

## Keeping Up With 2021– Credit Market Update

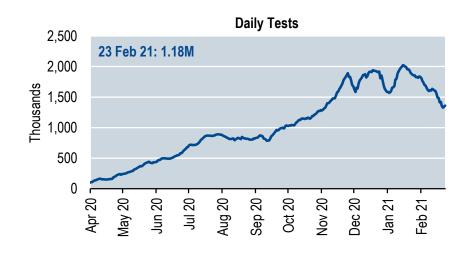
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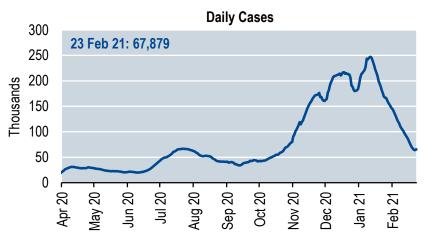
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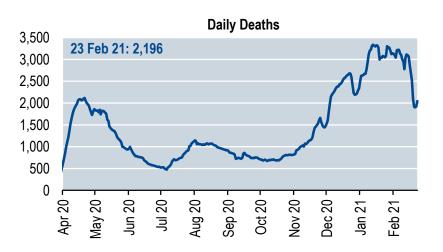
## **Turning the Corner on the Pandemic**

Nationwide COVID-19 Metrics Since April 1, 2020: 7-Day Average Lines



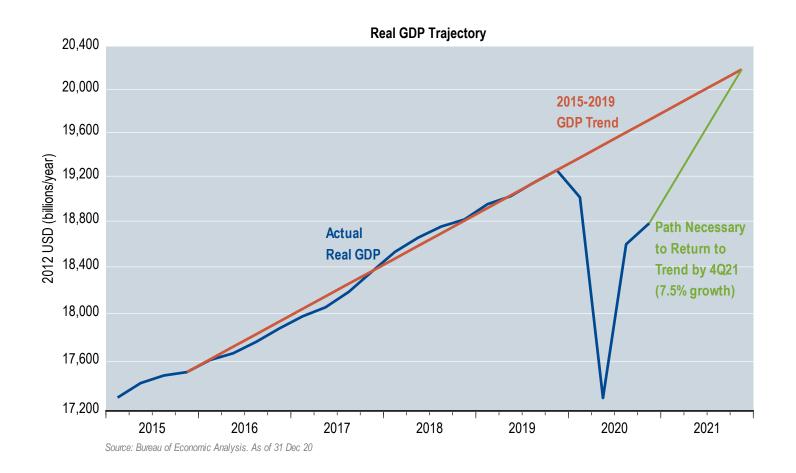






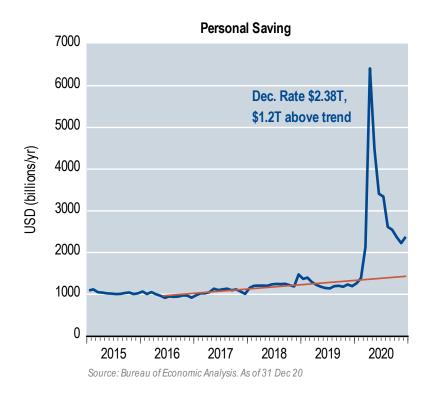


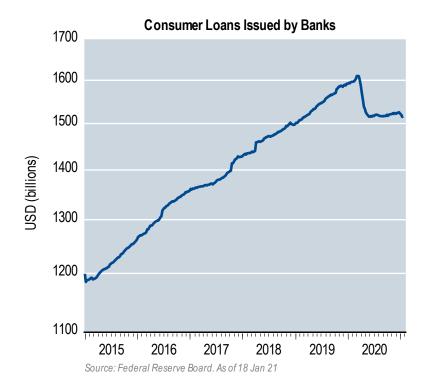
## **US Growth Expected to Bounce Back After a Tough 2020**





