

Consumer & Retail

Merger watch

Industry Overview

7-Eleven announces acquisition, multiple KR/ACI headlines

Markets overcame early '24 weakness last week as rates retreated (2Y -24bps, 10Y at 3.94%), S&P 500 rallied +1.8%, and the ICE BofA IG Corp Bond Index tightened -7bps w/w, returning 1.17%. Non-Cyclicals & Cyclicals tightened -6bps & -7bps with returns of +1.20% & +1.25% respectively. December CPI came in a touch above expectations but the trendline is still lower, suggesting inflation is cooling. If inflation remains sticky, BofA IG strategy does not see a risk to IG spreads as higher rates and lower stocks are offset by stronger growth and higher yields, which has been supportive of IG demand. According to the BofA Institute, household spending rose +0.2% in Dec (vs. +0.5% in Nov) as holiday spend started out strong but eventually lagged. Wage growth turned negative for the higher-income cohort vs. the lower-income group seeing increased growth, indicating the spend gap between the two groups may continue into 2024. A related spending survey suggests that consumers plan to pull back in services-related spend (dining, takeout, social events) after the share of services spend rose above '19 levels in '23. New issuance totaled \$46bn last week with Constellation Brands issuing \$400mn to partially refinance upcoming maturities.

In **Retail (-7bps)**, Tapestry received antitrust approval from China's anti-monopoly regulator over its proposed acquisition of Capri Holdings. The majority of global regulators still need to weigh in. In **Food Retail (-2bps)**, *Bloomberg* reported WA's attorney general is planning to file a lawsuit to block the Kroger/Albertsons merger. The same AG, who is now running for governor, previously unsuccessfully sued to stop the payment of Albertsons' special dividend. *Axios* separately reported that the FTC is unlikely to reach a decision on the proposed acquisition until February. A source claims that even if KR divests 650 stores, the deal still won't be palatable to the FTC. 7-Eleven announced that it will acquire 204 of Sunoco's convenience and gasoline retail stores in Western Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma for \$950mn (12.9x Yr 1 EBITDA). Parent co. Seven & I announced 3Q results and slightly lowered the FY24 outlook for 7-Eleven due to weak consumer sentiment which will likely take until 1H of the year to recover. Samestore sales outlook was lowered -10bps g/q to +1.2% & EBITDA was was lowered \$5mn.

In **Packaged Food & Beverages (-5bps, -6bps)**, the latest Nielsen scanner data ending 12/30/23 showed widespread sequential weakness with total retail sales in Food -0.4% y/y in the lastest 4 weeks indicating that pricing is no longer offsetting volume declines. In **Tobacco (-8bps)**, *The Washington Post* reported that White House officials are expected to complete the review of the FDA's final rule on banning menthol by this week; the decision would then go to Biden and advisors for quick action in order to have the ban take full effect under the current administration.

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Exhibit 1: Market week ended 1/12/24

Last week's market performance

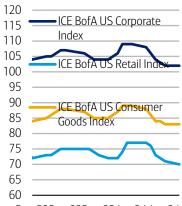
Market	Value	WoW
IG ICE BofA Index	102	(7)
IG ICE BofA Index (yld)	5.14	(20)
HY ICE BofA Index	463	(12)
HY ICE BofA Index (yld)	7.78	(28)
CDX IG 5yr	55	(5)
CDX HY 5yr	353	(18)
Consumer Cyclicals	70	(7)
Consumer Non-Cyclicals	83	(6)
5yr Treasury (yld)	3.83	(18)
10yr Treasury (yld)	3.94	(11)
30yr Treasury (yld)	4.18	(3)
S&P 500 (index)	4,784	1.8%

Source: ICE Data Indices, LLC, Bloomberg

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Exhibit 2: Consumer/Retail Spreads

1mo spreads range-bound



Dec-23Dec-23Dec-23 Jan-24 Jan-24

Source: ICE Data Indices, LLC, Bloomberg

Exhibit 3: Upcoming Consumer/Retail Events Calendar

2-week calendar of events, subject to change

January 2024														
Mon, Jan-15	Tue, Jan-16	Wed, Jan-17	Thu, Jan-18	Fri, Jan-19										
Mon, Jan-22	Tue, Jan-23	Wed, Jan-24	Thu, Jan-25	Fri, Jan-26										
PG 2Q24 earnings	KMB 4Q23 earnings	MKC 4Q23 earnings	ADM 4Q23 earnings											
-			CL 4Q23 earnings											

Source: Company filings, Bloomberg

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Exhibit 4: Notable Weekly Movers

KHC widened the most last week

	A	ctive Cash ⁻	Frading	B		Active CDS		
		Chg (G-			Chg (G-			
ls	ssuer	spread)	I:	ssuer	spread)	Entity	5y	Chg
KHC	4.250% 3/1/2031	+9	PVH	4.625% 7/10/2025	-28	Conagra Brands	67	-7
GIS	2.250% 10/14/2031	+9	TAP	4.200% 7/15/2046	-17	Darden Restaurants	43	-6
RIFP	1.625% 4/1/2031	+8	BATSL	N 3.984% 9/25/2050	-15	General Mills	38	-5
AZO	1.650% 1/15/2031	+7	TGT	2.950% 1/15/2052	-14	Kroger	51	-5
PEP	1.400% 2/25/2031	+7	MO	3.700% 2/4/2051	-14	Target	37	-3

Source: ICE Data Indices, LLC, Bloomberg

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Notable Consumer & Retail credit news

Retail

Tapestry (TPR, Baa2/BBB/--) has received antitrust approval from China's antimonopoly regulator (State Administration for Market Regulation) over its proposed acquisition of Capri Holdings. China's antitrust authority approved the deal on December 27th, 2023 according to translation of SAMR's website.

According to Salesforce.com, global online holiday sales grew +3% y/y in 2023 missing its +4% est. (over the period measured from November 1st-December 31st). U.S. online sales grew +1% y/y (in-line with est.) to reach \$272bn while online sales in Europe grew +6% y/y. The average global online discount rate reached 21%, the highest level since early 2020.

CNBC/NRF Retail Monitor showed retail sales, ex-autos & gas, were +4.2% y/y in Nov and +3.1% y/y in Dec which is consistent with NRF's holiday forecast for +3-4%. Total retail sales for all of 2023 were +5.3% y/y and core retail sales were +4.5% y/y. December sales were led by online, health & personal care, and clothing & accessories stores.

