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High Yield & Strategy Outlook

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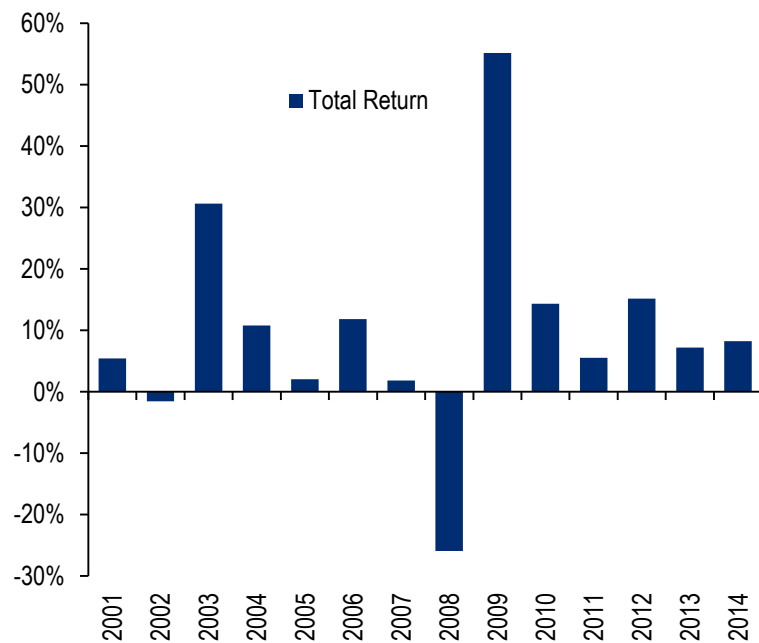
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An Impressive 2014 So Far...

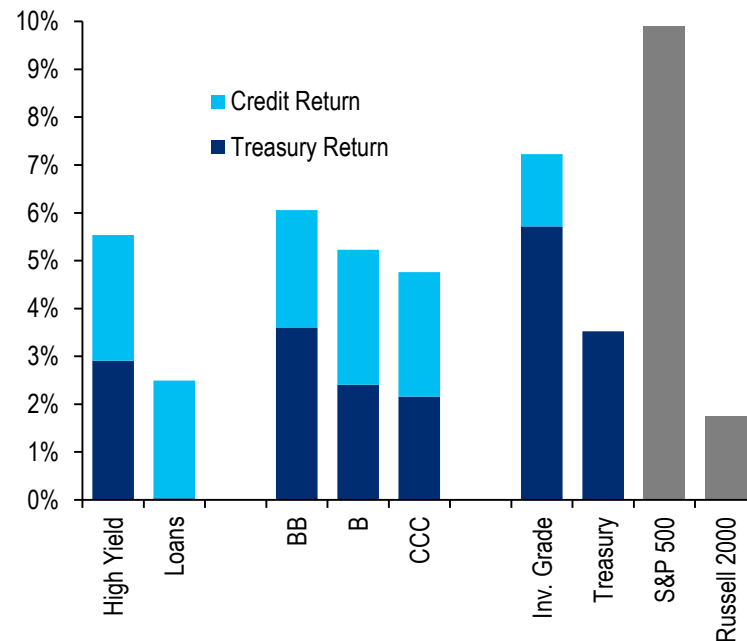
...But duration accounts for much of the performance.

HY Annual Returns Historically



Source: Citi Research, Yield Book, 2014 return is annualized, As of 8/31/2014

HY Returns YTD vs. Other Assets

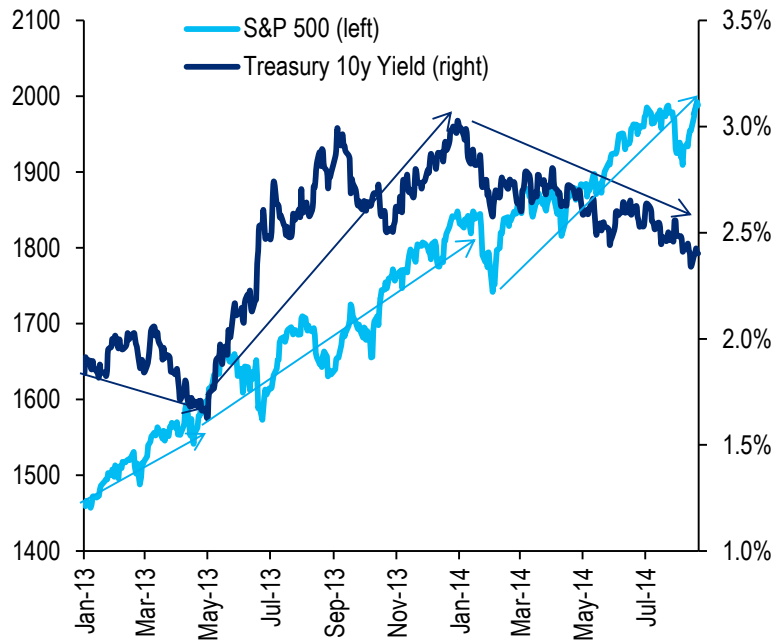


Source: Citi Research, Yield Book, Bloomberg, As of 8/31/2014

Can the Equity/Treasury Dichotomy Persist?

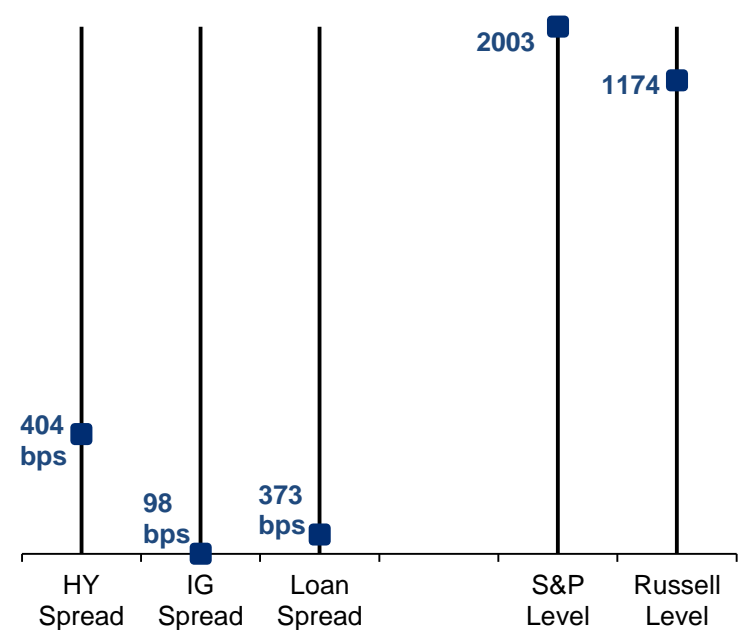
Treasury yields are at one-year lows while equity indices continue to reach new highs.

10-year vs. S&P 500



Source: Citi Research, Bloomberg

Credit Spreads Near Post-Crisis Low

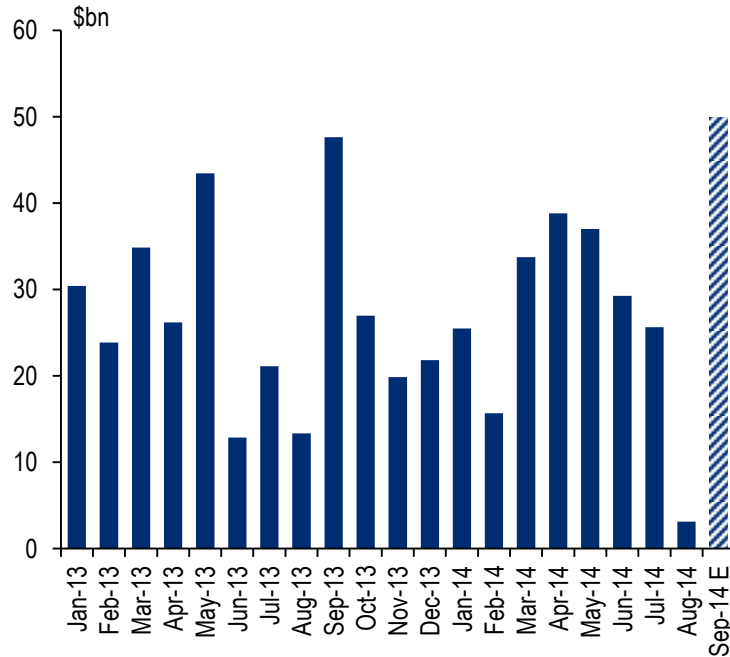


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Supply on The Rise

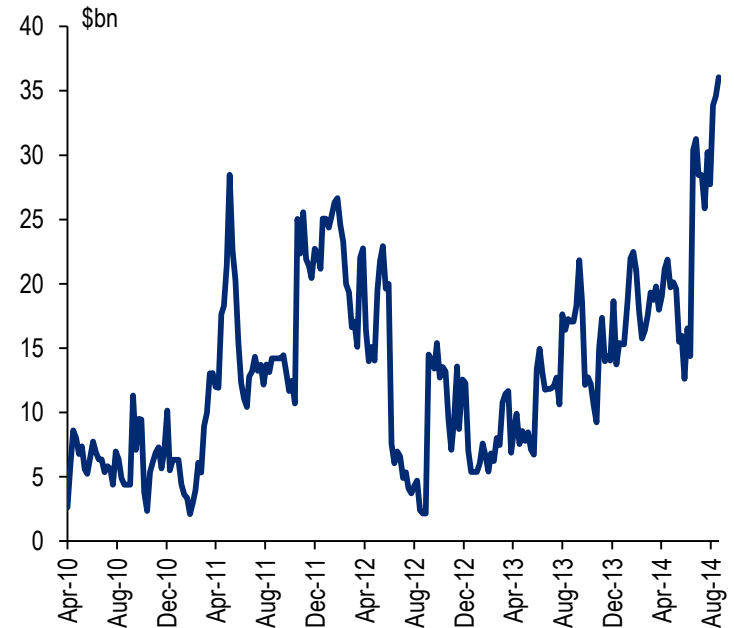
The high-yield pipeline hit a post-crisis high in August with M&A on the rise.

High Yield Issuance



Source: Citi Research, S&P LCD

High Yield Forward Pipeline

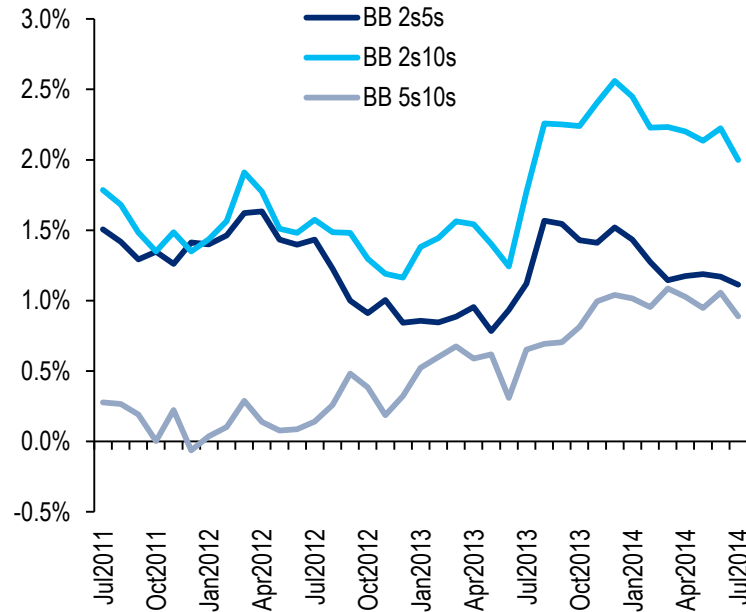


Source: Citi Research, S&P LCD

Watch the Yield Roll-down Trade Disappear

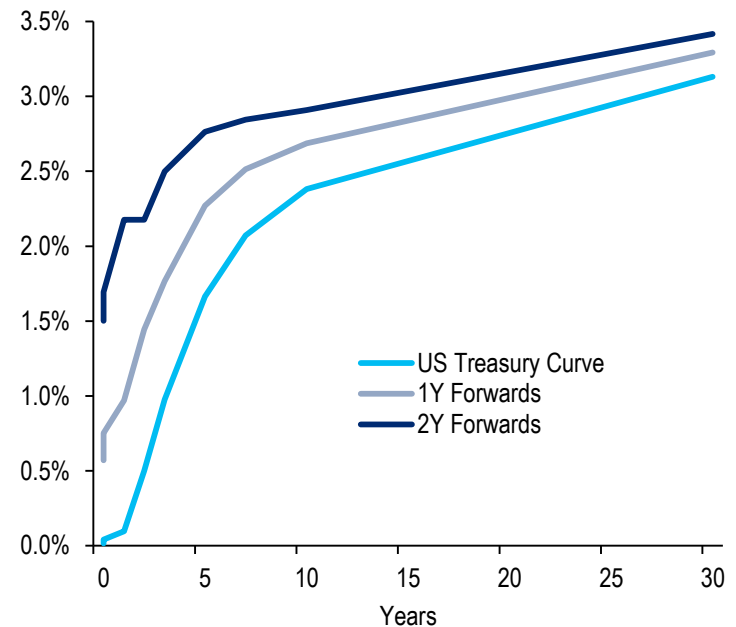
Roll-down has been a valuable source of performance for the market but the forward Treasury curve indicates a flatter environment.

