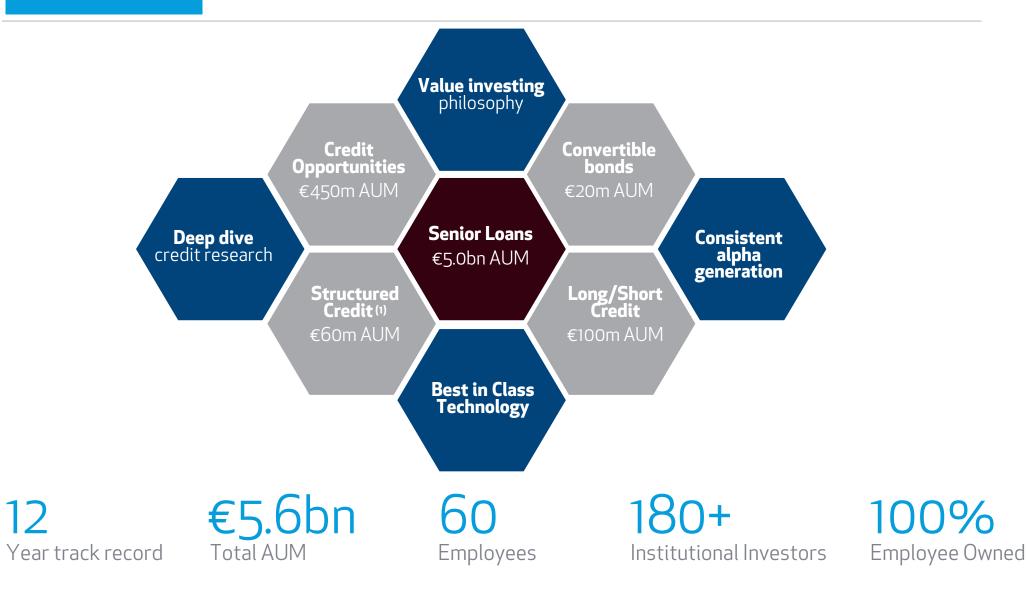




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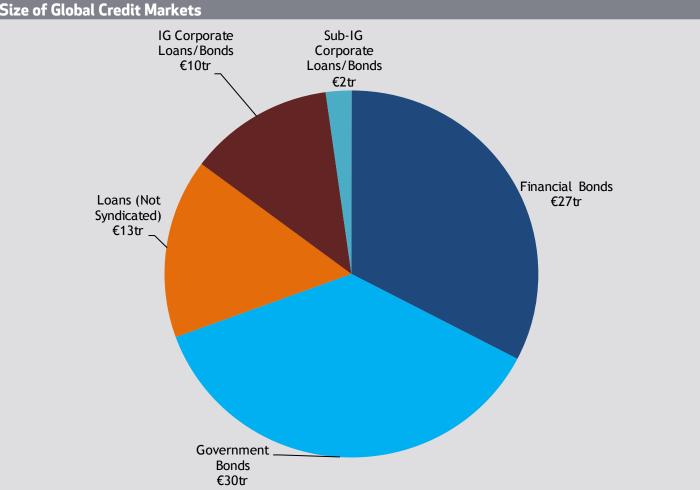
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## **GLOBAL CREDIT MARKETS**



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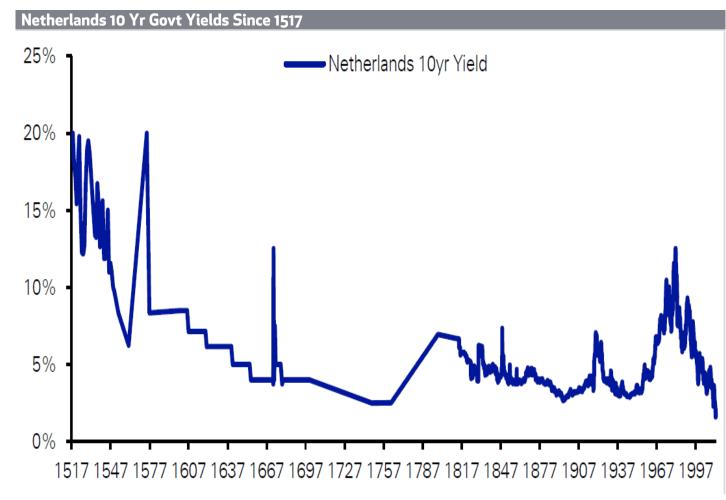
*Source*: BIS, Haver Economics, BNP Paribas, Fed, ECB, OECD, Credit Suisse, Avoca estimates. The analysis excludes loans to financial institutions



