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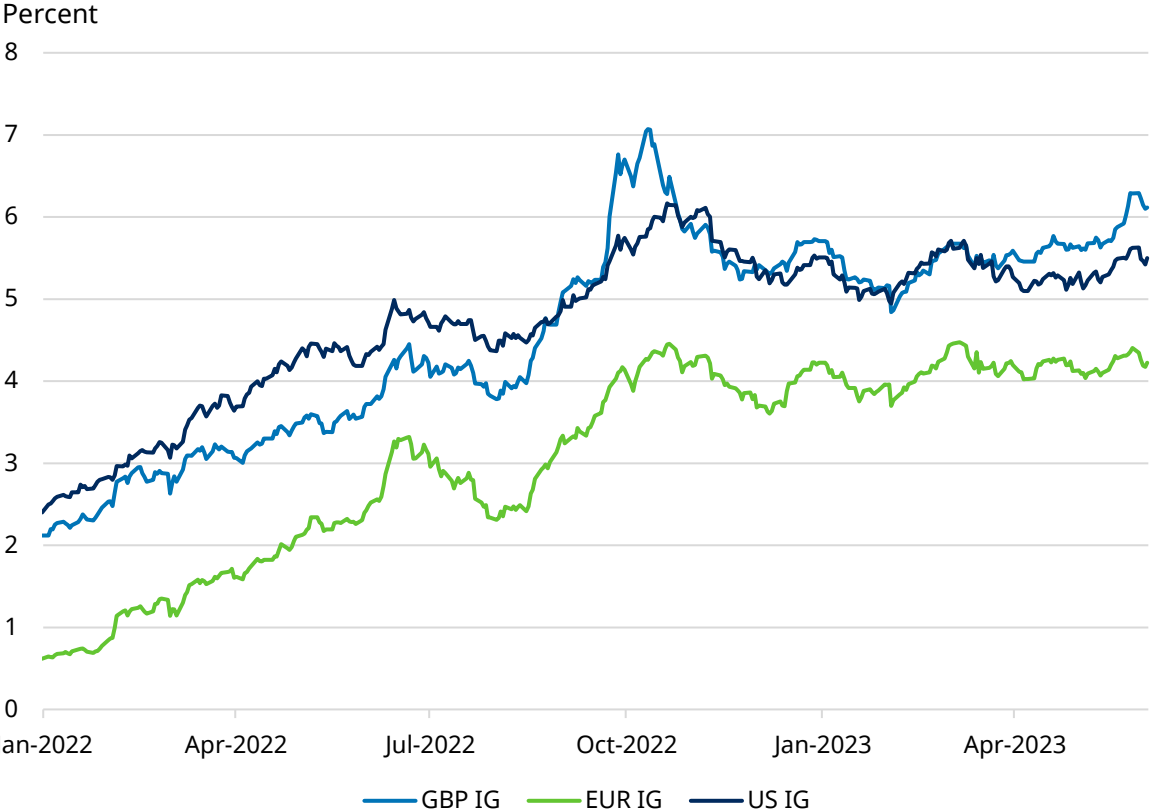
Summary

- **Corporate bond yields edged up in May, with increases in USD and GBP yields driven by higher risk-free rates, reflecting expectations of tighter-for-longer monetary policy to bring inflation back to target**
- Spreads were little changed on the month despite US debt ceiling concerns. Spreads have been unusually stable in the face of the sharp tightening in Bank lending conditions this year. Historically spreads have widened a lot in such situations
- US high-yield issuance has picked up from very low levels, but the amount outstanding has been contracting over the last year
- Credit curves continue to be very flat, with longer maturity bonds offering little or no yield over shorter maturity bonds
- Default rates in US high-yield are rising. And more elevated distress ratios indicate that defaults could continue to increase

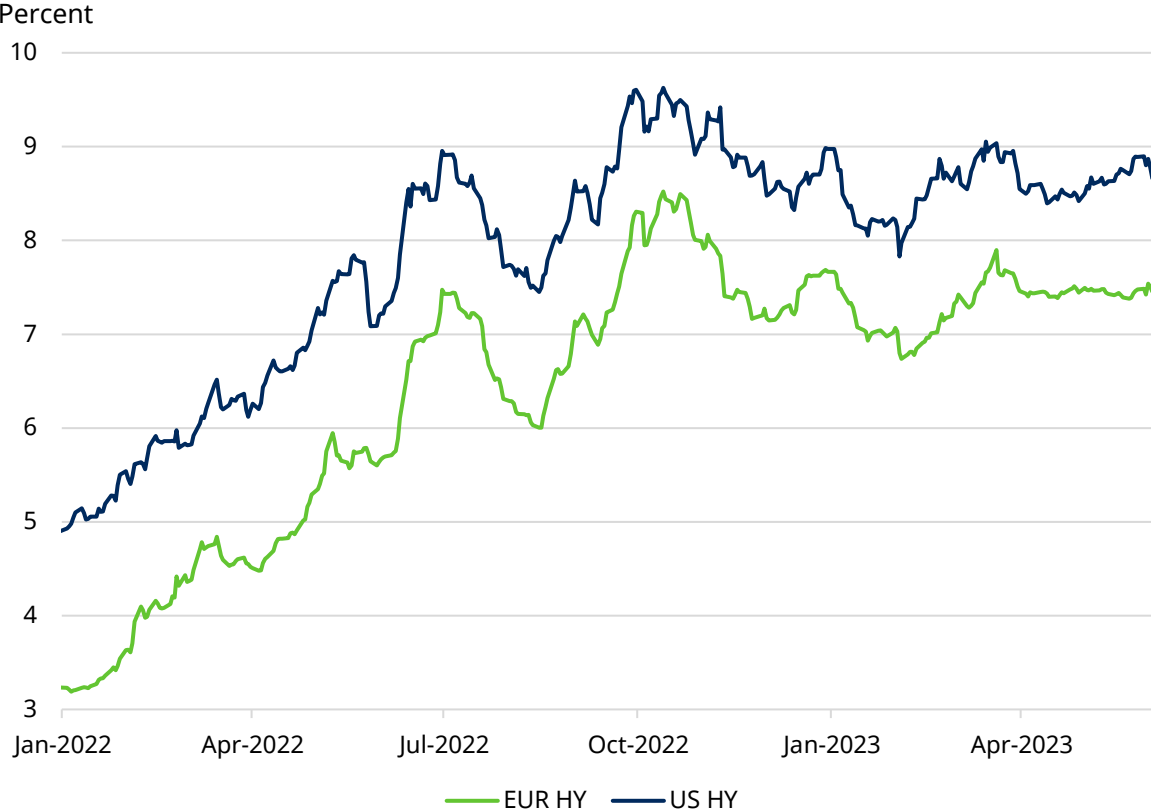
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IG yield



HY yield



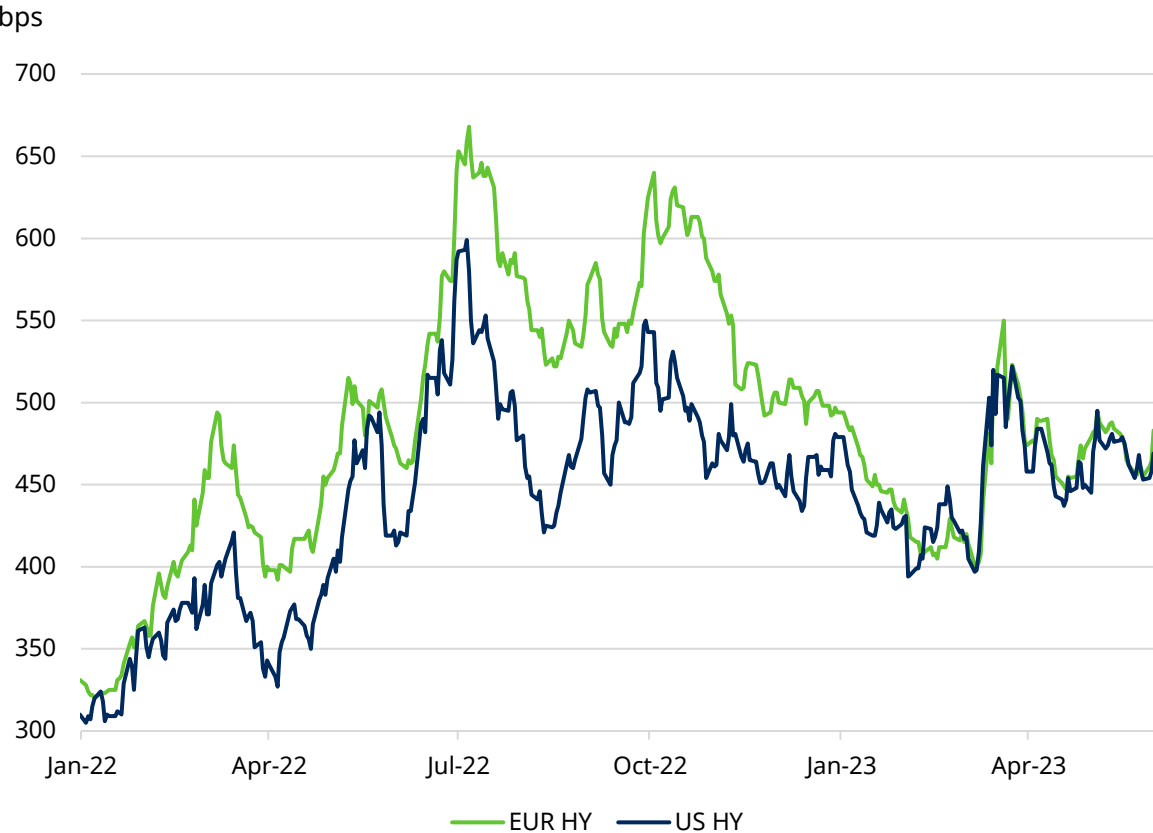
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Spreads were little changed on the month despite US debt ceiling concerns

IG Spread



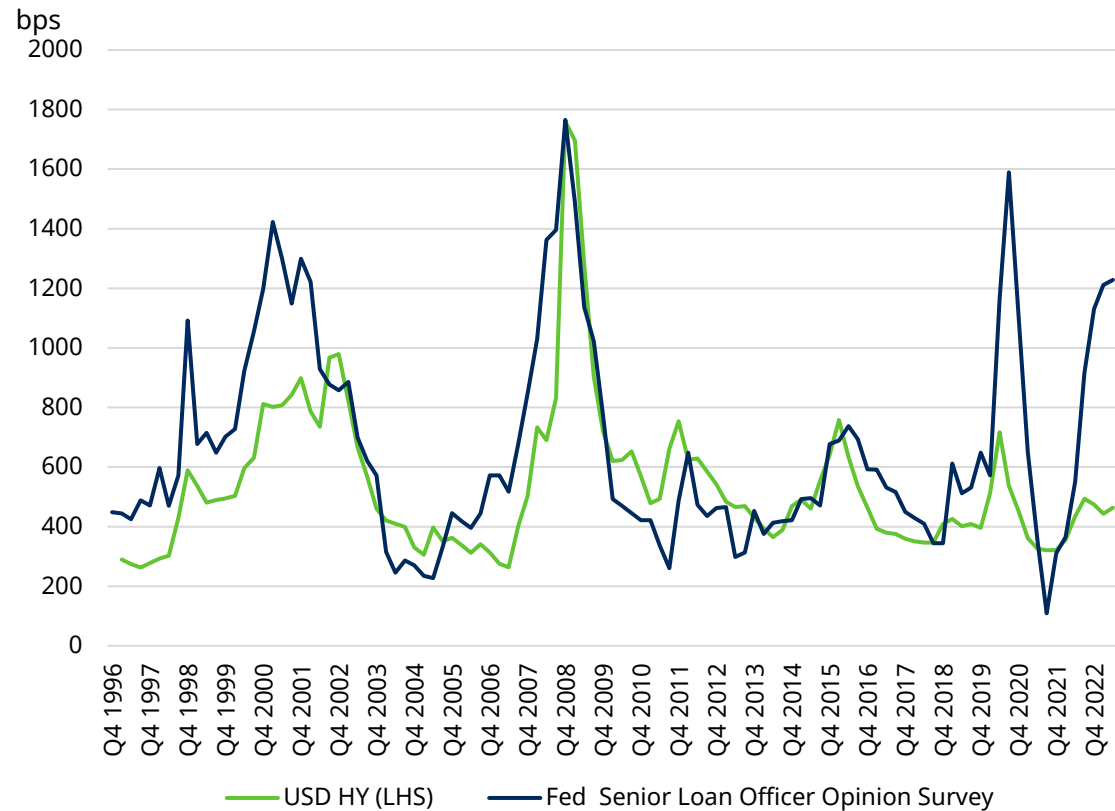
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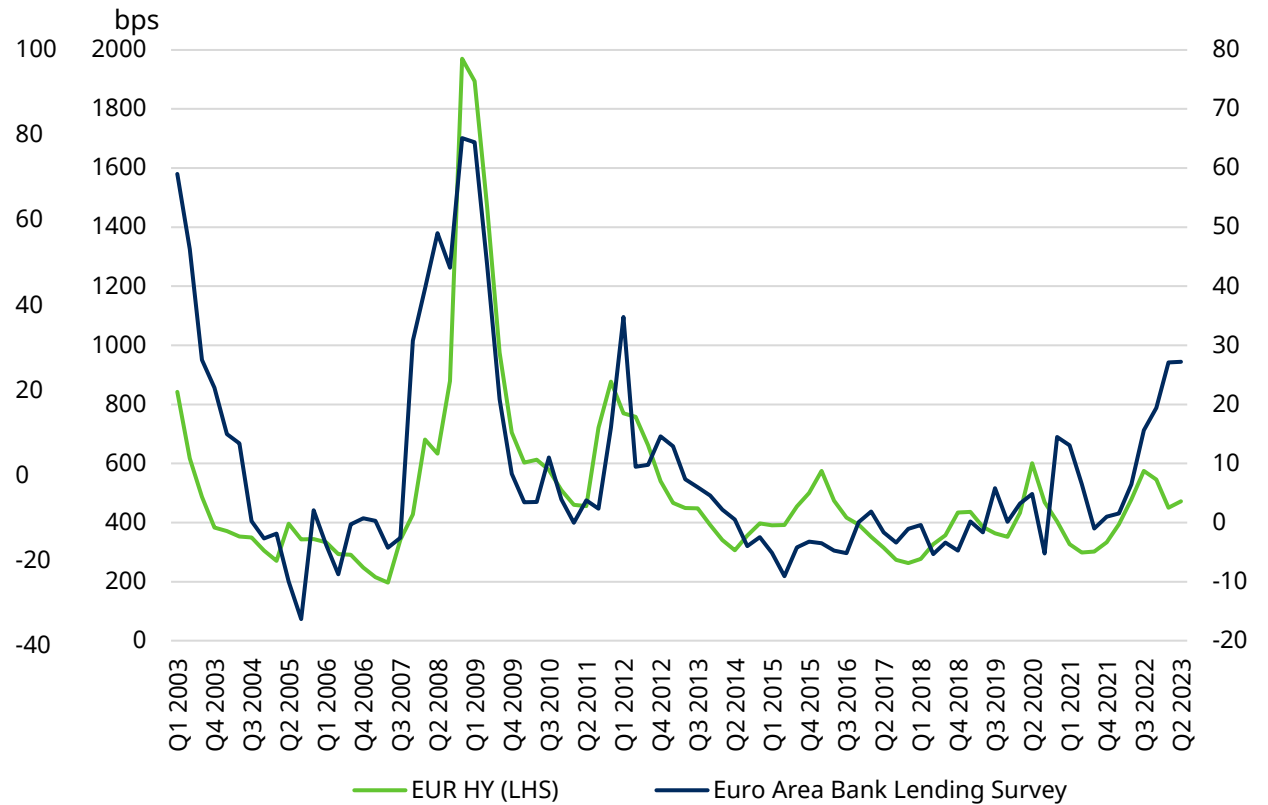
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Spreads have been unusually stable in the face of the sharp tightening in Bank lending conditions this year

USD HY spread v. Fed Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey*



EUR HY spread v. Euro Area Bank Lending Conditions Survey*

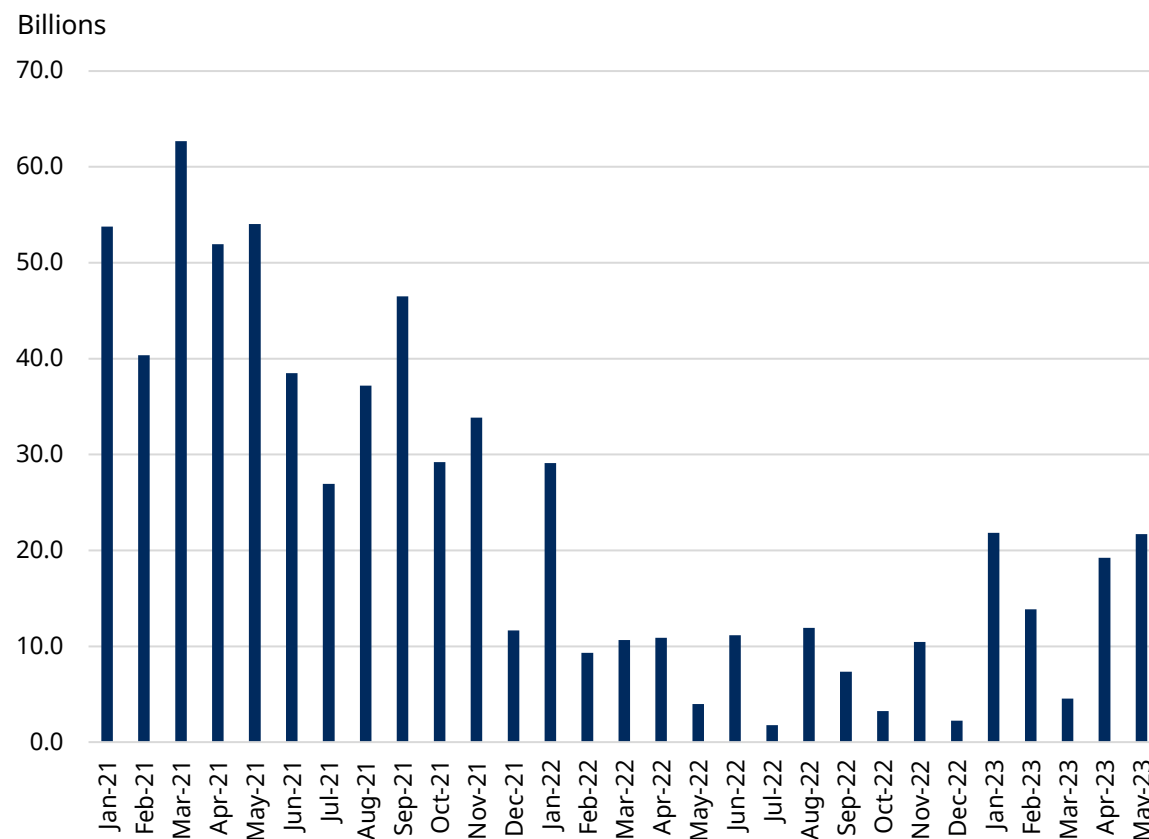


*Fed survey is lending conditions Commercial and Industrial Loans, Large and Medium. ECB survey is Loans or Credit Lines to Enterprises

Source: Refinitiv Datastream. Data as at 31 May 2023. Quarterly average spreads calculated from daily data. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 72.

US high-yield issuance has picked up from very low levels, but the amount outstanding has been contracting for some time

US high-yield gross issuance



12-month growth rate of USD high-yield index face value *



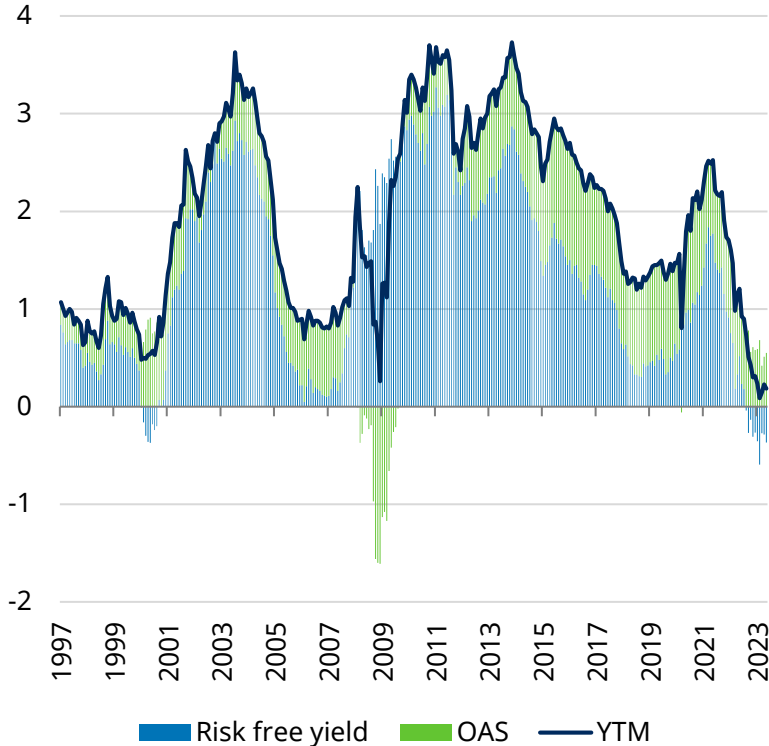
*The change in face value of bonds outstanding within USD HY index. This figure will also be influenced by upgrades to/downgrades from the investment grade market.

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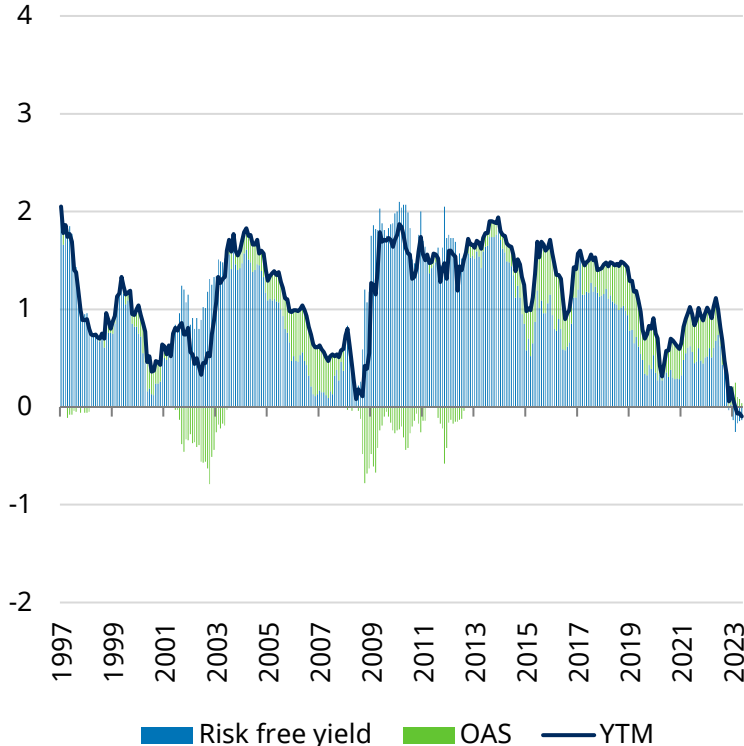
Credit curves continue to be very flat

Longer maturity bonds offering little or no yield over shorter maturity bonds

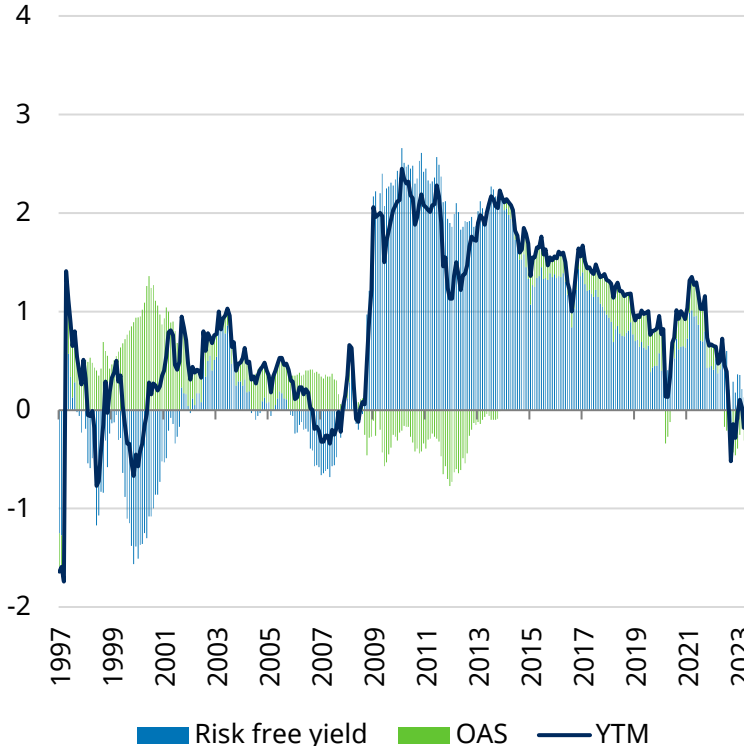
IG USD 15+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



IG EUR 10+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



IG GBP corporate 10+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



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Summary of corporate fundamentals

- **Overall corporate fundamentals remained strong in Q1, but higher interest rates are starting to have an impact. Also, earnings growth and corporate margins are lower than the peak levels seen in recent years**
- Leverage has remained broadly stable in recent quarters, although the high-yield market saw a marginal uptick for in Q1. Leverage continues to be much lower than the pandemic era peaks
- Interest coverage ratios, whilst still elevated, have started to fall, reflecting a significant increase in interest expense which is now growing at rates not seen since the global financial crisis
- In recent quarters, earnings growth has noticeably slowed and corporate margins have started to fall from elevated positions
- See the full corporate fundamentals section slide 35

Interest coverage is falling from elevated levels

Interest expense growth has picked up significantly, reducing interest coverage

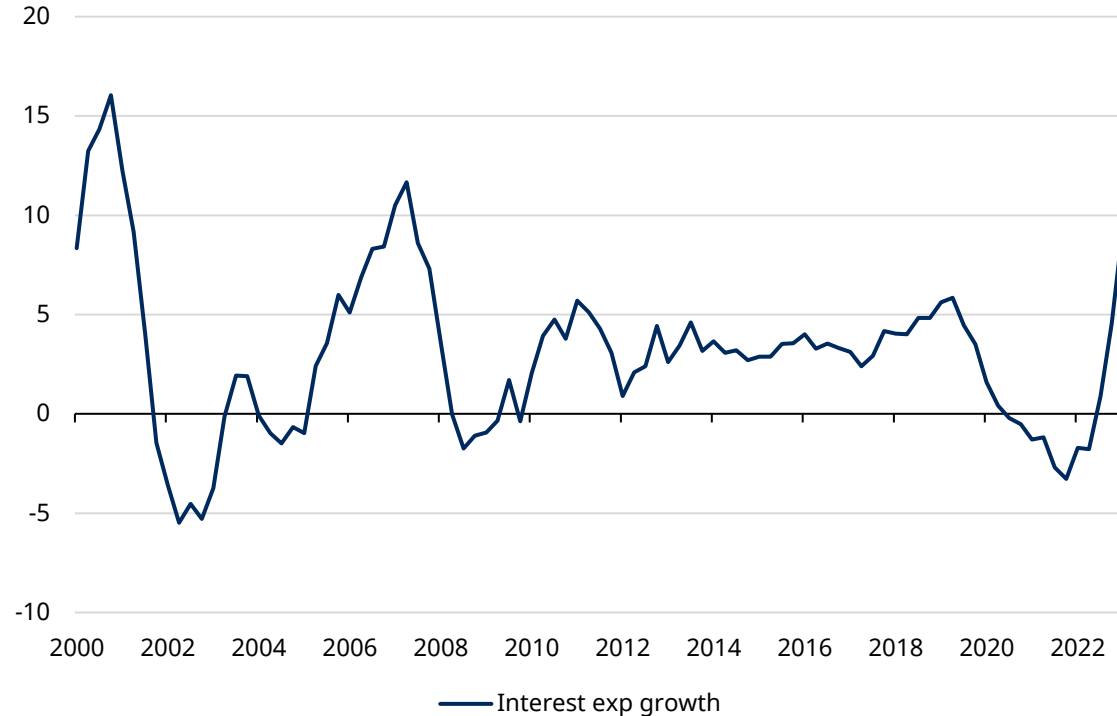
US HY interest coverage ratio

Last 12 months EBITDA to interest expense



US HY annual interest expense growth

%



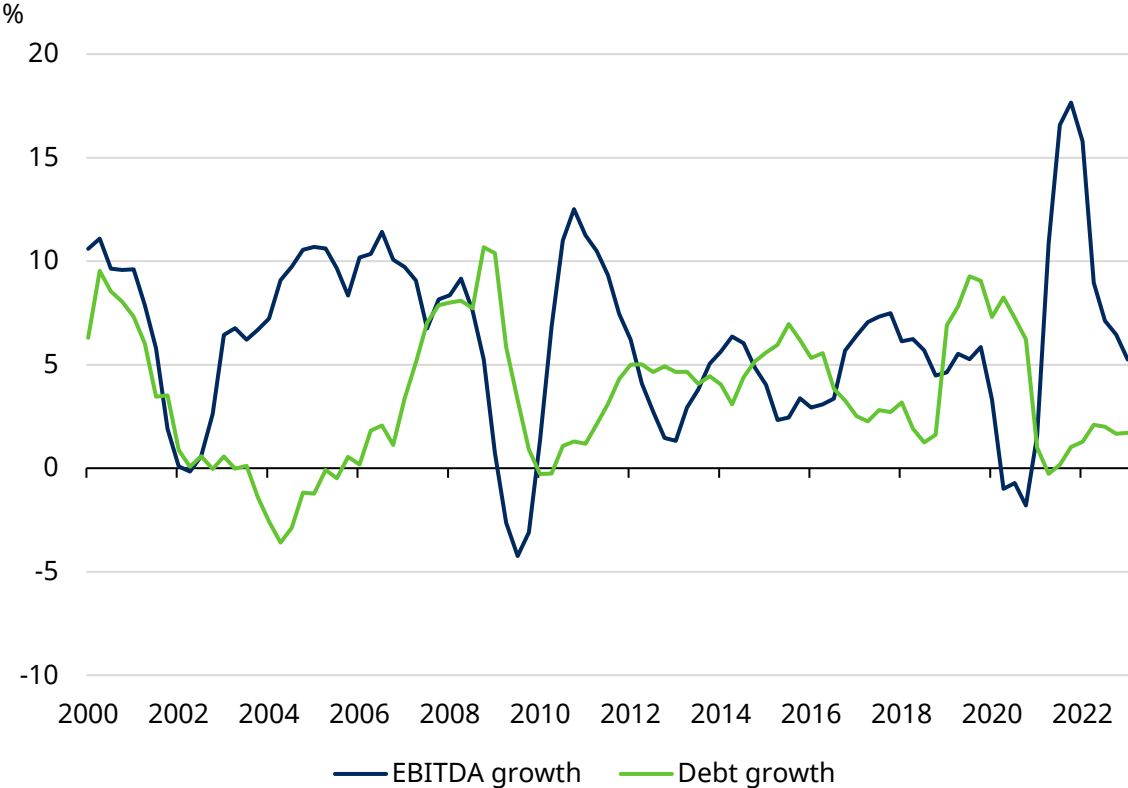
Interest expense growth is the highest since the global financial crisis, as higher interest rates are starting to have an impact

Source: Schroders, Bloomberg. Median issuer ex-Financials. Data as of Q1 2023. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 72.

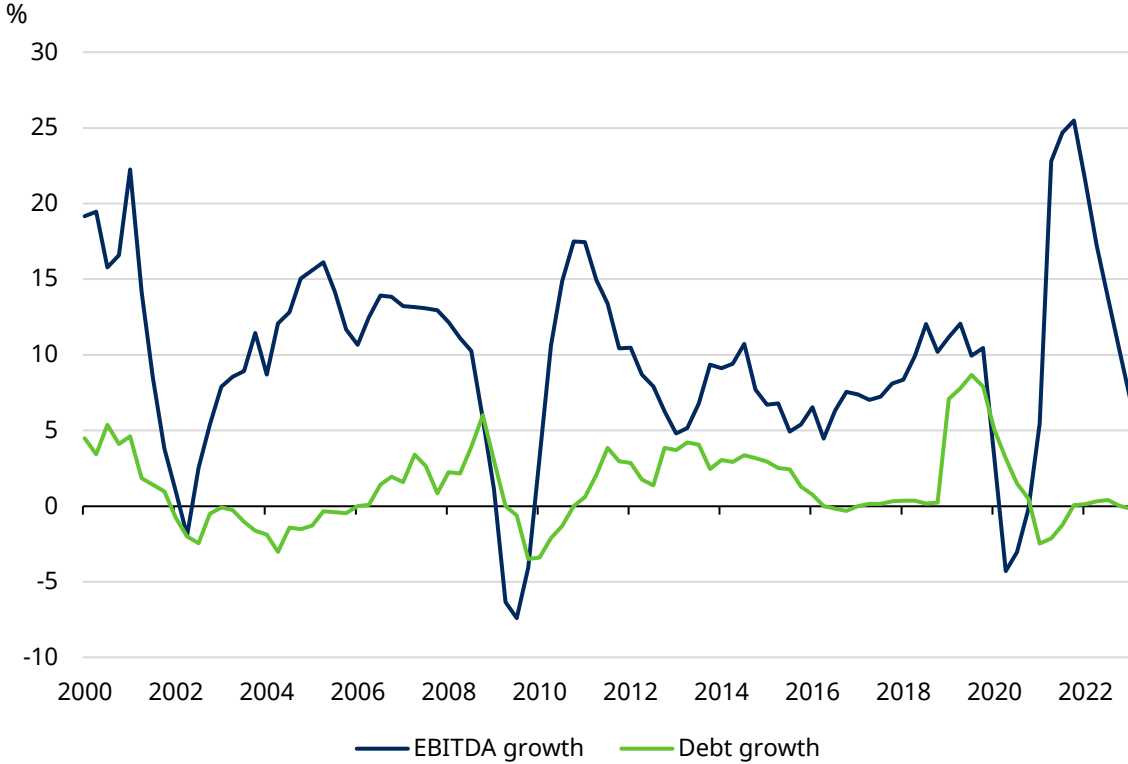
US IG earnings, sales and debt growth

Earnings growth continued to slow

US IG EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)



US HY EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)



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Summary table

Cross-credit overview

Date: 31 May 2023

	IG GBP non-gilts	IG GBP corporates	IG Euro	IG USD	HY GBP	HY Euro	HY USD	Hard EMD	Local EMD	Corp. EMD
Yield to worst	5.8%	6.1%	4.2%	5.4%	10.4%	7.5%	8.8%	8.6%	6.4%	7.4%
Yield to worst (hedged to USD) ¹	6.5%	6.8%	6.4%	5.4%	11.1%	9.7%	8.8%	8.6%	-	7.4%
Spread (bps)	145	175	169	142	589	483	469	477	265	347
Spread (percentile) ²	67%	67%	77%	55%	72%	63%	52%	71%	11%	59%
Risk premium (bps) ³	112	137	131	104	403	312	246	348	210	236
Duration	5.9	6.5	4.8	7.1	3.2	3.3	4.3	6.7	5.0	4.2
MV (billion \$)	753	561	2,907	7,796	52	394	1,202	626	1,363	506
Rating	A1	A3	A3	A3	BB3	BB3	B1	BBB3	BBB2	BBB3
Nr. of issues/countries	1,319	1,110	4,147	10,001	99	733	1,876	67	20	1,920
Since Jan 1997 or inception										
Annualised return ⁴	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%	8.2%	5.8%	6.1%	6.7%	5.0%	5.9%
Annualised volatility	5.8%	6.5%	3.9%	5.8%	10.5%	11.4%	8.9%	10.6%	11.8%	7.6%
Return/volatility	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.8
Max drawdown	-24.0%	-26.2%	-14.9%	-20.1%	-28.5%	-39.8%	-33.2%	-29.5%	-12.5%	-24.3%
Correlation with S&P500	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Correlation with MSCI World	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Correlation with US Treasuries	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2

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¹Local currency yield minus annualized 3-month hedging cost/return.

