

Session 2A: Concentration of Corporate Credit Risk

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Concentration of Corporate Risk Session

Insurer's View on Investment Grade Corporate Debt

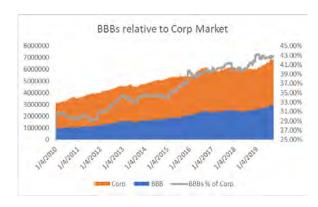
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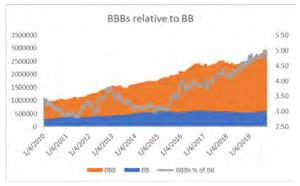




Size of the Corporate Debt Market*







Corporate Debt Market has doubled in size over the past 10 years

BBB percentage of Corporate Debt Market has grown by 10%

BBB to BB ratio has grown from 3.5 to 4.9



^{*}Source: Bloomberg, market value

Outlook on Corporate Bonds



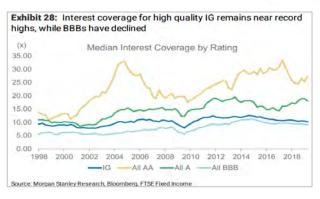


Record low borrowing costs

Interest coverage remains near record highs for high quality

Strong profit margins

Large-cap BBBs have recently demonstrated commitment to ratings at expense of shareholders





Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, FTSE Fixed Income



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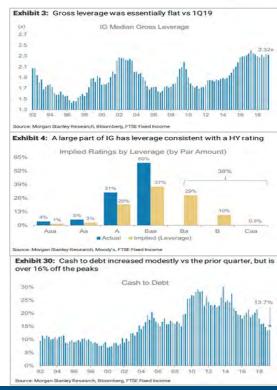
High gross and net leverage

In the next cycle, falling yields won't be a panacea

Implied ratings, based solely on leverage, indicate that ~40% of US IG non-financials consistent with HY rating

Cash to debt ratios headed lower

Tariffs





BBB Corporates Outlook



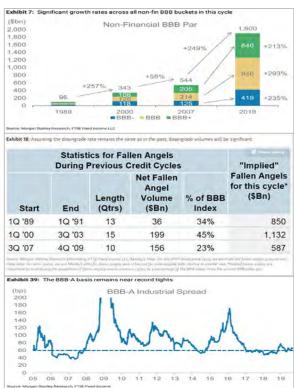
Significant growth in BBB Debt

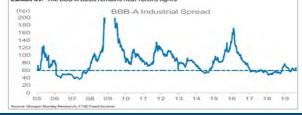
Potential downgrades in a stress could be as high as \$1Tr

Low BBB credits have reduced debt modestly

Significant impacts if downgraded to High Yield

Spread pickup from A to BBB near tights







The Insurance Investment Management Puzzle





Rely on spread to write new business



Manage to multiple capital requirements



Downgrades/impairments/defaults significantly impact capital and income



Liabilities can be long in nature (>10 years)



