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Protection

Overview and Methodology

Welcome to this seventh edition of Proskauer's Global High-Yield Bond Study, our analysis of market trends for high-yield bond offerings.

Using analyses from our proprietary database of approximately 2,000 high-yield bond deals, our study covers deals closed globally between 2013 and 2017 that meet our selection criteria. We categorize deals by geography, deal size, industry, credit rating and whether they are backed by private equity sponsors.

We hope you enjoy the 2018 Global High-Yield Study and welcome your feedback and questions. Please feel free to contact any of our attorneys listed inside the front cover.



Overview and Methodology

General

- Our high-yield database includes approximately 2,000 high-yield deals closed globally from 2011–2017.
- Our 2018 Study analyzes trends from 2013–2017.
- Data is broken down by geography, deal size, industry, rating and whether sponsor-backed.

Methodology

- Outliers that were three or more standard deviations away from the mean for any given data set were excluded from our calculations.
- In circumstances where less than 1% of reviewed transactions contained a specific term, such term was excluded from our calculations.
- Deals in the sample population with only a pledge of stock are not considered to be secured deals for purposes of this study. In addition, for purposes of identifying lien priorities, deals with "super priority" payment rights are not considered to have lien priority.
- Certain deals that were reviewed also included high-yield rated bonds with investment-grade or hybrid covenant packages. These
 deals have been excluded for purposes of our covenant analysis.
- Final and preliminary offering memorandums were included in the analysis.

Allocation

- In geographic analysis, Canada is included in the U.S. data, Australia is included in the Asia data and issuers operating in the Caribbean are included in the Latin America data.
- In industry breakdown, deals in the sample population are categorized as follows:
 - Issuers in the power and mining industries are included in our Industrials category.
 - Service providers to the oil & gas industry are included in our Oil & Gas category.



Overview and Methodology

Financial Metrics

- EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) is based on the applicable issuer's trailing four quarters (or last 12 months, if applicable) of EBITDA disclosed in the relevant marketing materials.
- Total assets calculations are based upon the total assets of the applicable issuer as set forth in the most current balance sheet data disclosed in the relevant marketing materials.
- References to EBITDA include "Adjusted EBITDA" when the relevant marketing materials contained such presentations and "Pro Forma EBITDA/Adjusted EBITDA" when such metrics were presented.

Ratings

- All ratings categories are based on credit ratings by Standard & Poor's.
- Calculations based solely on rating exclude deals that were not rated.
- The rating categories do not distinguish "+" or "-" signs within a ratings category.



Glossary

6% IPO Proceeds: A basket permitting restricted payments of up to 6% (or more) of the proceeds received from an IPO.

103% Redemption: The ability of the issuer to call up to 10% of notes per year at 103% of par during the non-call period.

Cash Flow-Based: With respect to the restricted payments builder basket, a restricted payments test based on EBITDA minus a multiple of interest expense.

Change of Control Portability: The bondholders' change of control put right is only triggered if, after giving effect to the transaction, both a change of control and an additional negative event occurs (such as a failure by the issuer to meet a specified leverage ratio test or a reduction in the rating of the notes).

Contribution Indebtedness: A basket permitting debt in an amount equal to 100% (or more) of the amount of proceeds received from equity issuances or cash contributions to equity capital.

Covenant Fall Away: Certain covenants are permanently removed upon the issuer's achievement of investment-grade ratings.

Covenant Suspension: Certain covenants are suspended upon the issuer's achievement of investment-grade ratings, but reinstated if the issuer's ratings are subsequently downgraded to non-investment-grade.

Designated Non-Cash Consideration: For purposes of satisfying the cash consideration test for asset sales, the ability to treat a certain amount of non-cash consideration as if it were cash.

EBITDA: Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Equity Claw: The ability of the issuer to call a certain percentage of bonds with the proceeds of certain equity issuances during the non-call period.



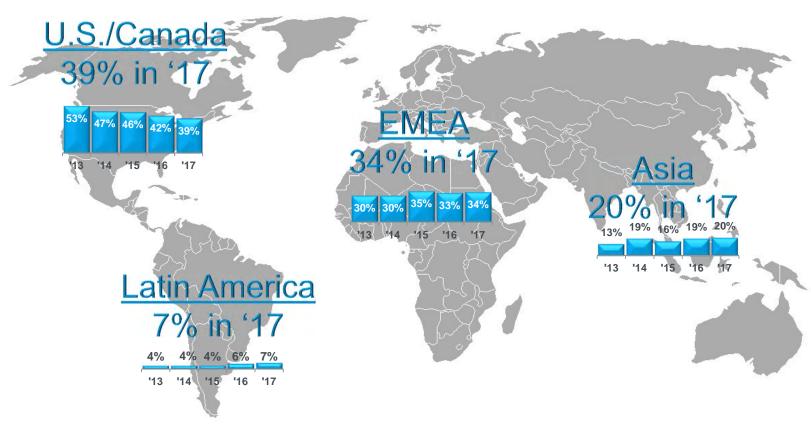
Glossary

- **Excluded Contributions**: A basket permitting restricted payments equal to the amount of proceeds received from equity issuances or cash contributions to equity capital that are designated by the issuer as "excluded contributions" and are not subject to the conditions required to utilize the restricted payments builder basket, including being within the applicable debt incurrence ratio.
- FCCR (Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio): Generally EBITDA divided by fixed charges.
- Leverage Ratio: Generally debt divided by EBITDA.
- **Net Income-Based**: With respect to the restricted payments builder basket, a restricted payments test based on 50% of consolidated net income.
- Ratio Debt Condition: With respect to mergers and consolidations, whether the issuer must meet the debt incurrence ratio test on a pro forma basis, or if such ratio must only improve or be no worse on a pro forma basis.
- Secured Leverage Grower: A basket permitting unlimited liens on debt subject to a pro forma secured leverage test.
- Unlimited Leverage-Based Restricted Payments: A basket permitting unlimited restricted payments subject to a pro forma leverage test.



2017 Global High-Yield Market

% of Deal Count



Source: Prospect News (all countries, all currencies)



Categories of Analysis

Geography

Overview

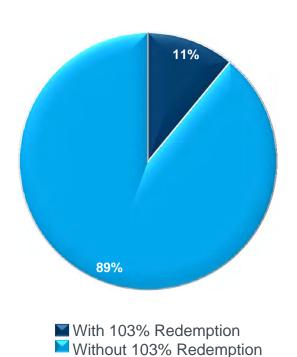
- U.S./Canada
- Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA)
- Asia
- Latin America
- Size of Deal
 - Small: \$0-\$200 million
 - Medium: \$201-\$499 million
 - Large: \$500 million+
- Industry
 - Consumer
 - Financial Services
 - Health Care
 - Real Estate/Gaming
 - Industrials
 - Oil & Gas
 - Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT)
- Ratings
 - BB
 - B
 - CCC
- · Sponsor vs. Non-Sponsor





% of Deals



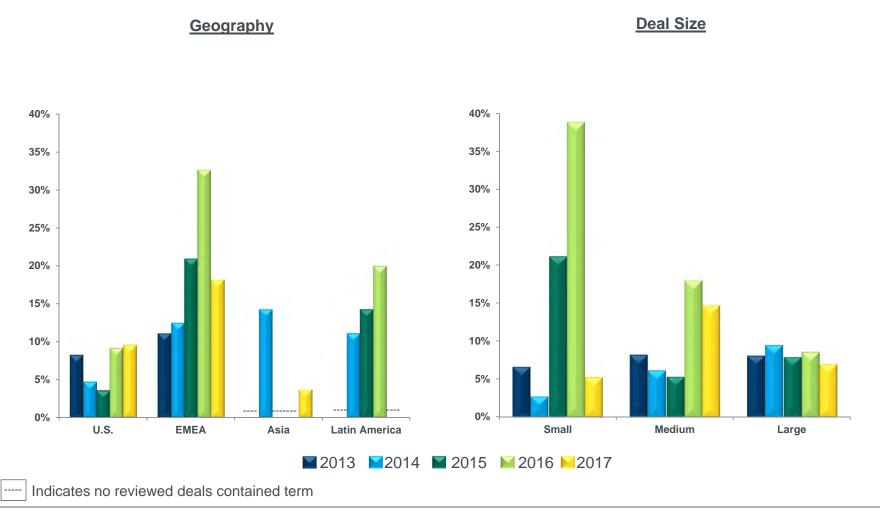


Global



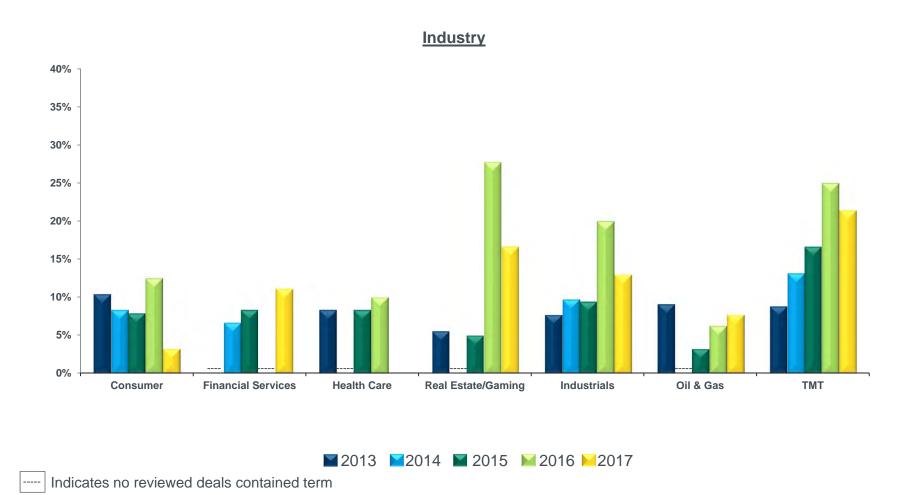


% of Deals with 103% Redemption





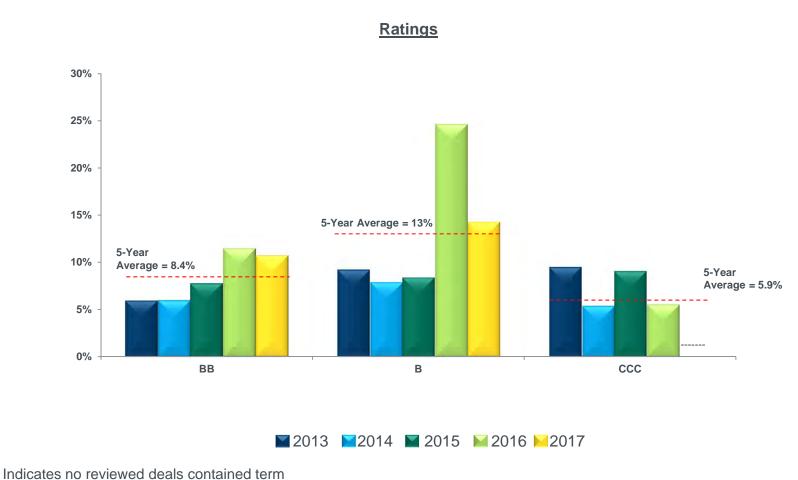
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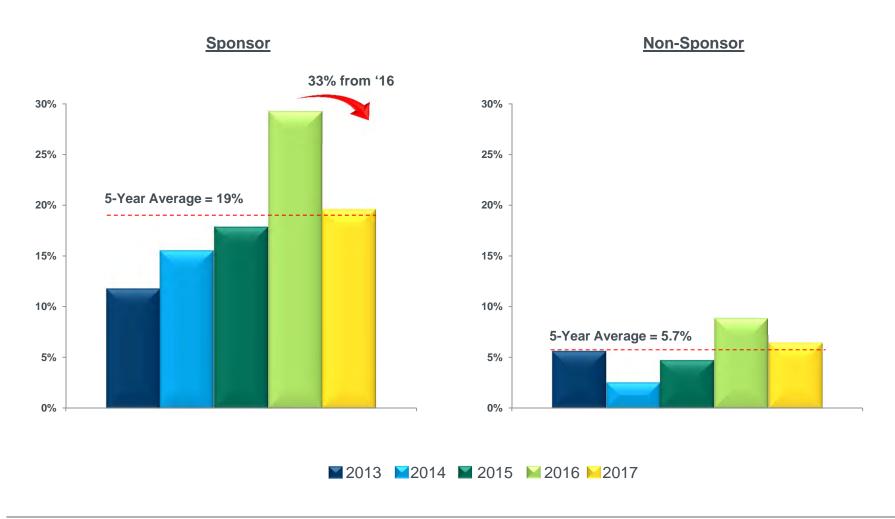
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Debt





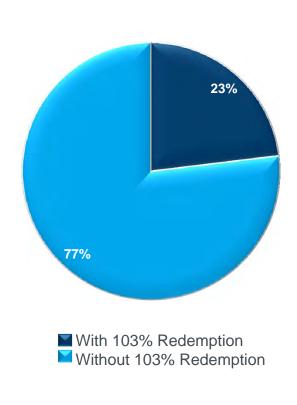
% of Deals with 103% Redemption





% of Secured Deals with 103% Redemption



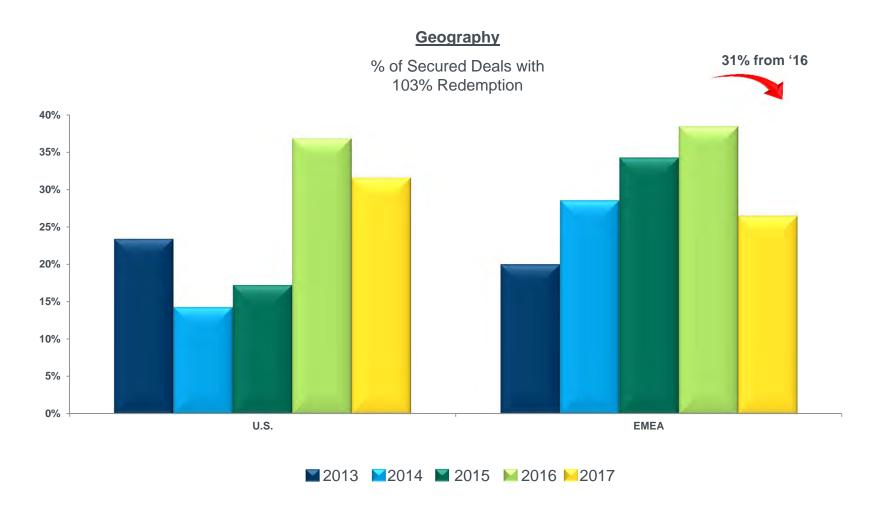


Global % of Secured Deals with 103% Redemption





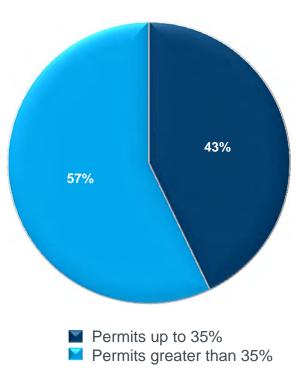
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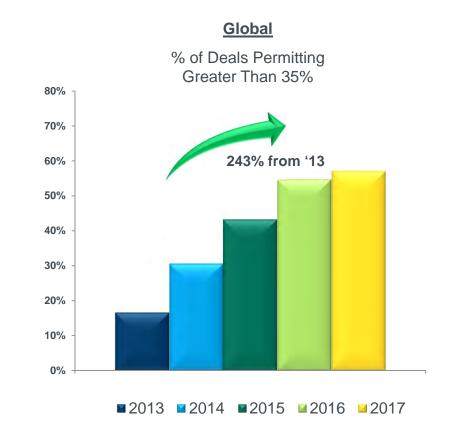




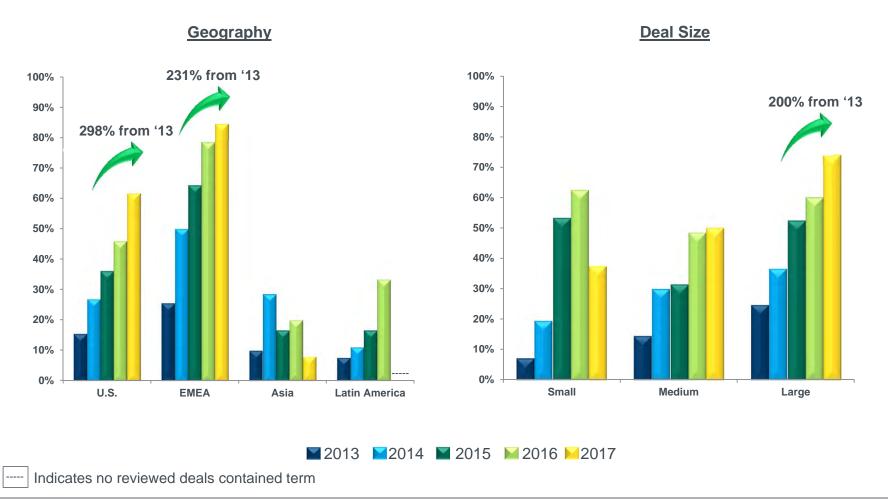
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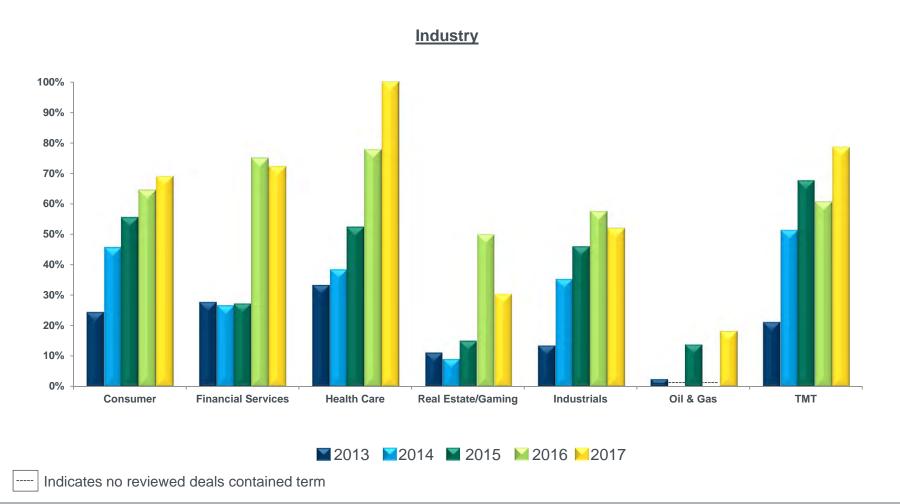


















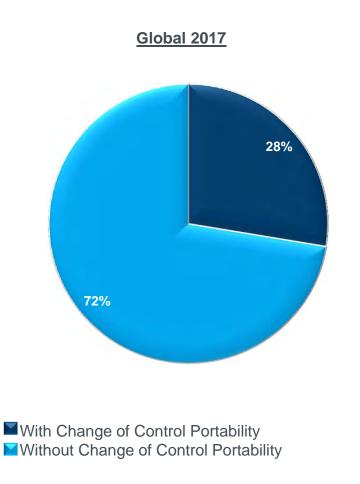


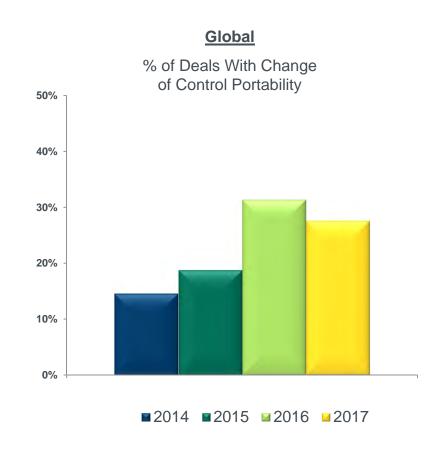






Change of Control Portability % of Deals



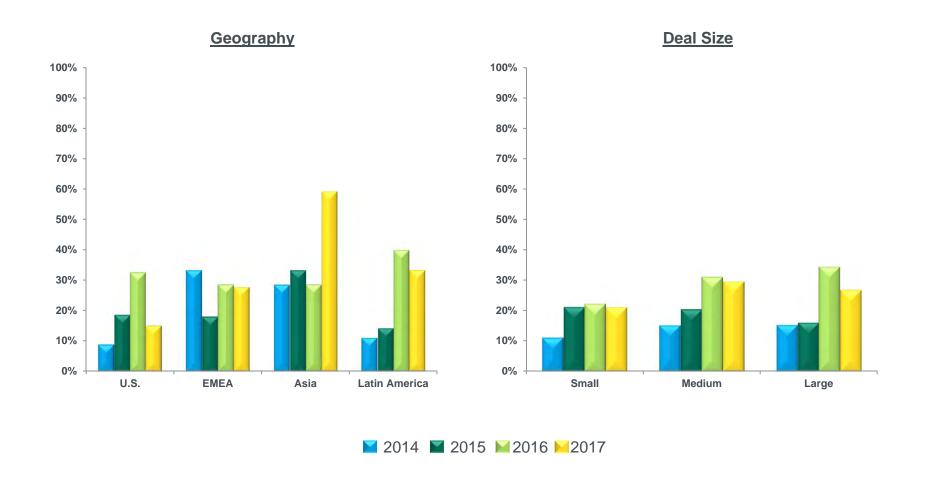




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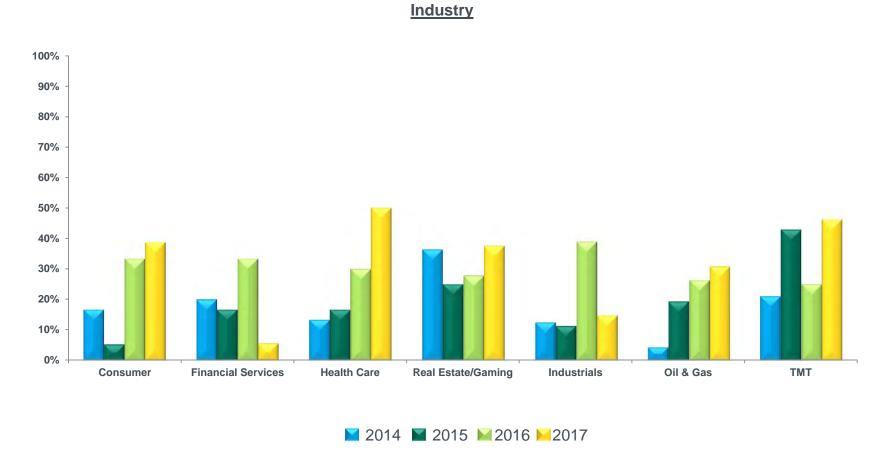
Change of Control Portability

