





- Euro and USD Corporate Bonds Comparison
- Zest Investment Process





EUR Corporate Bonds Yield to Worst Grouped by Rating and Duration

- Small Yield pick-up (by increasing Duration) in High Quality Issuers. High Quality & Short Duration offer almost 0% Yield
- Risk Taking is "Mandatory", if Looking for Yield. Tail Risk & Hidden Risk the Name of the Game. Investors do not cover Inflation
- Credit Analysis becomes Paramount, i.e. NO Room for Error.

EUR	AAA	AA+	AA	AA-	A+	Α	A-	BBB+	BBB	BBB-	BB+	BB	BB-	B+	В	B-	CCC+	ССС	CCC-
0							0.876	0.841	-0.073	2.552	-2.694		-9.796	-5.661	2.849	9.786	-9.538		
1						0.678	1.019	1.082	1.327	0.778	0.557	0.145	1.812		1.690				
2							1.075		0.723	0.683	2.759	1.302	2.996	5.192			2.243		
3							0.711		1.263	1.190	1.456	2.101	3.243		8.959	15.774			
4							0.959		1.560	1.655	2.403	2.844	2.984		3.811	16.127			
5							0.950	1.048	1.090	1.484	2.301	1.808	4.225	5.192	5.792		8.826		
6				0.989		1.126	0.907	0.883	1.039	1.761	3.332	3.242	3.735	5.724					
7						0.772	1.059	0.902	1.097	2.139	3.789								
8			0.694			0.766	0.965	1.058	1.147	2.835	4.098								
9			0.673		0.671	1.084	1.166	1.029	1.363	1.202									
10				0.724	0.845	0.808	1.250	1.164	1.952										
11					0.922	1.392	1.419	1.662	1.613										
12	0.705			1.191	0.953	1.140	1.392	1.693	2.335										
13				1.145				1.790	2.380										
14	0.960		1.205	1.050	1.155	1.480	1.546	1.819	1.996										
15				1.149			1.689	2.479	2.241										
16				1.233	1.126	1.569	2.101	2.067											
17											3.320								
18						1.143		2.558											
28							3.169												



USD Corporate Bonds Yield to Worst Grouped by Rating and Duration

- Still Small Yield pick-up in High Quality Issuers.
- Investors are at least able to cover Inflation. Small Risk Premia for Lower Ratings, i.e. a "more normal" market
- Cross-Over still the Sweet Spot for Investors.

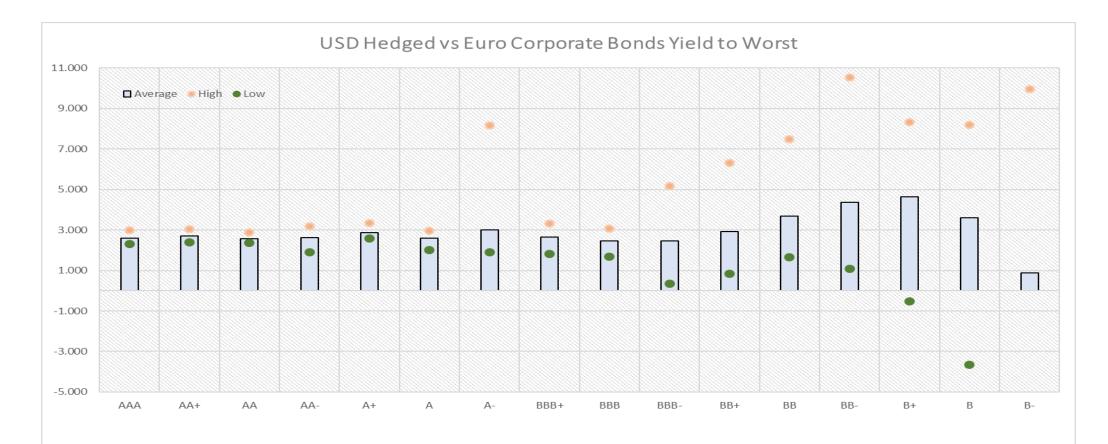
USD	AAA	AA+	AA	AA-	A+	Α	A-	BBB+	BBB	BBB-	BB+	BB	BB-	B+	В	B-	CCC+	CCC	CCC-
0	2.687	2.561	2.573	2.892	2.716	2.704	3.248	3.040	2.987	2.902	3.112	1.805	0.733	2.670	-0.795	3.632			
1	2.368	2.397	2.429	2.505	2.593	2.700	2.918	2.889	3.083	3.181	3.553	3.506	3.733	3.590	4.026	4.299	8.602		
2	2.319	2.466	2.359	2.387	2.677	2.683	3.119	2.927	2.946	3.272	3.584	3.971	4.656	4.663	5.237	5.536			
3	2.379	2.505	2.530	2.450	2.795	2.662	3.153	3.093	3.097	3.366	4.090	4.543	4.929	4.992	6.023	7.875	8.160	25.579	
4	2.398	2.617	2.571	2.584	2.755	2.804	3.295	3.309	3.242	3.499	4.365	4.497	4.997	5.500	6.644	9.539		9.181	
5	2.621	2.747	2.739	2.863	2.854	2.923	3.466	3.375	3.589	3.745	4.540	4.625	5.299	6.708	7.704	9.946			83.015
6	2.739	2.899	2.868	2.899	2.881	3.160	3.618	3.624	3.687	4.210	4.867	5.616	5.335	6.972	6.961	6.971			
7	2.860	3.019	2.855	2.943	3.068	3.318	3.636	3.648	3.822	4.438	5.088	5.495	5.280	7.407	7.401				
8	2.981	3.040	3.122	3.173	3.188	3.319	3.821	3.739	3.907	4.729	5.312		8.309	8.177	7.840				
9			3.055		4.015	3.633	4.285	4.007	4.248	4.799	5.236	6.618	7.617	6.234					
10				3.333	3.641	3.760	4.079	4.141	4.810	5.173	6.302	7.470	6.355		8.185				
11							4.511												
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14								4.000											
15								4.868											
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17																			
18																			
27							11.328												



EUR vs USD Corporate Bond

EUR vs USD Corporate Bonds Yield to Worst – Currency Hedged grouped by Rating

- Currency Hedging Cost is now 2.95% per year.
- Limited to no Risk-Free Cross Currency Arbitrage.
- Years of Central Banks Intervention have forced Investors to extract "Alpha" in whichever way possible.
- Corollary of this is the "Steepness of the Alpha Yield Curve"





Steepness of the Alpha Yield Curve

EUR Corporates better positioned for a Rising Rate Environment...if and when.