Statutory/GAAP/Tax constraints/impacts

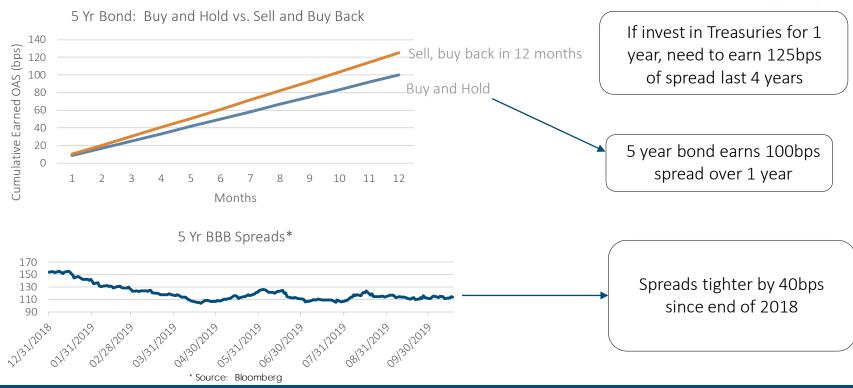


Current market conditions



Corporate Bonds: Tough to Time the Market







Insurer RBC Capital: Downgrades Impactful



5 YR BBB Corporate			5 YR A Corporate			
RBC Charge	C Charge 1.06%		RBC Charge	0.33%		
Current Spread	1.10%		Current Spread	0.75%		
ROC	103%		ROC	227%		
Downgrade RBC Charge for BB	3.76%		Downgrade RBC Charge for BBB	1.06%		
Updated ROC	29%		Updated ROC	71%		



Tools to Navigate Corporate Market



Steering a ship, not a speedboat

Active Portfolio Management

• Sub-sector and security selection critical as markets play out over next 12-24 months

Employ Credit default swaps to manage exposures

- Preserves Stat/GAAP book yield
- Avoids taxable gain

Structure

• If able to give liquidity, Private Placement Corporate bonds





Degradation of Corporate Credit

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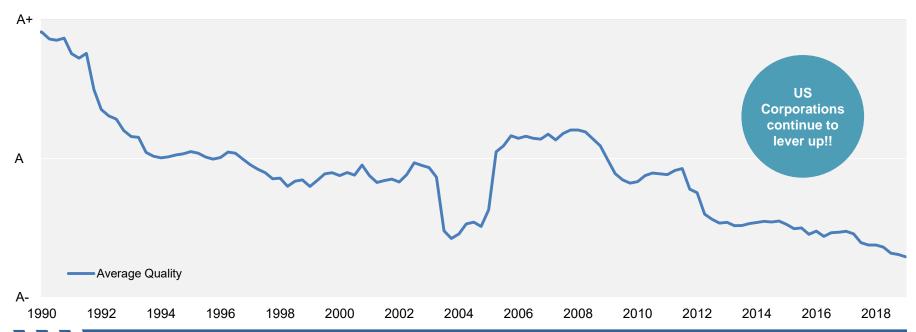
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US Credit Index Quality

Average quality



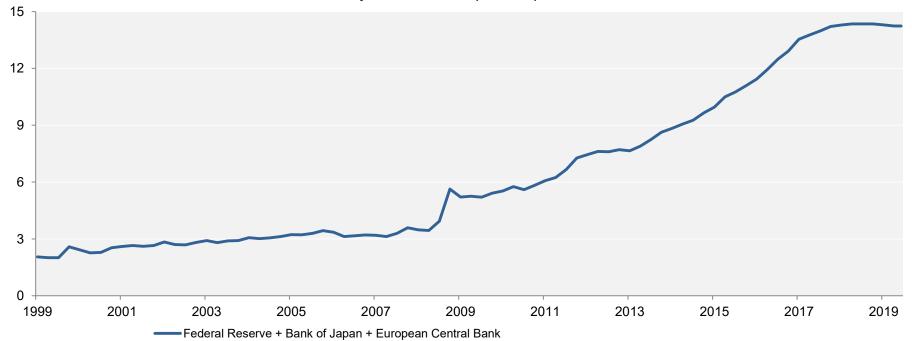
- Leverage increases are broad-based across industries.
- Large-scale M&A has been most-pronounced in Healthcare, Food & Beverage, and Telecom/Media.

Source: Barclays. Dates: 6/30/1989 through 3/31/19.