% of Deals with Change of Control Portability





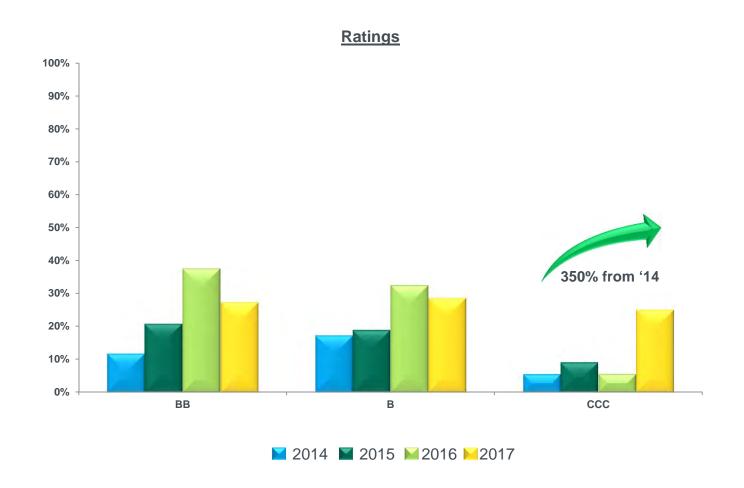
Change of Control Portability % of Deals with Change of Control Portability





Change of Control Portability

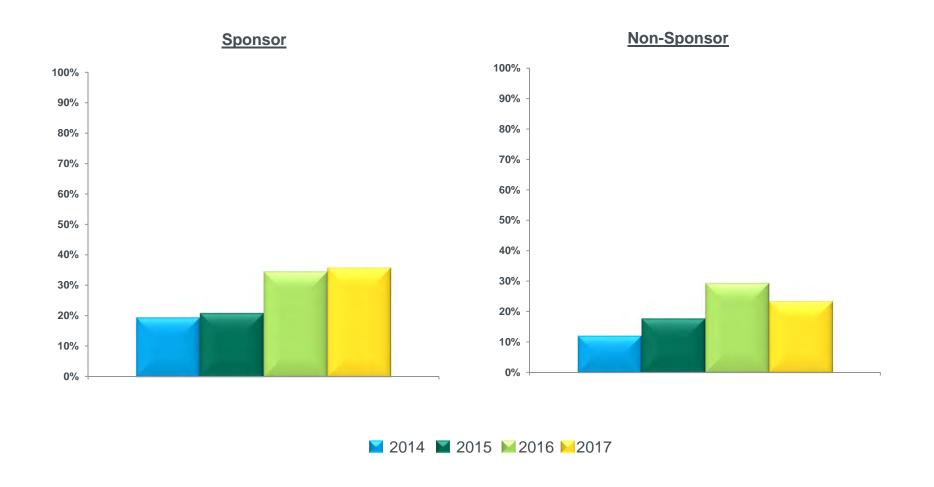
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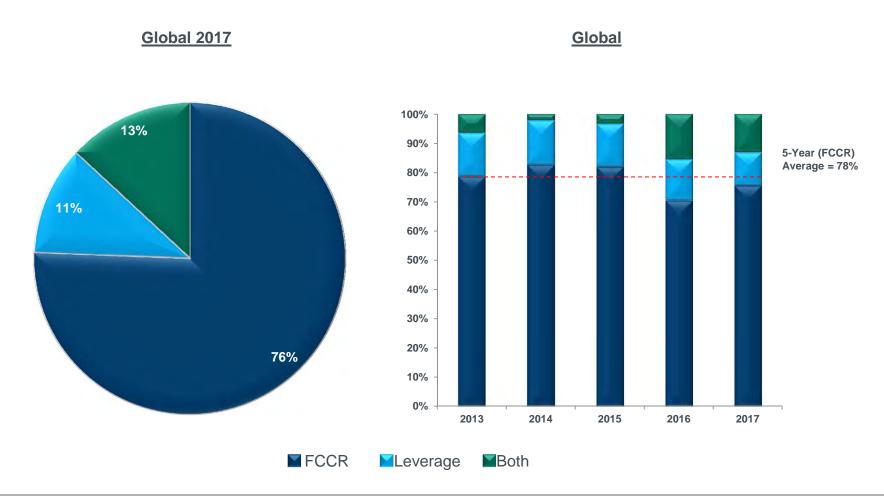
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Ratio Debt % of Deals

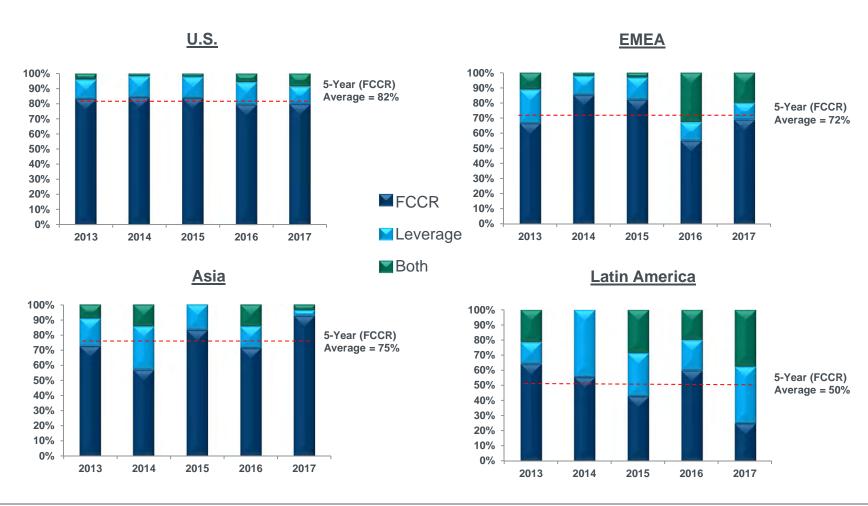




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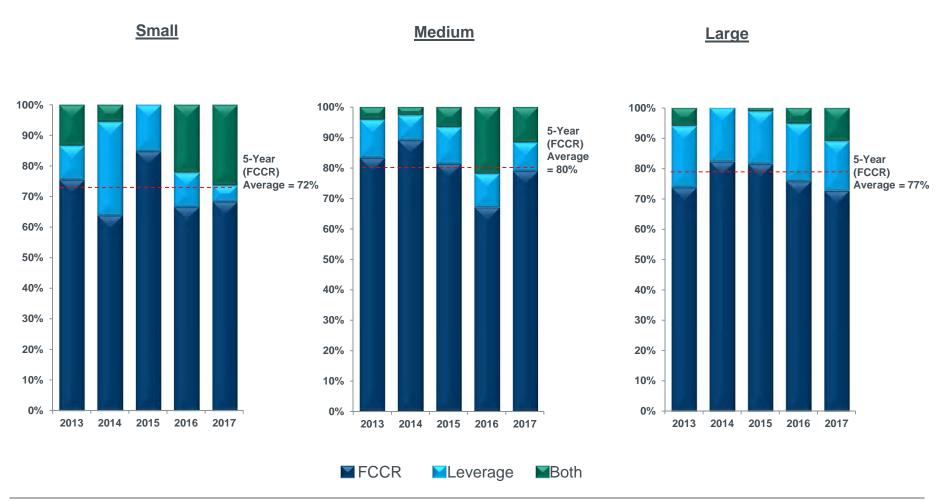
Liens

Ratio Debt Geographic Breakdown





Ratio Debt Deal Size Breakdown

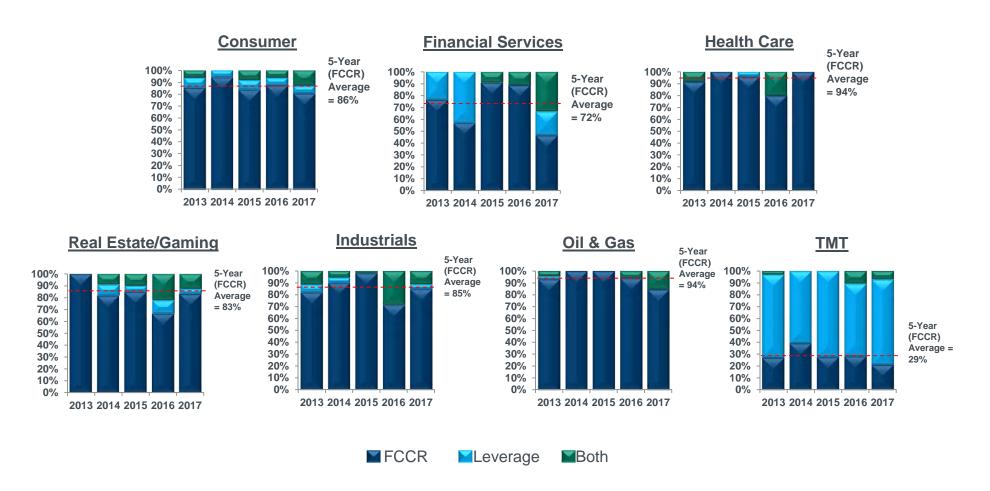




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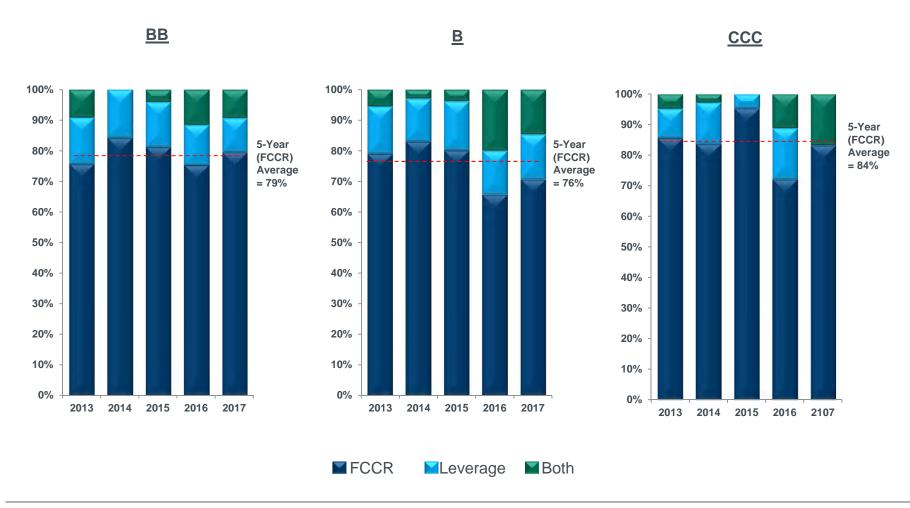
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Ratio Debt Industry Breakdown



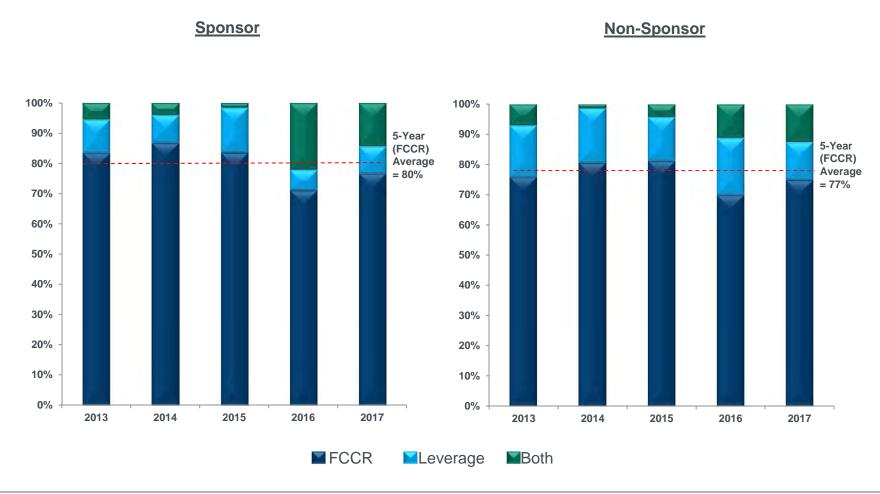


Ratio Debt Ratings Breakdown





Ratio Debt Sponsor Breakdown





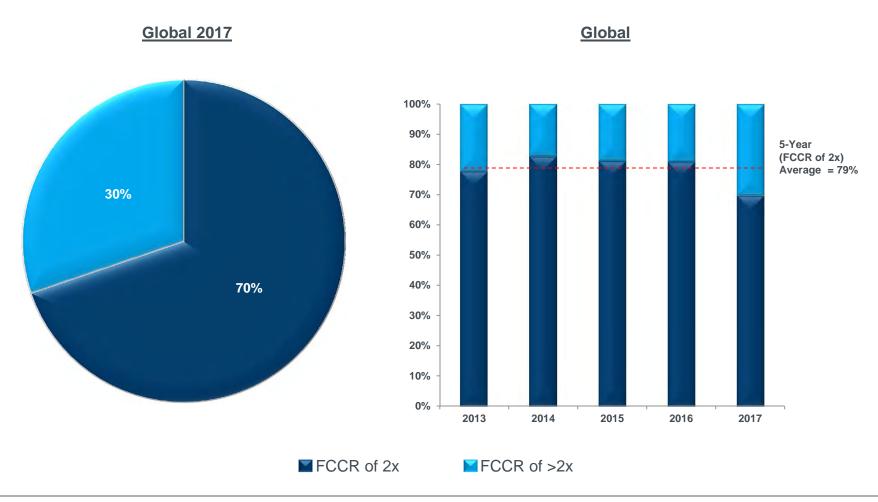
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Merger

Covenant

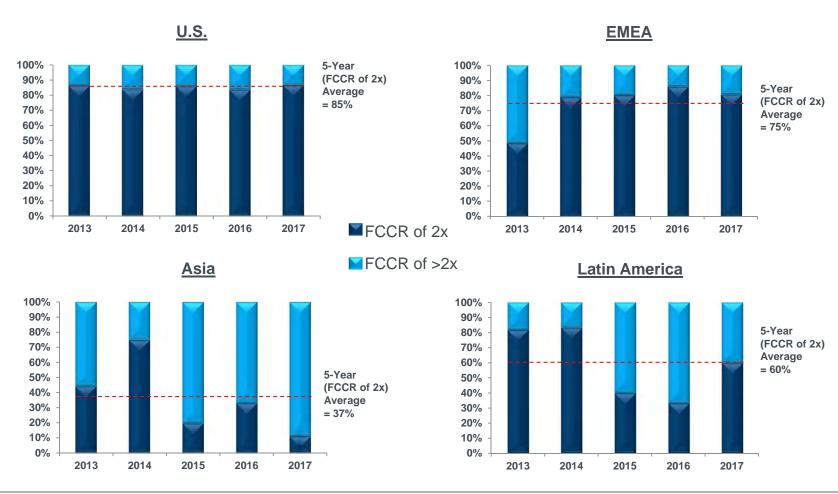
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Ratio Debt % of Deals



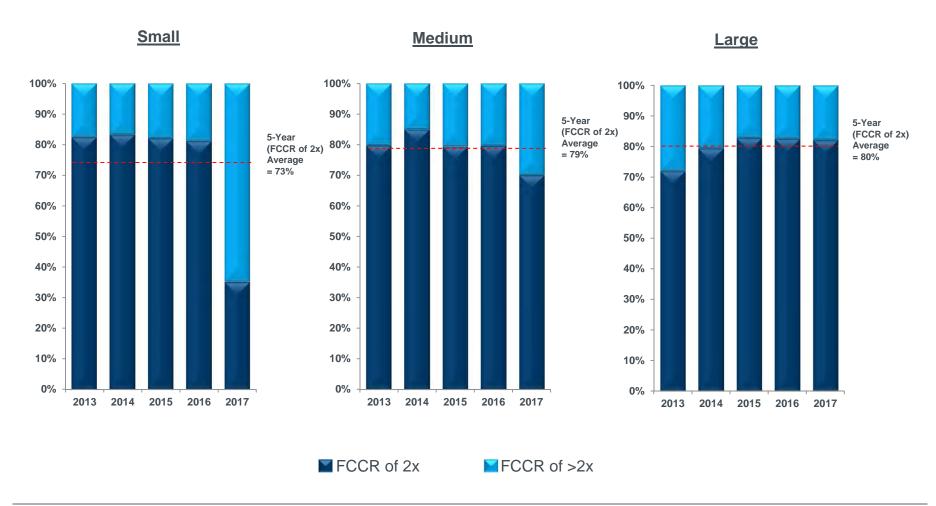
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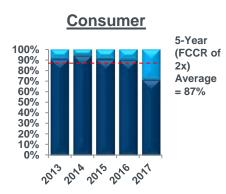
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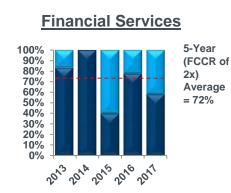


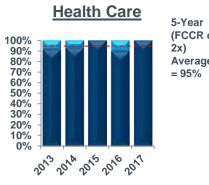


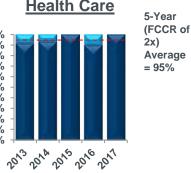
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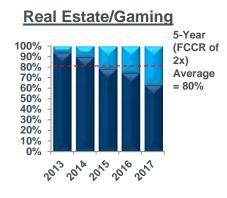
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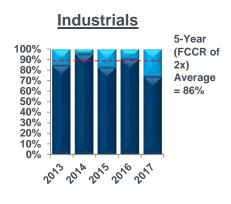


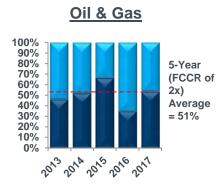


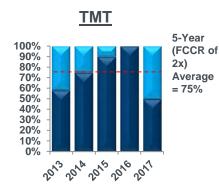








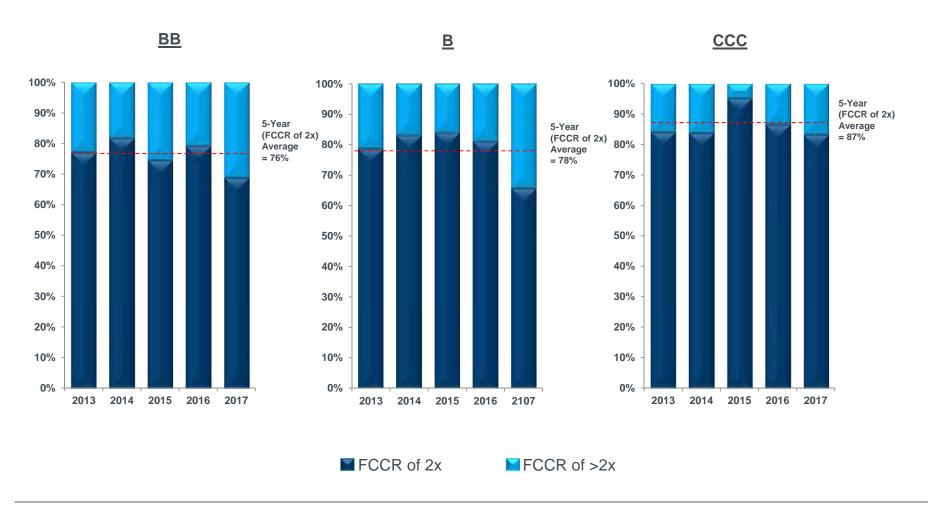




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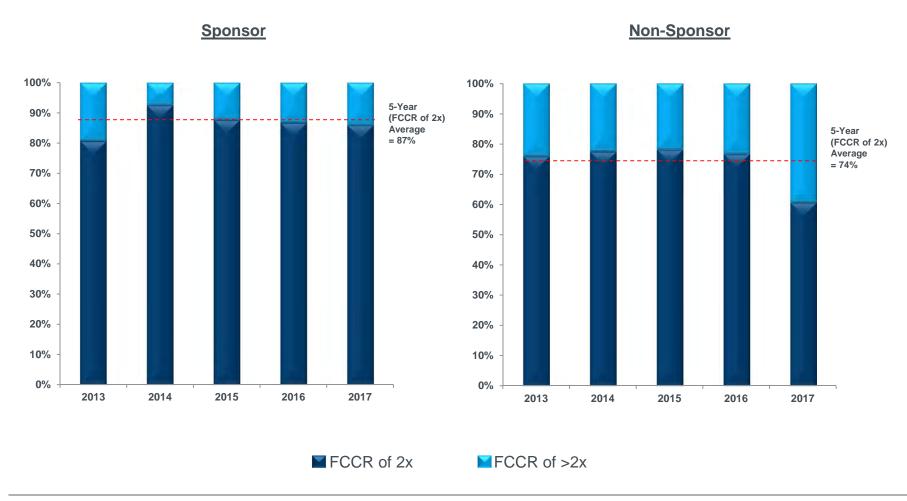
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Ratio Debt Ratings Breakdown