Food Retail

According to *Bloomberg*, the Washington state attorney general is expected to file a lawsuit to block the proposed **Kroger** (**KR**, **Baa1/BBB/--**) and Albertsons Cos (ACI) merger by end of day. After California, Washington is thought to be the 2nd most impacted state with regards to store overlap (~330 stores overlap, albeit Texas is technically the 2nd largest combined store count after CA) – In our call "Checking in on Retail M&A", we noted trouble markets of WA, AZ, SoCal and CO as having been addressed by the divestiture package to C&S Wholesale Grocers. The Washington AG, who is now running for governor, previously unsuccessfully sued to stop the payment of Albertsons' special dividend. While states have independent authority and could delay closing, we often see them follow federal regulator decisions (i.e. if FTC settles, states



will too) and local courts tend to defer to federal opinions particularly in anti-trust matters.

Separately, Axios reported that the FTC is unlikely to reach a decision until February on the KR/ACI deal and the timing agreement was extended. This is consistent with our call that Feb 13th is most likely the next relevant expiry on a timing agreement while the outside date for closing (in the merger agreement) can be extended beyond January 13th, in 30 day increments, up to a 270 day extension. A source claims that even if KR divests the maximum number of stores under the merger agreement (650) the deal still won't be palatable to the FTC.

Recent New Issuance

Constellation Brands (Baa3/BBB) issued \$400mn of 5yr notes. The use of proceeds is for general corporate purposes.



BofA Current Recommendations

Exhibit 5: Cash & CDS ratings

BofA cash & CDS ratings

			Cash			CDS	
Name	Ticker	Overweight	Marketweight	Underweight	Buy Protection	Neutral	Sell Protection
O'Reilly Automotive	ORLY	√	•	•	-		-
The Home Depot	HD		\checkmark			\checkmark	
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV*	ABIBB		\checkmark				
Advance Auto Parts	AAP		\checkmark				
McCormick & Co	MKC	√					
Campbell Soup Co.	СРВ	√				√	
Sysco Corp.	SYY	√					
Keurig Dr. Pepper	KDP	√					
Lowe's	LOW	√				√	
Tyson Foods	TSN			√		\checkmark	
Conagra Brands	CAG		\checkmark			\checkmark	
Kellogg*	K		\checkmark				
Kraft Heinz	KHC	√					√
General Mills Inc.	GIS		\checkmark			\checkmark	
AutoZone	AZO		\checkmark			\checkmark	
Kroger	KR		\checkmark				√
Nordstrom	JWN		\checkmark				√
Dollar General Corp.	DG		\checkmark				
Mondelez International	MDLZ		\checkmark				\checkmark
Mondelez Int'l Holdings Netherlands	MDLZ		\checkmark				
J.M. Smucker	SJM		\checkmark				
The Coca-Cola Company	КО		\checkmark				
PepsiCo	PEP		\checkmark				
Pilgrim's Pride	PPC		\checkmark				
Mattel	MAT		\checkmark				
The Hershey Co.	HSY		√			√	

Source: BofA Global Research;

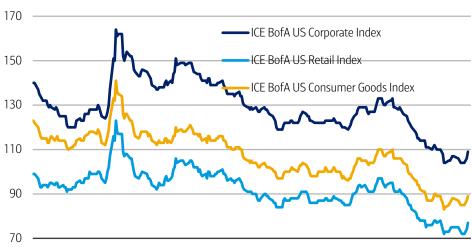
Notes (*): Underweight K long-end, Overweight ABIBB long-end (\$)

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Market Snapshot

Exhibit 6: BofA HG Index vs. Consumer/Retail Sectors

Consumer/Retail 1-year spread performance tightens after rate volatility, inflation pressure



Jan-23 Feb-23Mar-23Mar-23Apr-23May-23Jun-23 Jul-23 Aug-23Sep-23Oct-23Nov-23Dec-23 Jan-2

