266	1.300	1.280	1.130	1.717
Euro Zone Euro	EURUSD	1.094	1.084	1.150	1.110	0.986	1.483
Canadian Dollar	USDCAD	1.348	1.356	1.280	1.320	0.943	1.458

TECHNICALS (Supply / Demand)

Bank Loan & High Yield, Inflows (Outflows) Mutual Fund, \$ USD in Millions, (Source: LCD News)	Week Ending	Bank Loans	High Yield
	6-Mar-24	\$ 497	\$ 346
	28-Feb-24	\$ 407	\$ (448)
	21-Feb-24	\$ 210	\$ 11
	14-Feb-24	\$ 418	\$ (89)
	7-Feb-24	\$ (273)	\$ 549
	31-Jan-24	\$ 410	\$ 2,394
	24-Jan-24	\$ 213	\$ 72
	17-Jan-24	\$ (3)	\$ 1,004
	10-Jan-24	\$ 87	\$ 523
<b>Year To Date 2024</b>		<b>\$ 1,502</b>	<b>\$ 4,139</b>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2023</b>		<b>\$ (18,051)</b>	<b>\$ (17,252)</b>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2022</b>		<b>\$ (12,694)</b>	<b>\$ (48,558)</b>

NEW ISSUE SUMMARY - BI-WEEKLY

Institutional Loans	3/8/2024	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Launched	Prior Two Weeks	12	8,233
Forward Calendar		4	7,437
High Yield	3/8/2024	Deals	Amt (\$mm)
Launched	Prior Two Weeks	9	6,532
Forward Calendar		3	4,711

ECONOMIC DATA RECAP

Key Economic Indicators:	Period	Actual	Expected	Prior
Initial Jobless Claims	Feb	218K	218K	209K
Continuing Claims	Feb	1,927K	1,865K	1,840K
Change in Non-Farm Payrolls	Feb	223K	205K	263K
Change in Private Payrolls	Feb	220K	188K	221K
Unemployment Rate	U-3	Feb 3.5%	3.7%	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	U-6	Feb 6.6%	6.5%	6.7%
Average Work Week	Feb	34.3	34.7	34.4
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.79M	3.90M	3.96M
Housing Starts	Feb	1,372K	1,350K	1,358K
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	YoY	Feb 19.1%	18.6%	18.6%
S&P/Case-Shiller Composite	MoM	Feb 1.8%	1.5%	1.5%
Consumer Confidence	Feb	91.3	90.0	88.9
GDP	QoQ-Annualized	3Q23 2.4%	1.8%	2.0%
Durable Goods Orders	Feb	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Total Vehicle Sales	Feb	15,92M	15,50M	15,50M
Capacity Utilization	Feb	79.0%	77.0%	76.8%

Fed & Treasury Balance Sheet	6-Mar	28-Feb	WoW Change	YoY Change	
Fed Total Assets	\$ in Billions	7,538,857.0	7,567,807.0	(0.4%)	(9.6%)
Public Debt	\$ in Billions	34,440.8	34,382.2	0.2%	13.0%

US Debt Outstanding	3Q23	2Q23	QoQ Change	YoY Change	
Domestic Nonfinancial Debt	\$ in Billions	69,511.9	68,910.4	0.9%	15.6%

Shared National Credit	2023	2022	YoY Change	
Shared National Credit Total Commitments	\$ in Billions	5,178.8	5,072.2	2.1%
Special Mention Commitments	\$ in Billions	217.3	263.9	-17.7%
Classified Commitments	\$ in Billions	332.8	365.9	-9.0%

ECONOMIC / GDP DATA

Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
United States	(3.5%)	5.7%	2.1%	1.6%	1.1%
Brazil	(4.1%)	4.6%	2.9%	0.9%	1.5%
China	(2.3%)	8.1%	3.0%	5.2%	4.5%
Germany	(4.9%)	2.8%	1.8%	(0.1%)	1.1%
India	(8.0%)	8.9%	6.8%	5.9%	6.3%
Japan	(4.8%)	1.6%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%
United Kingdom	(10.0%)	7.4%	4.0%	(0.3%)	1.0%

Market Indices	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change	YoY Change
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	3,800.90	3,788.95	0.32%	2.29%	12.31%
Barclays High Yield Index	2,505.18	2,491.53	0.55%	1.42%	8.65%
Barclays Aggregate	2,151.22	2,133.89	0.81%	(0.02%)	1.11%