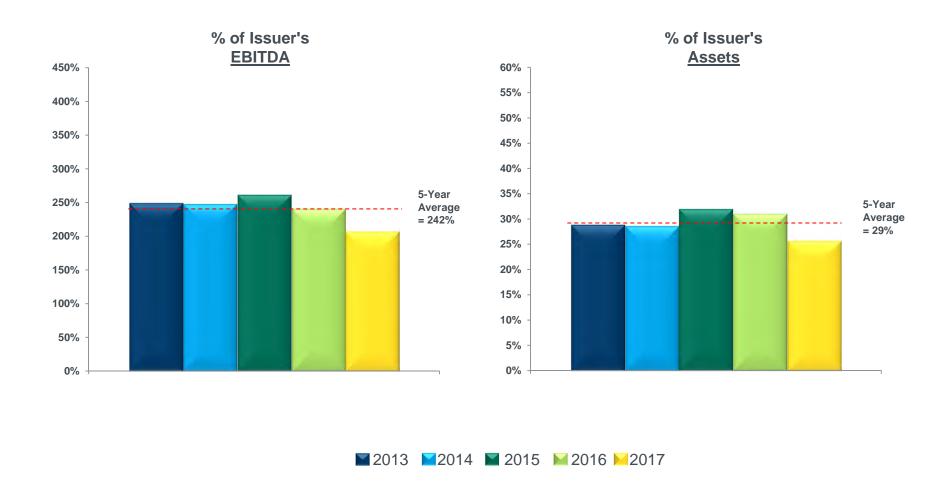
Ratio Debt Sponsor Breakdown





Senior Credit Facilities Basket Global Analysis

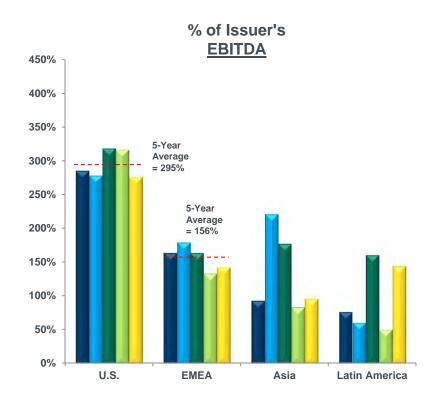
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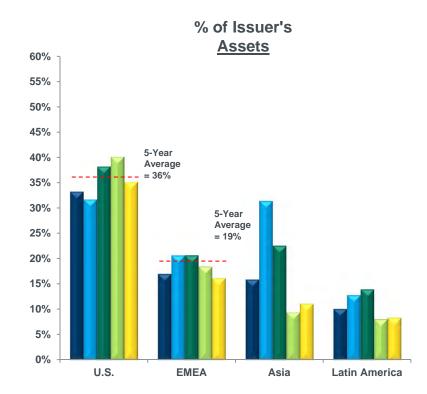




Senior Credit Facilities Basket

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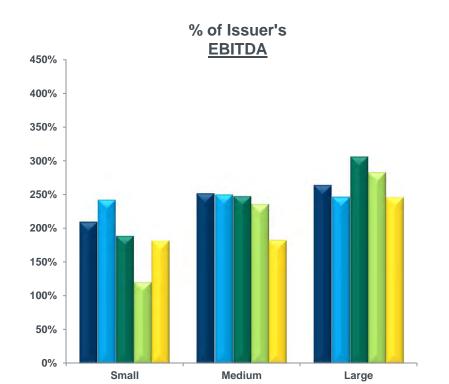


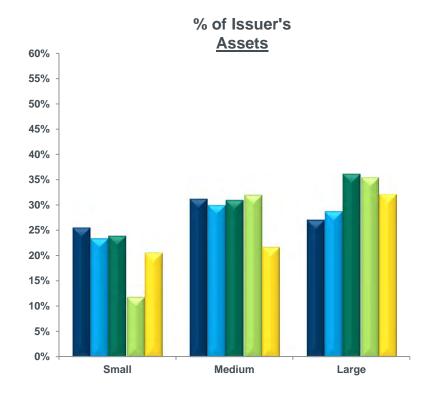






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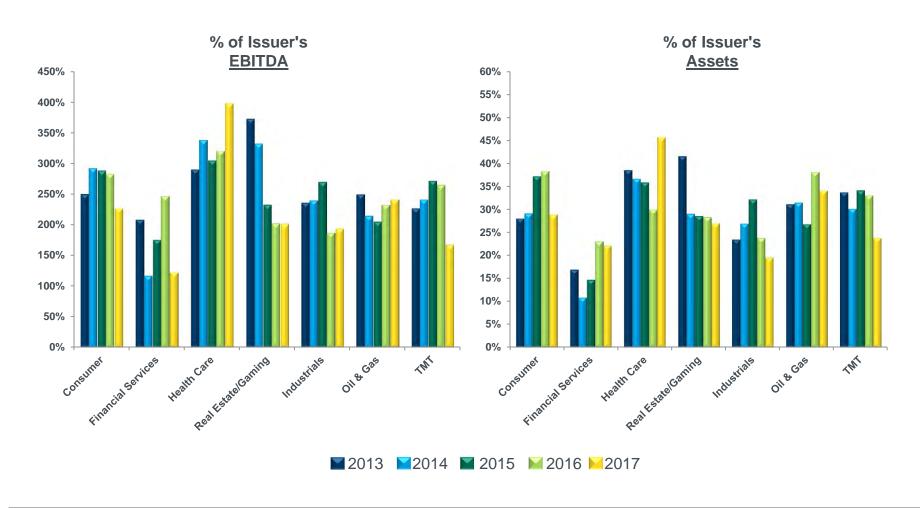


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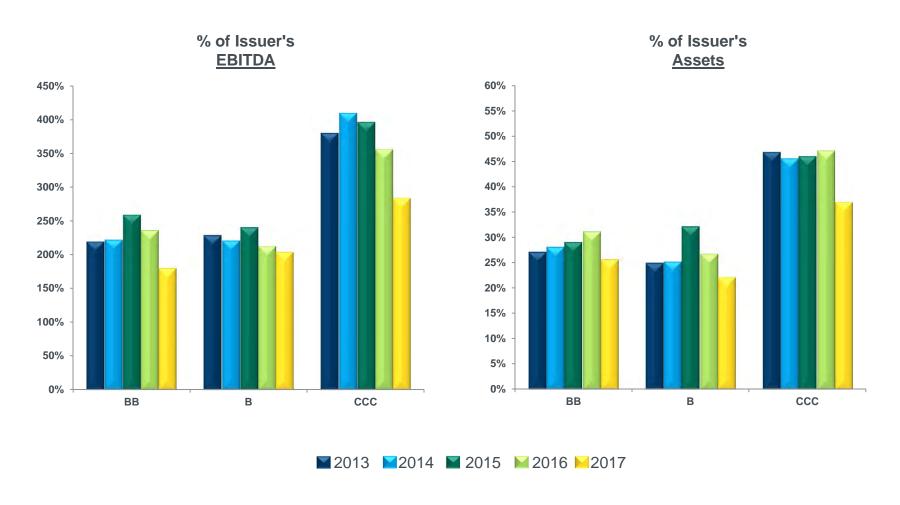
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Ratings Breakdown

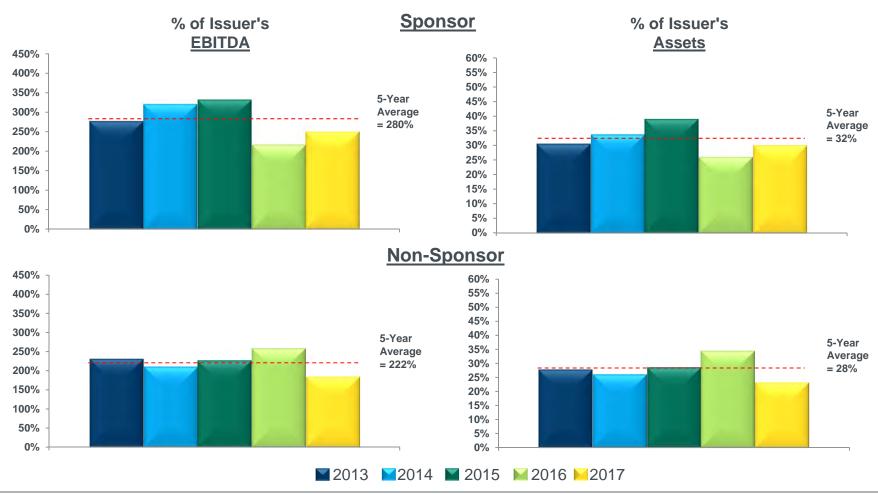




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Sponsor Breakdown



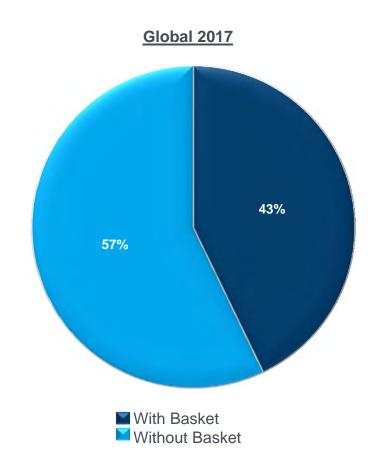


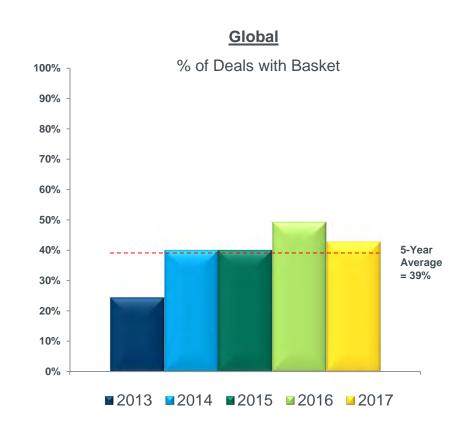
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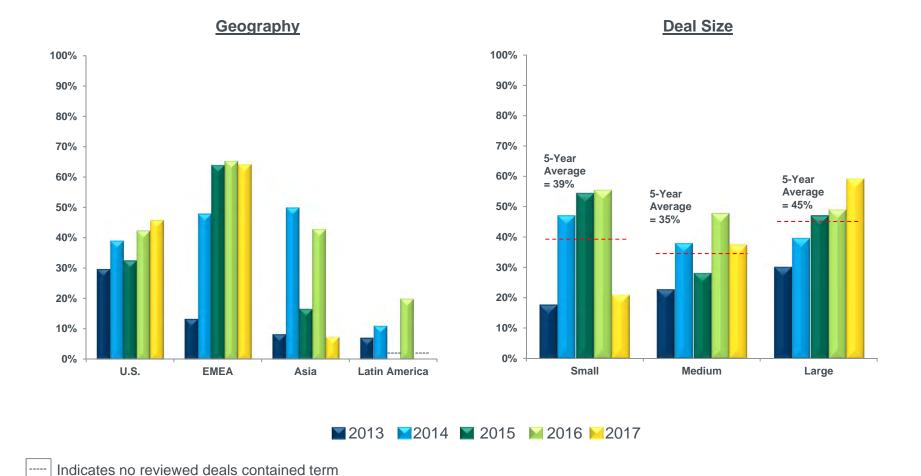
Covenant Suspension / Fall Away

Contribution Indebtedness % of Deals





% of Deals with Basket

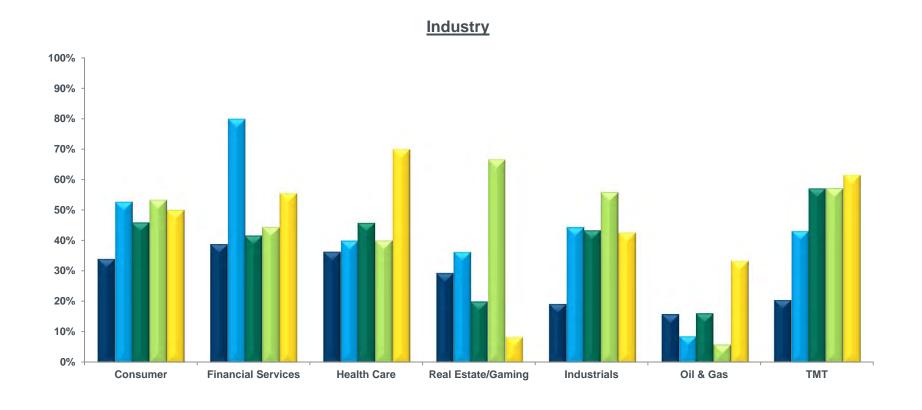




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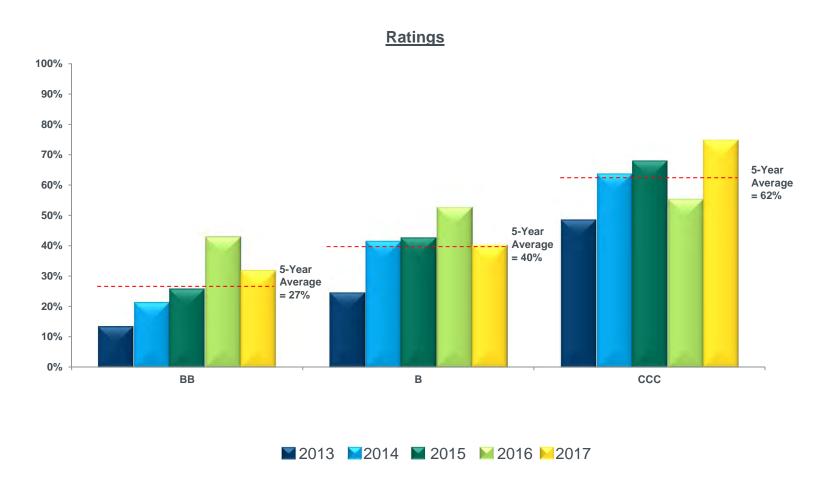
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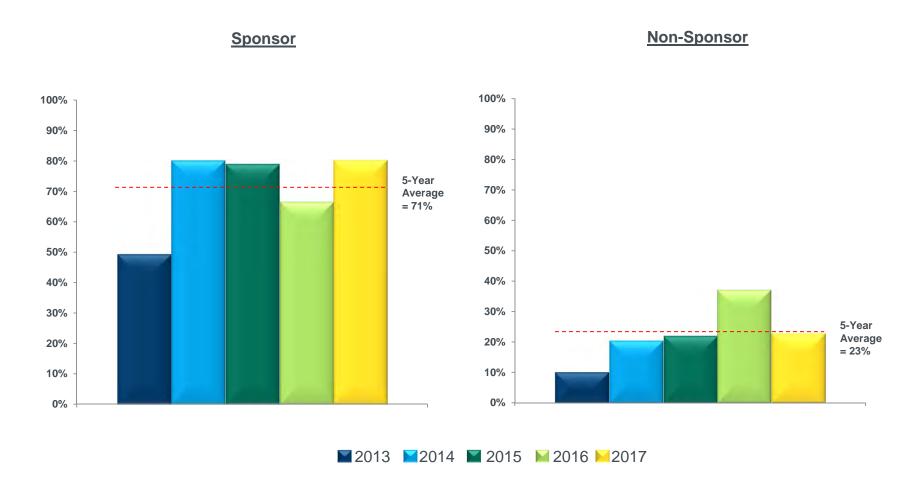


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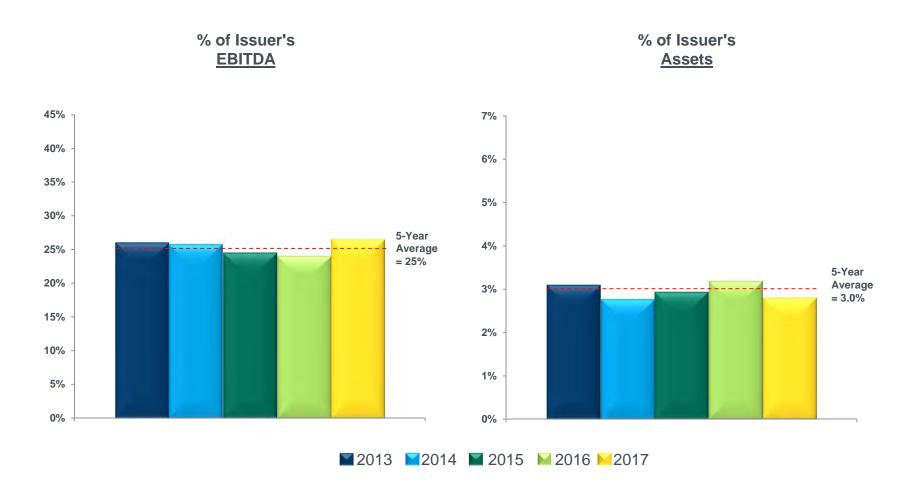
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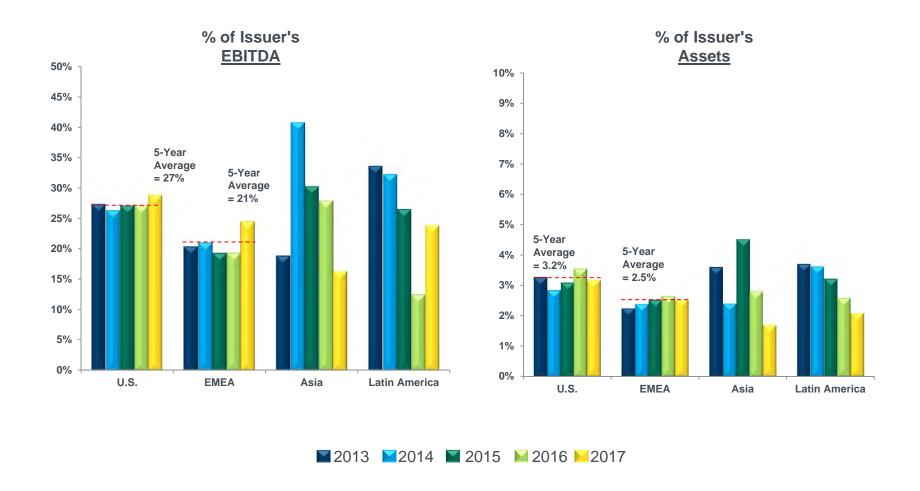
Purchase Money/Capital Lease Debt Basket Global Analysis





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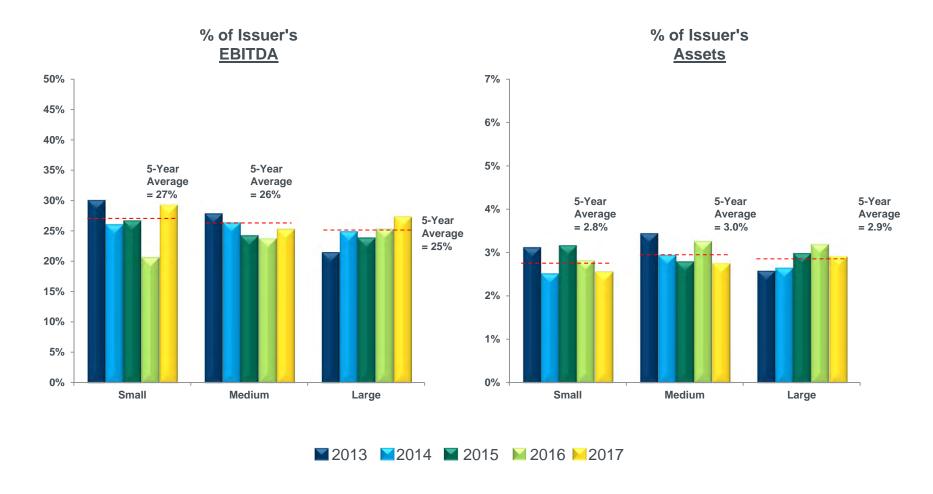
Purchase Money/Capital Lease Debt Basket **Geographic Breakdown**





Purchase Money/Capital Lease Debt Basket Deal Size Breakdown

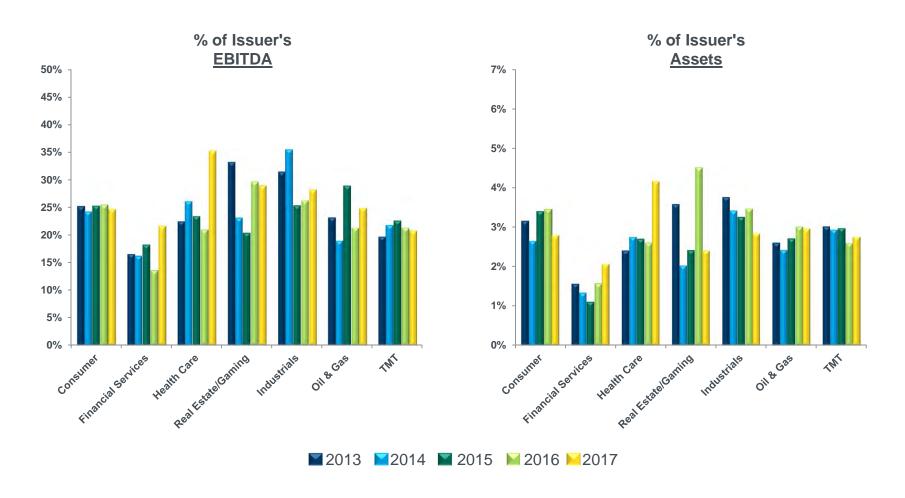
Liens





Debt

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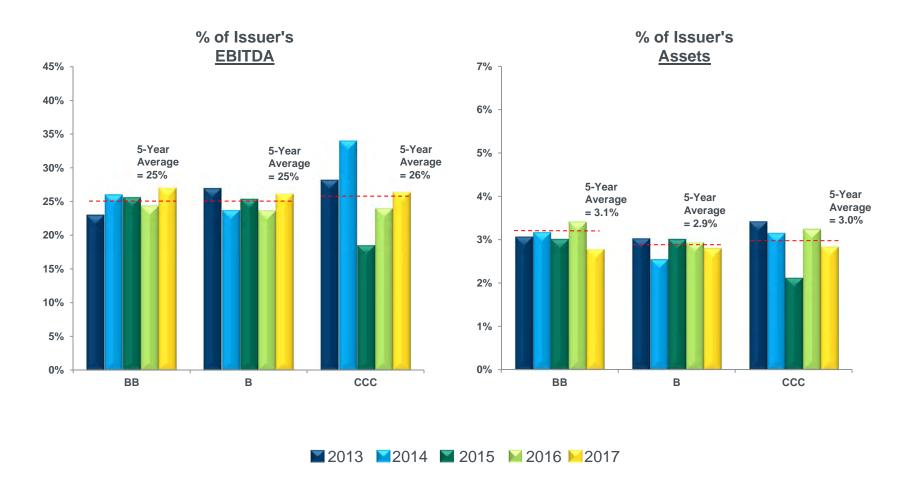




