Leveraged Lion Capital Monthly Report

January 2024

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Organization Developments

LLC Updates

Leveraged Lion Capital started off the semester very strong in January. Our organization hit the ground running in pursuit of our mission to place Penn Staters in the highest levels of finance.

Portfolio Managers began the semester by presenting sector overviews and had the opportunity to practice their presentation skills and further develop their technical understanding of their industry. The organization placed a heavy emphasis on education to ensure that our members have a strong understanding of credit fundamentals before beginning their pitches. Portfolio Managers attended education sessions on valuation, credit drivers, fixed-income markets, and covenants.

Following our educational sessions, sectors began their first round of pitches. Members had opportunities to showcase their skills and were challenged by the Executive Board and Directors with questions throughout their pitches to further develop their understanding of fixed-income securities.

Leveraged Lion Capital also welcomed two guest speakers in the month of January. Pasquale Stano from Morgan Stanley and Mike Coppola from JP Morgan attended LLC class to provide market updates, followed by opportunities for Q&A.

January Sector Pitches

Sector	Pitch		
Consumer & Retail	Olaplex Term Loan B		
Energy	Northern Oil and Gas 2031 Sr. Unsecured Notes		
Healthcare	Pediatrix Medical Group 2030 Sr. Unsecured Notes		
Industrials	Enviri 2027 Sr. Unsecured Notes		
Information Technology	Consensus Cloud Solutions 2028 Sr. Unsecured Notes		
Materials	New Gold Inc. 2027 Sr. Unsecured Notes		
Media & Communications	Magnite Term Loan B		
REGAL-FIG	Vornado Realty Trust 2031 Sr. Unsecured Notes		

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Emalee Landis is a TMT Leveraged Finance Analyst at Goldman Sachs. Prior to her full-time role, Emalee studied Finance and Spanish at Penn State from 2018 – 2021. Following her first semester, she became involved in LLC as an associate analyst in the IT sector and spent her last year serving as the President of the organization.

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Alumni Spotlight: Emalee Landis '21

1. When were you a member of Leveraged Lion Capital and what positions did you hold?

I joined LLC in the Spring of 2019 as an Associate Analyst in the Information Technology Sector. Subsequently, I spent a semester as Lead Analyst and then held roles as Director of Education and most recently President.

2. How did Leveraged Lion Capital help prepare you for your future career?

As part of my current role, I evaluate optimal capital structures for non-investment grade companies and advise on / execute leveraged loan and high-yield bond transactions. Leveraged Lion Capital gave me a solid foundation and understanding of the fixed-income universe. As part of my time spent in the club, I read a credit agreement for the first time, gained a thorough understanding of credit drivers, learned how to have an "investor's mindset", and became more adept at understanding LevFin syndication processes. Learning how to synthesize credit drivers and technicals has been a distinguishing quality in my full-time role that I credit to LLC.

3. What advice would you give to new members of Leveraged Lion Capital?

Reflecting on my time spent in the organization, I am most appreciative of the "upside-only" learning environment that LLC provides. As it relates to the people, being surrounded by the smartest students in Smeal, having open access to alumni through recruiting, and having Robin and Dr. Wooldridge as direct mentors were invaluable resources that helped me draw a line from State College to Goldman Sachs. Furthermore, having resources such as LevFin Insights, Covenant Review, CapIQ, Bloomberg, etc. helped me gain familiarity with the tools that I now use full-time. The learning curve was infinitely steep during LLC which enabled me to learn more in four years than I could have ever expected.

4. What advice do you have for members of Leveraged Lion Capital who are currently recruiting for internships?

My best advice for current LLC members is as follows: 1) be a sponge to new information, 2) set your personal bar high and take specific, tangible action to achieve your goals, 3) capitalize on all the resources available to you and 4) remember that confidence comes with hard work. As intimidating as it is to pitch your first investment in LLC or interview on Wall Street, confidence isn't acquired overnight. The best pitches, interviews, and deals often come from weeks or months of hard work that help you build the confidence to eventually take on client discussions and successfully price a transaction. Take notes whenever you are learning something new and be diligent in your preparation.