Double-B Cash Curves



Source: Citi Research, Yield Book

Treasury Future Curves



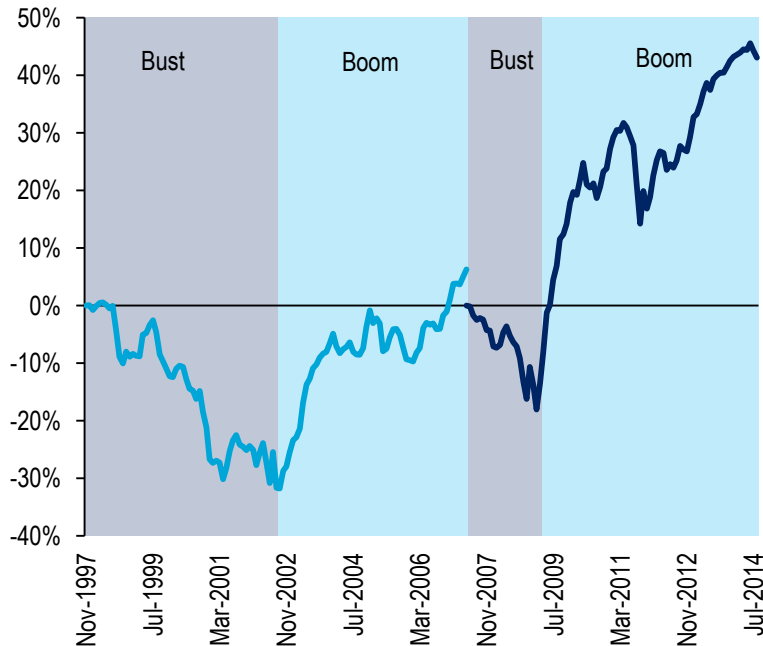
Source: Citi Research, Bloomberg

- With cash curves steep and yields depressed, roll-down has been a major contributor to total returns recently
- A flatter Treasury curve will affect short duration in two ways. First it should reduce demand for short-duration high yield. Second, unless spreads compress meaningfully, short HY bond yields should rise

We Remain Underweight Triple-C Bonds

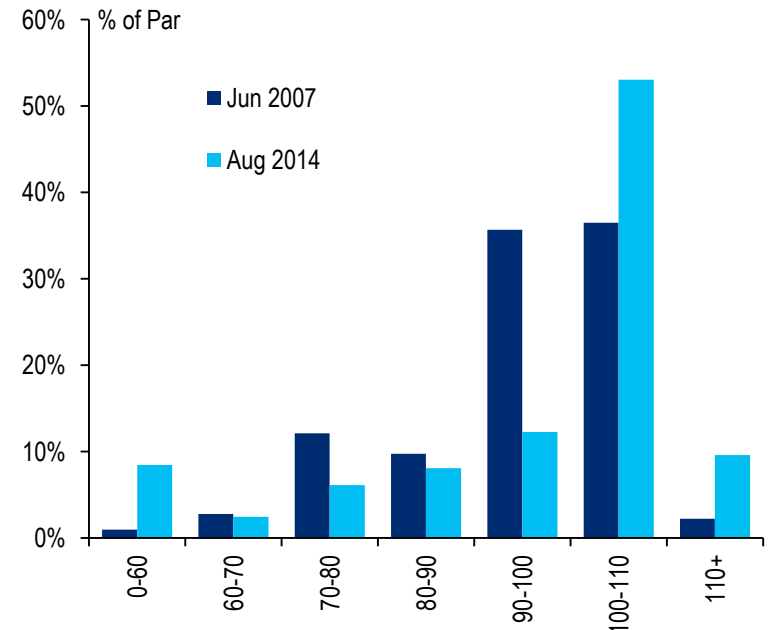
Triple-C paper have enjoyed a very good stretch over the past cycle. Further gains will be challenging.

Cyclical Cumulative Returns: CCC-Rated vs. HY



Source: Citi Research, Yield Book

Triple-C Price Distribution Now vs. 2007



Source: Citi Research, Yield Book

- Relative to prior cycles, the current cycle has seen triple-C bonds perform extremely well
- At this point, we are concerned about the price distribution in the category. Unlike the pre-crisis peak in June 2007, more than half of today's triple-C bonds are priced above par and susceptible to the potential for distress

We Remain Underweight Triple-C Bonds (*cont'd*)

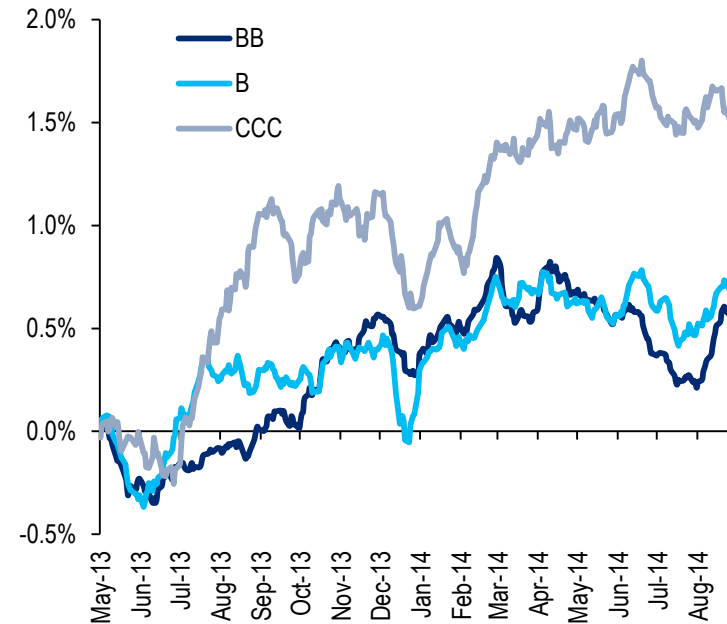
Valuations have compressed since we published “Time to Buy Triple-C’s” in September 2012.

Triple-C vs. Double-B Yield Differential



Source: Citi Research, Yield Book

Net Positioning by Credit Quality



Source: Citi Research, TRACE

- The spread between double-B and triple-C credits is near post-crisis tight
- Based on our estimate of TRACE volumes, we believe portfolios are long beta risk, triple-C paper being one way to express that view

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Summary of Credit Views

Below we summarize key credit views across our high yield and leveraged loan coverage universe.

| Sector | Bank Loan | High Coupon | Relative Value | Short Duration | Total Return | Sell |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Autos, A&D, Industrials, & Services | NAV L+450bp/1.25% 1st Lien TL B 2017 | BBDBCN 7.750% Sr Nts 2020 | FDC L+350bp/no floor 1st Lien TL B 2017 vs. FDC 7.375% Sec Nts 2019 | -- | ALGSCO 8.500% Sec Nts 2018 | -- |
| Chemicals & Homebuilders | -- | -- | TROX L+300bp/1.00% 1st Lien TL 2020 vs. TROX 6.375% Sr Nts 2020 | HXN 8.875% 1.5 Lien Nts 2018 | BRP 6.500% Sr Nts 2020 BRP 6.125% Sr Nts 2022 | CHMT 5.750% Sr Nts 2021 |
| Consumer Products | SVMSTR L+325bp/1.00% 1st Lien TL B 2021 | ARMAUT 9.25% Sr Notes 2018 | -- | SVMSTR 7.000% Sr Nts 2020 SVMSTR 8.000% Sr Nts 2020 | -- | RDEN 7.375% Sr Nts 2021 GUN 7.875% Sr Nts 2020 |
| Energy – Exploration & Production | EPENEG L+350/1.00% 2nd Lien TL B2 2019 EPENEG L+275/0.75% 2nd Lien TL B3 2018 | MHR 9.750% Sr Nts 2020 | -- | SD 8.750% Sr Nts 2020 | CHAPAR 7.625% Sr Nts 2022 | -- |

Summary of Credit Views (cont'd)

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| Sector | Bank Loan | High Coupon | Relative Value | Short Duration | Total Return | Sell |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Healthcare | DVA L+275bp/0.75% 1 st Lien TL B1 2021 IAS L+325/1.25% 1 st Lien TL B2 2018 | -- | -- | CYH 8.000% Sr Nts 2019 CYH 7.125% Sr Nts 2020 | CYH 6.875% Sr Nts 2022 | -- |
| Metals & Mining, Packaging | ACI L+500bp/1.25% 1 st Lien TL 2018 | -- | -- | APAM 7.750% Sr Nts 2018 | ANR 7.500% 2nd Lien Nts 2020 | -- |
| Retail & Gaming | RAD L+475/1.00% 2 nd Lien TL T1 2020 MGM L+250/1.00% 1 st Lien TL B 2019 | CLE 8.875% 2 nd Lien Nts 2019 BYD 9.000% Sr Nts 2020 | -- | PRTY 8.750% HoldCo Notes 2019 PNK 7.500% Sr Nts 2021 | BONT 8.000% 2 nd Lien Nts 2019 | JCG 7.750% HoldCo Nts 2019 TRIBAL 9.750% Sr Nts 2021 |
| Technology, Media, Telecom, Cable & Satellites | TIME L+325bp/1.00% 1 st Lien TL B 2021 | AMD 7.750% Sr Nts 2020 WIN 7.750% Sr Nts 2021 | FSL L+375bp/1.25% 1 st Lien TL B5 2021 Vs. FSL 5.000% Sr Sec Nts 2021 | -- | -- | -- |

Sector Outlook – Autos, Industrials, & Services

- **Aerospace:**

- Global passenger traffic grew 5.9% y-o-y through 1H14, supportive of improved aftermarket orders and commentary thus far in 2014; IATA predicts airlines are on track to record a profit of ~\$18bn in 2014 (on slightly improved margins)
- Boeing and Airbus maintain strong backlogs (7-8 years worth of revenues) and book-to-bill is likely to remain above 1x; Bombardier's CSeries entry-into-service target likely to be in focus (currently 2H15)

- **Autos:**

- North America light vehicle SAAR surged to 17.5mm units in August, up 5% y-o-y, representing the highest level since 2006; moreover, pricing remains strong (up 3% y-o-y in August); Citi sees 17mm+ SAAR through 2018 based on increased scrap rates
- European passenger car registrations improved off the lows, gaining 6.5% YTD (vs. 2013); China volumes up y-o-y, while India market remains flat
- Global auto suppliers are experiencing a resurgence of strategic M&A, with potential for further announcements in 2H14

