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# **Fitch**Ratings

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## **Executive Summary**

- Primary Issuance Remains Strong: 16 European CLOs issued EUR6.9 billion of notes in 1Q19.
- Wider Senior Spreads: Senior spreads on new issue notes increased for the fourth consecutive guarter.
- 'AAA' C/E Remains in Narrow Band: 'AAA' C/E range between 44% and 38% in 1Q19, almost unchanged for more than five years.
- Refinancing and Reset Slowdown: Only two transactions were reset in 1Q19. The recent increase in senior spreads made refinancing and reset less attractive.
- Transactions Start to Amortise: 10 transactions are currently outside their reinvestment period.
- WAS Continues to Stabilise: Average WAS remained stable at about 3.8%, almost unchanged since 1Q18.
- WARR Continues to Stabilise: Average WARR remained stable at just above 65%, almost unchanged since 4Q17.

Primary market	1Q19		4Q18	2018
Average 'AAA' C/E (%)	39.8	1	38.8	39.5
Average 'AAA' margin (bp)	110.2	1	98.5	86.1
Issuance volume (EURbn)	6.9	1	6.5	27.3

Refinancing & reset	1Q19		4Q18	2018
Average 'AAA' margin (bp)	96.0	1	96.2	79.7
Average 'AAA' reduction (bp)	14.5	•	15.6	45
Number of transaction	2	•	5	40

Collateral quality test	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average WAS (trustee) (%)	3.8	<b>(</b>	3.8	3.8
Average WARR (trustee) (%)	65.4		65.3	65.2
Average WARF (trustee) (%)	32.3	•	32.4	32.4
Average WAL (trustee) (years)	5.2	-	5.3	5.5

C/E: Credit Enhancement

WAS: Weighted Average Spread

WARR: Weighted Average Recovery Rate WARF: Weighted Average Rating Factor

WAL: Weighted Average Life

Note: simple average across deal sample

Note: market data for 1Q19 and 4Q18 are for the full quarter

Note: market data for 2018 are for the full year

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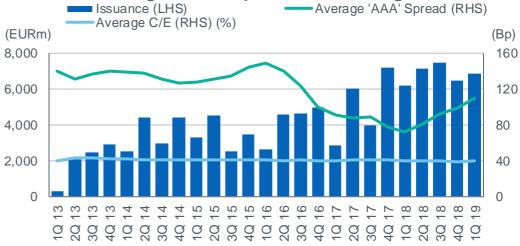




## European Issuance Remains Strong, Spread Continues to Increase

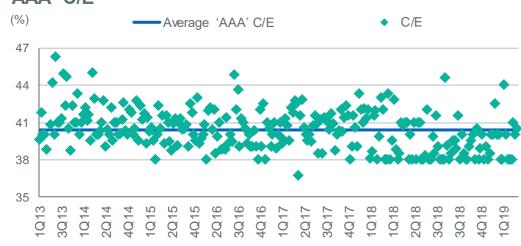
- European CLO issuance reached EUR6.9 billion of notes in 1Q19 (16 transactions) versus EUR6.2 billion for 1Q18 (15 transactions).
- 'AAA' spreads widened for the fourth consecutive quarter to average 110.2bp over Euribor during the first quarter, well above the annual average of 86.1bp for 2018.

### Issuance, Average 'AAA' Spread and Average C/E



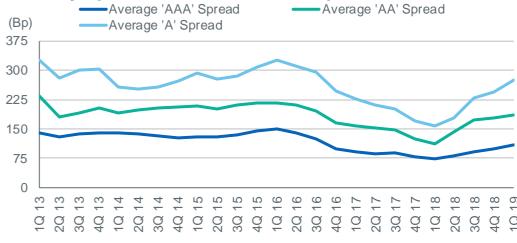
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#### 'AAA' C/E



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### Primary Spread - 'AAA', 'AA' & 'A' Spread



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## 1Q19 European CLO Issuance

### 1Q19 European CLO Transactions

(as at 31 March 2019)

Deal Name	Deal Size Amount (EUR Mil.)	Collateral Manager	Structurer	Pricing Date	'AAA' CE	'AAA' Spread (bp)	Non-Call (yrs)	Reinvest- ment (yrs)	Max. WAL
Cadogan Square CLO XIII DAC	509.0	Credit Suisse Asset Management	Barclays	Jan-2019	38.5	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Crosthw aite Park CLO DAC	513.0	Blackstone/GSO Debt Funds Europe Limited	Greensledge / Natw	Feb-2019	40.0	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Carlyle Euro CLO 2019-1 DAC	409.1	CELF Advisors LLP	BNP Paribas	Feb-2019	40.0	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
BlueMountain Fuji EUR CLO IV DAC	360.3	BlueMountain Fuji Management, LLC	Deutsche Bank	Feb-2019	42.5	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Aqueduct European CLO 3-2019 DAC	411.6	HPS Investment Partners CLO (UK) LLP	Citigroup	Feb-2019	40.0	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Harvest CLO XXI DAC	409.5	Investcorp Credit Management EU Limited	Barclays	Feb-2019	40.0	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Aurium CLO V DAC	447.8	Spire Partners	Bank of America	Feb-2019	38.0	114.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
St. Paul's CLO X DAC	410.1	Intermediate Capital Managers Limited	Goldman Sachs	Feb-2019	38.0	114.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
RRE 1 Loan Management DAC	451.8	Redding Ridge Asset Management	BNP Paribas	Mar-2019	44.0	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Ares European CLO XI B.V.	461.6	Ares Management	Citigroup	Mar-2019	40.0	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Bilbao CLO II DAC	409.8	Guggenheim Partners Europe Limited	Citigroup	Mar-2019	38.0	114.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Hayfin Emerald CLO II DAC	407.9	HayFin Capital Management	Goldman Sachs	Mar-2019	38.0	116.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Euro Galaxy VII CLO DAC	412.8	PineBridge Investments Europe Limited	Credit Suisse	Mar-2019	38.0	114.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
CVC Cordatus Loan Fund XIV DAC	412.2	CVC Credit Partners Group Limited	Goldman Sachs	Mar-2019	41.0	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Arbour CLO VI DAC	410.5	Oaktree Capital Management (UK) LLP	Barclays	Mar-2019	40.0	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Avoca CLO XX DAC	456.3	KKR Credit Advisors (Ireland)	Morgan Stanley	Mar-2019	40.5	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Q1 2019 Average	430.8				39.8	110.2	2.0	4.5	8.5
Q1 2019 Median	411.9				40.0	108.5	2.0	4.5	8.5
Q1 2019 Minimum	360.3				38.0	108.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Q1 2019 Maximum	513.0				44.0	116.0	2.0	4.5	8.5
Total	6,893.2								