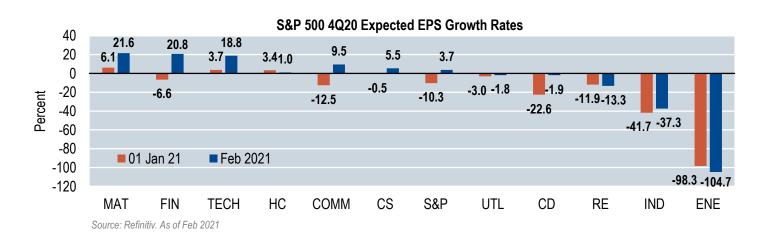
## **Consumer Fundamentals Have Improved Since the COVID-19 Shock**



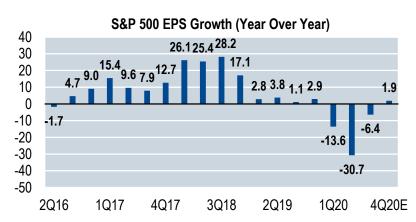




## **Corporate Earnings Much Better Than Initial Expectations**







Source: S&P, Thomson Financial, Factset, Credit Suisse. As of 31 Dec 20

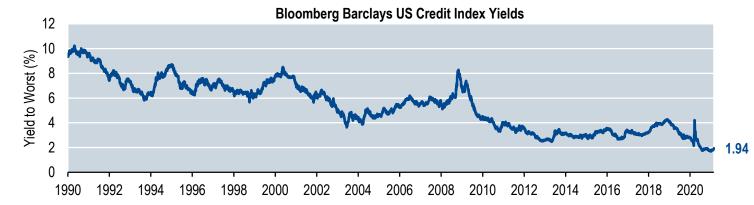


## **Investment-Grade Credit Reaching New Milestones**

Cycle of Local Tights	Feb-97	Feb-07	Jun-14	Feb-18	Jan-20	Feb-21
Index OAS (bps)	56	82	97	85	93	88
Index Yield (%)	7.11%	5.64%	2.97%	3.54%	2.71%	1.93%
Average Credit Quality	A+/A	A/A-	A/A-	A-/BBB+	A-/BBB+	A-/BBB+
% BBB	28%	35%	43%	48%	50%	50%
Index Duration	6.2	6.3	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.5
Index Average Dollar Price (USD)	101.21	102.48	108.69	103.56	110.53	112.87
Median IG Gross Leverage	1.36x	1.60x	1.93x	2.30x	2.40x	2.40x*
T12M Excess Return Vol	0.40%	0.60%	2.20%	1.40%	3.20%	3.4%**

<sup>\*</sup>Estimated YE2021 leverage returns to pre-COVID level

Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Bloomberg, FTSE Fixed Income.

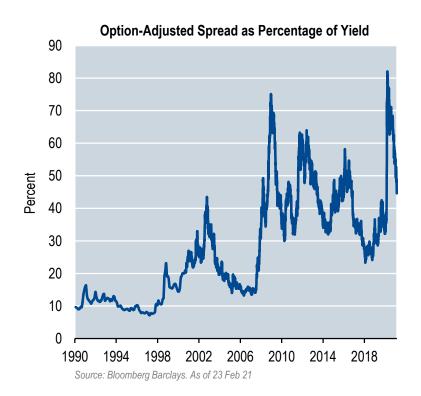


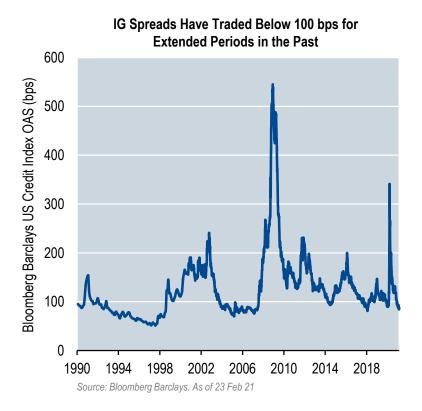
Source: Bloomberg Barclays. As of 23 Feb 21