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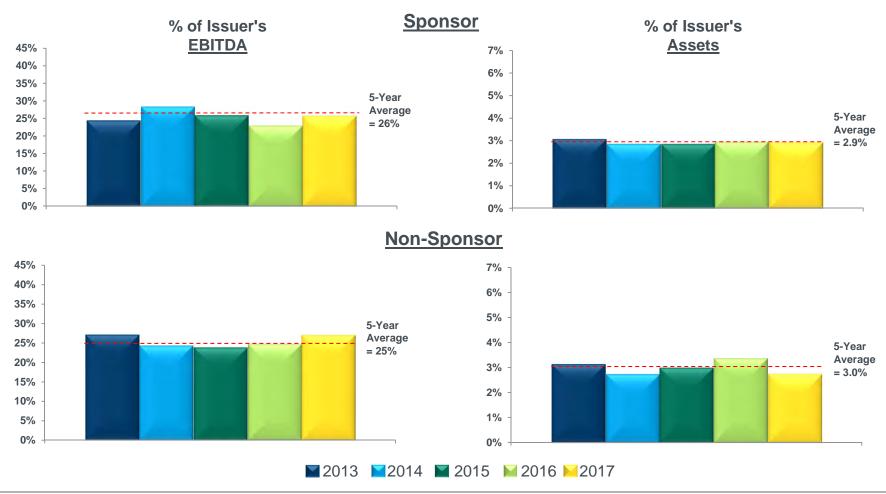
Purchase Money/Capital Lease Debt Basket **Ratings Breakdown**

Liens



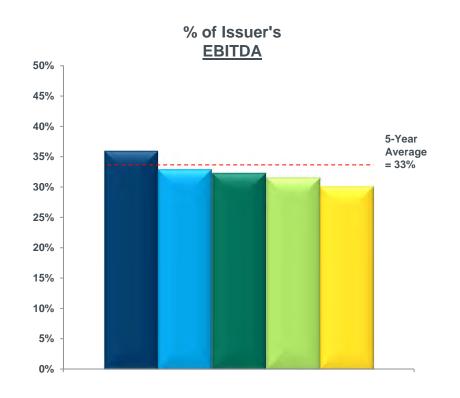


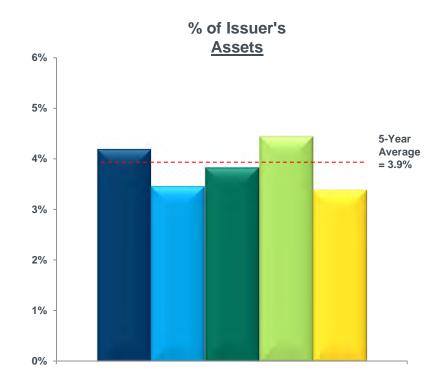
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General Debt Basket Global Analysis









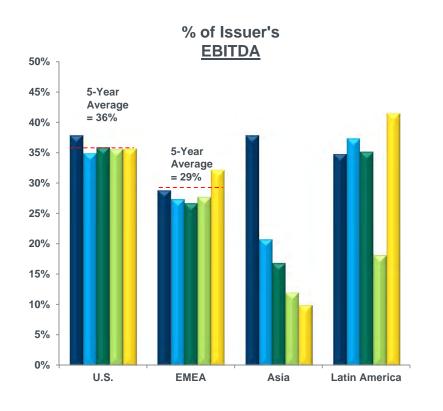
Events of

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Collateral

General Debt Basket

Geographic Breakdown





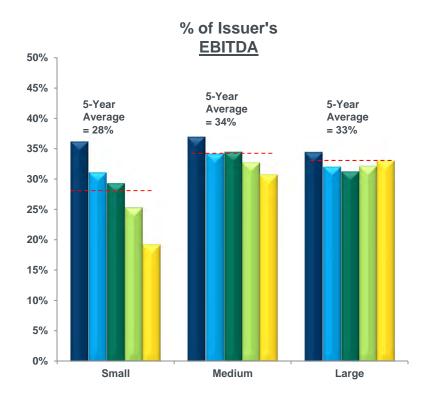


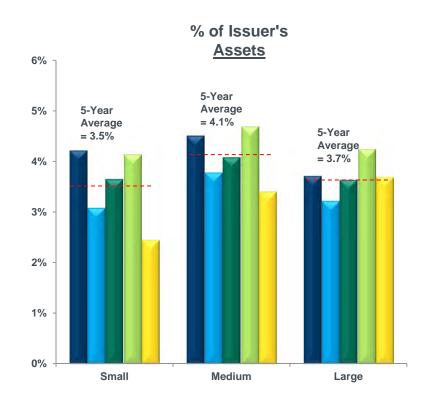


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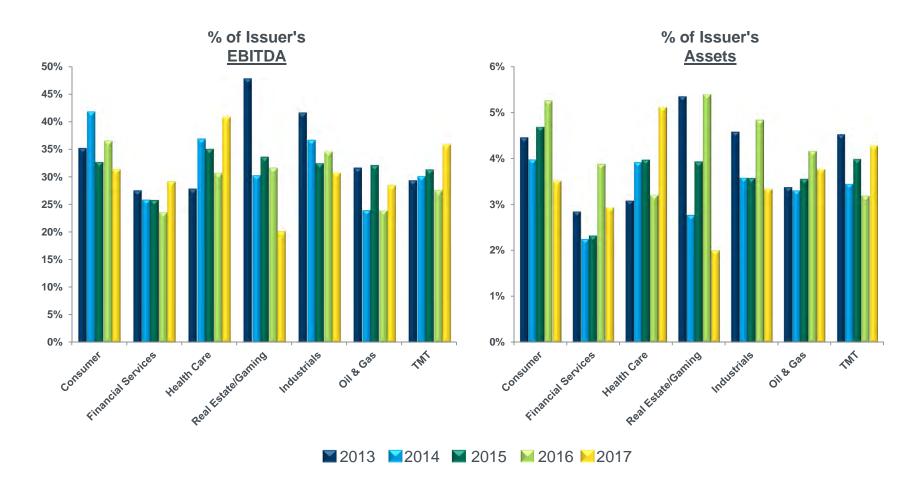






General Debt Basket

Industry Breakdown



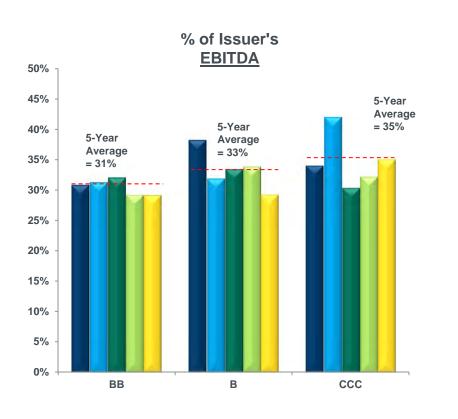


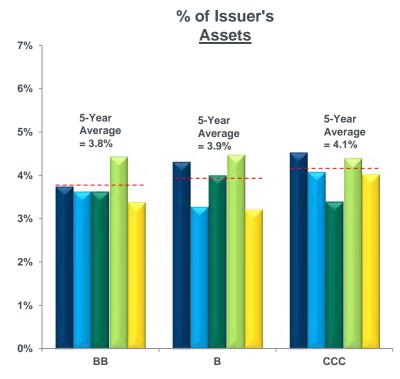
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Liens

General Debt Basket

Ratings Breakdown





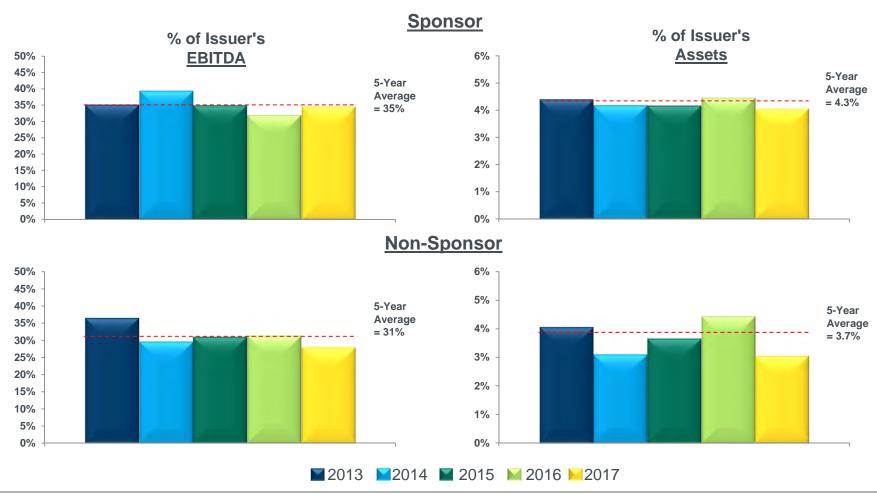




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General Debt Basket

Sponsor Breakdown



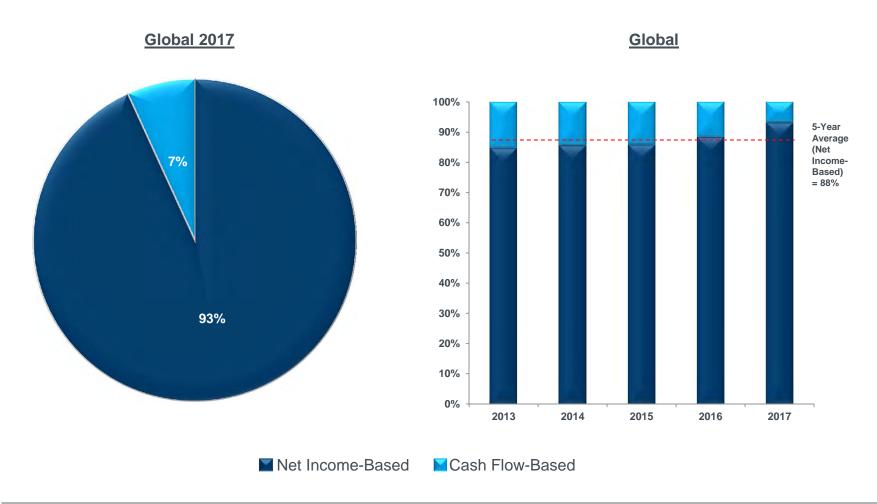




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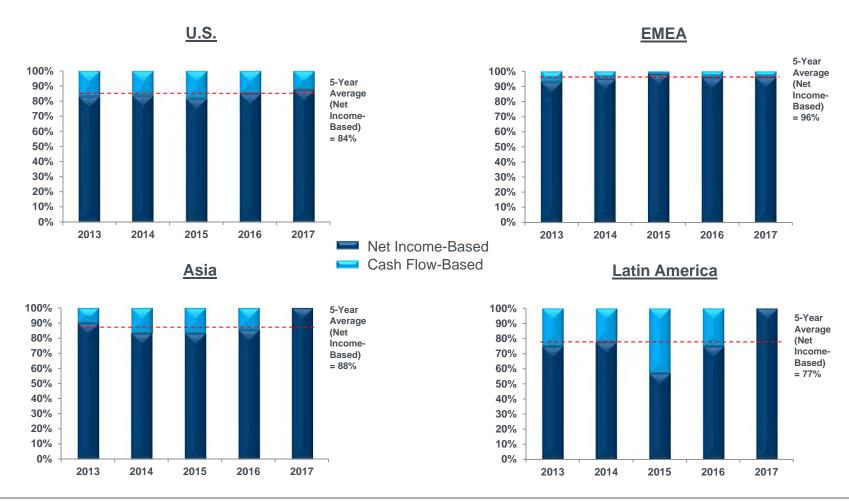
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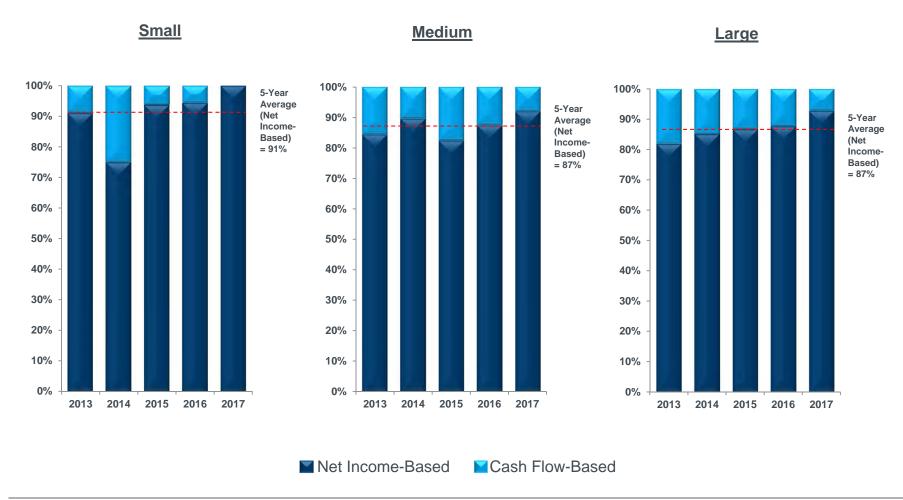
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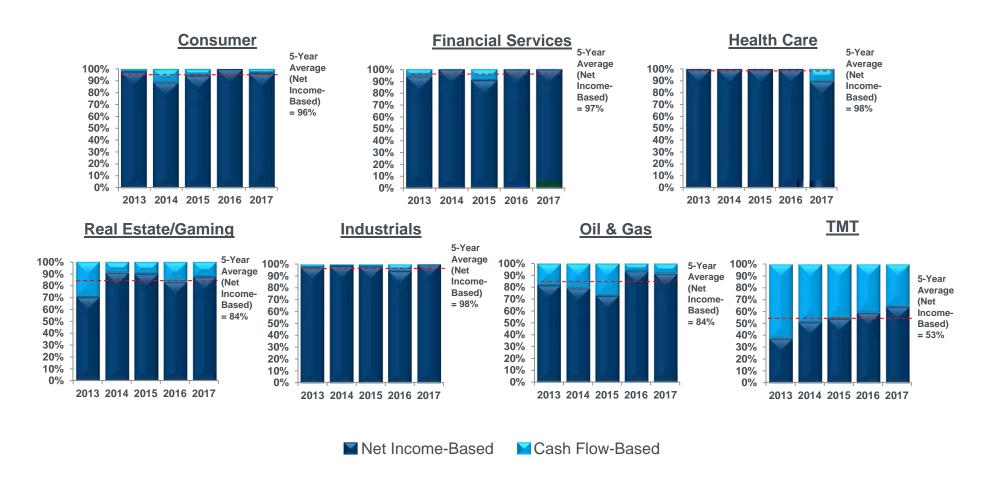
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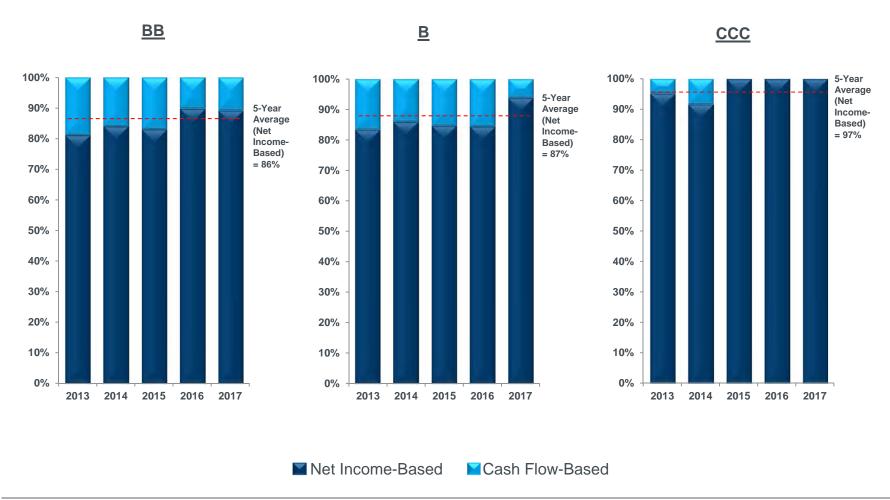
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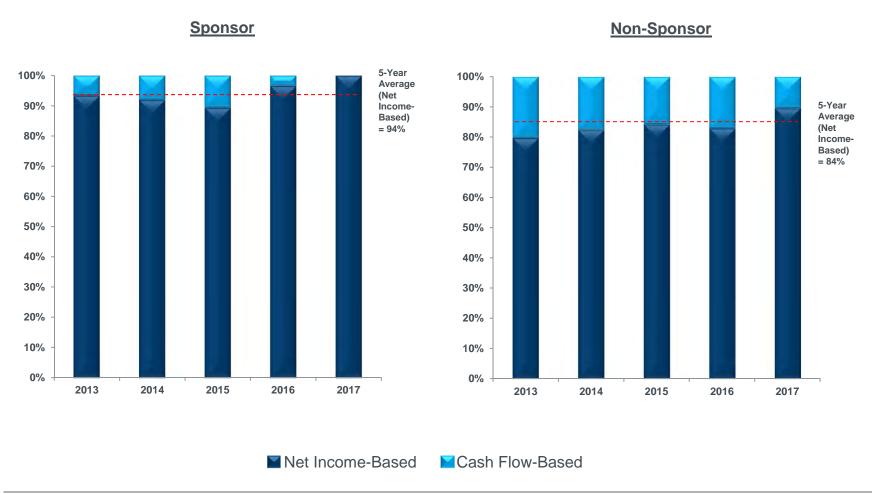
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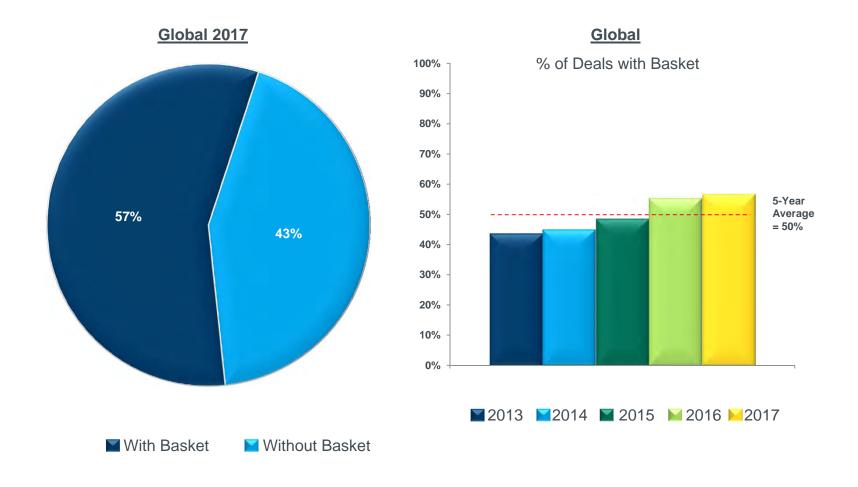
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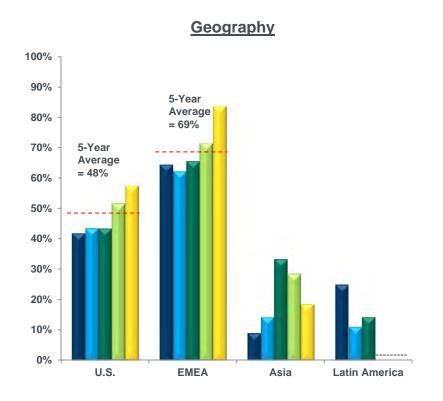
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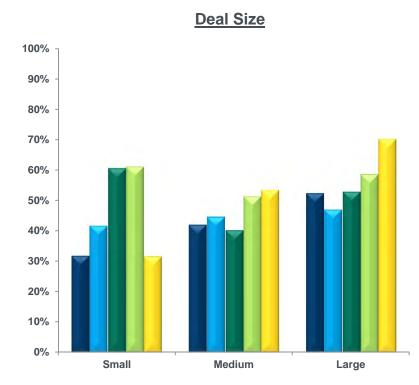
% of Deals





% of Deals with Basket





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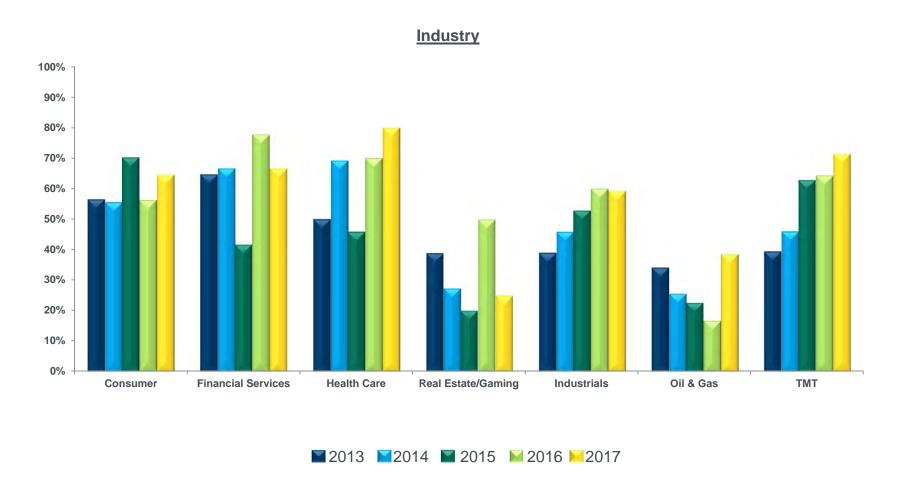
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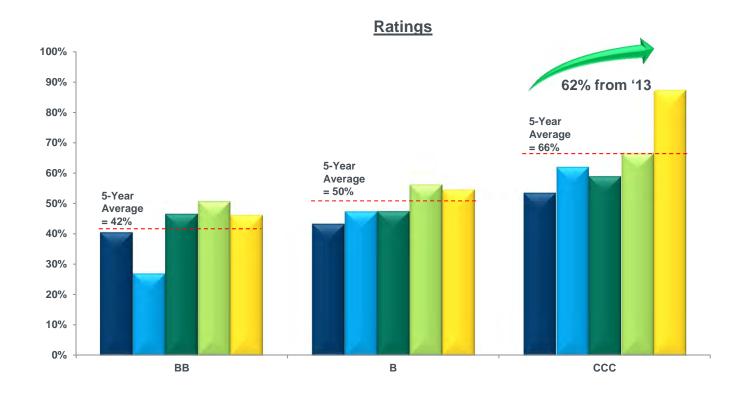
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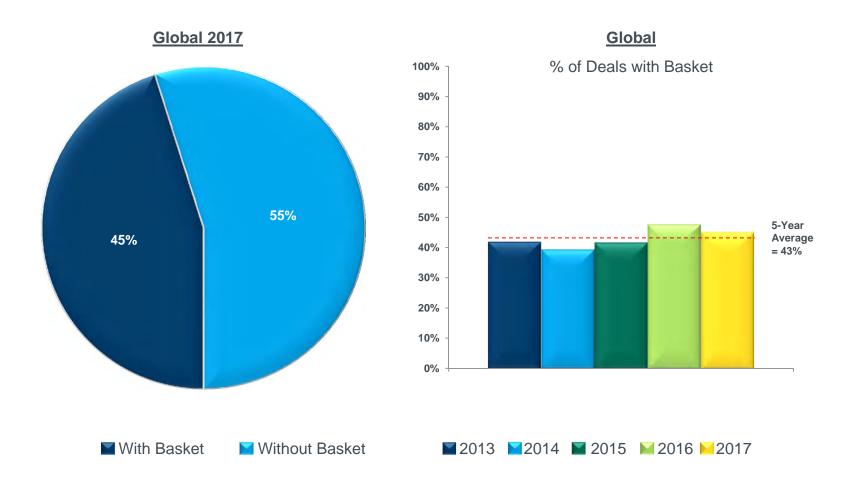