Non-Call, Reinvestment and WAL are rounded to the nearest 0.25

'AAA' CE and Spread are for the senior 'AAA' notes

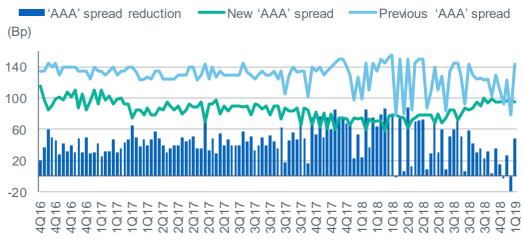
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## Refinancing and Reset Slowdown

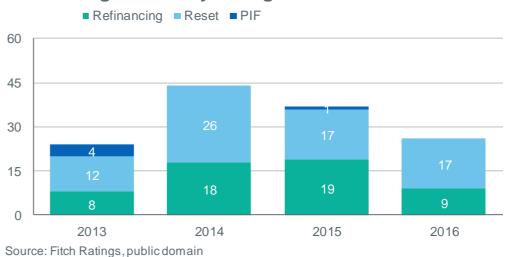
- Managers took advantage of the good financing conditions and extensively refinanced liabilities between 4Q16 and 4Q18.
- 40 transactions were refinanced, reset or reissued in 2018, compared with 70 transactions in 2017.
- Given the recent increase in cost of funding, refinancing, reset and reissue became less attractive.
- Only two transactions reset or re-issue in 1Q19.
- More transactions are starting to exit their reinvestment period.

### 'AAA' Spread & Refinancing



Source: Fitch Ratings, public domain

### **Refinancing & Reset by Vintage**



Note: number of refinancings and resets is higher than the total number of transactions as one transaction may refinance or reset more than once

Note: re-issuances have been classified as reset

Note: the repricing of Bosphorus CLO II has been classified as refinancing



## 1Q19 European CLO Refinancing & Reset

### 1Q19 European CLO Refinancing

(as of March 31, 2019)

			Previous 'AAAsf'	Current 'AAAsf'		
Vintage	De al Name	Collateral Manager	Spread	Spread	Pricing Date	Activity
2014	CVC Cordatus Loan Trust IV DAC	CVC Credit Partners Group Limited	78	97	Q1 2019	Reset
2016	Accunia European CLO I DAC	Accunia Credit Management	143	95	Q1 2019	Reset

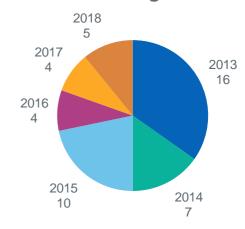
Note: re-issuances are classified as "Reset" Source: Fitch Ratings, public domain



## Established Managers Dominate European Market

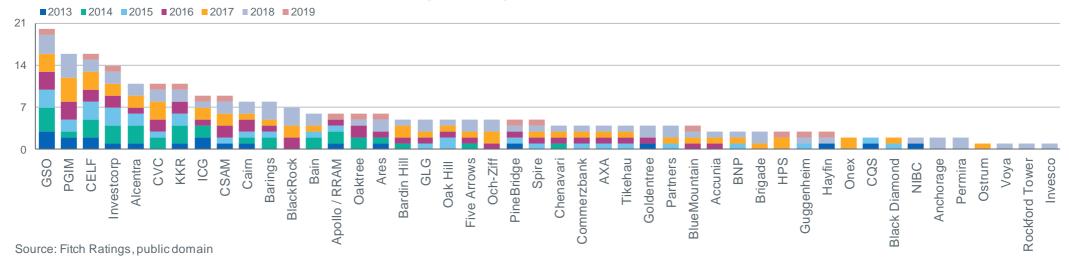
- European CLOs remain concentrated in large managers.
- The top four managers have issued about a quarter of all European post-crisis transactions, while the top 10 have issued around half.
- Fitch has identified 46 managers active in the European post-crisis market.
- Five new managers entered the European market in 2018: Permira Debt Managers, Voya Alternative Asset Management, Anchorage Capital Group, Rockford Tower Capital Management and Invesco European RR.
- Fitch expects additional managers active in the US market to continue to enter European markets.
- Additional information on CLO managers is available in the Fitch CLO Asse Manager Handbook.

#### **Number of New Managers**



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### Number of European Post-Crisis CLO by Vintage of Origination



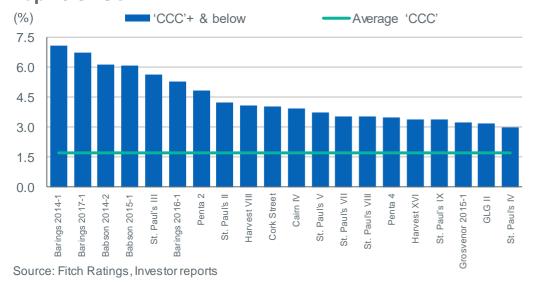


### Defaulted and 'CCC' Assets Remain Limited

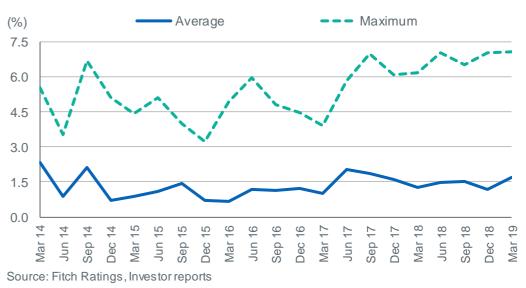
- There were two new defaulted assets in 1Q19.
- Eight issuers were classified as defaulted by at least one manager at end-1Q19.
- Number of CLOs with exposure to defaults decreased to 15% (20 transactions) from 20.7% (20 transactions) as of end-4Q18. On average, these CLOs have an exposure to default at 0.7%.
- 93.2% of CLOs held at least one 'CCC' rated or unrated asset as of end-4Q18. The average 'CCC' exposure for these transactions is 1.8% as of end-1Q19, well below the typical 7.5% limit.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Number of defaulted Obligors	8	1	6	4
Transactions exposed to defaults (%)	15.0	1	20.7	28.6
Average exposure to default (%)	0.7	1	0.8	1.2
Transactions exposed to 'CCC' asset (%)	93.2	1	71.6	82.1
Average exposure to 'CCC' assets (%)	1.8	1	1.7	1.5

## 'CCC+' and Below Exposure Top 20 CLOs



### 'CCC+' and Below Exposure



Note: assets without a Fitch rating or credit opinion and without a public rating from another agency are considered 'CCC'