<sup>\*\*</sup>Shows T6M Volatility for current

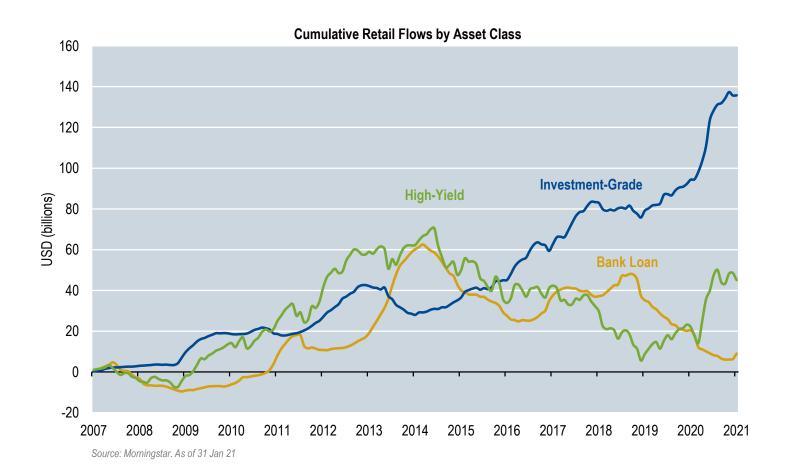
## **Investment-Grade Credit: Historical Perspective**





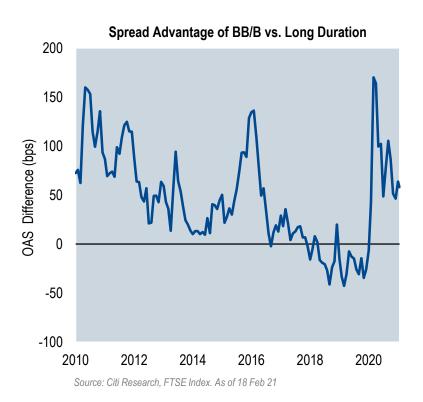


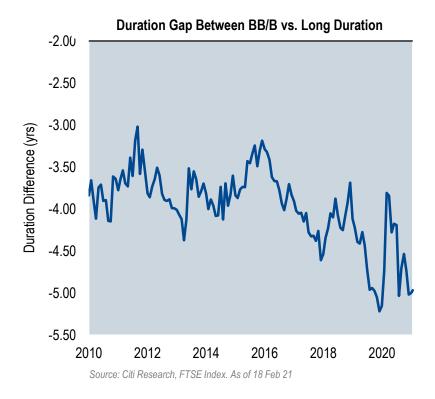
### **Investment-Grade Credit Has Dominated Retail Credit Flows**





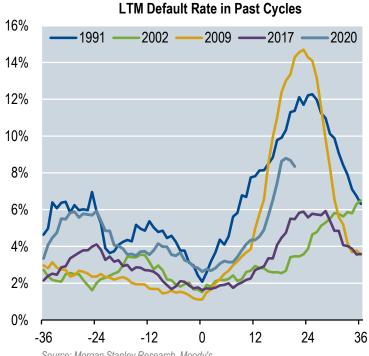
## **High-Yield Credit: "Carry Your Way to Greatness"**



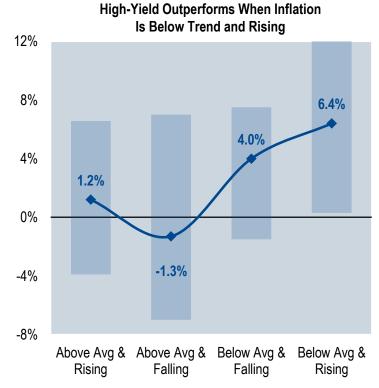




## **High-Yield Credit: Improving Default Trends and Return Prospects**



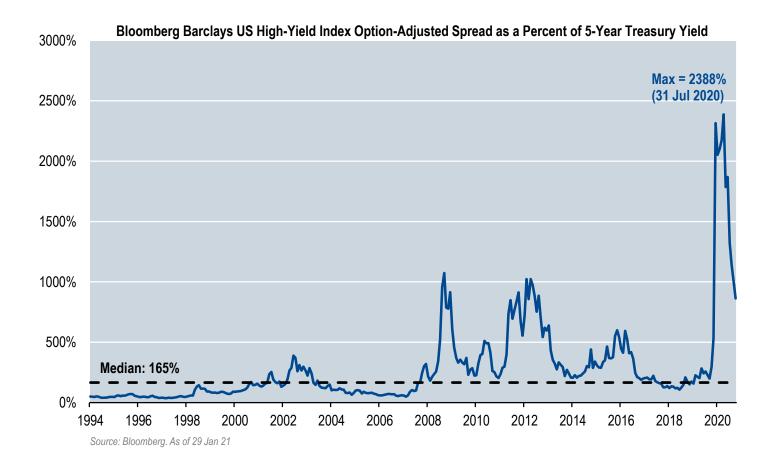
Source: Morgan Stanley Research, Moody's Note: Shows Moodys' count-weighted speculative grade default rate.



