

Middle Market Loan Report Q2 2013

Economic Indicators

Benchmarks

June 2013	May 2013
0.5	0.1
99.1	98.7
836,000	928,000
335,051	293,792
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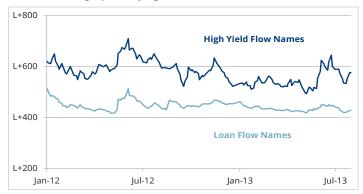
¹ Represents seasonally-adjusted percentage change from preceding month

		Months Prior to 7/1/13			
Benchmarks	7/1/2013	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month
3 Month LIBOR	0.27%	0.28%	0.28%	0.31%	0.46%
Prime Rate	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
10-Year Treasury	2.50%	2.16%	1.86%	1.78%	1.67%
S&P 500	1,615	1,631	1,562	1,426	1,362

Q2 2013 Update

Investors showed signs of nervousness in the 2nd half of Q2...

Average Spreads of High Yield & Institutional Flow Names

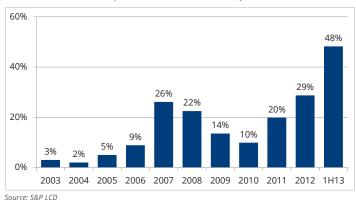


Note: Loans Spreads are Spread to Maturity, HY Spreads are Spread to Worst till 8/12/04, Option-Adjusted Spreads thereafter, reverse swapped

- Skittish investors rotated out of long-term, fixed rate loans (HY Bonds) into preferred shorter-term floating rate paper (Par Loans)
- Bonds sold off as investors looked to limit interest rate exposure
 - 10-year treasury yields hit 2.6% on June 25, the highest since August 2011
 - Investors withdrew \$11.4 billion from high yield accounts during the quarter
- Inflow activity favored mutual funds over CLOs, meaning a higher percent inflowing cash remained on the sidelines
 - Mutual funds are willing to hold cash
 - o CLOs, on the other hand, tend to maintain full investment at all times

...however, lenders continue to "chase" risk in response to dearth of quality opportunities...

Percent of First-Lien Loans with One Maintenance Financial Covenant (Excludes Covenant-Lite Deals)



- LBO leverage ratios rose moderately on the quarter to post-recession highs
 - Leverage ratios rose to 5.3x, up 39% from 2009 lows and only 13% below 2007 highs
 - Second-lien loan issuance remained strong, up 113% for the YTD period relative to the same period in 2012 (on pace to exceed all-time high set in 2007)
- Recapitalization loan volumes set new all-time highs as borrowers capitalized on the favorable financing environment
 - \circ $\;$ Recap financing hit \$27.8 billion in Q2, an increase of 56.1% over Q1 $\;$
 - Increases in recap volumes drove second-lien loan volumes to \$10.6 billion in Q2, the highest quarterly volume since the recession
- Covenant protections remained loose during Q2
 - Covenant-lite was 44% in Q2, however it did decline to a 7-month low of 27% in June
 - Non covenant-lite loans had fewer covenants with higher cushions

...the historic bull market for issuers is showing signs of aging.

- Rates remain near historic lows despite recent increases
- Opportunities to capitalize on this environment include:
 - Balance sheet refinancing
 - Dividend recapitalizations in lieu of sale of business
 - Strategic acquisitions
 - Financing for growth projects
- We would welcome an opportunity to review current market conditions and discuss your current financing options

² 2007 = 100

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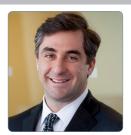
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