### DUTCH BOND YIELDS

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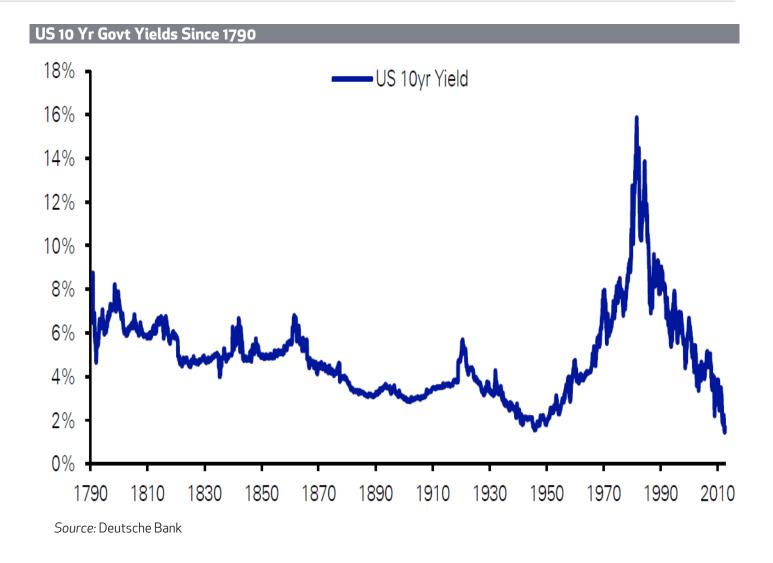