Source: ICE Data indices, LLC

Exhibit 7: ICE Data Indices Investment Grade Index

	Benchmark spread and credit metrics by issue
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	Spreads (OAS)								To	tal Re	turns		Excess Returns							
	Num of	% of							Modified	-										
	Issues	Index	OAS			QTD YTD	Price	YTW	Duration		1 week		QTD				MTD	QTD	YTD	12 month
US Corporate Index	10,160	100.0%	102 bps	-7 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$93.2	5.14%	6.8	A3	1.17%	-0.10%	-0.10%	6 -0.109	% 4.62%	49 bps	24 bps	24 bps	24 bps	418 bps
Rating Categories																				
AAA US Corporate Index	118	1.1%	36 bps	-7 bps	-4 bps	-4 bps -4 bps	\$87.6	4.53%	9.3	AAA	1.39%	-0.31%	-0.31%	6 -0.319	6 1.51%	83 bps	58 bps	58 bps	58 bps	321 bps
AA US Corporate Index	779	8.1%	55 bps	-4 bps	-1 bps	s -1 bps -1 bps	\$91.1	4.68%	7.3	AA3	1.05%	-0.30%	-0.30%	6 -0.309	6 2.64%	41 bps	18 bps	18 bps	18 bps	286 bps
Single-A US Corporate Index	4,111	43.5%	87 bps	-6 bps	-1 bps	s -1 bps -1 bps	\$93.5	4.99%	6.7	A2	1.14%	-0.17%	-0.17%	6-0.179	6 4.01%	46 bps	18 bps	18 bps	18 bps	349 bps
BBB US Corporate Index	5,152	47.2%	126 bps	-7 bps	-3 bps	s -3 bps -3 bps	\$93.5	5.37%	6.7	BBB2	1.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.59%	52 bps	30 bps	30 bps	30 bps	504 bps
Maturity																				
1-3 Year US Corporate Index	2,088	22.7%	74 bps	-6 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$97.2	5.03%	1.8	A3	0.59%	0.38%	0.38%	0.38%	5.21%	13 bps	8 bps	8 bps	8 bps	125 bps
3-5 Year US Corporate Index	1,780	18.5%	94 bps	-4 bps	1 bps	1 bps 1 bps	\$97.3	4.90%	3.5	A3	0.94%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	5.51%	16 bps	0 bps	0 bps	0 bps	265 bps
5-7 Year US Corporate Index	1,216	12.1%	107 bps	-5 bps	-1 bps	s -1 bps -1 bps	\$93.2	4.97%	5.2	BBB1	1.20%	0.22%	0.22%	0.22%	5.58%	26 bps	6 bps	6 bps	6 bps	378 bps
7-10 Year US Corporate Index	1,456	15.0%	128 bps	-4 bps	2 bps	2 bps 2 bps	\$93.6	5.22%	6.8	A3	1.12%	-0.32%	-0.32%	6 -0.329	6 5.05%	22 bps	-17 bp:	s -17 bps	s -17 bps	466 bps
10-15 Year US Corporate Index	560	5.1%	126 bps	-8 bps	-4 bps	-4 bps -4 bps	\$102.3	5.30%	8.8	A3	1.57%	-0.13%	-0.13%	6 -0.139	6 4.98%	76 bps	42 bps	42 bps	42 bps	597 bps
15+ Year US Corporate Index	3,060	26.5%	112 bps	-9 bps	-5 bps	-5 bps -5 bps	\$86.0	5.39%	13.6	A3	1.78%	-0.81%	-0.81%	6 -0.819	% 2.70%	124 bps	82 bps	82 bps	82 bps	698 bps
Industry																				
US Corporate Index	-																			
Industrials	6,053	59.0%	94 bps	-7 bps	-3 bps	-3 bps -3 bps	\$92.6	5.06%	7.5	A3	1.21%	-0.17%	-0.17%	6-0.179	6 4.31%	53 bps	30 bps	30 bps	30 bps	440 bps
Consumer Cyclicals	348	3.6%	70 bps	-7 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$91.7	4.81%	7.8	A2	1.25%	-0.28%	-0.28%	6 -0.289	% 3.16%	57 bps	25 bps	25 bps	25 bps	347 bps
US Corp Retail	263	2.9%	67 bps	-7 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$91.5	4.77%	7.8	A2	1.27%	-0.27%	-0.27%	6-0.279	6 3.03%	59 bps	26 bps	26 bps	26 bps	335 bps
US Corp Food & Drug Retail	37	0.3%	114 bps	-2 bps	0 bps	0 bps 0 bps	\$89.6	5.24%	7.6	BBB2	1.02%	-0.27%	-0.27%	6-0.279	6 3.91%	31 bps	19 bps	19 bps	19 bps	370 bps
US Corp Restaurants	48	0.4%	65 bps	-7 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$94.0	4.79%	8.0	BBB1	1.30%	-0.35%	-0.35%	6 -0.359	6 3.36%	63 bps	21 bps	21 bps	21 bps	400 bps
Consumer Non-Cyclicals	601	5.6%	83 bps	-6 bps	-2 bps	-2 bps -2 bps	\$93.8	4.93%	7.5	A3	1.20%	-0.16%	-0.16%	6-0.169	6 4.25%	49 bps	27 bps	27 bps	27 bps	422 bps
US Corp Beverage	164	1.8%	64 bps	-6 bps	-2 bps	s -2 bps -2 bps	\$93.5	4.77%	8.5	A3	1.25%	-0.38%	-0.38%	6 -0.389	6 3.29%	55 bps	24 bps	24 bps	24 bps	424 bps
US Corp Food Wholesale	234	1.9%	89 bps	-5 bps	-1 bps	s -1 bps -1 bps	\$93.4	4.98%	7.1	BBB1	1.11%	-0.21%	-0.21%	6 -0.219	6 3.97%	40 bps	16 bps	16 bps	16 bps	364 bps
US Corp Tobacco	80	1.0%	123 bps	-8 bps	-6 bps	-6 bps -6 bps	\$94.3	5.33%	7.0	BBB1	1.45%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	6.89%	74 bps	66 bps	66 bps	66 bps	617 bps
US Corp Consumer Products	123	0.9%	64 bps	-4 bps	-1 bps	s -1 bps -1 bps	\$94.4	4.69%	6.6	A2	1.02%	-0.16%	-0.16%	6 -0.169	% 3.80%	28 bps	10 bps	10 bps	10 bps	297 bps
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Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

Exhibit 8: Recent Sector New IssuanceConsumer/Retail new issuance tracker in reverse chronological order

