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# HPS Overview

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## Firm Overview

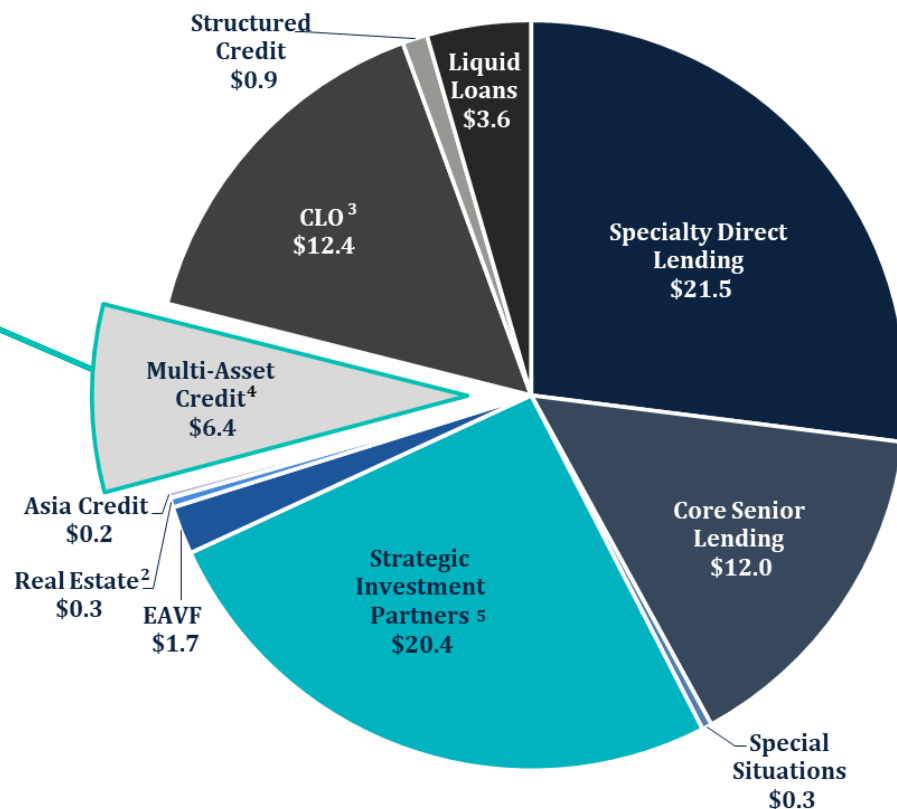
<b>\$56 billion</b> Private Credit AUM <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$24 billion</b> Public Credit AUM <sup>1</sup>
<b>460+</b> Staff Worldwide	<b>179</b> Investment Professionals Worldwide

## Institutional Credit Strategy and Team

<b>2007</b> Strategy Inception	<b>\$3.6 billion</b> Strategy AUM <sup>6</sup>
<b>27 Years</b> Average Experience of Portfolio Managers <sup>8</sup>	<b>40+ Investment Professionals</b> Focused on Public Credit Globally <sup>7</sup>

HPS Investment Partners, LLC (“HPS”) is a leading global private investment firm with **approximately \$80 billion of capital under management**.<sup>1</sup>

Founded in 2007 and headquartered in New York with 15 offices worldwide.



AUM as of February 1, 2022. Employees as of January 31, 2022. Totals may not tie due to rounding. **PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.** <sup>1</sup> AUM of private credit funds, related managed accounts and certain other closed-ended public credit funds represent capital commitments during such funds’ investment periods and, post such funds’ investment period, the cost of investment or NAV (including fund-level leverage but in all cases capped at capital commitments). AUM of public credit open-ended funds and related managed accounts other than CLOs represent the latest available net asset value. AUM of CLOs and warehouses represent the par value of collateral assets and cash in the portfolio. <sup>2</sup> Includes investments made by RECS I and RECS II (family of funds formed under a joint venture with Related), but excludes real estate investments made through other HPS funds. <sup>3</sup> Excludes CLO investments made through other HPS funds. <sup>4</sup> Includes Strata CLO business. <sup>5</sup> Formerly known as Mezzanine Partners. <sup>6</sup> AUM includes the Institutional Credit Fund and separately managed funds and accounts that follow the strategy. <sup>7</sup> Includes investment professionals that are shared resources across more than one strategy and asset class. <sup>8</sup> Purnima Puri and Serge Adam are the Portfolio Managers for the Institutional Credit Strategy.

# FCERA and HPS Partnership

## Bespoke Portfolio Designed to Achieve FCERA's Goals

- HPS Investment Partners is well positioned to provide FCERA with a customized multi-asset credit solution that we believe can consistently generate alpha by optimizing credit and asset class selection at what we believe to be a competitive fee structure
  - Rigorous investment process - focus on **fundamental credit analysis** and **downside protection**
  - Unique ability to **leverage the broader HPS platform and 179-member investment team** in sourcing investment opportunities
  - **Deep and experienced investment team** that has invested across market cycles
  - \$29bn managed **in customized mandates** across the HPS platform, of which \$5+bn is in Multi-Asset Credit strategies for investors including US public pension plans<sup>1</sup>

## HPS Institutional Credit Strategy

- The Institutional Credit Strategy (the “Strategy”) seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns and relative outperformance while minimizing credit losses
  - Performing credit strategy focused on **generating income** and **capturing alpha**
  - Invests across a diverse portfolio of **senior secured leveraged loans, high yield** and **crossover bonds** and **securitized credit**
  - **Stable tracking error and favorable upside capture** highlight the differentiated return profile<sup>2</sup>
- **Fifteen-year track record of outperformance** →

Inception to Date Annualized Return <sup>2,3</sup>	
<b>Institutional Credit Strategy (Gross)</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>Institutional Credit Strategy (Net)</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<i>CS Leveraged Loan/ High Yield 50/50 Index</i>	<i>5.2%</i>

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**Purnima Puri**  
*Governing Partner, Managing Director, Head of Public Credit*

## Portfolio Managers<sup>1</sup>

Multi-Asset Credit		US CLOs and Liquid Loans			Securitized Credit	
<b>Purnima Puri</b> <i>Governing Partner</i> 27 Years	<b>Serge Adam</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 27 Years	<b>Jared Worman</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 21 Years	<b>Jonathan Rabinowitz</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 27 Years	<b>Rolando Villanueva</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 20 Years	<b>Edward Dale</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 24 Years	<b>Timur Yurtseven</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 17 Years
European Credit			IG/Crossover	Asia Credit		
<b>Simon Peatfield</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 23 Years	<b>Nick Strong</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 23 Years	<b>Marcus Knight</b> <i>Executive Director</i> 15 Years	<b>Matthew Knopman</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 17 Years	<b>Rich Chun</b> <i>Managing Director</i> 28 Years		

## Investment Team<sup>1,2</sup>

Corporate Credit Research				Trading	Asia Credit	
<b>Scott Crocombe</b> <i>Managing Director</i> <i>Head of Research</i>	<b>North America</b>	+6 Managing Directors	+5 Executive Directors	+5 Vice Presidents	<b>George Khouri</b> <i>Managing Director</i> <i>Head Trader</i>	<b>1 Managing Director</b>
	<b>Europe</b>	+4 Executive Directors	+2 Vice Presidents +2 Associate	+1 Executive Director	+2 Executive Directors	
Securitized Credit Structuring and Investing			Risk and Analytics		+1 Vice President	
<b>North America</b>	2 Managing Directors	+1 Vice President	1 Managing Director	+ 1 Executive Director	<b>Enhanced by collaboration across the broader HPS investment team of over 170 investment professionals</b>	
<b>Europe</b>	1 Managing Director		+2 Vice Presidents +1 Associate			

Employees as of February 28, 2022. <sup>1</sup> Includes investment professionals that are shared resources across more than one strategy and asset class. <sup>2</sup> Total of 40 investment professionals, Investment Team counts exclude Portfolio Manager(s) except for Securitized Credit. There can be no assurance that the professionals currently employed by HPS will continue to be employed by HPS or that the past performance or success of any such professional serves as an indicator of such professional's future performance or success.