²Percentile shows where the current spread is relatively to the historical range of spreads, within a range of 0 to 100. The greater the percentile the higher the spread compared to history.

³Spread minus average historical default and downgrade losses (see slide 27).

⁴All returns USD hedged returns, except EMD Local which is unhedged USD return.

Summary table (alternatives)

Cross-credit overview

Date: 31 May 2023

	US Agency MBS	US ABS	US CMBS	US leveraged loans	EUR leveraged loans	Cat Bonds
Yield ¹	4.6%	5.9%	6.5%	10.3%	9.1%	-
Yield (hedged to USD) ²	4.6%	5.9%	6.5%	10.3%	11.3%	-
Spread (bps) ³	85	139	270	629	587	-
Risk premium (bps)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duration	6.0	2.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	-
Market size (billion \$)	7,291	404	443	1,354	278	-
Rating	AAA	AAA	AAA	-	-	-

Since Jan 1997 or inception

Annualised return ⁴	4.0%	3.5%	4.7%	4.7%	5.0%	7.1%
Annualised volatility	3.3%	2.2%	6.1%	5.8%	6.8%	4.2%
Return/volatility	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.7
Max drawdown	-16.0%	-9.0%	-25.8%	-29.9%	-32.2%	-8.7%
Correlation with S&P500	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
Correlation with MSCI World	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
Correlation with US Treasuries	0.8	0.5	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.1

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¹USD yield. Leveraged loans is yield (3-year life)

²USD yield minus annualized 3-month hedging cost/return

³Leveraged loans spread is discount margin (3-year life)

⁴All returns USD returns

Performance table

Cross-credit overview

Date: 31 May 2023

	IG GBP non-gilts	IG GBP corporates	IG Euro	IG USD	HY GBP	HY Euro	HY USD	Hard EMD	Local EMD	Corp. EMD
Return (local)¹										
1 month return	-2.2%	-2.4%	0.2%	-1.3%	0.3%	0.6%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-1.6%	-0.6%
YTD return	0.2%	0.2%	2.5%	2.9%	4.6%	3.8%	3.7%	1.8%	4.4%	2.5%
1 year return	-8.5%	-9.0%	-3.0%	-1.3%	0.0%	0.7%	-0.2%	-1.5%	3.1%	1.3%
Return (USD hedged)										
1 month return	-2.1%	-2.3%	0.4%	-1.3%	0.4%	0.8%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-1.6%	-0.6%
YTD return	0.7%	0.8%	3.5%	2.9%	5.0%	4.8%	3.7%	1.8%	4.4%	2.5%
1 year return	-6.6%	-7.1%	-0.3%	-1.3%	1.7%	3.5%	-0.2%	-1.5%	3.1%	1.3%
Spread										
1 month OAS change	1	3	9	2	-32	11	19	-6	-38	7
YTD OAS change	-16	-19	3	4	-74	-11	-10	25	-24	25
1 year OAS change	8	7	9	2	29	9	47	29	-129	17
Latest OAS	145	175	169	142	589	483	469	477	265	347

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¹Local EMD is USD return.

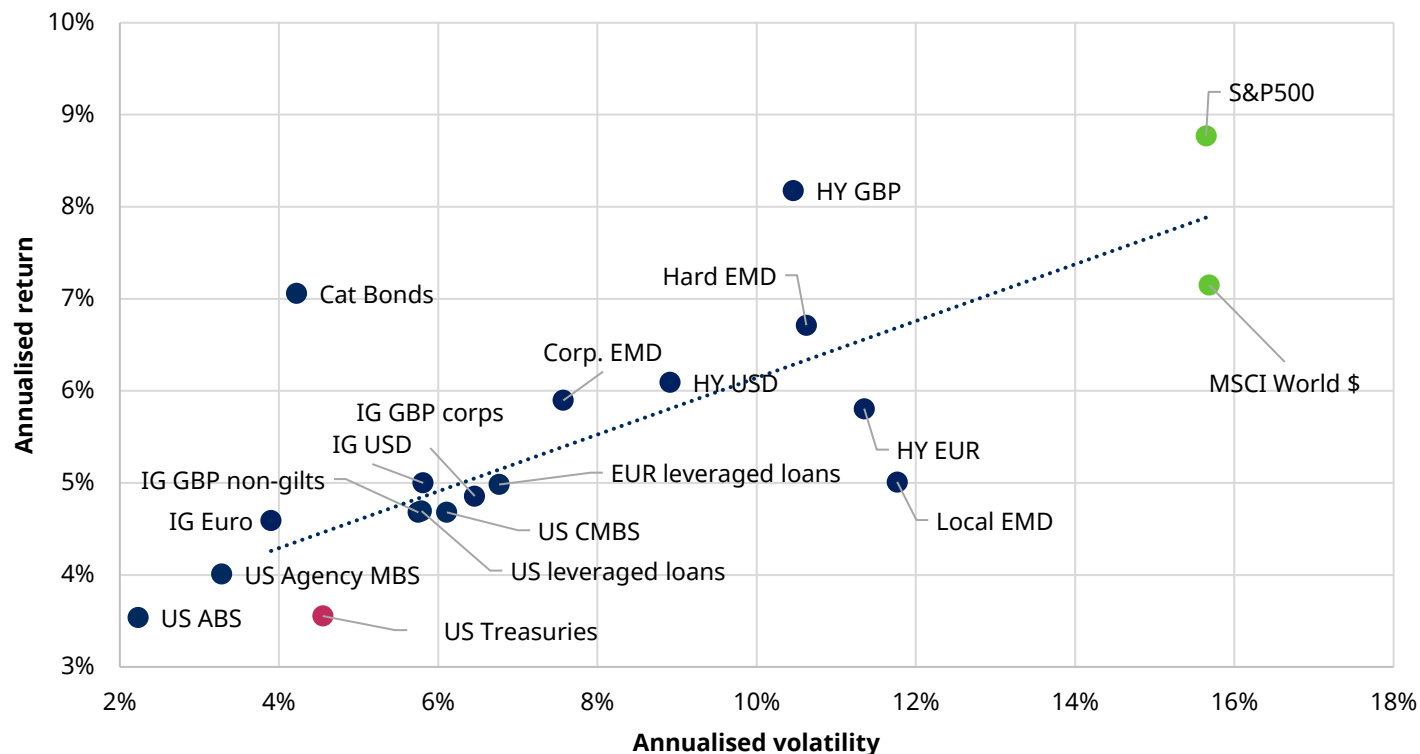
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Cross-credit analysis

Cross-credit risk-return profile

Since Jan 1997 or inception



- Little difference in risk/return characteristics of four IG indices
- The superior risk adjusted return of GBP HY index could be due to liquidity premium
- \$ EMD has delivered higher risk-adjusted returns than DM credit
- Agency MBS return has been roughly equal to Treasuries but has been achieved with lower volatility

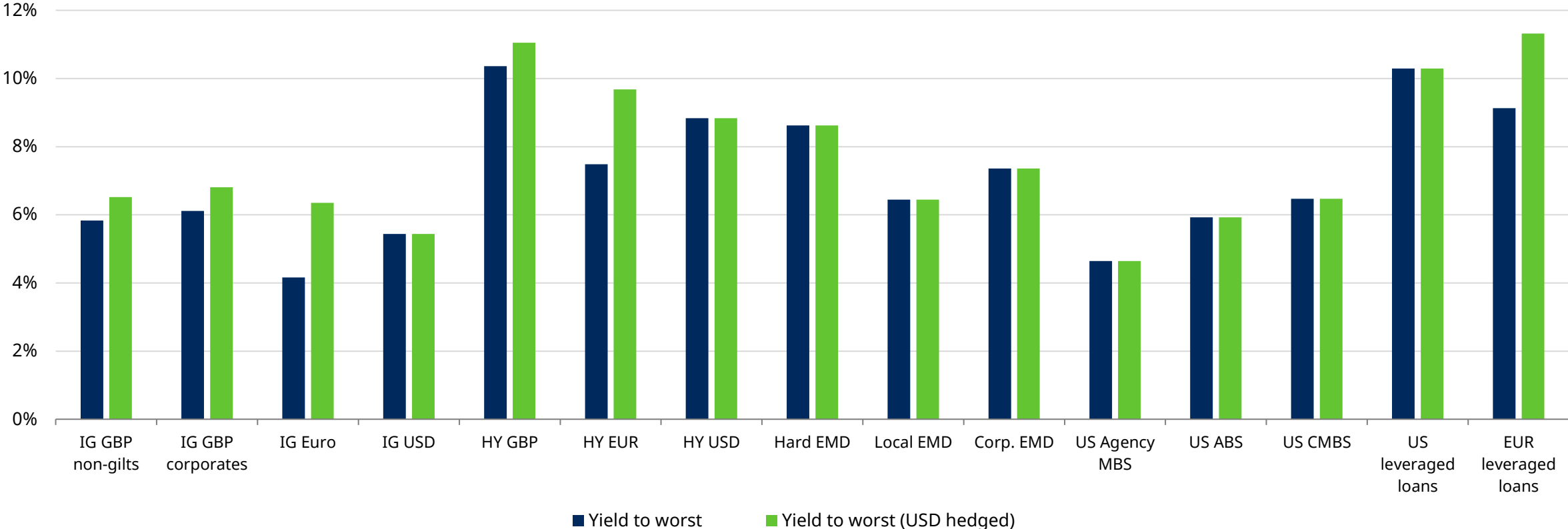
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All return and volatility figures shown as USD hedged, except EMD Local and MSCI World which are unhedged returns in USD.

Cross-credit yield

Yield to worst⁽¹⁾



Currency-hedged EUR corporates are attractive for USD investors

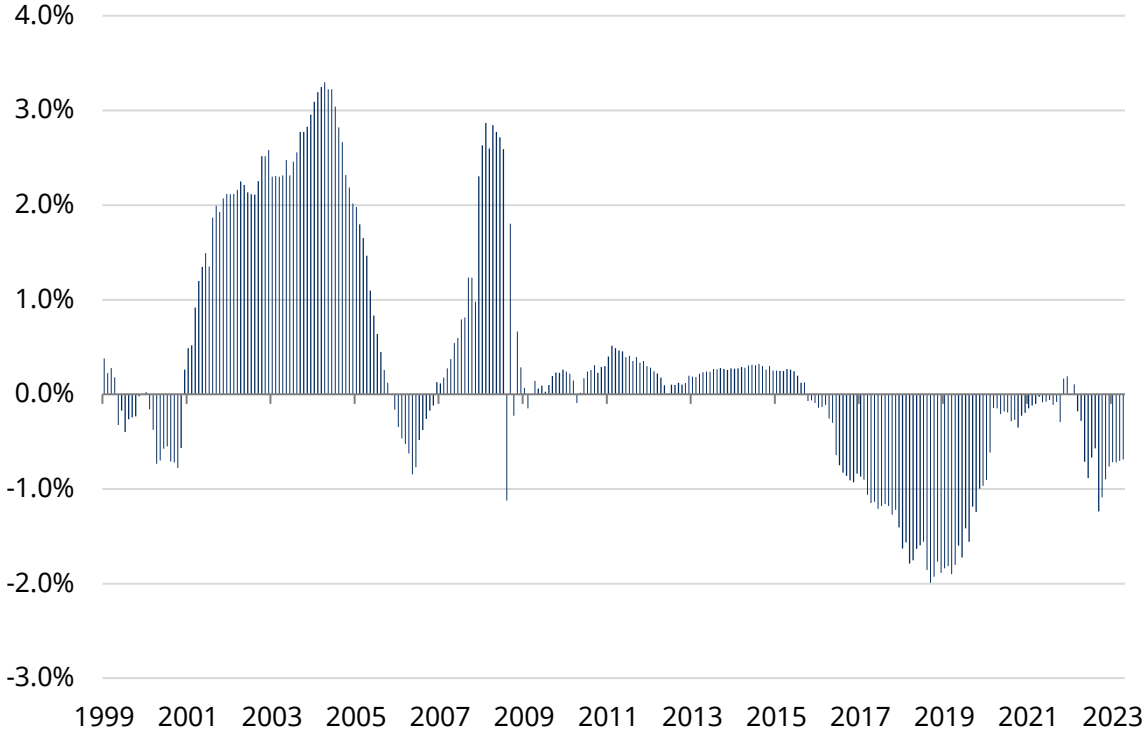
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(1) Hedged yield is local currency yield minus annualised 3-month FX hedging cost/return (see next slide). Leveraged loans is yield (3-year life)

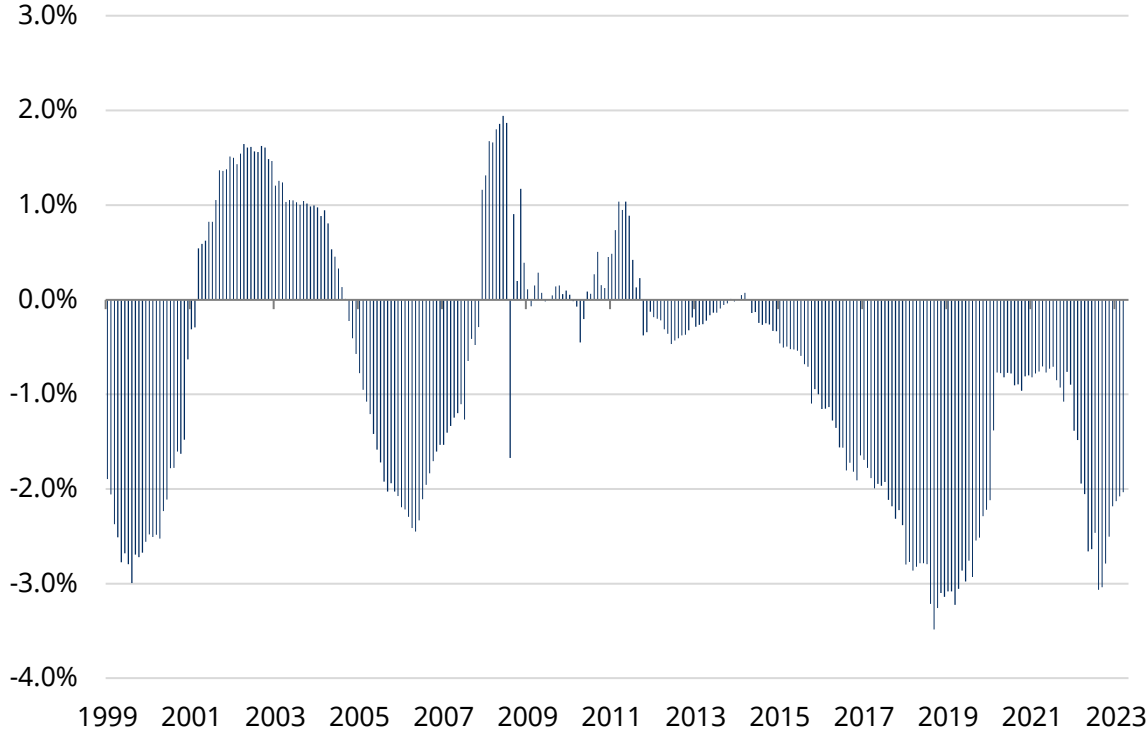
FX hedging cost or return

Using 3-month FX forwards

Annualised GBP to USD hedging cost (pos) or return (neg)



Annualised EUR to USD hedging cost (pos) or return (neg)



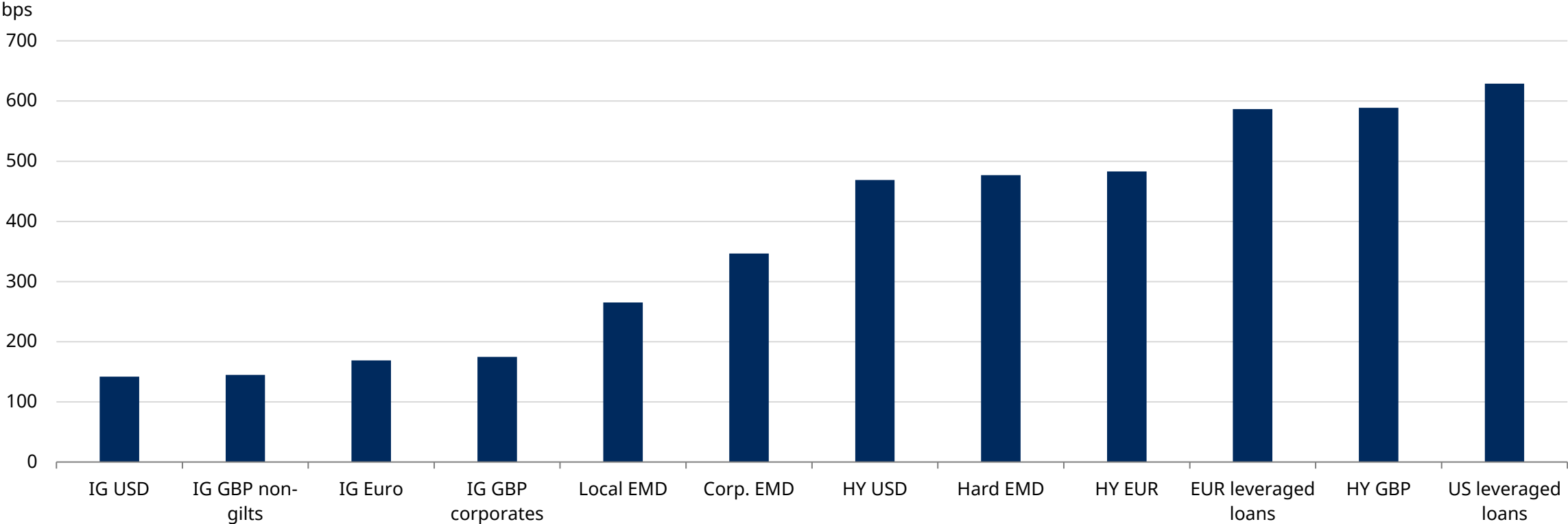
GBP yields will be 0.7% higher in USD once hedging taken account

EUR yields will be 2.1% higher in USD once hedging taken account

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Cross-credit spread

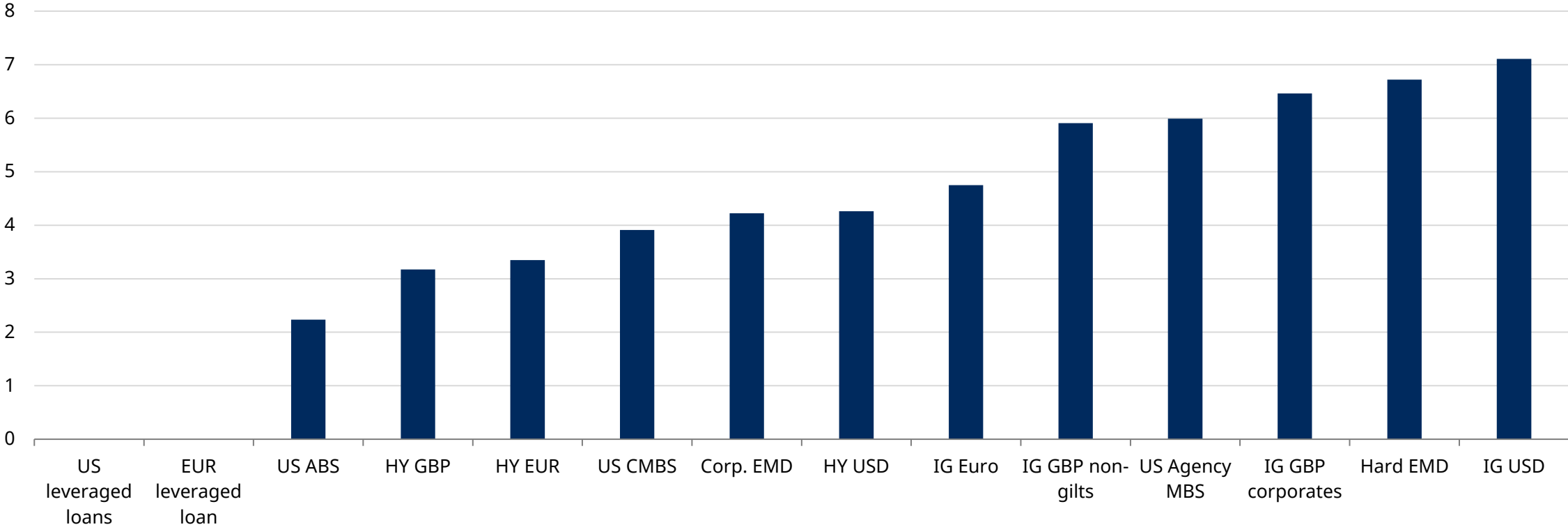
Spread



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Cross-credit duration

Modified duration

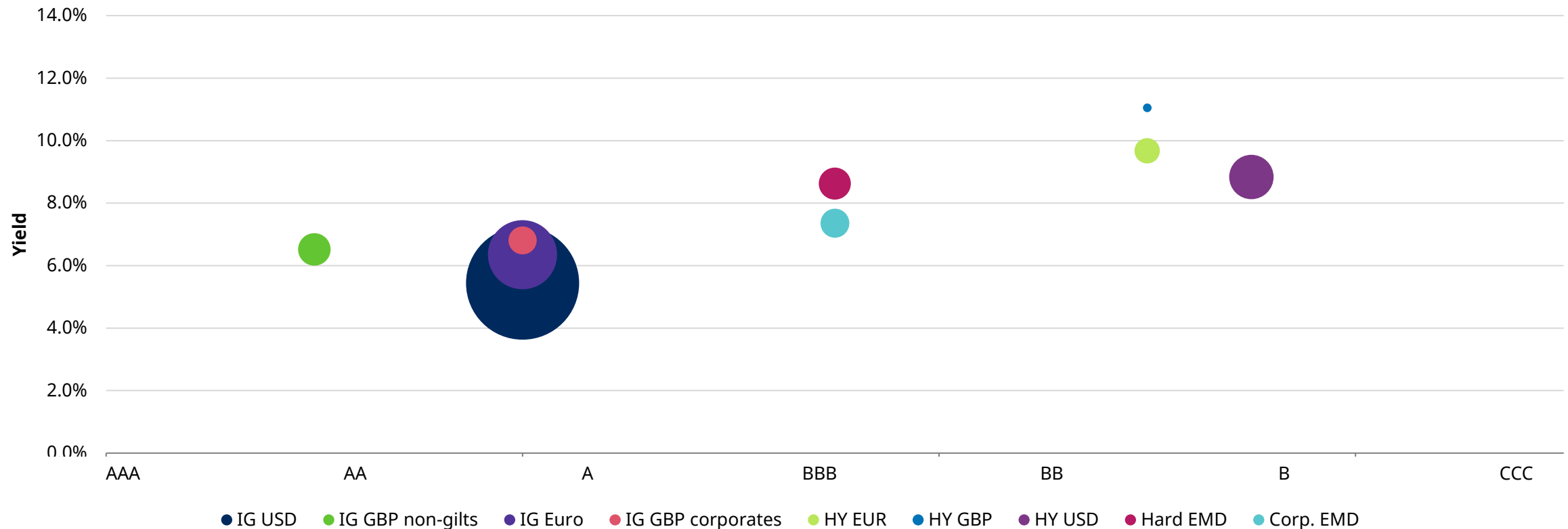


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Yield vs. credit rating vs. market size

The size of bubble is proportionate to the size of the market

Yield (USD hedged) vs credit rating vs market size

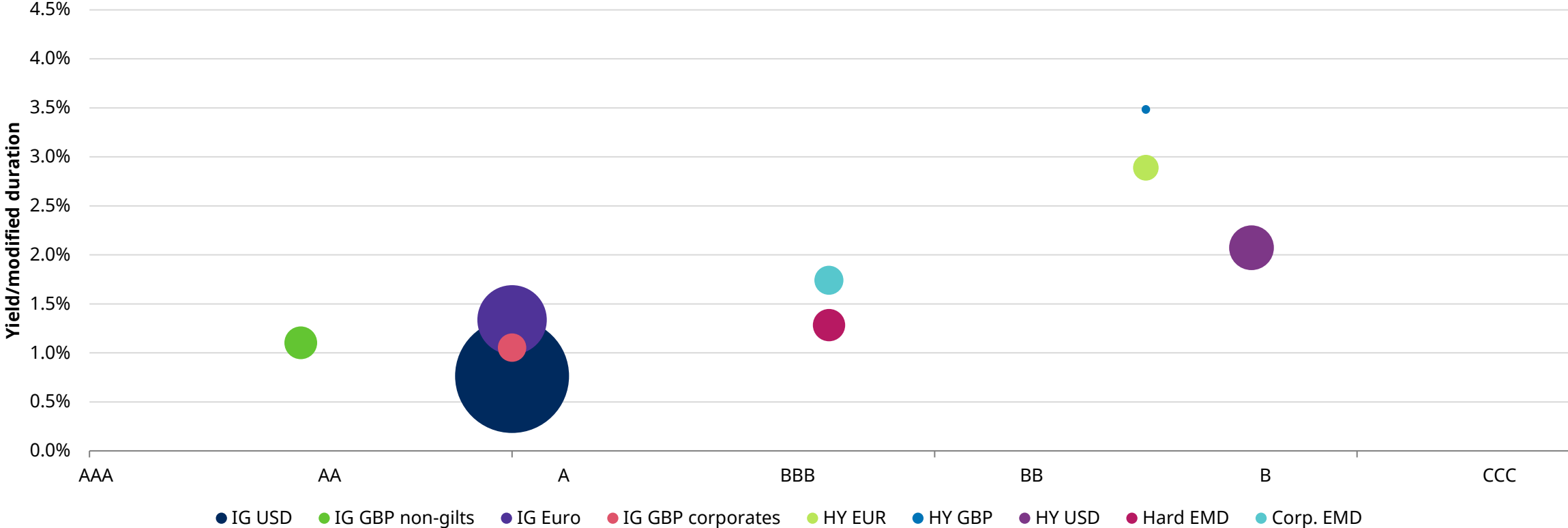


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Yield per unit of duration vs. credit rating vs. market size

Vertical axis is yield divided by modified duration

Yield (USD hedged) per unit of duration vs credit rating vs market size

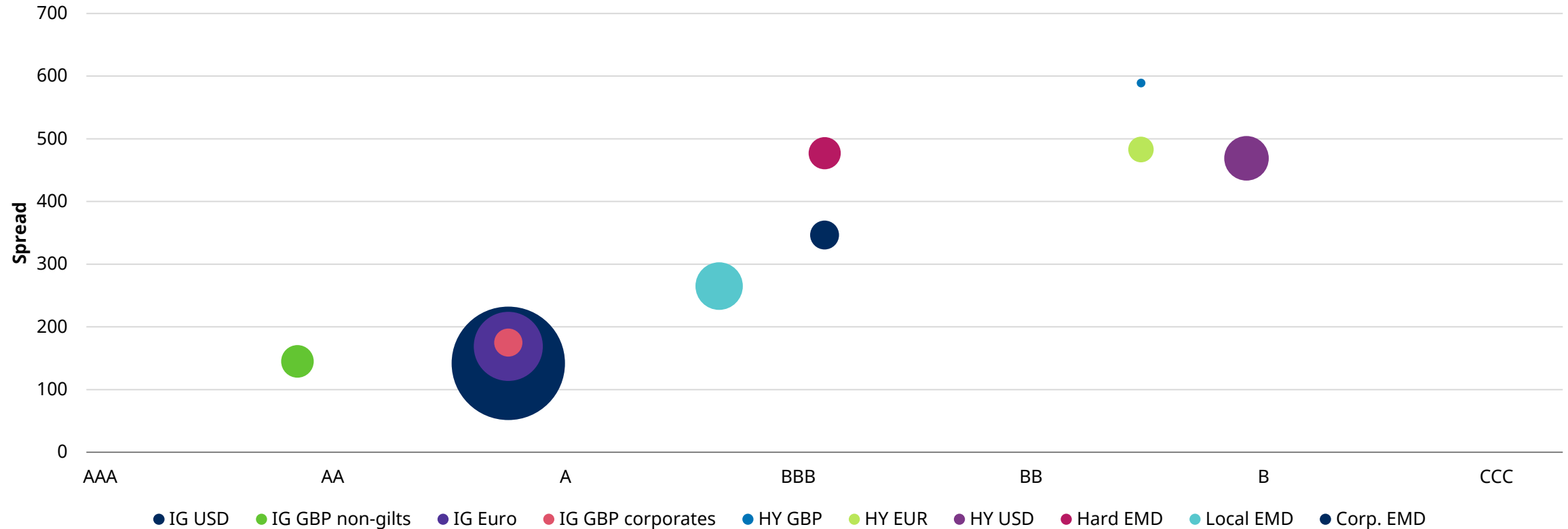


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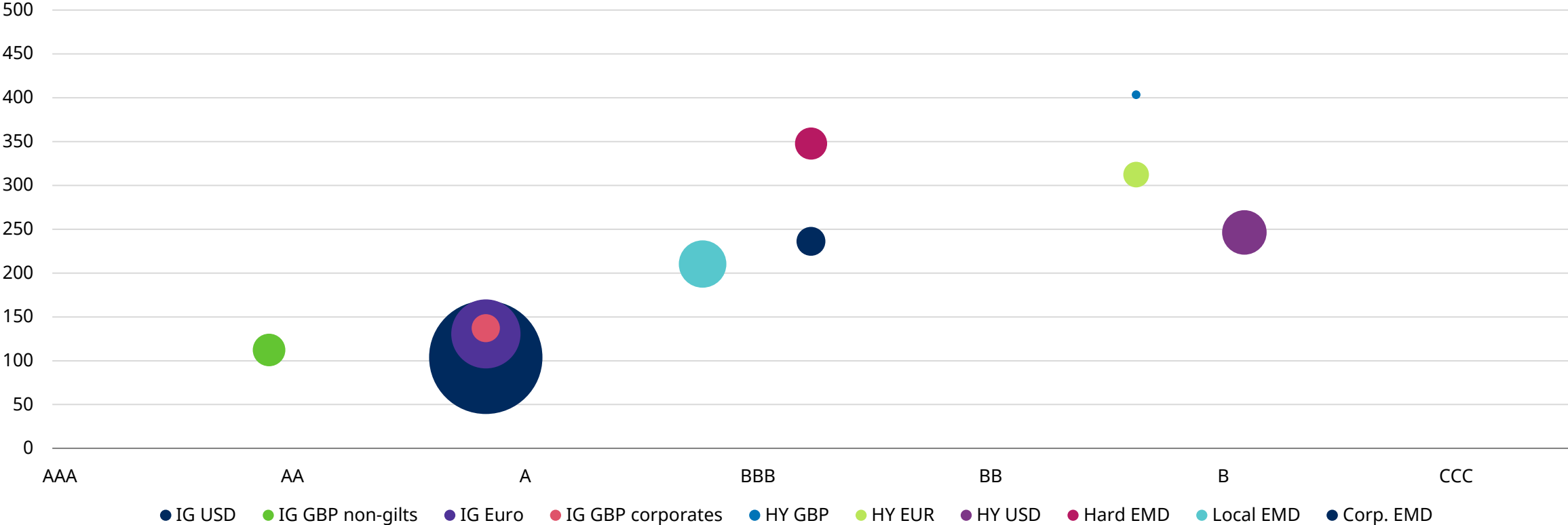


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Risk premium vs. credit rating vs. market size

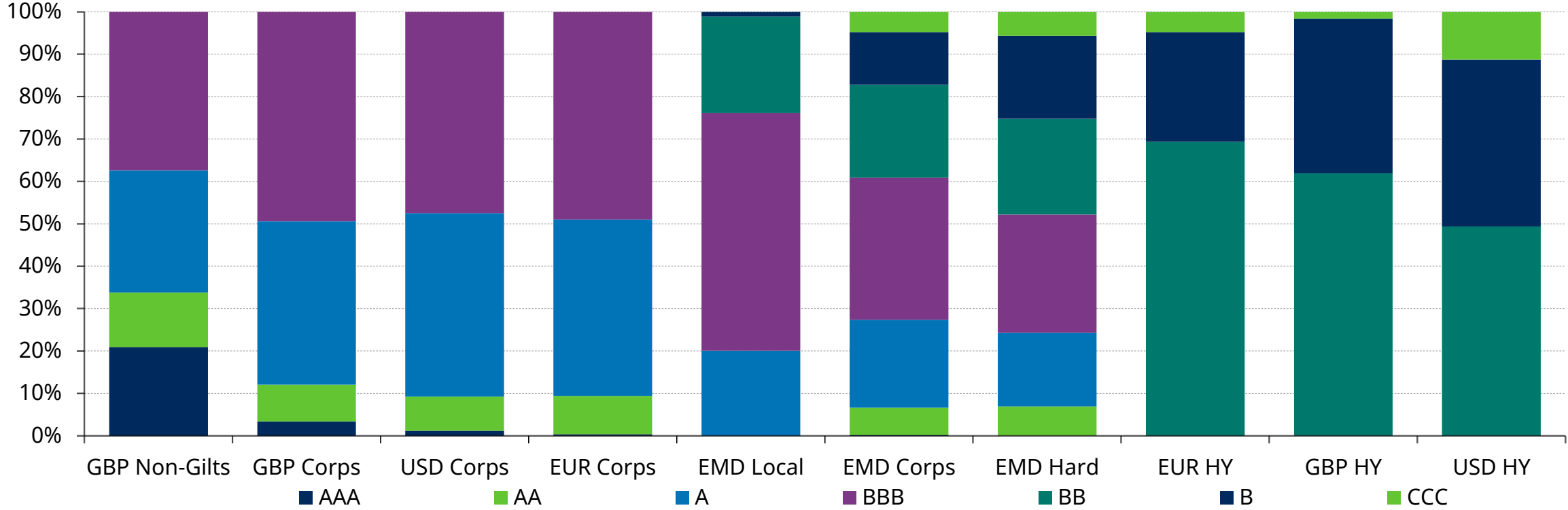
Risk premium = credit spread – long term default and downgrade losses