- **Industrials:**

- ATA Truck Tonnage Index increased 1.5% in July to 130.5; the all-time high recorded in November 2013: 131.0
- In addition, robust freight volumes, and rising rates have helped continue the strong commercial vehicle order momentum throughout the seasonally slower summer months; August Class-8 orders up 30% y-o-y; YTD orders at ~350K SAAR; builds expected to remain above 275K through 2018
 - Medium duty (Class 5-7) net orders in August equated to SAAR of 207K, in-line with full-year forecasts
- European heavy truck registrations have increased 6% YTD, but overall growth mixed. Pre-buy associated with Euro-VI implementation more pronounced in UK (registrations down 27% YTD); medium duty registrations are up 2% YTD across Europe
- In construction, the recovery in developed markets is mixed, while emerging markets remain soft
 - NA demand for AWP's remains robust, which is offset by weak Crane demand (as noted by MTW & TEX)
 - European construction demand still below peak; Australia mining industry remains soft

- **Equipment Rentals:**

- Following years of declines, US non-residential recovery still in early innings of growth (7% y-o-y growth YTD; +8% anticipated in 2015)
- Strong fixed income investor appetite for rental paper spilling over into equity markets as sponsors assess exit timing (Neff Rental filed S-1 in Sep 2014); meanwhile, industry consolidation remains topical, especially among the regional players
- HERC spin-off potentially delayed beyond 1Q15 owing to recent accounting & operational challenges (\$2.5bn of new debt anticipated at HERC)

- **Payments:**

- US consumer confidence near pre-crisis highs owing to various factors including surging stock market, rising home prices, and improving job market
- Strategic activity to remain topical following Fleetcor's \$3.5bn acquisition of Comdata (12x multiple) and FDC's \$3.5bn equity infusion (11.7x multiple)

Credit Views – Autos, Industrials, & Services

| | Issue | Rating | Moody's / S&P | Net Leverage | Offer Side Price / YTW | Citi View |
|----------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|---|
| Bank Loan | Navistar (NAV) L+450bp/1.25% 1 st Lien TL B 2017 | Buy | B/Ba3 | NM | 101.000/5.37% ^(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal 3Q results beat expectations (EBITDA of \$133mm vs. loss of \$74mm in prior-year-quarter) Commercial truck industry outperforming expectations buoyed by increasing freight and higher pricing, high used truck prices, and replacement demand; YTD Class-8 SAAR at 336K rate \$1bn cash balance provides sufficient liquidity cushion as company continues operational turnaround 101 hard call protection in place until 04/02/15 NAV 2017 TL attractive vs. Goodyear L+375bp 2nd Lien TL due 2019 (trading above par, call protection expired) |
| High Coupon | Bombardier (BBDBCN) 7.750% Sr Nts 2020 | Neutral | Ba3/BB- | 4.3x | 111.000/5.41% ^(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBDBCN notes cheap vs. HY aerospace names; 7.75% notes offer 90bp incremental yield vs. BB-rated Index and 10bp vs. B-rated index Adequate liquidity: \$3.9bn as of 2Q (including \$2.5bn of cash) 2Q results exceeded expectations (especially on EBITDA and FCF); FY14 guidance affirmed C-Series EIS¹ target remains 2H15; management confirmed FTV-2¹ flight testing to resume in September 2014 |
| Relative Value | First Data (FDC) L+350bp/no floor 1 st Lien TL B 2017 vs. 7.375% Sec Nts 2019 | Buy Neutral | B1/BB- B1/BB- | 4.5x 4.5x | 99.625/4.62% ^(a) 106.125/3.80% ^(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 term loans trade below par, yielding 4.62% on swapped basis and 3.88% unadjusted (offer side); attractive relative to Neutral rated 7.375% 1st lien bonds (2019), yielding 3.80% (bid side) Solid 1H14 results: EBITDA up 13% y-o-y (on 350bp margin gain); driven by cost saving initiatives & volume growth \$3.5bn equity raise in July 2014 reflects 12x valuation; provides FDC with flexibility to delever and pursue strategic investments |
| Total Return | Algeco Scotsman (ALGSCO) 8.500% Sec Nts 2018 | Buy | B2/B | 5.2x | 104.750/6.77% ^(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALGSCO notes offer the highest yields within rental coverage universe; 8.5% notes are 150bp cheap vs. the Citi B rated Index & 4½ points below April 2014 highs 2Q results exceeded expectations (on revenue, EBITDA & FCF) owing to strength in modular spacing and core regional markets; 2H14 guidance better vs. market projections Adequate asset coverage: 2nd lien priority (after ABL) on substantially all assets; Citi estimates 4Q15 secured leverage at 4.9x ALGSCO 10.75% senior notes (YTW 10.5%) also attractive |

Source: Citi Research; Pricing Levels as of Sep 4, 2014.

(1) EIS = Entry-into-service; FTV-2 = Flight test vehicle 2

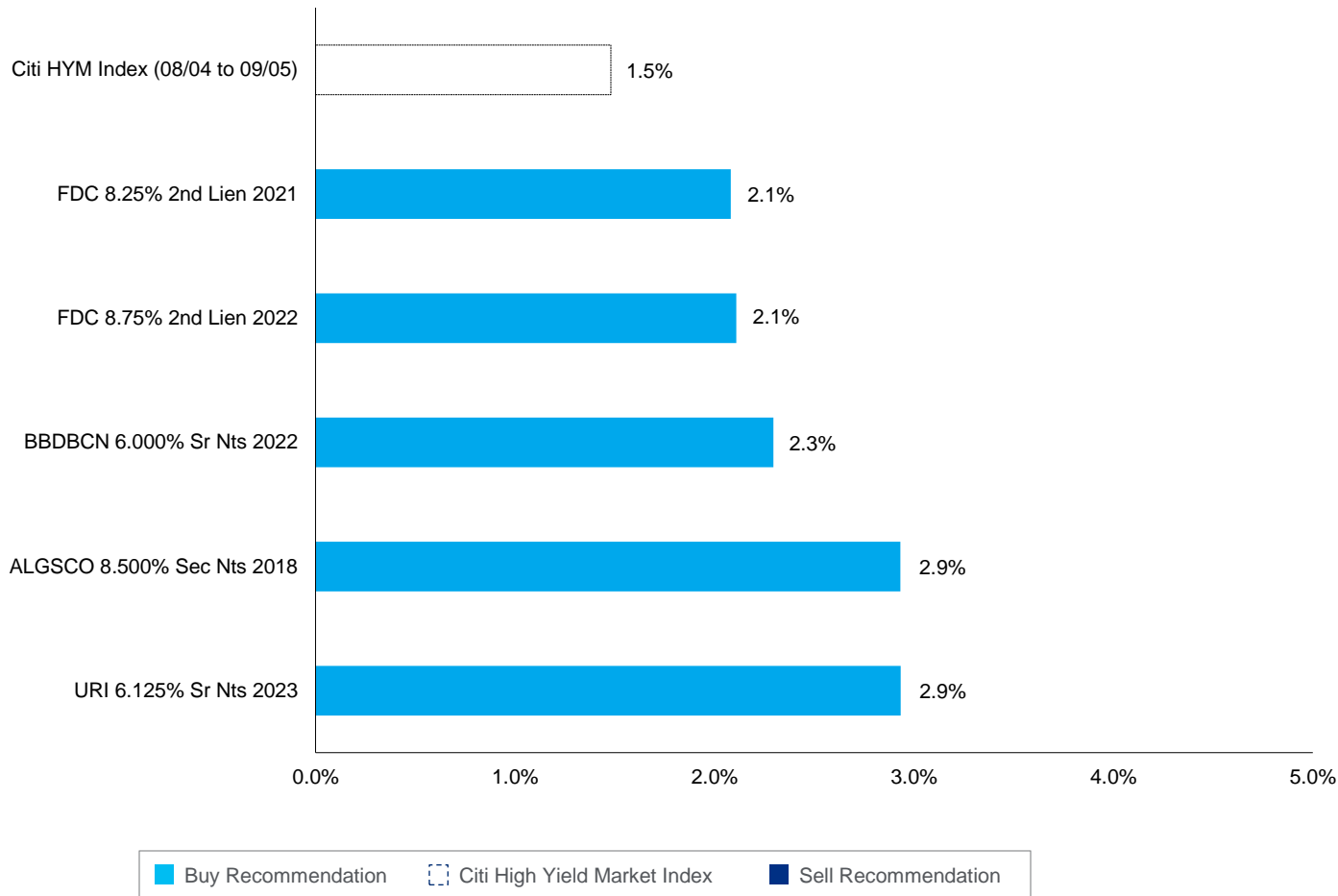
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Sector Outlook – Chemical

- **Demand to Improve**

- Citi economists forecast global GDP growth of 2.8% (3.3% at beginning of year) and 3.4% in 2014 & 2015 respectively vs. 2.5% in 2013
- Global GDP growth had fallen for 3 consecutive years since breaking 4% in 2010
- Chemical revenue has historically grown at a multiple of GDP (closer to 1.0x in developed markets & 2.0x in developing markets)

- **Product Specific Highlights**

- **Bromine:** Supply additions combined with demand headwinds drive challenging fundamental outlook
 - Key HY player: CHMT
- **Chlor-Alkali:** Impact of housing rebound, low-cost natural gas, closures not enough to offset supply additions
 - Key HY players: AXLL and OLN
- **Epoxy Resins:** Expect new capacity in Asia to weigh on major players (HUN & HXN, note epoxy is a larger % of HXN sales)
- **Lithium:** Secular growth story driven by increased use of lithium batteries in portable devices and hybrid vehicles (ROC)
- **Silicones:** Recovery to be pushed out as supply additions outweigh demand gains, which are limited by less robust growth in China
- **Titanium Dioxide (TiO₂):** Price recovery may be delayed as DD may look to maximize volumes ahead of mid-2015 spin
 - Key HY players: HUN, ROC and TROX

- **IG Ratings Potential**

- Multiple companies may attain IG ratings over the medium term (2014-16) (i.e. ASH, CE, NCX and ROC)

- **M&A**

- Expect more M&A as companies seek to sell non-core assets while others act as consolidators (i.e. TROX)

Sector Outlook – Homebuilding

- **Recovery Still Intact**
 - LT housing recovery continues to have strong footing driven by reduced supply, employment growth and low rates
- **Price Increases to Slow**
 - We expect price increases to be less robust in 2014 (mid-single digits) as affordability is pressured by 2013 price increases
- **Order Growth Slowing**
 - Order growth will be less robust than the past couple of years
- **Higher Lot Prices to Filter Through**
 - Builders who have bought more land recently (as % of total) at risk of more extreme margin compression
- **Gross Margins**
 - Decelerating ASP growth combined with higher costs (land and labor) could pressure margins
- **Land Risk Up**
 - HBs have had to buy more raw land due to lack of finished lots and reduced ability to option lots
- **Raising Capital**
 - Expect continued capital raises (debt & equity) as builders seek to expand balance sheets
- **M&A**
 - M&A risk up as borrowing costs remain extremely low and builders look to enter new areas and build scale in existing geographies