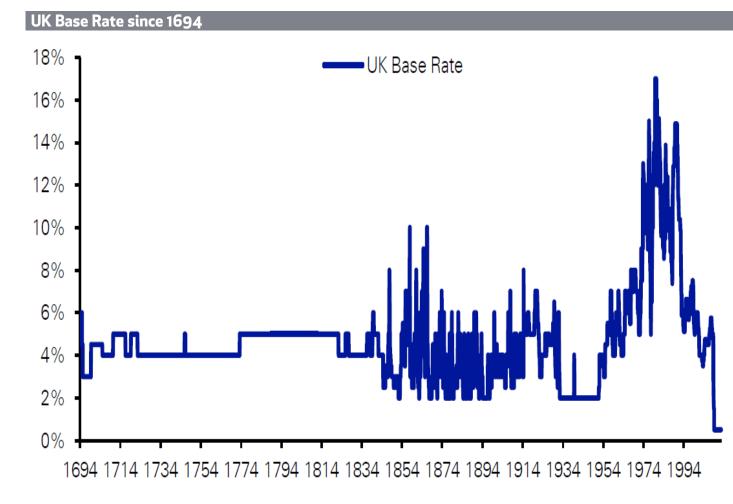
Source: Deutsche Bank



#### **US YIELDS**







Source: Deutsche Bank



#### INFLATION EXPECTATIONS

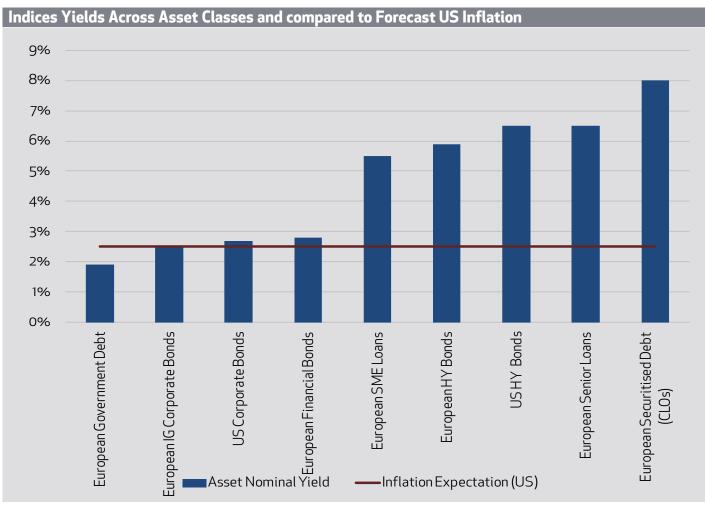
## 2.0-2.5% expected inflation





### CURRENT NOMINAL YIELDS ON OFFER

## Risk of negative real returns



Source: Barclays, Credit Suisse, Bloomberg, Avoca



**Aim:** Preserve and grow purchasing power of capital

How: Evaluate **Risk** and **Return:** 

- **Return:** Evaluate in real terms
- **Risk:** Evaluate based on:
  - 1. Intrinsic risk
  - 2. Price risk
  - 3. Inflation risk