Credit Market News & CIO Commentary

CIO Commentary

For the month of January 2023, Leveraged Lion Capital's leveraged loan portfolio returned 0.55% nominally, an outperformance to the LSTA 100 Index of 0.18%. Leveraged Lion Capital's high yield bond portfolio returned 1.18% nominally, an outperformance to the HY Index of 0.99%.

Currently, Leveraged Lion Capital holds 16 bonds and 11 loans, with S&P credit ratings ranging from CCC to BBB- and B to BB+, respectively. The portfolio saw 3 loans get repriced in January; 2 of the new issues were added back to the portfolio.

The REGAL-FIG Sector maintains the highest weighted-average yield at 10.31% with a portfolio of 3 loans, and the Healthcare Sector has the lowest weighted-average yield holding 2 bonds and a loan.

Leveraged Loan & HY Bond News

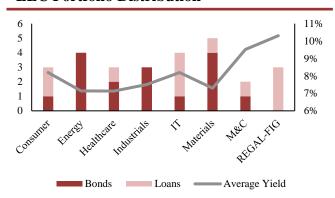
HY debt issuance of \$20.70 bn in January was a meaningful increase from December. Ratings activity remained negative with the HY upgrade to downgrade ratio at about 0.60x. Ratings activity was most negative for CCCs, while BBs saw positive momentum. Out of 880 issuers in the US HY Index, 73 are trading at distressed levels, down from 75 in December. On a face-value basis, the amount of debt trading at distressed levels increased by about \$12.80 bn. The US HY issuer-weighted default rate dropped 20 bps to 2.80% in January.

Strengthening US Economy

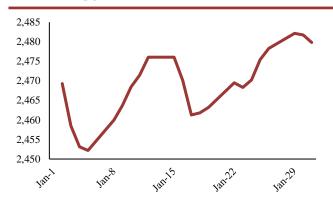
Investor sentiment was modestly positive in January with equities and HY bonds seeing slight gains. Retail sales, consumer sentiment, and Q4 GDP growth were all above expectations easing fears of a hard landing. CPI came in hot and strong payrolls and unemployment data killed speculation of a March rate cut. Treasury yields ticked upward.

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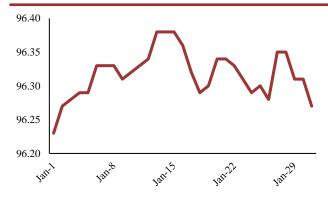
LLC Portfolio Distribution



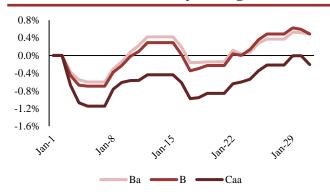
BBHY Index



LSTA 100 Index



HY Bond Performance by Rating



Sector Summaries

Consumer & Retail Lead Analyst: Madi Hunter

Consumer and Retail loans returned 0.00% nominally this month and bonds returned 1.73% nominally. The Sector's best-performing holding this month was Energizer's 2029 Senior Unsecured Bond, trading up 173.3 bps. The company recently released 1Q24 earnings on February 6th and beat top-line and bottom-line estimates. The Sector's worst-performing holding this month was SeaWorld Entertainment's 2029 Term Loan B, trading down 59.4 bps. SeaWorld recently changed its holding company name to United Parks & Resorts and indicated guidance for spending to differentiate itself from Six Flags and Cedar Fair. The Sector plans to monitor discretionary spending and consumer sentiment moving forward.

Energy & Utilities Lead Analyst: Noah Simone-Dobin

The Energy & Utilities Sector returned 1.33% nominally this month. The Sector's best performing holding this month was Vital Energy's 2028 Senior Unsecured Bond, trading up 281.7 bps. The company has seen elevated growth due to a recent acquisition in the Permian Basin. The Sector's worst performing holding this month was Weatherford International's 2028 Senior Secured Bond, trading down 80.8 bps. The security traded down despite a positive fourth quarter earnings call. The Sector plans to closely monitor the price of crude and its effect on the Sector's holdings.

