

## HIGH CONVICTION CREDIT STRATEGIES IN LIQUID MARKETS

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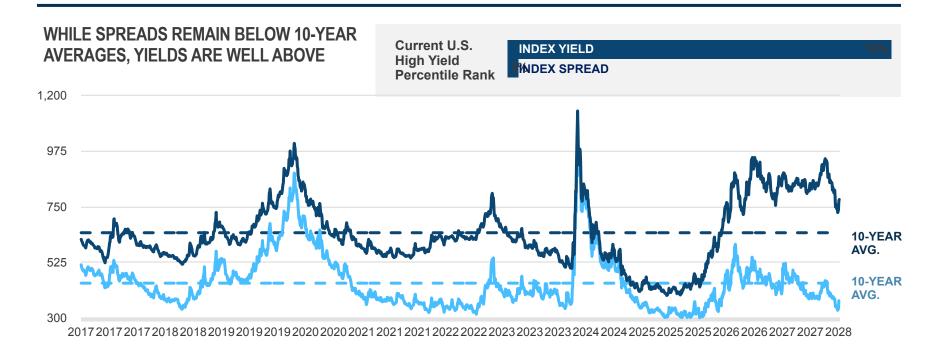
Higher base rates have increased total return potential



Avoid index exposure – credit selection and active management matters again



Changing market structure creates market inefficiencies



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# LIQUID CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

### LONG/SHORT CREDIT

- Ability to perform in volatile markets
- Alpha on long and short side
- Diversification
- Flexible beta profiles

### **HIGH CONVICTION STRATEGIES**

### STRUCTURED CREDIT

- · Asset-backed
- Low correlation
- High cash yield
- Amortizing structures

### **CORPORATE CREDIT**

- · Flexible capital solutions
- Focus on senior secured risk
- · Complexity premia
- Increased opportunity in stressed/ distressed as spreads widen



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# LONG/SHORT CREDIT

### **MARKET DYNAMICS**

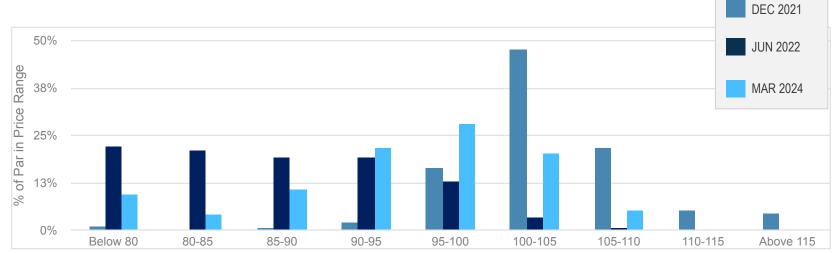
- Increasing price dispersion
- Rising defaults
- Volatility

### **ALPHA OPPORTUNITY**

- Active credit selection
- Flexible exposure profile
- Opportunities both long and short

### DISPERSION IN HIGH YIELD HAS INCREASED WITH RATES

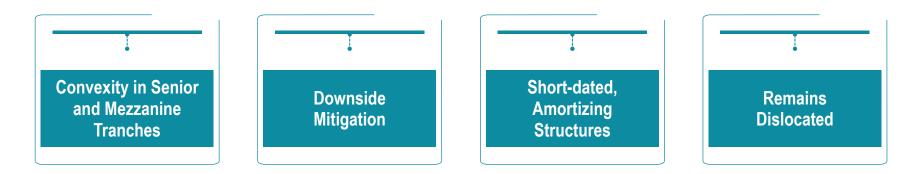
Bloomberg High Yield Index as a percentage of par in price range



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# **STRUCTURED CREDIT**

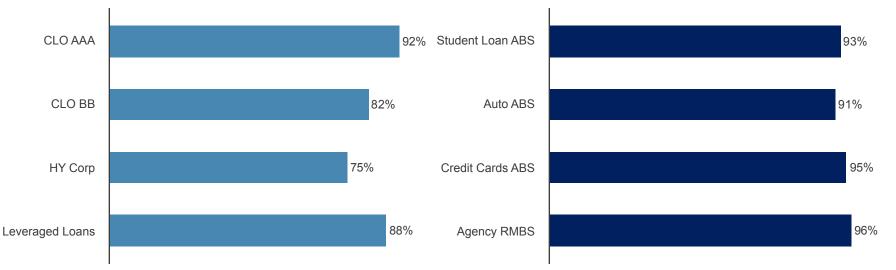


### CORPORATE YIELD PERCENTILE RANKS

Post Global Financial Crisis – March 2024

### NON-CORPORATE YIELD PERCENTILE RANKS

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# **CORPORATE CREDIT**

### **PRIMARY MARKET**

- Large funding gap
- · Companies seek speed of execution, tailored transactions, and certainty of closing
- Structural shift away from the banks

#### SECONDARY MARKET

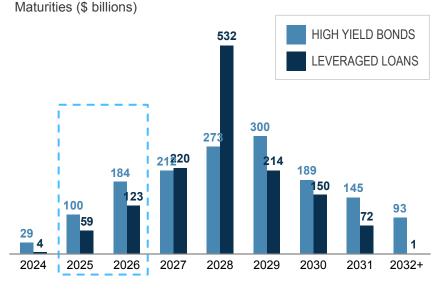
- Maturity walls looming
- Non-economic sellers
- Opportunities in both stressed and distressed as spreads widen

#### **ILLUSTRATIVE DEAL ECONOMICS**

Pricing has improved and stronger covenants, reversing the trench of 'cov-lite' deals in previous years

	2021	Current
Spread	S + 550	S + 550-650
Unlevered Yield	6-8%	10 -12%
OID	1-2 points	2-3 points
Covenants	Low	High
Call Protections	Low	High
Leverage	Higher	Lower

### MATURITY WALLS RISE SIGNIFICANTLY IN 2025/20261



1 Data source: Leveraged Commentary and Data Research | Pitchbook. Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index, S&P US HY Corp Bond Index. Data as of March 31, 2024. No assurance can be given that any investment will achieve its objectives or avoid losses. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Unless apparent from context, all statements herein represent GCM Grosvenor's opinion.