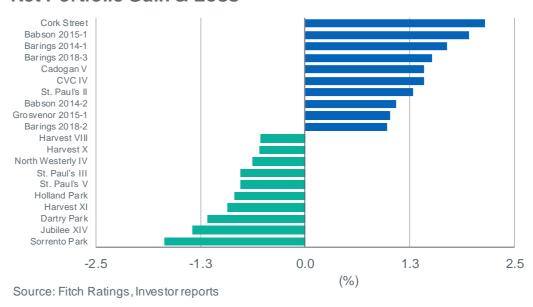


## Net Portfolio Gains and OC Tests Cushion Largely Stable

- 75% of CLOs rated by Fitch have a net portfolio gain. 32 transactions have a net portfolio loss, up from 27 three months ago.
- · Losses have remained low thanks to par built.
- Average excess par remains stable at 0.2% at end-1Q19.
- The chart on the right shows the CLOs rated by Fitch with the highest net portfolio gains and the highest net portfolio losses.
- In most cases, transactions with a net portfolio loss have been negatively affected by credit impaired or defaulted assets.
- Net portfolio losses may also be due to reinvestment at premium.
- The decrease in net portfolio gains may also be due to:
  - trading gains being transferred to the interest account;
  - the reset activity: some transactions may extract par building during a reset:
  - distribution to the interest account following closing/reset of a transaction.
- All transactions in Fitch's rated universe continue to pass their OC tests with a healthy cushion.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average gain/loss (%)	0.2	<b>(-</b>	0.2	0.2
Number of transactions with loss	32	1	27	25
Transactions with loss (%)	24.1	1	23.3	29.8
Average 'AA' OC test cushion (%)	9.6	<b>(</b>	9.6	9.5
Average 'BB' OC test cushion (%)	4.9	<b>(</b>	4.9	4.9

#### **Net Portfolio Gain & Loss**

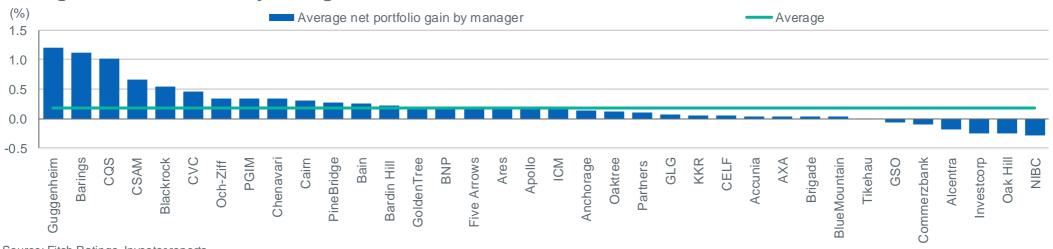


Note: in the absence of 'CCC' haircuts, the net portfolio gains reflect the difference between the current portfolio par and the target par



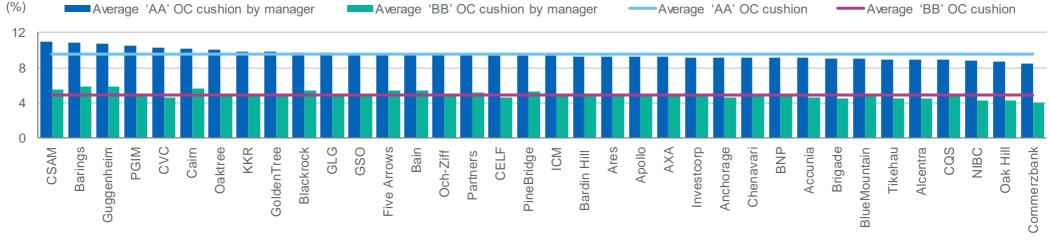
## Net Portfolio Gains and OC Tests Cushion Comparison

### **Average Net Portfolio Gain by Manager**



Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

### Average OC Test Cushion by Manager



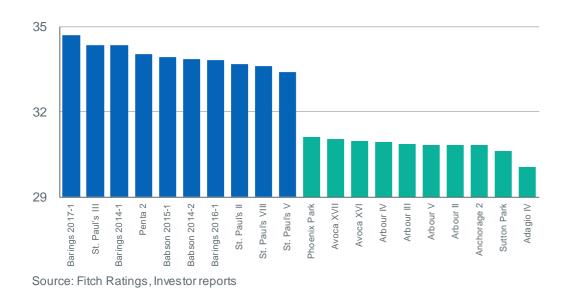


## Fitch WARF Remains Relatively Stable

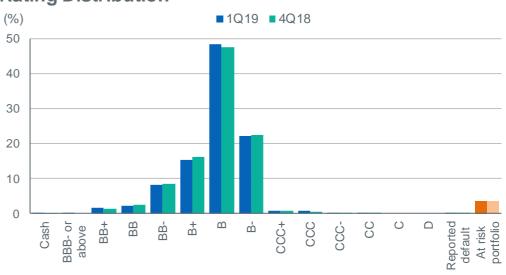
- The average Fitch WARF has remained relatively stable at around 32.5 over the past two years.
- Only one transaction was breaching the WARF covenant at end-1Q19.
- Rating distribution is concentrated in the 'B'/'B-' range and the at-risk portfolio ('B-'/Negative and below) represents 3.6% of the portfolio.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average WARF (trustee)	32.3	•	32.4	32.4
Average WARF cushion	1.5	<b>(</b>	1.5	1.2
WARF failing (% transaction)	0.8	1	0.0	0.0
At-risk portfolio exposure (%)	3.6	1	3.5	2.2

### Top 10 & Bottom 10 WARF



**Rating Distribution** 

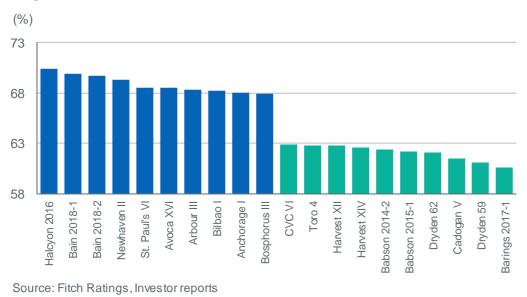


## Recovery Expectations Continue to Stabilise

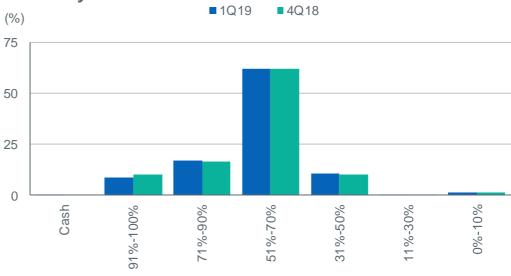
- The WARR has remained stable just above 65% since 4Q17.
- Only three transactions were breaching the WARF covenant at end-1Q19.
- Non-senior-secured has remained stable at just over 2%.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average WARR (trustee) (%)	65.4	1	65.3	65.2
Average WARR cushion (%)	3.2	1	3.1	2.1
WARR failing (% transaction)	2.3	•	0.0	4.8
Average non-senior secured (%)	2.2	•	2.3	2.2