Credit Views – Chemicals & Homebuilding

| | Issue | Rating | Moody's / S&P | Net Leverage | Offer Side Price / YTW | Citi View |
|--------------------------------|---|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Relative Value | Tronox (TROX) L+300bp/1.00% 1 st Lien TL 2020 | Buy | Ba2/BB- | 0.4x | 100.250/3.95% ^(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good yield for highly rated TL with almost 0x net leverage • 101 call protection until Apr-15 • Prefer TL to Sell-rated unsecured notes due 2020 (B2/BB-), which are offered at ~\$103.5 for a yield of just 5.37% and carry 2.4x turns more net leverage |
| | Tronox (TROX) 6.375% Sr Nts 2020 | Sell | B2/BB- | 2.8x | 102.500/5.66% ^(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated M&A risk is a concern • Permitted Liens in bonds governed by 2.0x net secured leverage ratio |
| Short Duration/ High Coupon | Momentive Specialty (HXN) 8.875% 1.5 Lien Nts 2018 | Buy | Caa1/CCC+ | 6.2x | 104.125/5.63% ^(a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortest maturity in HXN capital structure • Callable currently at 104.438; steps down to 102.958 in Feb-15 |
| Total Return | Brookfield Residential Properties (BRP) 6.500% Sr Nts 2020 6.125% Sr Nts 2022 | Buy Buy | B2/BB- B2/BB- | 4.2x 4.2x | 106.750/4.70% 104.250/5.26% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRP generates superior margins, has the support of a large investment grade parent (BAM; Baa2/A-), and double the land supply of its nearest public peer. See initiation: We're Down with BRP - Initiating with an Overweight • BRP 20s YTM is 10bp > Neutral rated KBH 20s (B2/B) which trade at a higher dollar price (\$114) and has higher leverage and lower margins • BRP 22s YTW is 60bps > Citi HY HB index; YTM is 100bp > than neutral-rated DHI 22s (Ba1/BB) |
| Sell | Chemtura (CHMT) 5.750% Sr Nts 2021 | Sell | B1/BB- | 1.9x | 103.000/5.04% ^(b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonds up 4 points since Dec-13 despite weaker credit profile post asset sales • Increased event risk (M&A or reward shareholders) • Bonds have limited covenant protection • Fundamental headwinds in bromine; head of IEP division recently resigned after posting weaker than expected 1H14 results |

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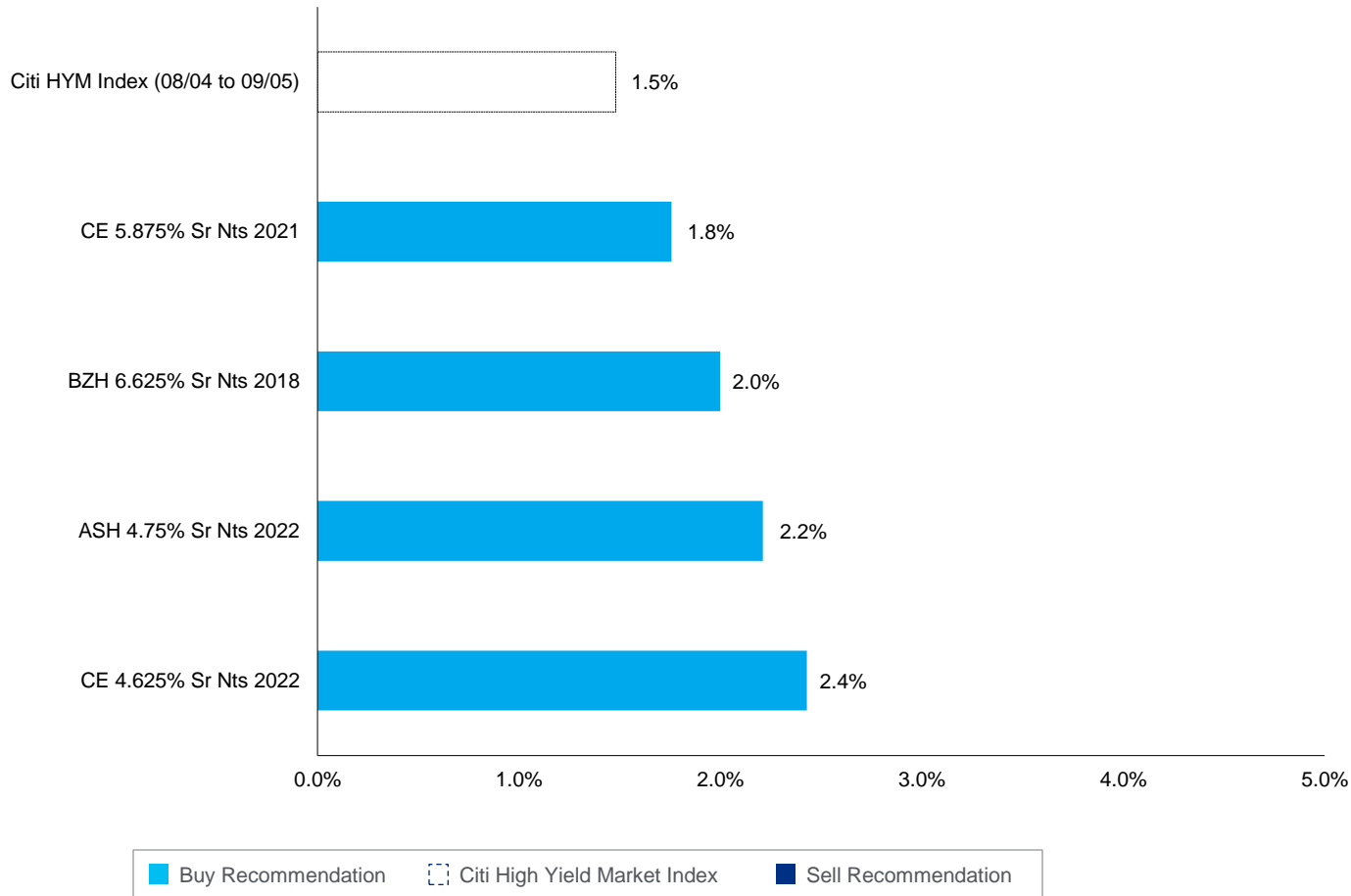
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Sector Outlook – Consumer Products

- **Economic Indicators**

- Consumer indicators remain generally favorable with consumer confidence at or near multi-year highs, unemployment and jobless claims largely trending lower, and still positive y-o-y improvements in personal income and spending
 - Strong equity and housing prices likely buoying spending outlook, particularly for higher income channels and higher-ticket items
- Consumer spending continues to tilt towards durables versus non-durables

- **Key Themes**

- Destocking: Muted spending on household and personal care products, combined with channel shifts, have led most retailers to deploy aggressive inventory management policies; JAH, SPB, GUN, and RDEN have highlighted this impact on recent results (even in cases where their product lines performed well)
- Competition: Unable to meaningfully grow the pie, consumer good companies are leaning more heavily on innovation, advertising, and promotional investments to capture share from competitors
 - This activity is most clearly visible in laundry care, where PG (Tide) and CHD (Arm & Hammer) have launched products in each others key price segments and have responded to heavy discounting by smaller players (Henkel & SUNPRD)
- M&A: The frenetic pace of acquisition activity which defined late '13 and most of '14 has subsided in recent months
 - Companies are a bit more focused on tuck-ins and on integrating recent larger deals
 - Valuations and some companies reaching peak leverage levels has likely impacted transactions
 - Nonetheless, we believe most management teams remain open to further deals and that debt financing remains the preferred funding tool (note PBH's recent acquisition of Insight and HRG's recent offer for CENT)
- Bifurcation: While consumer are value-conscious at all price points, several companies have cited improved spending at higher ticket levels (e.g., JAH, TPX)
- Weather: Like last year, late break to spring/summer but then seasonal weather could allow clear down of inventories; also long winter could position winter sports (JAH) for good/early sell-in

- **Sector Preferences**

- We would remain biased to housing/auto related goods (lawn/garden/pest, mattress, auto care) and less exposed to general household, personal care, beauty (fragrances) and sporting goods (firearms) at least until more definitive signs of lower promotional environment and clearing of excess inventories

Credit Views – Consumer Products

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| Bank Loan | The ServiceMaster Company (SVMSTR) L+325bp/1.00% 1st Lien TL B 2021 | Buy | B2/B+ | 3.3x | 99.250/4.37% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading market positions in high margin/retention pest control, home warranty, and franchised cleaning/restoration businesses; with stable performance and accretive tuck-in acquisitions Strong 2Q performance and FY14 guidance, driven by pricing and acquisitions Can issue bank debt to call bonds in '15; but governed by \$450mm or 4.25x leverage; soft call protection for one year; 50bp MFN for life |
| High Coupon | Armored Autogroup (ARMAUT) 9.25% Sr Notes 2018 | Buy | Caa2/CCC | 6.8x | 104.250/7.00% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although lev is high, sponsors recently purchased IDQHLD and indicated that a combination of the businesses could reduce PF leverage to high 5x; 2Q earnings reported strong for both companies Bondholders have strong incurrence covenants, and sponsors have tipped hand regarding desire to combine businesses to maximize interest savings on refi of expensive IDQHLD debt While sponsors shelved refi plans after bondholders (appropriately) balked at consent to release covenants, they could consider a refi of both IDQ and ARMAUT when bonds are callable this fall |
| Short Duration | ServiceMaster (SVMSTR) 7.000% Sr Nts 2020 8.000% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy Buy | Caa1/CCC+ Caa1/CCC+ | 5.8x | 107.000/4.80% 107.625/3.93% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We project FCF >\$200mm in '14, with only ½ yr of IPO deleveraging benefit; management says committed to using FCF for debt reduction Expect leverage reduction of around 2x this year from high 7x to high 5x area; bulk already completed with the recent IPO 8% Notes are most expensive debt in structure, callable in February '15; 7s callable in August '15 |
| Sell | Elizabeth Arden (RDEN) 7.375% Sr Nts 2021 FGI Operating Co (GUN) 7.875% Sr Nts 2020 | Sell Sell | B2/BB- B/B- | 7.8x 5.5x | 94.500/8.49% 105.750/6.08% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could see additional \$5-7 correction to reach fair value (9-10% YTW) like other holiday-sensitive and/or fashion-oriented credits Far worse than expected 4Q results. Executing long-term turnaround strategy in challenging environment with high lev and minimal FCF Near-term normalization of demand following '13 surge combined with elevated cash outflows (restructuring, capex, product recall, class action settlement) likely to result in high leverage over medium term Loan more attractive relative to bond, which only yields an extra 75bp for 1.7 turns of additional leverage |