Healthcare

Lead Analyst: Jayden Golden

Healthcare loans returned 0.46% nominally this month and bonds returned 1.32% nominally. The Sector's best-performing holding this month was HealthEquity's 2029 Senior Unsecured Bond, trading up 115.9 bps. The company recently spoke at a J.P. Morgan's Healthcare Conference, announcing an optimistic outlook for HSA sales. The Sector's worst-performing holding this month was RadNet's 2028 Term Loan B, trading down 12.5 bps. RadNet recently announced plans to acquire seven outpatient imaging centers. All three of the sector's holdings report earnings in February, and the sector will closely monitor results and outlooks for the holdings.

Industrials

Lead Analyst: Dean Allen

The Industrials sector returned 1.12% nominally this month. The Sector's best performing holding this month was Danaos' 2028 Senior Unsecured Bond, trading up 183.7 bps. Danaos has been trading back up after being down from recent issues in the Suez Canal. The Sector's worst performing holding this month was Enpro Industries' 2026 Senior Unsecured Bond trading down 16.8 bps. Enpro Industries forecasted slower earnings than expected causing them to trade down in January. The sector plans to monitor the holdings' earnings as all three holdings release earnings in February.

Sector Summaries

Information Technology Lead Analyst: Sid Sharma

Information Technology loans returned 0.71% nominally this month and bonds returned -0.27% nominally. The Sector's best-performing holding this month was Ultra Clean Holdings' 2025 TLB, trading up 12.5 bps. This performance is a result of strong demand for semiconductor manufacturing services. The Sector's worst-performing holding this month was ON Semiconductor's 2028 Senior Unsecured Bond, trading down 62.0 bps. A poor short-term outlook for the electric vehicle market, one of the company's biggest end markets, has compressed the company's operating margins. The sector will monitor earnings reports from key companies within the sector, as many of them are major customers of our holdings.

Materials Lead Analyst: Alex Kornblatt

Materials loans returned 0.52% nominally this month and bonds returned 1.53%. The Sector's best-performing holding this month was First Quantum Minerals' 2025 Senior Unsecured Notes, trading up 360.5 bps. First Quantum's bonds have staged a rebound, recovering most of the losses incurred after a fallout with Panama over the company's mining practices. The Sector's worst-performing holding this month was United States Steel's 2029 Senior Unsecured Notes, trading down 22.0 bps. The Sector will be actively monitoring Nippon Steel's acquisition of United States Steel, given its impact on the Sector's current holdings and the metals and mining industry as a whole.

Media & Communications Lead Analyst: Jakub Dingo

Media & Communications loans returned 0.60% nominally this month and bonds returned 0.46% nominally. The Sector's best-performing holding this month was Ciena's 2030 TLB, trading flat at a price of 100.375. Ciena's loan has a history of little to no price changes because of the impressive interest coverage, and negligible changes in the company's ability to repay debt. The Sector's worstperforming holding this month was AMC's 2027 Senior Secured Notes, trading down 59.3 bps. AMC Network saw declines in ad revenue and streaming subs which caused some concern around the future of the company. Within the broader sector, an important developing story is the M&A activity Paramount. surrounding The company previously in discussions with Warner Bros. for a merger and is now in acquisition talks with Byron Allen.

REGAL-FIG

Lead Analyst: Ben Petrulis

The REGAL-FIG sector returned 1.15% nominally this month. The Sector's best performing holding this month was Century Casinos' 2029 Term Loan B trading up 90.0 bps. Century is expected to release earnings with significant growth, including a \$69.00 mm increase in cash YoY. The Sector's worst performing holding this month was Virtu Financials' 2029 Term Loan B trading down 37.5 bps. In addition to heavy misses on earnings, Virtu has been subject to increased investigation and scrutiny on the basis of potential insider trading. The sector will be closely monitoring the holdings as earnings are released. More specifically the sector will be keeping a watch over mortgage rates and real estate metrics to determine if the real estate space is a viable option to move into.