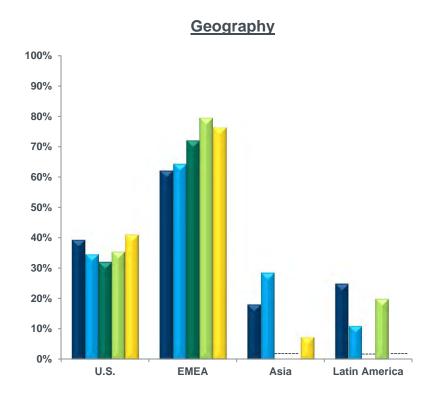


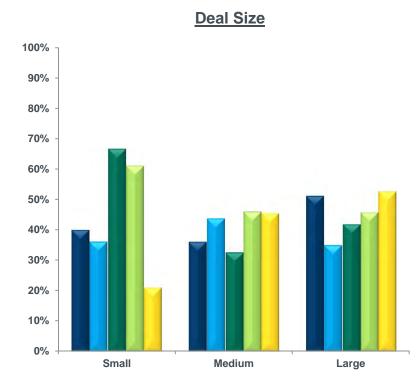
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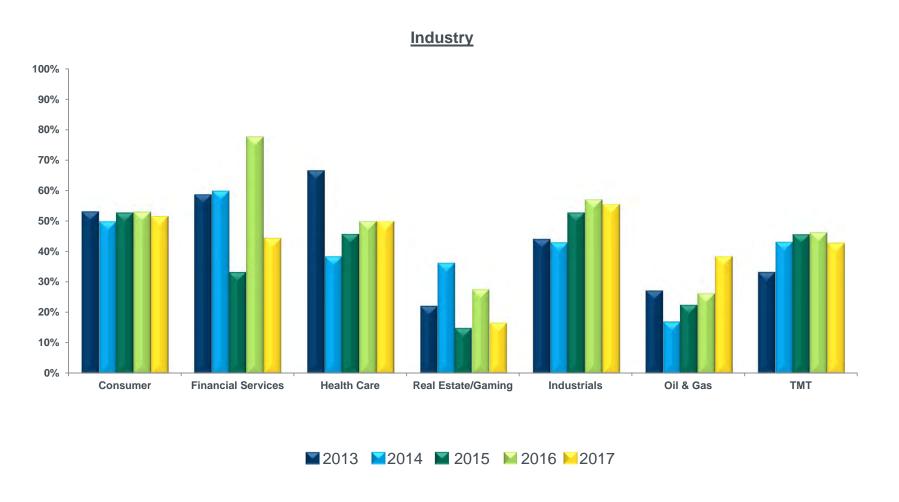




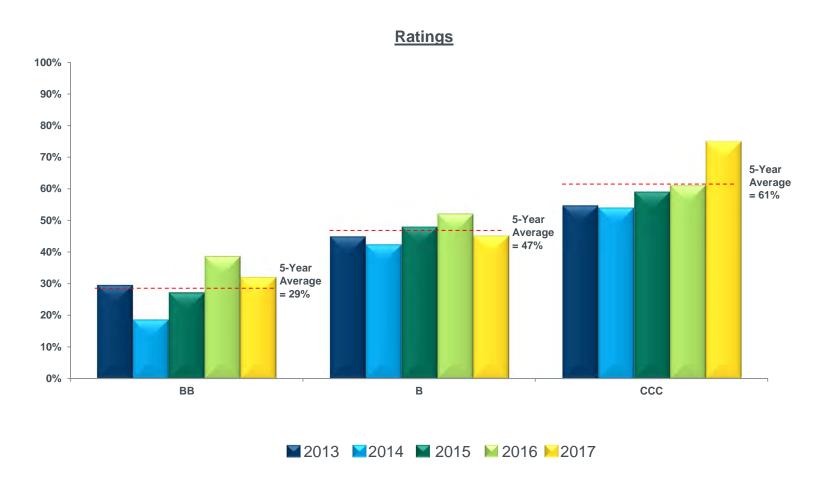
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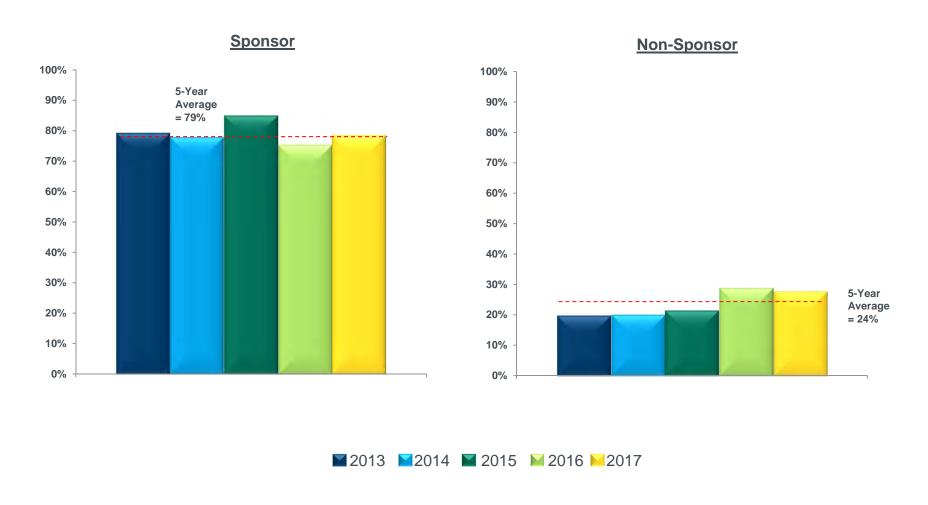




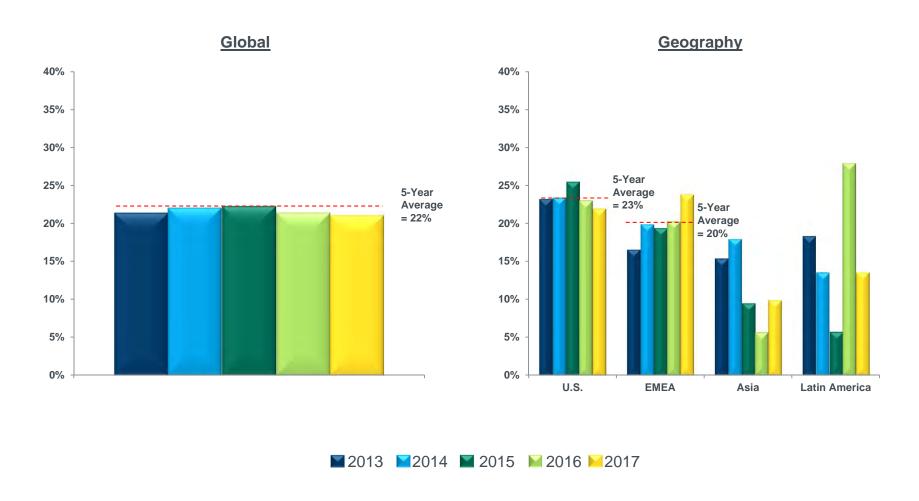




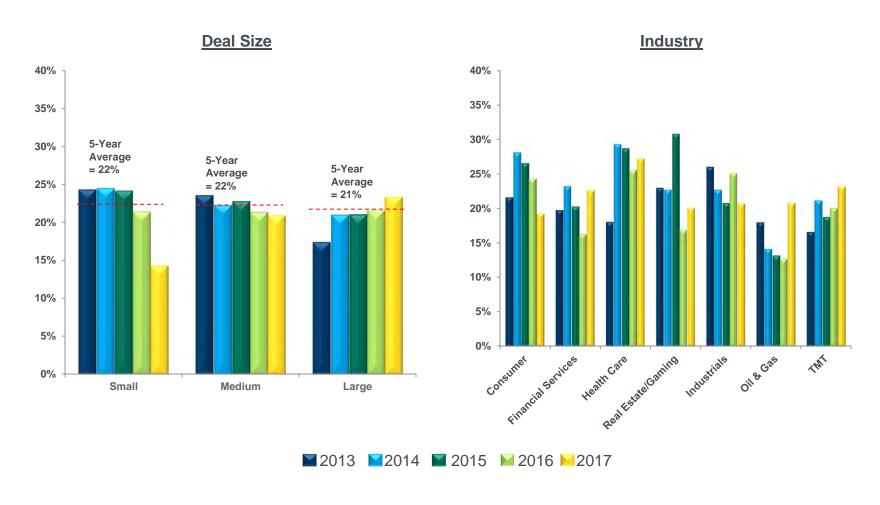




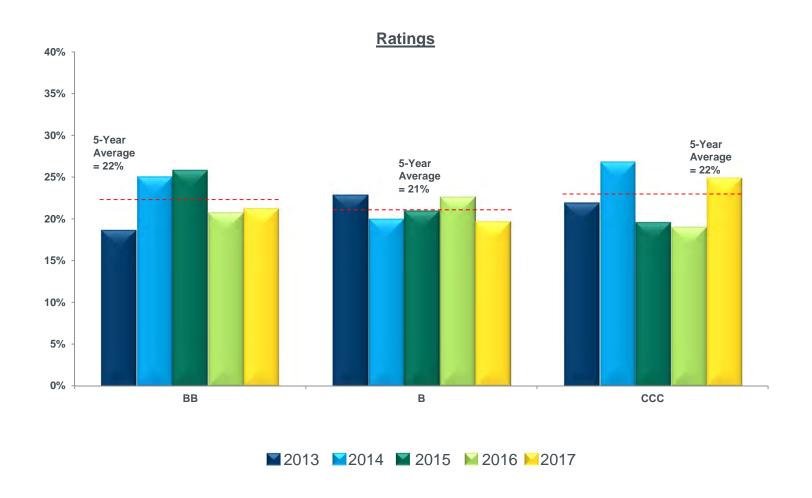










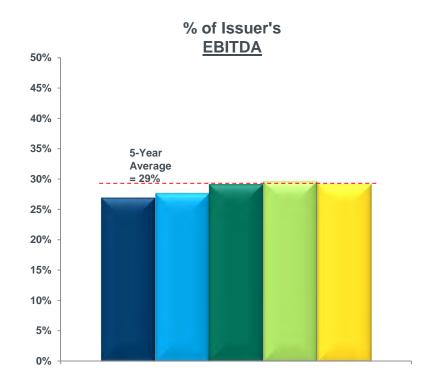


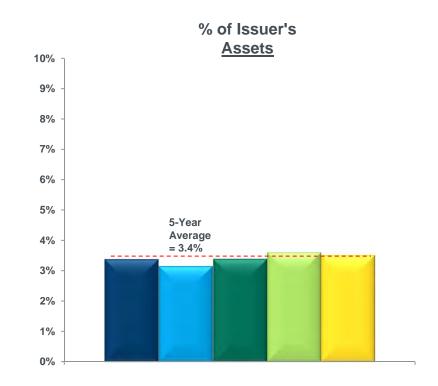






Permitted Investments General Basket Global Analysis









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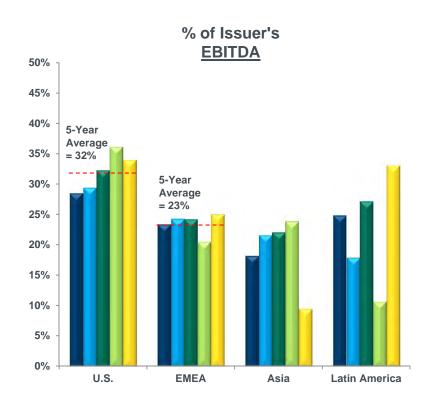
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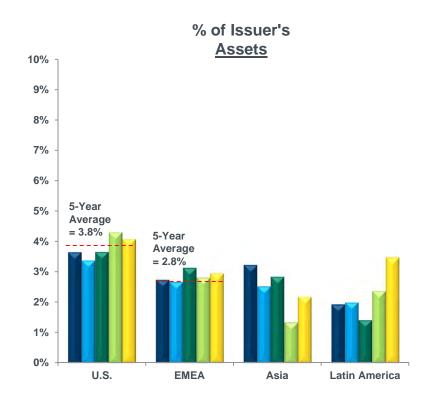
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Permitted Investments General Basket Geographic Breakdown

Invéstments





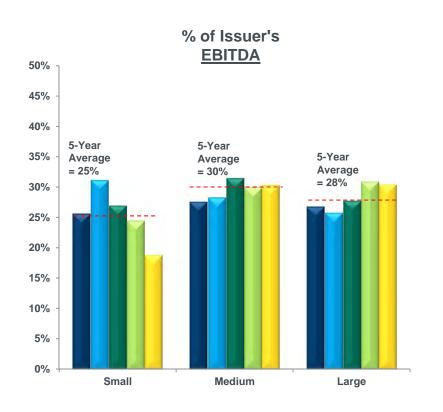


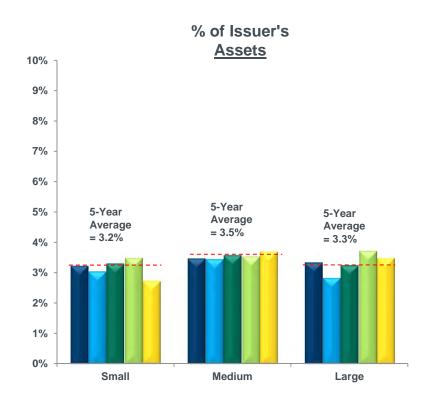


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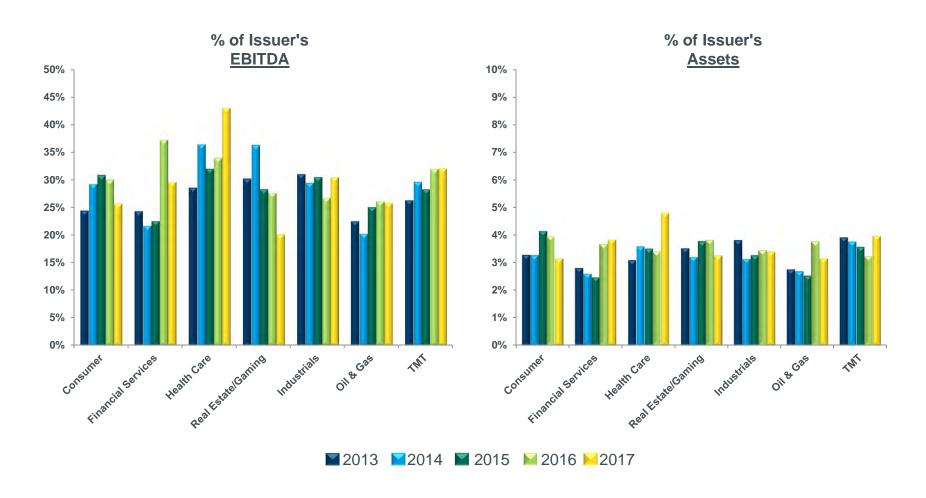






Asset Sales

Permitted Investments General Basket Industry Breakdown





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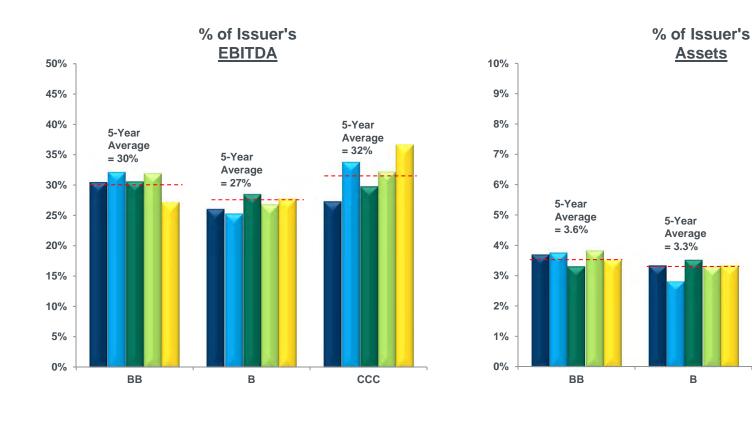
5-Year

= 3.6%

Average

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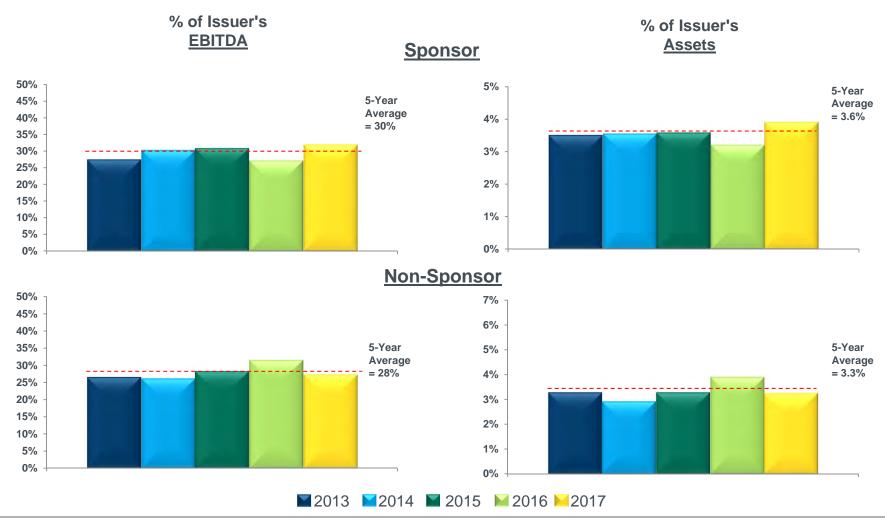
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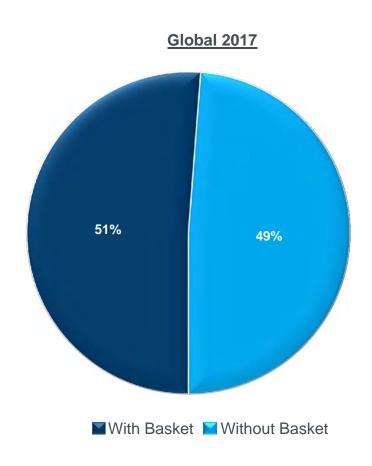


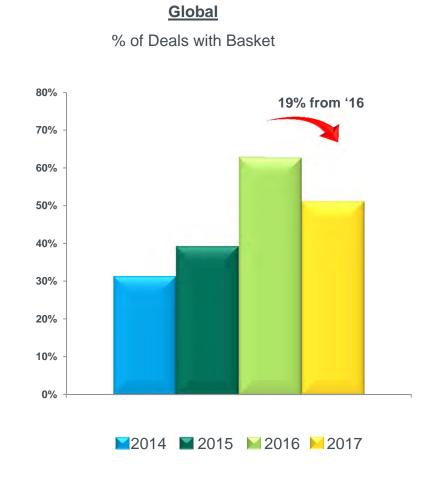
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Sponsor Breakdown







