

# S&P Dow Jones Indices

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## Unlocking Access and Transparency in Private Credit with the S&P Lincoln Senior Debt Index Series

### A step-change for benchmarking and risk management in direct lending

As direct lending continues to drive the expansion of private credit, trusted, transparent and rules-based indices are critical to measure performance, assess risk and support more informed investment decisions.

The S&P Lincoln Senior Debt Index Series is a unique collaboration between S&P Dow Jones Indices, the world's leading index provider, and Lincoln International, a global investment banking advisory firm. It delivers a powerful combination of market-leading private data and robust index governance for the private credit ecosystem.

#### A broad view of the direct lending landscape

Lincoln International's data universe represents:

**7,000+**

**portfolio valuations  
per quarter**

**USD 220  
billion+**

**quarterly securities valued**

**225+**

**private market funds &  
non-bank lenders**

Source: Lincoln International. Data as of Dec. 31, 2025. Figures are provided for illustrative purposes.

Leveraging loan-level information, the S&P Lincoln Senior Debt Index Series measures the performance of illiquid senior debt facilities issued primarily to private-equity sponsored companies in the U.S. and Europe. Senior private credit has demonstrated higher yield compared with broadly syndicated loans over the last 10 years (U.S.) and 7 years (Europe), as measured by the S&P Lincoln Senior Debt Index Series and the S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Indices, highlighting its role within diversified credit allocations.

Key index features include:



#### **Broad universe coverage**

Lincoln International's database represents over USD 220 billion of the direct lending loan market across the U.S. and Europe



#### **High valuation accuracy**

Valuation inputs from Lincoln International's fund clients are sourced directly from portfolio companies



#### **More timely & granular insights**

Monthly calculated benchmarks and dedicated subindices by loan type, sector and EBITDA



#### **Robust governance**

Transparent, rules-based index methodology is rebalanced monthly by S&P Dow Jones Indices

#### Go beyond performance

The dataset encompasses a broad range of indicators beyond performance metrics, providing deeper visibility into credit quality, yield and maturity profiles. The index provides key insights across loan type, sector, industry, seniority and borrower EBITDA size to help assess direct lending dynamics with greater precision. Aggregate index-level metrics, including yield, yield to maturity, loan-to-value and fair value,\* enable a more transparent, timely and comprehensive view of private credit performance, valuation and risk.

[Explore our private credit indices.](#)

\* The fair value (mid-point) number provided by Lincoln in datasets is the estimated fair value mid-point that Lincoln provides to its clients. Lincoln's clients may conclude upon a fair value that is higher or lower than Lincoln's mid-point or range estimate.

## About S&P Dow Jones Indices

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