Portfolio Analysis

CURRENT	HOLDINGS	(as of 1/31/24)

Company Name	Sector	Maturity	LIBOR Spread	Buy-In Price	Buy-In Amount	Opening Price ¹	Closing Price	Facility Rating ²	Jan Price Return	Jan Total Return
Energizer	Consumer	3/31/2029	4.375%	96.312	\$6,000.00	88.906	90.082	B2/B	132.3 bps	173.3 bps
Dave & Buster's	Consumer	6/29/2029	S + 325	100.375	\$3,999.00	100.375	99.875	B1/B	(49.8) bps	21.4 bps
SeaWorld Entertainment	Consumer	8/25/2028	S + 250	100.625	\$6,000.00	100.625	99.375	NR/NR	(124.2) bps	(59.4) bps
SM Energy	Energy	9/15/2026	6.750%	98.742	\$2,000.00	99.866	99.980	B1/BB-	11.4 bps	67.7 bps
Range Resources	Energy	2/15/2030	4.750%	91.796	\$3,000.00	92.326	92.917	Ba3/BB	64.0 bps	106.9 bps
Vital Energy	Energy	1/15/2028	10.125%	101.451	\$3,500.00	102.678	104.726	B2/B	199.5 bps	281.7 bps
Weatherford International	Energy	9/15/2028	6.500%	93.001	\$1,383.51	103.860	102.479	Ba2/BB	(133.0) bps	(80.8) bps
HealthEquity	Healthcare	10/1/2029	4.500%	98.857	\$3,706.91	92.115	93.183	B2/B+	115.9 bps	156.6 bps
RadNet	Healthcare	4/24/2028	S + 325	100.000	\$3,710.00	100.250	100.125	B1/B+	(12.5) bps	46.0 bps
ICON PLC	Healthcare	7/15/2026	2.875%	91.956	\$1,000.00	93.215	93.429	Baa3/BBB-	23.0 bps	48.7 bps
Tutor Perini	Industrials	5/1/2025	6.875%	96.232	\$2,000.00	98.166	98.400	Caa1/CCC	23.8 bps	82.2 bps
Enpro Industries	Industrials	10/15/2026	5.750%	95.656	\$3,000.00	99.834	99.187	B2/BB	(64.8) bps	(16.8) bps
Danaos Corp	Industrials	3/1/2028	8.500%	110.708	\$7,000.00	100.887	102.032	Ba3/BB+	113.5 bps	183.7 bps
Digi International	IT	12/22/2028	S + 500	98.500	\$5,153.90	100.250	100.250	WR/NR	-	73.0 bps
ON Semiconductor	IT	9/1/2028	3.875%	87.777	\$5,000.00	92.558	91.984	Ba2/BB	(62.0) bps	(27.1) bps
Playtika	IT	3/13/2028	S + 275	99.625	\$4,000.00	99.875	99.750	Ba2/BB+	(12.5) bps	54.0 bps
Ultra Clean	IT	8/27/2025	S + 375	100.500	\$3,662.54	100.125	100.250	B1/B+	12.5 bps	87.5 bps
First Quantum Minerals	Materials	4/1/2025	7.500%	103.901	\$4,910.00	95.678	98.502	WR/B *-	295.2 bps	360.5 bps
Carpenter Technology	Materials	7/15/2028	6.375%	96.616	\$5,000.00	99.850	99.691	B1/BB	(15.9) bps	37.3 bps
Cleveland Cliffs	Materials	3/1/2029	4.625%	89.005	\$3,000.00	92.755	93.699	Ba3/NR	101.8 bps	143.4 bps
U.S. Steel	Materials	3/1/2029	6.875%	104.281	\$2,000.00	102.051	101.254	B1 */BB-	(78.1) bps	(22.0) bps
Tronox	Materials	3/13/2028	S + 250	99.375	\$4,000.00	99.875	99.750	Ba2/BB	(12.5) bps	51.5 bps
AMC Entertainment	M&C	11/1/2027	12.750%	100.940	\$3,000.00	101.410	100.809	B3/B	(59.3) bps	45.5 bps
Ciena	M&C	10/24/2030	S + 200	100.375	\$4,000.00	100.375	100.375	Baa3/BB+	-	60.3 bps
Virtu Financial	REGAL-FIG	1/16/2029	S + 300	99.750	\$2,148.85	100.125	99.750	Ba3/B+	(37.5) bps	17.7 bps
Moneygram International	REGAL-FIG	6/3/2030	S + 550	94.000	\$1,453.94	97.000	97.625	B2/B	64.4 bps	157.5 bps
Century Casinos	REGAL-FIG	4/2/2029	S + 600	97.125	\$2,000.16	97.250	98.125	B3/B	90.0 bps	187.1 bps

