

Evolving Access and Transparency in CLOs: S&P U.S. CLO Investment Grade Indices

**A new standard for benchmarking and risk management in
collateralized loan obligations**

Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) have evolved from a specialized institutional asset class into a mainstream component of diversified fixed income strategies, with investment grade tranches gaining traction as investors seek income, rate resilience and diversification. As access expands through ETF wrappers, index-based solutions, and improvements in pricing transparency and data, independent benchmarks are increasingly needed to help investors measure performance, evaluate risk and participate in the asset class with greater confidence.

Key Index Features

The S&P U.S. CLO Investment Grade Indices serve as transparent, rules-based benchmarks for the U.S. investment grade CLO market, with broad coverage of BSL-backed CLOs segmented by original ratings from AAA to BBB. Under S&P DJI's governance framework, they use evaluated pricing from S&P Global Market Intelligence and reference data from CLO analytics providers to support robust, consistent performance measurement.¹

Broad Coverage

Tracking over 10,000 USD-denominated, floating-rate and investment grade securities, from over 2,000 CLOs.

Data, Scale and Integration

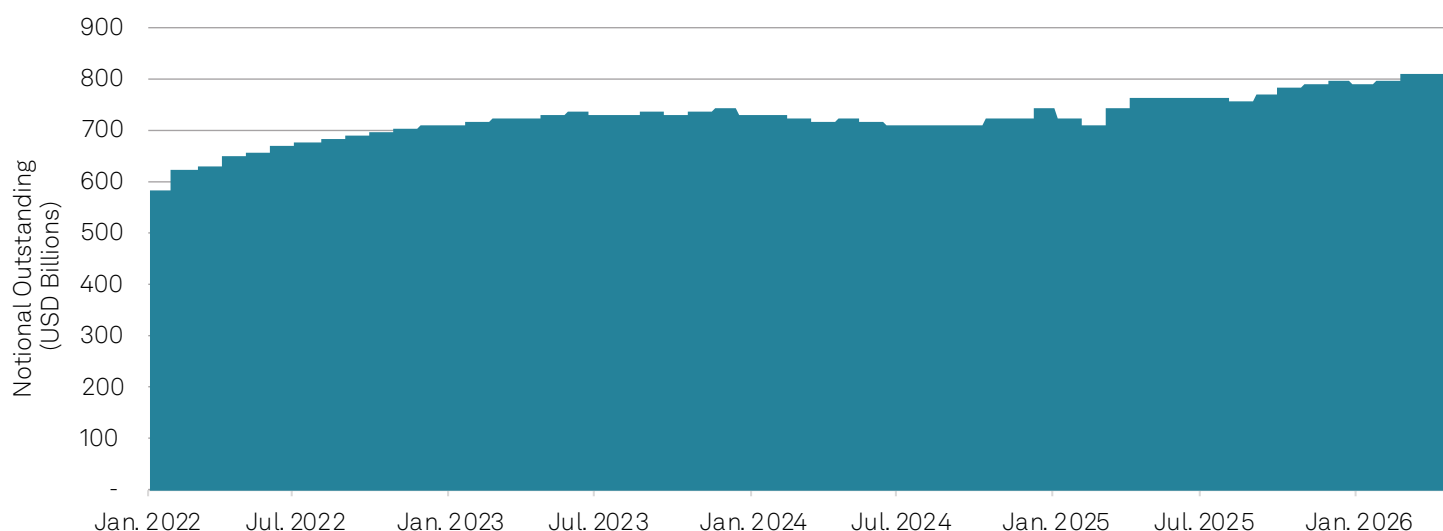
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Evolved Access

Transparent, rules-based benchmarks, supporting both passive and active use cases.

¹ For more information, please see the [S&P CLO Indices Methodology](#).

S&P U.S. CLO Investment Grade Index



Index	Number Of Bonds	Market Value (USD Billions)	Average Coupon (%)
S&P U.S. CLO AAA Index	3316	571	4.98
S&P U.S. CLO AA Index	2148	108	5.37
S&P U.S. CLO A Index	2172	60	5.72
S&P U.S. CLO BBB Index	3342	64	6.86
S&P U.S. CLO Investment Grade Index	10978	803	5.24

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of July 17, 2026. Index performance based on total return in USD. The S&P U.S. CLO Investment Grade Indices were launched July 31, 2026. All data prior to index launch date is back-tested hypothetical data. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart and table are provided for illustrative purposes and reflect hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this document for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance.

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Please refer to the methodology for the Index for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations. Back-tested performance is for use with institutions only; not for use with retail investors.

S&P Dow Jones Indices defines various dates to assist our clients in providing transparency. The First Value Date is the first day for which there is a calculated value (either live or back-tested) for a given index. The Base Date is the date at which the index is set to a fixed value for calculation purposes. The Launch Date designates the date when the values of an index are first considered live: index values provided for any date or time period prior to the index's Launch Date are considered back-tested. S&P Dow Jones Indices defines the Launch Date as the date by which the values of an index are known to have been released to the public, for example via the company's public website or its data feed to external parties. For Dow Jones-branded indices introduced prior to May 31, 2013, the Launch Date (which prior to May 31, 2013, was termed "Date of introduction") is set at a date upon which no further changes were permitted to be made to the index methodology, but that may have been prior to the Index's public release date.

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