# **Institutional Credit Strategy**





The Institutional Strategy (the “Strategy”) invests dynamically across credit markets in **senior secured leveraged loans, high yield and crossover bonds and securitized credit with an emphasis on performing credit**

## Key Attributes

**Long-Term Track Record of Performance**

**Rigorous Fundamental Credit Focused Investment Process**

**Dynamic Asset Allocation and Relative Value Driven Portfolio Construction**

**Focus on Capital Preservation**

**Benefits from Synergies Across HPS Platform**

## Strategy Details

**15 Year**  
Strategy Track Record

**7.8%**  
Annualized ITD Strategy Net Returns<sup>1</sup>

**85%**  
Issuers with Positive Returns ITD<sup>2</sup>

**1200+**  
Issuer Investments

**80-120**  
Target # of Corporate Issuers<sup>3</sup>

**6-8%**  
Target Net Return<sup>3</sup>

**8 bps**  
ITD Strategy Total Loss from Defaults<sup>4</sup>

**60-75%**  
Target Range of Secured Debt<sup>3</sup>

**179**  
Public + Private Credit Investment Professionals Working Cohesively<sup>5</sup>

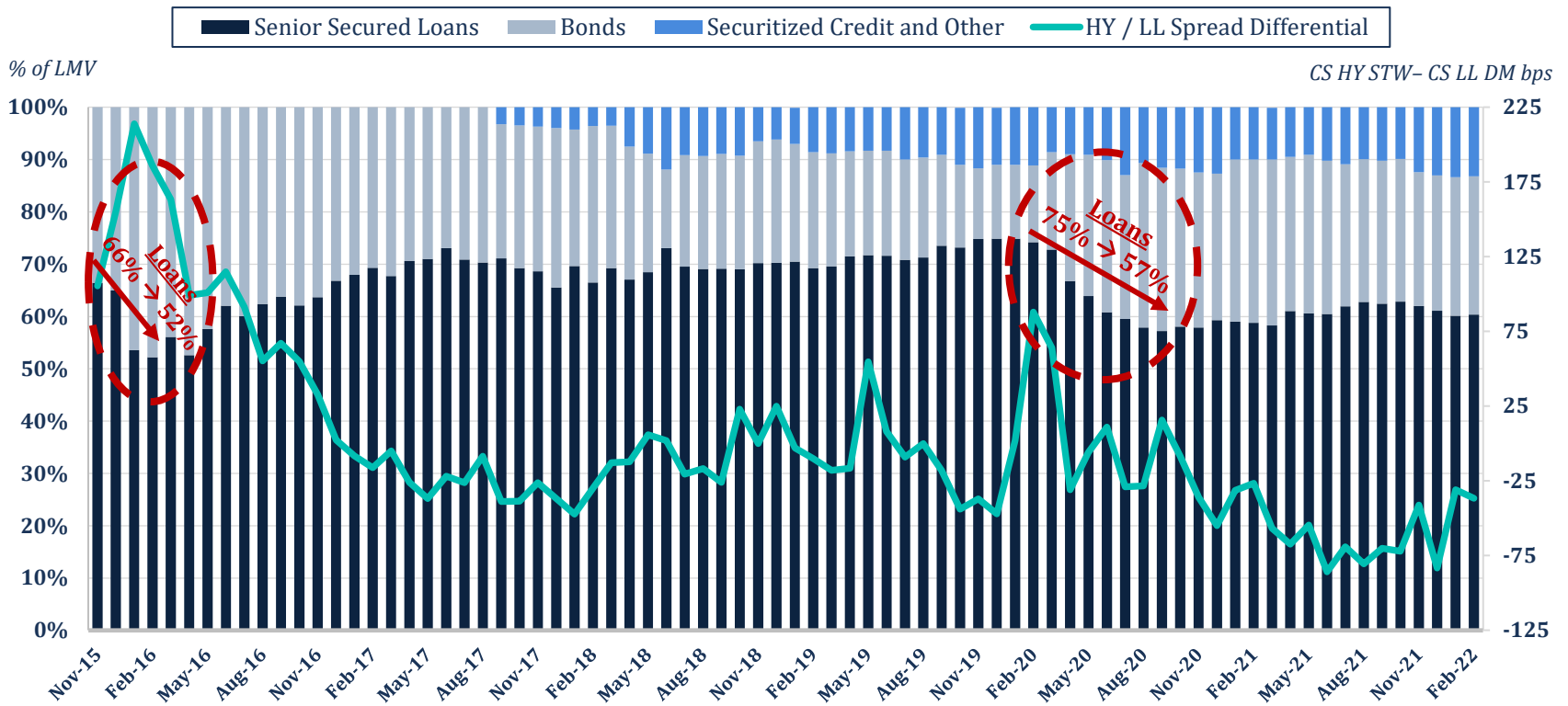
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Governing Partners Continue to Lead the Firm

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# Dynamic Asset Class Allocation Allows for the Capture of Relative Value

HPS's Institutional Credit Strategy has been agile in rotating exposures across or within asset classes to capture shifting relative value, particularly during periods of credit market volatility

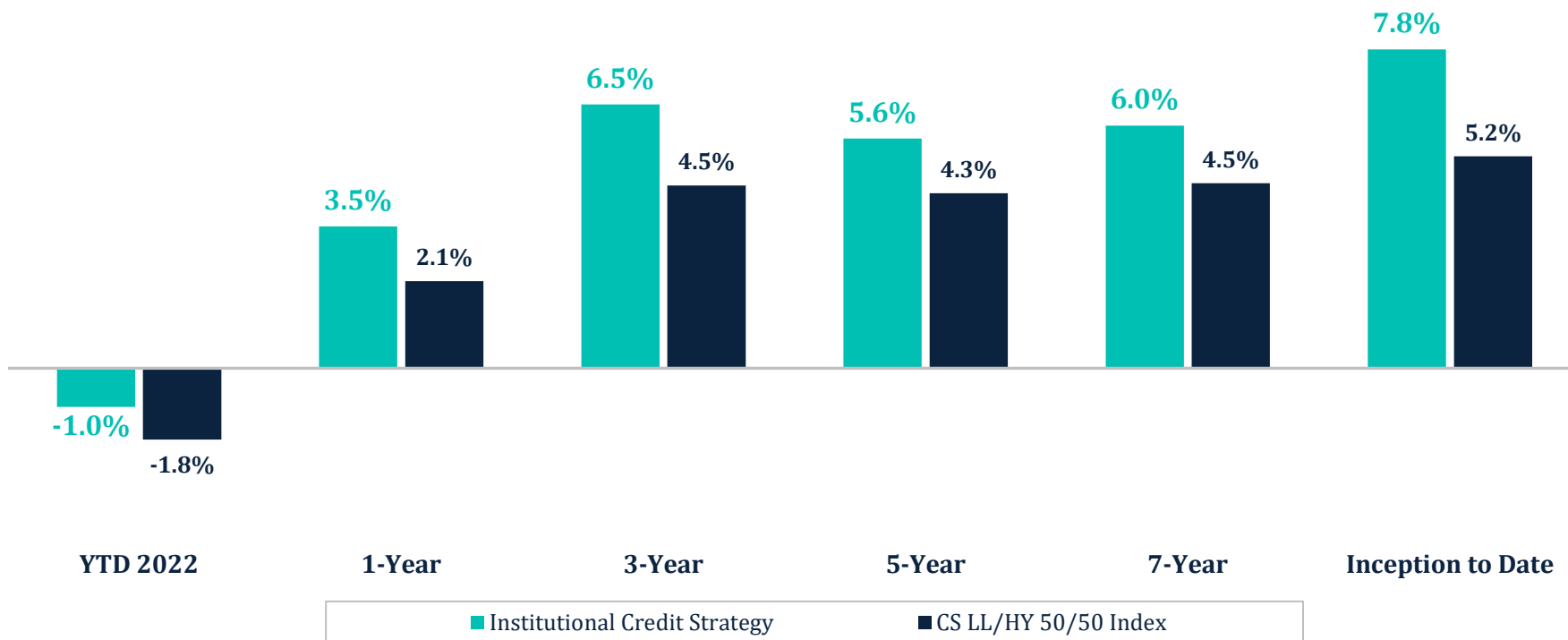
Institutional Credit Strategy Portfolio by Asset Class



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# Institutional Credit Strategy History of Generating Alpha

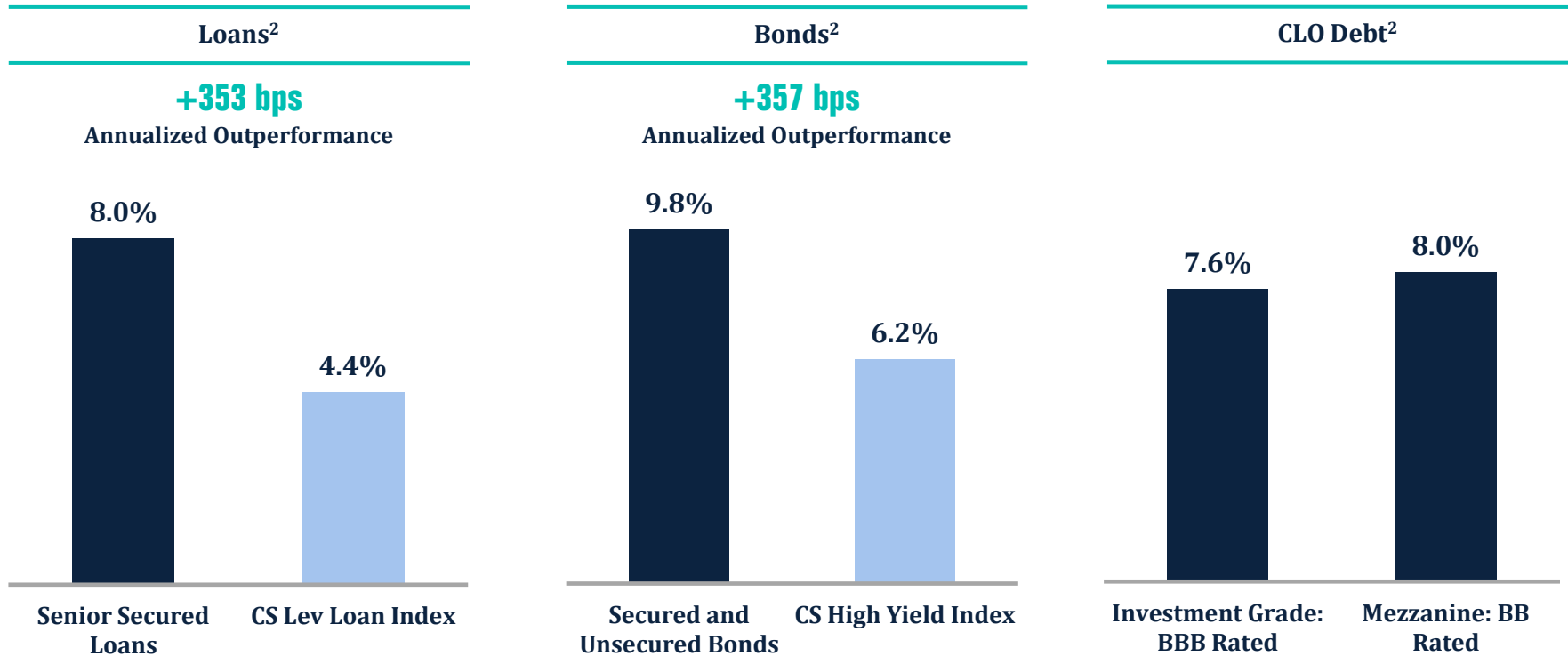
Institutional Credit Strategy Annualized Net Returns vs Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan/High Yield 50/50 Index