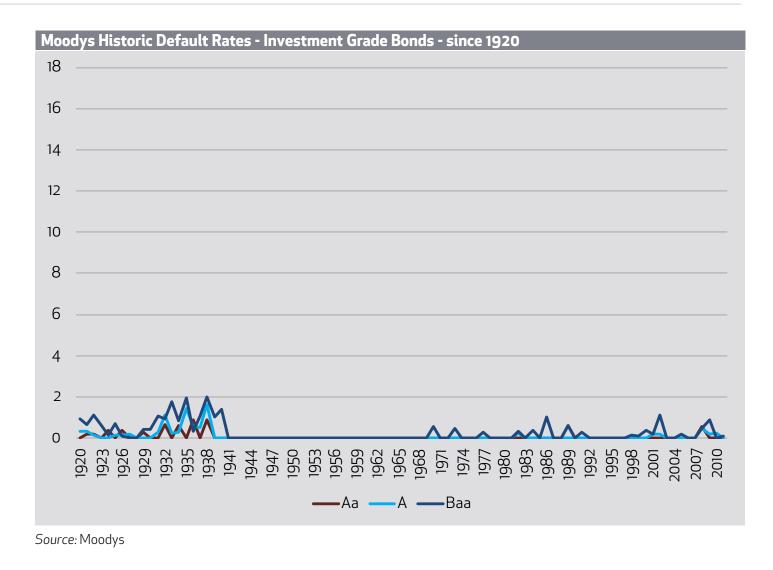


#### **INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS - INTRINSIC RISK**

#### Average annual default rate of 0.14% across Aa, A and Baa bonds

Average recovery rate on default = 40%

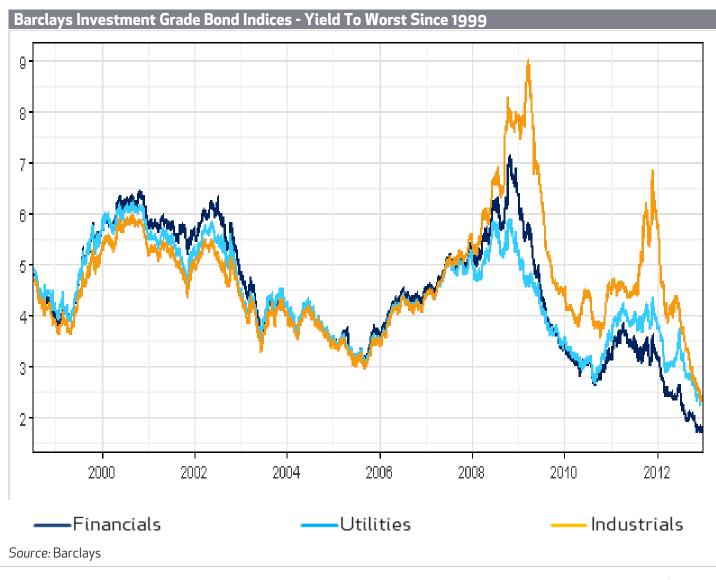
## Average annual loss rate = 0.1%





#### **INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS - PRICE RISK**

## Record low nominal yields





## **HY BONDS - INSTRINSIC RISK**

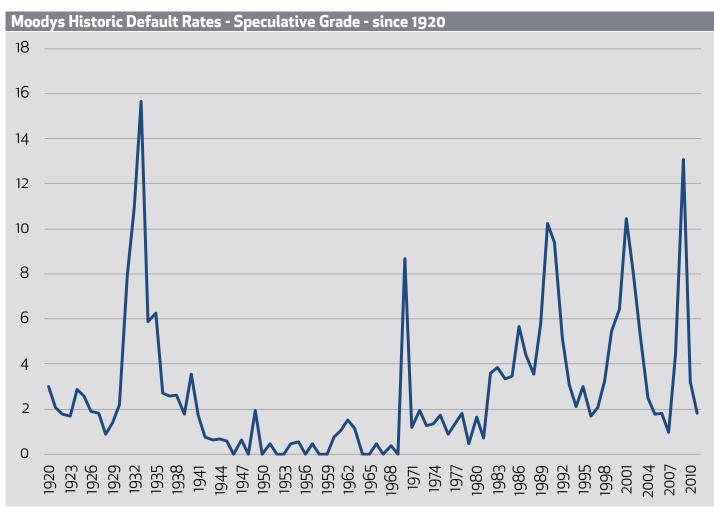
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## Average annual default rate of 2.8% across speculative grade bonds

Average recovery rate on default = 40%

Average annual loss rate = 1.7%

Last 10 years = average annual loss = 2.7%



Source: Moodys



#### **HY BONDS - PRICE RISK**

## Record low nominal yields





#### RECAP

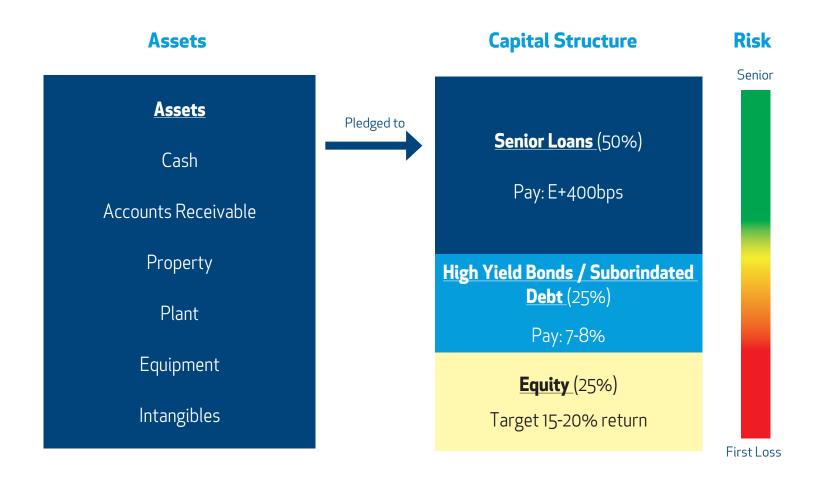
| Asset Class               | Intrinsic Risk | Price Risk | Inflation Risk | Overall |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| Investment Grade<br>Bonds | Low            | High       | High           | High    |
| High Yield Bonds          | High           | High       | High           | High    |



### EUROPEAN SENIOR LOANS - AN OVERVIEW

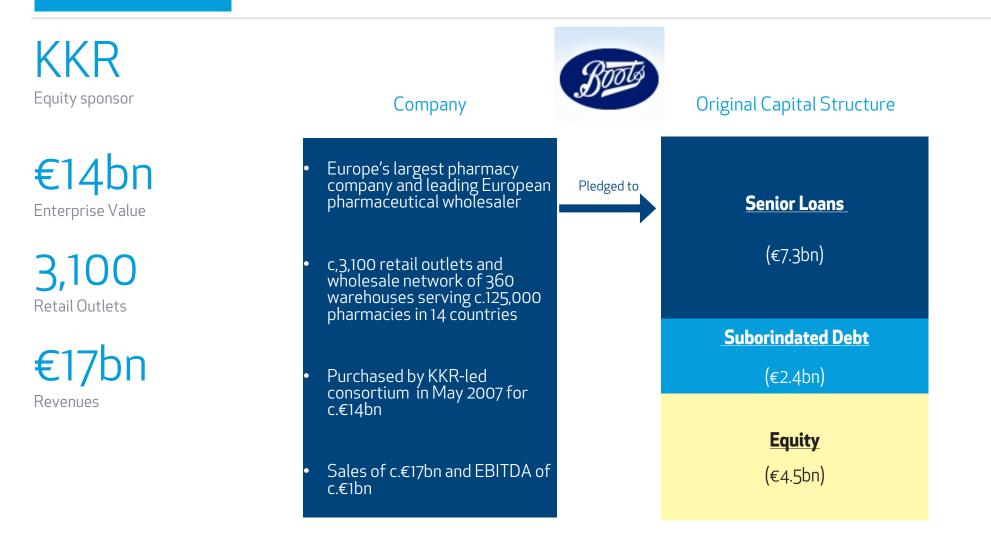
First lien charge over cashflows and assets