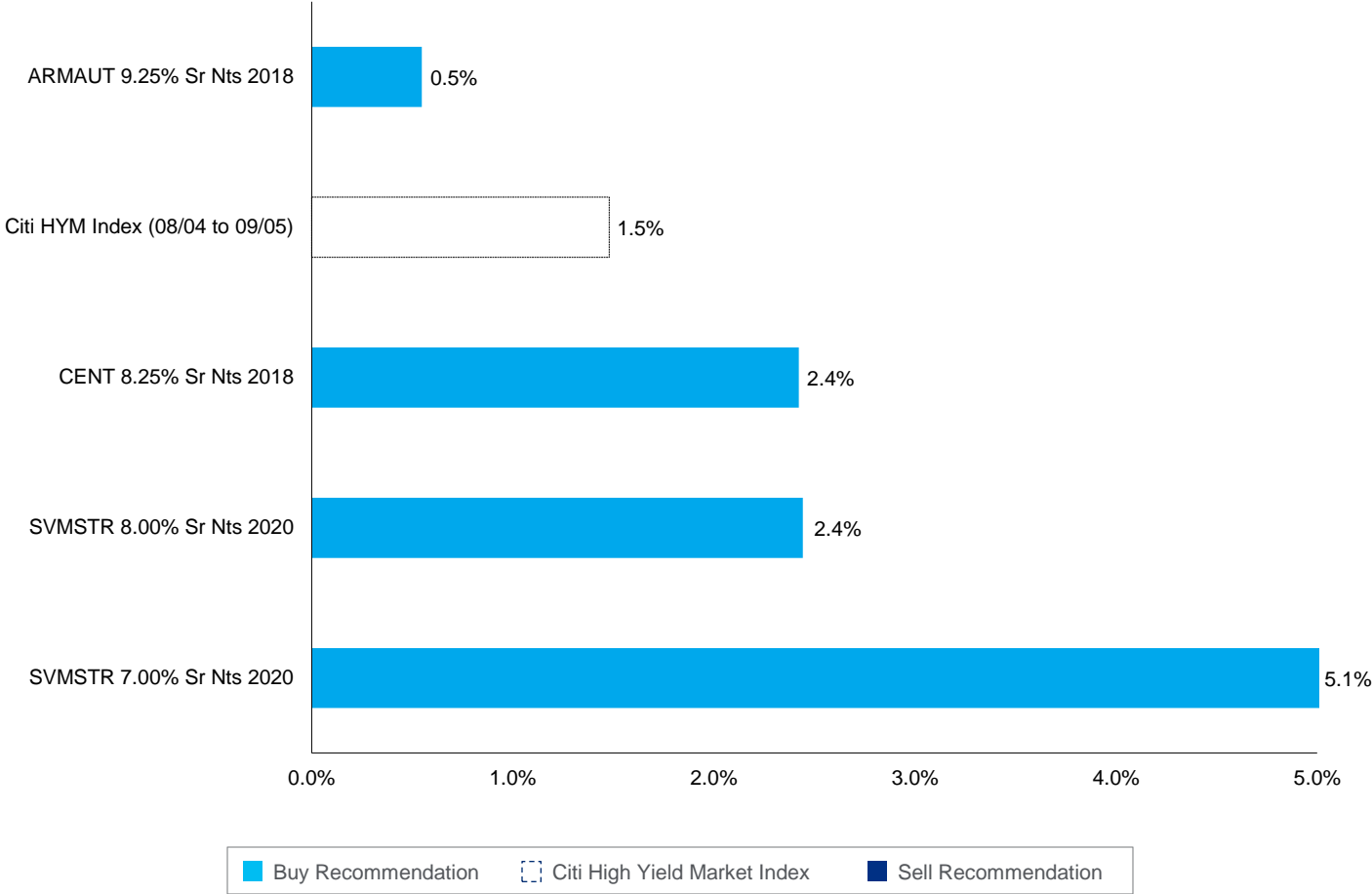
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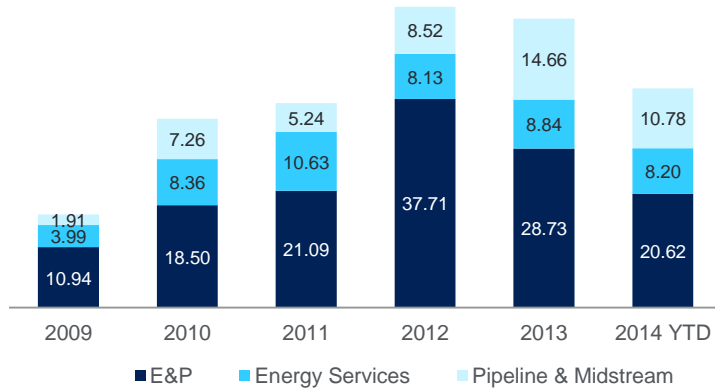
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Sector Outlook – Energy

2014 YTD Energy Bond New Issue* (\$ in Billions)



Best & Worst Performers – YTD**

| Industry | Issue | Return | Industry | Issue | Return |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Energy | ROCKIE 5.625% Sr. Nts. 2020 | +23.8% | Energy | KWK 9.125% Sr. Nts. 2019 | -11.6% |
| | CLLCN 8.5% 2nd Lien Nts. 2019 | +23.4% | | RAMGEN 12.5% Sr. Nts. 2019 | -15.6% |
| | SIDDR1 9.75% Sr. Nts. 2019 | +21.5% | | KWK 11.00% Sr. Nts. 2015 | -16.3% |
| | ROCKIE 6.00% Sr. Nts. 2019 | +19.1% | | KWK 7.125% Sr. Sub. Nts. 2016 | -30.0% |
| | QRE 9.25% Sr. Nts. 2020 | +16.5% | | END 12.00% 2nd Lien Nts. 2018 | -47.9% |

Sector Takeaways & Outlook

• M&A:

- The M&A environment has been active recently as companies focus on enhancing core areas either through non-core asset divestitures or acquisitions in core areas
- We saw significant acreage or company acquisitions from BBEP, WLL, RICE, LINE, and EPENEG among others

• Pricing:

- After the high NGL price realizations seen in 1Q14, which benefitted from weather, 2Q14 realizations dropped due to lower ethane, butane and propane prices. We expect the unfavorable NGL pricing environment to continue during 2H14
- Realized oil pricing was higher sequentially (\$91.07 vs. \$90.21 in 1Q) while gas was lower (\$4.51 vs. \$5.09)

• New Issue:

- Energy new issue has been strong so far in 2014, with \$39.6BN of bond issuance through August 2014 vs. \$35.3BN through August 2013
- Loan issuance has been \$17.2BN vs. \$19.1BN y-o-y
- We have already seen Energy issuance begin to ramp up in September and expect this to continue

Credit Views – Energy

| | Issue | Rating | Moody's / S&P | Net Leverage | Offer Side Price / YTW | Citi View |
|--------------------|--|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Bank Loan | EPENEG L+350/1.00% 2 nd Lien TL B2 2019 L+275/0.75% 2 nd Lien TL B3 2018 | Buy Buy | Ba3 / B+ Ba3 / B+ | 3.3x | 100.625/4.35% 99.625/3.60% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal refinancing risk as all-in coupon (margin+floor) of 4.5% (B2) and 3.5% (B3) is low compared to other second lien covenant-lite loans in the E&P space but YTM is attractive for secured paper. EP Energy has attractively located acreage and recently increased their outlook. They are also transitioning into a higher oil percentage for production Potential refinancing of higher coupon bonds would reduce overall cost of debt for the company Secured debt asset coverage of 4.6x (based on YE 2013 PV-10 of \$8.93BN). Company has maintained ~\$2.0BN of liquidity over the past six quarters |
| High Coupon | Magnum Hunter Resources (MHR) 9.750% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy | Caa1 / CCC | 5.0x | 108.750/6.92% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We believe that MHR may tender for the Notes given the high coupon and long time until first call (May 2016). Assuming they exercise the equity claw the blended tender price is \$114.072 at December 15, 2014. This represents an annualized total return of 26.6% and a return of 7.2% in 3.5 months We believe that the company may sell their Bakken assets, which would transition them into a pure play Appalachian company Additional upside could come from the monetization of Eureka Hunter Pipeline in 2015 MHR expects to report results from their Stewart Winland wells this month, which should be encouraging given the production rates from their other wells |

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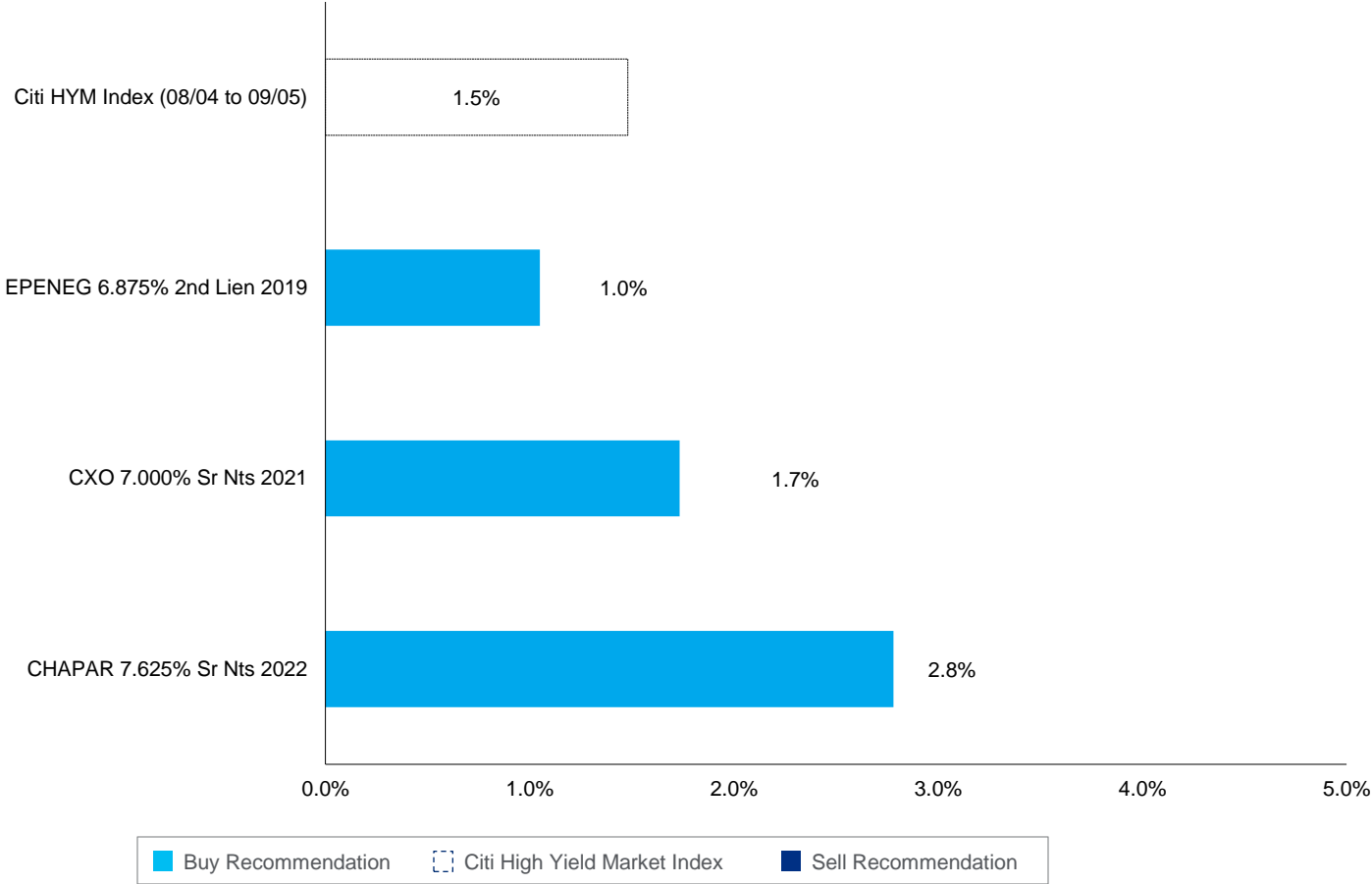
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|-----------------------|---|--------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Short Duration | SandRidge Energy (SD) 8.750% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy | B2/ B- | 2.5x | 106.000/3.83% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SD is focused on driving efficiencies, lowering costs and aiming for leverage below 3.0x (currently at 3.5x). They should be able to sustain production growth and there is still upside remaining in the bonds. SD reduced 2014 production guidance by ~1.1MMBoe due to deferment issues that could be made up in 2015. Ample liquidity of over \$1.6BN at end of 2Q14 and potentially could monetize their saltwater disposal system. Notes callable in January 15, 2015 (at \$104.375) |
| Total Return | Chaparral Energy (CHAPAR) 7.625% Sr Nts 2022 | Buy | B3/B- | 3.4x | 108.000/5.70% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notes have recovered most of the price drop since the late June/ July market sell-off However even if the notes were to recover to \$108.5, the price pre-sell off, investors would get a return of 2.9% by year-end (annualized return of 8.5%) CHAPAR has been selling non-core assets to focus on their Mid-Continent operations and their tertiary recovery operations provide stable cash flows to complement their horizontal drilling. Company also has the potential to IPO |

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Sector Outlook – Gaming

- **Credit Fundamentals to Remain Broadly Stable in 2014**

- We expect high yield gaming credit fundamentals to remain largely stable in 2014, with our sector average leverage ending the year at 6.4x, flat vs. FY13
- We expect some issuers to have deteriorating credit profiles including MTR Gaming Group (MNTG), Penn National Gaming (PENN) and Mohegan Tribal Gaming (TRIBAL)
- Issuers with improving credit profiles are those benefitting from more favorable gaming industry fundamentals for those with Las Vegas and Macau exposure (I.e. BYD, MGM, STACAS) or benefitting from the flow through of acquisition synergies (PNK)
- Average leverage across our universe has been somewhat stable since the end of FY12, after ticking up over a half-turn as a result of industry consolidation (BYD in FY12 and PNK in FY13) and debt-funded growth (WYNN)