Issue Date	Ticker	leeven	Pating (Mandy's/S 9.D)	Size	Course	Maturity	New Issu
01/09/2024	STZ	Issuer Constellation Brands	Rating (Moody's/S&P) Baa3/BBB	\$400	Coupon 4.800%	Maturity 01/15/2029	Spread 85
01/03/2024	BIMBOA	BIMBO BAKERIES USA	Baa1/BBB+	\$450	6.050%	01/15/2029	115
01/04/2024	BIMBOA	BIMBO BAKERIES USA	Baa1/BBB+	\$800	5.375%	01/09/2036	150
11/27/2023	HD	HOME DEPOT	A2/A	\$500	5.125%	04/30/2025	28
11/27/2023	HD	HOME DEPOT	A2/A	\$750	4.950%	09/30/2026	43
11/27/2023	HD	HOME DEPOT	A2/A	\$750	4.900%	04/15/2029	58
11/15/2023	TPR	TAPESTRY INC	Baa2/BBB	\$500	7.050%	11/27/2025	220
11/15/2023	TPR	TAPESTRY INC	Baa2/BBB	\$750	7.000%	11/27/2026	240
11/15/2023	TPR	TAPESTRY INC	Baa2/BBB	\$1,000	7.350%	11/27/2028	290
11/15/2023	TPR	TAPESTRY INC	Baa2/BBB	\$1,000	7.700%	11/27/2030	320
11/15/2023	TPR	TAPESTRY INC	Baa2/BBB	\$1,250	7.850%	11/27/2033	340
11/13/2023	ORLY	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	Baa1/BBB	\$750	5.750%	11/20/2026	95
11/08/2023	PEP	PEPSICO	A1/A+	\$800	5.250%	11/10/2025	35
11/08/2023	PEP	PEPSICO	A1/A+	\$700	5.125%	11/10/2026	43
11/06/2023	SYY	SYSCO CORP	Baa1/BBB	\$500	5.750%	01/17/2029	120
11/06/2023	SYY	SYSCO CORP	Baa1/BBB	\$500	6.000%	01/17/2034	147
10/30/2023	BIMBOA	BIMBO BAKERIES USA	Baa1/BBB+	\$450	6.050%	01/17/2034	125
10/30/2023	BIMBOA	BIMBO BAKERIES USA	Baa1/BBB+	\$550	6.400%	01/15/2034	155
10/30/2023	MO	ALTRIA	A3/BBB	\$500	6.200%	11/01/2028	145
10/30/2023	MO	ALTRIA	A3/BBB	\$500	6.875%	11/01/2033	205
10/23/2023	GPC	GENUINE PARTS CO	Baa1/BBB	\$425	6.500%	11/01/2028	180
10/23/2023	GPC	GENUINE PARTS CO	Baa1/BBB	\$375	6.875%	11/01/2033	210
0/19/2023	AZO	AUTOZONE	Baa1/BBB	\$500	6.250%	11/01/2028	132
0/19/2023	AZO	AUTOZONE	Baa1/BBB	\$500	6.550%	11/01/2033	162
0/11/2023	SJM	JM SMUCKER	Baa2/BBB	\$750	5.900%	11/15/2028	130
10/11/2023	SJM	JM SMUCKER	Baa2/BBB	\$1,000	6.200%	11/15/2033	160
10/11/2023	SJM	JM SMUCKER	Baa2/BBB	\$750	6.500%	11/15/2043	163
10/11/2023	SJM	JM SMUCKER	Baa2/BBB	\$1,000	6.500%	11/15/2053	180
0/10/2023	GIS	GENERAL MILLS	Baa2/BBB	\$500	5.500%	10/17/2028	103
0/04/2023	DRI	DARDEN RESTAURANTS	Baa2/BBB	\$500	6.300%	10/10/2033	165
0/02/2023	DGELN	DIAGEO CAPITAL	A3/A-	\$800	5.375%	10/05/2026	60
0/02/2023	DGELN	DIAGEO CAPITAL	A3/A-	\$900	5.625%	10/05/2034	100
19/27/2023	PPC	PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORP	Ba2/BBB-	\$500	6.875%	05/15/2034	250
09/06/2023	NESNVX	NESTLE HOLDINGS	A3/AA-	\$500	5.000%	09/12/2028	57
09/06/2023	NESNVX	NESTLE HOLDINGS	A3/AA-	\$500	5.000%	09/12/2030	67
09/06/2023	NESNVX	NESTLE HOLDINGS	A3/AA-	\$500	5.000%	09/12/2033	77
09/05/2023	UNANA	UNILEVER CAPITAL CORP	A1/A+	\$700	4.875%	09/08/2028	55
09/05/2023	UNANA	UNILEVER CAPITAL CORP	A1/A+	\$800	5.000%	12/08/2033	85
09/05/2023	JBSSBZ	JBS USA	Baa3/BBB-	\$1,600	6.750%	03/15/2034	250
09/05/2023	JBSSBZ	JBS USA	Baa3/BBB-	\$900	7.250%	11/15/2053	290
09/05/2023	PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	A2/A-	\$650	5.250%	09/07/2028	105
09/05/2023	PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	A2/A-	\$700	5.500%	09/07/2030	135
09/05/2023	PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	A2/A-	\$1,000		09/07/2033	160
					5.625%		
08/14/2023	MCD	MCDONALD'S CORP	Baa1/BBB+	\$600	4.800%	08/14/2028	68
08/14/2023	MCD	MCDONALD'S CORP	Baa1/BBB+	\$600	4.950%	08/14/2033	98
08/14/2023	MCD	MCDONALD'S CORP	Baa1/BBB+	\$800	5.450%	08/14/2053	128
07/31/2023	BATSLN	BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Baa2/BBB+	\$1,000	5.931%	02/02/2029	175
7/31/2023	BATSLN	BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Baa2/BBB+	\$1,000	6.343%	08/02/2030	225
7/31/2023	BATSLN	BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Baa2/BBB+	\$1,250	6.421%	08/02/2033	245
07/31/2023	BATSLN	BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Baa2/BBB+	\$750	7.079%	08/02/2043	285
07/31/2023	BATSLN	BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Baa2/BBB+	\$1,000	7.081%	08/02/2053	305
07/18/2023	AZO	AUTOZONE	Baa1/BBB	\$450	5.050%	07/15/2026	75
07/18/2023	AZO	AUTOZONE	Baa1/BBB	\$300	5.200%	08/01/2033	143
07/10/2023	CAG	CONAGRA BRANDS	Baa3/BBB-	\$500	5.300%	10/01/2026	100
06/06/2023	BACARD	BACARDI	Baa3/BBB-	\$400	5.250%	01/15/2029	140
6/06/2023	BACARD	BACARDI	Baa3/BBB-	\$700	5.400%	06/15/2033	175
06/06/2023	BACARD	BACARDI	Baa3/BBB-	\$400	5.900%	06/15/2043	190
06/05/2023	DG	DOLLAR GENERAL	Baa2/BBB	\$500	5.200%	07/05/2028	137
06/05/2023	DG	DOLLAR GENERAL	Baa2/BBB	\$1,000	5.450%	07/05/2033	177
05/09/2023	EL	ESTEE LAUDER	A1/A+	\$700	4.375%	05/15/2028	90
05/09/2023	EL	ESTEE LAUDER	A1/A+	\$700	4.650%	05/15/2033	115
05/09/2023	EL	ESTEE LAUDER	A1/A+	\$600	5.150%	05/15/2053	135
)5/01/2023	HSY	HERSHEY	A1/A	\$350	4.250%	05/04/2028	67
	HSY	HERSHEY	A1/A	\$400	4.500%	05/04/2033	97
05/01/2023							
05/01/2023 05/01/2023	TSCO	TRACTOR SUPPLY	Baa1/BBB	\$750	5.250%	05/15/2033	175

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg Data excludes FRN



Exhibit 9: Retail Historical Spread & Return Monitor

Benchmark spreads and credit metrics by issuer



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

Exhibit 10: Restaurant, Food & Drug Retail Historical Spread & Return Monitor Benchmark spread and credit metrics by issuer