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# Institutional Credit Strategy Credit Selection Drives Outperformance

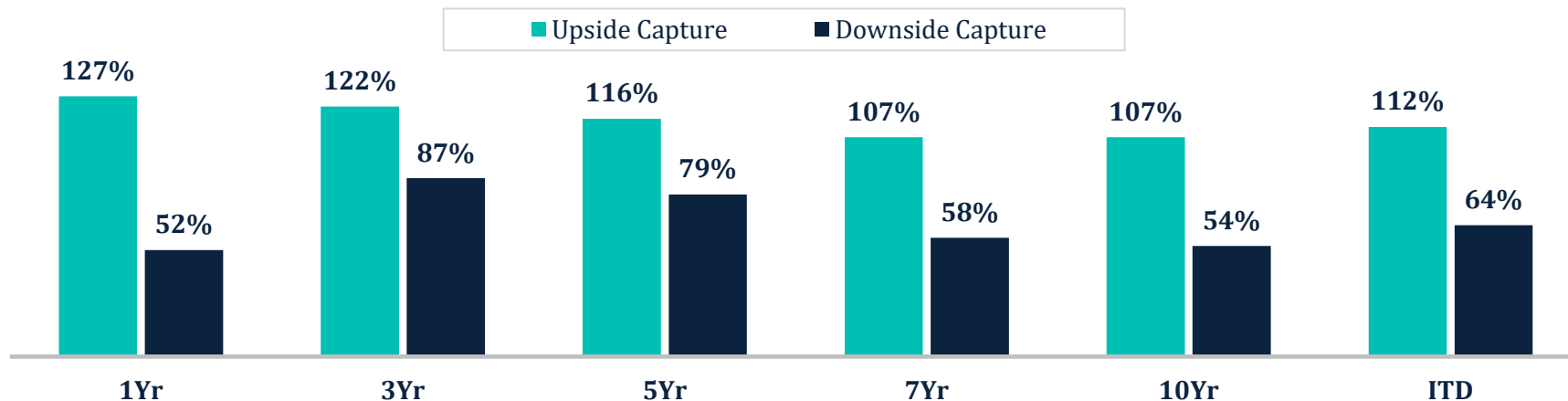
## Strategy Annualized Bond and Loan ROA<sup>1</sup>



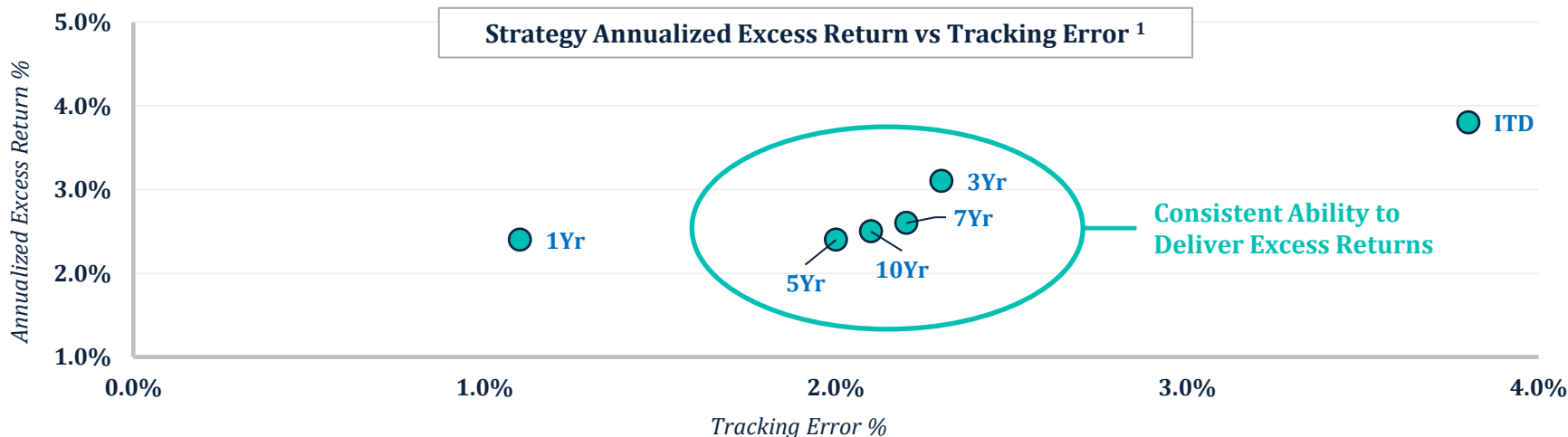
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# Delivering Outperformance while Limiting Volatility and Risk

The Institutional Credit Strategy has demonstrated consistent upside capture of over 100% while limiting downside risk<sup>1</sup>



The Strategy's annualized tracking error demonstrates consistent excess returns

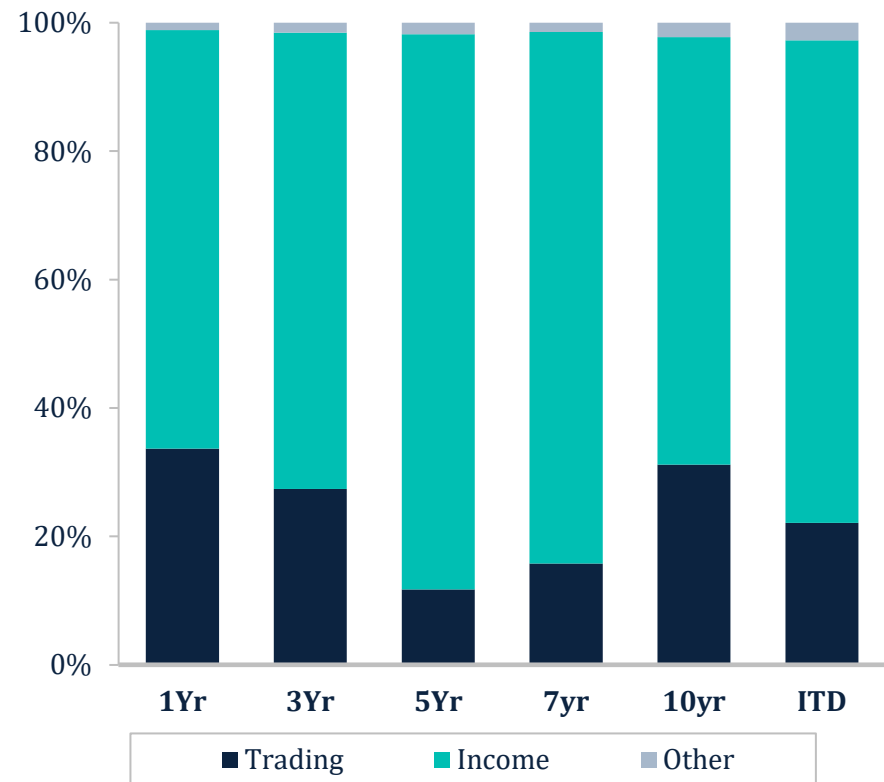


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# Credit Selection and Asset Allocation Drive Returns

- The Institutional Credit Strategy is a performing credit strategy, with a **focus on active portfolio management and income generation**
  - On an annual basis, typically ~60-80% of the Strategy’s returns have been generated from interest income while ~20-40% have been generated through trading gains
  - Trading gains have generally represented a larger portion of gains in periods of market volatility due to active repositioning
- Returns are driven by **rigorous fundamental credit selection** and **dynamic asset allocation**
  - Generally, in our analysis, credit selection accounts for 50-70% of performance attribution, with the remainder from asset class allocation<sup>2</sup>

**Institutional Credit Strategy Gross Return Attribution <sup>1</sup>**



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# Track Record of Capital Preservation

**0.08%**  
ITD Strategy  
Cumulative Losses from Defaults<sup>1</sup>  
Across over 1200 Issuer Investments

## Institutional Credit Strategy Cumulative Defaults by Asset Type (Jun 2007 - Sep 2021)<sup>2</sup>

Asset Class	# of Issuer Defaults	Total # of Issuers Owned	Cumulative Issuer Default %	Recovery Rate (Total Defaulted Asset P+L / Invested Capital)
1 <sup>st</sup> Lien Loans	4	382	1.0%	97.8%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien Loans	3	102	2.9%	95.7%
Secured Bonds	6	285	2.1%	94.0%
Senior Unsecured Bond	3	630	0.5%	88.5%
<b>Weighted Average Recovery Rate</b>				<b>93.5%</b>