### Top 10 & Bottom 10 WARR

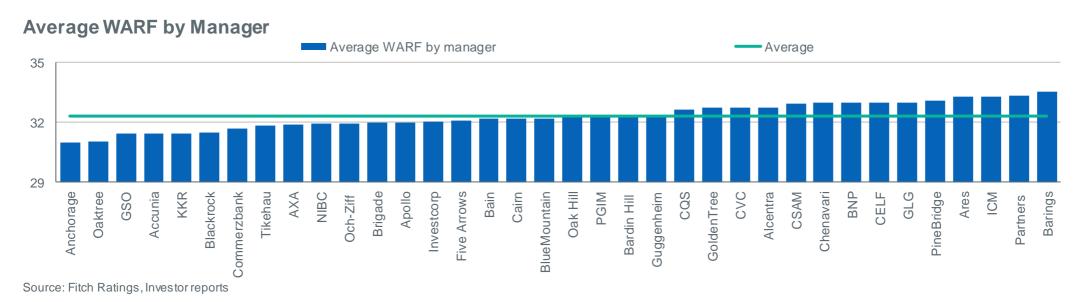


### **Recovery Distribution**

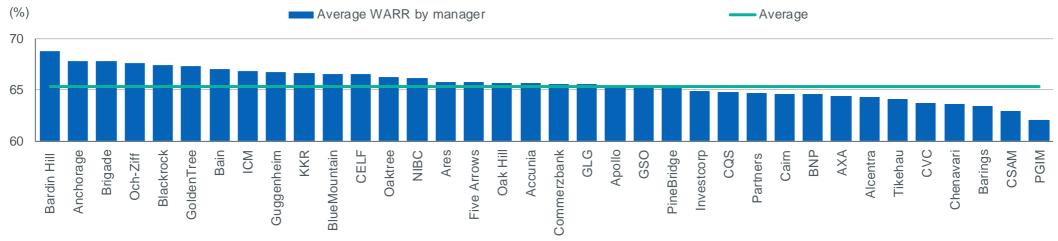




## WARF and WARR Comparison



### Average WARR by Manager





## WARF and WARR Trend

### **Average WARF**



Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

### **Average WARR**



## WAS Continues to Stabilise

- Average WAS remains stable at around 3.8% for the fifth consecutive quarter.
- Only two transactions were breaching the WAS covenant at end-1Q19.
- Fixed-rate exposures remain limited just below 6% on average, but a large dispersion exists among managers.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
WAS (trustee) (%)	3.8	<b>(-</b>	3.8	3.8
Average WAS cushion (%)	0.18	•	0.19	0.13
WAS failing (% transaction)	1.5	•	3.4	8.3
Average fixed rate exposure (%)	5.7	•	5.9	4.6

### Weighted Average Spread Cushion

0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 -0.2 3.3 3.6 3.8 4.1 4.3

(Current WAS, %)

Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

### Weighted Average Spread



(WAS cushion,%)

## WAS and Fixed-Rate Exposure Comparison



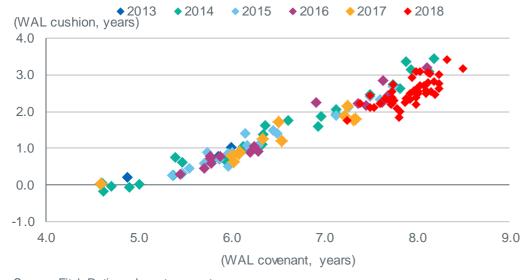


### WAL Cushion Continues to Increase

- The WAL decreased to 5.2 years at end-1Q19 compared with 5.5 years at end-1Q18.
- The WAL cushion remains flat at around 1.7 years.
- Ten transactions have exited their reinvestment period at end-1Q19 and 10 other transactions are scheduled to exit their reinvestment period by end-2019.
- Other transactions originated between 2013 and 2015 have reset and extended their reinvestment period.

Measure	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average WAL (trustee) (years)	5.2	•	5.3	5.5
WAL failing (% transactions)	2.3	•	3.4	6.0
Average WAL cushion (years)	1.7	<b>(-</b>	1.7	1.3

### **Weighted Average Life Cushion**



Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

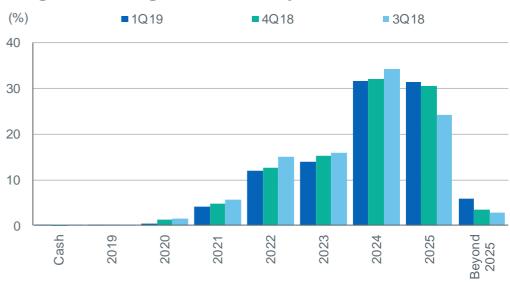
### Weighted Average Life/Reinvestment Distribution



## Maturity Wall Shift Towards 2024-2025

- The maturity wall continues to shift towards 2024 and 2025.
- Most borrowers have refinanced and locked in very low spreads while moving out loan maturities by several years.
- A slightly longer WAL appears to have become a new market standard:
  - Recent transactions continue to be structured or reset with an 8.5year WAL.
  - Many managers have extended their WAL covenants to increase their reinvestment capacities.
- Some transactions also provide the manager with some additional flexibility regarding the WAL test covenant.
  - In some cases, the WAL test remains flat after the end of the reinvestment period.
  - In other cases, the CLO documentation allows the manager to exclude some assets from the WAL calculation if the transaction is above the target par.
  - In other cases, the WAL threshold may be extended by six months on the last day of the non-call period, if the transaction performs relatively well.

### **Weighted Average Loan Maturity Profile**



Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

## Obligor Diversification Continues to Increase

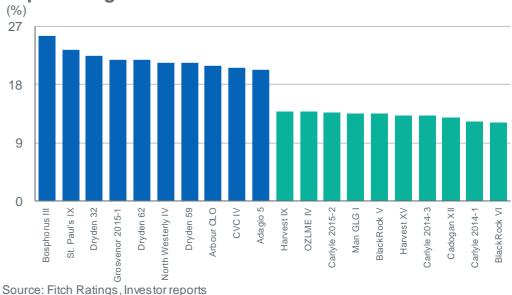
- Obligor diversification continues to increase as more transactions feature a portfolio profile test or collateral quality test, limiting the exposure to the top 10 obligors in the portfolio.
- Half of transactions rated by Fitch have a top 10 obligors below 17%.
- All transactions rated by Fitch have more than 85 obligors, except Bosphorus CLO III.
- The chart on the right shows the CLOs rated by Fitch with the highest and lowest top 10 obligor concentrations.