Risk premium vs credit rating vs market size



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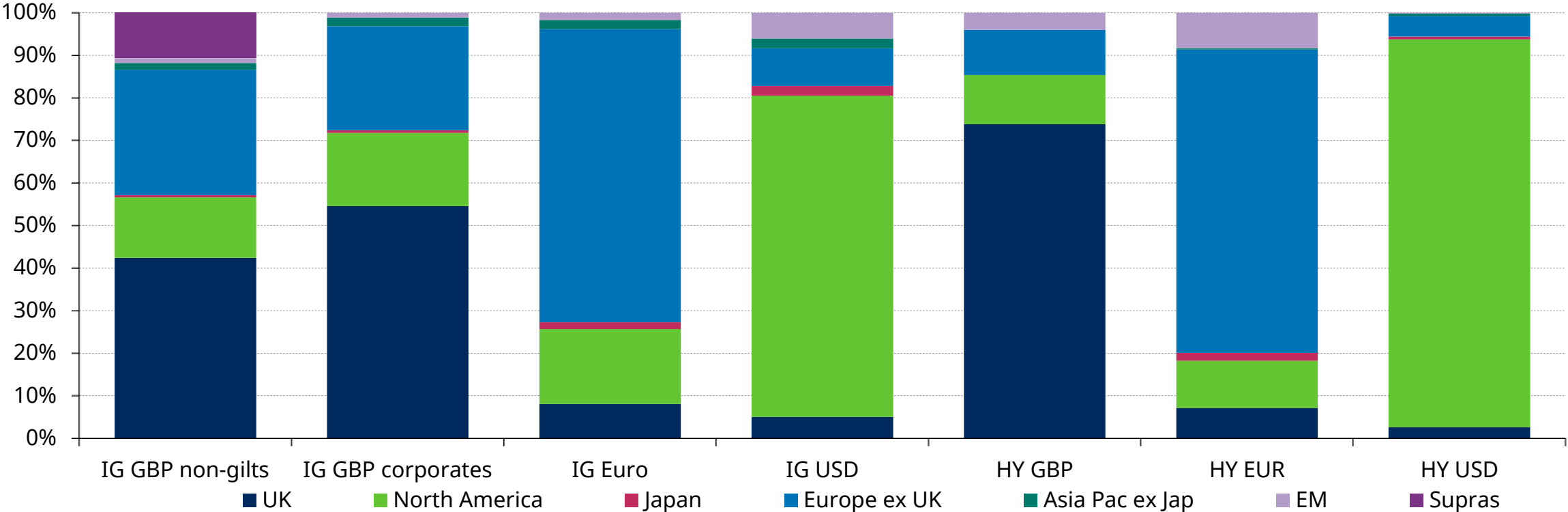
Cross-credit ratings split



US HY lower quality than UK/EUR HY; IG larger share of EMD Corporates than EMD Hard

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Currency of issue vs country of issuer

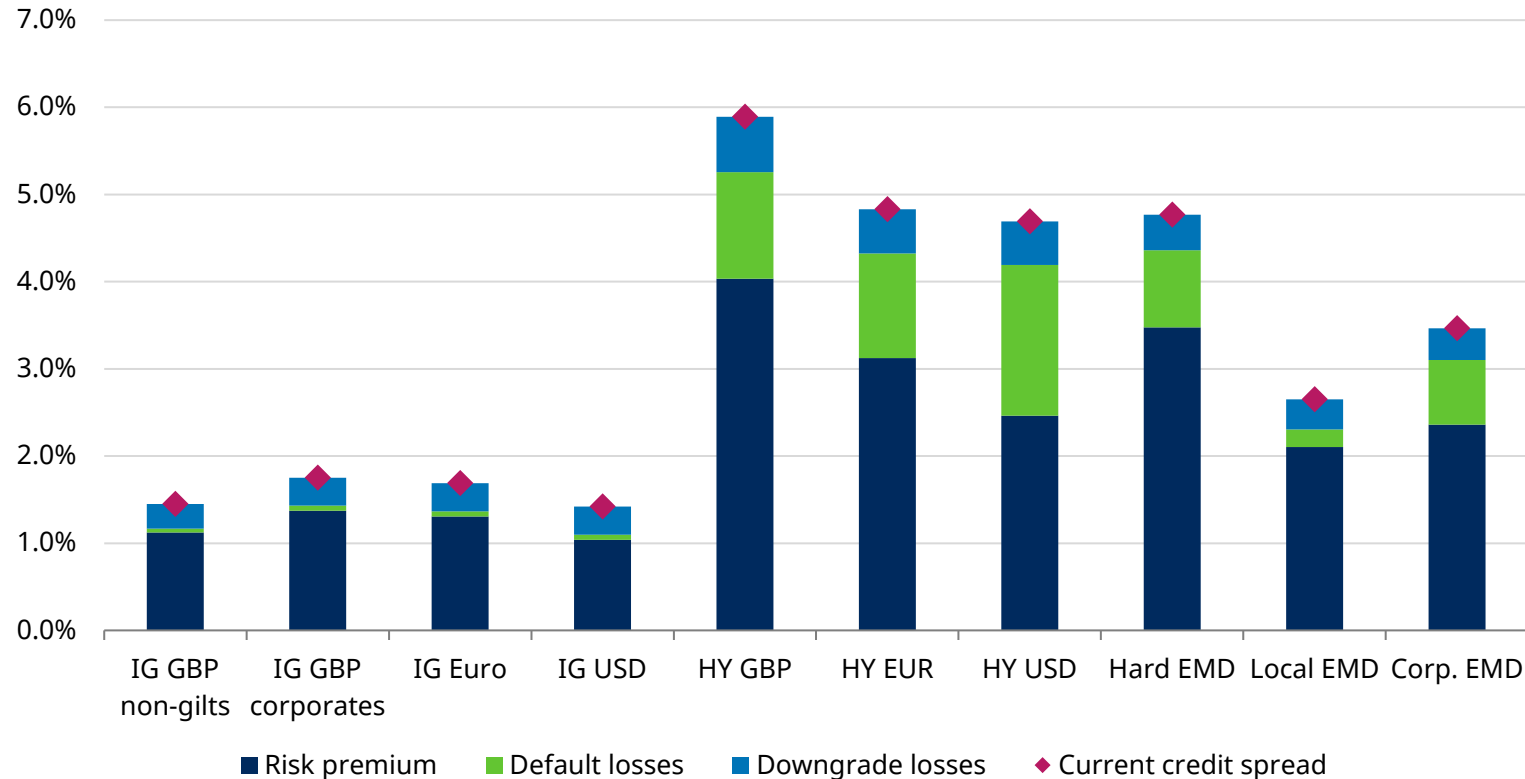


Almost half of GBP IG issuers are not based in the UK

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Risk premium/net spread in credit

Decomposition of credit spread into expected losses and expected risk premium



- IG is more exposed to **downgrade losses** (value of a bond falling after a downgrade), while **default losses** have been negligible
- Major losses in HY come from defaults that mostly happen in recessions
- Historically, investors have received a **risk premium** for having exposure to credit, as the average default and downgrade losses have been less than the average spread

Source: Schroders, Moody's default and recovery study 2019, ICE Data Indices, J.P.Morgan. Data as at 31 May 2023. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 72.

Risk premium

Decomposition of credit spread into exp. losses and exp. risk premium

	Expected default rate ¹	Default losses ²	Downgrade losses	Current credit spread	Risk premium ³
IG GBP non-gilts	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	1.5%	1.1%
IG GBP corporates	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	1.8%	1.4%
IG Euro	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	1.7%	1.3%
IG USD	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	1.4%	1.0%
HY GBP	1.9%	1.2%	0.6%	5.9%	4.0%
HY EUR	1.8%	1.2%	0.5%	4.8%	3.1%
HY USD	2.7%	1.7%	0.5%	4.7%	2.5%
Hard EMD	1.4%	0.9%	0.4%	4.8%	3.5%
Local EMD	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	2.7%	2.1%
Corp. EMD	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%	3.5%	2.4%

Risk premium is expected annual return on top of risk-free rate over a full credit cycle, implied by current spreads

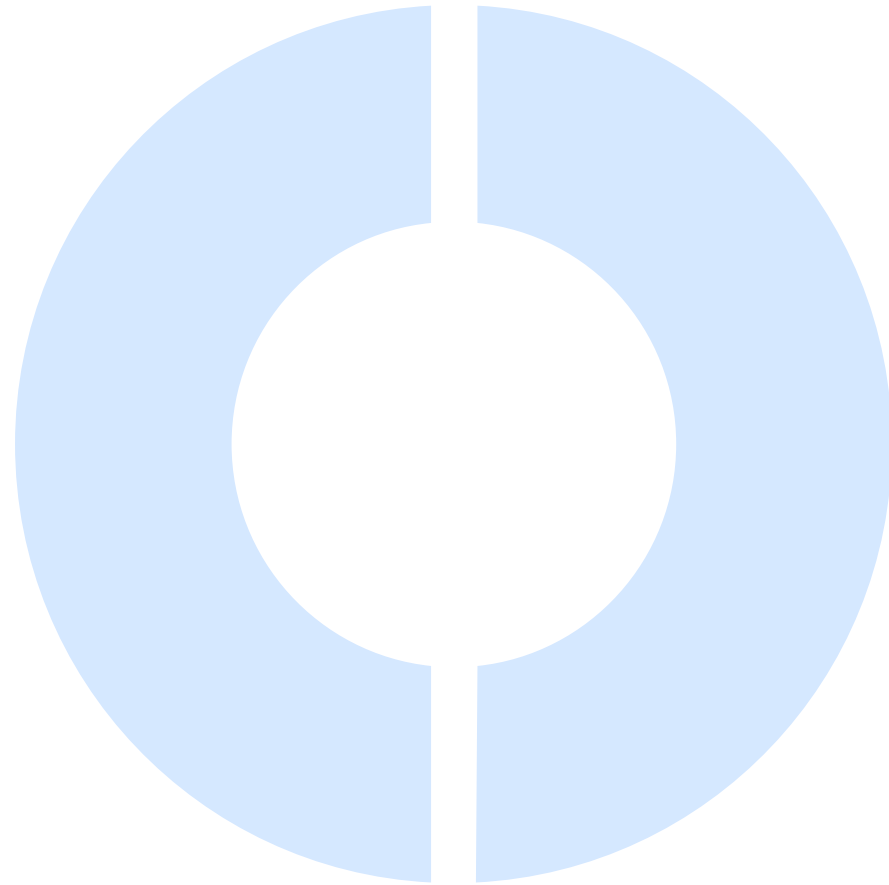
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¹Based on average historical default rate

²Default rate * (1-recovery rate)

³Credit spread – default losses – downgrade losses

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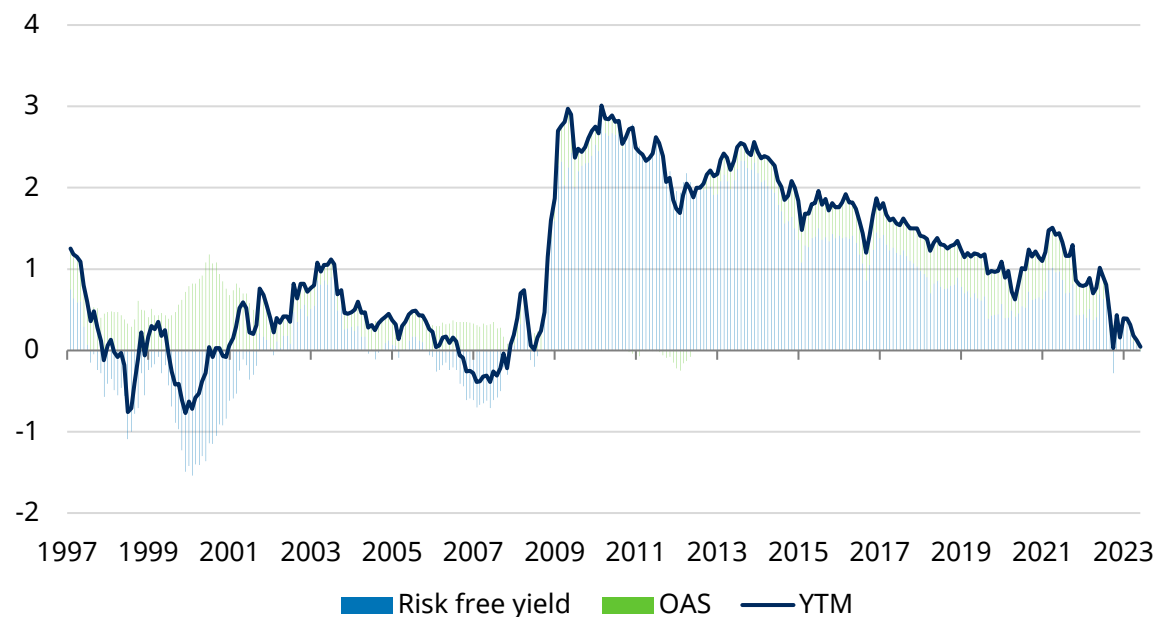


IG long vs short

Shape of the curve

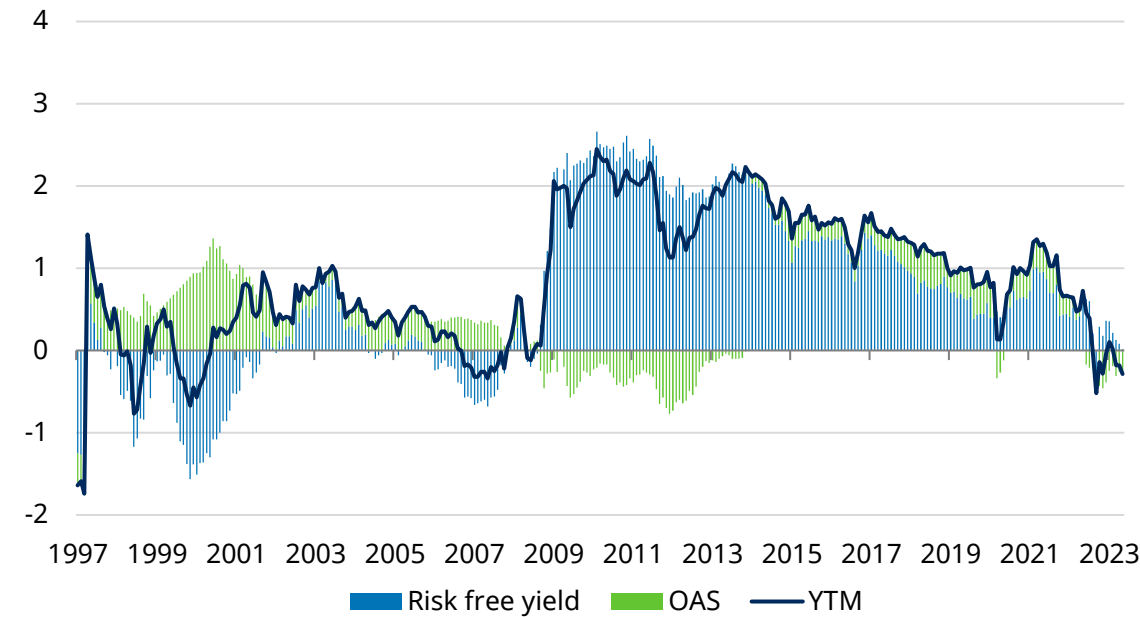
Shape of GBP IG curves

IG GBP non-gilts 10+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



	YTW	OAS	Duration
IG GBP non-gilts 1-5 year	5.8%	136	2.7
IG GBP non-gilts Index	5.8%	145	5.9
IG GBP non-gilts 10+	5.9%	142	11.5

IG GBP corporate 10+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)

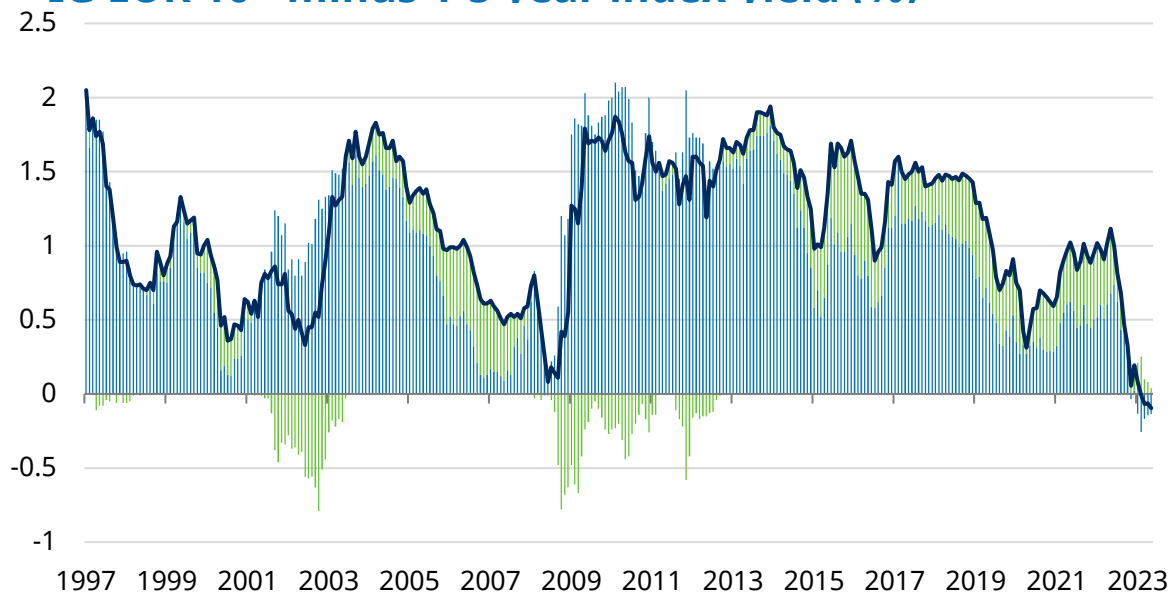


	YTW	OAS	Duration
IG GBP corporates 1-5 year	6.2%	182	2.9
IG GBP corporates Index	6.1%	175	6.5
IG GBP corporates 10+	6.0%	152	11.3

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Shape of EUR and USD IG curves

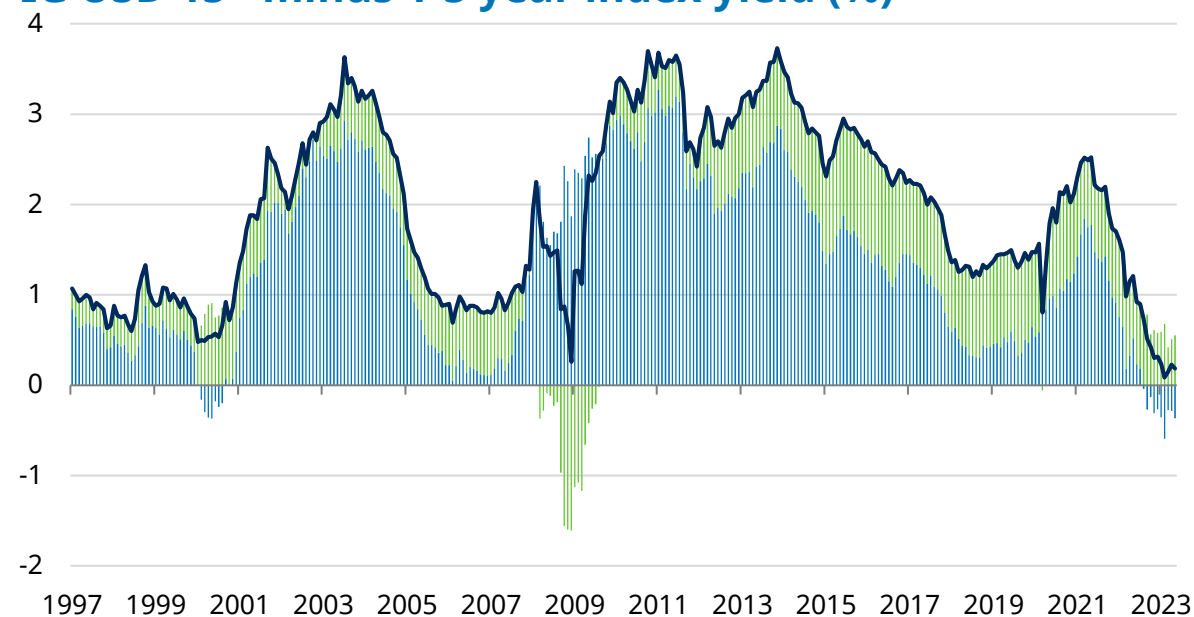
IG EUR 10+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



■ Risk free yield ■ OAS — YTM

	YTW	OAS	Duration
IG Euro 1-5 year	4.2%	160	2.9
IG Euro Index	4.2%	169	4.8
IG Euro 10+	4.1%	164	11.8

IG USD 15+ minus 1-5 year index yield (%)



■ Risk free yield ■ OAS — YTM

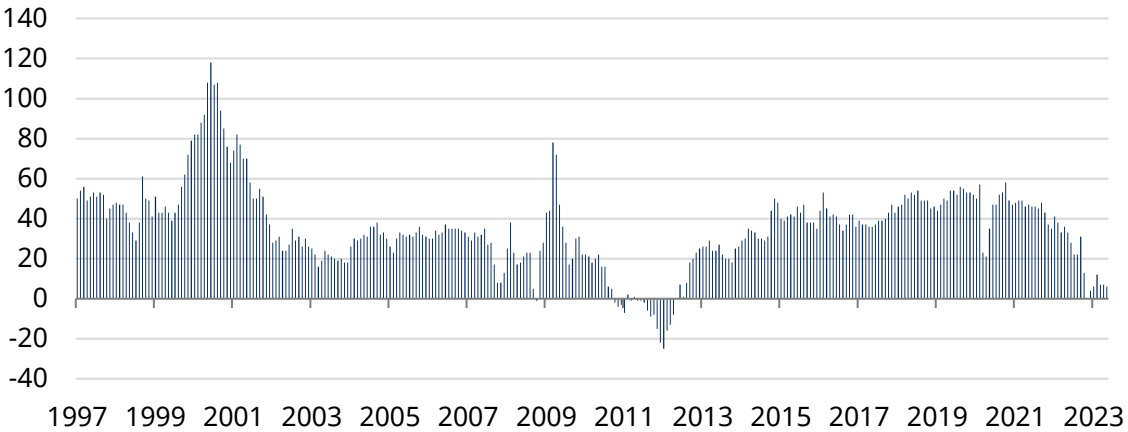
	YTW	OAS	Duration
IG USD 1-5 year	5.4%	109	2.8
IG USD Index	5.4%	142	7.1
IG USD 10+	5.6%	164	14.0

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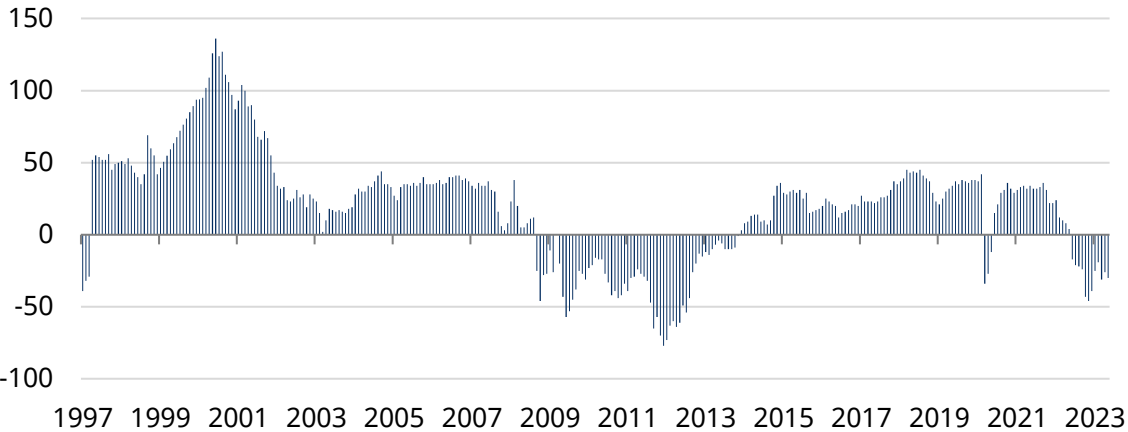
IG long vs short OAS

Shape of spread curves

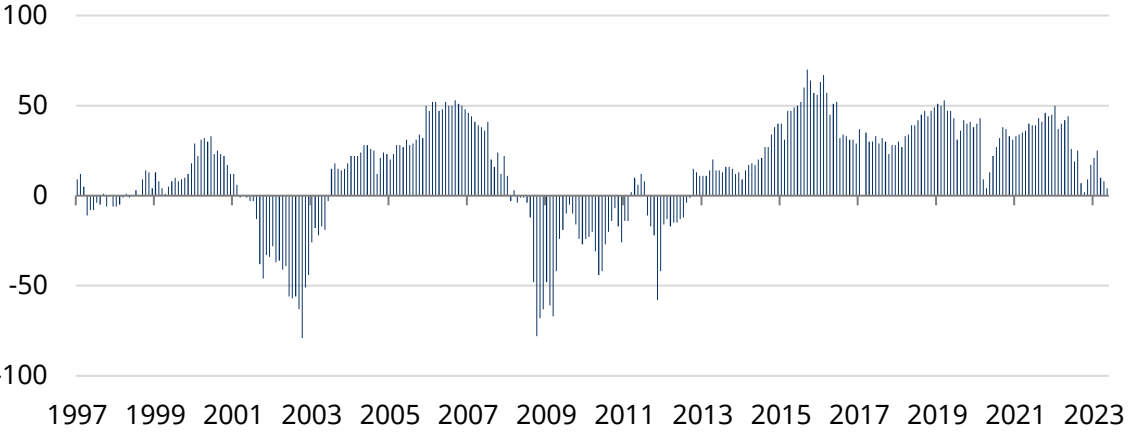
IG GBP non-gilts (bps)



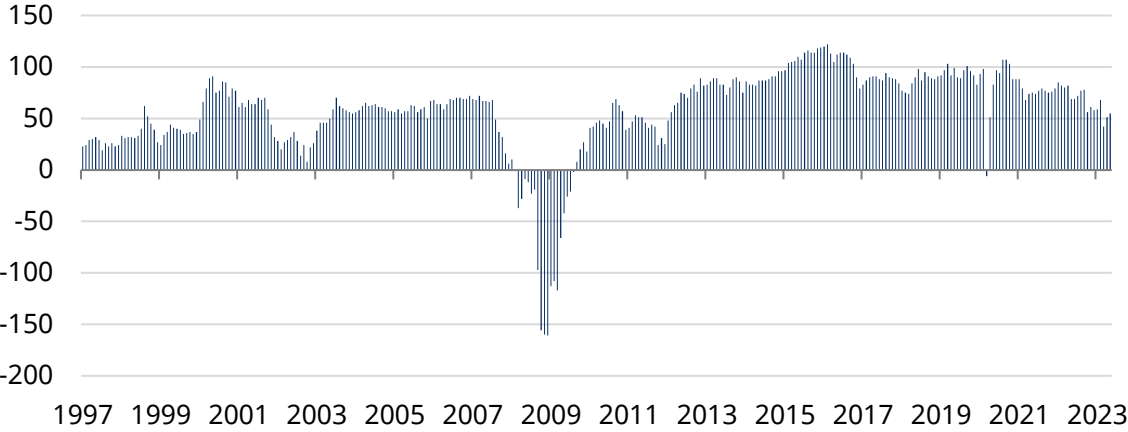
IG GBP corporates (bps)



IG EUR (bps)

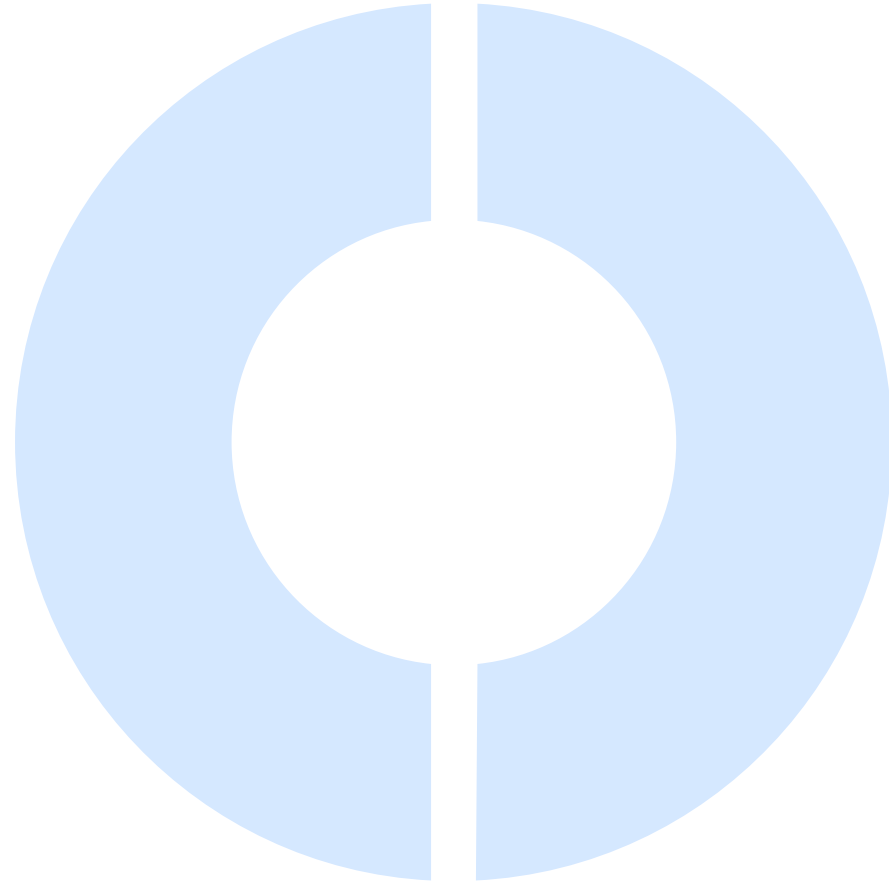


IG USD (bps)