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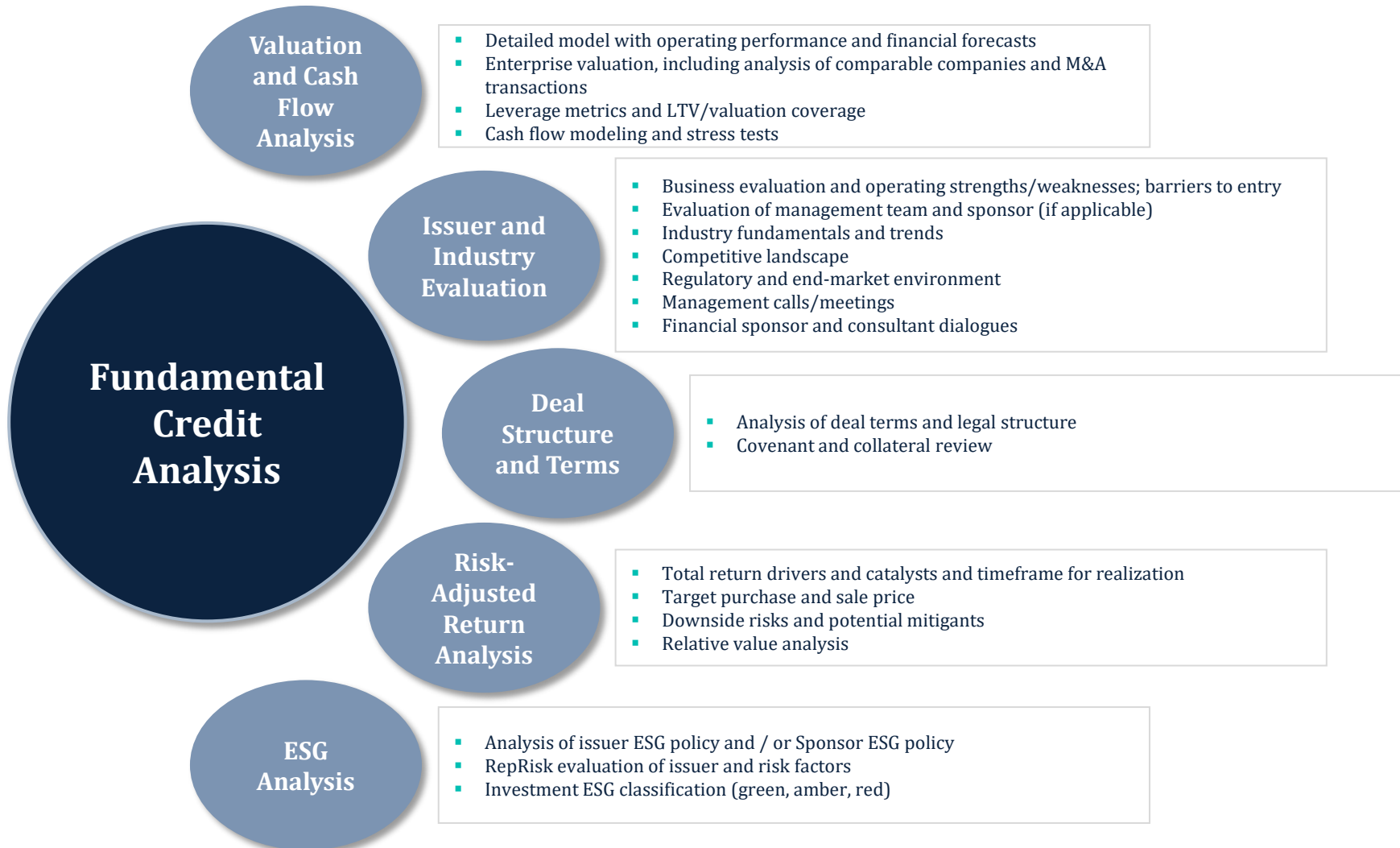
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# Investment Process

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The investment process is built on deep fundamental credit analysis performed by a highly experienced investment team and focuses on risk-adjusted returns and downside protection



# Selective Investment Process Results in Targeted Portfolios

## Multi-Asset Corporate Credit Investment Selection Process

100%

**High Yield and Leveraged Loan Markets (~2000 issuers<sup>1</sup>)**

~50%

### Exclude

- Defaulted assets
- <\$300mm loan/bond debt outstanding
- Most assets with <5% yield
- Sectors of concern

~25%

### Initial Screening

- Deal structure and terms analysis
- Bank Meeting/Roadshow
- Capital structure analysis

~20%

### Short Form Investment Memo and Portfolio Manager Discussion

- Valuation and cashflow analysis/stress testing
- Sector overview
- Evaluation of management team and sponsor
- Discussions with industry experts

~15%

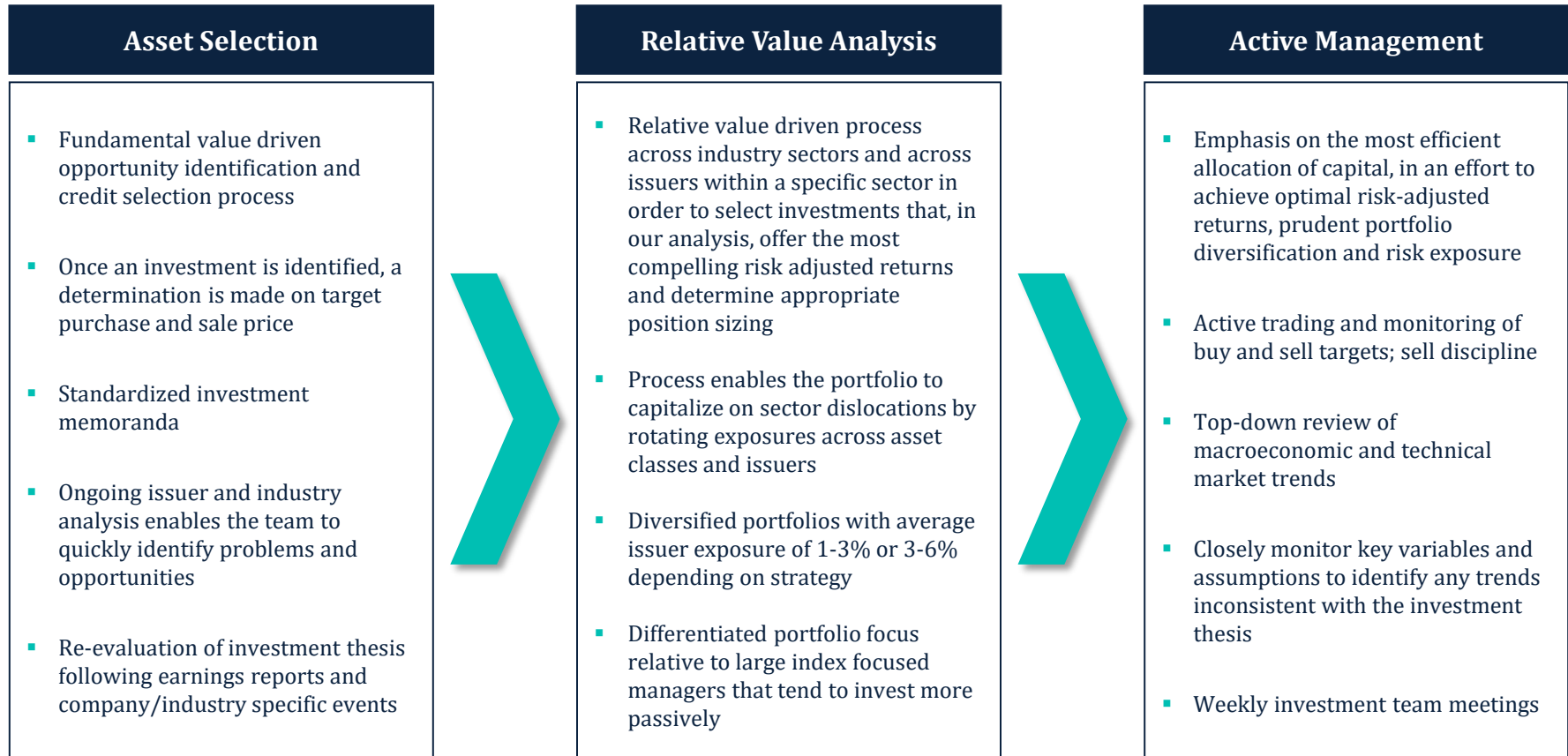
### Full Investment Memo and Portfolio Manager Investment Decision

- Full scale financial and operational model
- Competitive analysis and market positioning
- Management calls/meetings
- Risk-adjusted return and relative value analysis

**Investment**  
**80-140 Issuers Across Platform**

<sup>1</sup> Source: Credit Suisse as of March 1, 2022.

