

Credit Markets Update

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Overall leverage loan volumes continued to decline in 2023 as higher rates significantly muted M&A activity. Borrowers instead focused on amend-and-extend activity and extending maturities

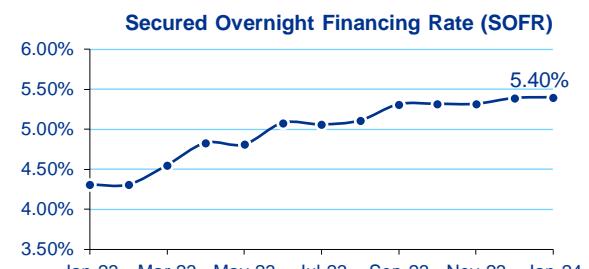
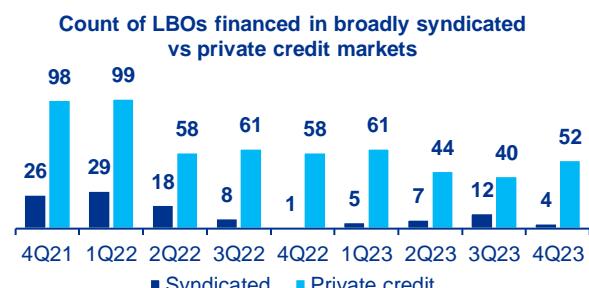
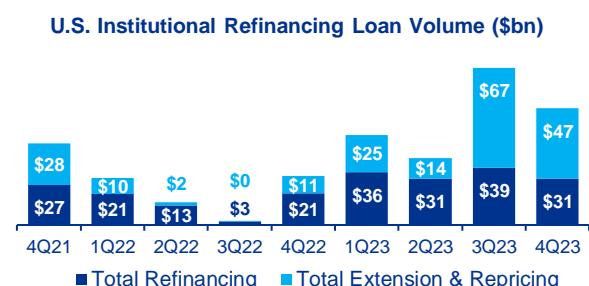
- Fourth quarter new issue leveraged loan volume reached \$72.3 billion, an increase from \$67.1 billion in the same period in 2022, and a decline from \$103.0 billion in the third quarter of 2023
 - M&A volumes, after a relatively modest recovery in the third quarter, declined again in the fourth quarter reaching \$19.8 billion, closing the year at \$99.4 billion, down 53% compared to 2022, driven by a higher rate environment
- Refinancing activity was the main driver in the fourth quarter, capturing over 60% of fourth quarter loan volume and 57% of 2023 total loan volume
 - Borrowers focused on refinancing activity in order to extend maturities
 - Repricing activity remained popular in the fourth quarter, particularly with borrowers who issued debt earlier in the year who took advantage of market conditions to lower spreads
- Sponsored M&A financings marked its lowest level since 2011, with \$24.3 billion printed in 2023, and its second consecutive annual decline

Annual high yield volume increased to 176.1 billion in 2023 versus \$102.3 billion in 2022 behind a more dovish tone from the Fed

- Fourth quarter volume of \$41.3 billion recorded a significant improvement versus \$15.4 billion in 2022, as a result of dovish signals emanating from the Federal Reserve indicating the possible conclusion of rate hikes
- The average yield at issuance closed the fourth quarter at 8.26%, recording a consistent decline from the second and third quarters

The Federal Reserve maintained interest rates unchanged, while indicating a possible lower target range in 2024

- The Federal Reserve signaled the possibility of rate reductions during 2024 to address concerns around the impact of "overly restrictive" monetary policy on economic activity
- Continued geopolitical uncertainty and upcoming U.S. election are expected to play a key role in policy decisions in the coming year