Central Bank Balance Sheets

Total Assets on the Combined Balance Sheet of the Major Central Banks (\$ Trillion)

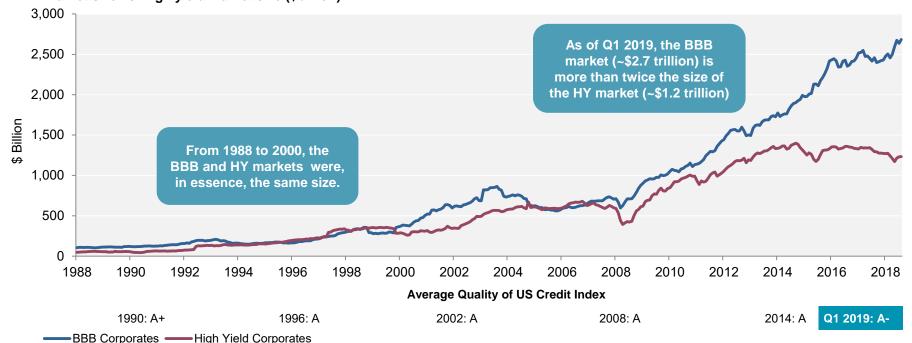


Data as of Aug. 31, 2019. Source: Bloomberg



BBB Corporate bond market BBB rated debt is now twice the size of the high yield market

BBB market size vs. high yield market size (\$billion)



Source: Barclays. Dates: 8/30/1989 through 3/31/19.



Historically....1987 to 1st quarter 2019

Downgrade cycles have historically offered high yield buying opportunities

Scenario	Historical Fallen Angels/BBB Market	Projected Fallen Angels (\$mm)*	Projected Fallen Angels/HY Market*		
Full Cycle	13%	356,918	29%		
Recessionary Periods	24%	646,746	52%		

The high yield market could absorb ~ 52% of new bonds given the growth of the BBB market



Decoupling of Credit Markets from Discount Rate

Credit market spread minus AA discount rate spread (basis points)



- In periods of stress/recession the broad credit market decouples from the liability discount rate
- Lower rated BBB bond spreads widen and underperform the AA discount rate.

Source: Bloomberg Barclays



Funded Status Impact

Impact to funded status from underperformance of BBB debt (no duration effect):

	No Change	Dot-Com Crash	Financial Crisis
Long Credit	1%	-9%	-18%
Conventional Benchmark (70% long credit & 30% treasuries)	1%	-5%	-8%
Up-in-quality Custom Liability Benchmark (50% long credit A+ & 50% treasuries)	0%	2%	1%



- Underperformance of BBB rated bonds can result in funded status deterioration.
- Up-in-quality custom liability benchmarks can provide stability in funded status.



BBB Stress Analysis

Do BBB companies have levers to pull in an economic downturn?

Bottom Up Analysis:

Our analysis looked at ~35% of the BBB market. Our estimate of the debt outstanding for credits we believe to be at high risk of a
downgrade to high yield under a High Stress Scenario is over \$215B vs. a BB market of approximately \$600B.

Conclusions:

- Red companies are those that have already reduced dividends and make minimal use of share repurchases.
- · Yellow companies are paying stable or growing dividends.
- Green companies are those that have significant cash paid to shareholders through buybacks and dividends which gives them flexibility.
- For levers we **determined that dividends and share re-purchases were most relevant.** We considered capital expenditures, but believe that capex is critical to maintaining the earnings power of a business and cutting capex may lead to upfront cash costs that negate the initial cost savings.