Individual issuer / credit selection is complemented by a top-down portfolio management process that analyzes macroeconomic and technical trends and assesses relative value across investments and asset classes



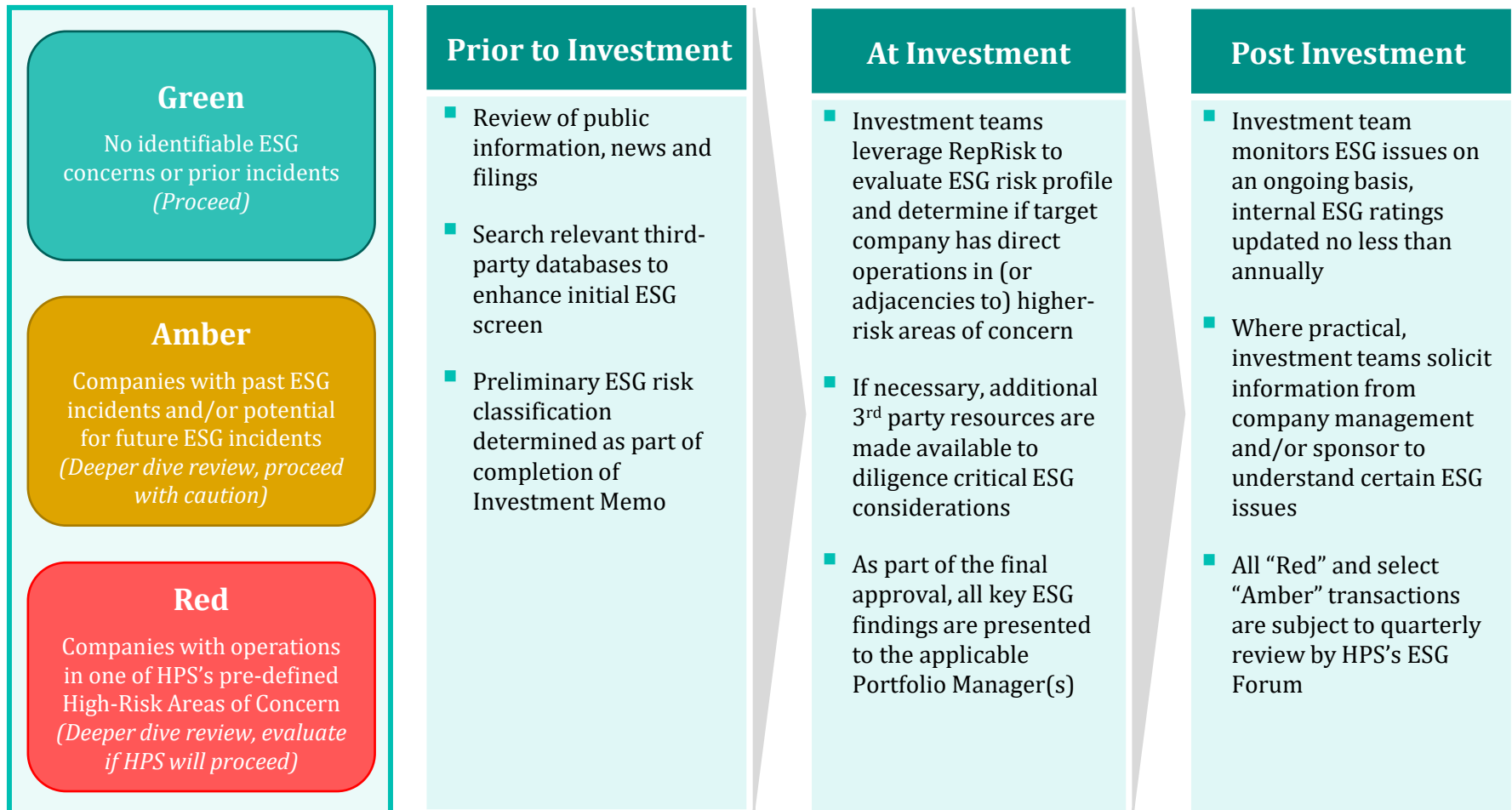
- A key tenet of the investment process is the ongoing monitoring of positions and trading discipline
- The Investment Team meets regularly to discuss existing investments and potential new investments
- Portfolio Managers and Traders actively monitor buy and sell targets for each position in the portfolio and work closely with the Analysts to identify entry and exit timing for investments

## Comprehensive Investment Monitoring

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly
Market and Trading Updates	Global Public Credit Markets Meeting	Comprehensive Risk and Exposure Analysis	Financial and Operating Performance Updates and Forecasts
Analyst Updates on Existing Holdings	Public Credit Investment Research Meeting	Portfolio Performance and Attribution Review	Watchlist Review
New Issue Discussions	US Public Credit Committee Meetings (3-4x/week)	Asset Class and Sector Allocations	ESG Review
Intra-Team Dialogue	New Issue Forward Calendar and Sector Update		
	Discussions on Cross Platform Opportunities		

*A responsible approach to investing that emphasizes a commitment to ESG management is integral to achieving our objective of delivering attractive risk-adjusted returns for our clients*

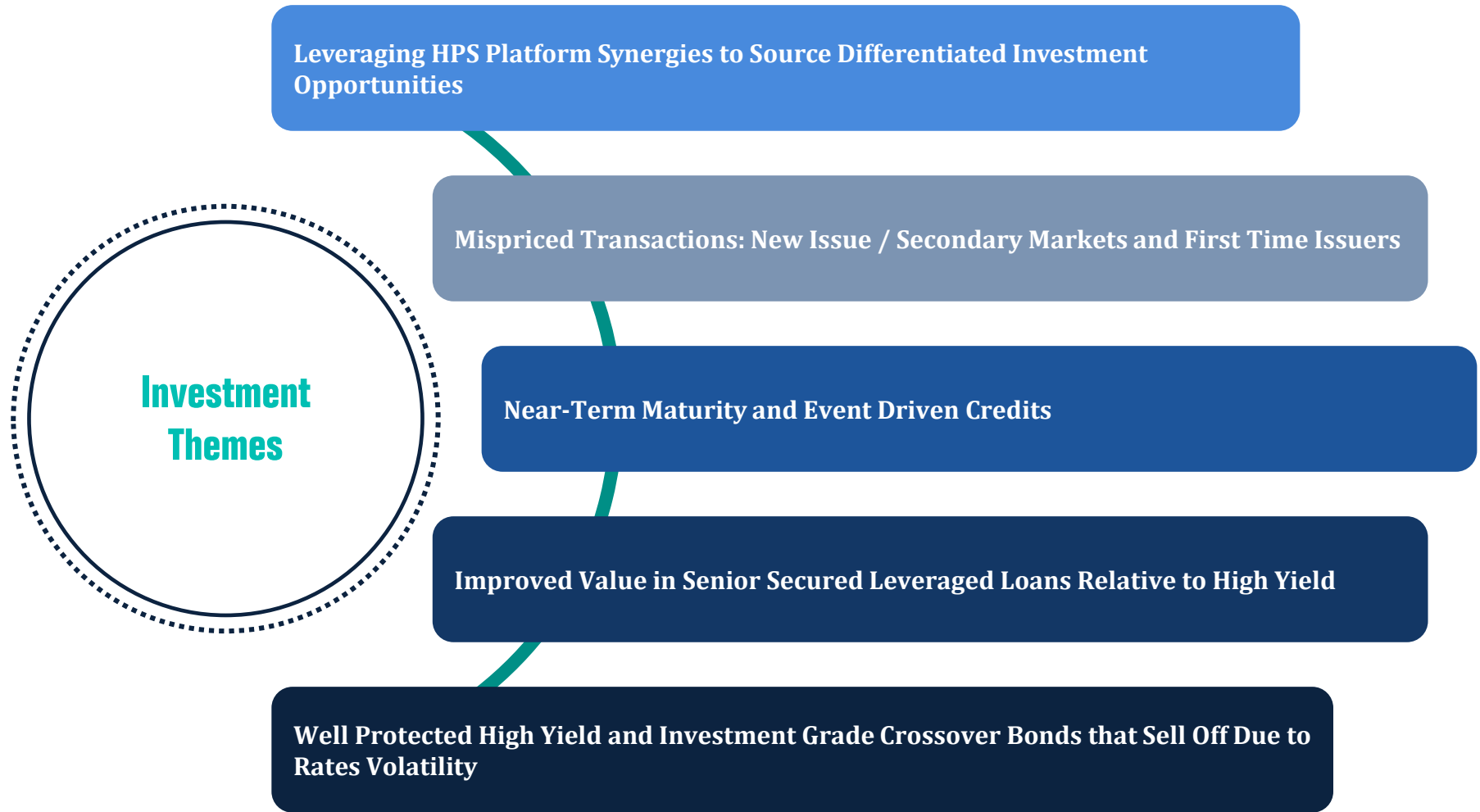
## HPS's ESG Ratings – Investment Team Determines Internal ESG Rating Prior to Investment Approval



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# **Investment Opportunities**

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# Illustrative Investment Examples: Platform and Senior Secured Loan Opportunities

## Platform Opportunity

- Manufacturer and distributor of automotive component parts for the aftermarket and OEM markets
- The Multi-Asset Credit team leveraged HPS's direct lending team's in-depth knowledge of the business to evaluate and take a lead role in structuring a new term loan transaction
- More recently have invested in a new senior secured loans issued by the company, as our analysis indicated operating performance was improving and cash flow conversion would remain robust
- HPS continued involvement has allowed for early deal analysis and favorable allocations, in our view

<b>Position<sup>1</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lien TL 2027
<b>Issue Size</b>	\$1.7 billion
<b>Rating</b>	B1/B
<b>Current Price</b>	99.5
<b>YTM</b>	7.6%
<b>Net LTV</b>	46%
<b>2021 EBITDA</b>	\$813 million
<b>Enterprise Value</b>	\$2.8 billion

## Senior Secured Loans

- Leading provider of human capital management software as a service (SaaS) solutions for enterprises globally
- Over 50k customers across industry verticals with ~80% recurring revenue and 90+% customer retention rates
  - Diversified customer base with top 10 customers representing only ~3% of recurring revenue
- Company has a historical track record of 10+% annual revenue growth
- Conservative debt balance with low LTVs through the senior secured loans