Typically used to finance privateequity backed LBOs





#### EUROPEAN SENIOR LOAN EXAMPLE





## **KEY FEATURES**

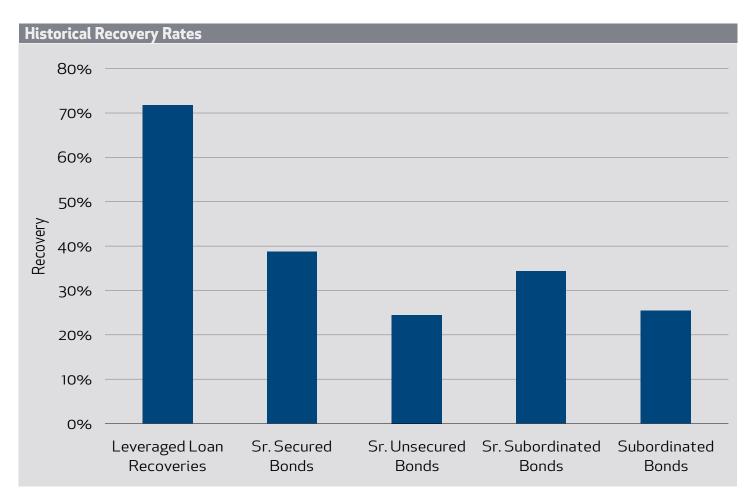
| Senior               | Asset                                    | Senior<br>Position | Security | Inflation<br>Protection | Private<br>Information |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                      | Senior Secured<br>Floating Rate<br>Loans |                    |          |                         |                        |
| Secured              | Equity                                   | ×                  | ×        |                         | ×                      |
| Inflation protection | High Yield<br>Bond                       | ×                  | ×        | ×                       | ×                      |
| Private information  | Investment<br>Grade Bonds                |                    | ×        | ×                       | ×                      |
|                      | Sovereign<br>Debt                        |                    | ×        | ×                       | ×                      |



#### **DOWNSIDE PROTECTION**

Senior secured loan recoveries during the crisis averaged c.70%, in line with historical rates