Measure (average)	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Number of obligors	126	1	124	119
Top 1(%)	2.1	<b>(</b>	2.1	2.2
Top 5 (%)	9.2	•	9.5	9.9
Top 10 (%)	17.0	•	17.4	18.3

### **Average Number of Obligors**

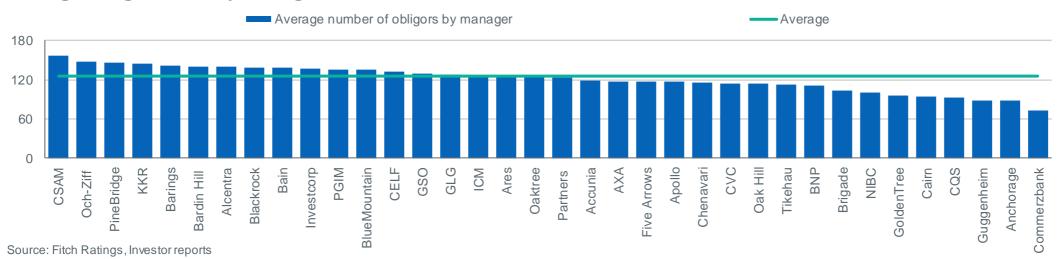


### **Top 10 Obligors Concentration**

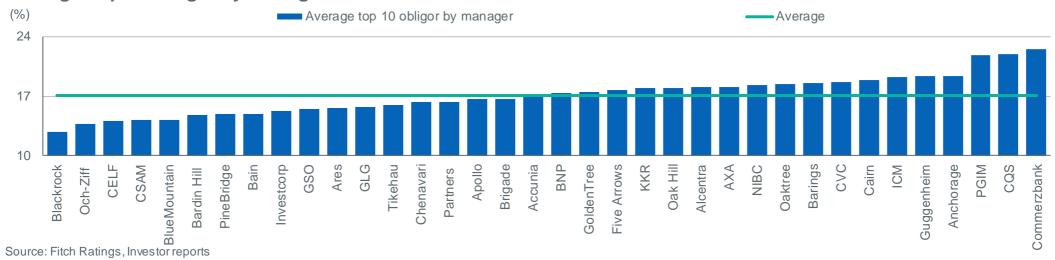


## Obligor Diversification by Manager

### **Average Obligor Count by Manager**



### Average Top 10 Obligor by Manager



## European CLOs: Most Referenced Issuers

Most		% of CLOs	Average CLO	Fital	
referenced issuer no.	Issuer	referencing this issuer	exposure to this issuer (%)	Fitch rating	Outlook
1	Verisure Holding AB	96.24%	1.47%		
2	Nidda BondCo GmbH	93.98%	1.20%	В	Stable
3	VodafoneZiggo Group B.V.	90.23%	1.39%	B+	Stable
4	Nets Topco Lux 3 Sarl	90.23%	1.11%	B+	Stable
5	Eircom Holdings (Ireland) Limited	90.23%	1.14%	B+	Stable
6	Nouryon Holding B.V.	87.97%	0.85%	B+	Stable
7	Lux Midco S.a r.l.	87.97%	0.92%	В	Stable
8	Sigma Holdco BV	84.96%	1.23%	B+	Stable
9	SFR Group S.A.	82.71%	1.48%	*	
10	HomeVi S.A.S.	82.71%	0.84%	*	
11	Unilabs Midholding AB	81.20%	0.87%	*	
12	Nord Anglia Education, Inc.	80.45%	0.92%	*	
13	ION Trading Technologies Limited	80.45%	1.14%		
14	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 674 mbH	79.70%	1.10%	В	Stable
15	Oberthur Technologies Group S.A.S.	78.20%	1.05%	В	Stable
16	EG Group Limited	77.44%	1.33%	В	Stable
17	LSF10 XL Investments S.a.r.I	76.69%	1.08%	*	
18	Tele Columbus AG	75.94%	0.92%	В	Stable
19	Ineos Group Holdings S.A.	75.94%	1.13%	BB+	Stable
20	Refinitiv US Holdings, Inc.	74.44%	1.10%	BB	Stable