<b>Position<sup>1</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lien Loan 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien Loan 2027
<b>Issue Size</b>	\$2.3 billion	\$1.5 billion
<b>Rating</b>	B1/B-	Caa1/CCC
<b>Current Price</b>	99.2	99.4
<b>YTM</b>	6.6%	7.9%
<b>Net LTV</b>	31%	37%
<b>2021 EBITDA</b>	\$1.2 billion	
<b>Enterprise Value</b>	\$21.4 billion	

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# Illustrative Investment Examples: Relative Value Driven Opportunities

## Relative Value within Sector and across Asset Types

### Company #1

- Leading publisher serving both the Higher Education and K-12 markets; Higher education business delivered ~30% EBITDA growth in most recent fiscal year
- Revenues from digital products comprise 80+% of Higher Ed segment revenues and ~50% of K-12 segment revenues, with the latter growing rapidly
- Company should grow free cash flow significantly over the next three years, allowing the capital structure to delever

Position <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lien TL 2028	Unsecured Bond 2029
Issue Size	\$3.1 billion	\$725 million
Rating	B2/B-	CCC
Current Price	98.8	92.4
YTM	7.4%	9.5%
Net LTV	~47%	~60%
2021e EBITDA	\$626 million	
Enterprise Value	~\$5.8 billion	

### Company #2

- Leading pure play provider of K-12 educational materials in the US
- In 2020, company sold its non-core trade book publishing business and pivoted to a digital-first connected strategy
- Certain actions enabled the business to significantly lower its fixed cost base during COVID, and the company will generate healthy free cash flow at all billings levels with 65% incremental margins, in our analysis

Position <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Lien TL 2029	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lien TL 2030
Issue Size	\$1.5 billion	\$390 million
Rating	B2/B-	NA
Issue Price	~97.0-97.5	98.0
YTM	~7-8%	~9-10%
Net LTV	~50%	~63%
2021e EBITDA	\$271 million	
Enterprise Value	~\$3.0 billion	

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# Market Environment

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## Economic Backdrop

**GDP:** Expectations for the US and Europe have been lowered  
2022<sup>1</sup>

US: 3.5%      Euro Area: 2.4%

2023<sup>1</sup>

US: 2.3%      Euro Area: 2.1%

**Inflation:** Most acute for food and commodities

**Recession risk:** Market pricing in 20-35% in US, and higher in Europe due to war in Ukraine

**Central Bank Policy:** Global central banks are not moving in tandem

**Consumer:** US Household balance sheets are healthy

**Yield Curve:** Inversion of yield curve not sufficient on its own to argue for heightened recession risk

## Credit Market Conditions

**Cash Flows:** Corporate issuers will have to solve for higher funding costs going forward

**Maturities:** Issuer fundamentals are currently healthy and near-term financings needs are limited-- \$305bn of HY bonds and loans mature through the end of 2024 <sup>2</sup>

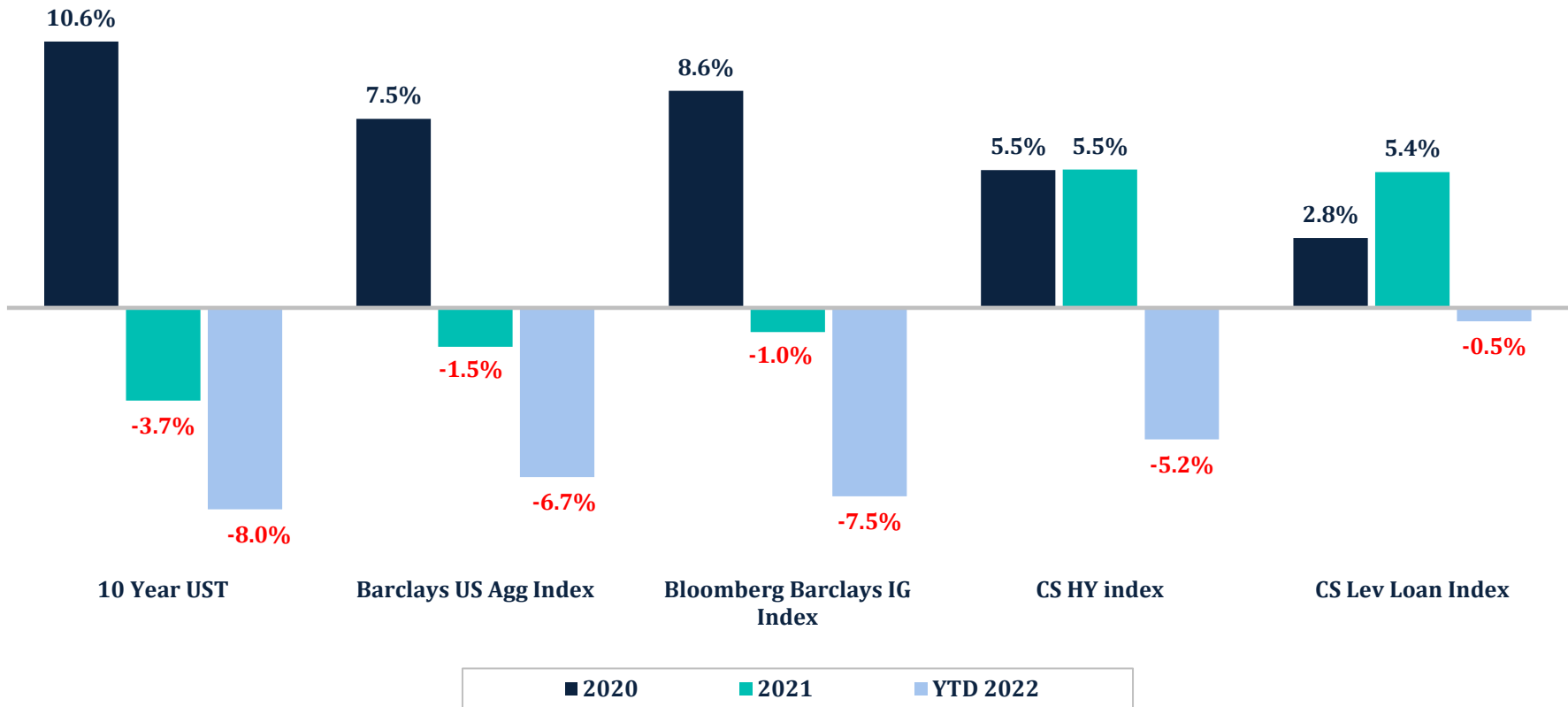
**Fundamentals:** Companies have varying abilities to pass on higher input costs

**Defaults:** will rise from decade low levels but are expected to remain contained in US given fundamentals

# Increasing Performance Dispersion Across Asset Classes

## Performance by Asset Class

Total Return %

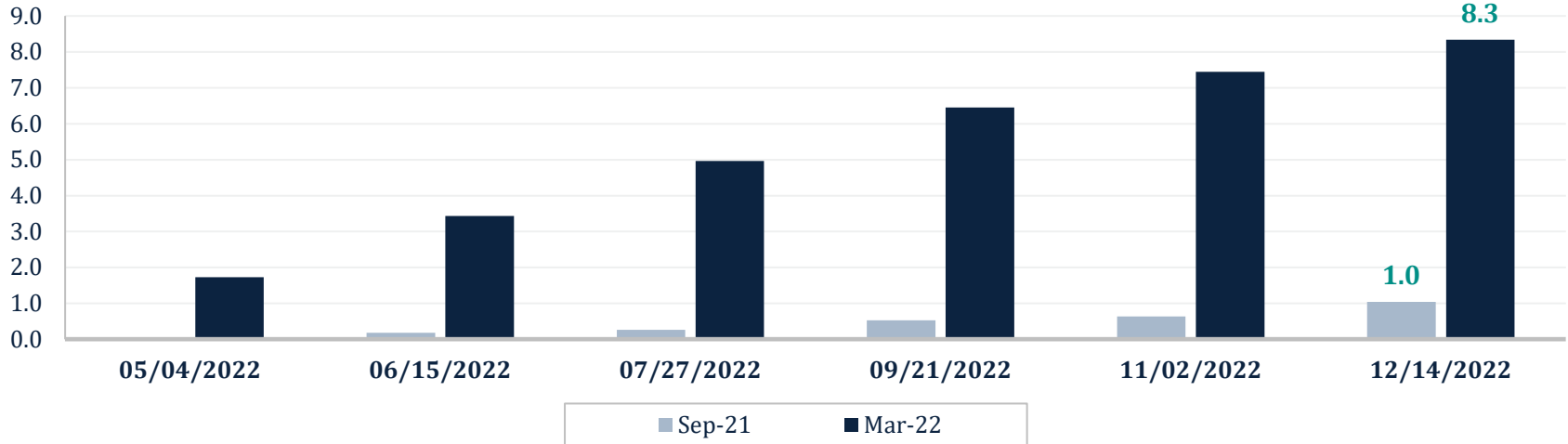


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# Multiple Rate Hikes are Projected in 2022