Source: New York Fed; 90-day Term SOFR rate

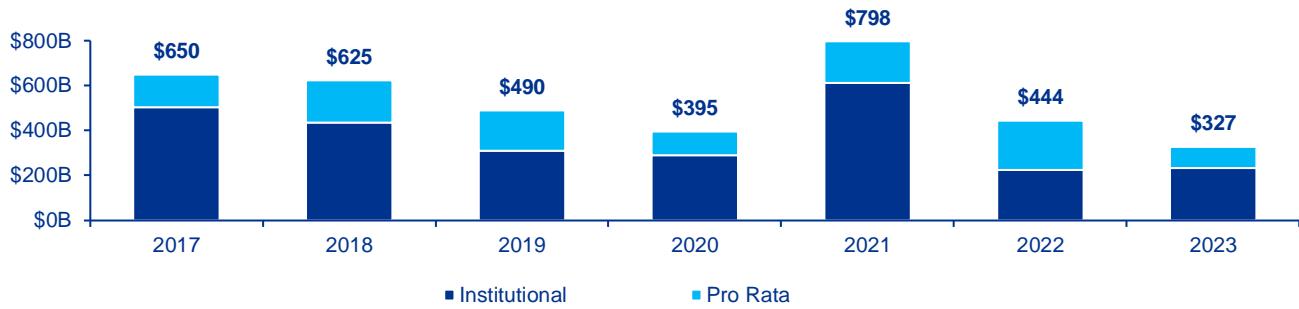
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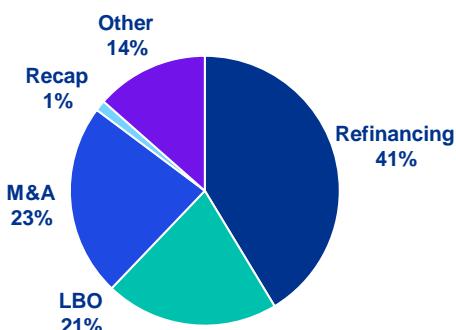
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Leveraged Loans

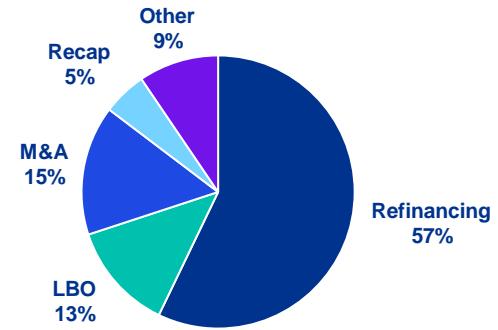
New-Issue Leveraged Loan Volume (\$bn)



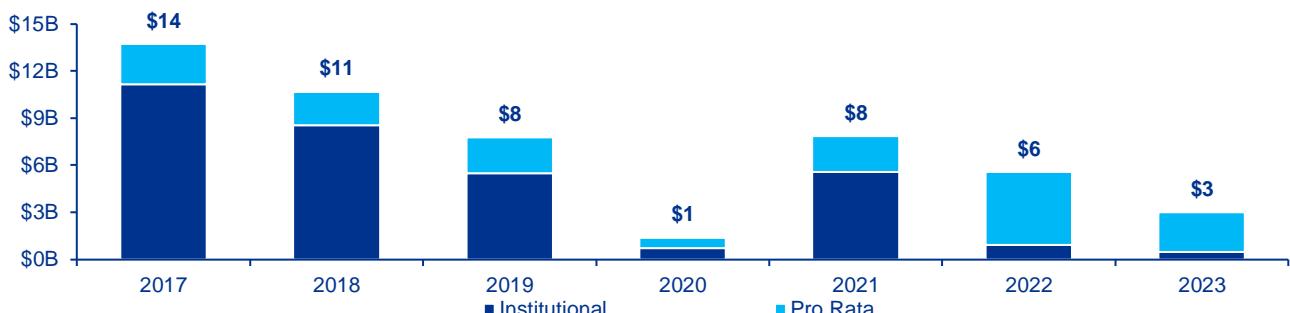
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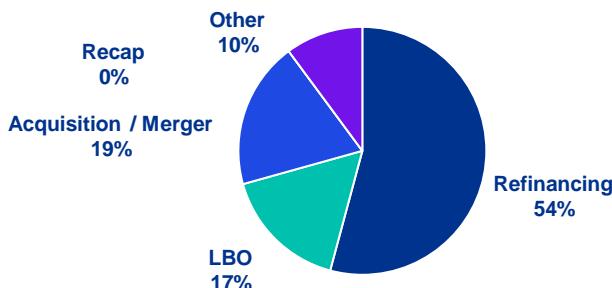
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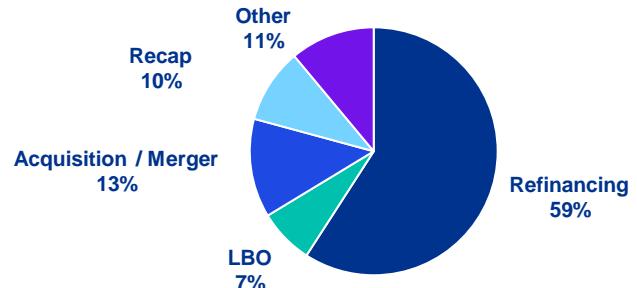
Middle Market Leveraged Loan Volume (\$bn)