SECTOR ANALYSIS

Sector Analysis	Loans	LSTA 100 ³	Relative	Bonds	LLC HY ³	Relative
Consumer & Retail	0.00%	1.41%	-1.40%	1.73%	0.72%	1.01%
Energy		1.34%	-	1.33%	0.69%	0.65%
Healthcare	0.46%	0.74%	-0.28%	1.32%	0.38%	0.94%
Industrials		0.75%	-	1.12%	0.39%	0.73%
IT	0.71%	-0.35%	1.06%	-0.27%	-0.18%	-0.09%
Materials	0.52%	0.60%	-0.09%	1.53%	0.31%	1.22%
Media & Communications	0.60%	-3.04%	3.64%	0.46%	-1.56%	2.01%
REGAL-FIG	1.15%	0.38%	0.77%	-	0.20%	-
Total	0.55%	0.37%	0.18%	1.18%	0.19%	0.99%

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

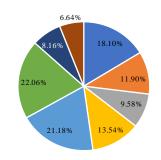
LLC Portfolio (beginning 1/1/2018)	
Beginning Portfolio Value	\$124,854.79
Current Portfolio Value	\$95,281.46
Cash Balance	\$65,620.59
LLC Portfolio (YTD)	
Beginning Portfolio Value	\$95,075.70
Current Portfolio Value	\$95,281.46
Cash Balance	\$65,620.59
Accumulated Interest	\$8,628.19

RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

January 2024 Performance	
Leveraged Lion Capital	1.01%
LSTA 100 Index	0.37%
LLC vs. LSTA 100	0.18%
LLCHY	0.19%
LLC vs. LLC HY	0.99%
YTD Performance	

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Leveraged Lion Capital	0.96%
LSTA 100 Index	-0.15%
LLC vs. LSTA 100	1.11%
LLC HY	0.41%
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PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN



- Consumer
- Energy
- Healthcare
- Industrials
- IT
- Materials
- M&C
- REGAL-FIG

JANUARY BEST PERFORMER

JANUARY WORST PERFORMER





NOTE

¹ Opening prices for instruments added to the portfolio during the month are the price at market close on the first trading day of the month, not necessarily the buy-in price. ² Most recent available ratings. ³ Estimates for LSTA 100 and "LLC High Yield" index individual sector performance. For the most accurate measure of Leveraged Lion Capital's relative performance, please refer to Total figures.



Spring 2024 Organizational Overview

Leveraged Lion Capital is the nation's first student-run syndicated paper loan and high yield bond portfolio. Founded in Spring 2017 at The Pennsylvania State University, the organization aims to educate undergraduate students about the world of fixed income through the utilization of various resources and unique relationships with financial organizations and institutions, including Bank of America, the LSTA, and S&P Global Market Intelligence. Managing an approximately \$125 million paper portfolio, students seek to learn the fundamentals of credit analysis via a hands-on approach by researching, analyzing, and pitching U.S. leveraged loans and high yield bonds to the rest of the organization. The portfolio is divided into eight sectors that are derived from the S&P/LSTA 100 Index, consisting of Consumer & Retail, Energy, Healthcare, Industrials, Information Technology, Materials, Media & Communications, and REGAL-FIG (Real Estate, Gaming & Leisure, Financial Institutions Group).

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