## 2022 Rate Hikes by Fed Meeting Date: September 2021 vs March 2022 Expectations

# of Forecast 25 bps Rate Hikes by Meeting Date



## 10-yr US Treasury Yield Jan 2020 - Mar 2022 and Fed Funds Forecast

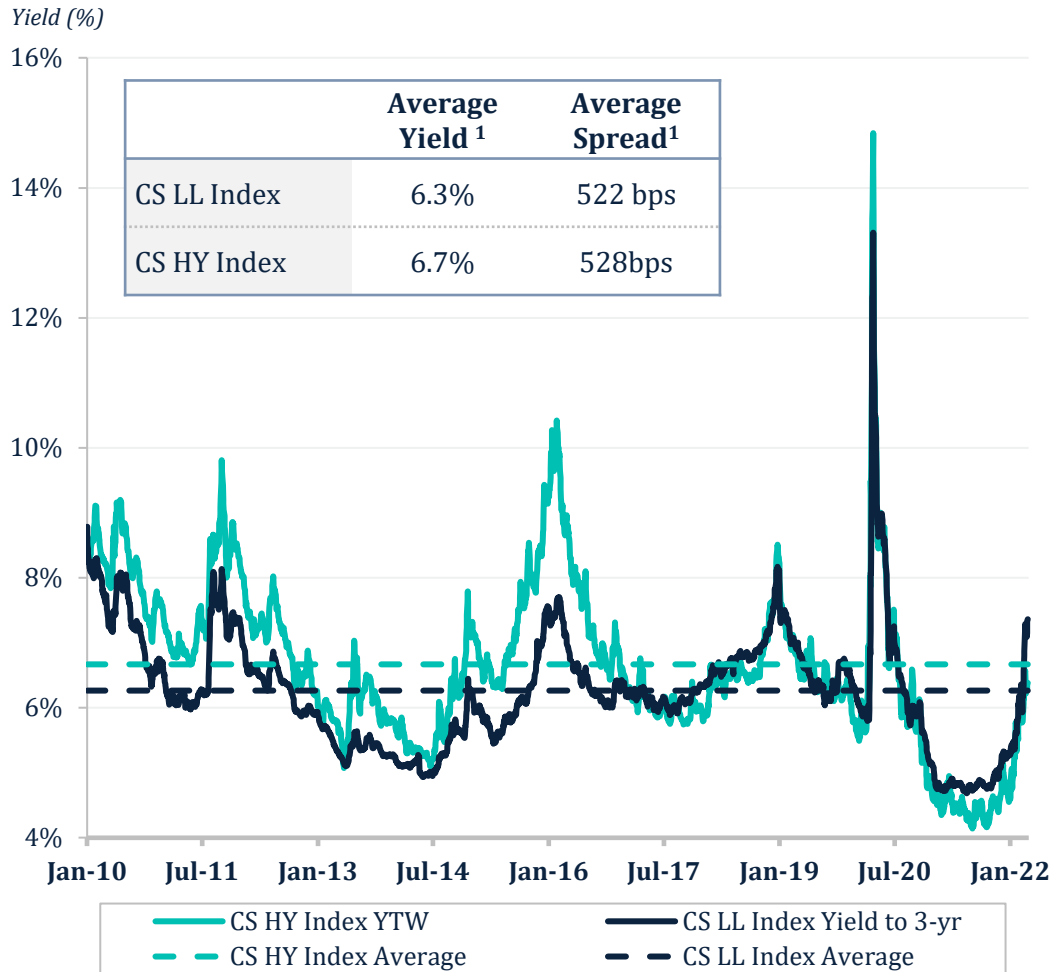


Fed Funds Forecast <sup>1</sup>	
YE 2022	2.25-2.50%
YE 2023	3.00-3.25%

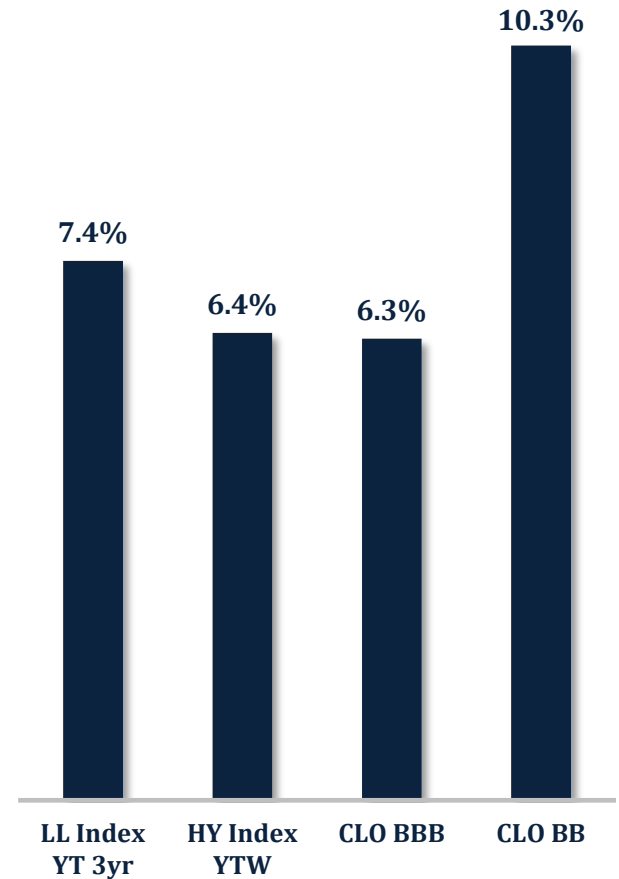
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# Non-IG Credit Can Offer Attractive Yields

High Yield and Leveraged Loan Index Yields (2010-Mar 2022)



Yields by Asset Class<sup>2</sup>

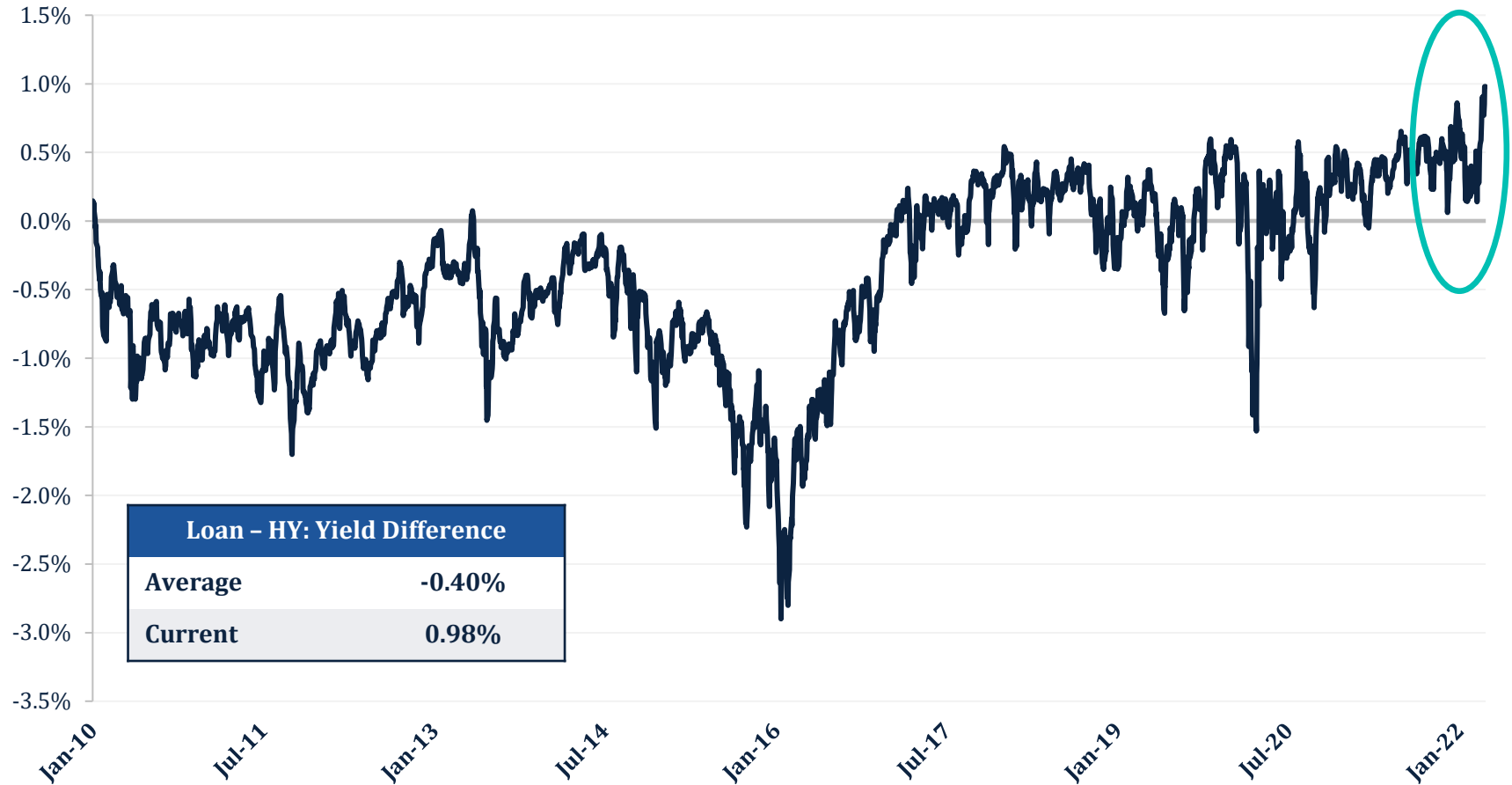


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# Leveraged Loans Can Offer Higher Yields than HY Bonds

## Yield Differential: Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index – High Yield Index (Jan 2010 – Mar 2022)