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Schroders

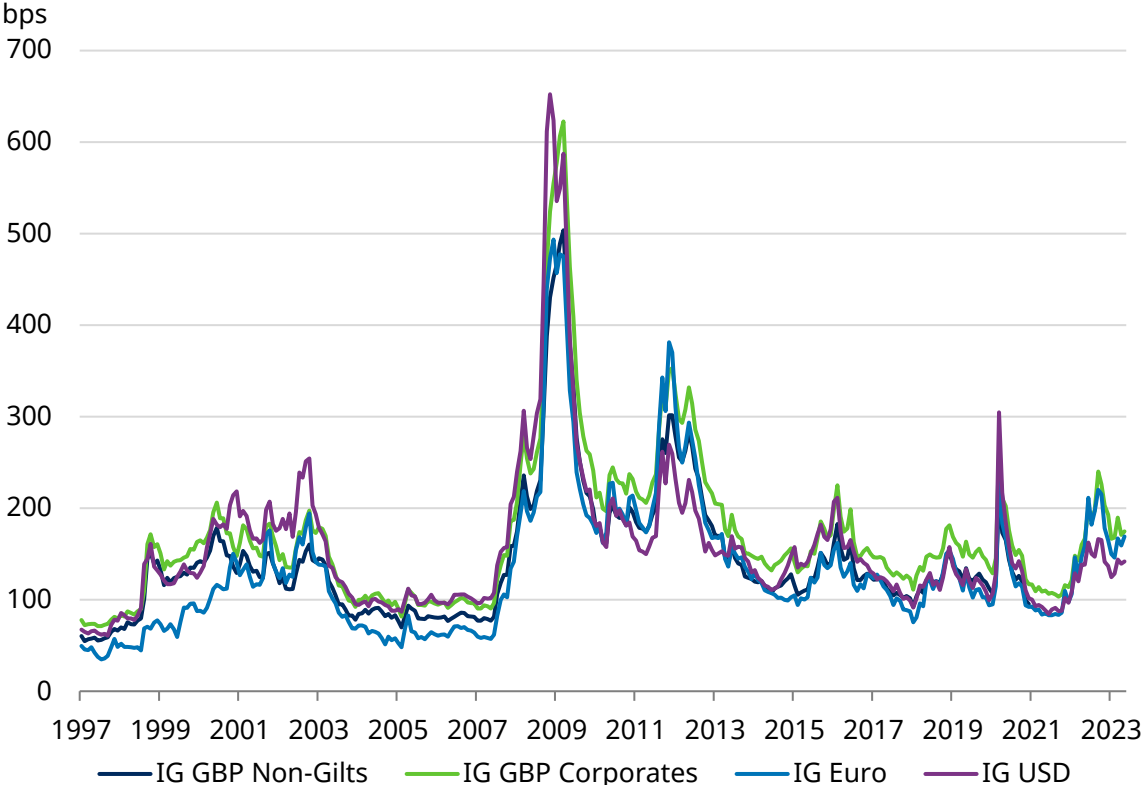


Corporate credit
Valuation

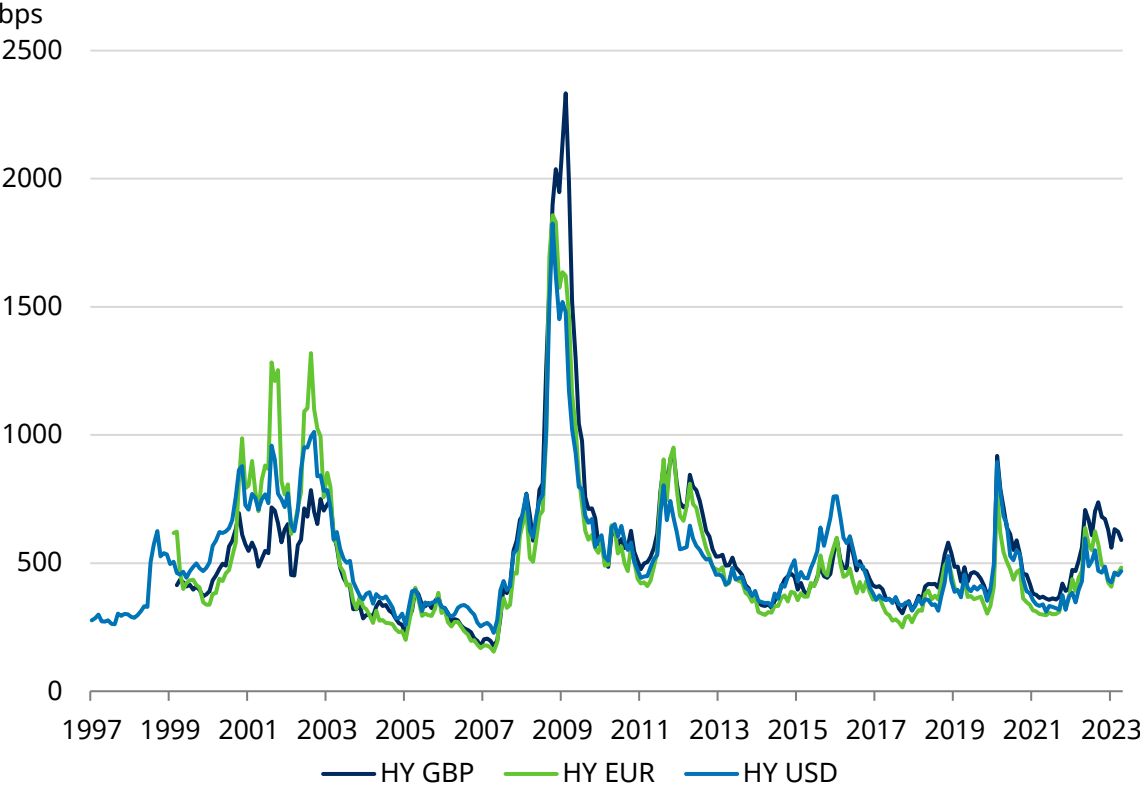
IG and HY valuation

Historical ratings-adjusted credit spreads

IG adjusted spreads



HY adjusted spreads

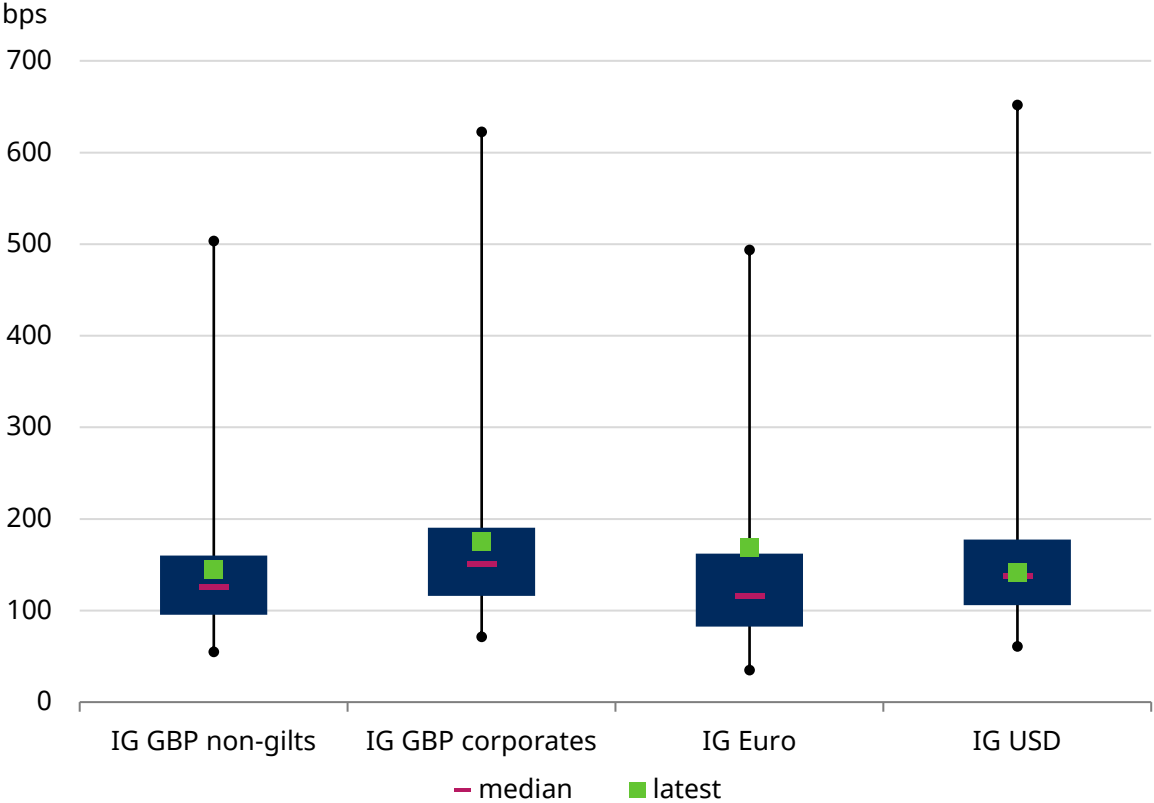


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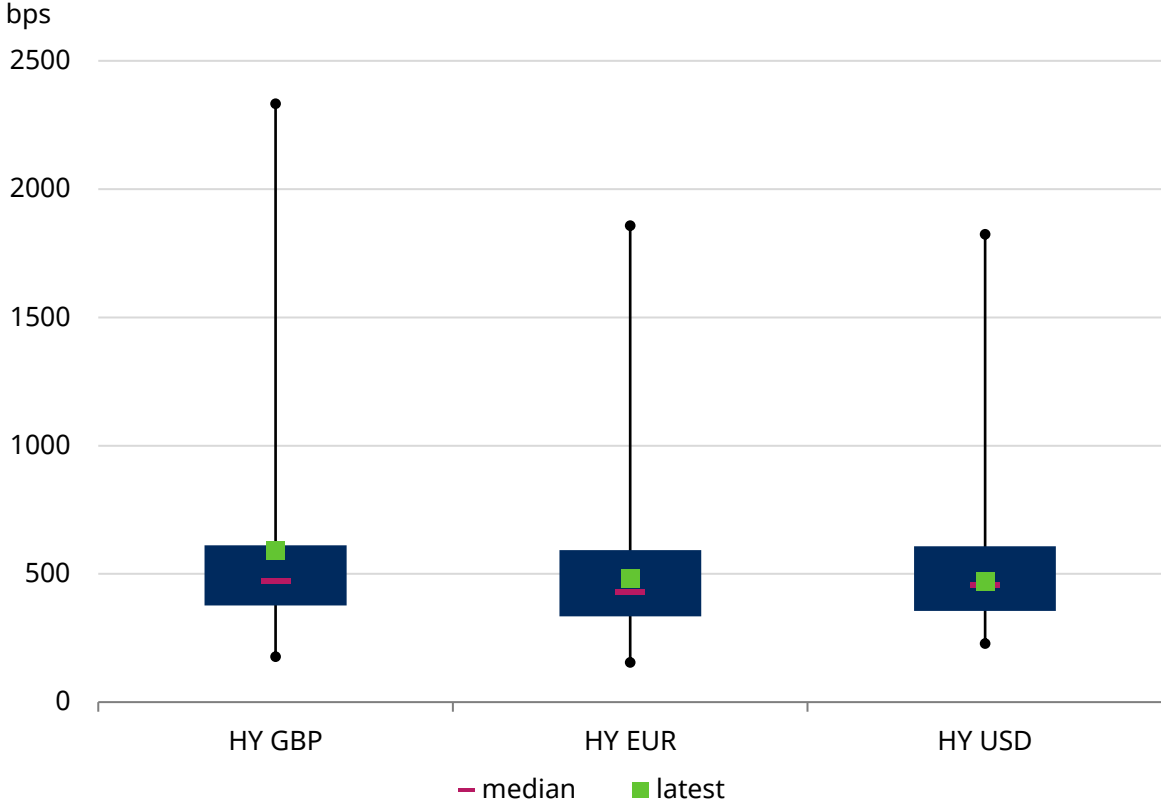
IG and HY valuation

Spread percentiles¹

IG adjusted spreads



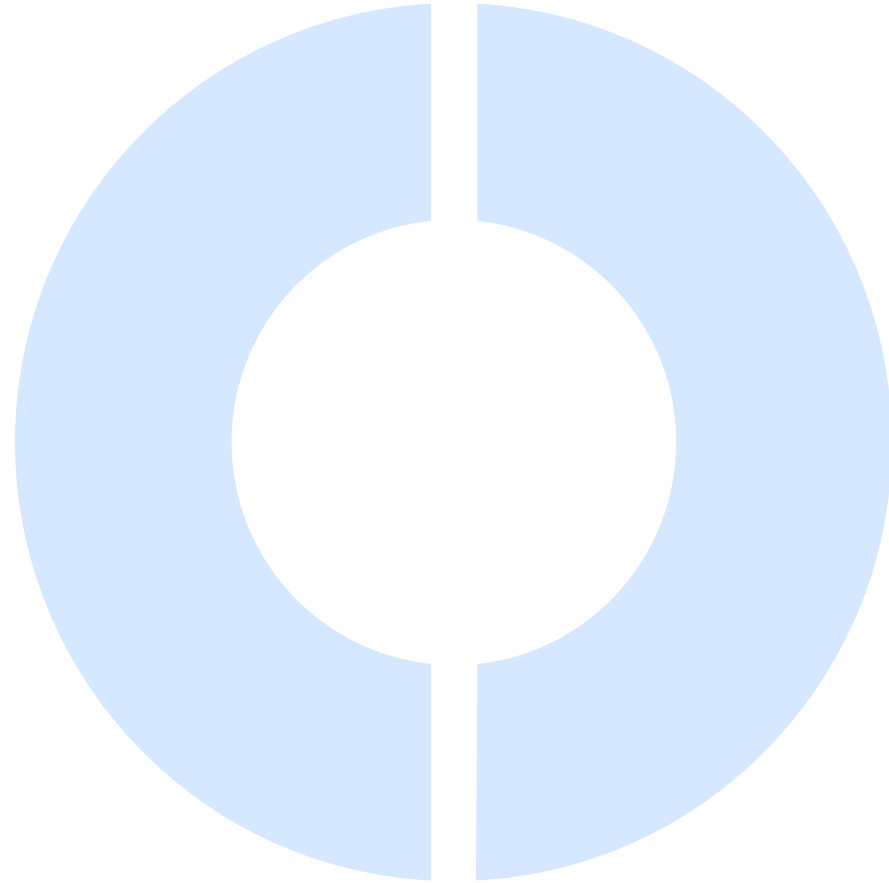
HY adjusted spreads



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¹Percentiles shows where the current spread is relatively to the historical range of spreads, within a range of 0 to 100. The greater the percentile the higher the spread compared to history.

Schroders



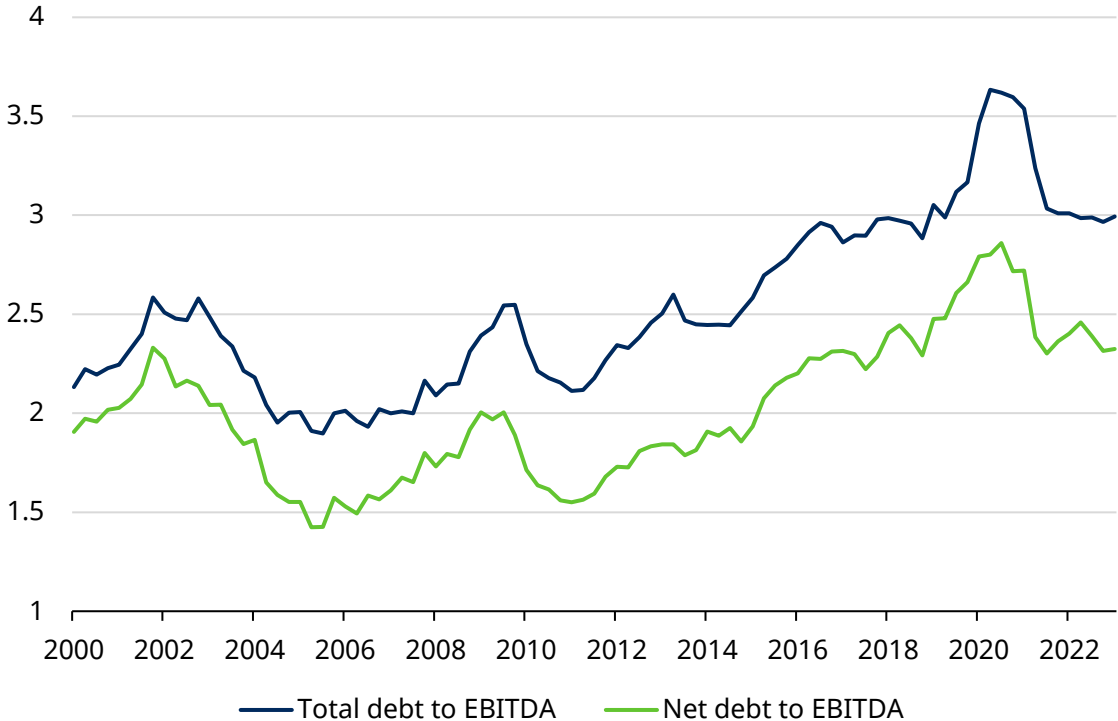
Corporate credit
Fundamentals

US IG leverage

Leverage has been broadly stable in recent quarters

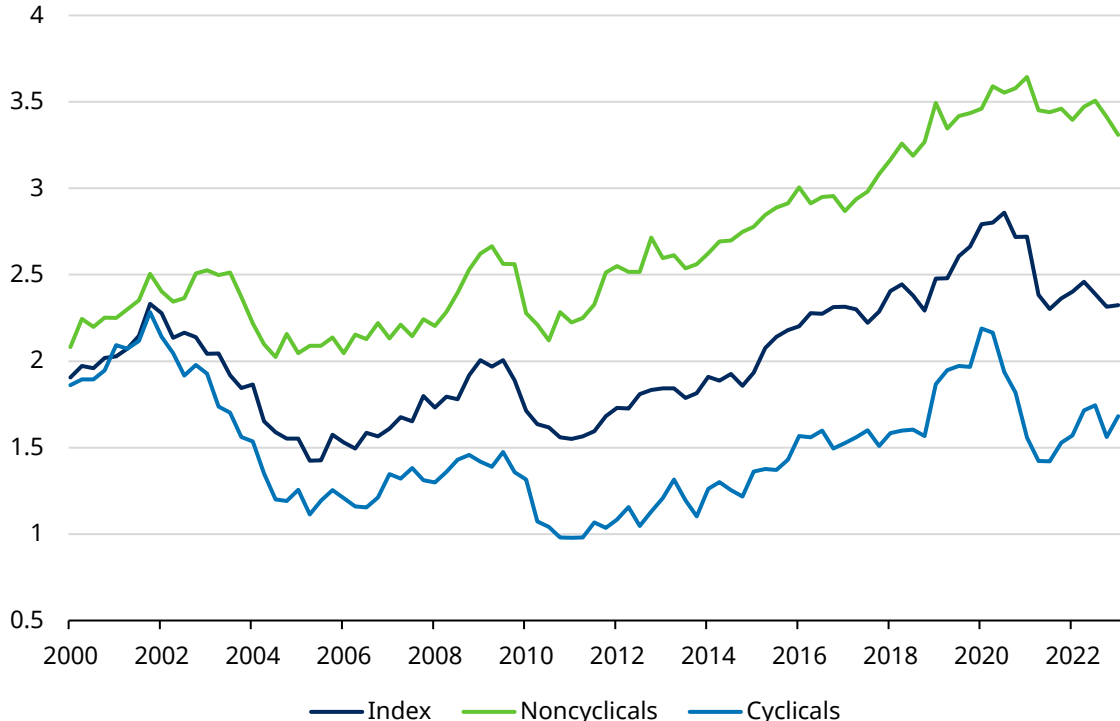
US IG leverage

Debt to last 12 months EBITDA



US IG net leverage

Net debt to last 12 months EBITDA



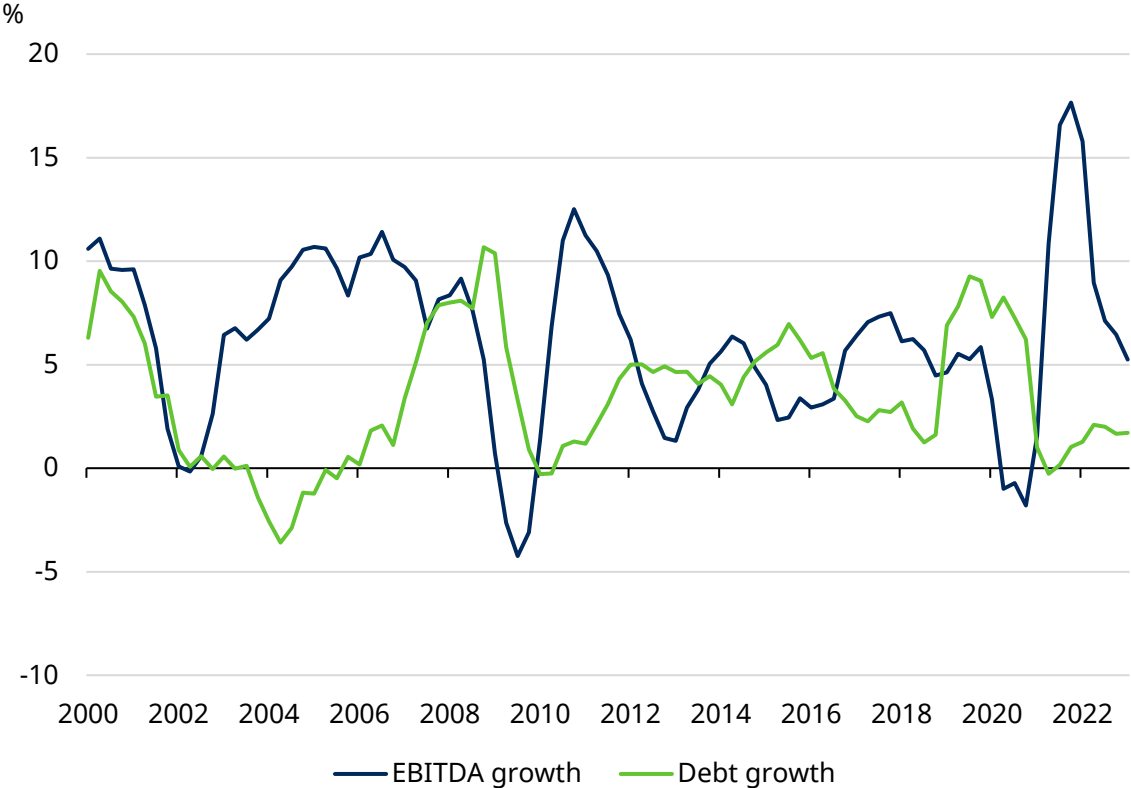
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Cyclical sectors: Basic Materials, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Technology. **Noncyclical sectors:** Communications, Consumer Staples, Utility, Health Care.

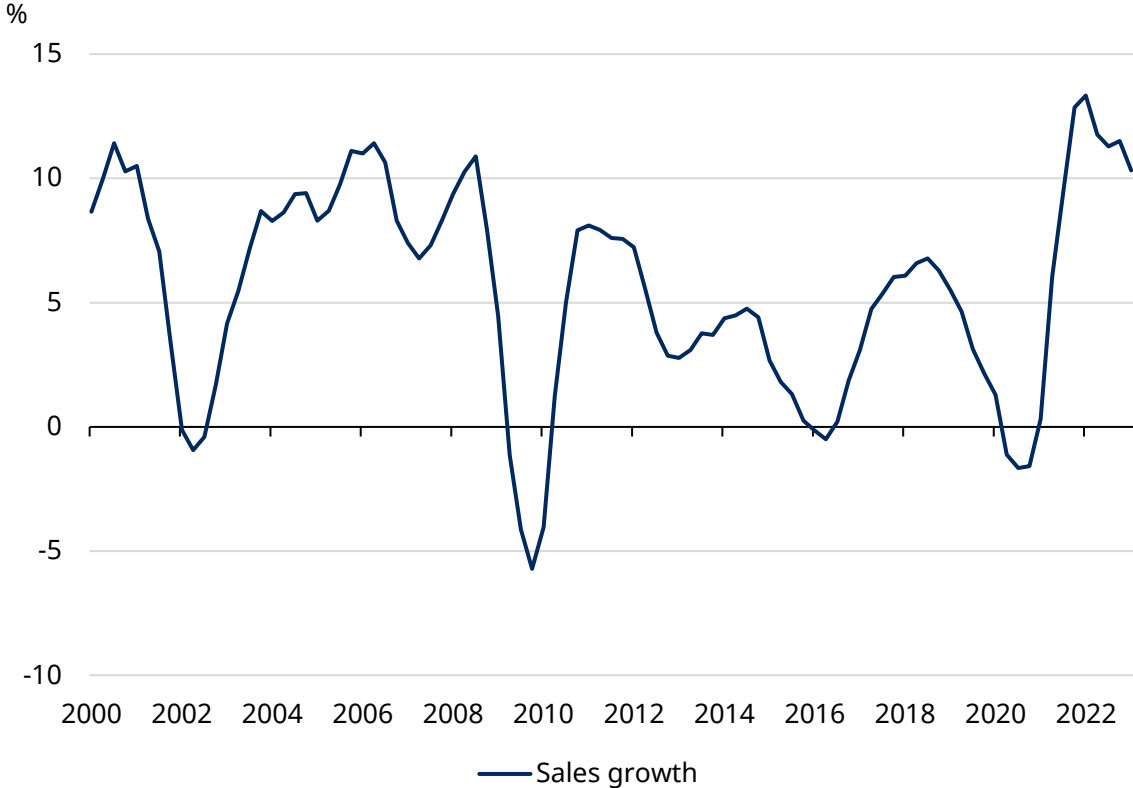
US IG earnings, sales and debt growth

Earnings growth continued to slow in Q1

US IG EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)



US IG sales growth (last 12 months)



Sales growth also slowed but remains at very elevated levels

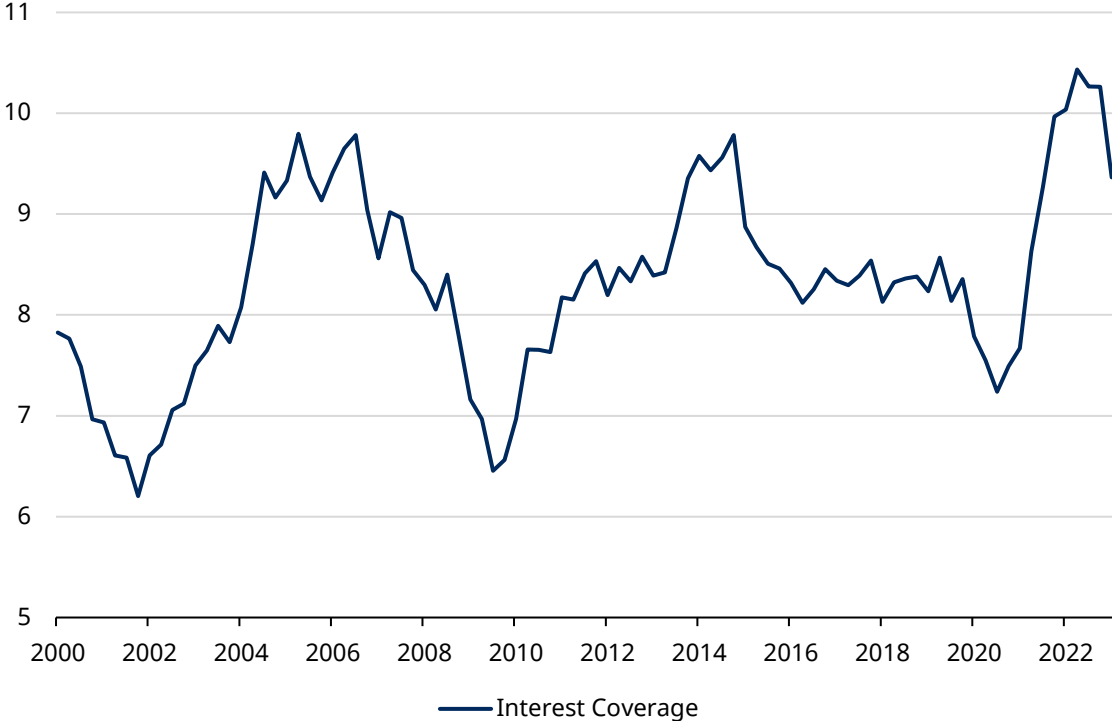
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US IG interest coverage

Interest coverage has declined but remains elevated

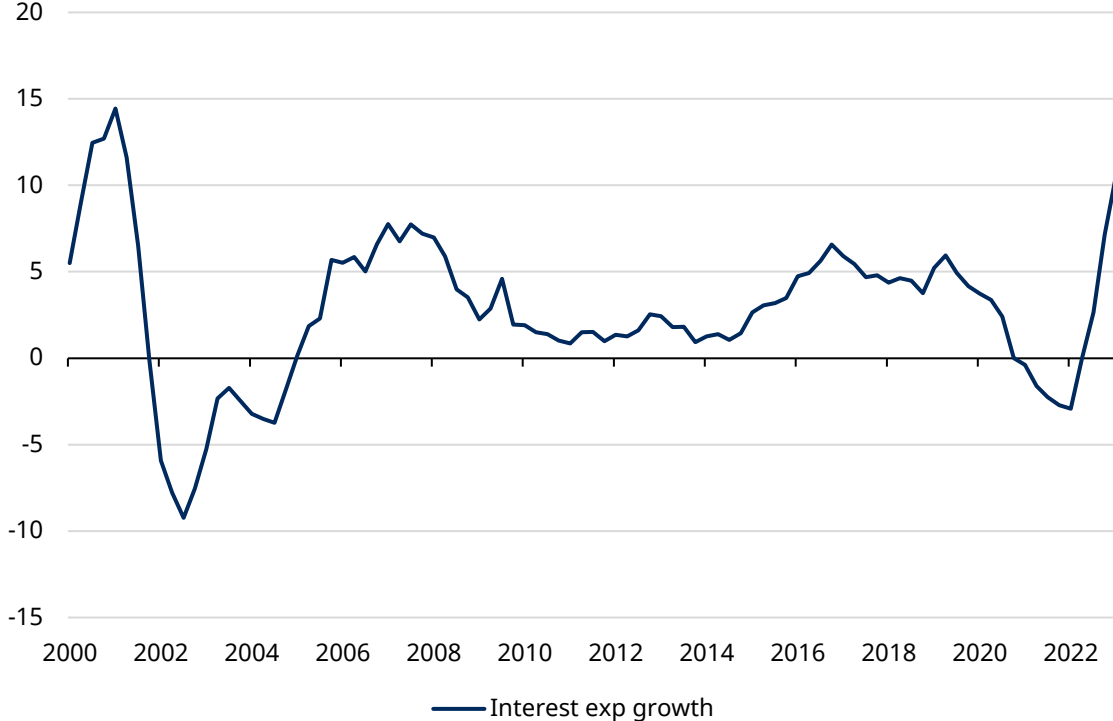
US IG interest coverage ratio

Last 12 months EBITDA to interest expense



US IG annual interest expense growth

%



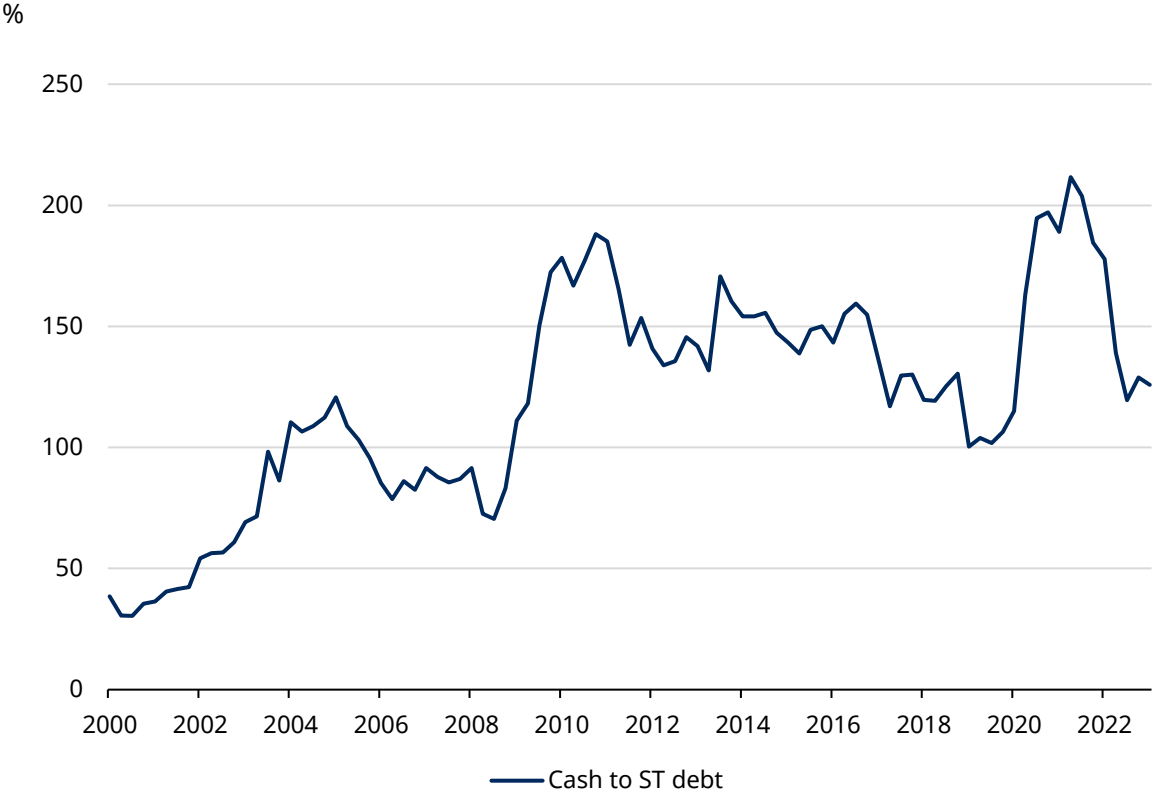
Interest expense growth is the highest since 2001 as higher interest rates are starting to have an impact

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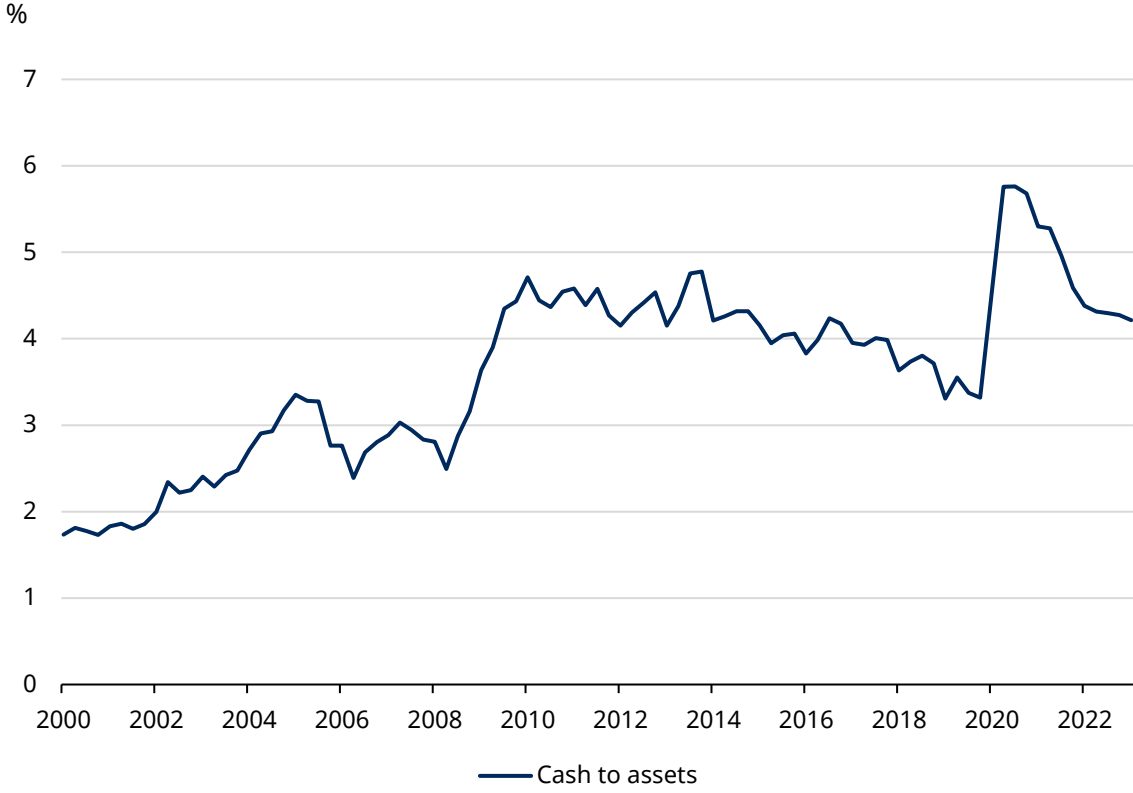
US IG cash balances

Cash balances broadly stable in Q1

US IG cash to short term debt



US IG cash to assets

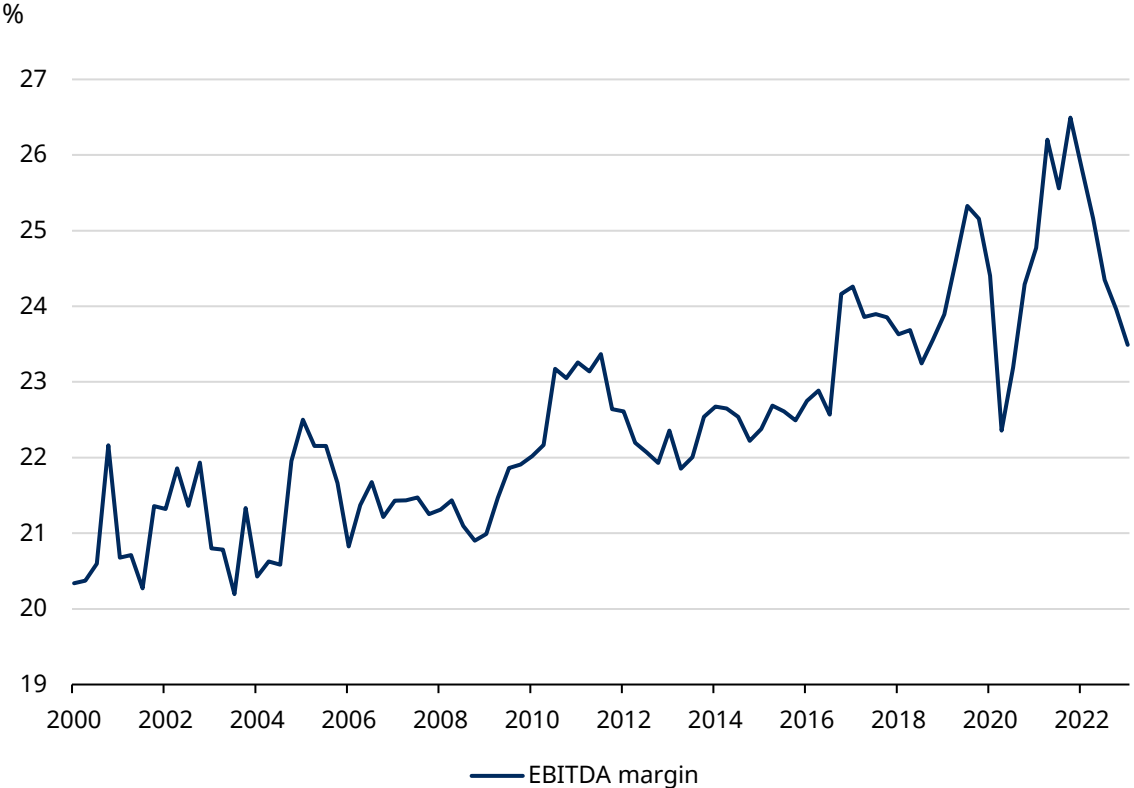


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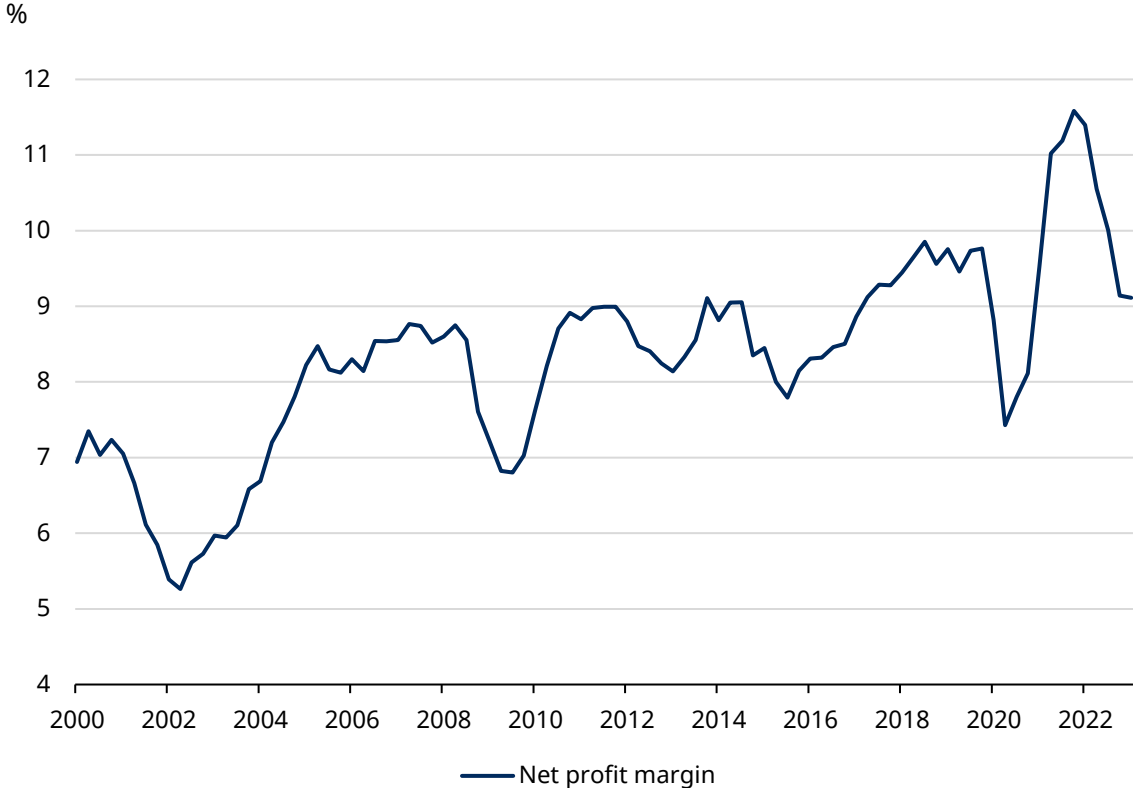
US IG corporate margins