- **Destination Markets Continue to Outperform, New Supply and Competition Weigh on Regionals**

- The commercial casino market generated \$37.7bn in gaming revenue in 2013 up 1.0% vs. 2012
- The y-o-y increase was primarily due to the addition of new capacity, which in nearly every major market cannibalized existing gaming revenues (the largest y-o-y increases were in Ohio (+155.7%), Maryland (+98.2%)
- Of the remaining 21 states with commercial casinos in the US, 13 experienced revenue declines
- Las Vegas, one of the only true destination markets in the US, and the largest measured by gaming spend, has outperformed with continued positive revenue growth
- Atlantic City has been one of the worst performers impacted by increased capacity, weather, and its inability to attract destination gamers, resulting in four announced closures
- Themes in 2Q included ongoing weakness at the low end, relative strength in VIP / higher-end play, lower trip frequencies, and ongoing shift in preference for non-gaming amenities

- **Relative Value Tight vs. Broader Market; Focus on Higher Quality Names; Those with Catalysts**

- Sector Yield Tight vs. Broader Indices; Underperforms YTD: The Gaming sector trades 40bp inside the HY market at a YTW of 5.0% when stripping out Caesars, Lodging and Leisure names from the index. Total return performance has been lackluster YTD, underperforming the broader HY market by nearly 80bp
- New Supply, Refi Activity Could Dampen Demand for Secondary: Large gaming new issue currently in-market (Scientific Games) and issuers with refi candidates in the next twelve months (BYD, MTR, PNK, ISLE, STACAS) could dampen interest in secondary trading for the balance of 2014
- Equity Market Valuations Lend Support to Credit Markets: Our high yield gaming universe is supported by nearly three turns of equity cushion, with an average EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.5x based on our FY14 estimates. Sector multiples have expanded as the S&P 500 Gaming and Leisure subsector trades at a forward EV/EBITDA multiple of 12.8x, up from 11.4x at FY13 and vs. the 10-year average of 9.5x

Credit Views – Gaming

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| Bank Loan | MGM Resorts (MGM) L+250/1.00% 1 st Lien TL B 2019 | Buy | Ba2/BB | 1.5x/5.4x | 100.000/3.50% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loans provide very attractive value vs. the 8.625% Sr. Notes due 2019 (YTW 4.0%): Nearly 4x leverage differential leverage for just 50bp less yield MGM is one of the most diversified, free cash flow generative gaming operators in our universe that continues to benefit from favorable Macau and Las Vegas fundamentals vs. regional gaming peers Numerous development initiatives underway including the MGM National harbor in Maryland, improvements to the Bellagio and re-banding of THEhotel into a Delano, and potential in Springfield, MA license present upside to earnings. |
| High Coupon | Boyd Gaming (BYD) 9.000% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy | B3/CCC+ | 7.0x | \$108.500/6.33% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We estimate Boyd will generate over \$170mm of basic free cash flow in 2014, that we anticipate will be used to further delever the balance sheet We believe the company will take advantage of near-term call dates for the Borgata and Peninsula bonds and in December 2014 for the Boyd 9.125% bonds. We think these transactions could save the company upwards of \$40mm in annual interest |
| Short Duration | Pinnacle Entertainment (PNK) 7.500% Sr Nts 2021 | Buy | B2/B+ | 7.3x | 107.750/3.67% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We prefer the 7.5% Sr. Notes trading YTC vs. the 8.75% Sub Notes at a YTC of 2.9% despite our view they will be refinanced together We are Overweight PNK given deleveraging prospects in 2014, disciplined balance sheet approach and newer projects online that will help offset upcoming competitive pressures |
| Sell | Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority (TRIBAL) 9.750% Sr Nts 2021 | Sell | B3/CCC | 6.3x | 107.000/8.00% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIBAL generates over 80% of its EBITDA from one property, Mohegan Sun, that has felt both secular and competitive pressures in recent quarters. Potential upcoming competition in Mass and New York, uncertainty as to whether they will win the Boston license, and a series of stub maturities in the next couple of years keep us cautious At an 8.0% YTW, we think investors are being asked to take on outsized risk for the compensation offered. We'd rather earn less in credits with positive catalysts and better business diversification that will still allow us to outperform the market (I.e. Boyd 9.0% Notes '20) |

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Sector Outlook – Healthcare

- **Hospitals/Acute Care & Regulatory Updates**

- Investor Sentiment Remains Bullish on the Hospital Sector
 - ACA contributions continue to support fundamentals
 - EV multiples continue to trade at peak levels in the backdrop of an improving macro-economy, lower levels of uninsured (particularly in Medicaid expansion states) and recovering inpatient and surgical volumes
- Credit Markets Remain Open
 - Markets remain open for investors looking to go long hospital risk
 - Paltry yields remain particularly vexing for investors as issuers who continue to take advantage of market conditions from addressing maturing capital structures (LifePoint), refinancing high coupon debt (Tenet) and engaging in wholesale recapitalizations (UHS)
- Upbeat Guidance
 - Against the backdrop of a strong operating quarter, most companies either raised or were cautiously optimistic on guidance for 2H14. ACA related contributions to EBITDA for the quarter surpassed expectations as uninsured volumes declined and Medicaid admissions grew
 - While 3Q is expected to be a seasonally slower quarter, most companies are generally upbeat for 2H14
- Fundamentals Will Continue to Drive the Sector
 - Fundamentals will continue to perform particularly as the ACA continues to take hold
 - We maintain our thesis that more states will expand Medicaid post-midterms and that volume related tailwinds will persist. We note the next open enrollment period runs from November 15th, 2014 to February 15th, 2015
- Clear Regulatory Runway; Congress Focused on Midterms
 - Most regulatory proposals have been addressed earlier in the year, and final pricing on acute and post-acute care services for the upcoming year has already been set by CMS. Congress is now squarely focused on the midterm elections

Credit Views – Healthcare

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|-----------------------|--|------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Bank Loan | DaVita Healthcare Partners (DVA) L+275bp/0.75% 1 st Lien TL B1 2021 | Buy | Ba1/BB | 1.3x | 99.625/3.56% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attractive relative value to 5.750% Senior Notes due 2022; Give up 40bps in yield but reduce leverage by 1.8x 101 call protection through December 2014 Leading market position, stable cash flows and low capex requirements While we acknowledge that the company may increase its secured leverage should it call its 6.625% Senior Notes due 2020 (a scenario we view as likely) we believe this has largely been priced in |
| Bank Loan | Iasis Healthcare (IAS) L+325/1.25% 1 st Lien TL B2 2018 | Buy | Ba3/B | 2.7x | 100.000/4.50% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest yielding loan in our coverage universe Attractive as a short-term loan as investors continue to view global refinancing as main catalyst Strong asset coverage through the secured level Growth in HealthChoice business diversifies revenue base and positions the company to take advantage of ACA related growth in the longer term |
| Short Duration | Community Health Systems (CYH) 8.000% Sr Nts 2019 7.125% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy Buy | B3/B- B3/B- | 6.0x (PF) 6.0x (PF) | 108.750/3.70% 108.250/4.10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8% notes are callable on 11/15/2015 and 7.125% notes are callable on 7/15/2016. We believe the company will look to refinance these notes at first call given their high coupons and management's track record as a serial refiner in both the bank and bond markets. |
| Total Return | Community Health Systems (CYH) 6.875% Sr Nts 2022 | Buy | B3/B- | 6.0x (PF) | 106.000/5.57% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robust fundamentals will continue to drive the sector Strong presence in Pennsylvania is a meaningful catalyst in light of the state's recent decision to expand Medicaid. Approximately 11% of the company's bed count and 13% of the company's top line is generated from Pennsylvania; we anticipate ~40bp spread tightening over 12-18 months HMA integration remains on track with management raising its synergy estimates from \$200mm to \$250mm over two years |

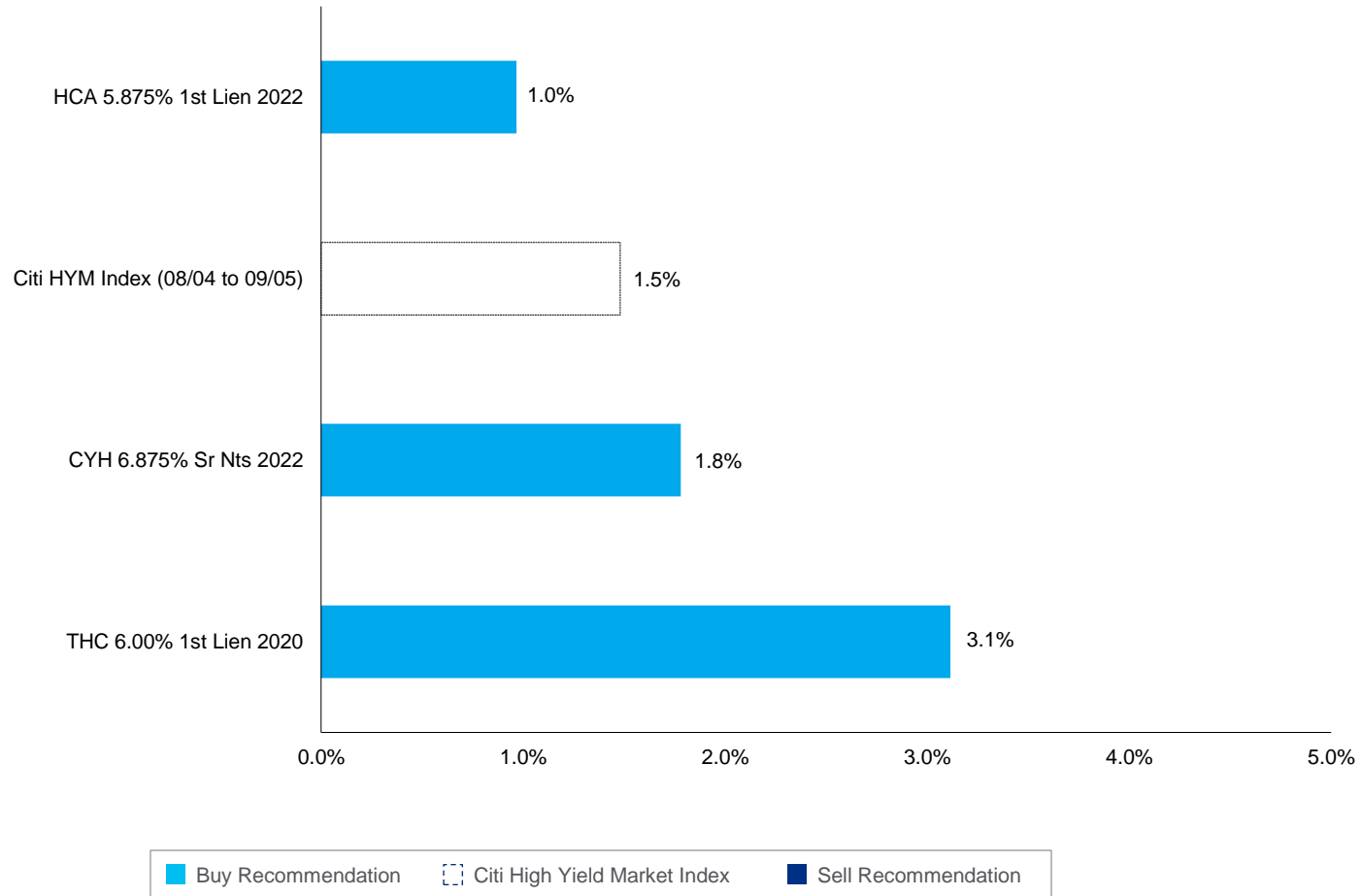
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Sector Outlook – Metals & Mining