Middle Market Leveraged Loan Volume by Purpose - 2022



Middle Market Leveraged Loan Volume by Purpose - 2023



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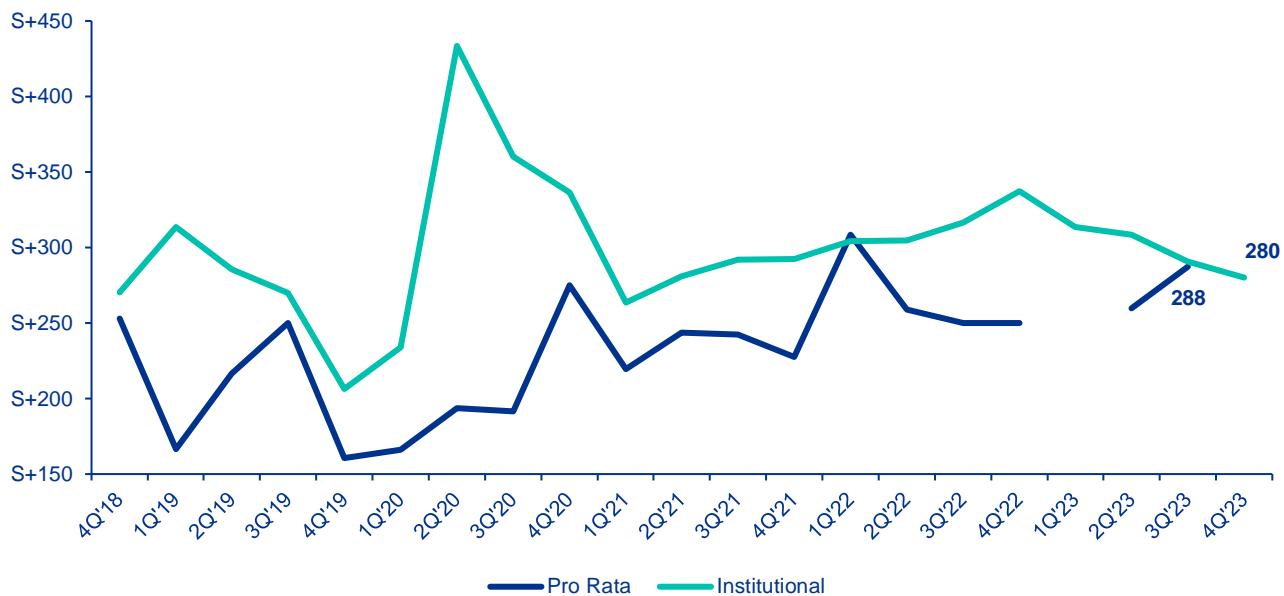
Note: Middle market refers to companies with EBITDA of \$50 million or less.