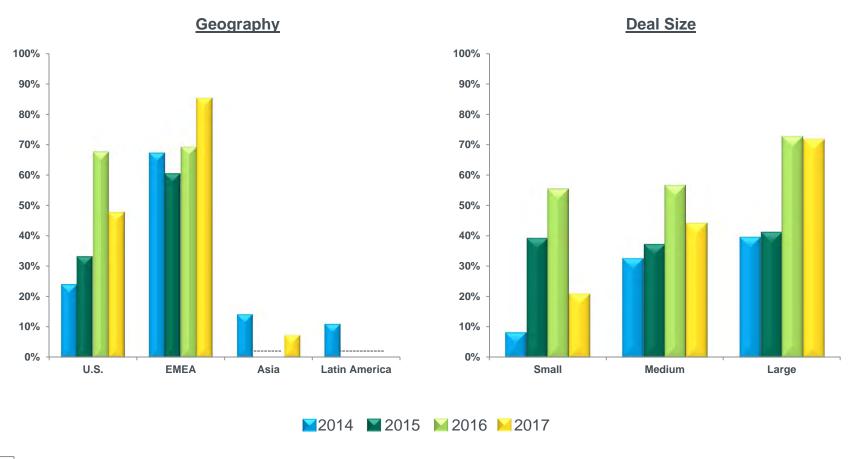




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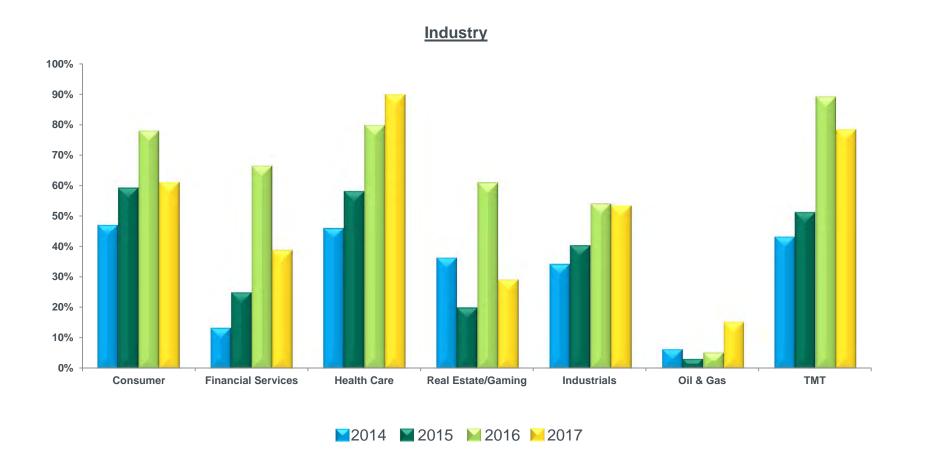
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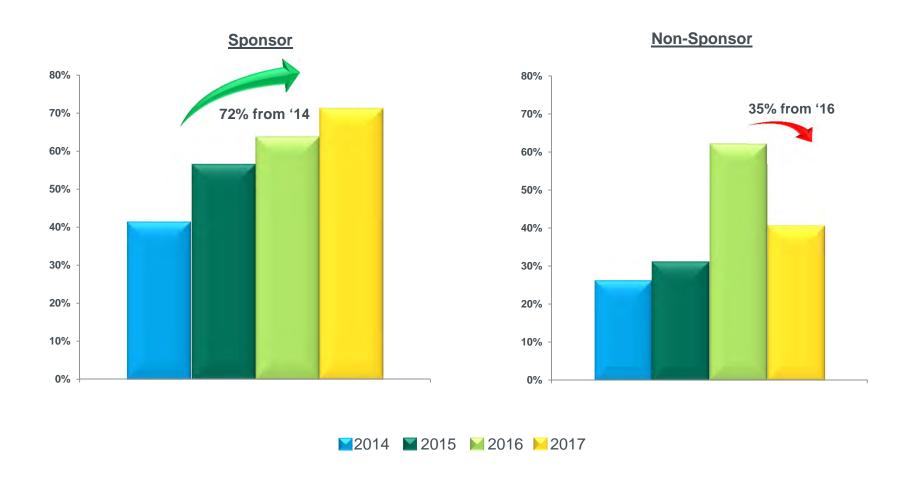








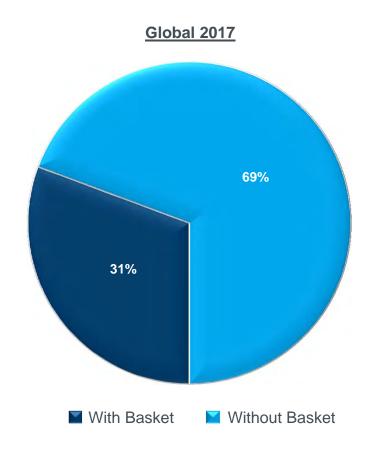


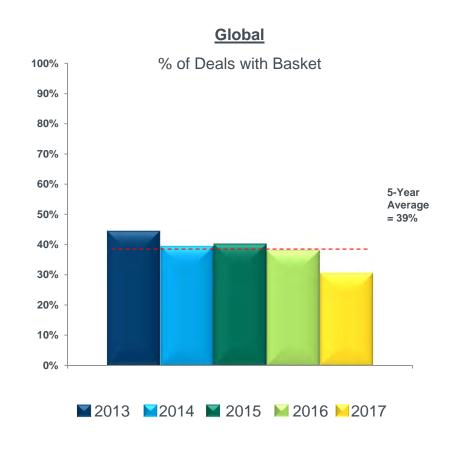




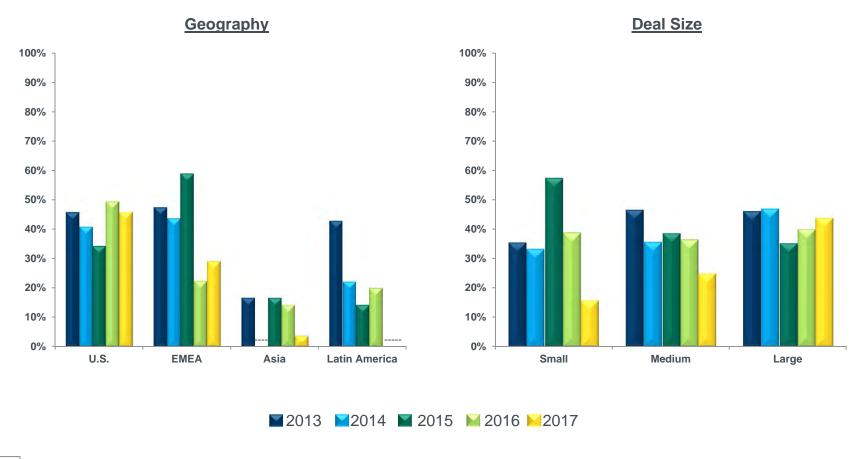


Secured Leverage Grower % of Deals



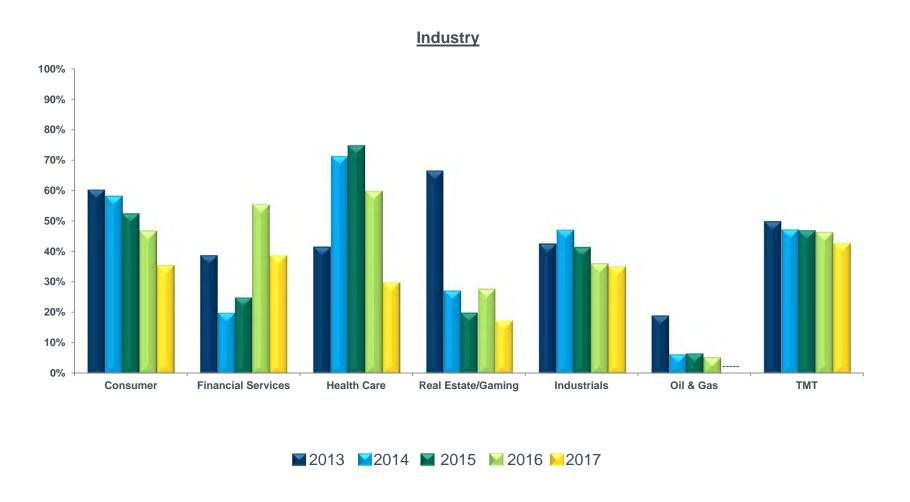




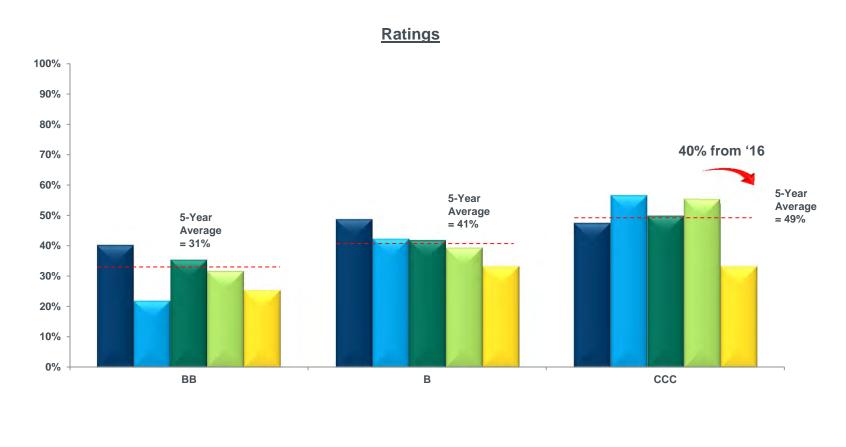






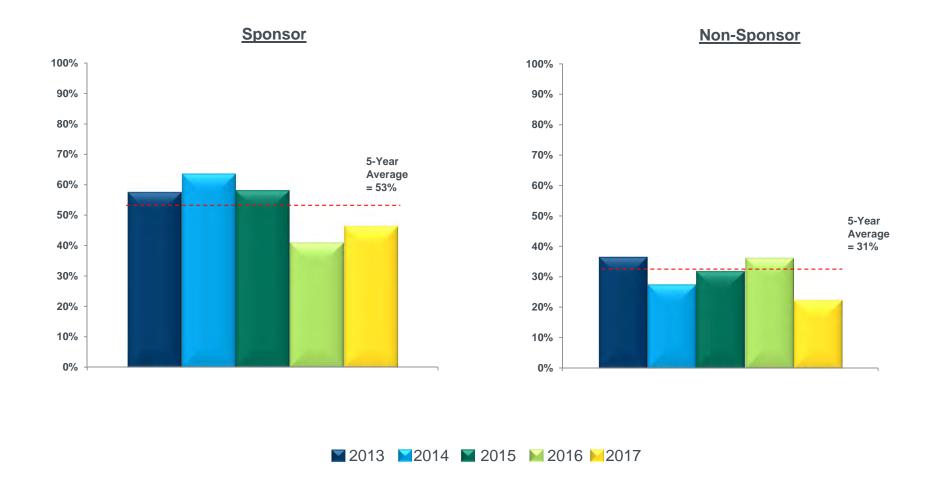








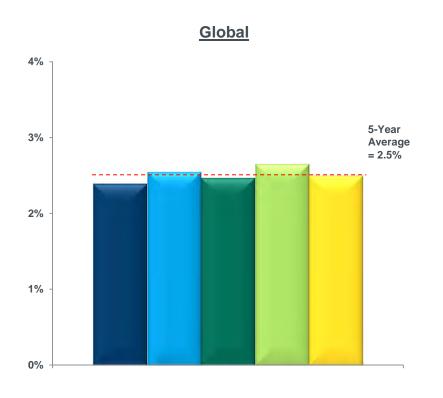


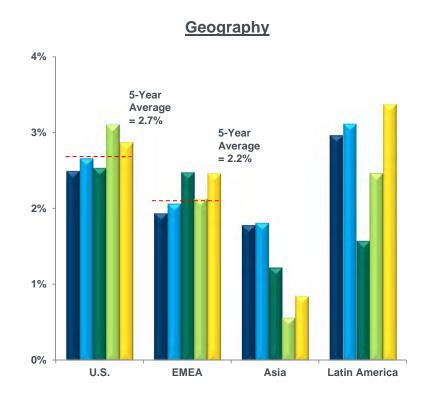




General Permitted Lien Basket

% of Total Assets



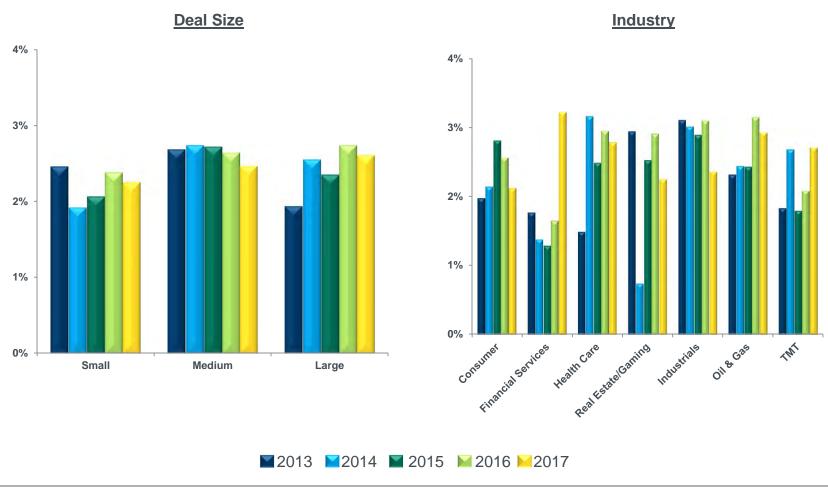






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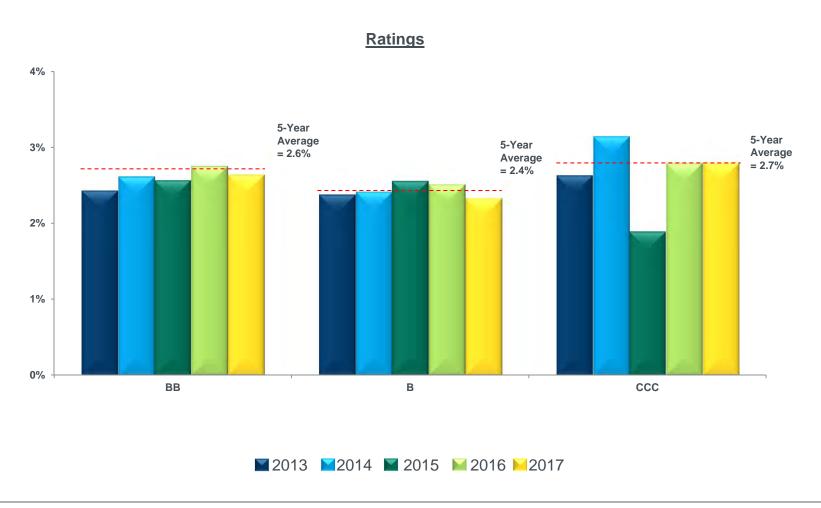
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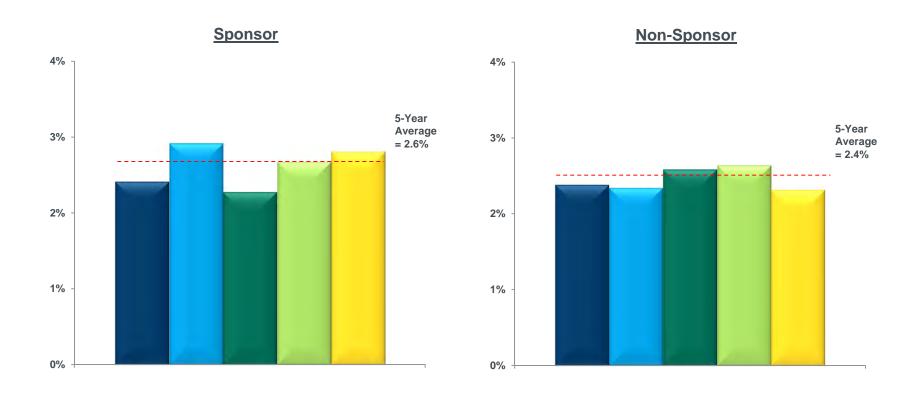
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General Permitted Lien Basket

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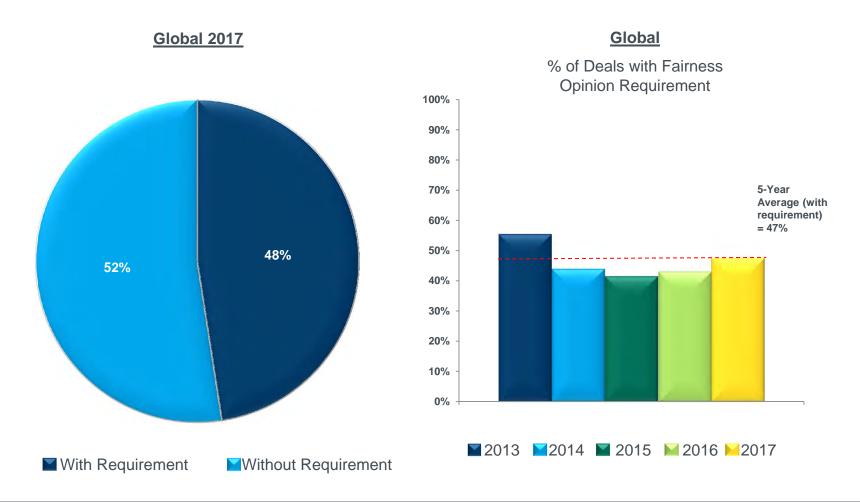
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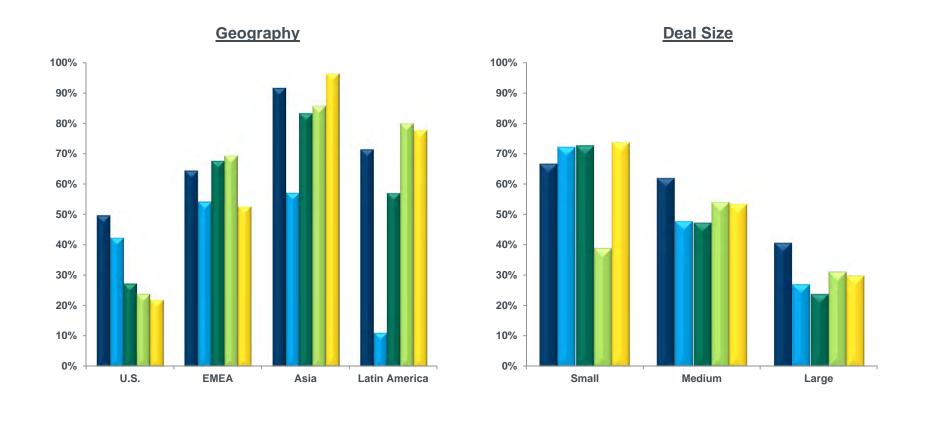


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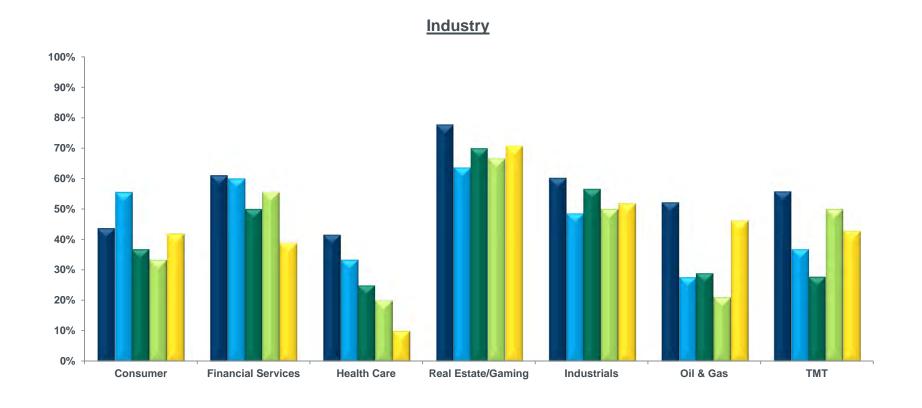
% of Deals with Fairness Opinion Requirement



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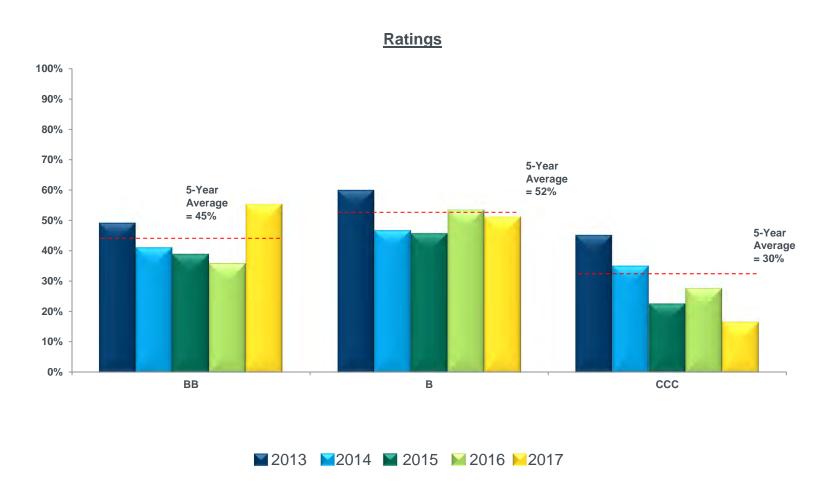
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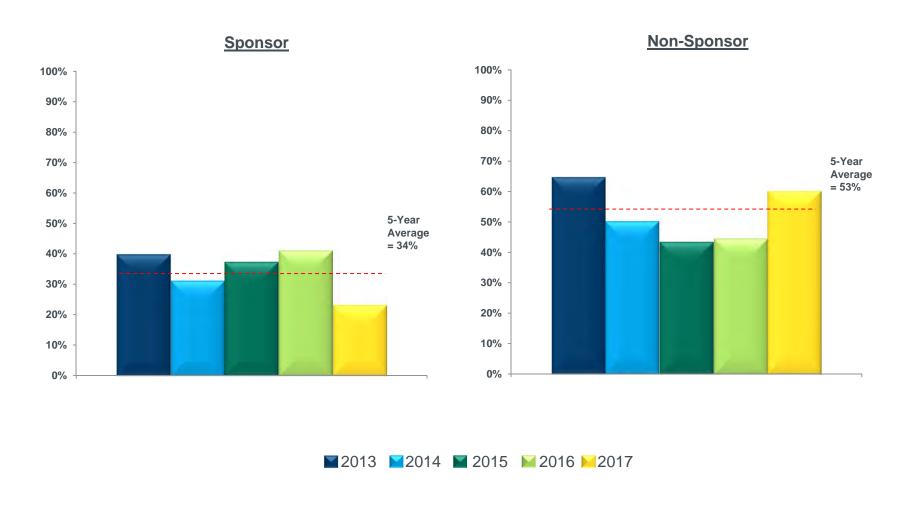


