# Corporate Credit Market Snapshot

#### Key Takeaway

- High yield outperformed investment grade corporate credit and governments in the first half of April
- European high yield outperformed U.S. high yield
- U.S. high yield new issuance steady with smaller deals pricing
- European high yield new issuance has been brisk, with several companies new to the high yield market pricing smaller deals

# High Yield Technicals

# Retail Fund Flows \*

~\$1.3bn of US retail inflows in March.

### **Main Market Driver**

Continued strong fundamentals and technicals.

New Issuance *	US	EUR
YTD	\$105.5 bn	€ 26.4 bn
MTD	\$15.9 bn	€ 6.4 bn

 Default Rates\*\*
 US
 EUR

 LTM
 1.5%
 2.0%

 Default rates are dollar weighted. Through 3.31.11.

# New Issuance Names (500 mn and above) MTD \*\*\*

Aramark Holdings, Pernod-Ricard, Nortek Inc., IGATE Corp., TXU

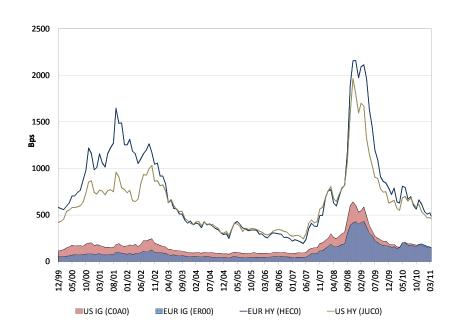
## New Issuance Pipeline (Announced)\*\*\*

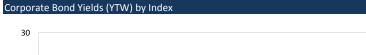
DryShips, Builders Firstsource, Consolidated Minerals Limited, Lee Enterprises, Carmeuse, Medical Properties Trust, Sears, Dematic, Community Choice Financial

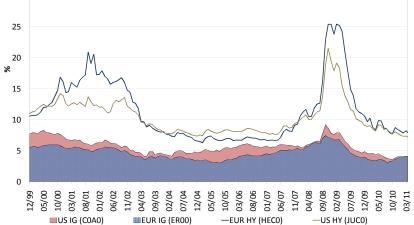
<sup>\*</sup> JP Morgan for U.S. and Credit Suisse for Europe; \*\* Moody's; \*\*\*Muzinich & Co.

Market	Market Performance % and Statistics as of 2011-04-15							
			Previous		D	uration	Yield	Spread
High Yie	eld	MTD	Mth	QTD	YTD	DTW	YTW	STW
JUC0	US HY Cash Pay Constr.	0.84	0.41	0.84	4.72	3.83	6.77	488
JC4N	US HY BB/B Non-Fncl. Constr.	0.76	0.49	0.76	4.32	3.92	6.26	434
HEC0	Euro HY Constr.	1.31	-0.28	1.31	5.44	3.41	7.75	506
HEC5	Euro HY BB/B Non-Fncl. Constr.	0.68	-0.63	0.68	3.45	3.48	6.22	365
IBOXLTI	RI USD Leveraged Loan	0.42	0.03	0.42	2.94			
Investn	nent Grade							
C0A0	US Corp Master	0.79	0.03	0.79	1.77	6.18	3.98	141
C4NF	US Corporate BBB Non-Financial	0.80	0.16	0.80	1.97	6.60	4.36	156
ER00	EMU Corp	0.34	-0.38	0.34	0.22	3.94	4.13	150
EN40	EMU Corp BBB Non-Financial	0.29	-0.36	0.29	0.23	4.00	4.11	144
Governments (7-10 Yr Indices)								
G402	U.S. Treasuries 7-10 Yrs	0.45	-0.02	0.45	0.29	7.19	3.14	
G4L0	UK Gilts 7-10 Yrs	0.80	0.35	0.80	0.12	7.20	3.47	
G4D0	German Fed Govt 7-10 Yrs	-0.04	-1.14	-0.04	-2.19	7.19	3.26	
Equities								
S&P	S&P 500 incl. Dividends	-0.39	0.04	-0.39	5.50			
DAX	DAX Index	1.95	-3.18	1.95	3.82			

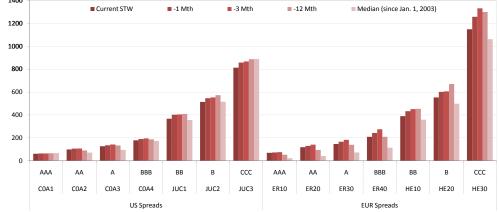








Corporate Bond Spreads (STW)								
US Spreads	Index	Rating	Current STW	-1 Mth	-3 Mth	-12 Mth	Median (since Jan. 1, 2	2003)
	COA0	IG	141	150	156	146	130	
	JUC0	HY Constraine	d 488	526	530	558	492	
	JUC4	BB/B	435	469	475	482	438	
US Spreads	COA1	AAA	61	64	64	65	67	
	COA2	AA	99	105	107	90	71	
	COA3	Α	126	134	141	133	95	
	COA4	BBB	178	189	195	187	173	
	JUC1	BB	367	401	405	408	356	
	JUC2	В	514	546	553	573	515	
	JUC3	CCC	813	858	868	887	889	
EUR Spreads								
	ER00	IG	150	169	187	138	70	
	HEC0	HY Constraine	d 506	559	577	620	498	
EUR Spreads	ER10	AAA	70	72	75	53	22	
	ER20	AA	118	129	141	95	42	
	ER30	Α	146	166	183	139	72	
	ER40	BBB	209	242	275	209	115	
	HE10	BB	390	433	451	454	359	
	HE20	В	552	601	606	670	499	
	HE30	CCC	1148	1257	1332	1299	1061	
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#### Credit Market Update

Corporate credit markets generated strong, positive performance for the first two weeks of April with high yield outperforming investment grade corporate credit and governments, and European high yield outperforming U.S. high yield. Equity markets exhibited bifurcated returns with U.S. equities, as measured by the S&P 500, down modestly and most European equity indices up sharply. Slower growth has weighed on U.S. equity markets and shaken investor confidence, while Europe began to recoup the previous month's losses. Unlike equities, high yield does not require strong growth to generate attractive returns, and as such, has proven itself to be substantially more resilient.

U.S. high yield bond new-issuance has been steady with \$15.9 billion of mostly smaller deals pricing. Cash in the market has gone to these new deals and, as such, we see a bid for paper. U.S. new issues have traded modestly higher. The use of proceeds for the majority of these new issues remains refinancing. European high yield new issuance was brisk, with several companies new to the high yield market pricing smaller deals. We believe this is a positive development as the new European high yield issuers add to the overall size and diversification of the European high yield market. These new issues traded modestly down as the surge of new supply exceeded market demand. Year-to-date, European high yield new issuance has been EUR 26.4 billion – already half of 2010's record figure.

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