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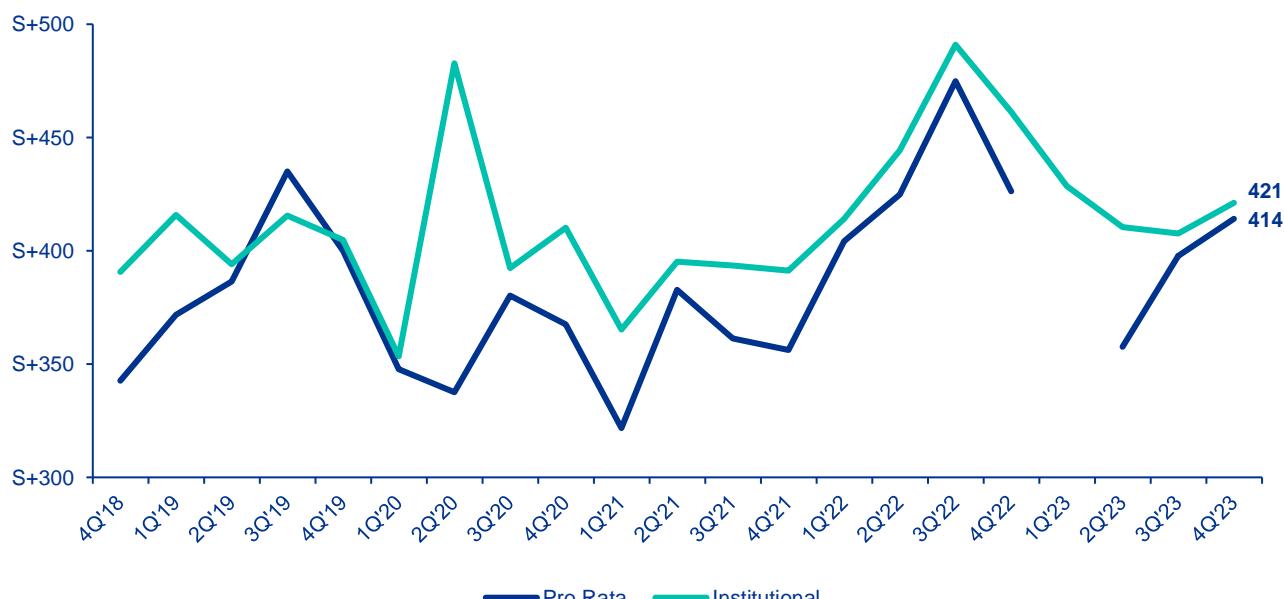
Leveraged Loans (continued)

New Issue First Lien Spreads BB/BB- - Quarterly



Note: 1Q'23 and 4Q'23 data not available

New Issue First Lien Spreads B+/B - Quarterly



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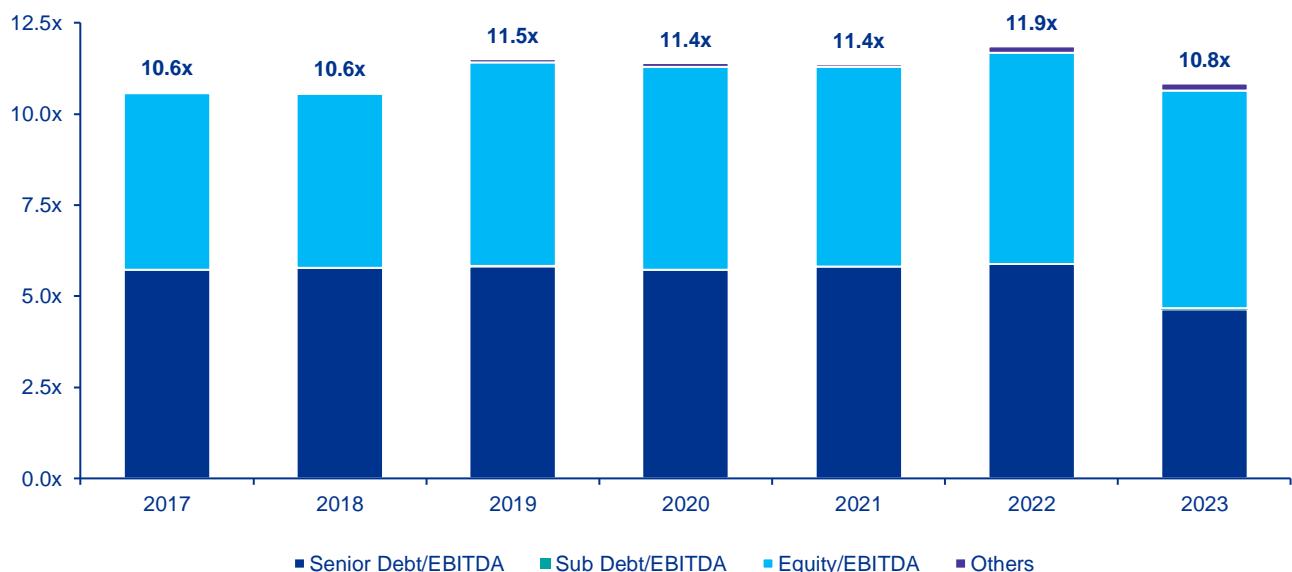
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LBO Summary