- **Coal**

- We expect met and thermal fundamentals to remain challenged during 2H14
- Though there have been ~20mm tonnes of announced met production cuts thus far in 2014, we think more needs to be taken out. We expect met prices to remain low - the 4Q met benchmark should be in the mid \$120's/tonne, up modestly from \$120/tonne in 3Q14
- Though thermal coal inventories have declined meaningfully, we think lower natural gas prices and rail service issues should prevent notable improvement in prices during 2H. We continue to think that the PRB will be better positioned when rail issues are resolved early in 2015
- We expect coal producers to continue focusing on reducing costs and keeping capex at reduced levels

- **Steel**

- Steel producers should benefit from an improving domestic economy, led by a strong auto market and a slowly improving construction environment
- However, we do not expect sustained improvement in steel prices until demand grows more notably
- Steel prices should continue to exhibit mini price cycle behavior we have seen over the last several years
- Focus in the high yield steel space during 2H will be on the two large acquisitions announced several weeks ago

- **Iron ore**

- We continue to expect iron ore to be oversupplied during 2H due to a significant increase in seaborne supply out of Australia and Brazil, which should easily outpace demand growth
- Iron ore prices have fallen throughout 2014, reaching \$87/tonne recently, down from \$103 during 2Q, and a 2013 average of ~\$135

- **Packaging**

- We expect packaging demand to be relatively stable in 2H
- EBITDA and cash flow generation should remain strong for the more established packagers like BLL, SEE, and OI
- We expect to hear more from Reynolds as it explores strategic alternatives for three of its businesses

Credit Views – Metals & Mining

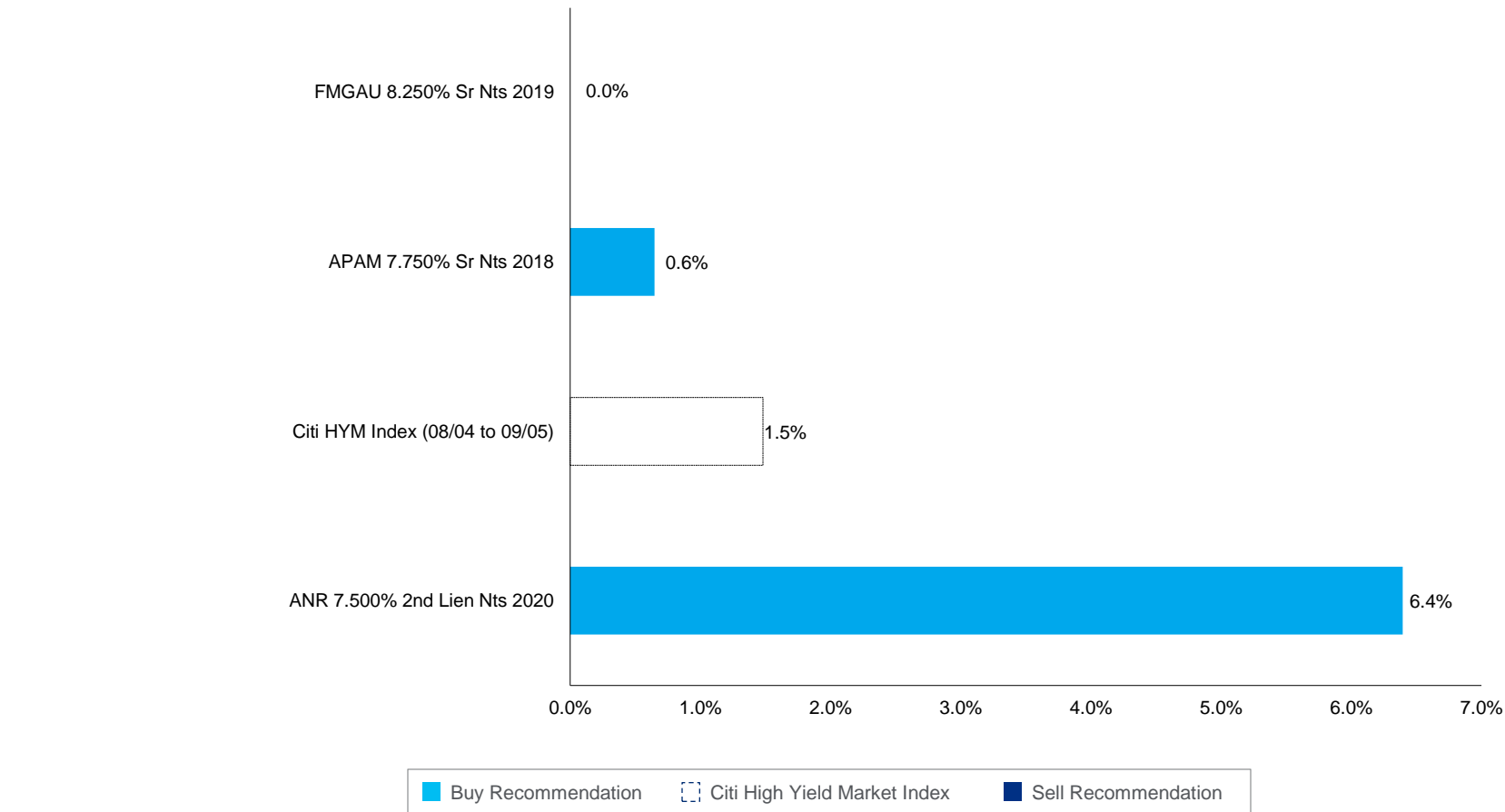
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|-----------------------|--|--------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Bank Loan | Arch Coal (ACI) L+500bp/1.25% 1st Lien TL 2018 | Buy | B1/B+ | 4.7x | 98.000/6.87% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We expect ACI to benefit from slowly improving met prices and improving conditions in the PRB • We expect EBITDA to rise by ~45% in 2015 and for leverage through the term loan to decline to 3.8x by the end of 2015 • We believe there is significant asset coverage • We prefer the term loans to Neutral rated 7% senior notes due 2019 (offered at 71.750, YTW 15.61%) which have almost 17 turns more leverage • Liquidity is solid at \$1.2bn |
| Short Duration | Aperam (APAM) 7.750% Sr Nts 2018 | Buy | B3/B+ | 1.7x | 106.250/4.18% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported solid 2Q14 results on solid performance in all segments • Balance sheet continues to improve, with net leverage falling to 1.6x from 1.9x sequentially. We expect leverage to approach 1x by the end of 2014 • Management reduced its year end 2014 net debt target to \$550mm from \$650mm previously |
| Total Return | Alpha Natural (ANR) 7.500% 2nd Lien Nts 2020 | Buy | B2/B | NA | 97.750/8.14% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We expect ANR to benefit from slowly improving met prices on the heels of recent production cuts • Net cash position through the 2nd liens; Net leverage should remain low for the next couple years, peaking at ~1.0x in 2016 • We believe there is significant asset coverage • The company has an extremely strong liquidity position of \$2.4bn • We prefer the 2nd Liens to ANR term loan B, which is yielding ~4.40% |

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Sector Outlook – Retail

- **Sales Trends Reflect Sequential Improvement in 2Q but Still Lackluster, Early Signs of BTS Encouraging**

- Average retailer same-store sales increased 70bp y-o-y in 2Q14, reflecting the first in four quarters to see positive YoY same-store sales
- Market estimates are calling for 1.0% and 2.3% y-o-y same-store sales growth in 3Q14 and 4Q14, respectively, reflecting further improvement
- Early indications from most retailers suggest back to school sales and traffic are trending well, lending support to 3Q earnings
- That said, mall traffic declines persist, down 4% y-o-y in August, leaving retailers to focus on driving conversion and omnichannel growth

- **Inventories Better Aligned Sales for 2H14; Should Bode Well for Margins**

- 2Q14 reflected the first quarter since late 2012 when expected revenue growth entering 3Q outpaced inventory growth at quarter end (for example, average retailer inventories increased 1.5% YoY at 2Q14, lower than the street's expectation for 2.9% total revenue growth in 3Q14)
- Gross margins contracted an average 56bp YoY in 2Q14 across the retailers we track, better than that seen in any quarter since mid 2013
- We anticipate this trend will continue as retailers continue destocking to match customer demand and preferences into the holiday season

- **Leverage to be Nearly Flat y-o-y**

- We model FY14 sector rent-adjusted leverage across our universe at 6.8x vs. 6.7x at FY13
- IPOs Could Drive Deleveraging but May Push Into 2015/2016: There are a number of highly anticipated IPO's in the retail sector including PRTY, JCG, HOTT, PETC, JAS and MIK. BCFACT was the first to tap the equity market in 2013.
 - That said, we think this catalyst for sector deleveraging will be delayed into 2015/2016 given equity market multiples

- **Relative Value Could Support Sector Performance**

- The High Yield retail sector trades at a YTW of 6.5%, 110bp wide the broad HY market and is the widest sector after Leisure & Gaming
- Weak fundamentals year-to-date have led underperformance, with the sector +4.99% vs. the HY market total return of 5.43%
- Our more favorable recommendations focus on those issuers with positive earnings tailwinds in 2H14 (CLE 1st and 2nd liens), event driven catalysts (TOY HoldCo notes on potential refi), longer dated bonds in higher-quality, cash flow generative names (long dated LB bonds, RAD 6.75% '21)
- Our more bearish recommendations focus on issuers with fashion and competitive challenges, as well as inventory challenges that have pressured margins (GYMB, JCG)

Credit Views – Retail

| | Issue | Rating | Moody's / S&P | Net Leverage ² | Offer Side Price / YTW ¹ | Citi View |
|-----------------------|---|--------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Bank Loan | Rite Aid Corp (RAD) L+475/1.00% 2 nd Lien T1 TL 2020 | Buy | B2/B | 2.6x/4.5x | 102.250/5.31% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investors earn HY market yield to be in a 2nd lien piece of paper with moderate leverage and attractive coupon. We think the loan is attractive vs. the Sr. Unsecured 6.75% Notes '21 (YTW 5.1%) given better yield, security and lower leverage through the loan |
| High Coupon | Claire's Stores (CLE) 8.875% 2 nd Lien Nts 2019 | Buy | Caa2/CCC | 6.8x | 89.000/12.10% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2Q results exceeded expectations (especially on SSS and EBITDA EBITDA and FCF); FY14 FCF should be neutral to slightly positive Operating momentum should continue into 2H14 with lapping of easy comps and benefits from new product initiatives Comparable equity valuations support leverage through the notes |
| Short Duration | Party City Corp. (PARTY) 8.750% HoldCo Nts 2019 | Buy | Caa2/CCC+ | 6.2x | 102.750/6.79% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results have been impressive: 2Q net revenues increased 10.2% YoY while EBITDA increased 16.6% given margin expansion and the iParty acquisition. The PARTY structure is poised to benefit from a deleveraging event (i.e. IPO) in the near to mid term |
| Total Return | Bon-Ton Stores (BONT) 8.000% 2 nd Lien Nts 2019 | Buy | Caa2/CCC | 5.3x | 94.750/9.05% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2Q comps trended positive and gross margin performance has been strong given disciplined inventory management and pricing/mix strategies. We model \$23mm of positive FCF in FY14 Book value of tangible assets of \$1.4bn (including \$720mm inventory at 2Q14) is over 2x secured debt (ex-mortgage debt) outstanding. |
| Sell | J Crew Group (JCG) 7.750% HoldCo Nts 2019 | Sell | CCC+/Caa1 | 6.0x | 97.500/8.41% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We prefer CLE 8.875% 2nd lien bonds that offer 370bp of incremental yield for less than a turn higher leverage, given our expectation for more favorable operating momentum at CLE in 2H14 1Q results vastly underperformed market expectations, with gross margin contracting 600bp YoY. We estimate 2Q EBITDA will decline over 21% YoY which may prove optimistic |

