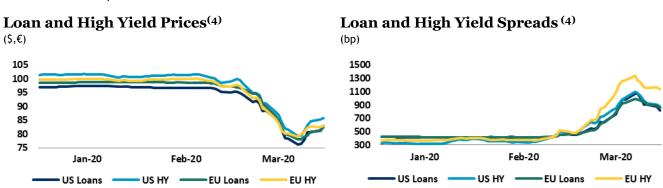
# BLACKSTONE / GSO LOAN FINANCING LIMITED MARKET UPDATE (31 MARCH 2020)

## **Market Update**

- March was one of the worst performing months for loans since 2008 as the coronavirus strained the global economy and oil prices fell significantly. In the US, loans lost -12.46% in March compared to -12.28% for high yield and -12.35% for the S&P 500. In Europe, loans lost -13.57% in March compared to -13.66% for high yield and -16.18% for the Euro Stoxx 50.(1)
- Loan primary issuance stalled in March as the loan market suffered alongside bonds and equities. Only a dozen US loans priced this month for \$4.3 billion and two European loan add-ons priced for €150 million, with no issuance taking place after 12th March.(2)
- Primary CLO markets globally ground to a halt in mid-March with no new-issue, reset, or refi deals pricing after 12th March, consistent with the loan market. During the first two weeks of the month, \$3.4 billion of US CLOs, the lowest reading in three years, and €1.2 billion of European CLOs priced. For the year overall, CLO issuance stands at \$17.4 billion in the US (trailing 2019 by 41%) and €5.8 billion in Europe (trailing 2019 by 15%). (2)
- Loan default rates began to increase in March and due to a significantly weaker economy stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak as well as stress in the energy sector, 2020 loan default forecasts are expected to range from 5-13% in the US
- Since March, over 1,000 CLO tranches have been placed on negative watch or outlook. Many of the actions are concentrated in the lower tranches and reflect higher expected losses consistent with the rating downgrades within the loans owned by CLOs.



## **Portfolio Update**

- GSO has conducted a detailed, bottom-up review of all ~970 companies within its portfolios to determine the potential impact of the COVID-19 on the performance of these businesses. The results of this exercise have allowed GSO to consider the likely impact on cashflows generated by BGLF's directly and indirectly held CLOs.
- The medium- and long-term impacts of the global pandemic remain uncertain. However, in the short-term, rating agency downgrades and corporate defaults of companies within GSO's portfolios may lead to temporary cashflow diversions away from subordinate note distributions as a result of breaches in interest diversion and/or overcollateralisation ratios within a number of CLOs to which the Company has exposure (through BGCF).
- GSO has already taken numerous steps to seek to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the performance of its portfolios and will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving economic environment to identify risks and opportunities. Despite the near term economic disruption and resulting dislocation in the global credit markets, GSO believes that these events create good investment opportunities and provide further prospects for BGLF to enhance shareholder value.

## **Investor Update Call**

- We invite you to join the BGLF board and GSO for a market update call next Wednesday, 29 April, at 4:30pm BST by registering beforehand using the below link:
  - https://www.incommglobalevents.com/registration/client/3592/bglf-investor-call/
- Please email questions in advance to <a href="BGLF@n1singer.com">BGLF@n1singer.com</a>.

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- Credit Suisse: Leveraged Loan Index, High Yield Index, Western European Leveraged Loan Index (hedged to EUR), Western European High Yield Index (hedged to EUR) ("CSWEHYI"); Bloomberg: S&P 500 Index, Euro Stoxx 50 Index; all as of 31 March 2020.
- S&P/LCD, as of 31 March 2020.

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S&P, Moody's, and Fitch, as of 31 March 2020. (3)S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index, Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Index, JPMorgan European Leveraged Loan Index, CSWEHYI, as of 31 March 2020.

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