<sup>\*</sup> Fitch credit opinion Source: Fitch Ratings



## European CLOs: Manager Issuer Overlap Matrix

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Alcentra	183	37%	100%	26%	39%	38%		52%	46%	51%	44%	58%	39%		31%		58%	38%	36%	25%			46%	54%	32%	30%	48%	59%	58%	42%	38%	44%	43%	50%	56%	50%	37%
Anchorage	88	39%		100%	42%			68%	50%	50%	56%	65%	53%				68%	42%	47%	32%			53%	53%		45%	55%	65%	61%	43%	43%	50%	57%	48%	56%	60%	
Apollo	122	34%			100%			56%	51%	62%	58%	66%	48%	52%	34%		63%	48%	40%	30%		53%	56%	53%	35%	42%	61%	67%	69%	50%	48%	57%	52%	52%	61%	61%	
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AXA	136	42%	59%	32%	47%	51%	100%	61%	53%	57%	54%	65%	54%	60%	43%	60%	70%	49%	49%	32%	69%	57%	54%	60%	42%	44%	65%	71%	69%	48%	52%	50%	53%	59%	59%	63%	43%
Bain	172	38%	55%	35%	40%	45%	48%	100%	52%	53%	51%	62%	49%	47%	36%	51%	66%	44%	39%	29%	68%	55%	47%	54%	35%	33%	53%	62%	58%	42%	45%	48%	52%	51%	49%	59%	41%
Bardin Hill	157	37%	54%	28%	39%	47%	46%	57%	100%	58%	54%	59%	43%	43%	38%	45%	69%	49%	39%	31%	67%	59%	45%	55%	38%	29%	53%	57%	57%	38%	42%	49%	55%	43%	52%	59%	41%
Barings	193	29%	48%	23%	39%	33%	40%	48%	47%	100%	41%	56%	40%	39%	32%	46%	59%	39%	35%	25%	58%	48%	40%	44%	33%	29%	51%	54%	54%	38%	40%	47%	42%	40%	47%	49%	36%
Blackrock	148	39%	55%	33%	48%	48%	49%	59%	57%	54%	100%	64%	54%	45%	41%	51%	65%	45%	43%	30%	64%	59%	49%	53%	43%	41%	56%	68%	65%	43%	49%	53%	57%	47%	59%	61%	49%
GSO	206	33%	52%	28%	39%	40%	43%	51%	45%	52%	46%	100%	41%	43%	34%	47%	60%	38%	38%	27%	63%	51%	46%	47%	36%	31%	50%	60%	58%	39%	43%	46%	42%	46%	46%	56%	36%
BlueMountain	135	41%	53%	35%	43%	54%	55%	62%	50%	57%	59%	63%	100%	47%	47%	55%	66%	46%	46%	24%	70%	60%	53%	56%	41%	35%	60%	66%	64%	50%	52%	51%	57%	53%	57%	68%	47%
BNP	129	37%	61%	34%	50%	47%	64%	62%	52%	59%	51%	69%	50%	100%	38%	61%	66%	47%	50%	32%	63%	57%	57%	60%	38%	40%	63%	70%	67%	50%	48%	51%	52%	61%	63%	61%	50%
Brigade	103	47%	55%	33%	41%	47%	57%	60%	58%	59%	58%	68%	61%	48%	100%	52%	67%	45%	50%	32%	68%	61%	48%	58%	48%	35%	64%	60%	67%	46%	54%	55%	59%	53%	54%	70%	47%
Cairn	145	39%	61%	32%	44%	43%	57%	61%	49%	61%	52%	66%	51%	54%	37%	100%	66%	49%	44%	39%	71%	58%	57%	59%	40%	36%	55%	70%	66%	48%	48%	57%	51%	52%	56%	62%	44%
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Chenavari	137	42%	51%	27%	43%	48%	49%	55%	56%	55%	48%	57%	45%	45%	34%	52%	61%	100%	42%	29%	67%	56%	46%	55%	40%	28%	53%	57%	56%	40%	45%	47%	50%	37%	53%	58%	41%
Commerzbank	106	45%	61%	39%	46%	58%	63%	63%	58%	63%	59%	74%	58%	61%	49%	60%	76%	55%	100%	33%	80%	69%	57%	59%	47%	37%	61%	66%	70%	51%	60%	57%	58%	62%	59%	76%	58%
CQS	93	33%	48%	30%	40%	43%	46%	54%	52%	53%	48%	59%	34%	44%	35%	60%	62%	43%	38%	100%	67%	56%	44%	53%	41%	28%	49%	63%	60%	41%	40%	42%	42%	46%	52%	55%	39%
CSAM	221	31%	48%	27%	37%	39%	43%	53%	48%	51%	43%	58%	43%	37%	32%	47%	60%	42%	38%	28%	100%	50%	40%	55%	37%	28%	50%	55%	53%	35%	41%	43%	47%	40%	48%	54%	40%
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Five Arrows	139	42%	60%	34%	49%	46%	53%	58%	50%	55%	53%	68%	51%	53%	35%	59%	68%	45%	43%	30%	64%	56%	100%	56%	37%	42%	57%	68%	71%	50%	50%	55%	53%	61%	58%	68%	46%
GLG	176	36%	56%	27%	37%	44%	46%	53%	49%	48%	45%	55%	43%	44%	34%	48%	60%	43%	36%	28%		51%	44%	100%	35%	31%	51%	56%	53%	40%	41%	41%	48%	49%	55%	52%	47%
GoldenTree	112	44%	52%	31%	38%	46%	51%	54%	53%	57%	57%	67%	50%	44%	44%	52%	60%	49%	45%	34%	72%	59%	46%	55%	100%	30%	52%	60%	65%	45%	57%	48%	58%	43%	52%	57%	48%
Guggenheim	103	37%		39%	50%	43%	58%	54%	44%	54%	58%	62%	46%	50%	35%	50%	67%	37%	38%	25%	59%	52%	56%	52%		100%	59%	61%	58%	35%	44%	53%	51%	52%	60%	61%	44%
ICM	177	32%		27%	42%	41%	50%	52%	47%	55%	47%	59%	46%	46%	37%	45%	62%	41%	37%	26%	63%	46%	45%	51%	33%		100%	58%	57%	36%	43%	43%	46%	51%	56%	57%	36%
Investcorp	204		53%	28%		40%	48%	52%	44%	51%	50%	60%	44%	44%	30%	50%	58%	38%	34%	29%		51%	47%	49%	33%	31%		100%		40%	40%	42%	44%	49%	50%	50%	
KKR	183	38%		30%		43%	51%	54%	49%	57%	52%	65%	48%	47%	38%	52%	62%	42%	40%	31%		54%	54%	51%		33%	55%	64%	100%	43%	47%	52%	53%	54%	52%	58%	46%
NIBC	125		61%	30%		46%	52%	58%	48%	59%	50%	65%	54%	51%	38%	55%	61%	44%	43%	30%		56%	55%	56%		29%	50%	65%		100%	47%	53%	48%	54%	55%	61%	
Oak Hill	137		51%	28%	42%	42%	52%	56%	48%	57%	53%	64%	51%	45%	41%	50%	64%	45%	47%	27%	66%	53%	50%	53%		33%	55%	59%	63%		100%	48%	55%	49%	53%	63%	42%
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Partners	159		57%	26%		43%	50%	55%	42%	49%	43%	60%	45%	50%	35%		63%	32%		27%		47%	53%	55%	30%	34%	57%	63%	62%	43%	42%	45%		100%		55%	37%
PGIM	181	36%	56%	27%		41%	44%	46%	45%	50%	49%	52%	43%	45%	31%	45%		40%	35%	27%		46%	45%	53%	32%	34%	55%	57%	53%	38%	40%	44%	43%	48%	100%	51%	
PineBridge	166	36%		32%		50%		61%	56%	57%	55%	69%	55%	48%	43%	54%	73%	48%	49%	31%		57%	57%	55%	39%	38%	60%	62%	64%	46%	52%	58%	54%	53%	-	100%	
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Source: Fitch Ratings

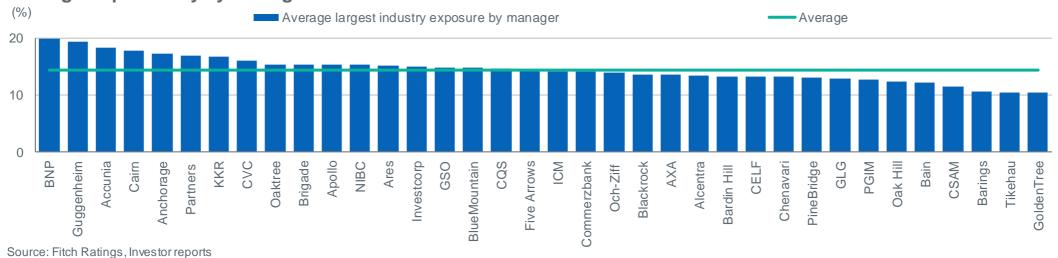


## Industry Concentration Largely Stable, Portfolio Remains Diversified

- Portfolio remains well-diversified across industries.
- Healthcare, business services and computers and electronics emerged as the largest three Fitch industries at end-1Q19.
- The largest industry represented on average 14.4% of the portfolio as end-1Q19.
- Managers do not use the full flexibility offered by the profile tests, which typically limit the largest and top three industries at 17.5% and 40%, respectively.