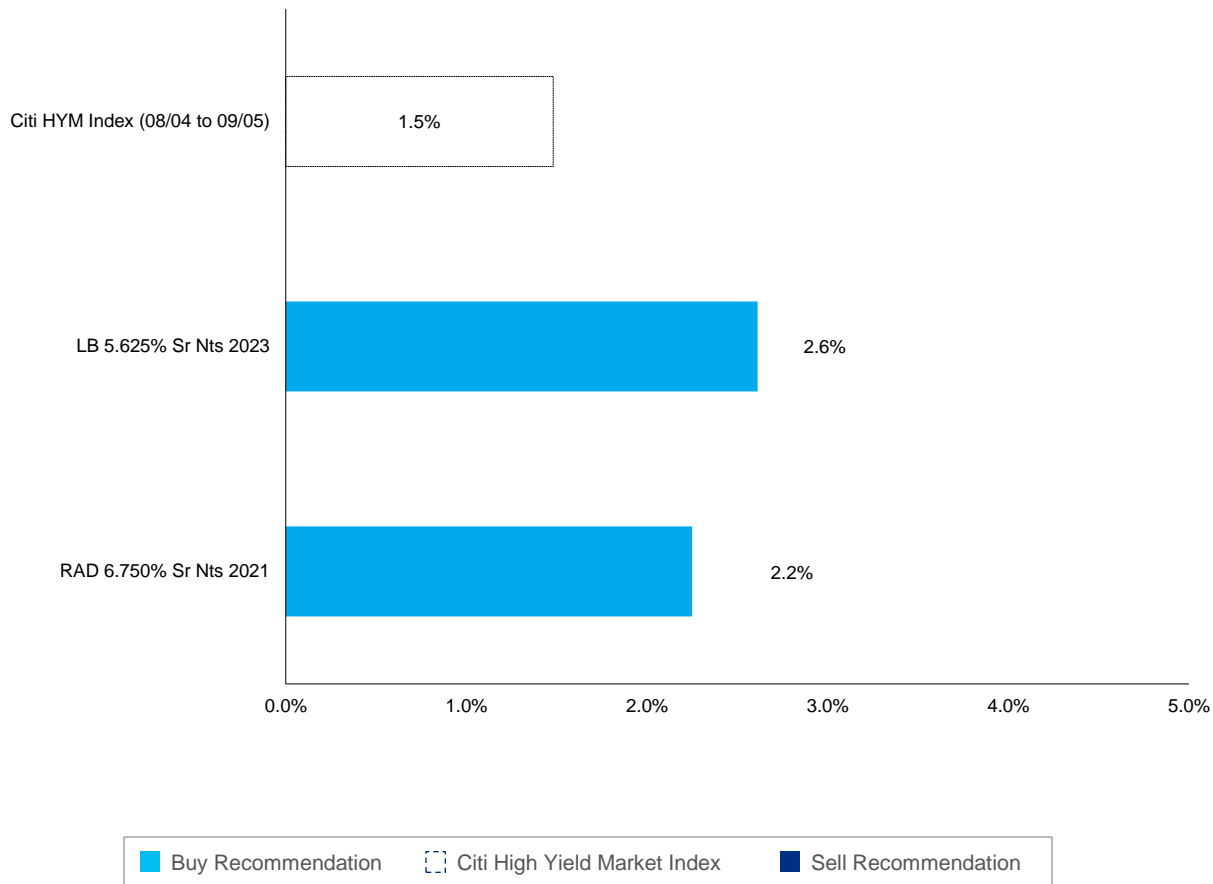
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Sector Outlook – Telecom, Cable/Satellites, Media, Technology

• Telecom

- Event risk remains high within the telecom sector which can materially influence performance. Wire line and wireless operators provide high yield relative to our entire TMT coverage
- Windstream plans to split into an OpCo + PropCo through a REIT transaction in 1Q 2015. Our model indicates leverage could decline about 20% at WIN OpCo where the bonds will remain. The company expects bank debt to “exchange” into the new PropCo. Peer Frontier is now considering the structure. CenturyLink indicated they had reviewed the structure, will watch WIN’s execution and further evaluate
- Wireless operators Sprint and T-Mobile were considered a likely consolidation until August when discussions ended. Since then, T-Mobile has drawn interest outside the U.S. as well as within
- Wireless operator’s interest in upcoming spectrum auctions could require pre-funding. We estimate \$5-10bn valuation for 10-20MHz national spectrum. AWS auctions which begin in the fall could draw some interest, while the 600MHz auctions “scheduled” for mid-2015 could become the true contest

• Cable & Satellites

- Cable continues to ramp up sales from broadband, business and advertising while experiencing revenue challenges for traditional video products
- Broadband products carry high margins and users currently accept regular price increases. Programming costs are forecast to rise 8-12% for the industry in 2014-2015. Price increases for video service partially address the cost challenge
- Satellite TV providers employ innovation in set-top boxes, content and price points to maintain subscribers

• Media

- Ad markets softened at the end of 2Q on both a local and national level. Weather, Olympics and geopolitical factors were most often cited challenges. We expect political spending to positively impact 3Q (some) and 4Q (more) for media companies in 2H 2014, especially radio and TV
- Newspaper and magazine companies continue to face secular headwinds and new monetization implementations. Industry leadership can reduce the pressure, but cost structures must remain highly variable

• Technology

- Semiconductor growth remains attractive owing to solid underlying markets including: automotive, identification, and digital networking
- Software revenue growth remains elusive as CIO’s evaluate cloud offerings and push back on high margin license and maintenance fees
- Services, too remain under pressure, though service businesses typically generate free cash flow which is creditor friendly

Credit Views – Telecom, Cable/Satellites, Media, Technology

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|-----------------------|---|---------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| Bank Loan | Time (TIME) L+325bp/1.00% 1st Lien TL B 2021 | Buy | Ba1/BBB- | 0.9x | 100.000/4.25% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the highest rated loans in our coverage universe \$2.5bn equity plus \$700mm bonds cushion the loans which provides over 5x asset coverage Magazine industry leader with cost reduction opportunities Time generates material free cash flow which we estimate at over \$200mm pro forma for the company's new \$1.4bn debt |
| High Coupon | AMD (AMD) 7.750% Sr Nts 2020 | Buy | B2/B | 2.2x | 106.000/5.09% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We forecast year-over-year quarterly EBITDA improvement in 2014 and 2015 Gross leverage now 3.9x with \$2.2bn funded debt. AMD's \$3.2bn market equity provides 2.0x asset coverage AMD is working to introduce more successful products like its gaming chips (introduced 3Q 2013) Bond is callable a year from now. More bullish investors could consider the non-callable 7.5% notes due 2022 |
| High Coupon | Windstream (WIN) 7.750% Sr Nts 2021 | Neutral | B1/B | 3.9x | 108.750/5.03% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OpCo + PropCo transaction expected to close 1Q 2015. This transaction expected to reduce leverage 20% (about 0.7x) PropCo will retain WIN bonds, but not the company's bank debt. We model higher free cash flow owing to reduced dividends and interest This WIN bond has a high coupon and a relatively short first call on October 1, 2016 |
| Relative Value | Freescall (FSL) L+375bp/1.25% 1st Lien TL B5 2021 | Buy | B1/B | 4.3x | 100.750/4.86% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swap near even dollar into a floating rate instrument, for a similar yield. The B5 tranche is \$494mm versus \$500mm for 5% secured notes We forecast secured leverage to improve 0.8x through 2015 |
| | Freescall (FSL) 5.000% Sr Sec Nts 2021 | Neutral | B1/B | 5.1x | 100.750/4.86% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential refinancing of "high coupon" bonds could act as positive catalyst. FSL could also shift funding to unsecured debt (now about 20% of debt) Management has stated a desire to reduce leverage below 3x over time. At Citi's Technology conference the CFO indicate the company could opportunistically issue equity to reduce leverage |

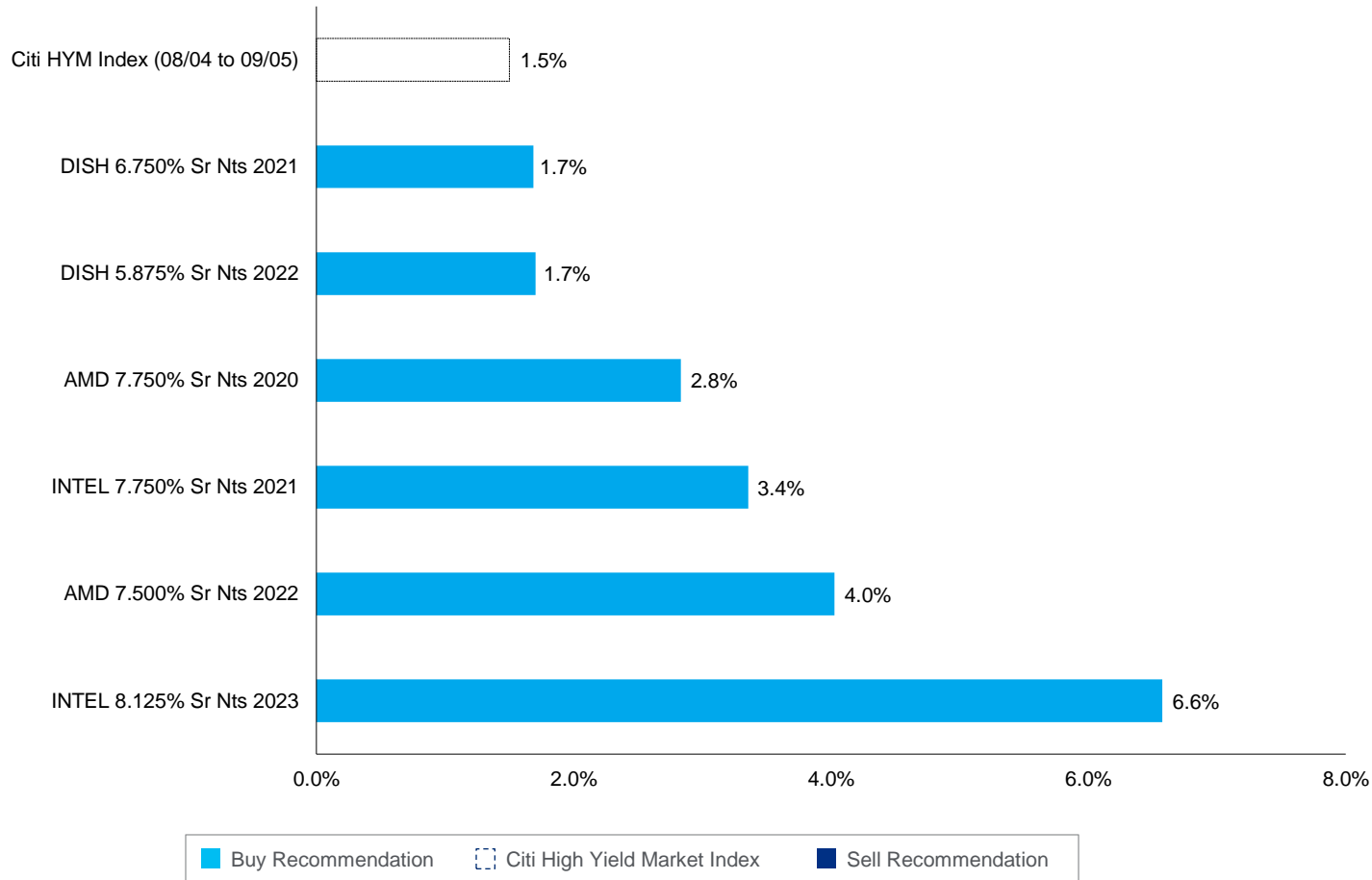
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