Loan Market Bids	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P Flow Name Index	98.35	98.35	0.00%	0.00%
S&P 100 Name Index	97.02	96.84	0.18%	0.14%
S&P BB's Index	99.48	99.41	0.07%	(0.11%)
S&P B's Index	98.39	98.22	0.17%	0.48%
S&P CCC's Index	84.39	83.62	0.92%	0.78%

Loan Market Spreads	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change
S&P BB's Index	L+312	L+311	1 bps	216 bps
S&P B's Index	L+410	L+413	(3 bps)	(30 bps)
S&P CCC's Index	L+1860	L+1838	22 bps	220 bps

Credit Default Swap - Volatility Indices	Index	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change
Investment Grade CDS	Market	49.64	51.50	(3.61%)	(12.44%)
High Yield CDS	Market	329.35	334.44	(1.52%)	(7.58%)

Credit	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YoY Change	
High Yield	Ave Yield	T+370	T+365	5 bps	(15 bps)
LCD Flow Name	Ave Spread	L+262	L+265	(3 bps)	66 bps
US Treasury 2-Yr		4.51%	4.56%	(5 bps)	19 bps
US Treasury 3-Yr		4.28%	4.36%	(8 bps)	24 bps
US Treasury 5-Yr		4.08%	4.22%	(14 bps)	20 bps
US Treasury 7-Yr		4.10%	4.24%	(14 bps)	19 bps
US Treasury 10-Yr		4.10%	4.24%	(15 bps)	20 bps

US CLO Spreads - New Issue	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change
AAA	S+160	S+159	1 bps	(10 bps)
AA	S+213	S+213	0 bps	(10 bps)
A	S+255	S+255	0 bps	(15 bps)
BBB	S+395	S+383	12 bps	(5 bps)
BB	S+710	S+705	5 bps	0 bps

Market Rates	8-Mar	1-Mar	WoW Change	YTD Change
Fed Fund Rate	5.31%	5.31%	0 bps	0 bps
Prime Rate	8.50%	8.50%	0 bps	0 bps
Broker Call Rat	7.25%	7.25%	0 bps	0 bps
1M SOFR	5.31%	5.31%	0 bps	(7 bps)
3M SOFR	5.35%	5.36%	(1 bps)	(4 bps)
6M SOFR	5.39%	5.39%	0 bps	(8 bps)

Short Interest - Billions of shares	29-Feb	31-Jan	MoM Change	YTD Change
NYSE Mkt Short Interest	16.23	16.04	1.22%	0.53%
Nasdaq Short Interest	13.21	12.91	2.35%	2.26%

Fed Corp Primary Dealer Positions - \$ USD in Billions	28-Feb	21-Feb	WoW Change	YTD Change
Net Outright Total Corp Securities	10.98	10.56	3.98%	0.00%

Margin Debt - \$ USD in Billions	31-Dec	30-Nov	MoM Change	YTD Change
Margin Debt	729.72	717.50	1.70%	3.47%

Leveraged Finance Primary Volume - \$ USD in Billions

	Year To Date	Year End	YoY Change	
3/8/2024	2024	2023	2022	
<b>Bank Debt</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>588.4</b>	<b>15.00%</b>
Senior Secured Bonds	20.0	13.0	147.9	53.85%
Unsecured Bonds	5.0	3.0	313.8	66.67%
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>461.7</b>	<b>56.25%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>1,050.1</b>	<b>33.33%</b>

DEFAULT ACTIVITY

Total Loan Defaults - as of:	31-Jan	31-Dec	YE 2022
Default Rate by Total Amount of All Loans Outstanding	1.72%	1.56%	0.98%
Default Rate by Total Number of All Loan Issuers	1.89%	1.62%	0.98%

Employment - Labor Participation Rates

	31-Jan	31-Dec	YTD Change
Civilian Employment as % of Total Labor Force	60.4%	60.4%	0.60pp
Labor Force Participation Rate	62.6%	62.6%	(0.25pp)

Government Assistance

	31-Jan	31-Dec	YTD Change
SNAP Ika Food Stamps - # of Participants in Millions	39.774	40.023	(3.82%)

Retail Sales

	31-Jan	31-Dec	YTD Change
Adj. Retail & Food Services Sales Index - US Census	683.0		