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Riding the Technicals

- Looking to take advantage of robust technicals, investors sought out a series of large cap primary deals ahead of an expected slowing of the forward pipeline in what was a good week for the asset class. The S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "Index") gained a solid 0.35%, while average bids increased by 22 bps, to 93.34.
- Propelling a busy week for primary loans were indicators of an active but notably smaller institutional pipeline. Net of the approximately \$13.97 billion of anticipated repayments unassociated with the forward calendar, the amount of net new supply poised to hit the market totals approximately \$4.45 billion, down from \$9.4 billion last week. Much of this upcoming activity stems from opportunistic transactions that are not expected to bring significant net new outstandings into the market. Nonetheless, the flurry of activity was good for issuers, as B+/B margins tightened from L+441 to L+431, while BBs ticked up slightly to L+306 from L+293.
- An extremely well bid secondary market continued to enjoy a strong technical backdrop despite the continued repricing and opportunistic activity that is generally par for the course with the current higher spirits brought on by this spring's rally. While sizeable repayments and a smaller new issue flow have frustrated some, the general health of the market continues to improve: the percentage of the market bid at par or above continues to grow, and now stands at nearly 33%, up from 27% a week ago.
- The CLO space continues to be active, with \$816 million of new issue priced this week. The MTD total now stands at \$4.3 billion, while YTD is \$18.4 billion. Retail experienced a decent \$100 million of net inflows (Lipper FMI universe).
- Individual rating cohorts boasted hale and hearty gains across the credit spectrum. CCCs were up 0.89%, with average bids rising 71 bps to 79.95. Single Bs increased 0.37%, while bids were up 20 bps for an average of 95.10. BBs climbed 0.24%, and their 99.23 bid average was a 15 bps advance.
- There were no defaults in the Index this week. The default rate by amount outstanding remains unchanged at 1.96%.

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Average Bid S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index January 1, 2012 to May 26, 2016



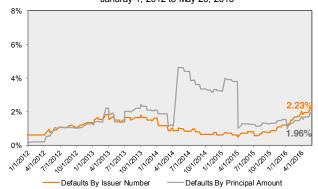
Average Three Year Call Secondary Spreads S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index 1,3

January 1, 2012 to May 20, 2016



Lagging 12 Month Default Rate³ S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index

Januray 1, 2012 to May 26, 2016



Voya Senior Loan Strategy

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- 1 Assumes 3 Year Maturity. Three year maturity assumption: (i) all loans pay off at par in 3 years, (ii) discount from par is amortized evenly over the 3 years as additional spread, and (iii) no other principal payments during the 3 years. Discounted spread is calculated based upon the current bid price, not on par. [Please note that Index yield data is only available on a lagging basis, thus the data demonstrated is as of May 20, 2016.]
- 2 Excludes facilities that are currently in default.
- 3 Comprises all loans, including those not tracked in the LSTA/LPC mark-to-market service. Vast majority are institutional tranches. Issuer default rate is calculated as the number of defaults over the last twelve months divided by the number of issuers in the Index at the beginning of the twelvemonth period. Principal default rate is calculated as the amount defaulted over the last twelve months divided by the amount outstanding at the beginning of the twelve-month period.

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