This compares to 25-40% for senior bonds

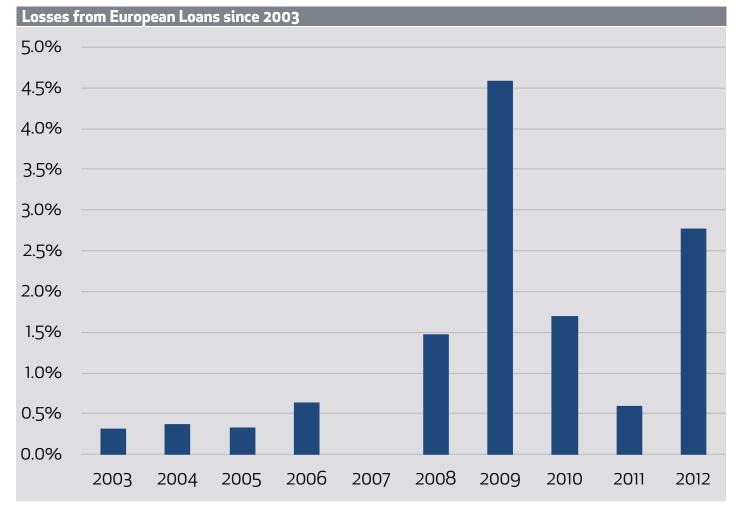


Source: Moodys



#### INTRINSIC RISK - LOSSES FROM DEFAULTS HISTORICALLY

## Average loss through the cycle was 1.28%



Source: Credit Suisse



#### **PRICE RISK - NEW ISSUE SPREADS**

#### Unlike fixed income, spreads have not contracted to precrisis levels

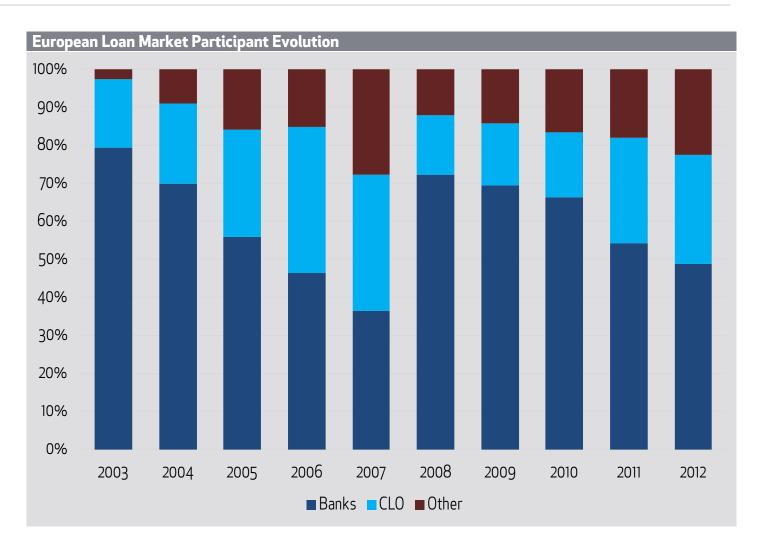




## LOAN MARKET - PARTICIPANTS

## Bank dominated market historically

CLO and other investors increasing participation as banks withdraw

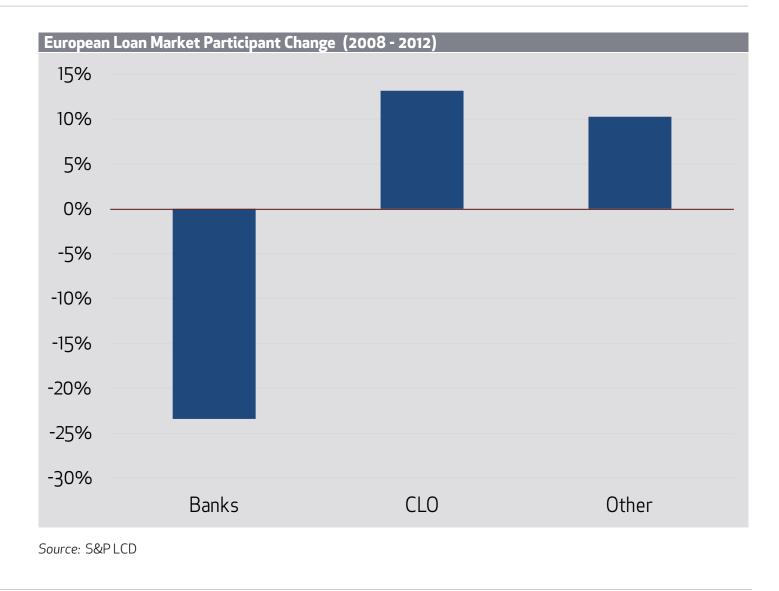


Source: S&P LCD



### LOAN MARKET PARTICIPANT - CHANGE SINCE 2008

# Significant withdrawal by banks

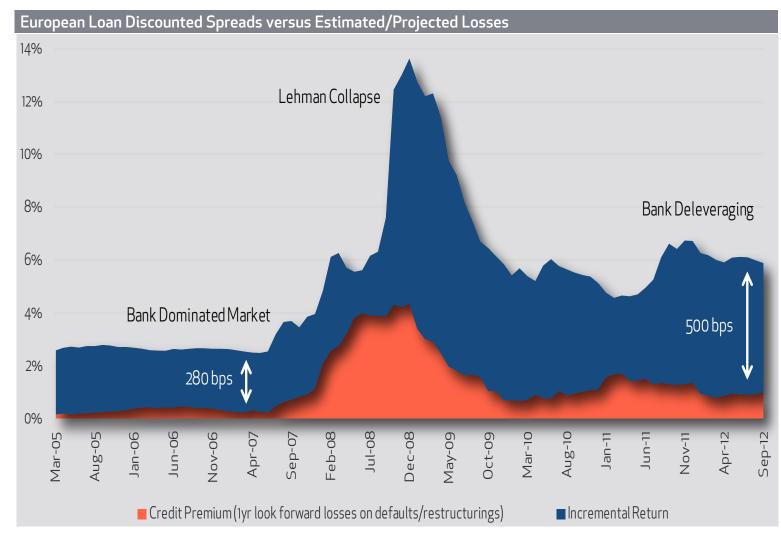




### EUROPEAN LOAN DISCOUNT SPREADS OVER LOSSES

The retreat of banks from the European senior loan market (and the lack of new CLOs) has caused risk adjusted premiums to increase by c.220bps

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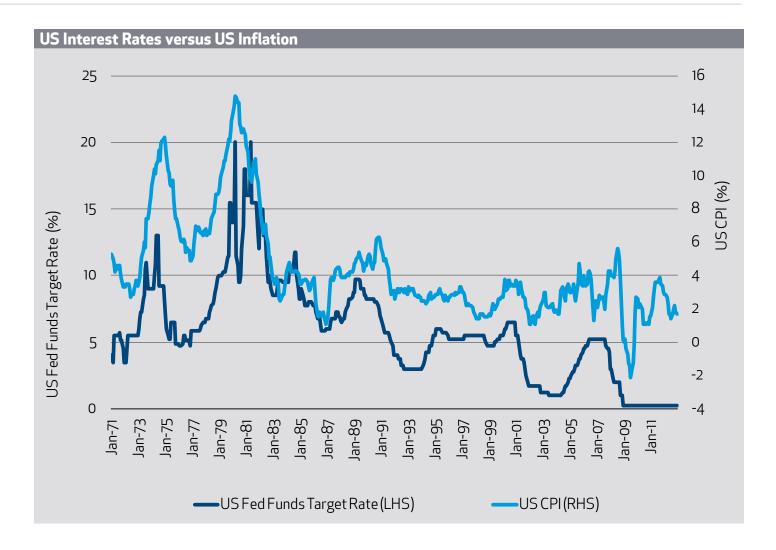