% of Deals with Fairness Opinion Requirement





% of Deals with Fairness Opinion Requirement





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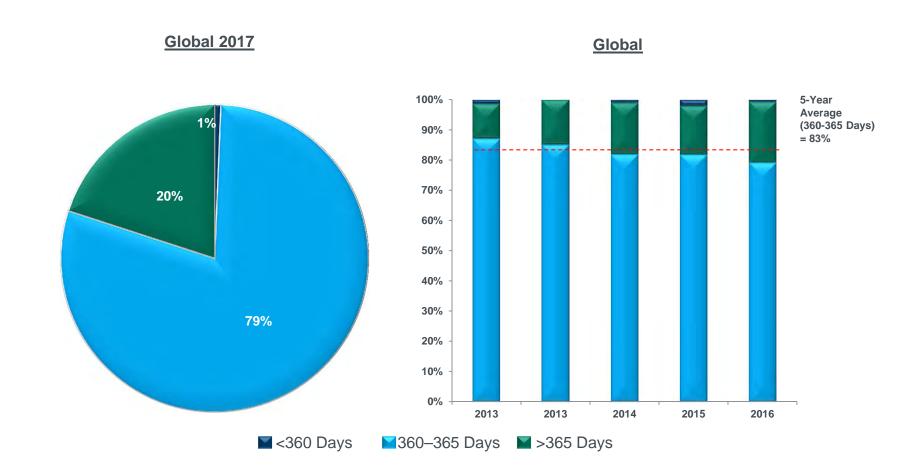
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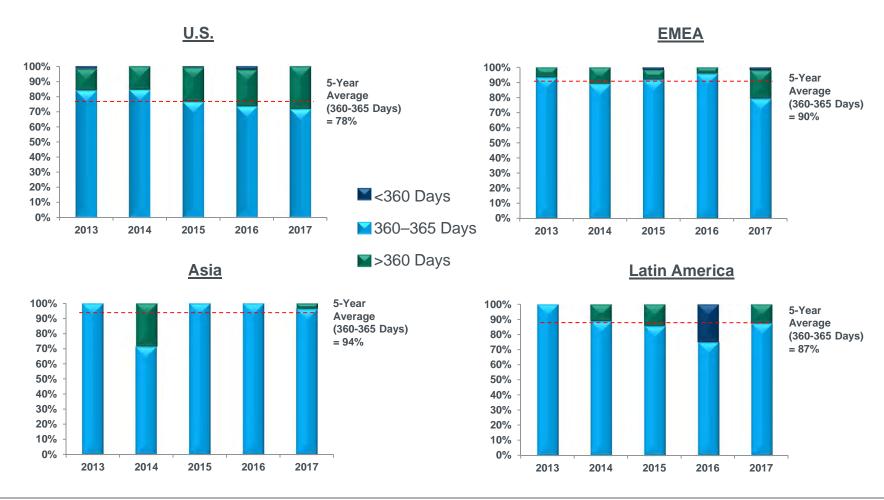
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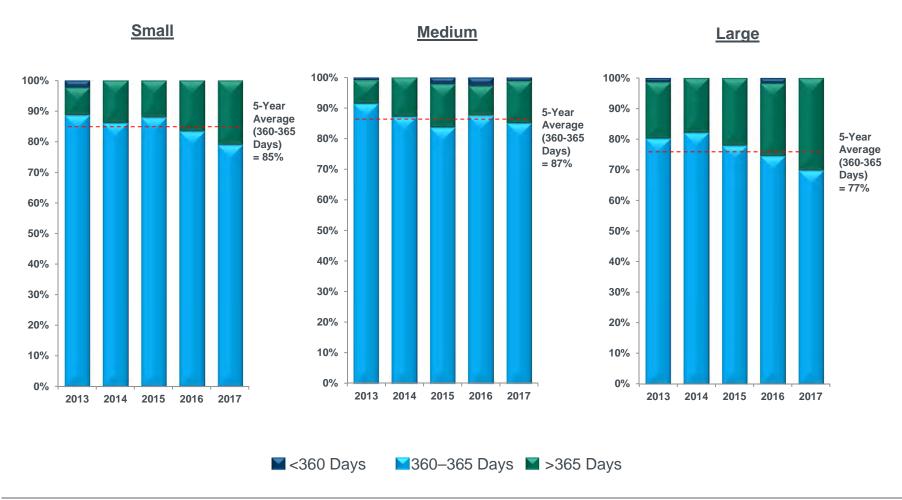
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Reinvestment Period Geographic Breakdown



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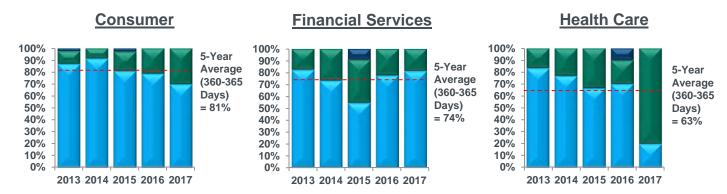
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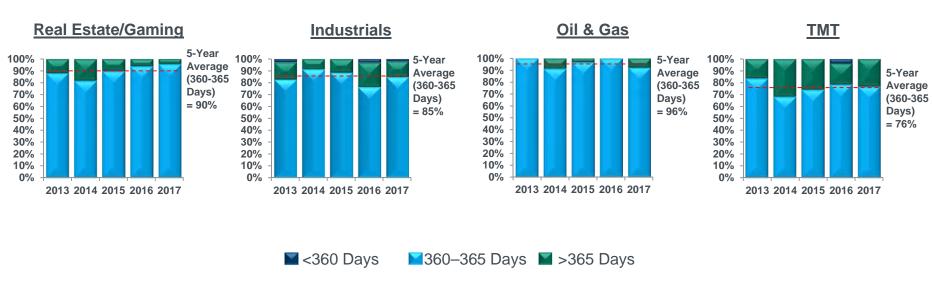




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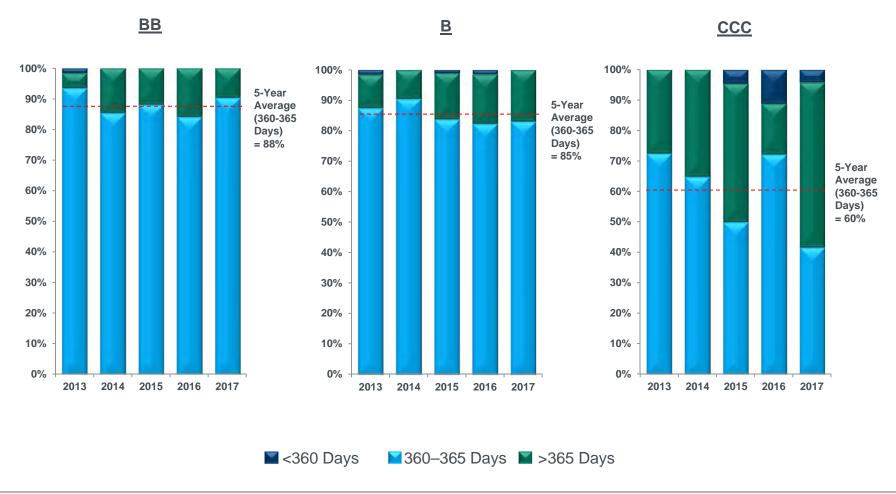
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Reinvestment Period Ratings Breakdown





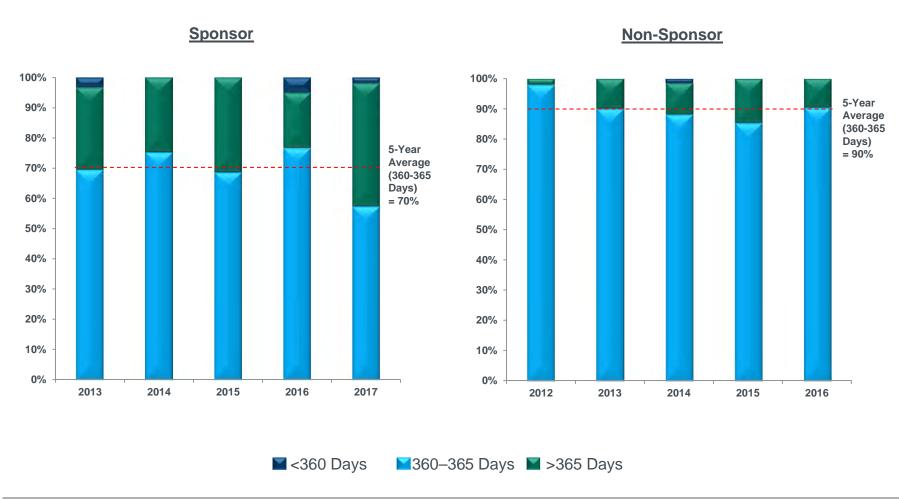
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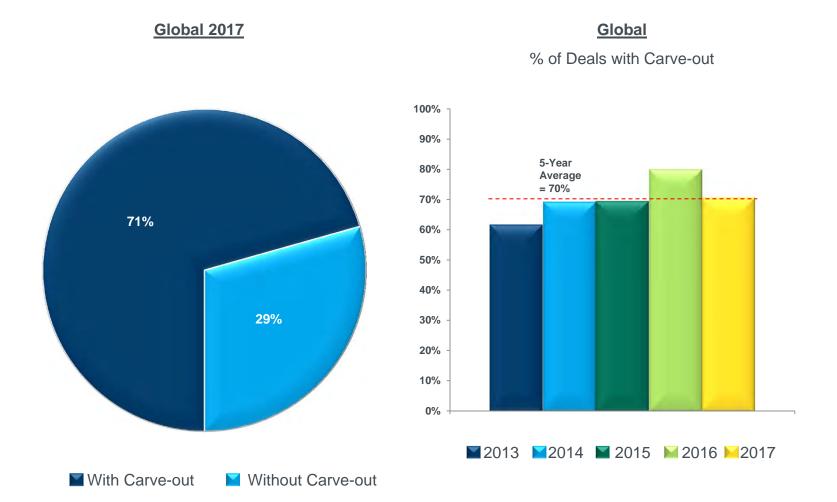
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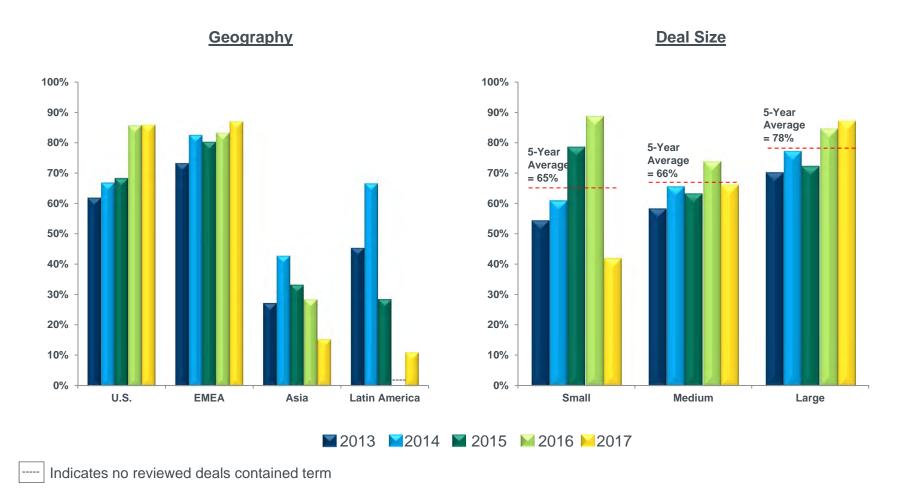
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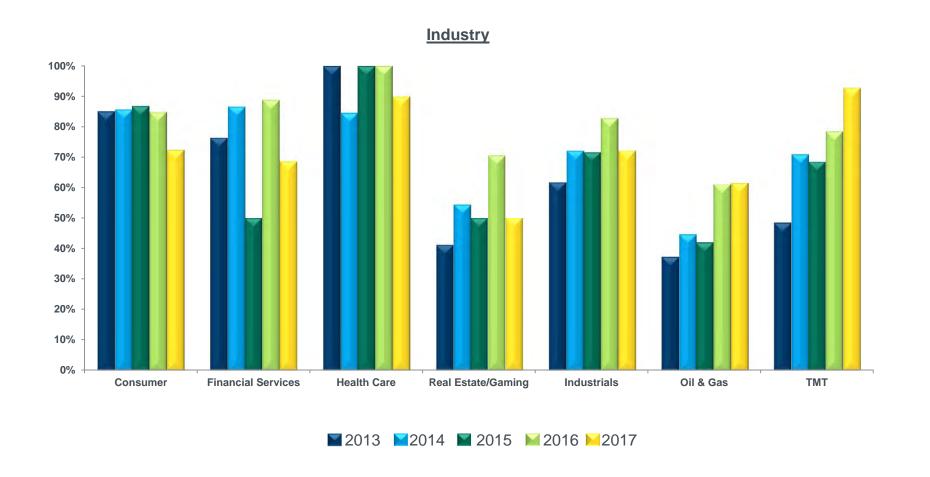


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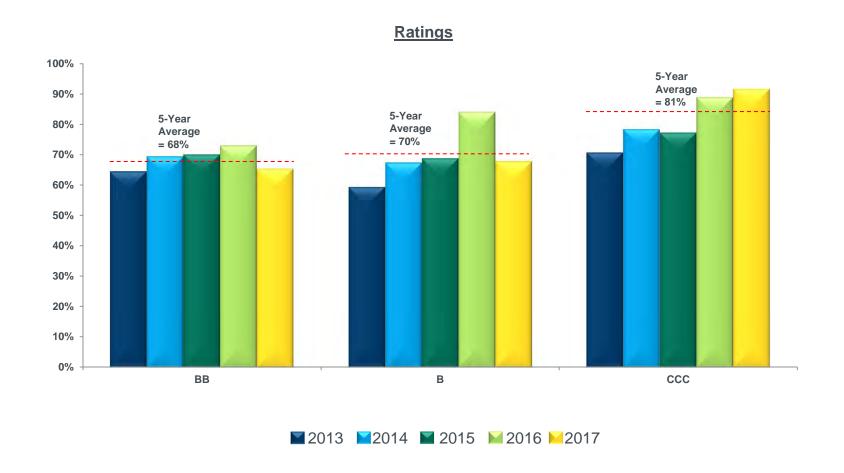




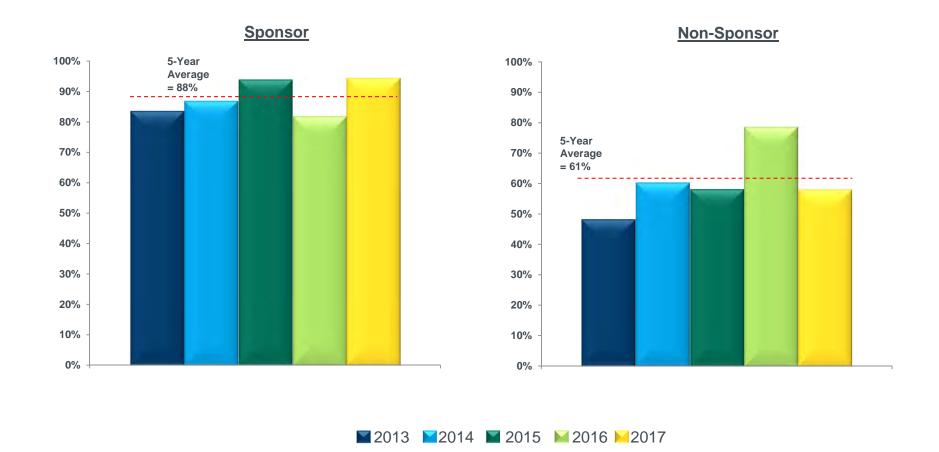














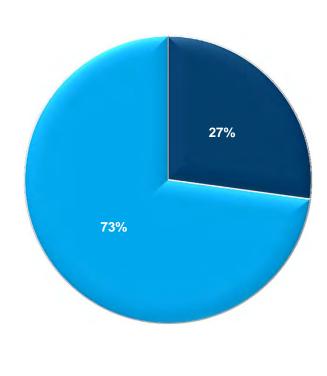


Merger Covenant

Ratio Debt Condition

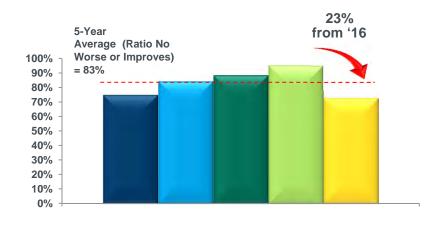
% of Deals





■ Must Meet Ratio Test ■ Ratio No Worse or Improves

Global % of Deals Ratio No Worse or Improves



% of Deals Must Meet Ratio Test 100% 90% 80% 462% from '16 70% 60% 5-Year 50% Average (Must 40% Meet Ratio) 30% = 17% 20% 10% **■**2013 **■**2014 **■** 2015 **■** 2016 **►**2017

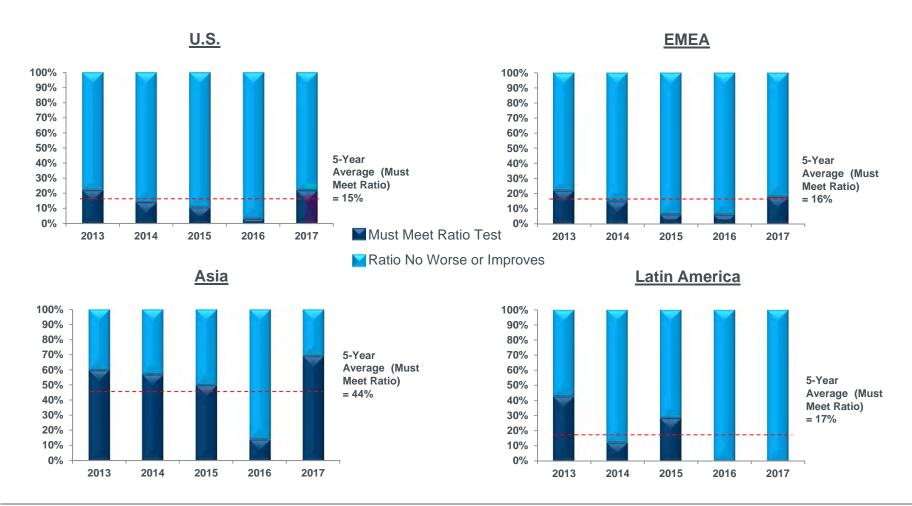


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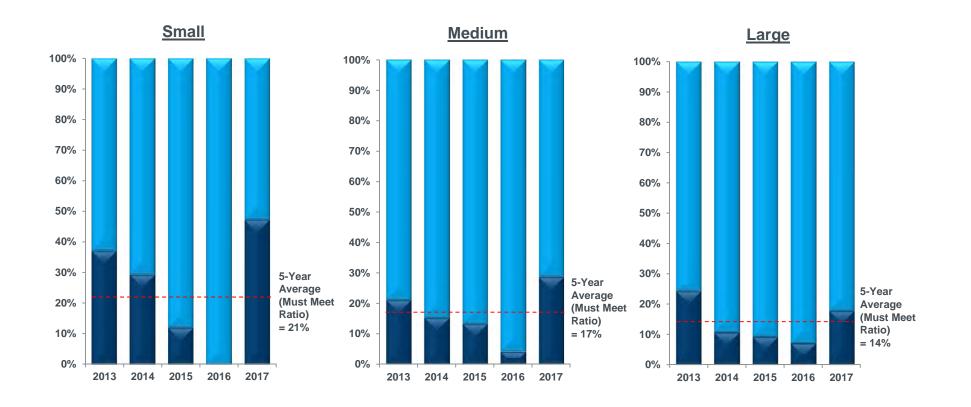




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Deal Size Breakdown







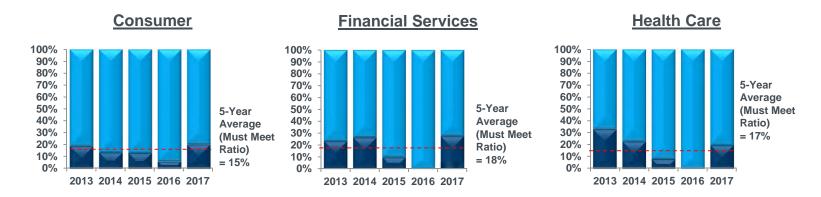


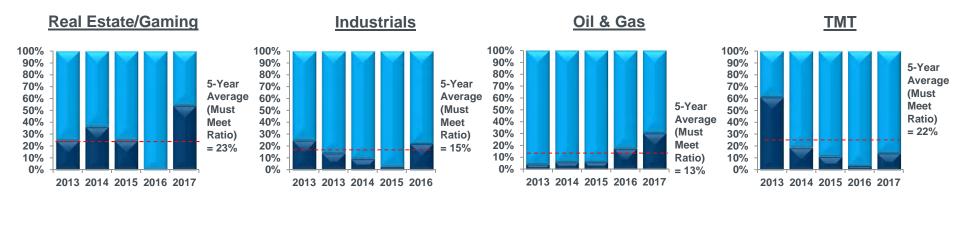
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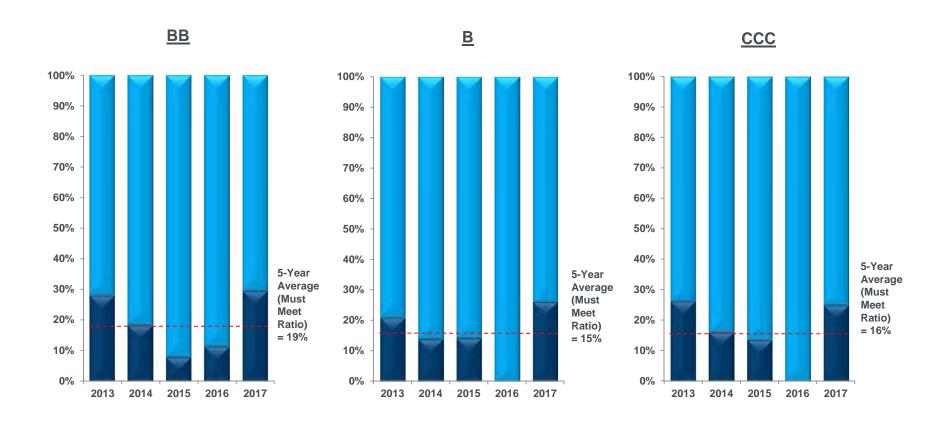
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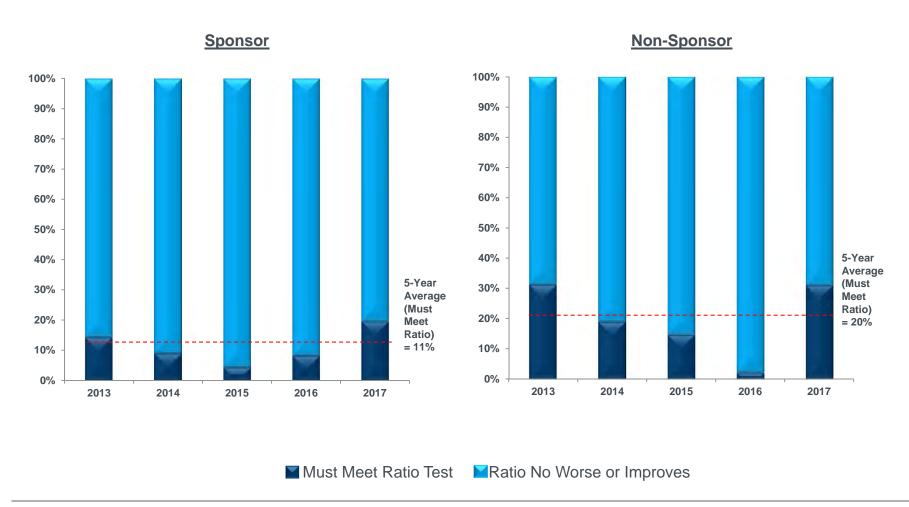