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research Note: We use excess returns from 1970 or whenever history begins. Blue dot shows median while blue bars show interquartile range.

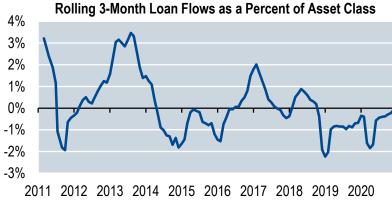


## High-Yield Credit: Spread as a Percentage of Overall Yield

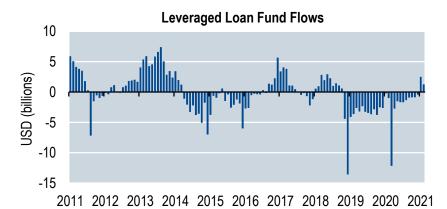




## **Bank Loans: Strong Technicals Expected to Boost Demand**

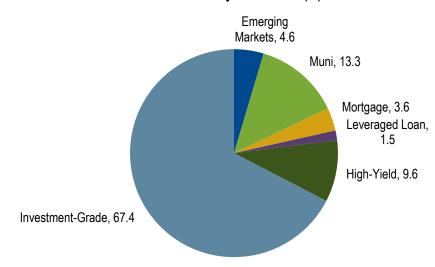


Source: J.P. Morgan, S&P LCD. As of 31 Dec 20



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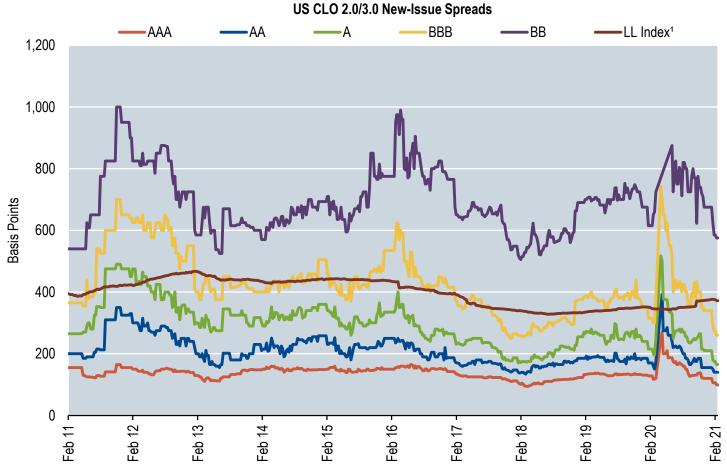
#### Fund Shares by Asset Class (%)



Source: Citi Research, EPFR. As of 31 Dec 20



## **CLO Tranche New-Issue Spreads**



<sup>1</sup>S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index

Source: BofA Global Research, S&P Global Market Intelligence, a division of S&P Global Inc. As of 19 Feb 21