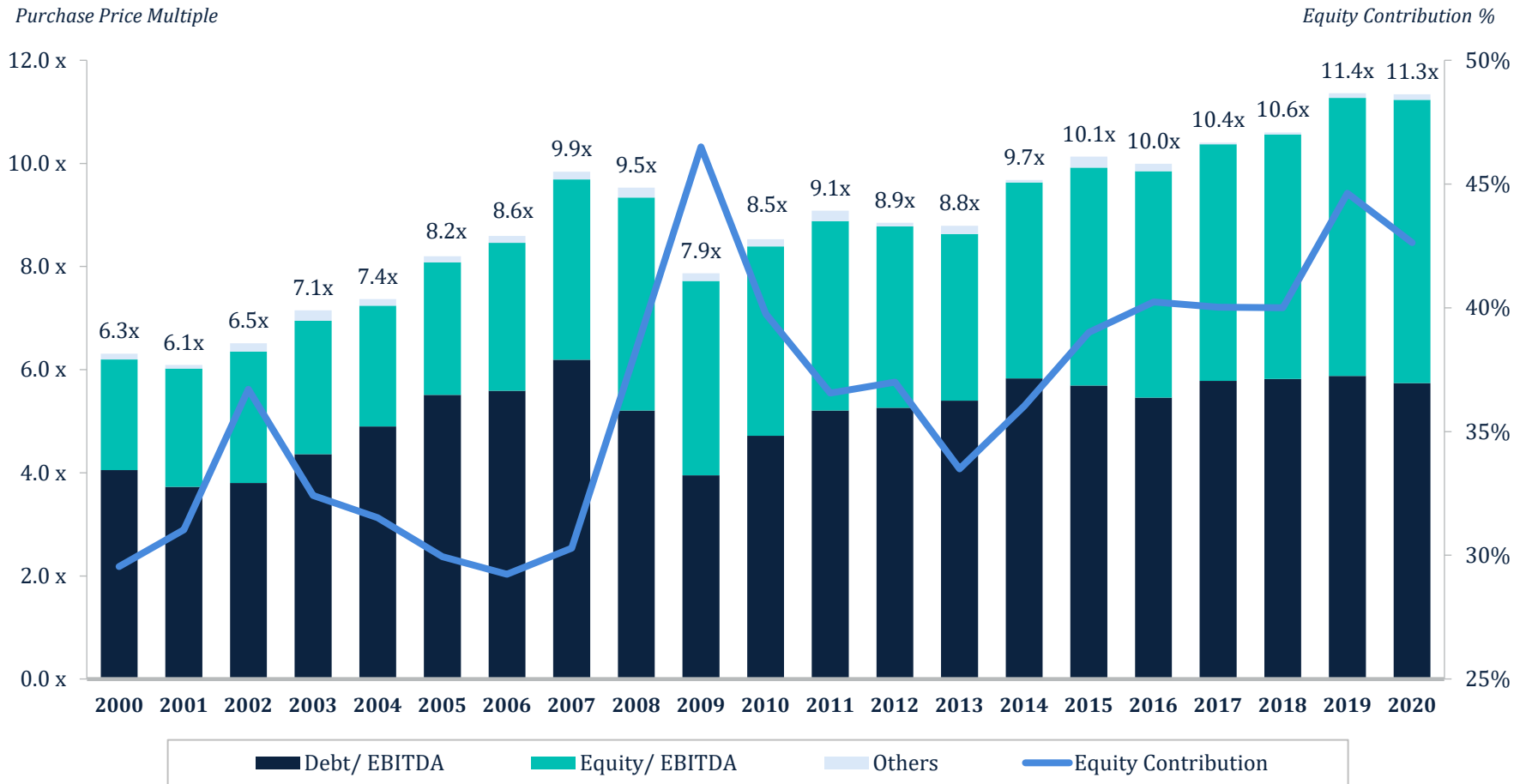
CS LL Index YT3 / CS HY Index YTW Differential (%)



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# Leverage Metrics Have Remained Stable as Equity Checks Have Grown

Average EBITDA Purchase Price Multiple and Equity Contribution<sup>1</sup>



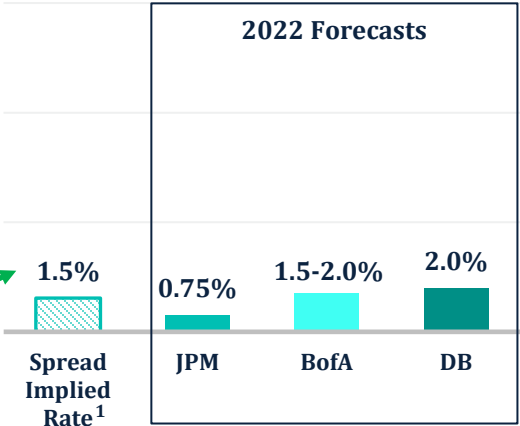
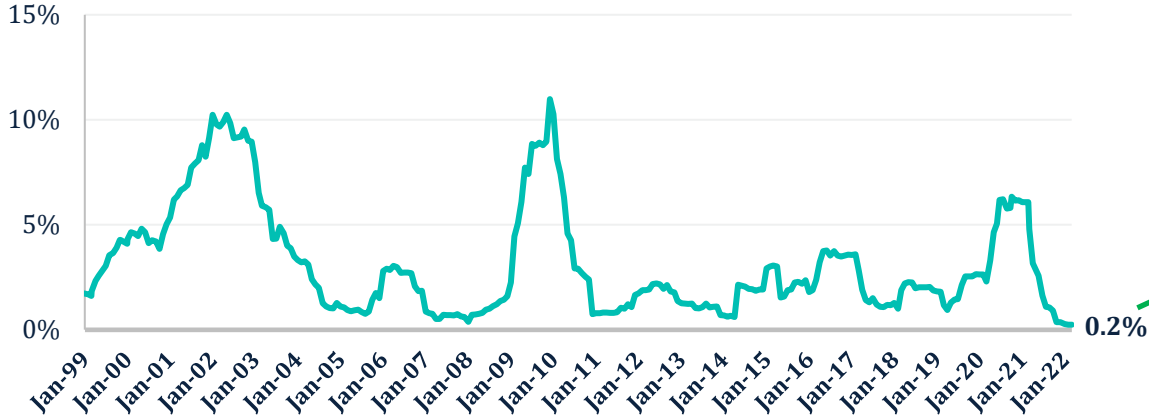
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# Default Rates Are at a Decade Low

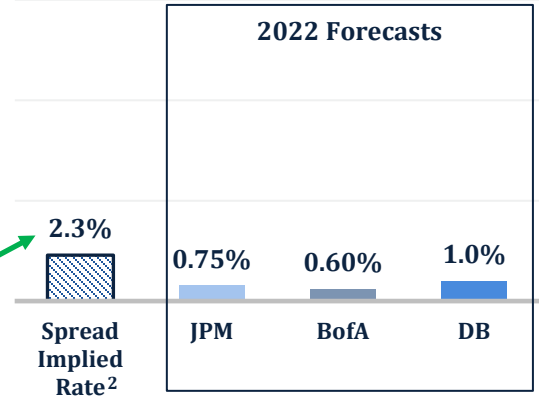
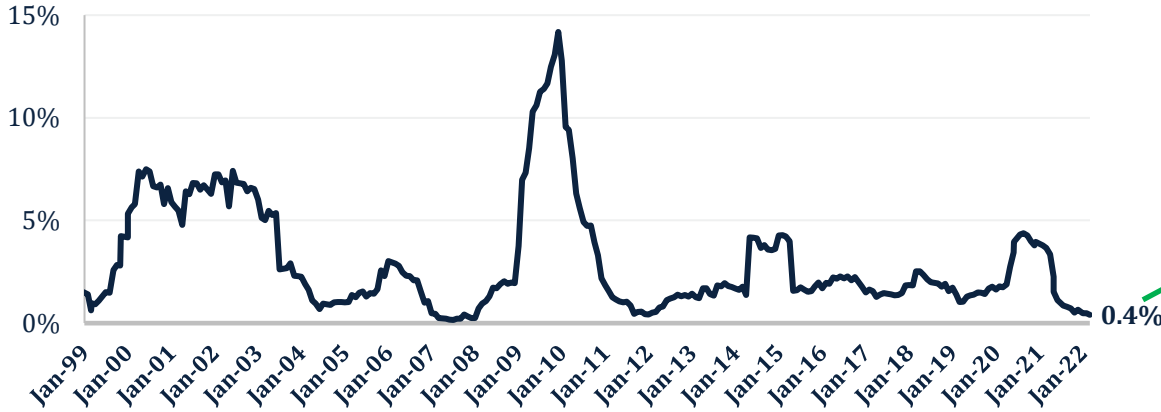
## US High Yield Bond LTM Default Rate

LTM Default Rate (%)



## US Leveraged Loan LTM Default Rate

LTM Default Rate (%)



As of February 28, 2022. Source: LTM Default data: JP Morgan "Default Monitor" March 1, 2022. HY Bond and Loan par weighted default rate. 2022 Forecast Sources: Bank of America, JP Morgan, Deutsche Bank. <sup>1</sup> JP Morgan Implied Default Rate = (Current STW - Historical HY Excess Spread) / (100% - 40% historical HY recovery rate). <sup>2</sup> JP Morgan Implied Default Rate = (Current DM to 3yr - Historical Loan Excess Spread) / (100% - 55% historical Loan recovery rate).

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