

S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Leveraged Loan Market?

The leveraged loan market consists of loans made to speculative-grade borrowers. The vast majority of loans are senior secured floating-rate paper that the issuer can prepay with little or no restrictions or fees. In this universe, loans are either first-lien or second-lien. As their monikers imply, first-lien loans have a senior claim on collateral, while second-lien loans have a junior claim. In general, loans range in size from \$50 million at the low end to upward of \$10 billion on the high end. They are used for a variety of purposes, most commonly for leveraged buyouts, recapitalization, and refinancings. Most leveraged loans are structured and syndicated to accommodate the two primary syndicated lender constituencies: banks (domestic and foreign) and institutional investors (mainly structured finance vehicles, mutual funds, and insurance companies).

2. What does this Index track and why?

The S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index is designed to reflect the largest loan facilities in the leveraged loan market. It mirrors the market-value-weighted performance of the largest institutional leveraged loans based upon market weightings, spreads and interest payments. In comparison with larger indices, this index provides a more accurate benchmark for on the run names and portfolios. Additionally, it provides market players with a tool for building various credit derivatives, including hedges and synthetics.

3. What is the difference between the “S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index” and its parent index the “S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index”?

The S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index consists of 100 loan facilities drawn from the larger benchmark S&P/LSTA (Loan Syndications and Trading Association) Leveraged Loan Index, which covers more than 1,100 loan facilities and reflects the market-value-weighted performance of U.S. dollar-denominated institutional leveraged loans.

4. What is the relationship between S&P and the LSTA (Loan Syndication Trade Association)?

The LSTA is the trade association for the U.S. leveraged loan market and it oversees a series of market functions, including mark-to-market pricing. S&P calculates the index using the LSTA/LPC Mark-to-Market Pricing to value each tranche in the index. The index only uses prices from LSTA/LPC Mark-to-Market Pricing, which is based on bid/ask quotes gathered from dealers. The index does not use derived pricing.

5. What information is available and where can I get more information about the parent index “S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index?”

Information on the parent index is available on the S&P Leveraged Commentary and Data [Web site](#).

6. What information is available and where can I get more information about the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index?

Historical and daily index returns, methodology, factsheet, FAQs and whitepapers are available on our Web site:
www.fixedincomeindices.standardandpoors.com

7. How much history is available and where can I access the historical performance of the Index?

The history for the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index dates back to January, 2002. The historical prices are available on Standard & Poor’s Web site.

8. Where can I find daily index level data?

The historical and daily index levels are available on Standard & Poor’s Web site.

9. Are there other sources where I can find these data?

The daily index level data will be widely distributed by S&P on its own website but also via major news distribution including Bloomberg and Reuters.

10. What is the Bloomberg symbol for this index?

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11. What is the Reuters symbol for this index?

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12. How do I get information on the loans that make up the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index?

The list of facilities that make up this index is available by contacting index_services@standardandpoors.com.

13. Who can I contact at S&P if I have questions about these indices or their constituents?

Please e-mail index_services@standardandpoors.com.

14. Questions about the index methodology can be addressed to:

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15. Who do I contact at S&P to license my use of these indices?

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