EBITDA margins continued to fall in Q1

US IG EBITDA margin



US IG net profit margin



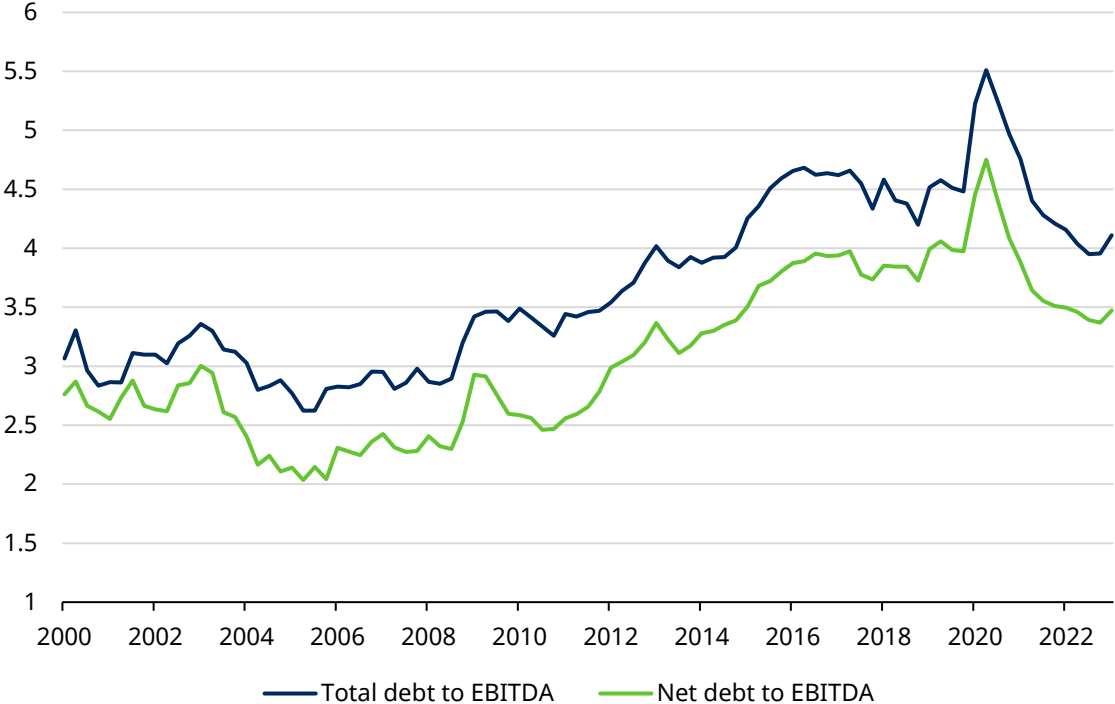
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US HY leverage

Leverage ticked up slightly in Q1 but remains well below pandemic era peaks

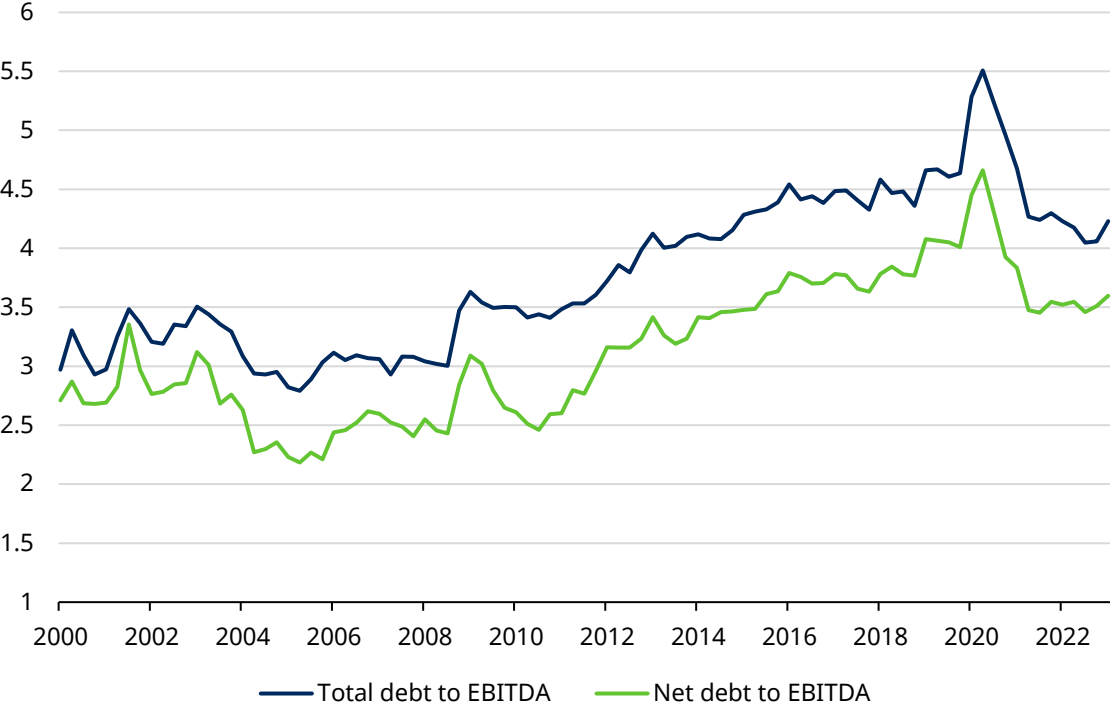
US HY leverage

Debt to last 12 months EBITDA



US HY ex-energy leverage

Debt to last 12 months EBITDA

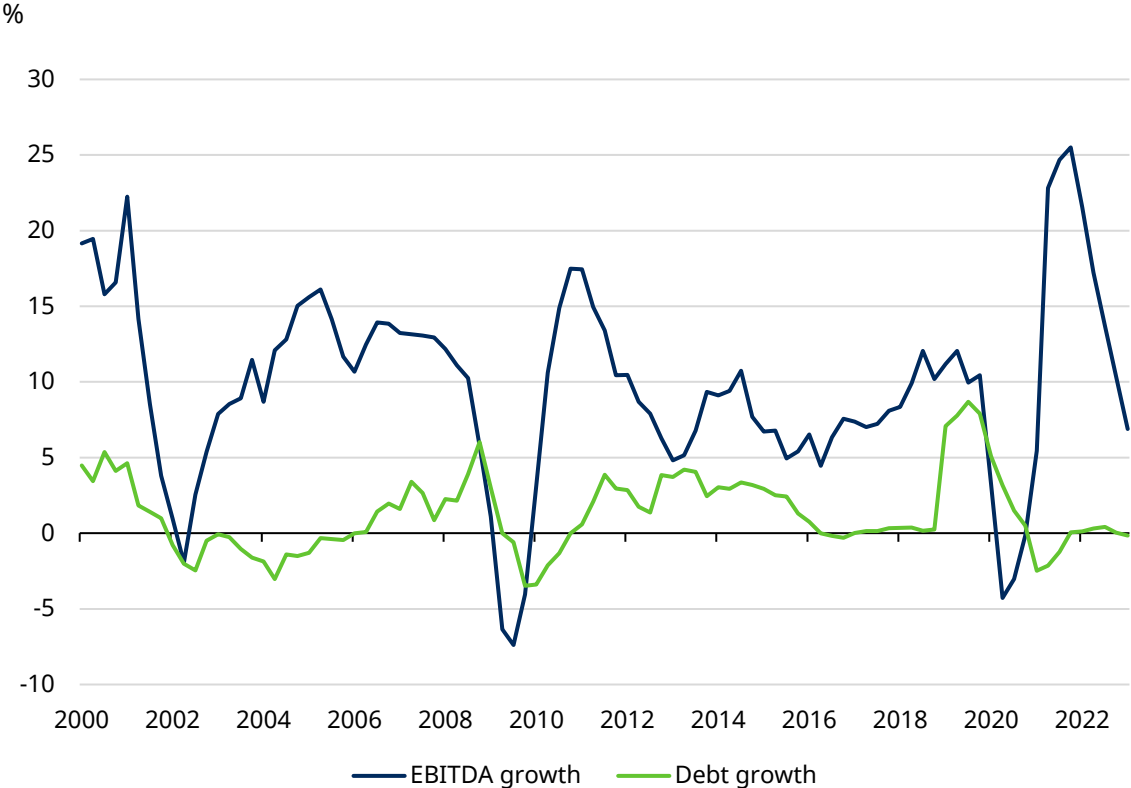


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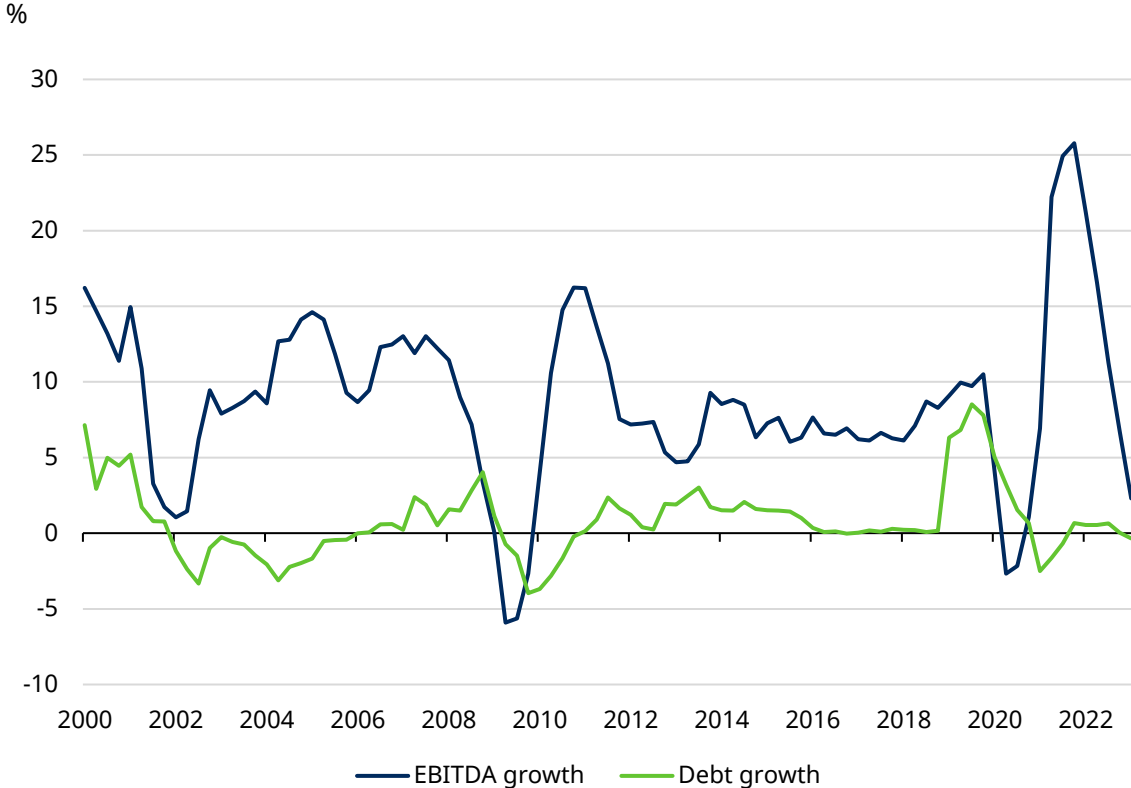
US HY earnings and debt growth

EBITDA growth continued to cool in Q1, while debt growth remained close to zero

US HY EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)



US HY ex-energy EBITDA and debt growth (last 12m)



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US HY interest coverage

Interest coverage has declined but remains elevated

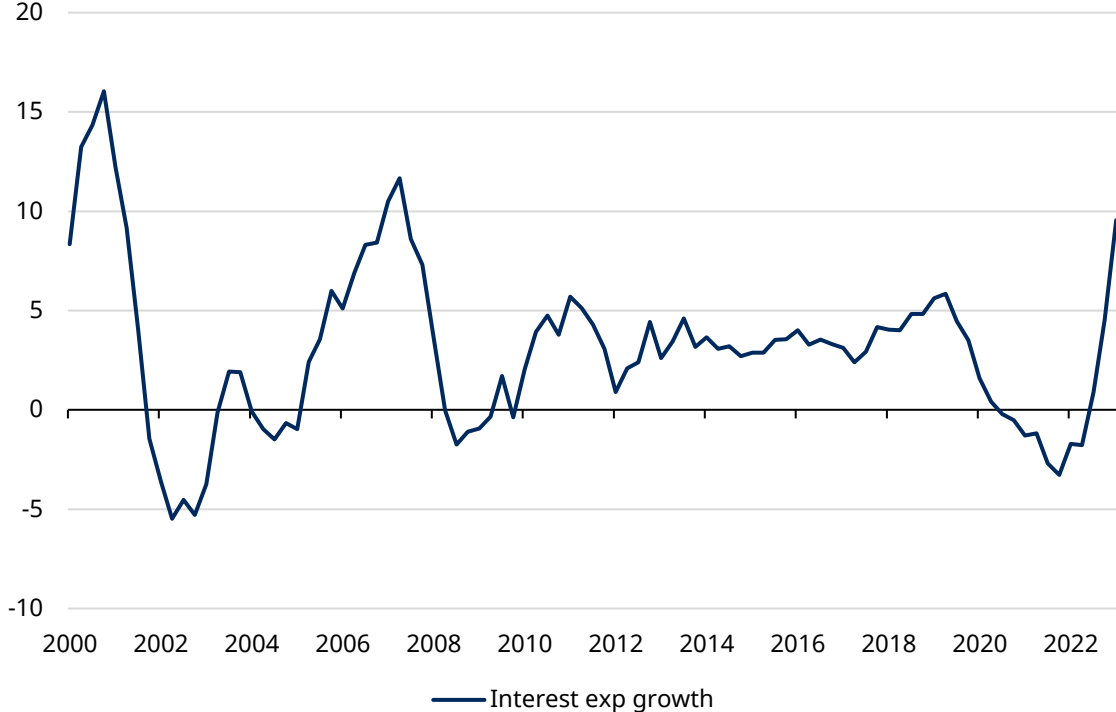
US HY interest coverage ratio

Last 12 months EBITDA to interest expense



US HY annual interest expense growth

%



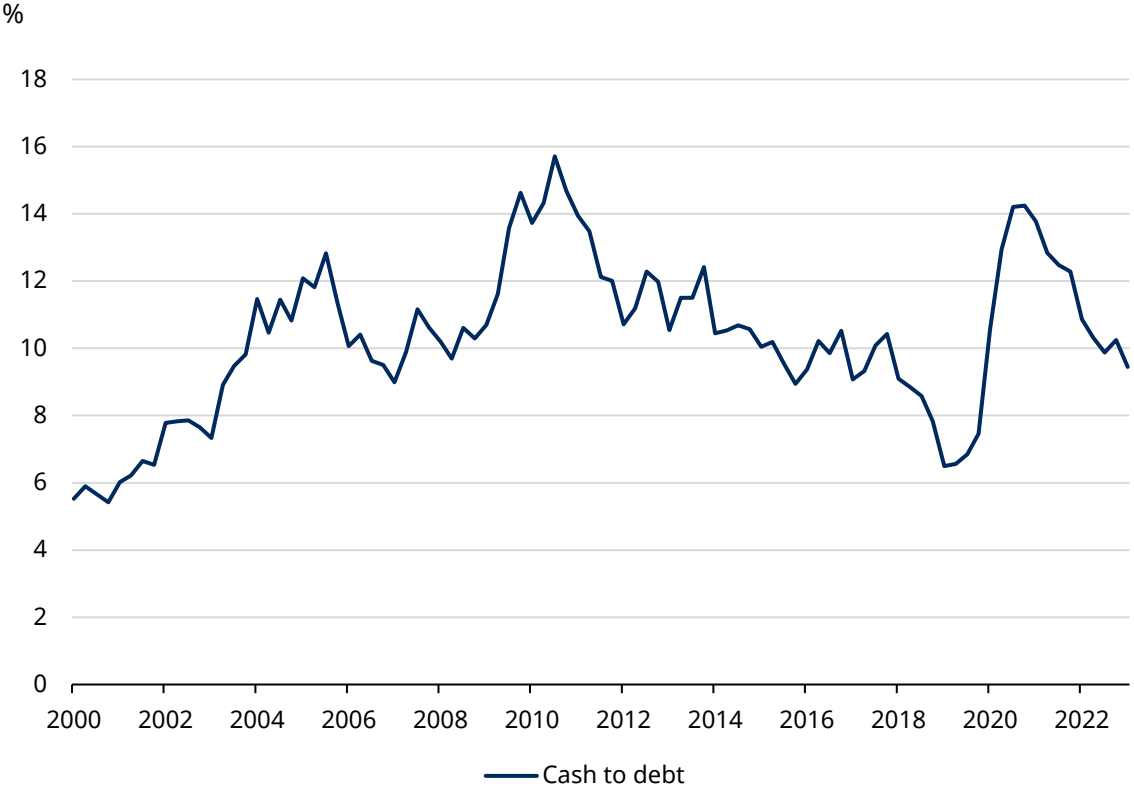
Interest expense growth is the highest since the global financial crisis as higher interest rates are starting to have an impact

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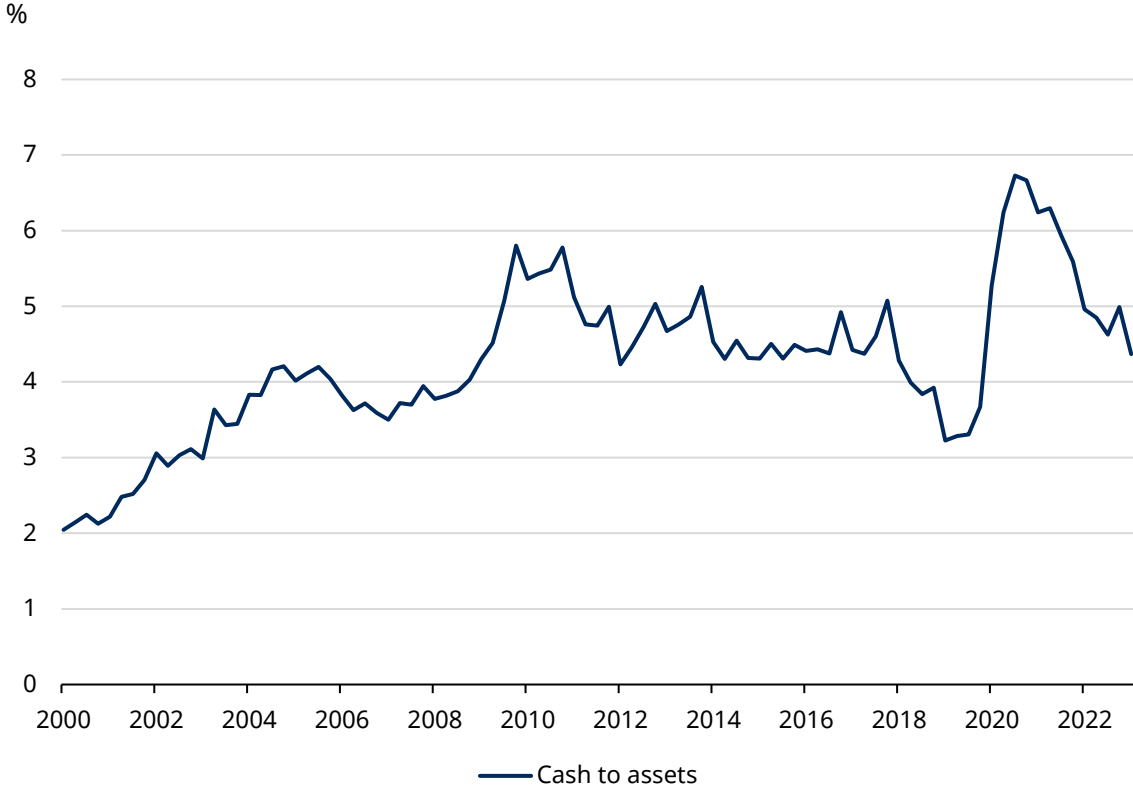
US HY cash levels

Cash balances slightly down in Q1

US HY cash to debt



US HY cash to assets



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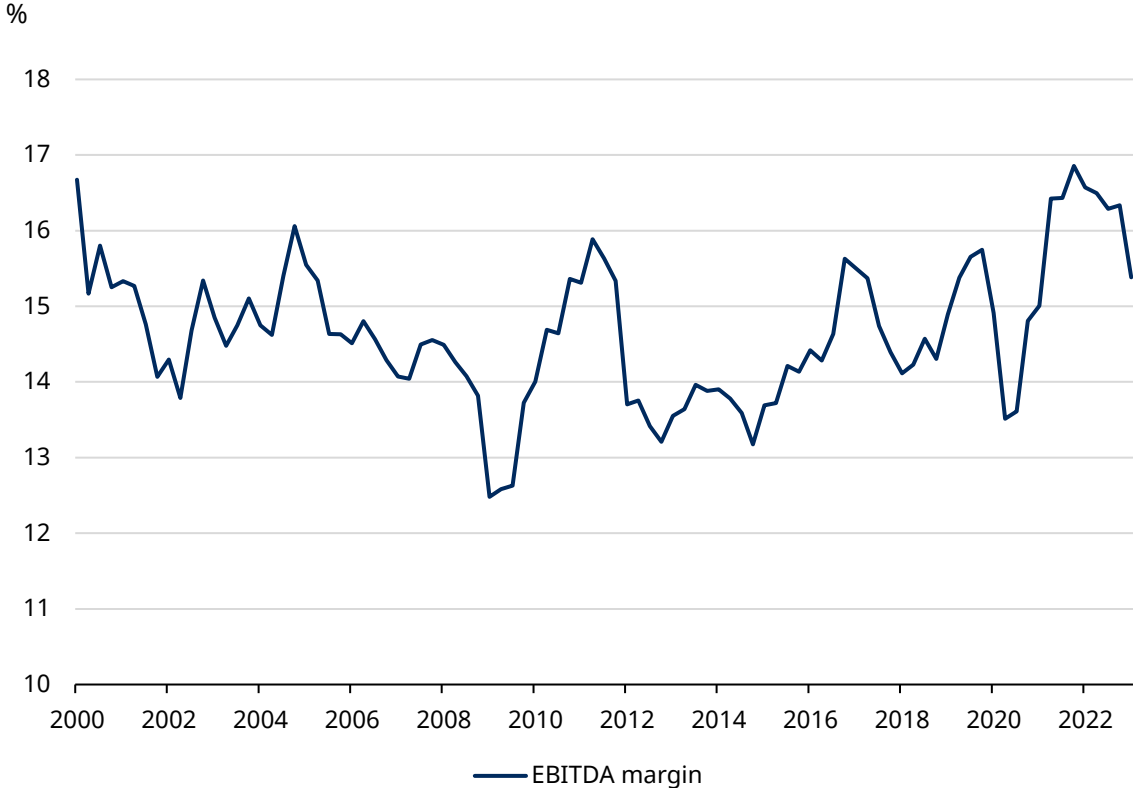
US HY corporate margins

EBITDA margins declined in Q1, albeit from high levels

US HY EBITDA margin



US HY ex-energy EBITDA margin



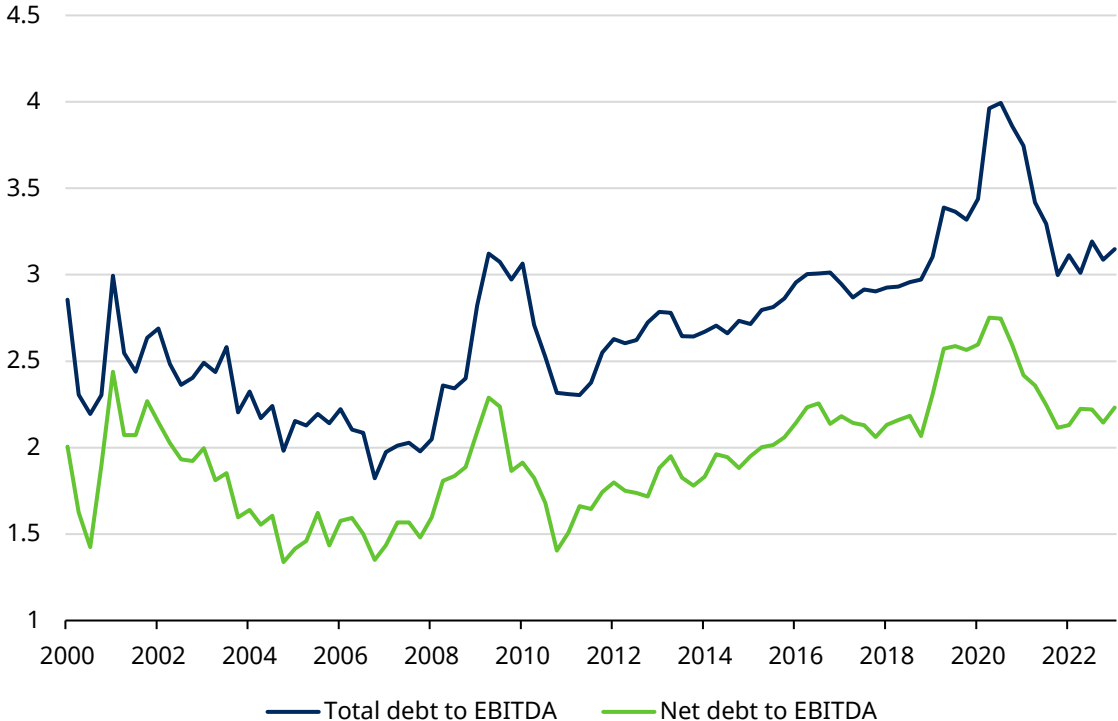
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Euro IG leverage, earnings and debt growth

Leverage has been broadly stable in recent quarters

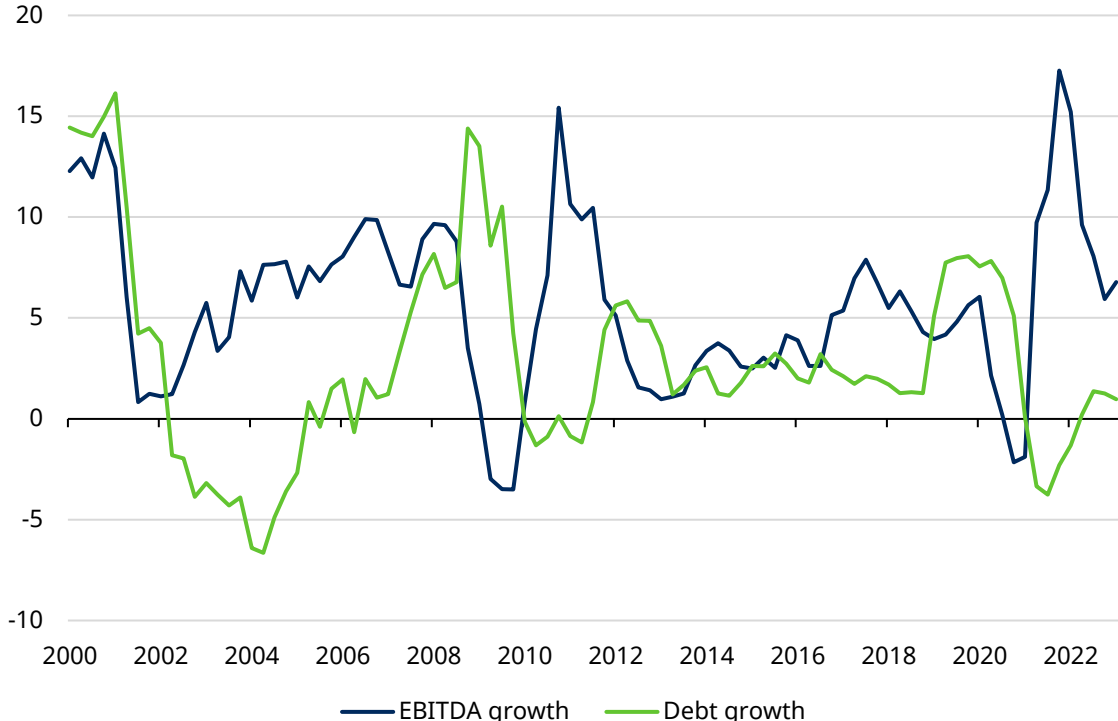
Euro IG leverage

Debt to last 12 months EBITDA



Euro IG EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)

%



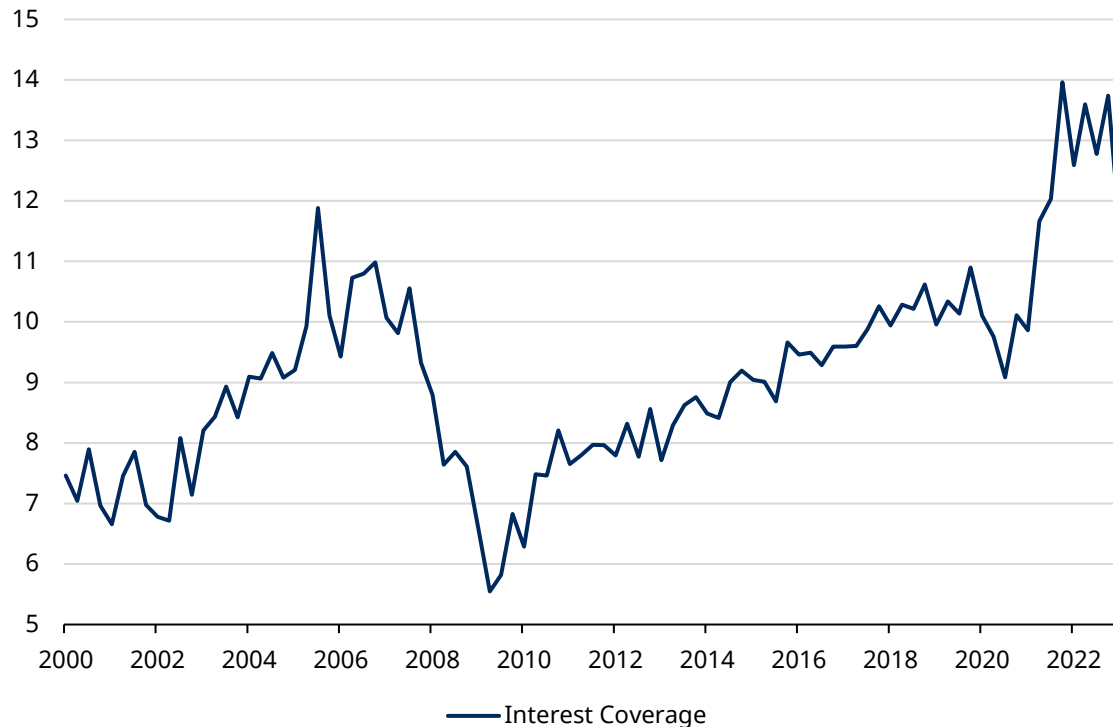
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Euro IG interest coverage

