# Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Index Mid-Year Report

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Performance Highlights<sup>1</sup>

# Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Index<sup>2</sup>

- The Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Index (Ticker: GLOAN), a measure of the broadly syndicated loan market globally, rose 5.49% [USD unhedged] in the first half of 2025 (H1), and 42.21% over last five years.
- While it lagged behind both high yield and investment grade bond markets in H1, as measured by the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index (H1: 6.83%, 5-year: 31.64%) [USD unhedged] and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (7.27%, -5.65%) [USD unhedged] respectively, it significantly outperformed them over last 5 years (since June 2020).
- On a quality spectrum, Ba/B loans posted 5.39% returns, with B-rated (5.74%) outperforming Ba-rated (4.32%).
- Both US and European loan markets delivered comparable returns, as measured by the Bloomberg US Leveraged Loan Index (Ticker: LOAN, H1: 2.73%) [USD unhedged] and the Bloomberg European Leveraged Loan Index (ELOAN, 2.64%) [EUR unhedged] respectively. ELOAN Index delivered a 16.36% return in USD unhedged in H1.
- US loans fell behind most other US fixed income asset classes in H1. US Loans (2.73%) trailed US High Yield (4.57%), US Treasuries (3.79%), and US Aggregate (4.02%), but outperformed Floating Rate Notes (2.44%).
- Among US Industrials (2.65%) sub-sectors,
   Communication (4.06%) was the top performer, and
   Basic Industry (0.34%) was the worst performer.
- On a quality spectrum, US Ba/B posted 2.73%, with Barated (2.87%) outperforming B-rated (2.68%) loans.
- Positive performance was posted across the liquidity spectrum in US. As measured by amount outstanding thresholds, the \$2bn+ Index (Ticker: LIQLOAN, 3.22%) significantly outperformed both the \$500mn+ (2.75%) and the \$1bn+ (2.73%) Index during this period.
- European loans outperformed other fixed income asset classes in H1. The ELOAN Index (2.64%) [EUR unhedged] outperformed the Pan-European High Yield (2.30%), the Pan-European Aggregate (0.70%), and the Pan-European Floating Rate Notes (1.32%) Index in H1.

Figure 1

Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Index Returns

Index Name	Ticker	1D Rtn	MTD Rtn	YTD Rtn	Members
■ Global Leveraged Loan Index	I39494US	0.14%	1.38%	5.49%	1,774
Region					
US Leveraged Loan Index	I38932US	0.13%	0.76%	2.73%	1,310
■ European Leveraged Loan Index	I39493EU	0.02%	0.22%	2.64%	464
□ Issuer					
European Issuers	I39569EU	-0.01%		0.01%	481
Rated Only					
Global Leveraged Loan Index (Rated Only)	I39568US	0.14%	1.35%	5.32%	1,722
European Leveraged Loan Index (Rated Only)	I39578EU	0.02%	0.20%	2.57%	412
■ BCLASS 2					
- Industrials	I39517US	0.15%	1.42%	5.53%	1,574
- Financial Institutions	I39515US	0.15%	1.17%	5.38%	162
└ Utilities	I39516US	0.07%	0.70%	3.14%	33
Quality					
- Ca-D	I39507US			6.02%	29
- Caa	I39509US	0.17%	0.95%	4.26%	181
B	I39510US	0.16%	1.51%	5.74%	1,144
│ ├ Ba	I39511US	0.10%	1.03%	4.32%	368
	I39508US	0.15%	1.39%	5.39%	1,512
□ Liquidity					
- 500MM+	I39514US	0.15%	1.34%	5.24%	1,268
1bn+	I39513US	0.15%	1.24%	4.70%	619
2bn+	I39512US	0.14%	0.99%	3.97%	184
■ Payment Rank					
1st Lien	I39564US	0.14%	1.39%	5.50%	1,708
└ 2nd Lien	I39565US	0.19%	0.97%	4.62%	66

Source: Bloomberg

Performance of GLOAN vs. Global High Yield and Global Aggregate (January 2019 - June 2025)