- EUR Corp with Maturity > 10 Years is 37.11% of Outstanding (our sample*)
- USD Corp with Maturity > 10 Years is 7.19% of Outstanding (our sample*)

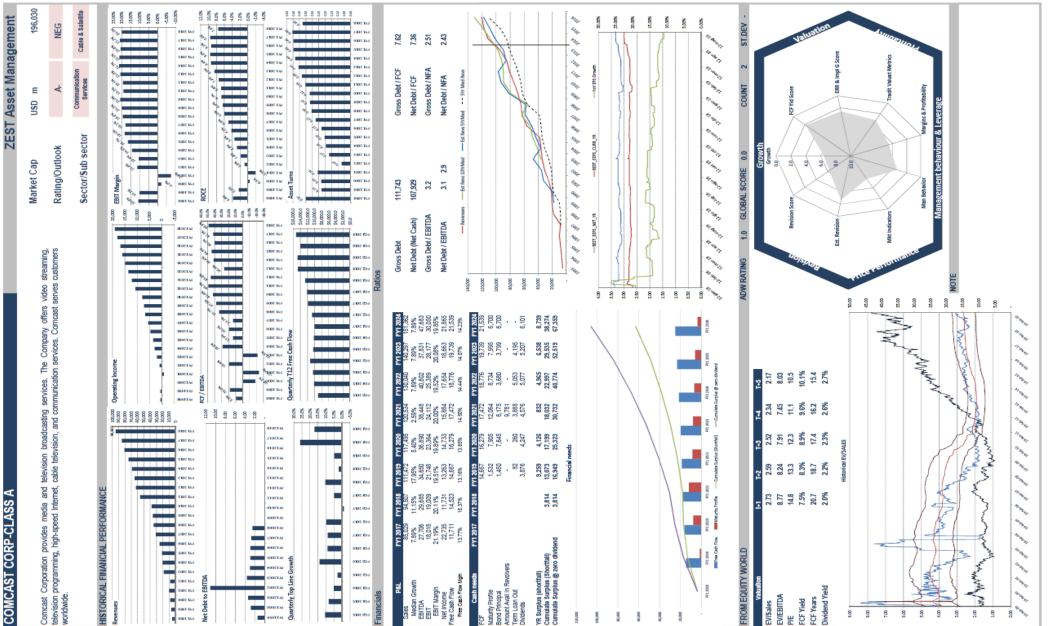
* Our Sample of Eur 312Bil. (537 Securities) and USD 2'350Bil (4'981 Securities).

Steepness of the Alpha Yield Curve

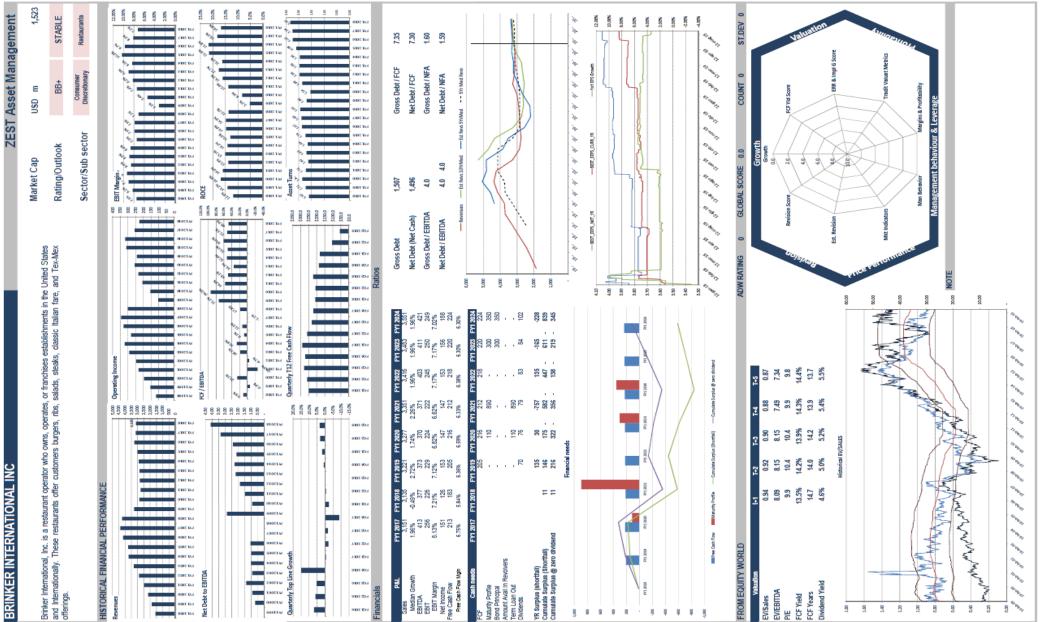
- Focus on Analysis of the Business Model
- Competitive Landscape and Long Term Opportunity for the Company.
- Buy and Hold Strategy
- Tail Risk Management Becomes Key.







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