																	Credit	Metrics	
			Outstanding	Ratings		Cı	urrent Pr	ricing		5-yr		LTM			Net	Total Debt/	Net Debt/		EV /
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Issuer	Coupon	Maturity	(\$mil)	Mdy/S&P/Fit	Outlook	Bid	YTW	spd	spd	CDS	Revenue	EBITDAR	Debt	Cash	FCF	EBITDAR	EBITDAR	EV	EBITDAR
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	2.250%	3/12/2030	\$750	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$87.0	4.70%	76	71		\$35,976	\$8,741	\$24,600	\$3,953	\$426	2.8x	2.4x	\$126,299	14.1>
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	2.550%	11/15/2030	\$1,250	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$87.6	4.69%	73	69										
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	3.000%	2/14/2032	\$1,000	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$89.0	4.64%	66	62										
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	4.800%	2/15/2033	\$500	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$100.7	4.71%	72	68										
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	3.350%	3/12/2050	\$500	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$72.8	5.28%	101	102										
Starbucks Corp (SBUX)	3.500%	11/15/2050	\$1,250	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$76.0	5.16%	93	92										
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	3.600%	7/1/2030	\$1,000	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$94.1	4.68%	73	68	29	\$25,014	\$15,156	\$49,082	\$3,496	\$358	3.3x	3.1x	\$259,613	17.3>
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	4.600%	9/9/2032	\$750	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$100.5	4.53%	55	51										
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	4.950%	8/14/2033	\$600	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$101.3	4.77%	78	75										
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	4.200%	4/1/2050	\$750	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$85.7	5.20%	93	95										
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	5.150%	9/9/2052	\$750	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$99.2	5.20%	99	98										
McDonald's Corp (MCD)	5.450%	8/14/2053	\$800	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$103.7	5.20%	99	99										
Kroger Co (KR)	1.700%	1/15/2031	\$500	Baa1 / BBB /	N/N/	\$80.1	5.12%	114	111	53	\$147,798	\$7,946	\$19,839	\$1,725	\$1,330	2.5x	2.3x	\$51,082	6.2
Kroger Co (KR)	5.400%	1/15/2049	\$600	Baa1 / BBB /	N/N/	\$98.7	5.49%	120	122										
Kroger Co (KR)	3.950%	1/15/2050	\$750	Baa1 / BBB /	N/N/	\$80.0	5.39%	113	113										
7-Eleven Inc. (SVELEV)	1.800%	2/10/2031	\$1,700	Baa2 / A /	S/S/	\$80.7	5.08%	113	107										
7-Eleven Inc. (SVELEV)	2.800%	2/10/2051	\$1,250	Baa2 / A /	S/S/	\$63.5	5.38%	113	113										
Alimentation Couche-Tard (ATDBCN)	2.950%	1/25/2030	\$750	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$89.4	5.00%	107	101		\$68,368	\$5,791	\$9,466	\$1,405	(\$229)	1.6x	1.4x	\$66,320	10.1>
Alimentation Couche-Tard (ATDBCN)	3.625%	5/13/2051	\$350	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$72.8	5.58%	134	134										
Darden Restaurant Inc (DRI)	3.850%	5/1/2027	\$500	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$96.9	4.86%	85	77	47	\$10,772	\$3,875	\$8,965	\$192	(\$157)	3.4x	3.3x	\$25,911	12.8
Darden Restaurant Inc (DRI)		10/10/2033	\$500	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$106.1	5.47%	147	144						. ,				
Darden Restaurant Inc (DRI)		2/15/2048	\$300	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$83.2	5.86%	158	158										
Albertson Cos Inc (ACI)		2/15/2030	\$1,000	Ba3 *+ / BB+ *+ /			5.76%		177	109	\$79,163	\$3.862	\$15,036	\$223	(\$3,537)	3.9x	3.8x	\$27,686	5.5>

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg



Exhibit 11: Consumer Products Historical Spread & Return Monitor

Benchmark spread and credit metrics by issuer



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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Exhibit 12: Packaged Food Spread & Return Monitor Benchmark spread and credit metrics by issuer