Source: Bloomberg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Historical performance is not a reliable indicator of future results and should not be relied upon when making investment decisions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Financial Instrument Global Identifier (FIGI) for indices referenced in the monthly publication can be found using OpenFIGI.com. For example, FIGI BBG0IV7J7T55 is for the Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Total Return Unhedged USD Index (Ticker: GLOAN)

### **Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Indices**

- EUR-denominated loans (2.74%) significantly outperformed GBP-denominated loans (0.59%) in H1.
- Among European Industrials (2.66%) sub-sectors, Capital Goods (3.35%) was the top performer, and Industrial Other (1.18%) was the worst performer.
- The top two countries by market value within the ELOAN Index, United Kingdom (2.10%) and France (2.58%), underperformed the ELOAN index (2.64%).
- Performance was mixed across the liquidity spectrum in Europe. EUR 750MM+ (2.35%) posted lower returns than both EUR 500MM+ (2.57%) and EUR 1bn+ (2.40%).
- The Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan: European Issuers Index (Ticker: GLOANE), a measure of USD-, EUR- and GBP-denominated loans from European Issuers, posted near-zero (0.01%) returns [EUR unhedged] in H1.

## **Market Structure**

- GLOAN Index had 1,759 loans with \$1.8tn in market value (MV) at the June month-end. USD-denominated loans (LOAN Index Count: 1,297, MV: \$1.4tn) contributed 78% by MV, while EUR- and GBP-denominated (ELOAN Index: 462, €340bn) contributed 22%.
- ELOAN Index was composed of 96% EUR-denominated (434 loans, €326bn MV) and 4% GBP-denominated (28 loans, €14bn MV) at the June month-end.
- On a sector basis, GLOAN Index had 87% Industrials (Count: 1,555, MV: \$1.58tn) loans. Among Industrials, Consumer Cyclical (330, \$348bn) and Technology (280, \$331bn) were the top-weighted sectors. GLOAN Index's sector breakdown is notable vs. Global High Yield, which had 61% Industrial bonds, with Technology representing merely 4% (vs. 18% for the GLOAN). See Figure 3.
- On a country-basis, United States (1,229 loans, \$1.3tn MV), United Kingdom (103 loans, \$103bn) and France (104 loans, \$89bn) were the top-weighted, and collectively represent over 80% of the GLOAN Index.
- On a quality spectrum, Ba/B rated loans (1,501 loans, \$1.66tn MV) made up 92% of the GLOAN Index, with Brated loans representing 69% (1,135 loans, \$1.25tn) of the index at the June month-end.
- The Bloomberg European Leveraged Loan (Rated Only) Index (Ticker: ELOANR), a measure of the rated-only sliver of European Ioan market, had 412 Ioans with €319bn in MV at the June month-end, and made up 94% of the ELOAN Index (462 Ioans, €340bn).
- On payment rank basis, the GLOAN Index had 98% 1<sup>st</sup> lien loans (1,694 loans, \$1.77tn MV), and 2% 2<sup>nd</sup> lien loans (65, \$0.03tn).
- GLOANE Index (479 loans, €386bn MV) had 76% EUR-denominated (378 loans, €294bn MV), 20% USD-denominated (76, €79bn) and 3% GBP-denominated (25, €13bn) loans. United Kingdom (103, €88bn), France (104, €76bn) and Netherlands (71, €63bn) were the top three countries by MV in GLOANE Index.

Figure 3

# Sector breakdown of GLOAN vs. Global High Yield



Source: Bloomberg

Figure 4

# **Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Index Projected**



Source: Bloomberg

Figure 5

# **Country Breakdown of Global Leveraged Loan Index**



Source: Bloomberg

For further details on the Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Indices, please refer to IN LOAN <GO> on the Terminal. Figure 1 and 4 are using IN <GO> on the Terminal, Figure 2 using COMP <GO>, Figure 3 using PORT <GO> and Figure 5 using MEMB <GO>.

# **Bloomberg Global Leveraged Loan Indices**

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