Source: S&P LCD, Credit Suisse, Avoca estimates



#### INFLATION RISK - FLOATING RATE RETURNS

US Interest Rates have historically been a good proxy for inflation





#### INFLATION RISK - FLOATING RATE RETURNS

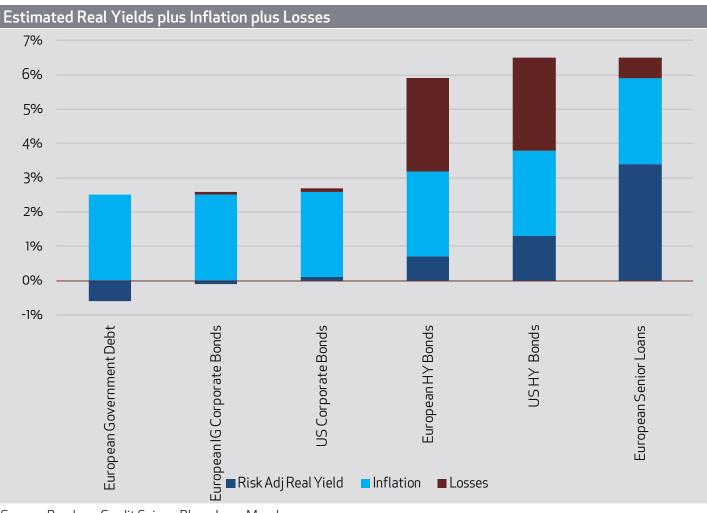


Source: Bloomberg



## **COMPARISON OF REAL YIELD LEVELS**

## Risk of low or negative risk adjusted real returns in fixed income



*Source:* Barclays, Credit Suisse, Bloomberg, Moodys



| Asset Class                      | Intrinsic Risk | Price Risk | Inflation Risk | Overall |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| European Senior<br>Secured Loans | Low            | Low        | Low            | Low     |
| Investment Grade<br>Bonds        | Low            | High       | High           | High    |
| High Yield Bonds                 | High           | High       | High           | High    |



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