Note: 4Q'22 LBO volume data not available

Average Purchase Price Multiple - All LBOs



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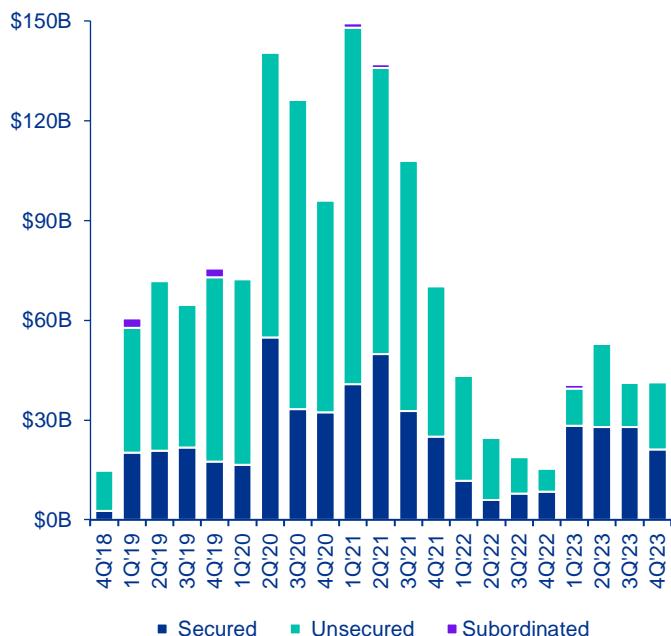
Dividend Recapitalization

Dividend or Stock Repurchase Loan Volume- Quarterly (\$bn)



High Yield Bonds

High Yield Bond Issuance – Quarterly (\$bn)



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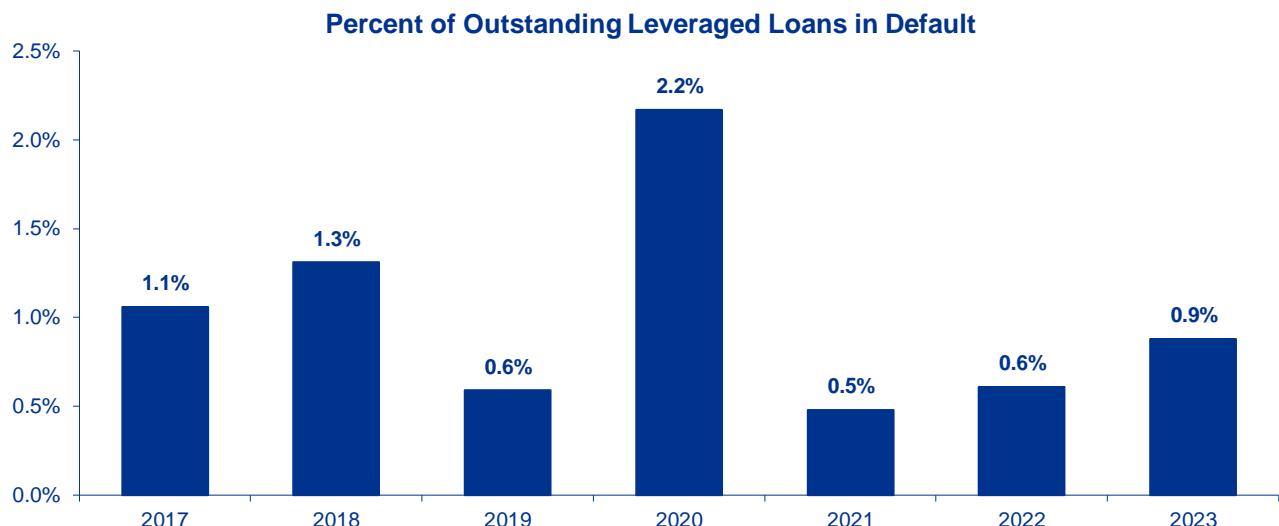