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			Outstanding	Ratings		C	urrent Pri	ina		5-yr		LTM			Net	Total Debt/	Net Debt/		ΕV
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Issuer	Coupon	Maturity	(\$mil)	Mdy/S&P/Fit	Outlook	Bid	YTW		-	CDS	Revenue	EBITDA	Debt	Cash	FCF	EBITDA	EBITDA	EV	EBIT
Nestle Holdings Inc. (NESNVX)	4.850%	3/14/2033	\$650	Aa3 / AA- / A+	S/S/S	\$101.2	4.69%	61	66	29	CHF 95,498	CHF 16,476	CHF 53,501	CHF 3,667	(CHF 11,485)	3.2x	3.0x	\$314,074	18
Nestle Holdings Inc. (NESNVX)	4.700%	1/15/2053	\$1,000	Aa3 / AA- / A+	S/S/S	\$98.1	4.82%	62	60										
Hershey Company (HSY)	4.500%	5/4/2033	\$400	A1/A/	S/S/	\$99.9	4.51%	53	48	30	\$11,160	\$3,113	\$4,914	\$471	\$521	1.7x	1.6x	\$43,699	18
Hershey Company (HSY)	2.650%	6/1/2050	\$350	A1/A/	S/S/	\$67.1	4.88%	62	62										
Mars Inc. (MARS)	1.625%	7/16/2032	\$700	A1 / A+ /	S/S/	\$78.9	4.66%	67	64										
Mars Inc. (MARS)	2.450%	7/16/2050	\$400	A1 / A+ /	S/S/	\$61.3	5.14%	89	89										
Hormel Foods (HRL)	1.800%	6/11/2030	\$1,000	A1 / A- /	S/S/	\$84.9	4.55%	61	55		\$12,195	\$1,325	\$3,481	\$737	\$172	2.6x	2.1x	\$20,105	14.
Hormel Foods (HRL)	3.050%	6/3/2051	\$600	A1 / A- /	S/S/	\$70.4	5.06%	82	82										
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co (ADM)	4.500%	8/15/2033	\$500	A2 / A / A	S/S/S	\$99.1	4.62%	63	59	50	\$97,188	\$3,306	\$10,288	\$1,498	(\$190)	3.1x	2.7x	\$45,409	10.
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co (ADM)	2.700%	9/15/2051	\$750	A2 / A / A	S/S/S	\$66.2	4.96%	72	72										
Cargill Inc (CARGIL)	4.750%	4/24/2033	\$500	A2 / A / A	S/S/S	\$98.6	4.94%	82	92	54									
Cargill Inc (CARGIL)	4.375%	4/22/2052	\$500	A2 / A / A	S/S/S	\$89.6	5.07%	82	84										
Danone SA (BNFP)	0.395%	6/10/2029	\$800	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$86.9	3.06%	89	91	37	\$28,503	\$4,787	\$14,799	\$1,880	\$853	3.1x	2.7x	\$52,577	10.
Mondelez International Holdings Netherlands BV (MIHN)	1.250%	9/24/2026	\$350	A3 / BBB /	S/S/	\$91.2	4.77%	66	59										
Mondelez International (MDLZ)	3.000%	3/17/2032	\$750	Baa1 / BBB /	S/S/	\$88.1	4.77%	77	75	48	\$35,397	\$6,803	\$19,986	\$1,610	\$530	3.2x	2.9x	\$117,913	17.
Mondelez International (MDLZ)	2.625%	9/4/2050	\$1,125	Baa1 / BBB / WD	S/S/	\$65.3	5.00%	73	75										
ingredion Inc (INGR)	2.900%	6/1/2030	\$600	Baa1 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$88.9	4.95%	100	95		\$8,226	\$1,148	\$2,406	\$335	\$123	2.2x	1.9x	\$9,240) 8.
ingredion Inc (INGR)	3.900%	6/1/2050	\$400	Baa1 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$73.7	5.87%		162		7-,	7.,	4-,	,	,			*-,	-
Sysco Corporation (SYY)	2.450%	12/14/2031	\$450	Baa1 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$84.0	4.92%	93	90	63	\$76,818	\$3,954	\$11,698	\$569	\$739	3.0x	2.8x	\$49,219) 11.
Sysco Corporation (SYY)	6.000%	1/17/2034	\$500	Baa1 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S			102	99		4,	4-,	4,	4	*****			*,	
Sysco Corporation (SYY)	3.150%	12/14/2051	\$800	Baa1 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$70.1	5.19%	95	95										
McCormick & Co (MKC)	4.950%	4/15/2033	\$500	Baa2 / BBB /	S/N/		4.99%	101	96		\$6,605	\$1,311	\$4,777	\$155	\$344	3.6x	3.6x	\$22,296	5 24.
McCormick & Co (MKC)	4.200%	8/15/2047	\$300	Baa2 / BBB /	S/N/	\$84.0	5.41%		112		+-,	7.,	* "	*	****				
General Mills Inc (GIS)	4.950%	3/29/2033	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB /	S/S/	\$99.8	4.98%	98	96	40	\$20,281	\$4,109	\$12,282	\$491	(\$516)	3.1x	3.0x	\$48,121	14.
General Mills Inc (GIS)	3.000%	2/1/2051	\$605	Baa2 / BBB /	S/S/	\$66.8	5.34%		109		4,	7 .,	4,	*	(+- : -)			*,	
Kellogg Co (K)	5.250%	3/1/2033	\$400	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/N/S			107		69	\$15,866	\$2,536	\$7,674	\$1,099	\$440	3.7x	3.3x	\$25,738	3 12.
Kellogg Co (K)	4.500%	4/1/2046	\$650	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/N/S	\$87.6	5.47%		115	05	\$15,000	72,330	\$7,071	ر در ب در در ب	\$110	J./ X	3.37	Q23,730	, 12.
Flowers Foods Inc (FLO)	2.400%	3/15/2031	\$500	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$84.0			108		\$5.044	\$571	\$1,175	\$15	(\$29)	2.1x	2.0x	\$6,039	12.
M Smucker Co (SJM)		11/15/2033	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB /	S/N/	\$107.7			114		\$8,461	\$1,668	\$4,495	\$241	(\$229)	2.6x	2.4x	\$17,389	
M Smucker Co (SJM)		11/15/2053	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB /	S/N/	\$112.6			140		J0,701	\$1,000	ÇC,,TÇ	J271	(3223)	2.07	2.77	ر 10 ر	, 11.
Tyson Foods Inc (TSN)	4.350%	3/1/2029	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	N/S/S	\$96.5	5.13%		115	72	\$52,999	\$2,149	\$9,506	\$573	(\$1,200)	4.4x	4.2x	\$28,927	11.
Tyson Foods Inc (TSN)	5.100%	9/28/2048	\$1,500	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	N/S/S	\$90.0	5.87%		159	12	232,333	J2,17J	22,200	د ادډ	(\$1,200)	7.77	7.21	J20,J27	1112
Campbell Soup Co (CPB)	2.375%	4/24/2030	\$500	Baa2 / BBB- / BBB *-	S/S/	\$86.5	4.89%	95	89	48	\$9,357	\$1,753	\$4,689	\$189	\$206	2.9x	2.8x	\$17,864	10.
Campbell Soup Co (CPB)	3.125%	4/24/2050	\$500	Baa2 / BBB- / BBB *-		\$66.9		127		40	ادد,وډ	دد ۱٫۱ ډ	54,005	5105	\$200	2.38	2.00	\$17,004	10.
		10/1/2028	\$382			\$107.5				48	\$12,277	\$2,586	\$9,274	\$93	¢61	264	264	\$22,821	11.
Conagra Brands Inc (CAG)	7.000% 5.400%	11/1/2028	\$1,000	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB- Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	S/S/S S/S/S	\$107.5	5.18%		119	48	\$12,277	\$2,580	\$9,274	\$33	\$61	3.6x	3.6x	\$22,821	11.
Conagra Brands Inc (CAG)							5.90%		162	F4	¢27.161	¢C 400	¢10.070	Ć1.0E2	ĈE 4E	2.1	2.0	ČCE 101	10
Kraft Heinz Foods Co (KHC)	3.750%	4/1/2030	\$741	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$94.4	4.81%	84	82	54	\$27,161	\$6,400	\$19,878	\$1,053	\$545	3.1x	2.9x	\$65,101	10.
Kraft Heinz Foods Co (KHC)	4.375%	6/1/2046	\$2,786	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S			118											
Kraft Heinz Foods Co (KHC)	4.875%	10/1/2049	\$1,450	Baa2 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$92.9	5.39%		113										
BS USA (JBSSBZ)	6.750%	3/15/2034	\$1,600	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	S/S/S	\$104.7			207		R\$ 360,341	R\$ 16,494	R\$ 101,338	R\$ 26,790	-R\$ 5,989	6.1x	4.5x	R\$ 146,844	1 4
BS USA (JBSSBZ)	7.250%	11/15/2053	\$900	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	S/S/S	\$107.5		246											
Pilgrim's Pride (PPC)	6.250%	7/1/2033	\$1,000	Ba2 / BBB- / BBB-	S/N/S	\$102.9		186	182		\$16,961	\$670	\$3,596	\$899	(\$17)	5.4x	4.0x	\$9,705	5
Pilgrim's Pride (PPC)	6.875%	5/15/2034	\$500	Ba2 / BBB- / BBB-	S/N/S	\$107.6	5.86%	185	182										
smithfield Foods Inc (SFD)	2.625%	9/13/2031	\$500	Ba1 / BBB- / BBB	S/S/S	\$77.0	6.49%	251	247	48									