Interest coverage has declined but remains very elevated

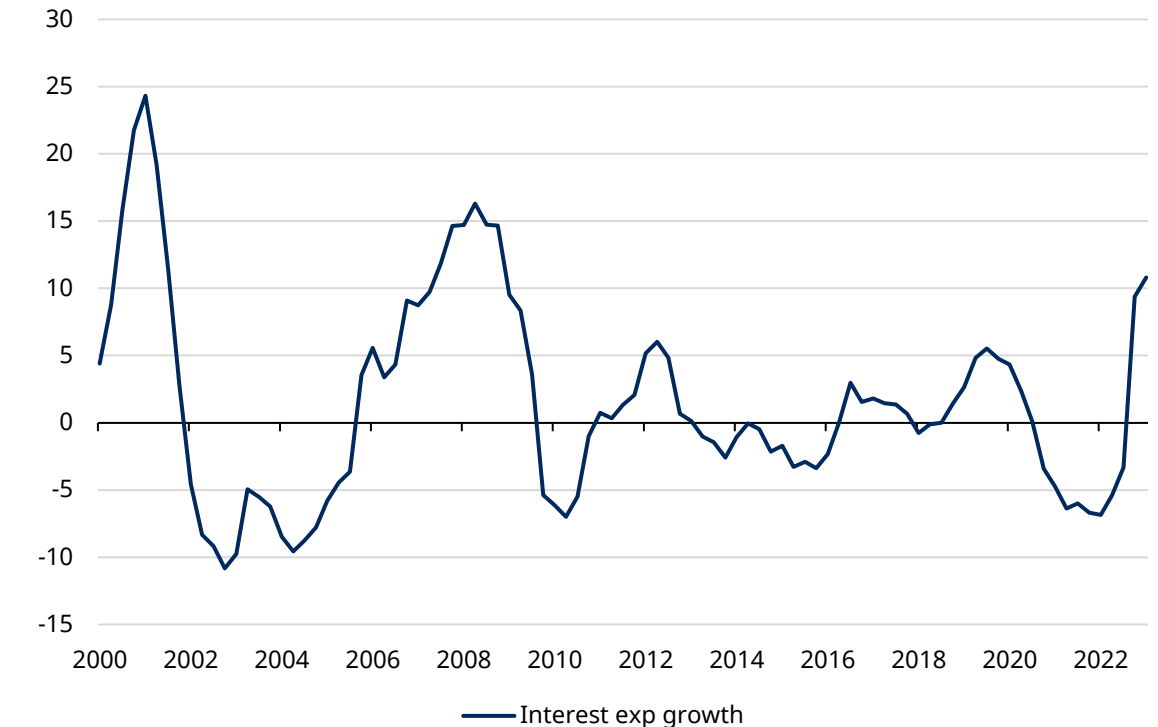
Euro IG interest coverage ratio

Last 12 months EBITDA to interest expense



Euro IG annual interest expense growth

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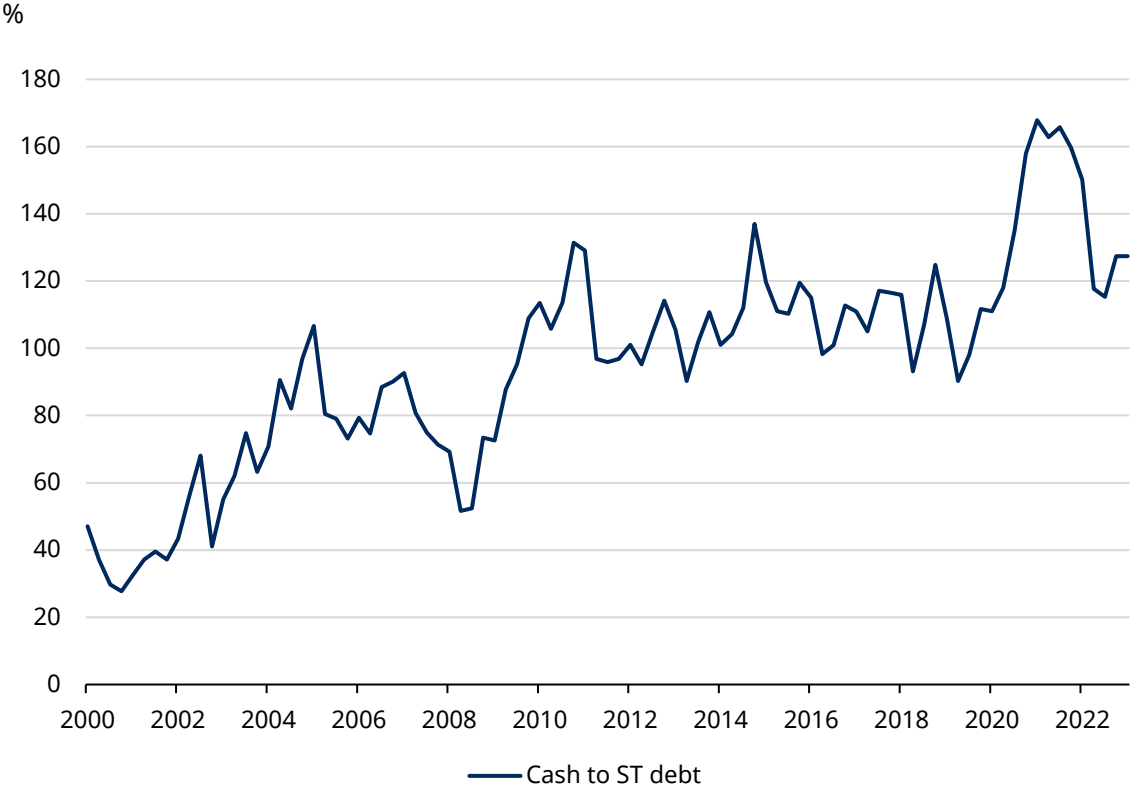


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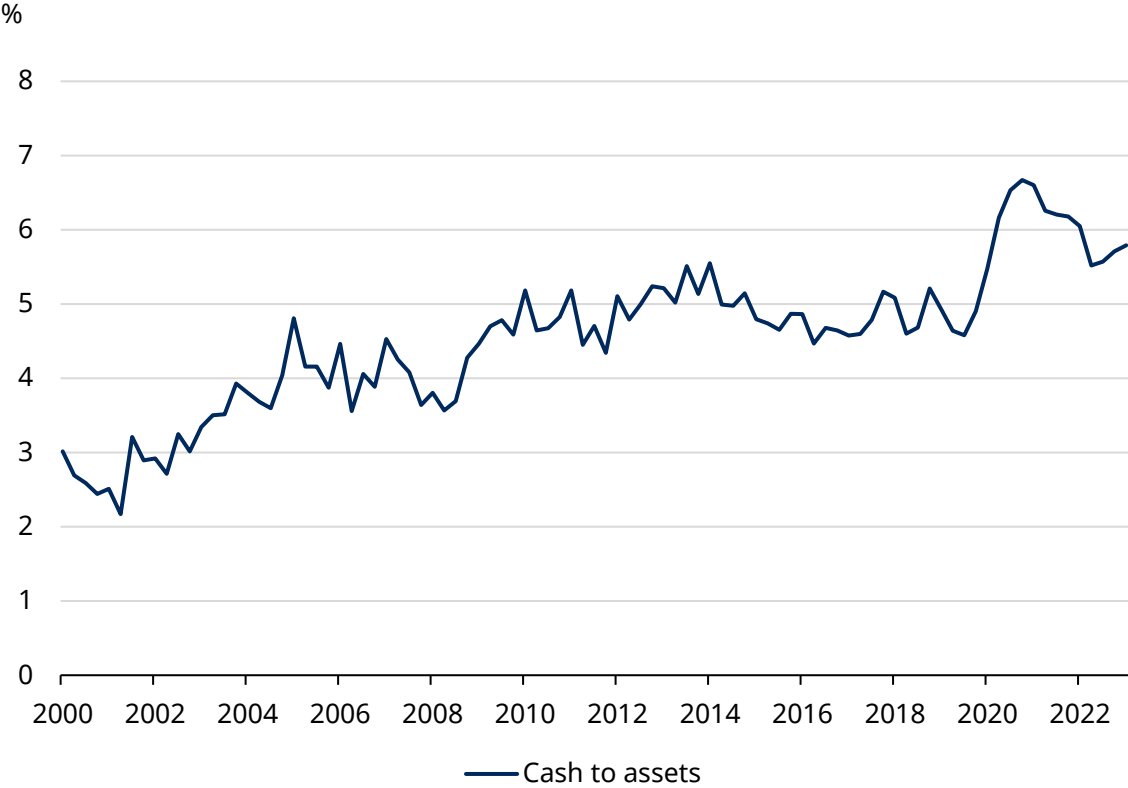
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Euro IG cash levels

Euro IG cash to short term debt



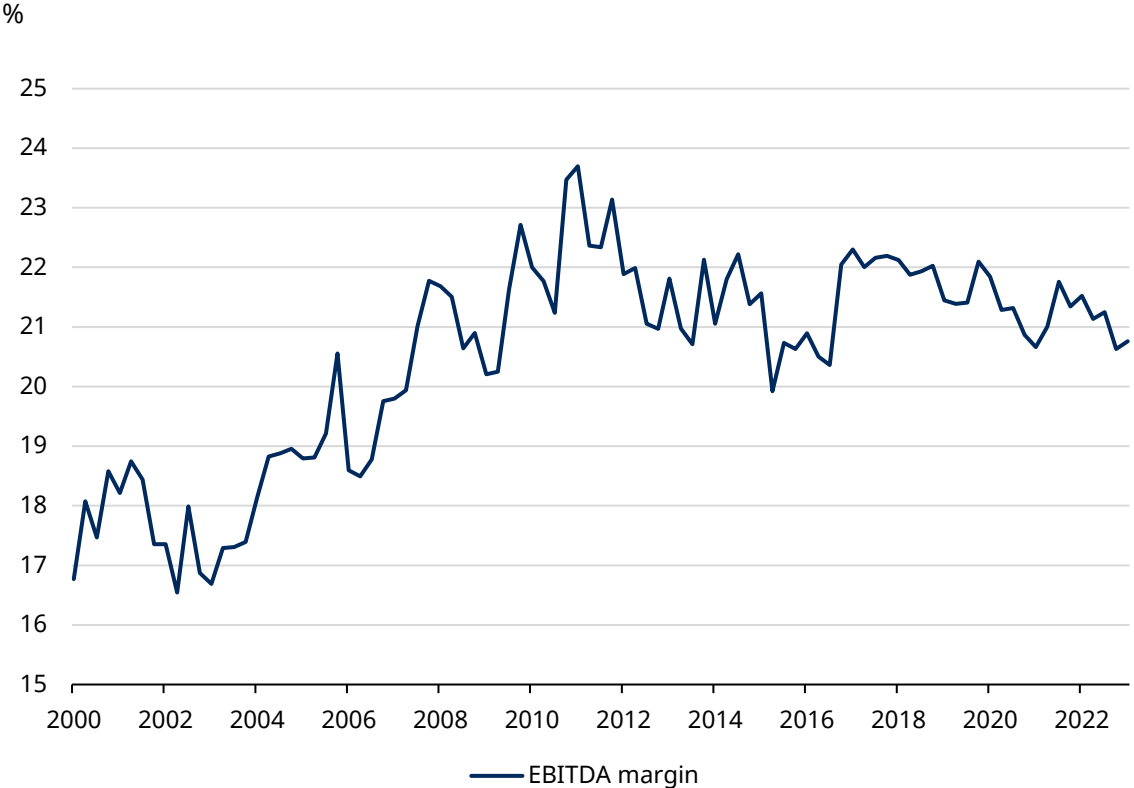
Euro IG cash to assets



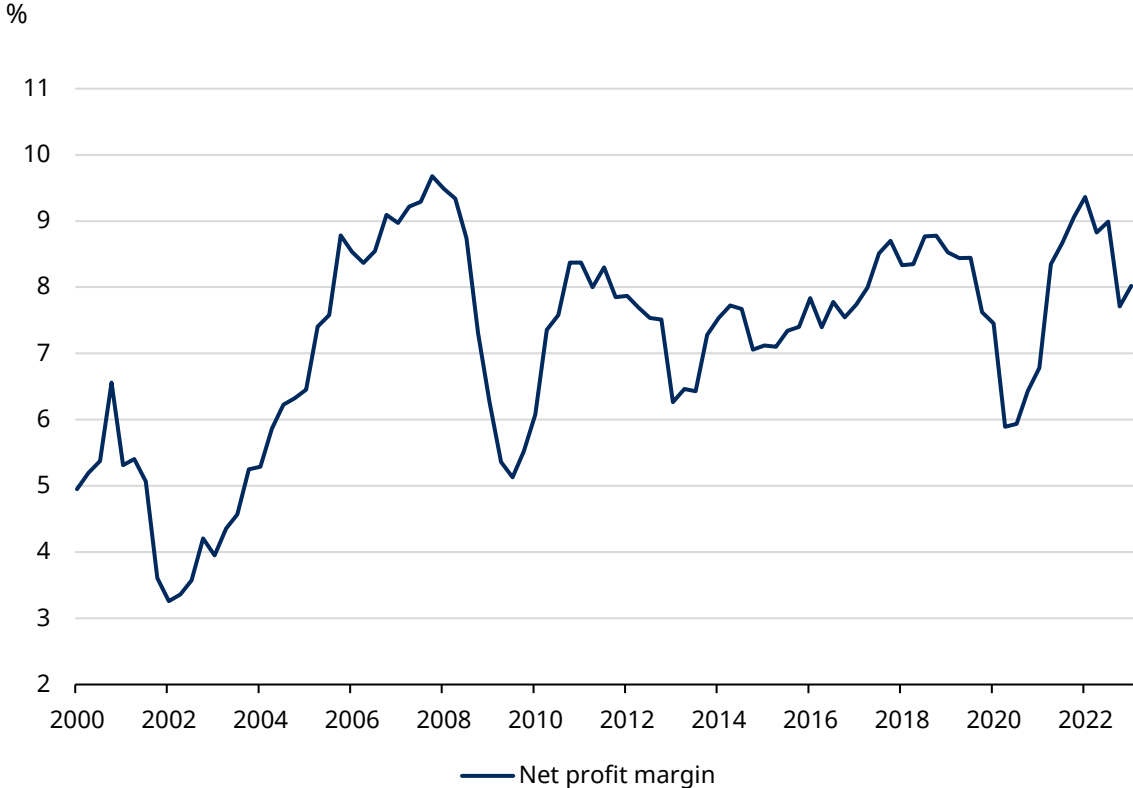
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Euro IG corporate margins

Euro IG EBITDA margin



Euro IG net profit margin



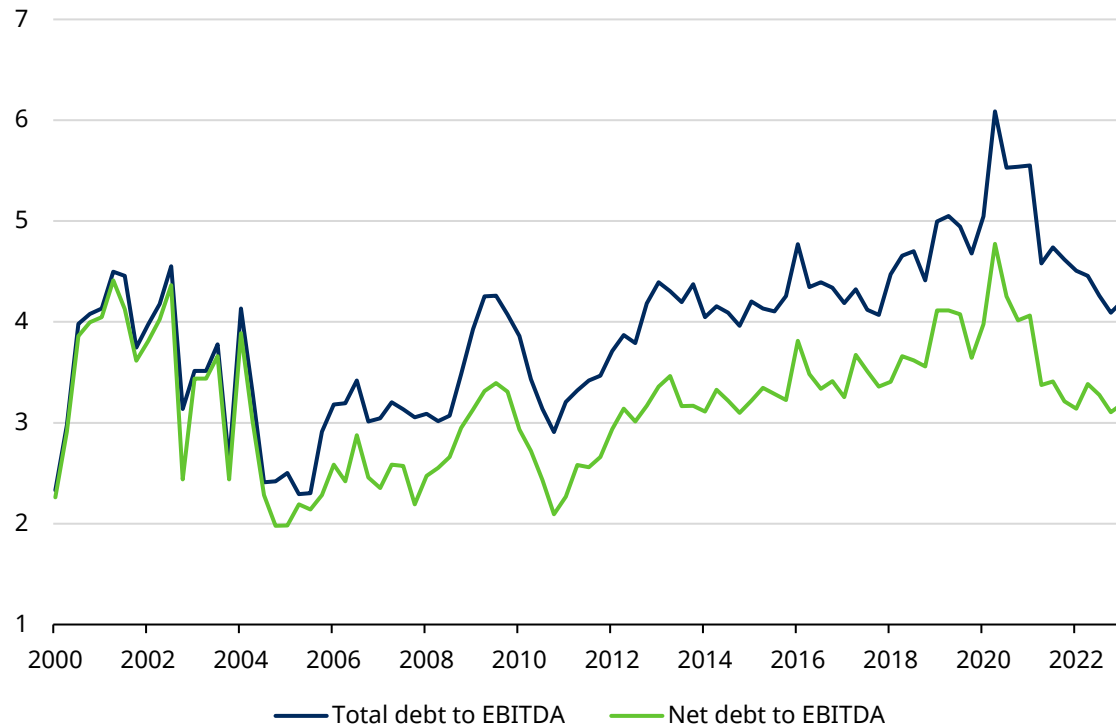
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Euro HY leverage

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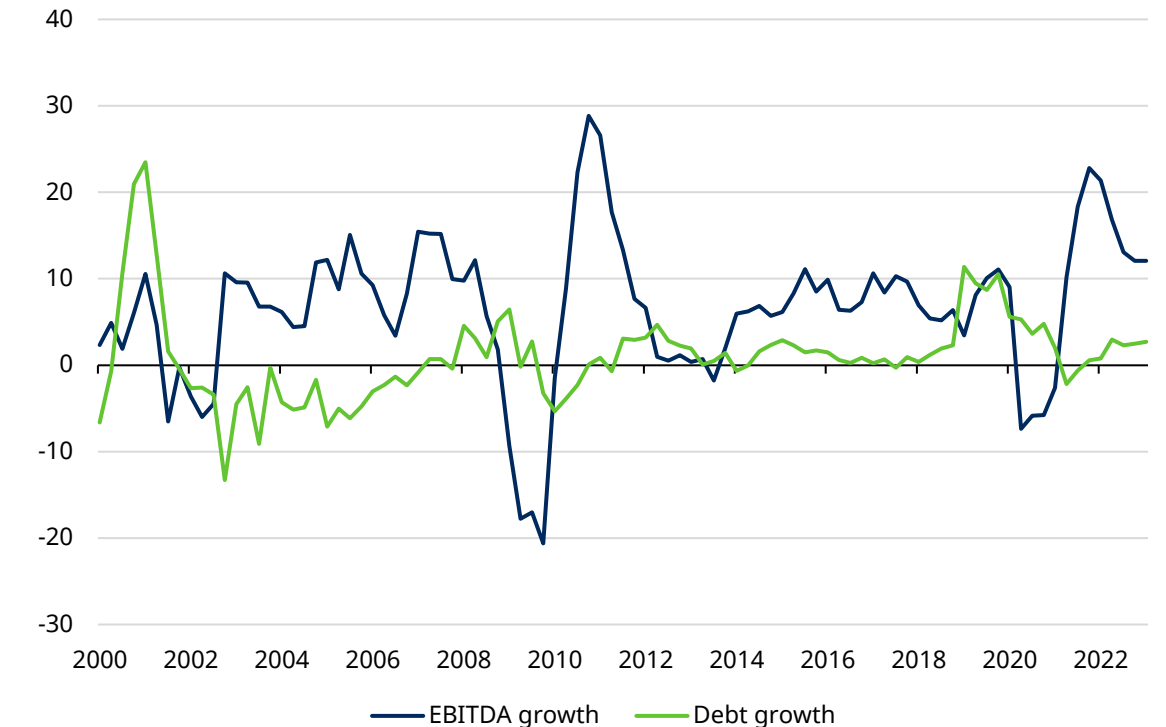
Euro HY leverage

Debt to last 12 months EBITDA



Euro HY EBITDA and debt growth (last 12 months)

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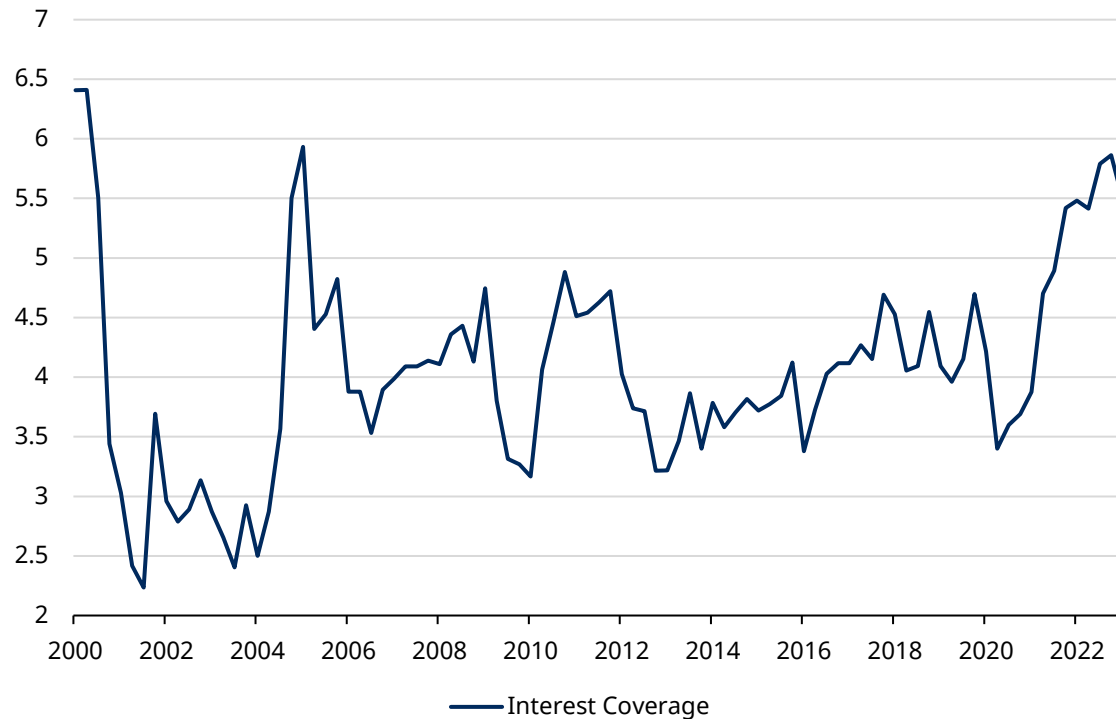
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Euro HY interest coverage

Interest coverage has slightly declined but remains elevated

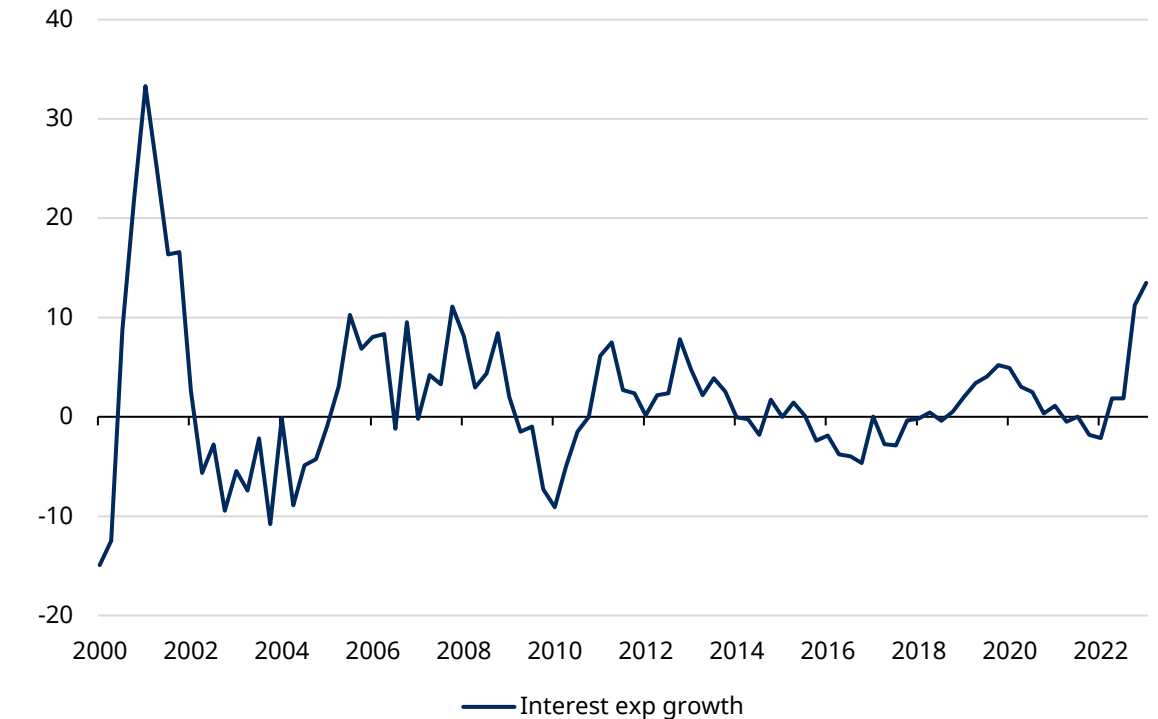
Euro HY interest coverage ratio

Last 12 months EBITDA to interest expense



Euro HY annual interest expense growth

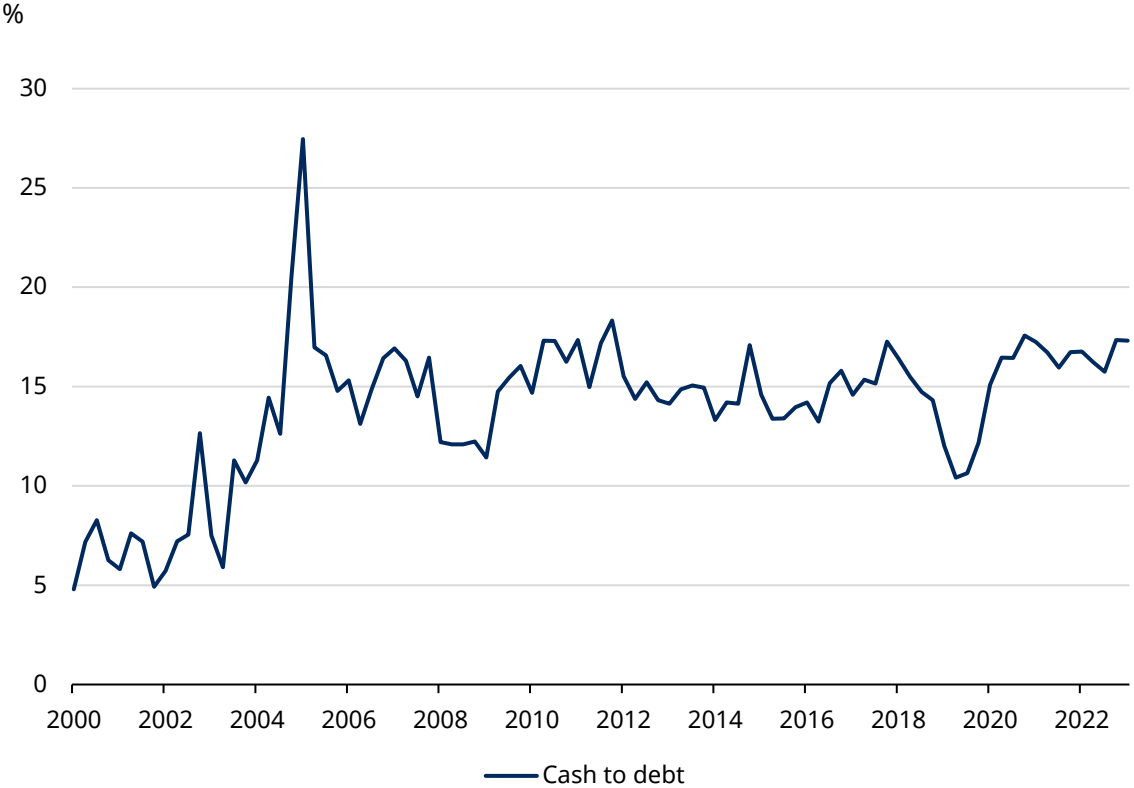
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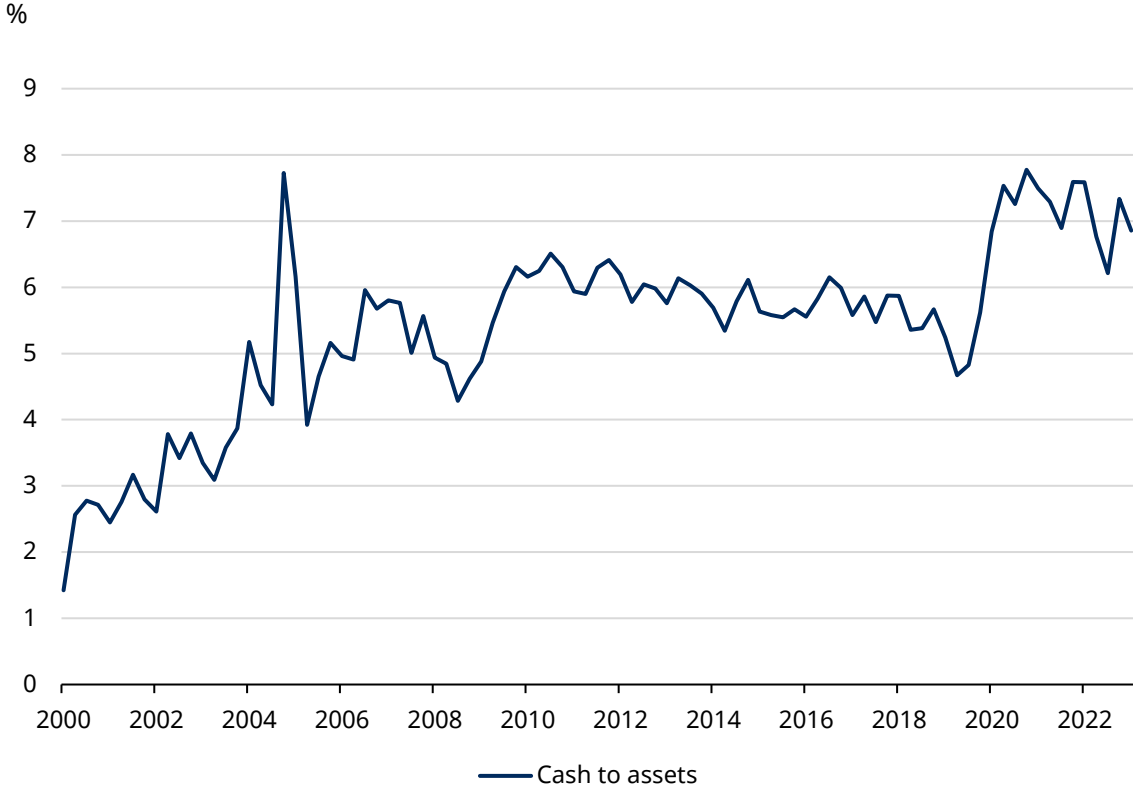
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Euro HY cash levels

Euro HY cash to debt



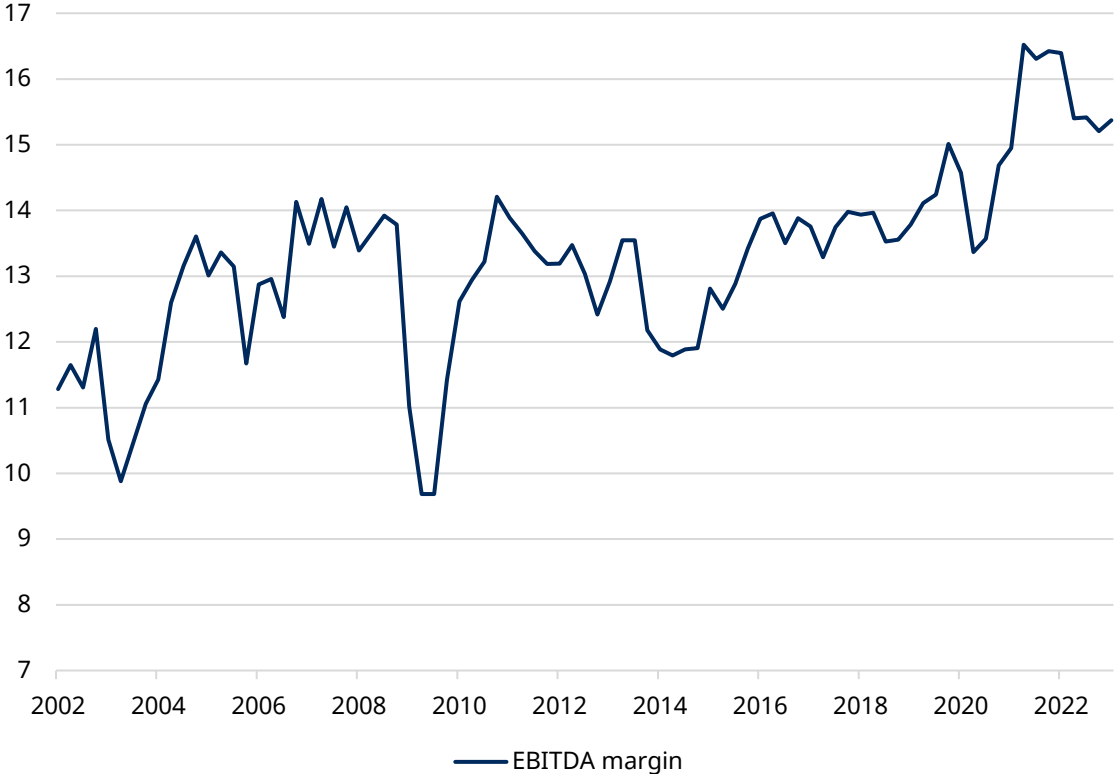
Euro HY cash to assets



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Euro HY corporate margins

Euro HY EBITDA margin



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Schroders



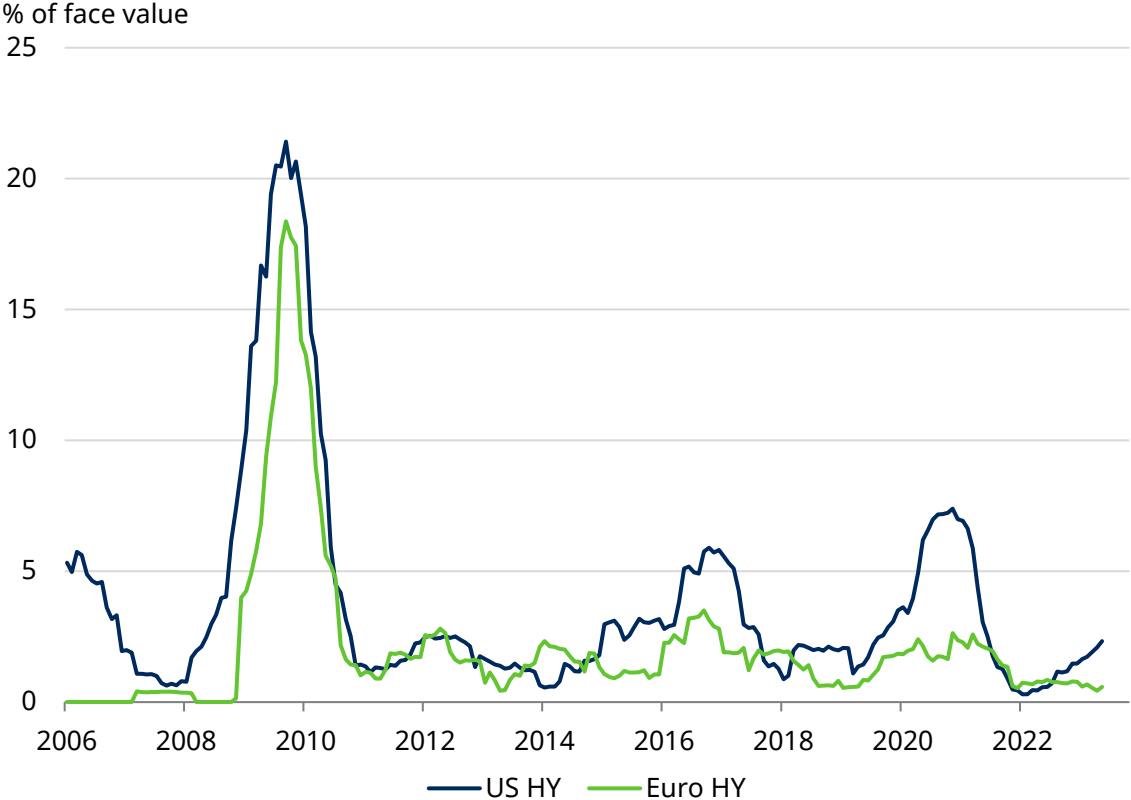
Corporate credit

Technicals

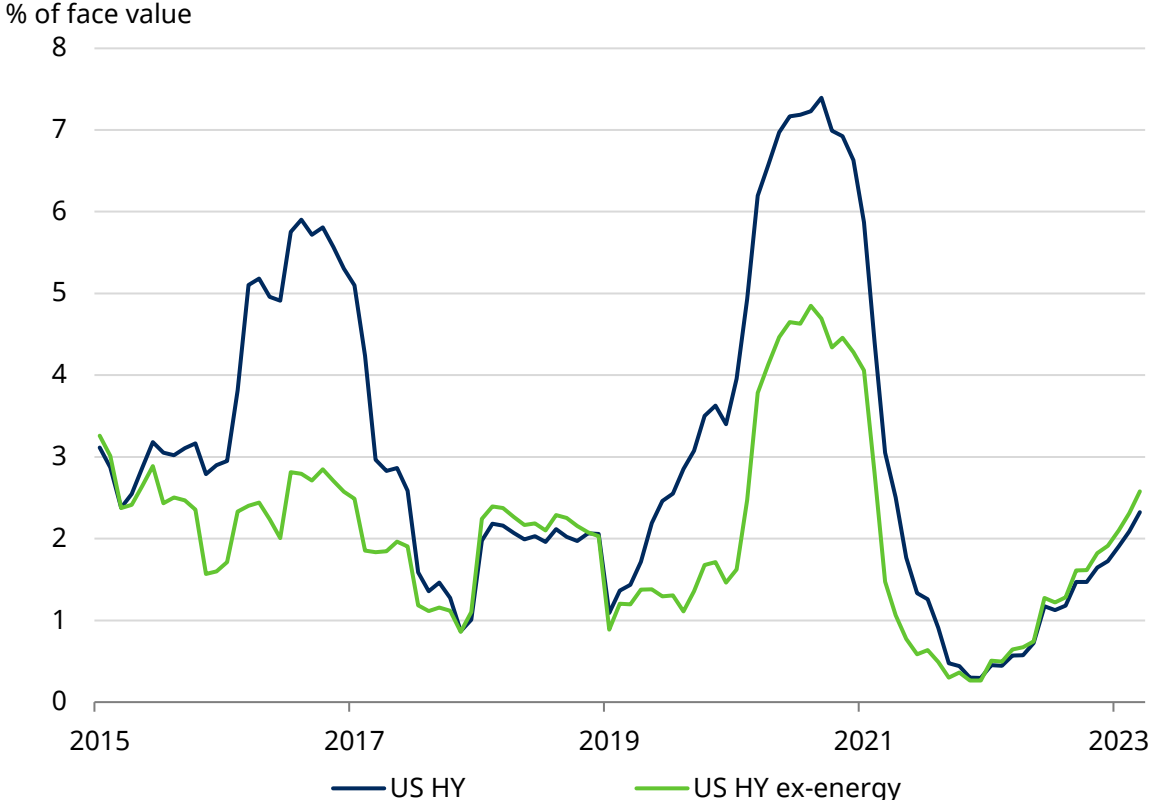
HY default rates

US HY default rates are rising

HY par default rate (last twelve months)