Measure (average)	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Largest industry exposure (%)	14.4	1	14.1	13.4
Healthcare (%)	12.8	1	12.2	11.1
Business services (%)	11.2	1	10.7	7.6
Computers & electronics (%)	9.7	1	9.8	9.7

### Average Top Industry by Manager





## Retail Exposure Remains Limited

- · Retail remains a challenged sector.
- Limited exposure in European CLOs but a large dispersion exists among transactions:

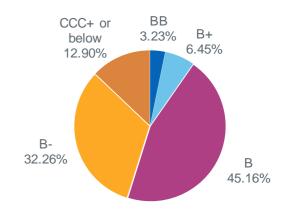
• Average exposure: 5.5%

• Minimum exposure: 0.7%

• Maximum exposure: 13%

- Average ratings are in the 'B'/'B-' category.
- Three issuers were classified as defaulted by the managers among the 31 issuers identified by Fitch in the retail sector in European CLO.
- Retail issuers are concentrated in Germany (23%), the UK (23%), Netherlands (19%) and France (13%).

### Rating Distribution - By Issuer Count



Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

Retail Exposure in European CLO											
Belk, Inc.	HEMA BV	LKQ Corporation	PrestigeBidCo GmbH								
Blitz F14-232 GMBH (Christ)	Holland & Barrett International Ltd.	Mascot Midco 1 Oy	Salsa Retail Holding DebtCo1 S.a.r.l.								
CatLuxe S.a.r.I	Horizon Bidco Limited (Photobox Group)	Maxeda DIY Holding B.V.	Scotch & Soda N.V.								
CBR Fashion GmbH (CBR)	HSE24 Holding GmbH	Mobilux 2 SAS	Selecta Group BV								
CD&R Firefly Bidco Limited	Hunkemoller International BV	New Look Retail Group Ltd	Tendam Brands, S.A.								
Creatrade Holding GmbH	Iceland Topco Limited	Novartex SAS	Thom Europe SAS								
EG Group Limited	Kirk Beauty One GmbH	Peer Holding III B.V.	ZF BIDCO								
Fat Face World Borrowings Ltd (Fat Face)	Lion Adventure B.V.	Picard Bondco S.A.									



## European CLOs: Industry Rating Map

Fitch Industry	Issuer Count	BBB	BBB-	BB+	BB	BB-	B+	В	B-	CCC+	CCC	CCC-	СС	С	D	Default	CCC+ & Below	TOTAL CLO	CCC+ Ratio
Industrial and manufacturing	39	000	םםם	0.00%				2.56%				0.01%				Derault	0.60%	5.97%	10.10%
Broadcasting and media	22			0.0070	0.2170			1.96%			0.2470	0.0170	0.0070				0.23%		5.89%
Pharmaceuticals	15				0.03%	0.07 70		2.18%			0.02%						0.23%		7.02%
Healthcare	44				0.0070	0.72%				0.02%							0.22%		1.74%
Food and beverage and tobacco	15	0.00%									0.11%		0.03%				0.20%		5.67%
Business services	46	0.0070			1 21%			5.32%		0.0070	0.17%	0.00%	0.0070				0.2376		1.56%
Retail	28				0.03%	0.0070		2.73%			0.1770	0.0070				0.07%	0.07%		1.44%
Banking and finance	24					0.31%		1.89%			0.06%					0.01 70	0.06%		2.02%
Lodging and restaurants	14				0.0070	0.0170	0.2070		0.23%		0.0070					0.02%	0.02%		2.04%
Building and materials	16		0.00%		0.00%		0.20%	1.41%								0.01%	0.01%		0.36%
Transportation and distribution	11		0.0070		0.0070	0.01%		0.20%				0.01%				0.0170	0.01%		0.92%
Energy oil and gas	5			0.01%		0.0170	0.0.70	0.2070	0.02%		0.01%	0.00%					0.01%		27.67%
Computer and electronics	32			0.02%		1.00%	0.22%	5.79%			0.01%	0.0070					0.01%		0.07%
Consumer products	21				0.03%			2.95%			0.01%						0.01%		0.15%
Automobiles	13			0.02%				0.42%			0.00%						0.00%	1.84%	0.16%
Metals and mining	2							0.00%								0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	27.27%
Aerospace and defence	4			0.00%			0.37%	0.21%	0.01%								0.00%	0.59%	0.00%
Cable	6					0.39%	1.59%	0.69%	0.26%								0.00%	2.93%	0.00%
Chemicals	38			1.08%	0.38%	0.76%	1.48%	1.58%	3.72%								0.00%	9.00%	0.00%
Environmental services	5					0.24%		0.70%									0.00%	0.94%	0.00%
Farming and agricultural services	2							0.12%	0.18%								0.00%	0.30%	0.00%
Gaming and leisure and entertainment	28			0.50%	0.09%	0.02%	0.97%	3.44%	0.67%								0.00%	5.70%	0.00%
Packaging and containers	22				0.16%	0.25%	0.12%	1.44%	1.04%								0.00%	3.01%	0.00%
Paper and forest products	4						0.00%	0.22%	0.19%								0.00%	0.41%	0.00%
Real estate	3				0.00%	0.00%			0.33%								0.00%	0.34%	0.00%
Retail food and drug	3							0.32%	0.04%								0.00%	0.36%	0.00%
Telecommunications	12		0.01%		0.04%	2.24%	2.23%	0.84%									0.00%	5.35%	0.00%
Textiles and furniture	2						0.02%		0.16%								0.00%	0.18%	0.00%
Utilities pow er	5				0.01%	0.00%	0.11%	0.97%									0.00%	1.09%	0.00%

Source: Fitch Ratings

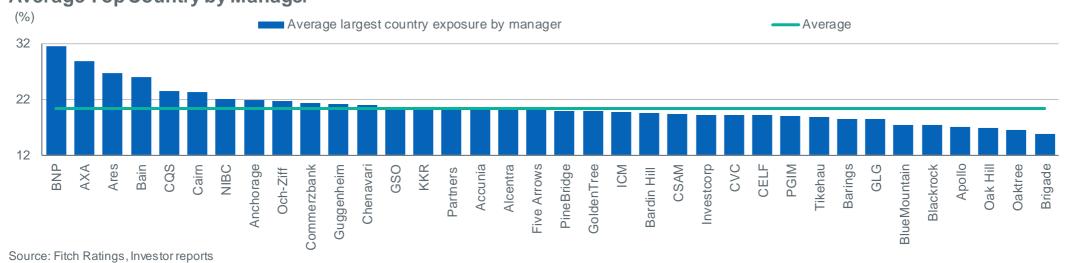


## Country Concentration Largely Stable, Portfolio Remains Diversified

- Portfolio remains well-diversified across countries.
- France, the US and Germany remain the largest countries in Fitchrated CLO.
- The US's exposure decreased to 15% at end-1Q19.
- The UK's exposure decreased to 11.1% at end-1Q19.
- Exposure to peripheral eurozone (mainly Spain and Italy) remains relatively low and well below the typical 10% limit allowed under the transaction documents.