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg







																	Credit Me	trics	
			Outstanding	Ratings		Cı	rrent Pr			5-yr		LTM			Net	Total Debt/	Net Debt/		EV /
Issuer	Coupon	Maturity	(\$mil)	Mdy/S&P/Fit	Outlook	Bid	YTW	G- spd	T- spd	CDS	Revenue	EBITDA	Debt	Cash	FCF	EBITDA	EBITDA	EV	EBITD/
The Coca-Cola Co. (KO)	2.250%	1/5/2032	\$2,000	A1 / A+ / WD	S/S/	\$86.2	4.32%		Spu 31	48		\$16,079		\$11,883	\$1,741	2.5x		\$284,827	
The Coca-Cola Co. (KO)	3.000%	3/5/2051	\$2,000	A1 / A+ / WD	S/S/	7	4.71%		31 47	46	\$45,031	\$10,079	\$40,171	\$11,003	\$1,741	Z.DX	I.DX	\$284,827	21.5
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Coca-Cola European Partners (CCEP)	1.500%	1/15/2027 2/15/2033	\$500	Baa1 / / BBB+	S//S S/S/	\$90.5	4.95%	90 36	84	48	\$18,017	\$3,096	\$11,907	\$1,112	\$1,539	3.8x	3.5x	\$37,221 \$263,061	11.1
PepsiCo Inc (PEP)			\$1,000	A1 / A+ /					32	46	\$91,017	\$16,953	\$44,774	\$10,283	(\$550)	3.0x	2.4X	\$203,001	18.2
PepsiCo Inc (PEP)		10/21/2051	\$1,000	A1 / A+ /	S/S/	\$68.8			56										
PepsiCo Inc (PEP)	4.650%	2/15/2053	\$500	A1/A+/	S/S/		4.83%		62		64070	61.255	62.110	6272	670	2.2	2.1	¢20.51.4	25.2
Brown-Forman Corp (BFB)	4.500%	7/15/2045	\$500	A1 / A- / WD	S/S/	\$91.8	5.14%	82	81		\$4,272	\$1,355	\$3,110	\$373	\$79	2.3x	2.1x	\$29,514	25.2
Brown-Forman Corp (BFB)	4.750%	4/15/2033	\$650	A1 / A- /	S/S/	\$100.9		67	61										
Diageo Investment Corp (DGELN)	5.500%	1/24/2033	\$750	A3 / A- / A-u	S/S/S	\$105.4			72	28	£17,113	£6,120	£16,502	£1,439	-£1,382	2.7x	2.5x	£77,061	12.6
Diageo Investment Corp (DGELN)	1.875%	6/8/2034	\$900	A3 / A- / A-u	S/S/S		3.37%	110											
Diageo Investment Corp (DGELN)	3.875%	4/29/2043	\$500	A3 / A- / A-u	S/S/S		5.17%		84										
Anheuser-Busch InBev Fin (ABIBB)	4.900%	1/23/2031	\$750	A3 / A- /	S/S/	\$102.4		50	48	77	\$59,091	\$19,928	\$80,900	\$6,848	\$4,662	4.1x	3.7x	\$216,171	10.8
Anheuser-Busch InBev Fin (ABIBB)	4.900%	2/1/2046	\$9,519	A3 / A- /	S/S/	\$97.5	5.09%	79	77										
Anheuser-Busch InBev Fin (ABIBB)	4.500%	6/1/2050	\$1,102	A3 / A- /	S/S/	\$92.8	5.00%	74	74										
Heineken NV (HEIANA)	1.750%	3/17/2031	\$750	A3 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$89.9	3.36%	120	122	29	€ 29,725	€ 5,824	€ 19,857	€ 2,168	-€ 1,560	3.4x	3.0x	€ 73,931	11.6
Heineken NV (HEIANA)	4.350%	3/29/2047	\$650	A3 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$89.5	5.13%	83	83										
Pernod Ricard SA (RIFP)	1.625%	4/1/2031	\$900	Baa1 / BBB+ / BBB+	S/S/S	\$80.1	4.94%	97	93	77	€ 12,136	€ 3,765	€ 10,741	€ 1,624	(€ 427)	2.9x	2.4x	€ 49,772	16.7
Pernod Ricard SA (RIFP)	2.750%	10/1/2050	\$500	Baa1 / BBB+ / BBB+	S/S/S	\$65.0	5.19%	92	94										
Suntory Holdings LTD (SUNTOR)	6.625%	7/15/2028	\$184	Baa1 / BBB+ / WD	S/S/	\$106.4	5.01%	105	100		¥2,819	¥416	¥1,468	¥253	¥95	3.5x	2.9x		
JAB Holdings BV (JABHOL)	1.000%	7/14/2031	\$306	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$83.8	3.49%	132	137										
JAB Holdings BV (JABHOL)	3.750%	5/28/2051	\$500	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$66.8	6.31%	206	207										
JAB Holdings BV (JABHOL)	4.500%	4/8/2052	\$500	Baa1 / BBB+ /	S/S/	\$76.6	6.28%	205	205										
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	4.050%	4/15/2032	\$850	Baa1 / BBB /	S/S/	\$94.6	4.85%	86	83		\$14,750	\$4,116	\$12,860	\$260	(\$467)	3.1x	3.1x	\$58,770	15.5
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	3.350%	3/15/2051	\$500	Baa1 / BBB /	S/S/	\$71.6	5.34%	110	110										
Keurig Dr Pepper (KDP)	4.500%	4/15/2052	\$1,150	Baa1 / BBB /	S/S/	\$87.6	5.35%	111	113										
Constellation Brands Inc (STZ)	4.750%	5/9/2032	\$700	Baa3 / BBB /	S/S/	\$98.6	4.95%	97	93	96	\$9,786	\$3,486	\$11,707	\$83	\$686	3.2x	3.2x	\$59,009	15.8
Constellation Brands Inc (STZ)	4.900%	5/1/2033	\$750	Baa3 / BBB /	S/S/	\$99.5	4.97%	97	94		. ,								
Constellation Brands Inc (STZ)	3.750%	5/1/2050	\$600	Baa3 / BBB /	S/S/		5.39%		113										
Molson Coors Brewing Co (TAP)	3.000%	7/15/2026	\$2,000	Baa2 / BBB / WD	P/S/		4.77%		54	75	\$11,541	\$2,412	\$6,180	\$802	\$950	2.7x	2.3x	\$19,580	8.4
Molson Coors Brewing Co (TAP)	4.200%	7/15/2046	\$1,800	Baa2 / BBB / WD	P/S/		5.32%				, =	,··-	42,.30		4.50	=./ \		Ţ,.OO	5
Bacardi LTD (BACARD)	5.400%	6/15/2033	\$700	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	//	\$100.5	5.33%		130										
Bacardi LTD (BACARD)	5.900%	6/15/2043	\$400	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	/ /	\$101.0	5.81%		149										
Bacardi LTD (BACARD)	5.300%	5/15/2048	\$700	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB-	S/S/S	\$94.1	5.75%												
JDE Peet's NV (JDEPNA)		9/24/2031	\$500	Baa3 / BBB- / BBB	S/S/S		5.51%				€ 8.243	€ 1.360	€ 4.967	€ 755	€ 522	3.7x	3.1x	€ 15.806	11.3

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Exhibit 14: Tobacco Historical Return & Spread MonitorBenchmark spread and credit metrics by issuer