US HY par default rate (last twelve months)

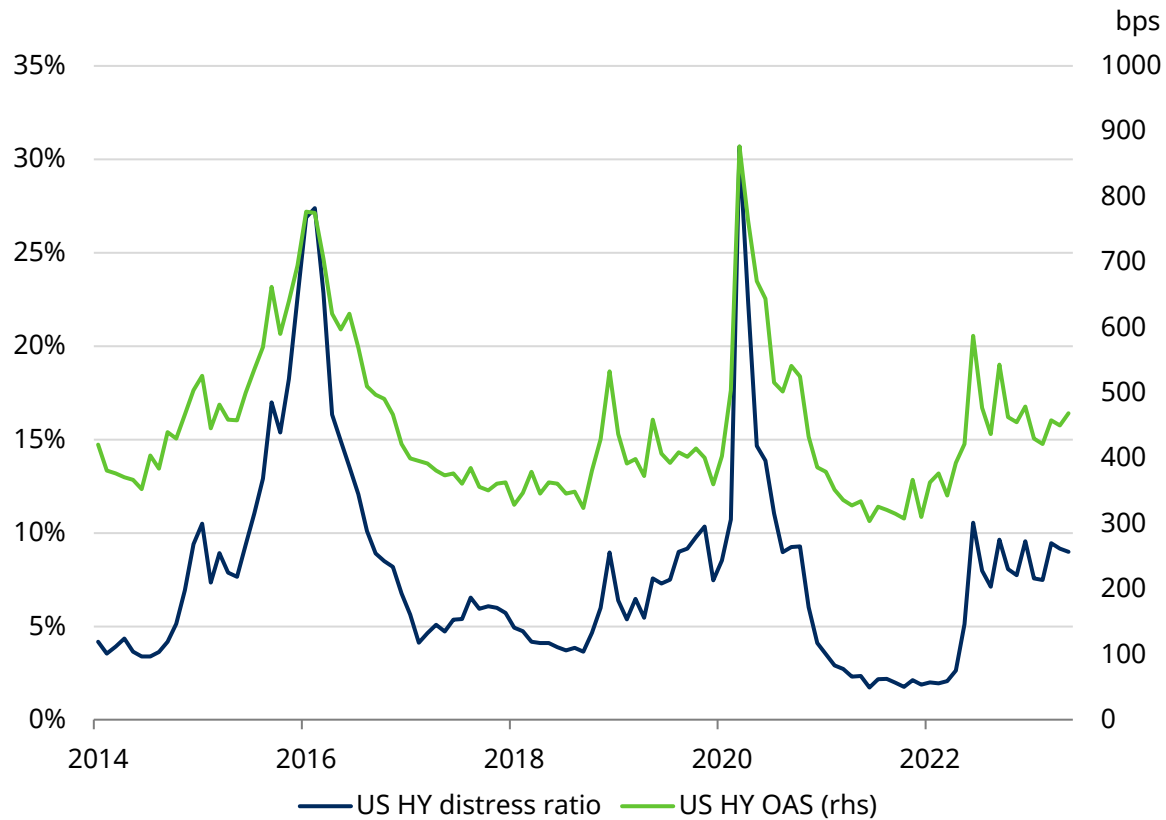


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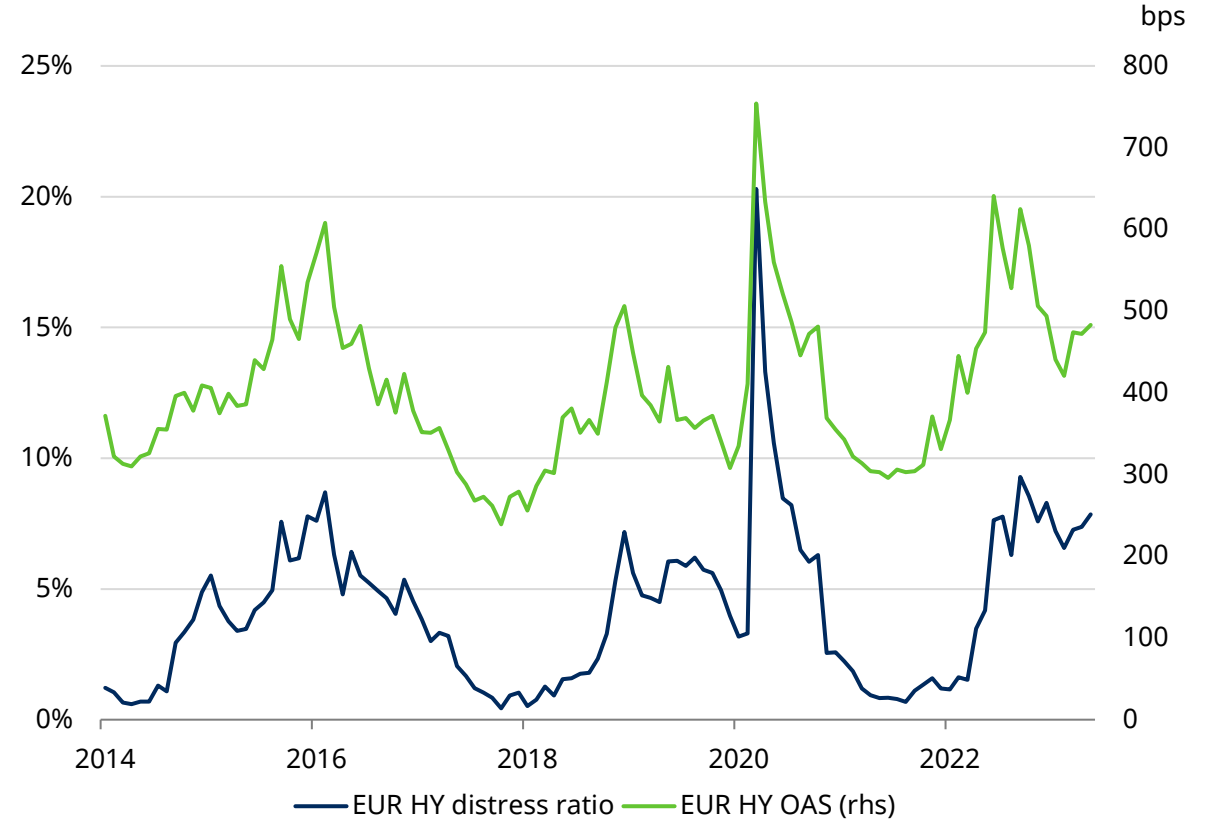
HY distress ratios

Higher distress is usually a harbinger of defaults

US HY distress ratio¹



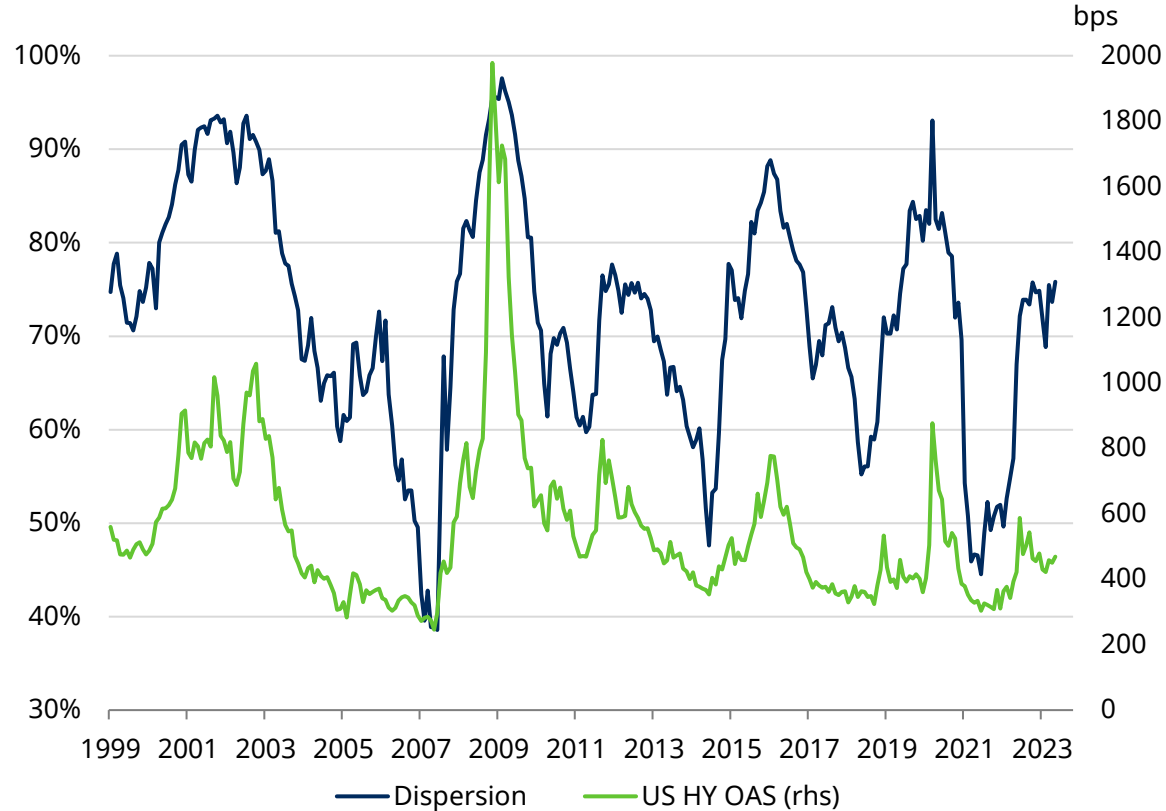
Euro HY distress ratio¹



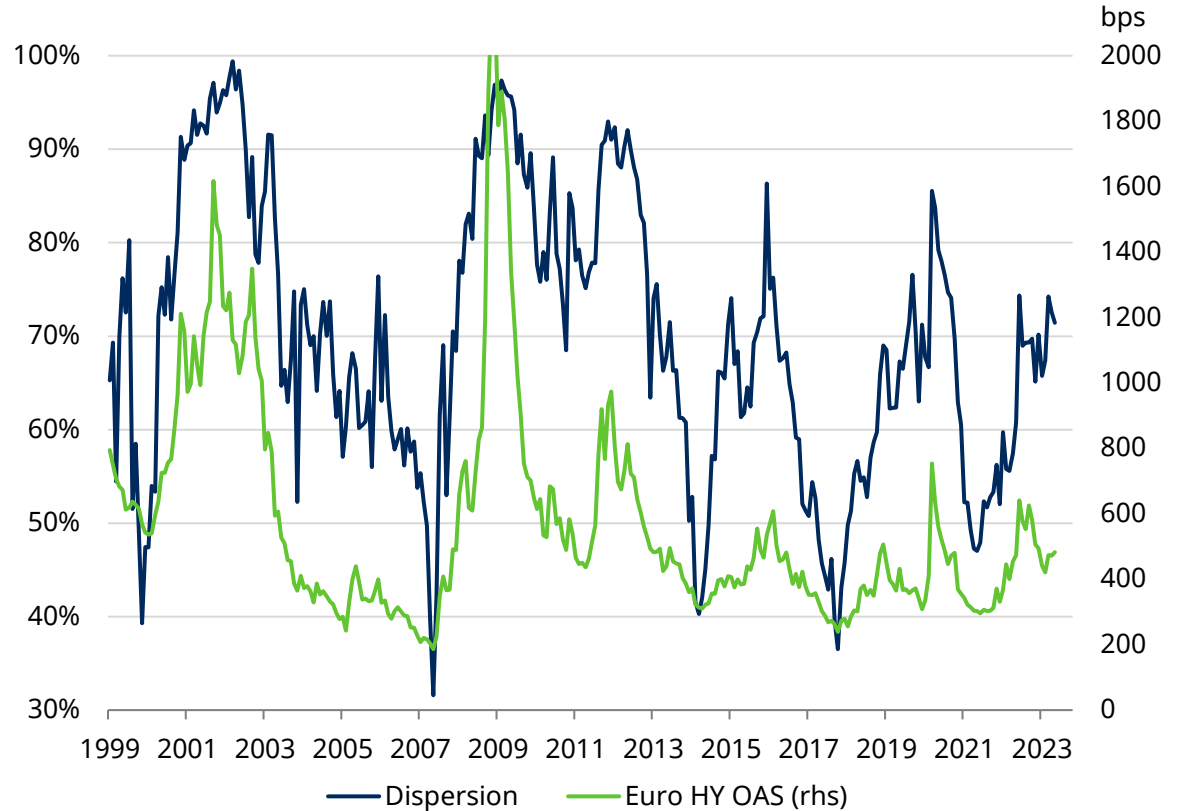
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HY spread dispersion

US HY dispersion¹ vs US HY spread



Euro HY dispersion¹ vs Euro HY spread



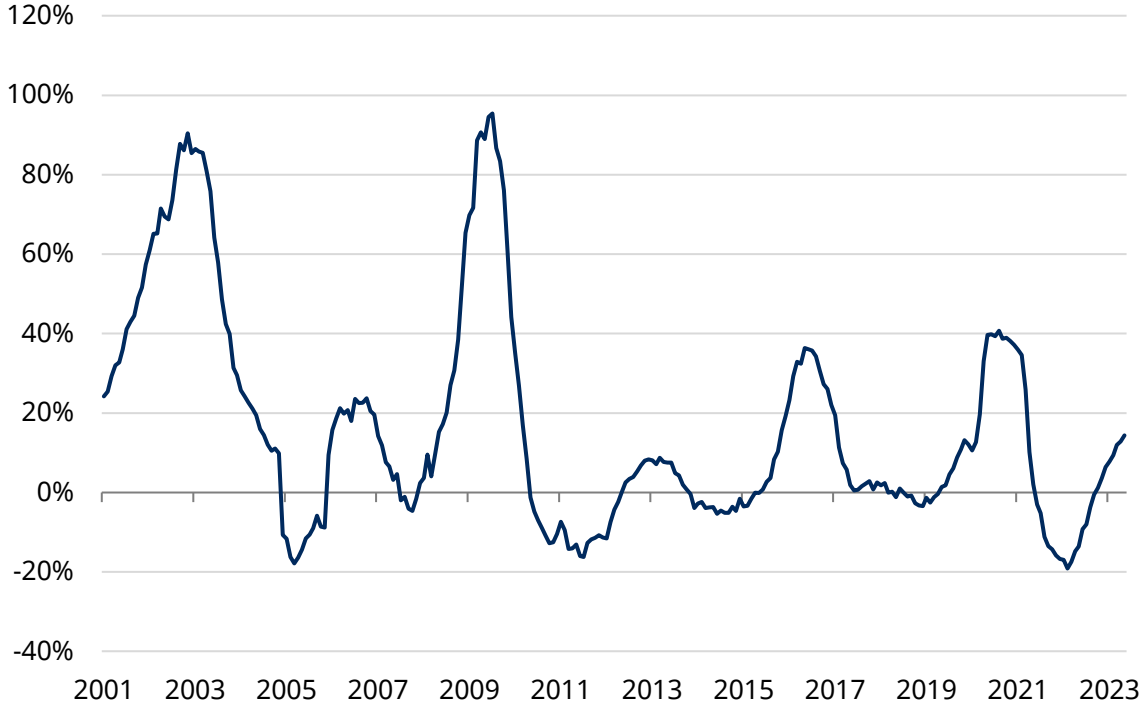
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US HY ratings migration (net downgrades)

Indicator of changes in credit quality

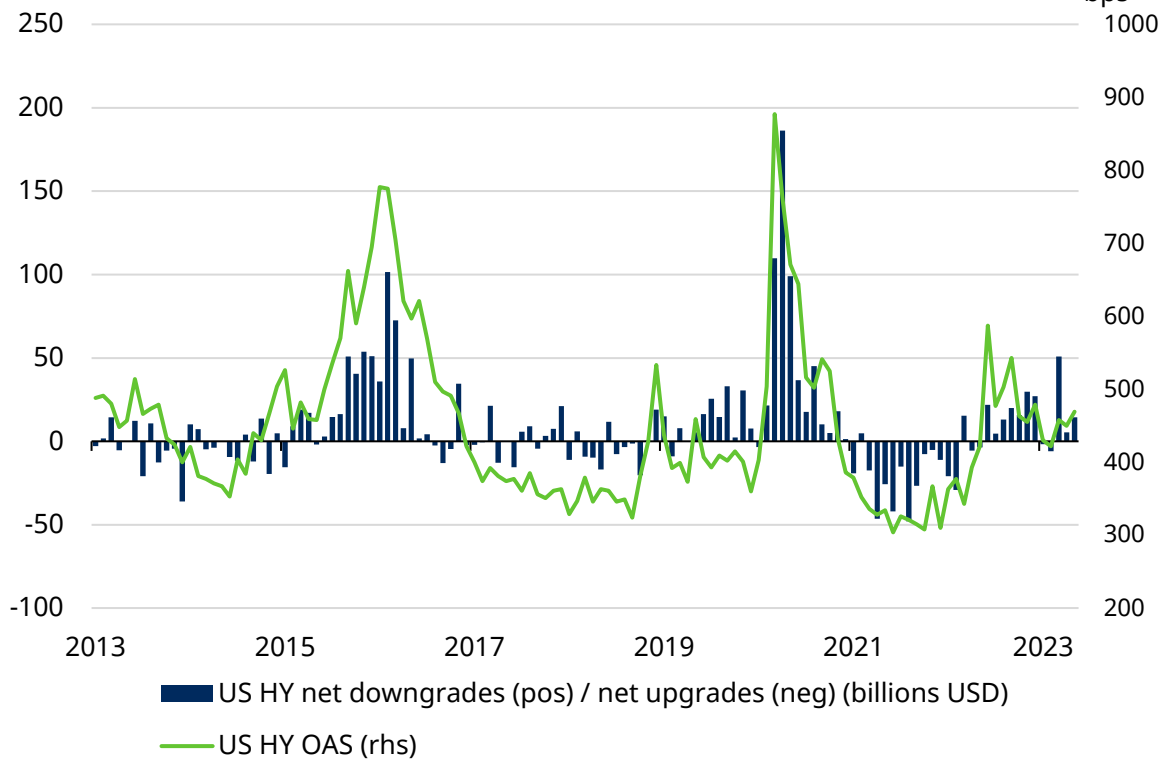
US HY net downgrades¹

Percentage of the HY index, last 12 months



US HY monthly net downgrades

Billions USD



Downgrades are outpacing upgrades

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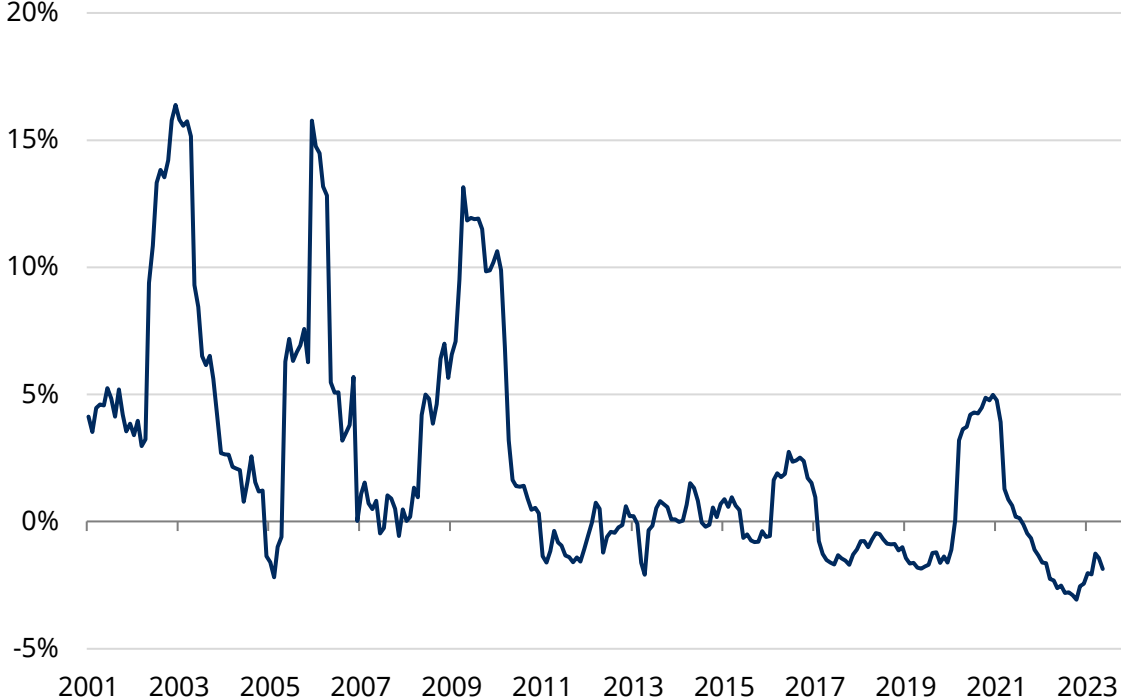
¹Face value of downgraded HY bonds minus face value of upgraded bonds divided by face value of the index. Excludes upgrades from HY to IG.

US IG fallen angels/rising stars

Bonds downgraded from IG to HY

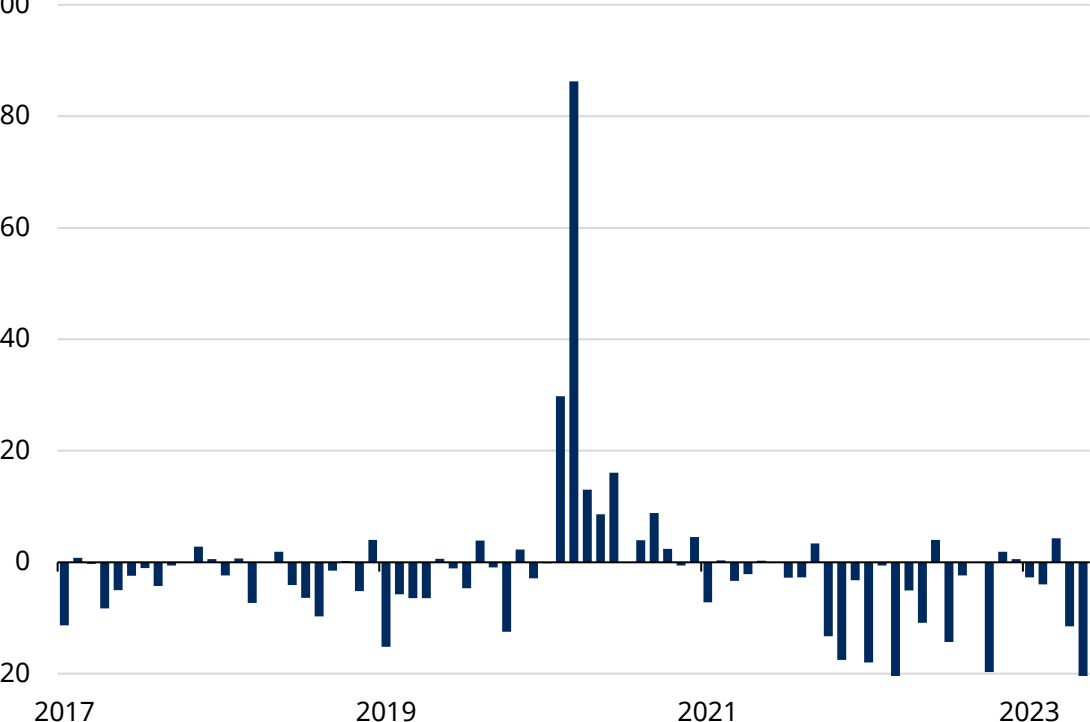
US IG net fallen angels¹

Percentage of the BBB index, last 12 months



US IG monthly net fallen angels

Billions USD

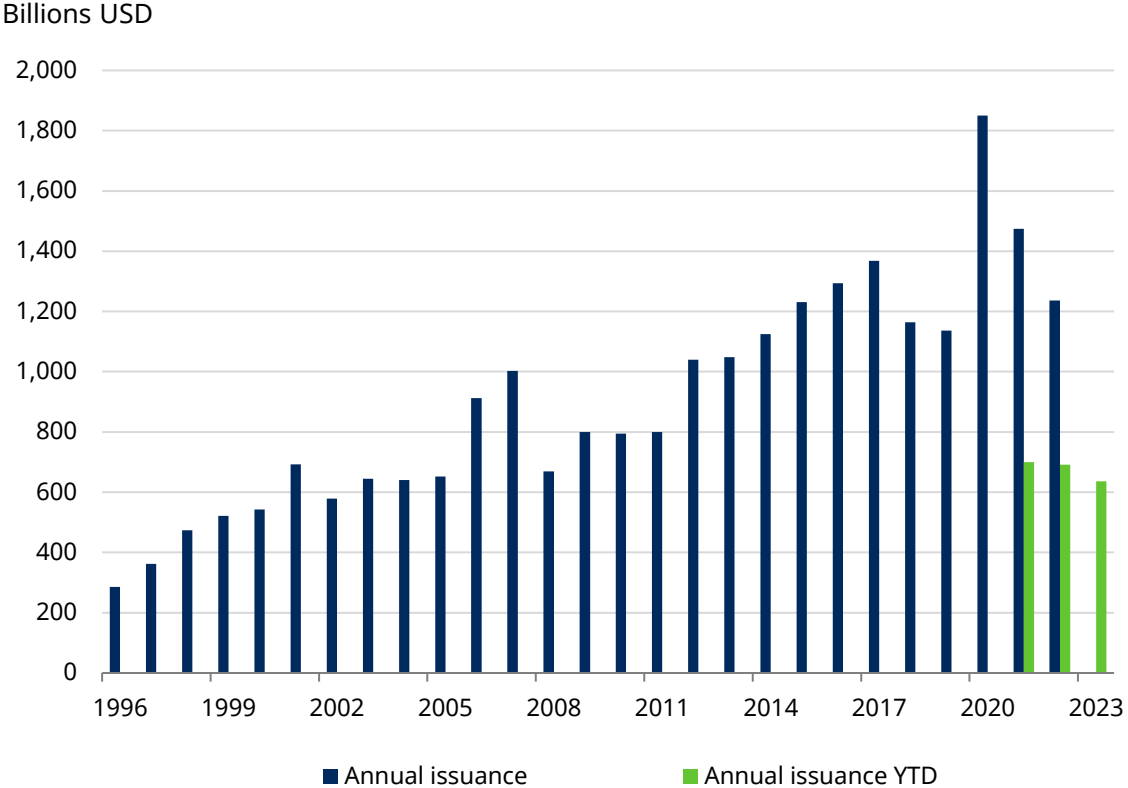


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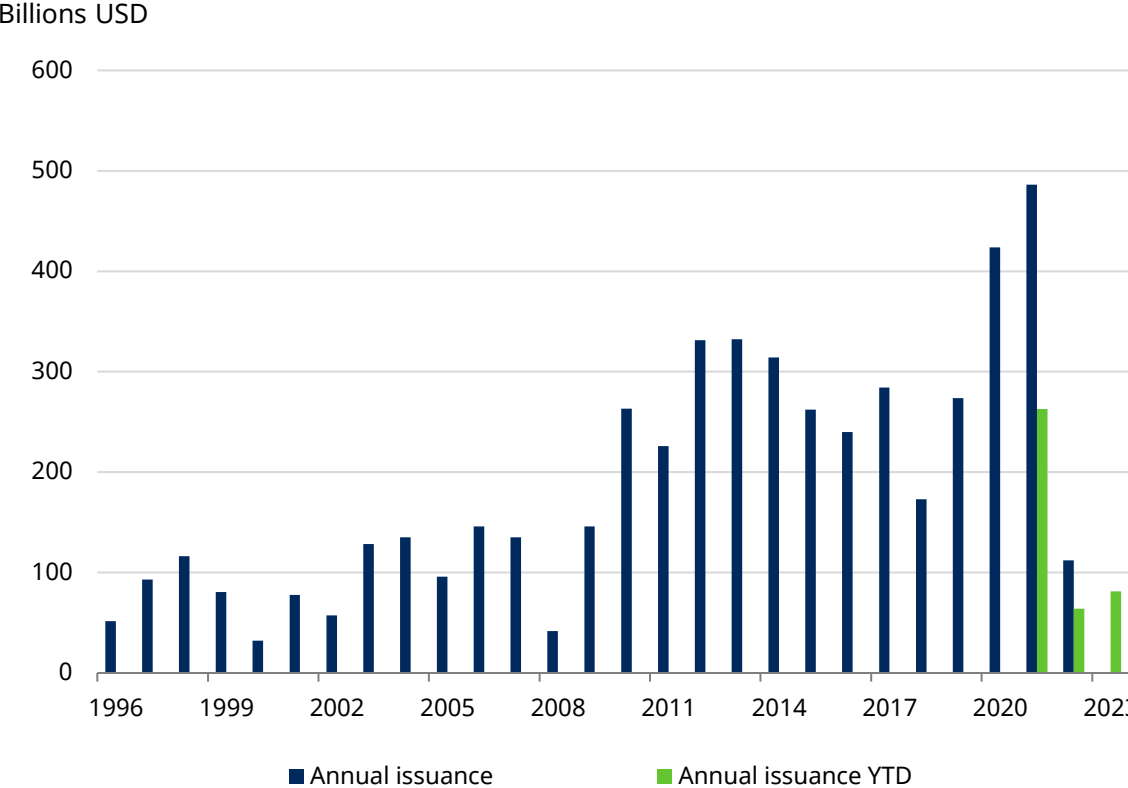
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US IG and HY gross issuance

US IG gross issuance



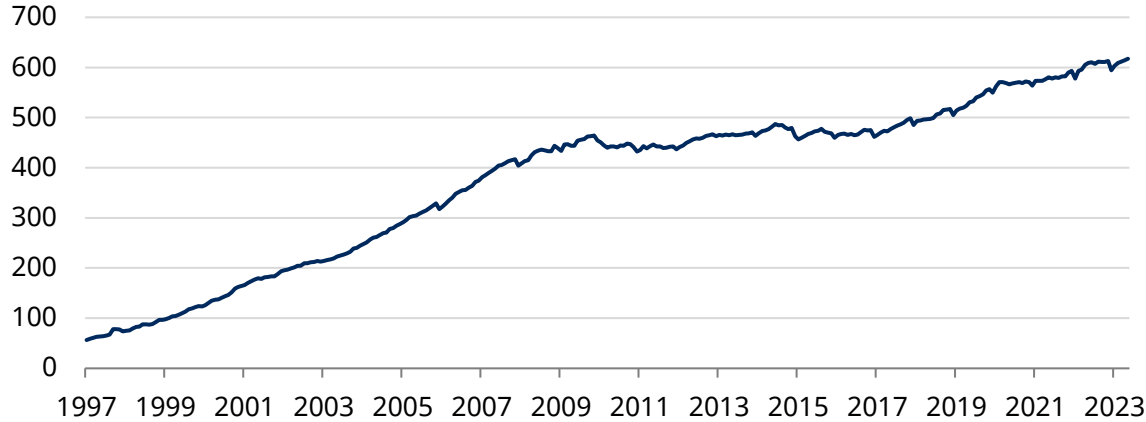
US HY gross issuance



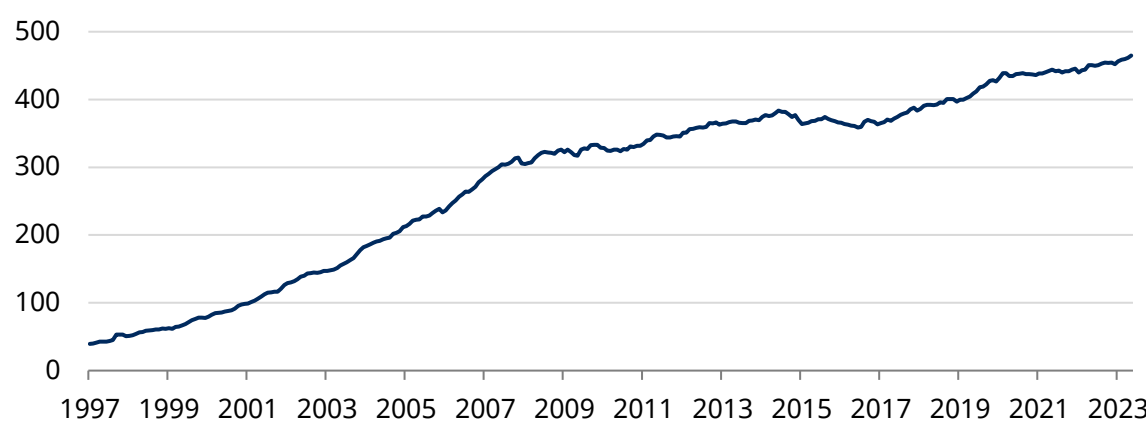
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IG bonds outstanding