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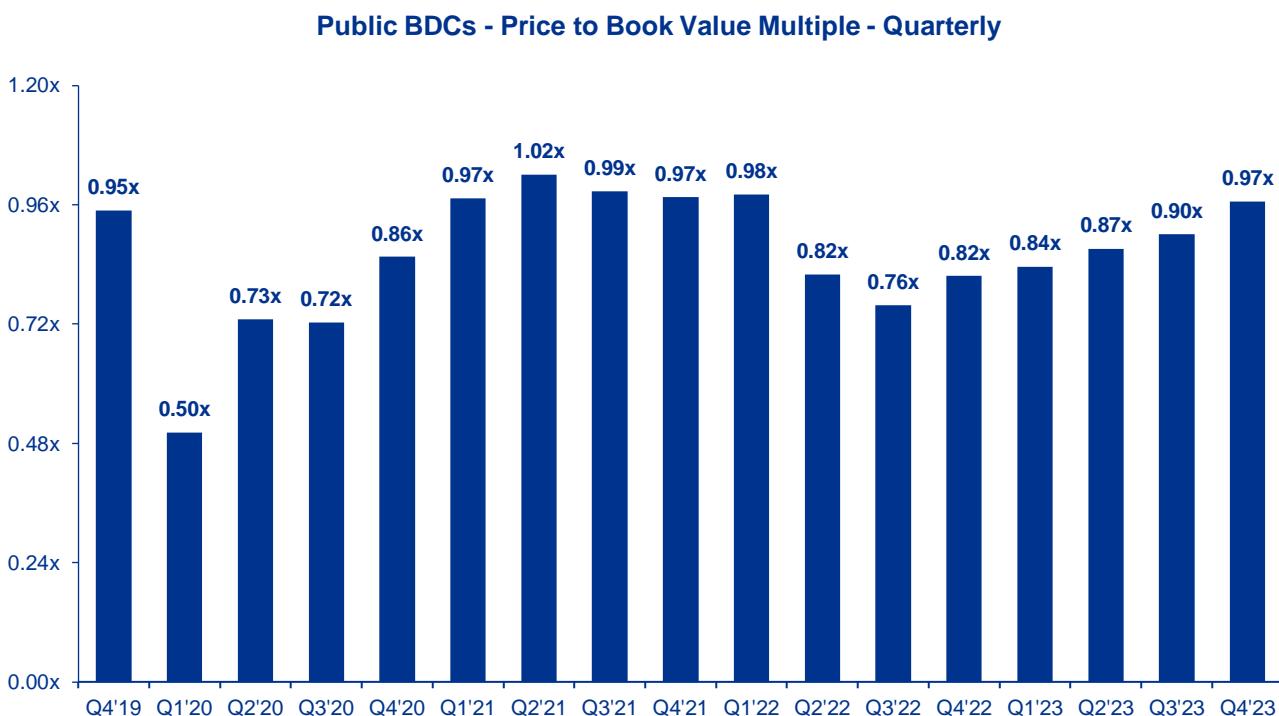


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Distress and Defaults



Price to Book Value



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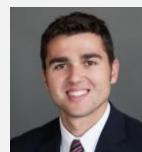
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