																	Credit Me	trics	
			Outstanding	Ratings		Cı	ırrent Pr	icing		5-yr		LTM			Net	Total Debt/	Net Debt/		EV /
								G-	T-										
Issuer	Coupon	Maturity	(\$mil)	Mdy/S&P/Fit	Outlook	Bid	YTW	spd	spd	CDS	Revenue	EBITDA	Debt	Cash	FCF	EBITDA	EBITDA	EV	EBITDA
Japan Tobacco (JAPTOB)	2.250%	9/14/2031	\$625	A2 / A+ /	S / /	\$81.2	5.26%	128	124		¥2,806,302	¥875,721	¥1,018,639	¥869,042	¥136,212	1.2x	0.2x	¥314,074	0.4x
Japan Tobacco (JAPTOB)	3.300%	9/14/2051	\$400	A2 / A+ /	S//	\$67.1	5.67%	140	143										
Philip Morris Intl Inc (PM)	1.750%	11/1/2030	\$750	A2 / A- / A	S/S/N	\$81.6	4.98%	100	98	48	\$34,359	\$14,111	\$47,715	\$3,017	(\$276)	3.5x	3.3x	\$194,136	13.8x
Philip Morris Intl Inc (PM)	5.750%	11/17/2032	\$1,500	A2 / A- / A	S/S/N	\$104.1	5.15%	117	113										
Philip Morris Intl Inc (PM)	5.375%	2/15/2033	\$2,250	A2 / A- / A	S/S/N	\$101.6	5.15%	117	113										
Philip Morris Intl Inc (PM)	5.625%	9/7/2033	\$1,000	A2 / A- / A	S/S/N	\$103.3	5.18%	119	116										
Philip Morris Intl Inc (PM)	4.250%	11/10/2044	\$1,250	A2 / A- / A	S/S/N	\$84.5	5.51%	118	118										
Altria Group (MO)	3.125%	6/15/2031	\$1,250	A3 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$89.3	4.87%	271	275	48	\$20,561	\$12,131	\$25,098	\$1,537	\$641	2.1x	2.0x	\$97,187	8.0x
Altria Group (MO)	2.450%	2/4/2032	\$1,750	A3 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$81.4	5.31%	134	129										
Altria Group (MO)	6.875%	11/1/2033	\$500	A3 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$109.8	5.54%	155	152										
Altria Group (MO)	5.375%	1/31/2044	\$1,800	A3 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$97.8	5.56%	121	122										
Altria Group (MO)	3.700%	2/4/2051	\$1,250	A3 / BBB / BBB	S/P/S	\$70.1	5.93%	170	169										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	2.726%	3/25/2031	\$1,250	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$83.25	5.59%	160	157	75	£28,227	£13,906	£42,169	£3,681	£2,318	3.0x	2.8x	\$90,911	6.5x
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	7.750%	10/19/2032	\$600	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$112.4	5.88%	188	186										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	4.742%	3/16/2032	\$900	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$94.9	5.53%	153	151										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	6.421%	8/2/2033	\$1,250	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$104.0	5.86%	186	183										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	5.282%	4/2/2050	\$500	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$83.8	6.59%	233	233										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	3.984%	9/25/2050	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$69.5	6.38%	212	213										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	5.650%	3/16/2052	\$600	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$88.4	6.56%	233	233										
British American Tobacco (BATSLN)	7.081%	8/2/2053	\$1,000	Baa2 / BBB+ / BBB	P/N/P	\$105.5	6.65%	243	243										
Imperial Brands Fin Plc (IMBLN)	3.875%	7/26/2029	\$1,000	Baa3 / BBB / BBB	S/S/S	\$93.2	5.32%	140	133	77	£7,961	£4,073	£10,249	£596	(£186)	2.5x	2.4x	£25,385	6.2x

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH



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Kroger Co. (KR)

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Security/Loan pricing

Kroger Co. / KR

	Amt		Ratings			Yield	Spread
Security		Maturity date	Moody's/S&P/Fitch	Price	Price date	(%)	(bps)
8, Senior, USD, 2029:B	250	15-SEP-2029	Baa1/BBB/WD	114.53	15-Jan-2024	5.02	115
2.65, Senior, USD, 2026:B	750	15-OCT-2026	Baa1/BBB/WD	94.81	15-Jan-2024	4.68	66
3.7, Senior, USD, 2027:B	600	01-AUG-2027	Baa1/BBB/WD	97.08	15-Jan-2024	4.60	68
5.15, Senior, USD, 2043:B	400	01-AUG-2043	Baa1/BBB/WD	94.14	15-Jan-2024	5.65	134
4.45, Senior, USD, 2047:B	1,000	01-FEB-2047	Baa1/BBB/WD	87.48	15-Jan-2024	5.41	104
4.65, Senior, USD, 2048:B	500	15-JAN-2048	Baa1/BBB/WD	88.92	15-Jan-2024	5.49	112
5.4, Senior, USD, 2049:B	600	15-JAN-2049	Baa1/BBB/NR	99.00	15-Jan-2024	5.47	112
3.95, Senior, USD, 2050:B	750	15-JAN-2050	Baa1/BBB/NR	81.03	15-Jan-2024	5.30	97
2.2, Senior, USD, 2030:B	500	01-MAY-2030	Baa1/BBB/NR	85.81	15-Jan-2024	4.84	96
7.5, Senior, USD, 2031:B	440	01-APR-2031	Baa1/BBB/WD	114.28	15-Jan-2024	5.11	121
4, Senior, USD, 2024:B	500	01-FEB-2024	Baa1/BBB/WD	99.91	15-Jan-2024	5.77	53
Senior Unsecured, USD, Y5:CDS					16-Jan-2024		52

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Kroger Co. / KR

Company	Date ^{R1}	Action	Recommendation	
Kroger Co. / KR	31-Dec-2020		Marketweight	
	18-Oct-2022	Upgrade	Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	
Security	Date ^{R1}	Action	Recommendation	Price
8, Senior, USD, 2029:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	112.80
2.65, Senior, USD, 2026:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	92.05
3.7, Senior, USD, 2027:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	



Kroger Co. / KR				
Company	Date ^{R1}	Action	Recommendation	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	94.26
5.15, Senior, USD, 2043:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	88.20
4.45, Senior, USD, 2047:B	31-Dec-2022		Marketweight	
4.65, Senior, USD, 2048:B	31-Dec-2022		Marketweight	
5.4, Senior, USD, 2049:B	31-Dec-2022		Marketweight	
3.95, Senior, USD, 2050:B	31-Dec-2022		Marketweight	
2.2, Senior, USD, 2030:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	81.22
7.5, Senior, USD, 2031:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	110.96
4, Senior, USD, 2024:B	31-Dec-2022		Overweight	
	12-Sep-2023	Downgrade	Marketweight	99.30
Senior Unsecured, USD, Y5:CDS	31-Dec-2022		Sell Protection	

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