## **Structured Credit: CMBS Has Lagged the Broad Recovery**

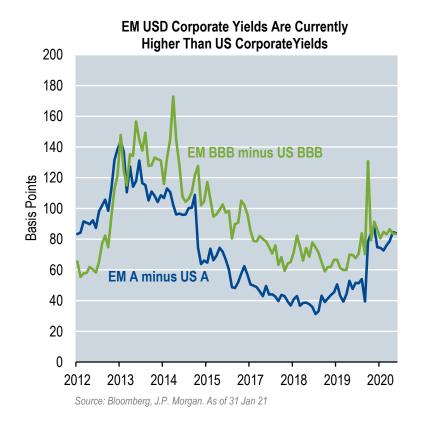
Sector	YTD	YoY	Since Peak
CMBS AAA	-0.7%	4.9%	4.3%
CMBS BBB-	5.4%	-8.9%	-9.4%
IG Corp	-2.4%	4.0%	3.5%
HY Corp	1.3%	7.2%	7.2%
US Treasuries	-2.5%	3.0%	2.3%
US Long Maturity Ts	-8.8%	0.4%	-1.4%
S&P 500	4.2%	17.4%	19.1%
Equity REITs	4.6%	-7.7%	-9.3%
Industrial	4.6%	7.9%	6.6%
Office	0.3%	-27.8%	-28.0%
Strips	19.3%	-8.0%	-9.9%
Malls	28.2%	-16.7%	-19.8%
Apartments	10.5%	-12.8%	-14.3%
Manufactured Housing	-0.4%	-10.3%	-12.4%
Single Family Rental	2.6%	1.2%	2.2%
Healthcare	3.7%	-11.6%	-13.5%
Storage	3.1%	13.2%	10.2%
Triple Net	2.6%	-8.9%	-11.5%
Lodging	16.6%	-5.8%	-8.3%
Student Housing	1.3%	-5.4%	-7.1%
Data Center	-3.7%	7.2%	4.2%
Infrastructure	1.0%	-3.3%	-4.0%

Source: Thomson Reuters, SNL Financial, Morgan Stanley Research. As of 19 Feb 21



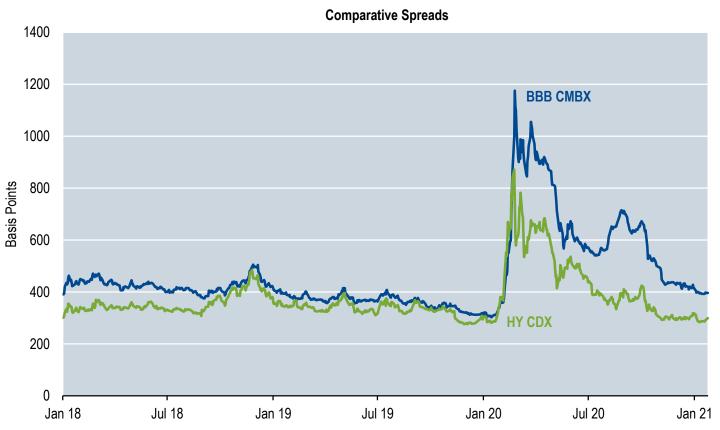
## **Emerging Markets Offer Attractive Outright and Relative Spread Opportunities**







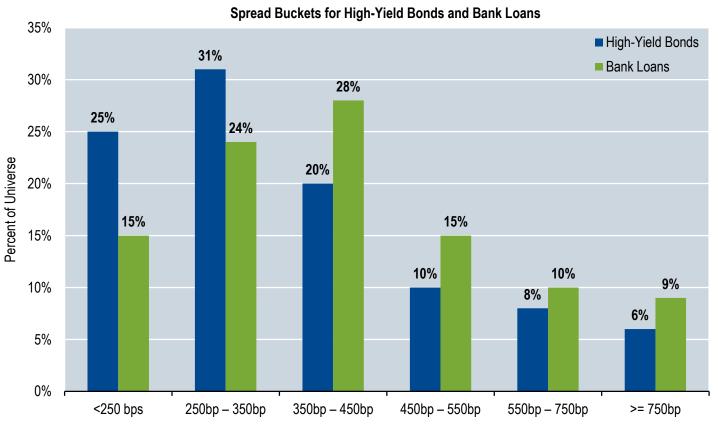
## Relative Value: BBB CMBS Spreads Remain Wide Relative to HY







## Relative Value: High-Yield vs. Bank Loans

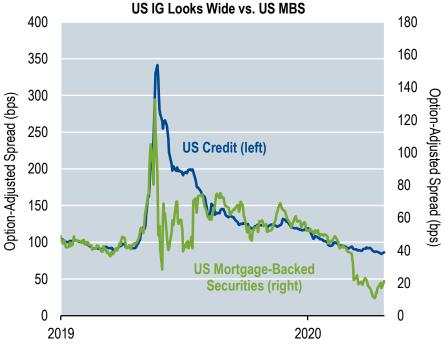






## Relative Value: CLO Tranches, IG and Agency Mortgages





Source: Bloomberg Barclays. As of 22 Feb 21



## **Questions & Answers**





# Thank you.



#### **Risk Disclosure**

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