Measure (average)	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Largest country exposure (%)	20.4	1	20.0	21.9
France (%)	18.7	1	17.9	18.0
United States (%)	15.0	•	15.6	17.8
Germany (%)	14.9	•	15.4	18.0
United Kingdom (%)	11.1	•	11.3	10.5
Italy & Spain (%)	7.4	1	7.5	6.7

#### Average Top Country by Manager



## Non-Euro Exposure Remains Limited

- Most of the non-euro exposure is hedged via perfect asset swaps.
- Some transactions have a small bucket for unhedged or FX forward hedge obligations, but managers do not typically use this flexibility.
- BNP and JP Morgan are the largest currency swap counterparties.
- Interest in multicurrency structures has almost completely disappeared and most of the post-crisis multi-currency transactions have been reset to a single-currency structure.

Measure (average)	1Q19		4Q18	1Q18
Average non-euro exposure (%)	1.2	•	1.4	1.9
% transactions with non-euro exposure	53.4	1	50.9	58.3

### Average Non-Euro Exposure by Manager

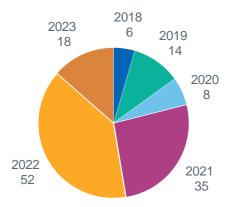




### Post-Crisis Transactions Start to Amortise

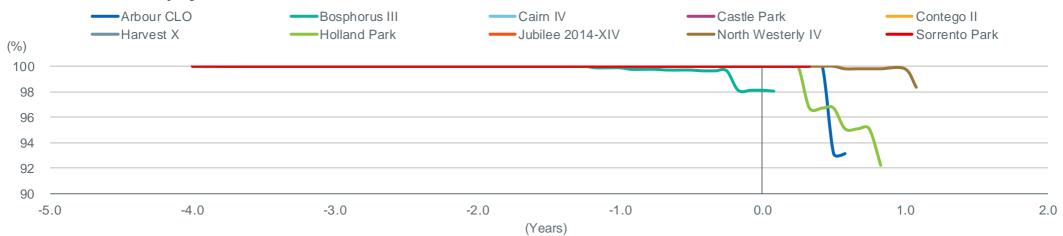
- 10 transactions have exited their reinvestment period as of end-1Q19.
- Four transactions have started to amortise as of end-1Q19.
- The recent increase in senior spreads made refinancing and reset less attractive and additional transactions may start to amortise.
- 10 others transactions are scheduled to exit their reinvestment period by end-2019.

#### **Reinvestment Period End Date**



By number of transaction Source: Fitch Ratings, Investor reports

### **CLO Liabilities Repayment Post Reinvestment Period**





## Related Research

- CLOs and Corporate CDOs Rating Criteria
- European Leveraged Loan CLO 1Q19 Tracker Data File
- European CLO 2.0: Selected Transaction Features Explained from a Credit Perspective
- European Leveraged Loan Chart Book 2018
- Fitch Ratings: Overlap between European and US CLO Portfolios Remains Limited
- Global CLO Chart Book: 2018 Market Review
- What Investors Want to Know: Topics in Leveraged Loans and CLOs
- <u>Fitch Ratings 2019 Outlook: Global CLO and Leveraged Loans (Global Review)</u>
- Global CLO Market Trends Quarterly 4Q18
- CLO Asset Manager Handbook (Seventh Edition)
- <u>U.S. Middle Market CLO Snapshot (1Q19)</u>
- U.S. CLO Index: Issuance, Reset Activity Supports Stable Metrics

## Recent Presales and New Issue Reports

- Avoca CLO XX DAC
- Arbour CLO VI DAC
- Cadogan Square CLO XIII DAC
- Crosthwaite Park CLO DAC
- Carlyle Euro CLO 2019-1 DAC
- BlueMountain Fuji EUR CLO IV DAC
- Aqueduct European CLO 3-2019 DAC
- Harvest CLO XXI DAC
- Aurium CLO V DAC
- St. Paul's CLO X DAC
- Ares European CLO XI B.V.
- CVC Cordatus Loan Fund XIV DAC

## **European CLO Index Assumptions**

- "European Primary Market Update" statistics are based on the universe of post-crisis European CLOs. "Fitch Rated European CLO Performance" statistics are based on Fitch-rated European CLOs.
- 1Q19 data are as of 2 April 2019 and based on investor reports available at that time (5 February 2019 to 20 March 2019).
- All stratifications and bucket allocations reflect Fitch's rating methodology, detailed in CLOs and Corporate CDOs Rating Criteria. For example, industry stratification charts reflect Fitch's industry classification and 'CCC' buckets reflect Fitch's Equivalent Ratings. These calculations are consistent across all transactions and mirror the inputs into Fitch's PCM model. Consequently, they may not match the values used for operational tests.
- All portfolio statistics are based on asset balance and are calculated relative to the current outstanding balance of the portfolio, which includes cash and defaulted assets taken at par.
- The weighted-average life calculation excludes defaulted assets. The calculation is based on the legal final maturity dates of corporate assets.
- Defaulted assets refers to obligors that are reported as defaulted assets by the trustee.
- In the recovery stratification charts, the recovery rate of assets that do not have a Fitch asset-specific recovery rate assigned to them are based on Fitch's standard recovery rate assumptions as specified in Fitch's criteria.
- Transaction net gains/losses are calculated as the difference between the current portfolio par and the target par (initial target minus reduction in liabilities). The net gains/losses take into account the benefit of excess spread used to deleverage the transaction and offset portfolio losses, as well as par building through the purchase of discounted assets.
- Credit Enhancement calculation includes defaulted assets at Par.
- Manager overlap matrix is based on issuer count. The overlap is the number of issuers 2 CLO managers have in common and is measured relative to the number of issuers the managers referenced CLO (presented in the rows of the overlap table) have.

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