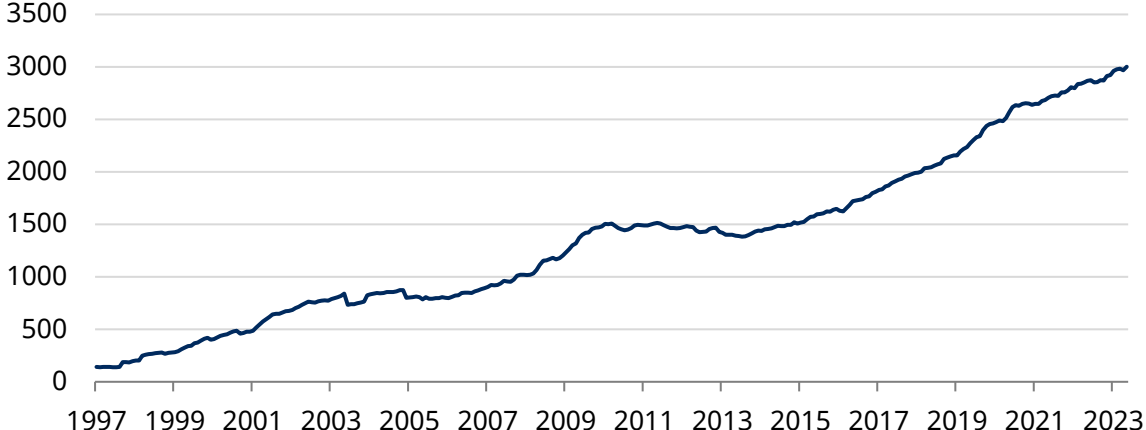
IG GBP non-gilts amount outstanding (bn GBP)



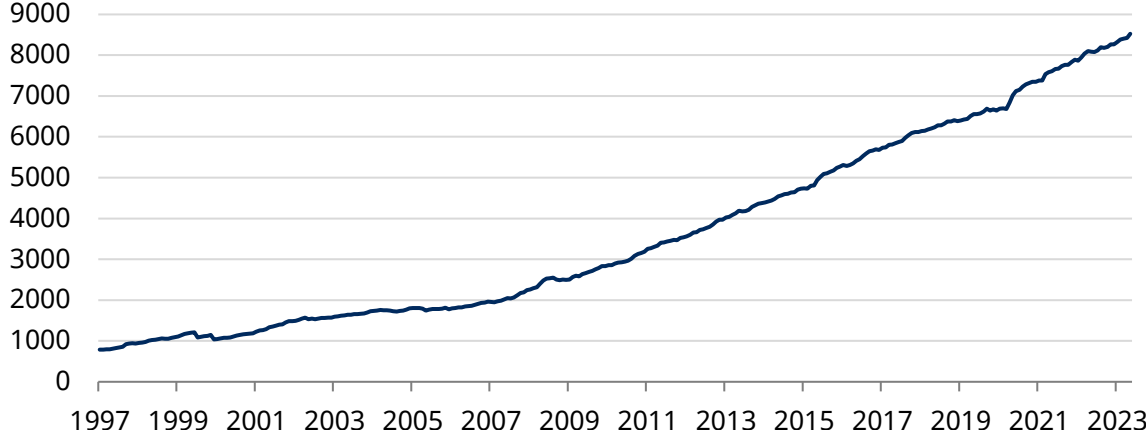
IG GBP corporates amount outstanding (bn GBP)



IG EUR amount outstanding (bn EUR)



IG USD amount outstanding (bn USD)



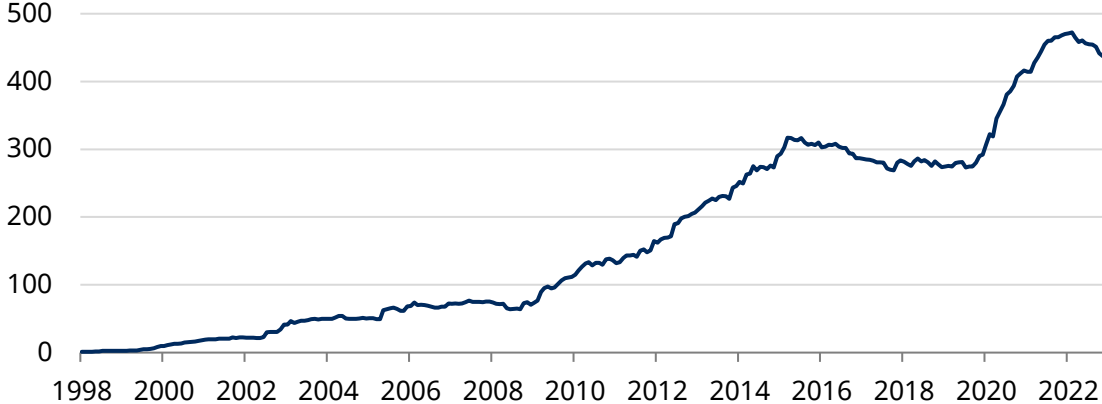
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HY bonds outstanding

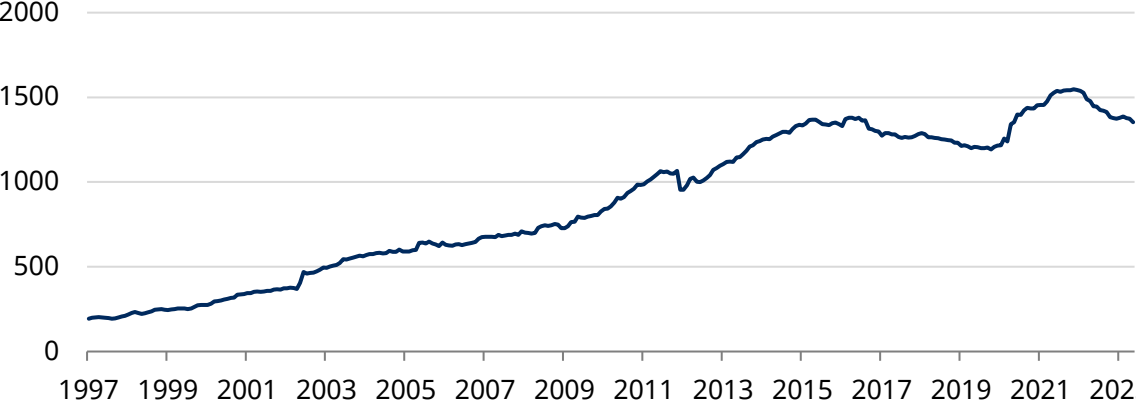
HY GBP amount outstanding (bn GBP)



HY EUR amount outstanding (bn EUR)



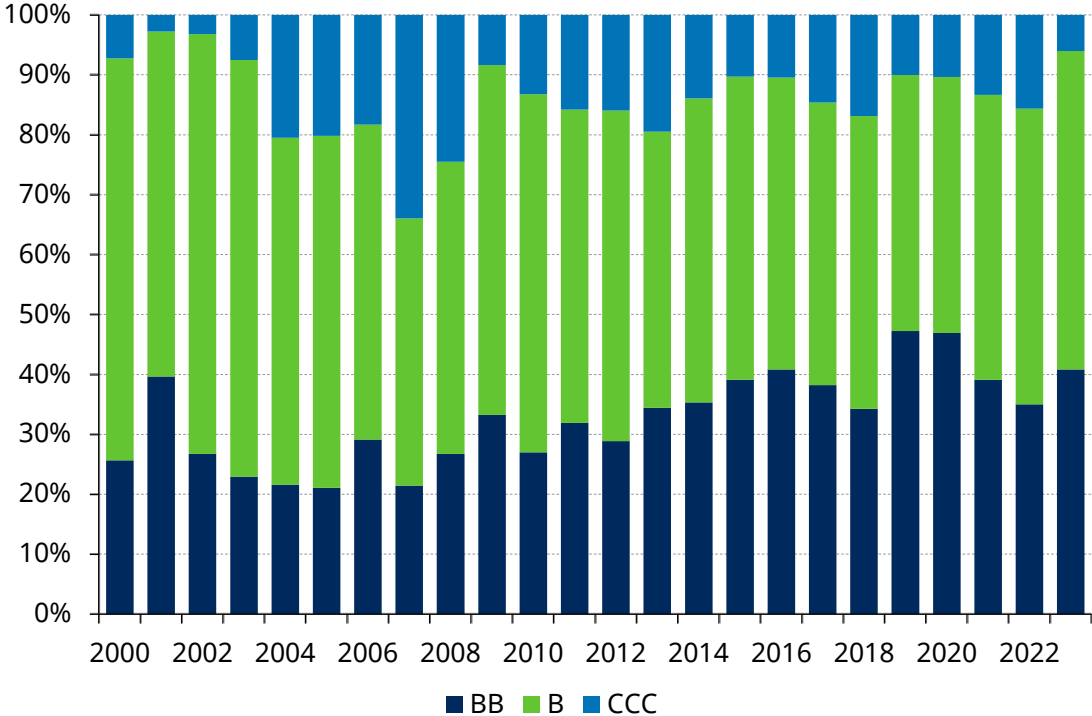
HY USD amount outstanding (bn USD)



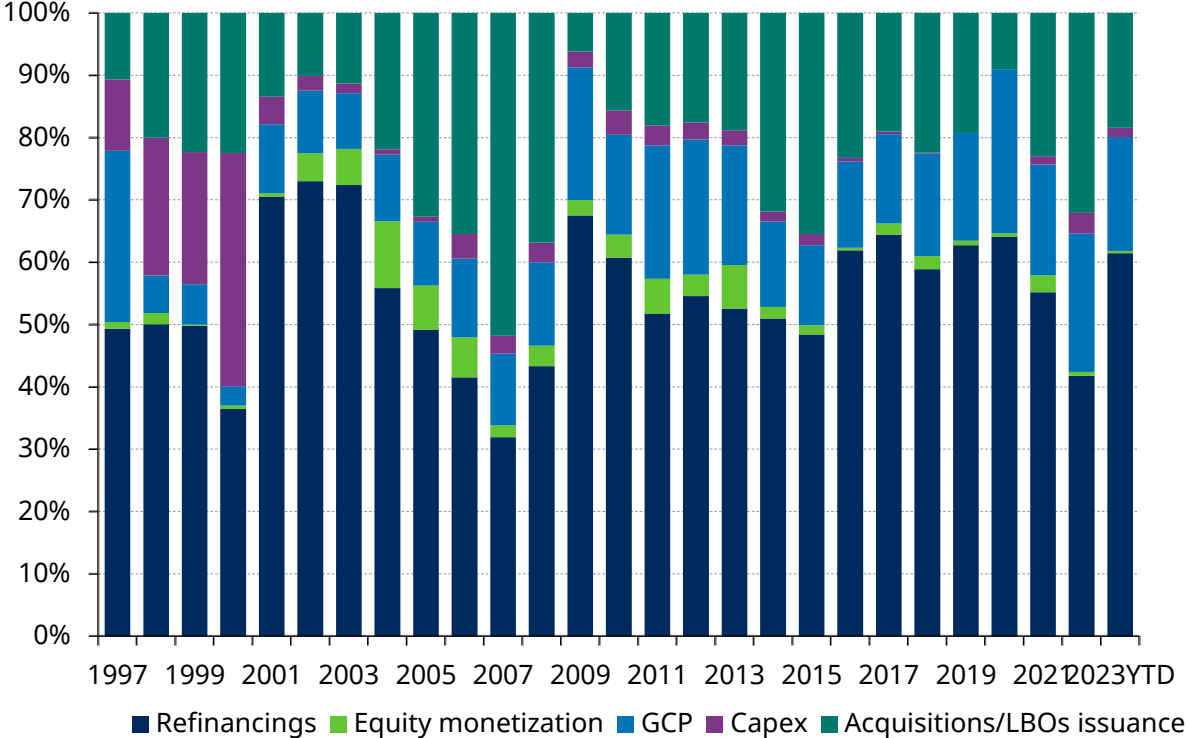
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Global HY issuance details

Issuance by rating (percentage of issuance)



Issuance by use of proceeds⁽¹⁾

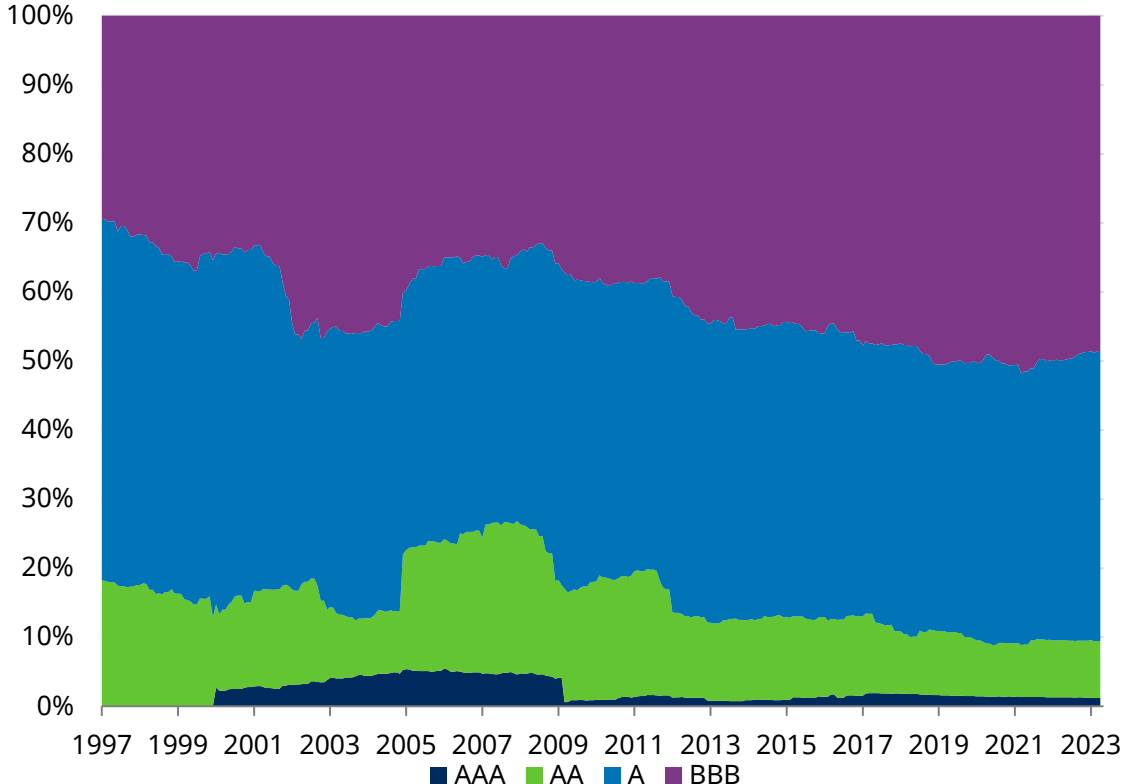


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 (1) GCP is General Corporate Purposes; Equity monetization includes dividends and share repurchases

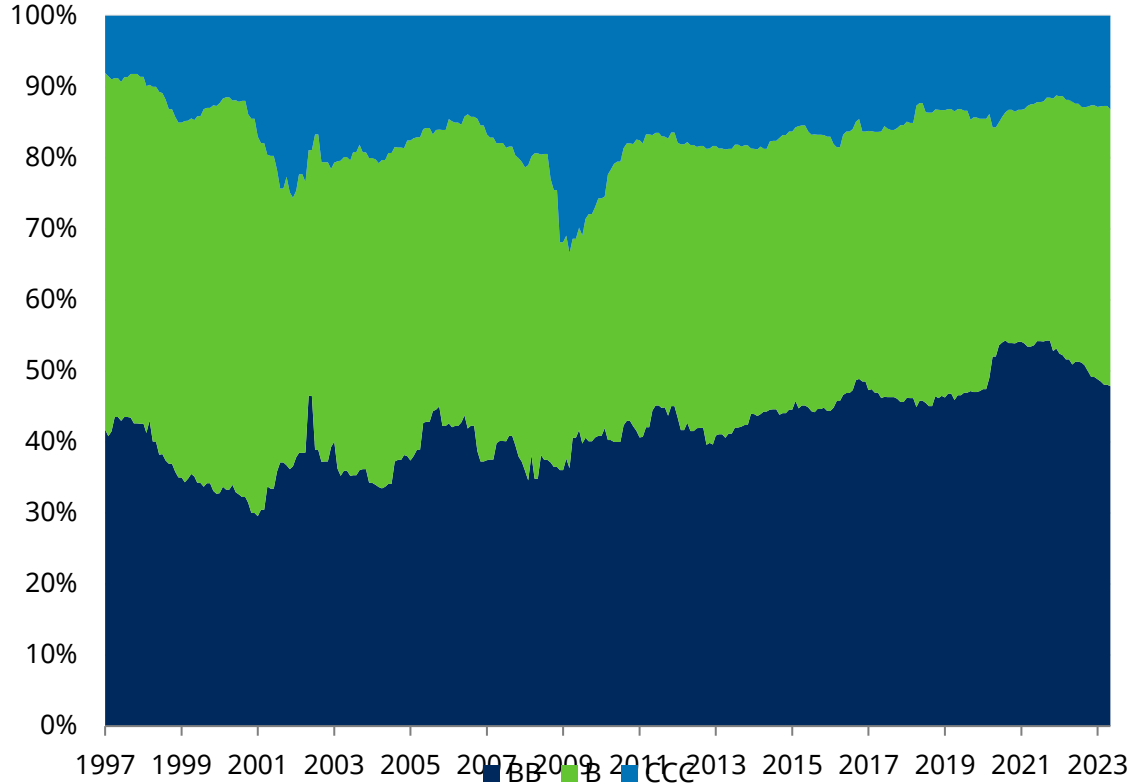
US dollar credit historical ratings split

Significant changes in credit quality over time

US IG ratings split



US HY ratings split

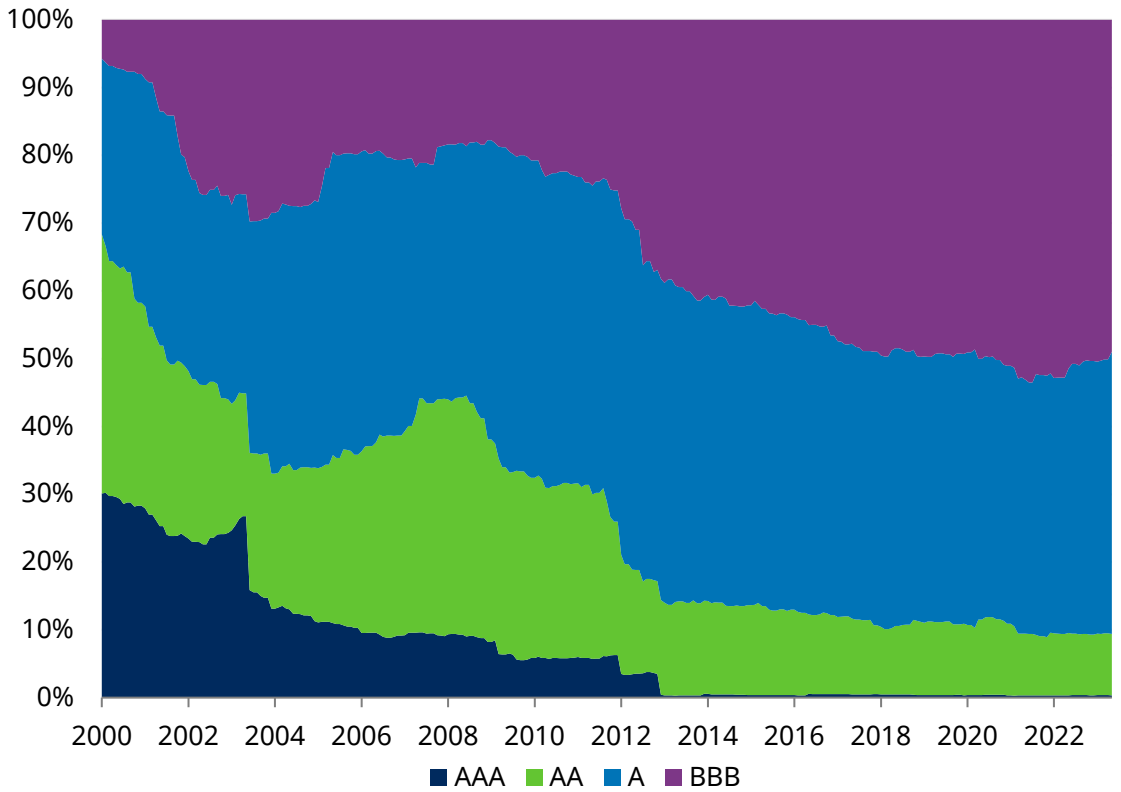


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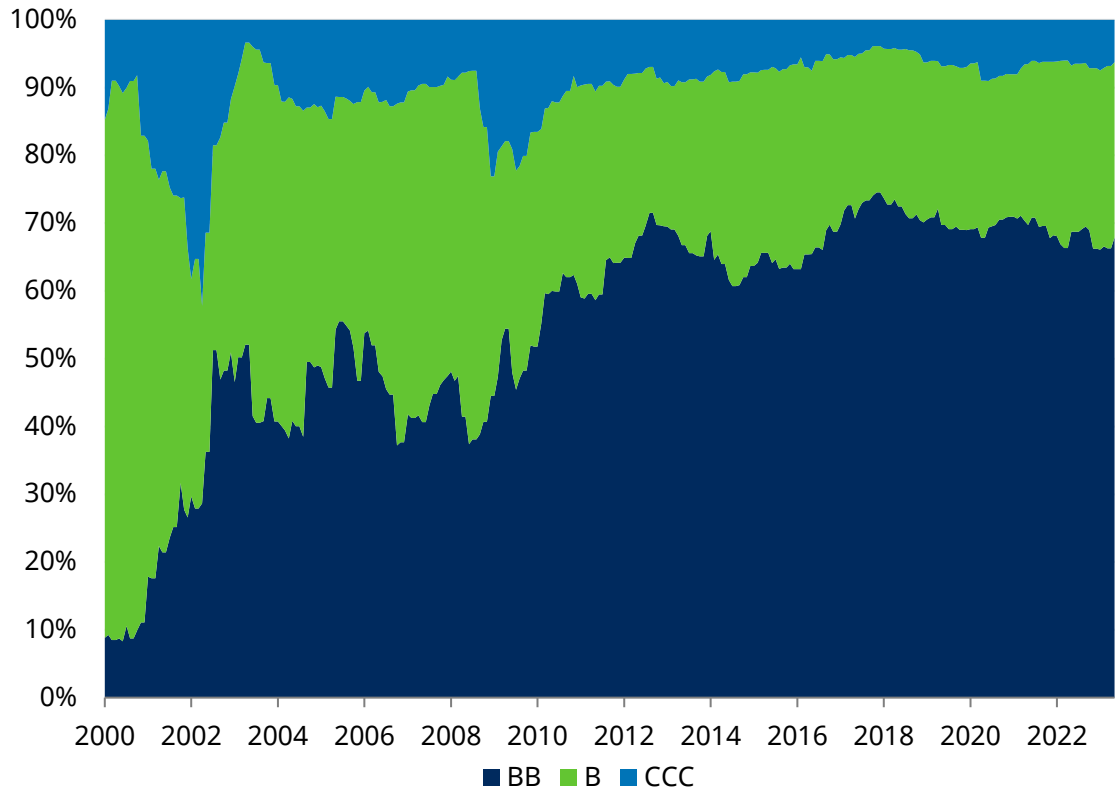
Euro credit historical ratings split

Significant changes in credit quality over time

Euro IG ratings split



Euro HY ratings split

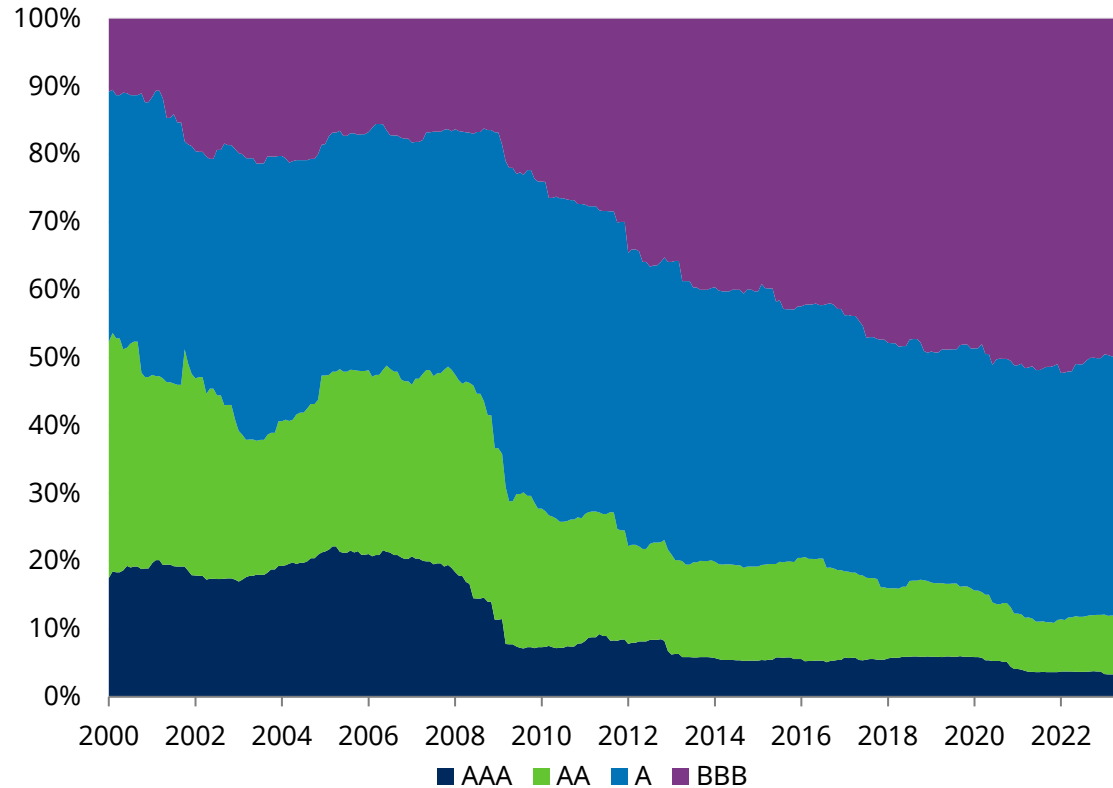


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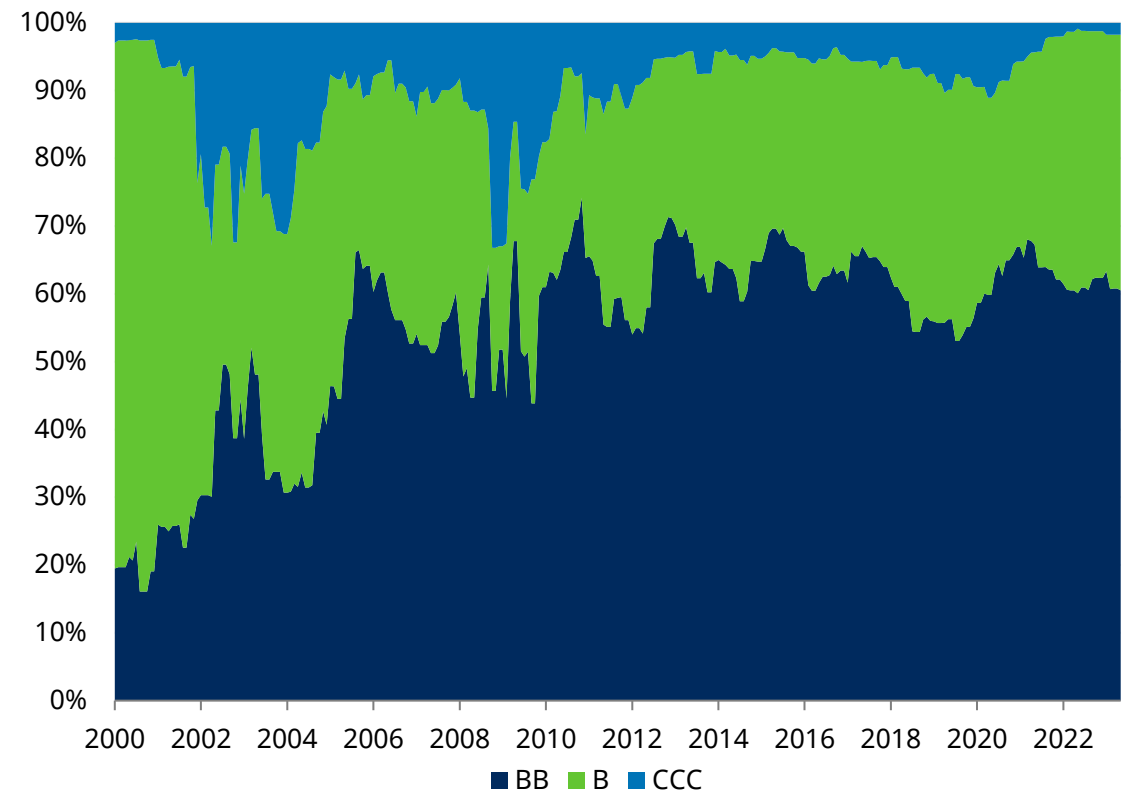
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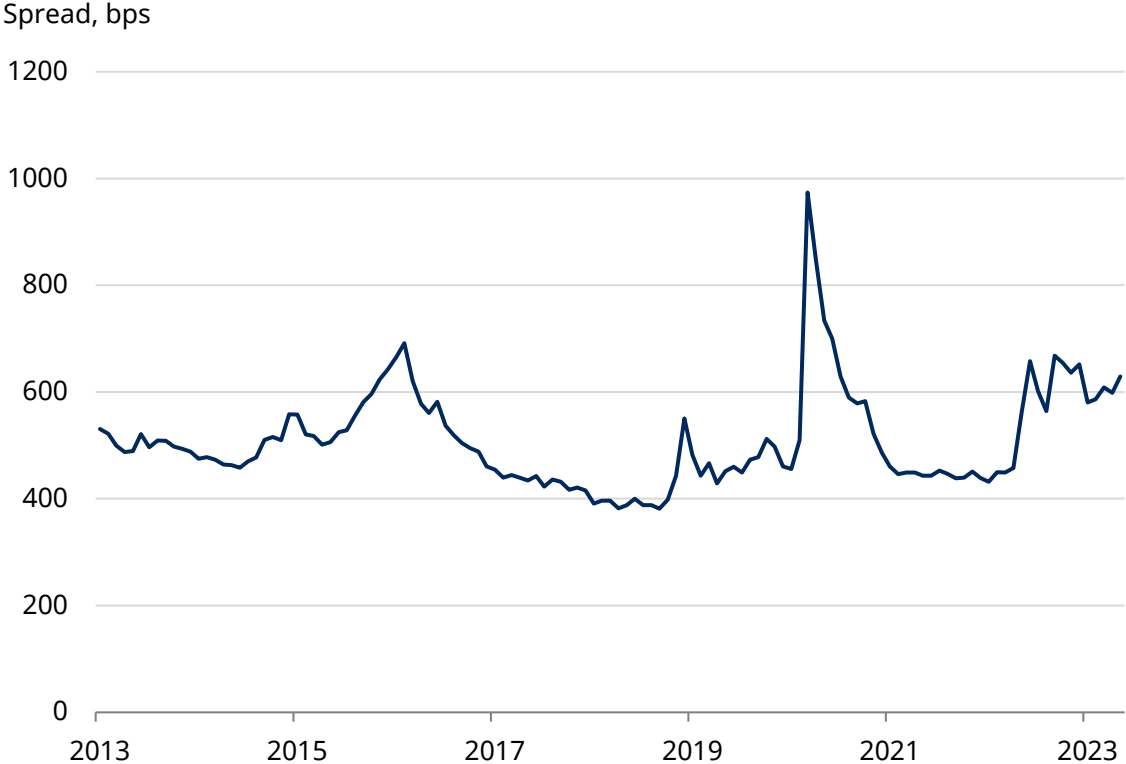
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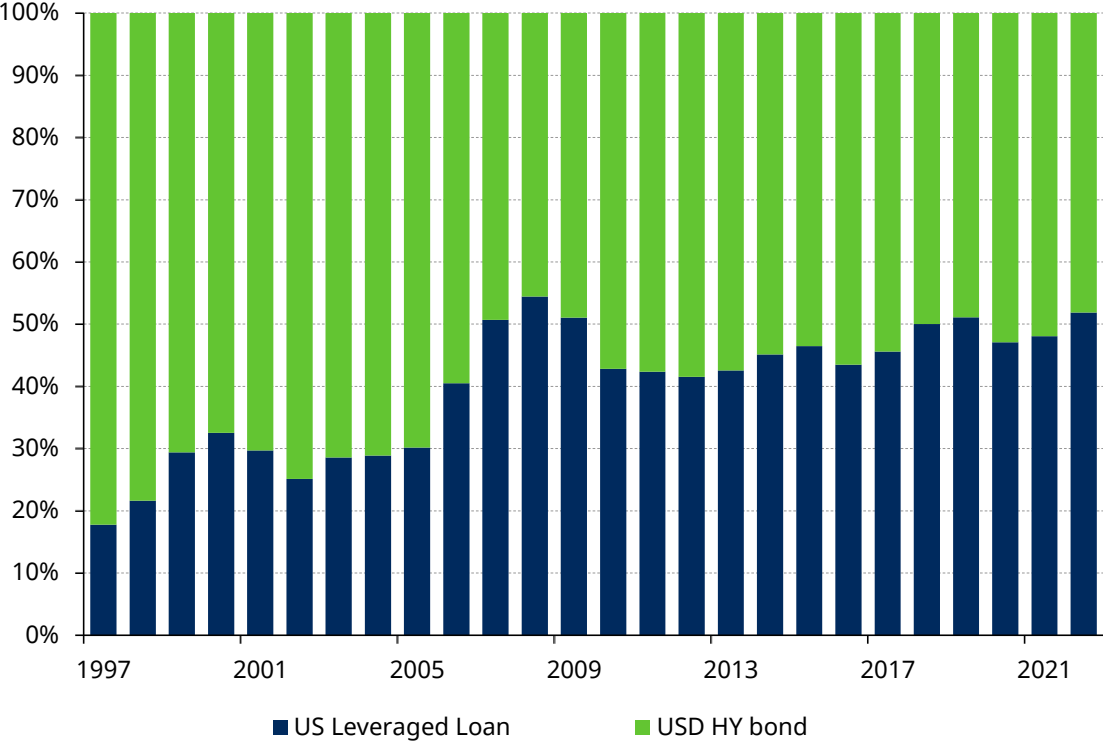
Appendix: Alternatives

US leveraged loans

US leveraged loan discount margin (3-year life)



Loans as a percentage of US leveraged finance market (Face Value)



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List of indices

- **IG GBP non-gilts** - The ICE Data Indices Sterling Non-Gilt Index
- **IG GBP corporates** - The ICE Data Indices Sterling Corporate & Collateralized Index
- **IG Euro** - The ICE Data Indices Euro Corporate Index
- **IG USD** - The ICE Data Indices US Corporate Index

- **HY GBP** - The ICE Data Indices Sterling High Yield Index
- **HY Euro** - The ICE Data Indices Euro High Yield Index
- **HY USD** - The ICE Data Indices US High Yield Index

- **Hard EMD** - The JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index
- **Local EMD** - The JPM GBI-EM GLOBAL Divers Index
- **Corp. EMD** - The JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified Index

- **US leveraged Loan** - Credit Suisse Leveraged Loans Index
- **EUR leveraged Loan** - Credit Suisse Leveraged Loans Index

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