BBB Stress Analysis

Our 2020 Estimates					Stress Leverage		Amount of	Leverage W/Levers Pulled		Lever Impact on Leverage	
Ticker	Revenue	EBITDA	Debt	Leverage	Low	High	Levers	Low	High	Percent	Vs. High Stress
GE	114,907	10,302	39,952	3.88x	5.57x	7.12x	367	5.52x	7.05x	1%	-0.07x
F	145,926	5,584	12,494	2.24x	3.84x	6.00x	1,358	3.43x	5.35x	11%	-0.65x
ABIBB	55,644	23,188	95,939	4.14x	4.60x	5.17x	2,002	4.50x	5.06x	2%	-0.11x
KHC	25,353	5,973	26,848	4.49x	4.99x	5.62x	976	4.81x	5.41x	4%	-0.20x
MYL	11,772	3,575	12,765	3.57x	3.97x	4.46x	414	3.84x	4.32x	3%	-0.14x
BDX	18,120	5,436	20,084	3.69x	4.10x	4.62x	443	4.01x	4.52x	2%	-0.10x
PAA	33,168	2,768	9,875	3.57x	4.62x	5.41x	704	4.29x	5.03x	7%	-0.39x
CVS	278,489	23,232	62,235	2.68x	2.98x	3.35x	1,302	2.91x	3.28x	2%	-0.07x
MDLZ	26,666	5,567	18,073	3.25x	3.72x	4.06x	2,842	3.13x	3.42x	16%	-0.64x
TRPCN	15,453	10,525	51,472	4.89x	5.43x	6.11x	1,088	5.32x	5.98x	2%	-0.13x
UTX	80,194	13,967	39,111	2.80x	3.24x	3.52x	1,685	3.10x	3.37x	4%	-0.15x
KMI	15,016	8,192	34,902	4.26x	4.78x	5.33x	1,589	4.56x	5.08x	5%	-0.24x
VZ	134,153	49,503	113,371	2.29x	2.54x	2.86x	5,110	2.43x	2.73x	5%	-0.13x
Т	185,819	58,905	160,562	2.73x	3.03x	3.41x	7,618	2.88x	3.25x	5%	-0.16x
ABBV	46,994	23,923	88,260	3.69x	4.10x	4.61x	16,459	3.33x	3.75x	19%	-0.86x
AGN	15,159	7,316	22,054	3.01x	3.35x	3.77x	3,313	2.85x	3.20x	15%	-0.57x
MCD	21,705	11,444	34,748	3.04x	3.37x	3.80x	6,627	2.73x	3.07x	19%	-0.72x
EPD	34,009	7,841	29,010	3.70x	4.11x	4.63x	2,002	3.83x	4.31x	7%	-0.32x
CELG	17,217	9,866	20,751	2.10x	2.34x	2.63x	3,212	1.98x	2.22x	15%	-0.41x
UNP	24,706	12,290	30,112	2.45x	2.78x	3.06x	9,401	1.92x	2.11x	31%	-0.96x
AMGN	22,643	13,074	27,120	2.07x	2.30x	2.59x	11,953	1.29x	1.45x	44%	-1.14x
Total	1,323,113	312,471	949,737	3.04x							

Source: Allianz Global Investors Proprietary Credit Models and Consensus.

Low= 50% of the last case over the past ten years

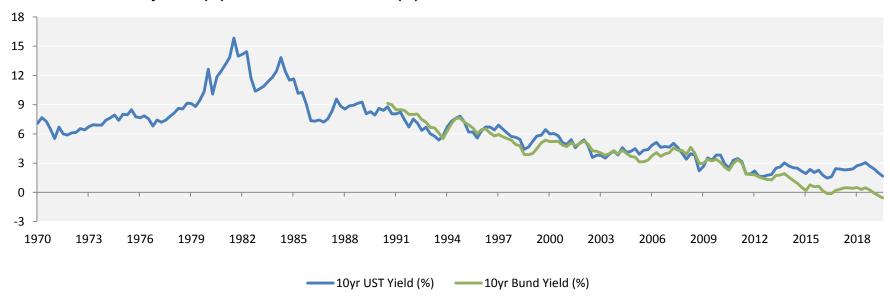
High Case = 150% of the worst case

In the absence of an EBITDA decline over the past ten years, a 10% - 20% EBITDA decline is modeled.



Monetary Policy has driven down yields

10 Year US Treasury Yield (%) and 10 Year Bund Yield (%)





- Central banks have created an opportunity for governments and corporations to lever up
- Accommodation has extended the business cycle

Data as of Sept. 30, 2019. Source: Bloomberg, Barclays



Corporate Debt Funding Costs





Data as of Oct. 9, 2019. Source: Bloomberg, Barclays



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