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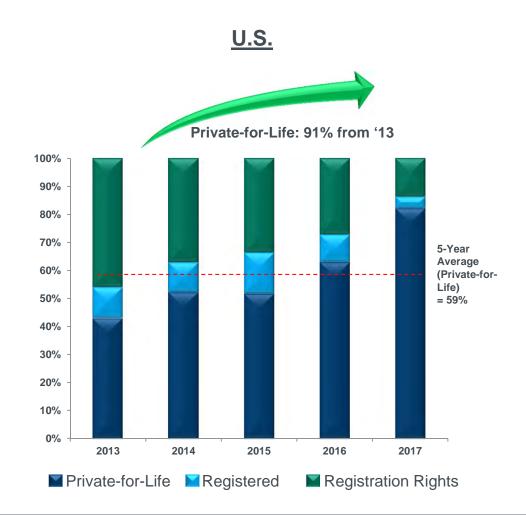




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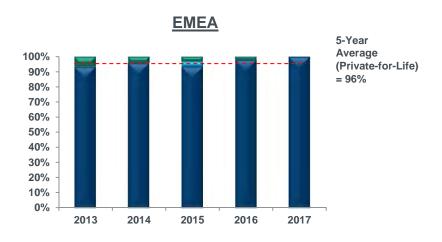
Registration Rights % of Deals



Affiliate

Transactions

Registration Rights Geographic Breakdown



■ Private-for-Life

Registered

■ Registration Rights

Registration Rights





5-Year Average (Private-for-Life) = 90%



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Registration Rights

Registration Rights U.S. Deal Size Breakdown



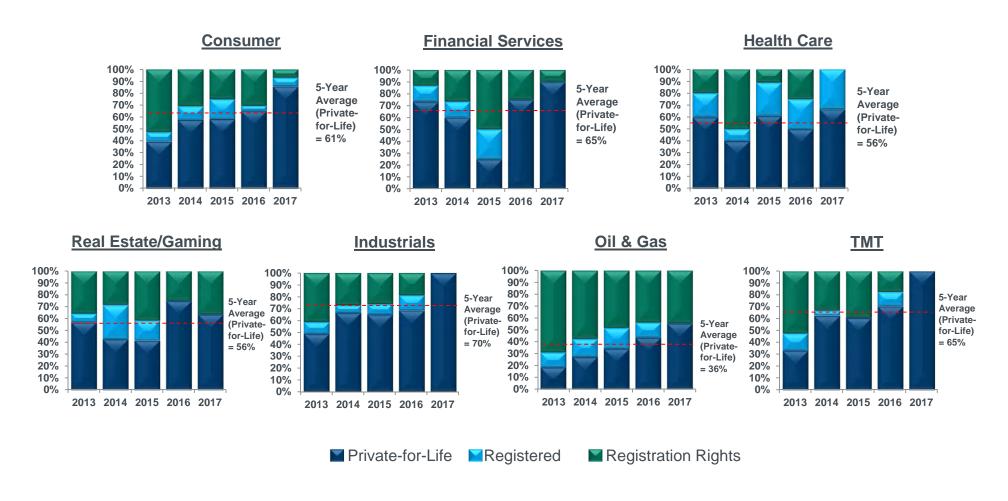


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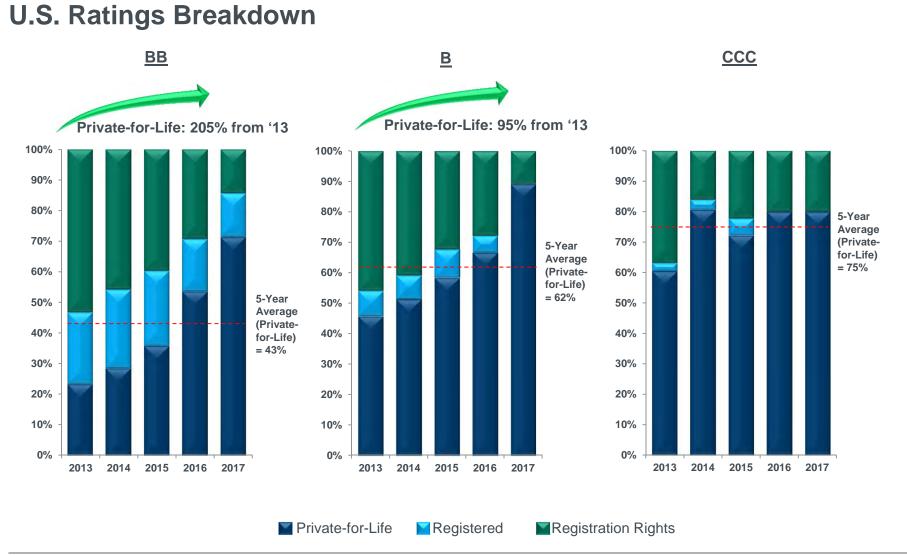
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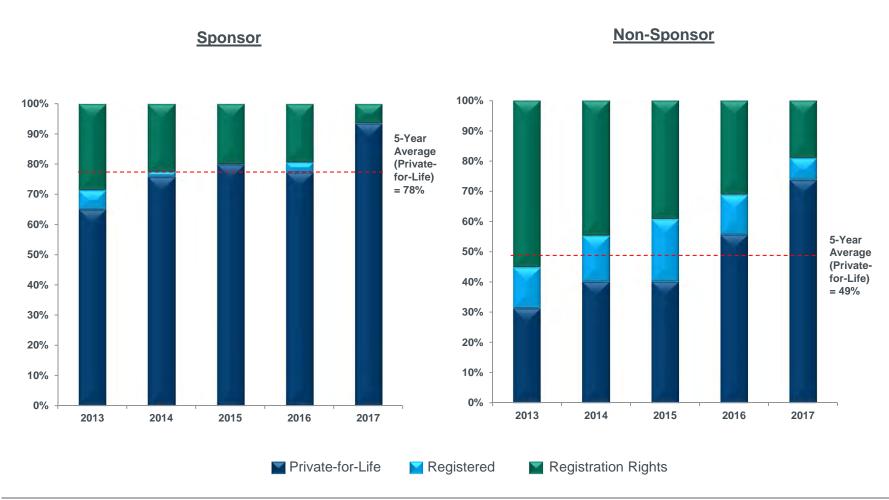


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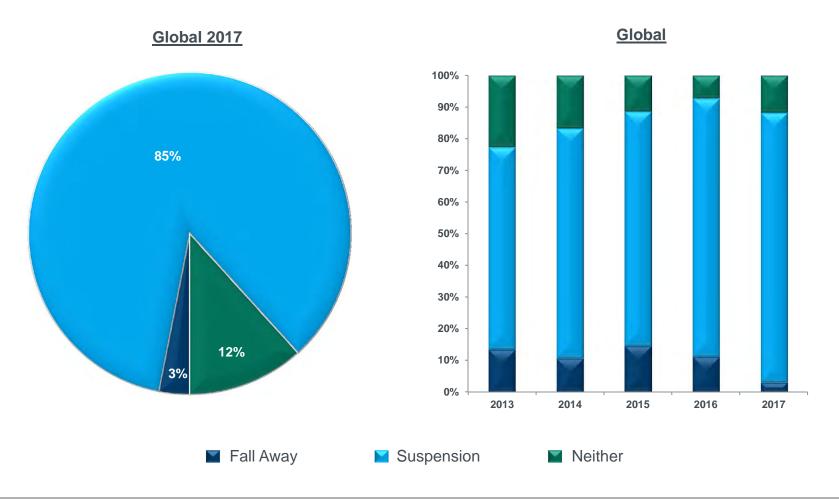






Covenant Suspension / Fall Away

% of Deals





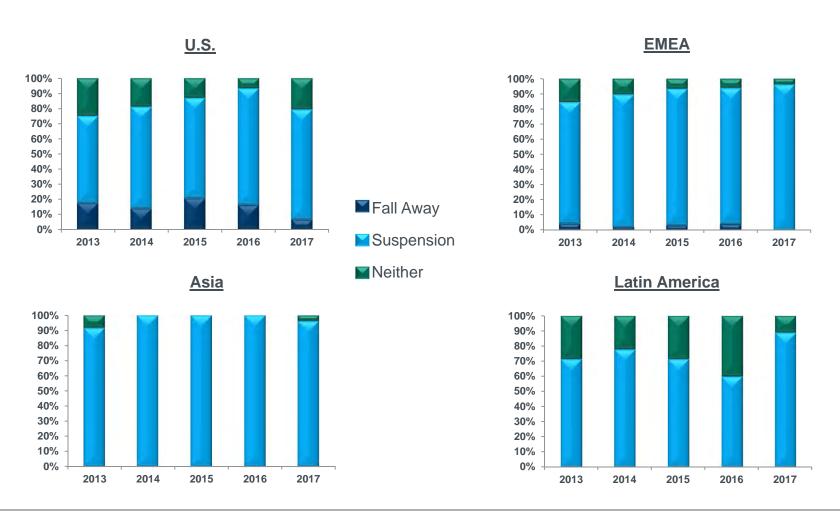
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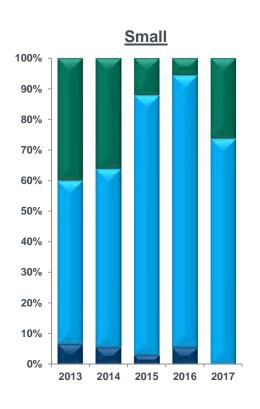
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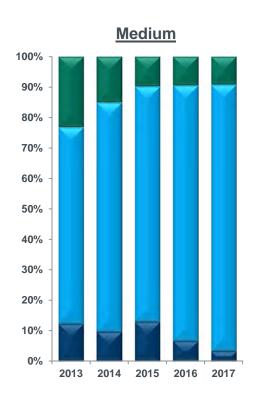
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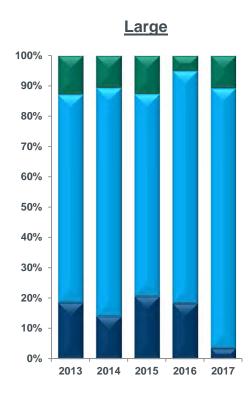




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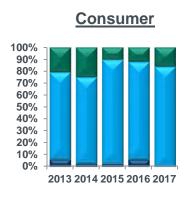


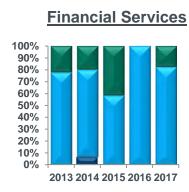
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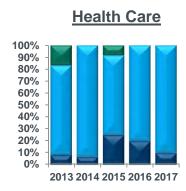
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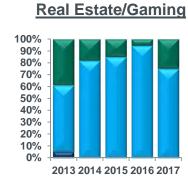
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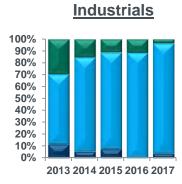
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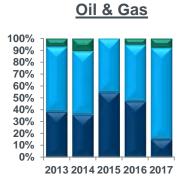


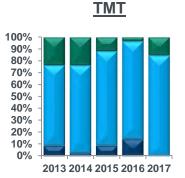










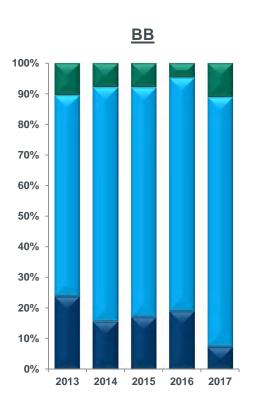


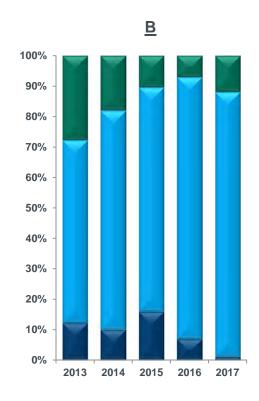
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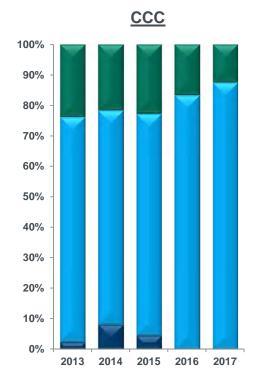


Covenant Suspension / Fall Away

Ratings Breakdown







Covenant Suspension / Fall Away



Suspension

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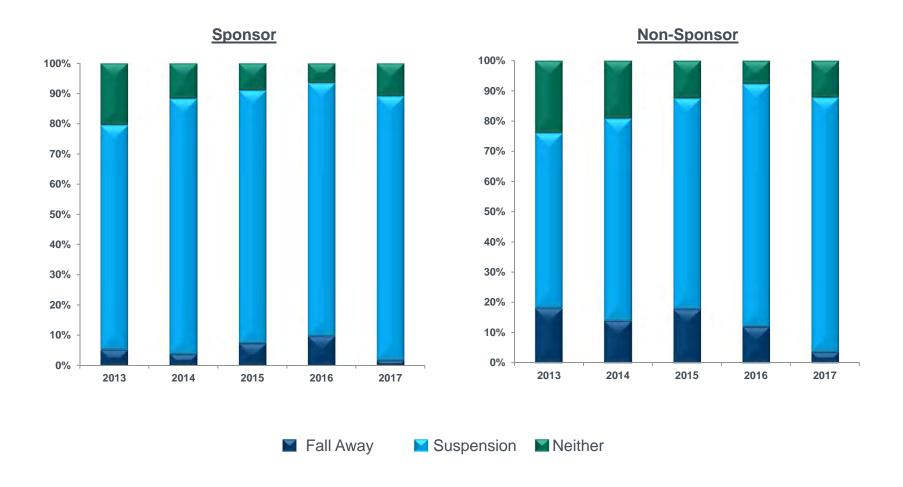


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Events of Default

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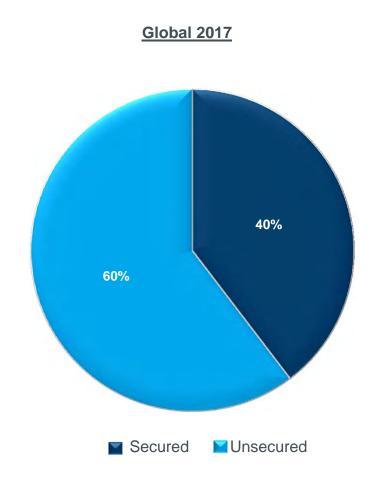


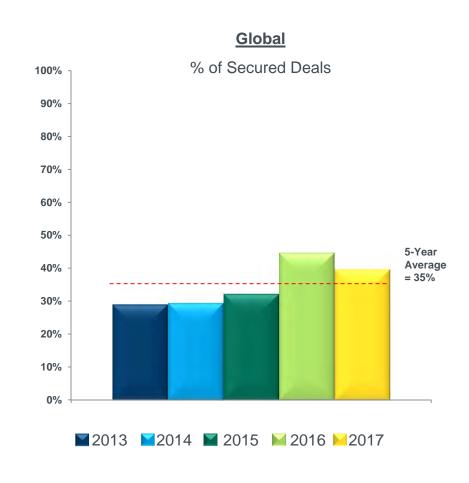






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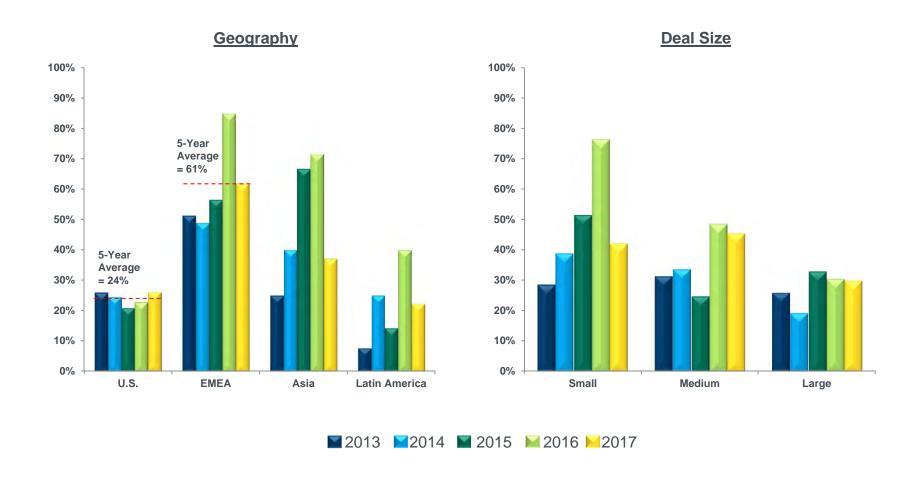






Secured vs. Unsecured

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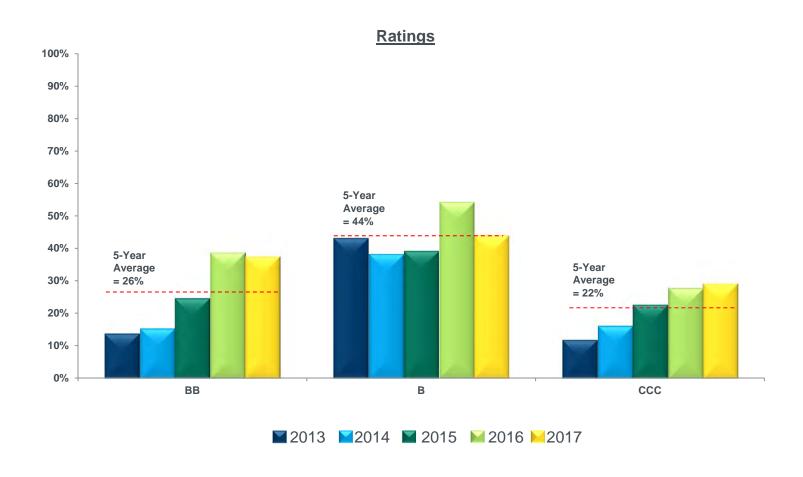


Secured vs. Unsecured % of Secured Deals

Industry 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% **Health Care** Real Estate/Gaming TMT Consumer **Financial Services Industrials** Oil & Gas **■**2013 **■**2014 **■** 2015 **■**2016 **►**2017



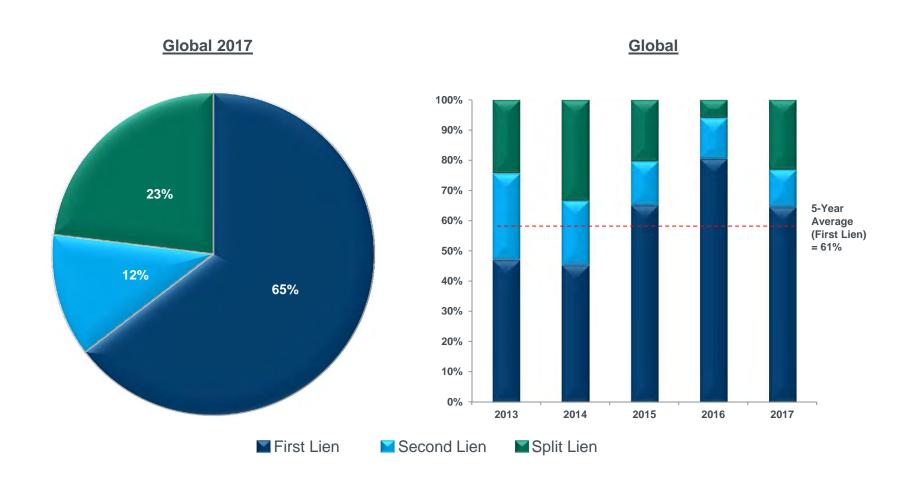
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Priority of Collateral Package

% of Secured Deals



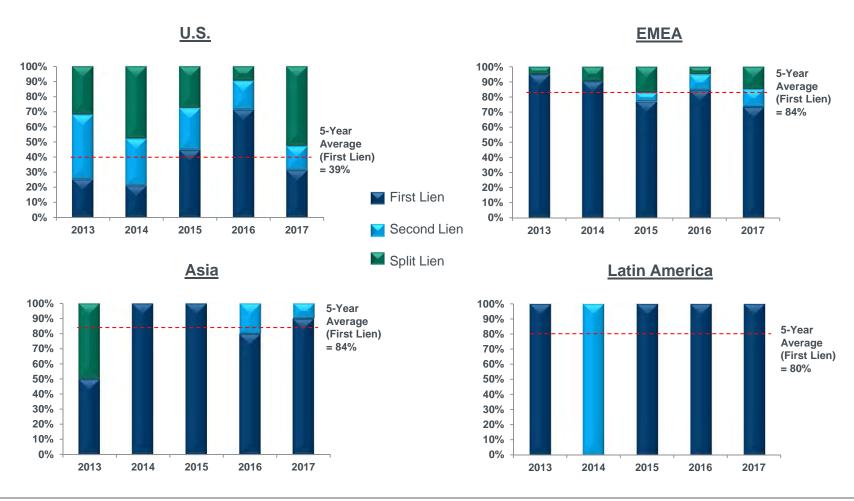


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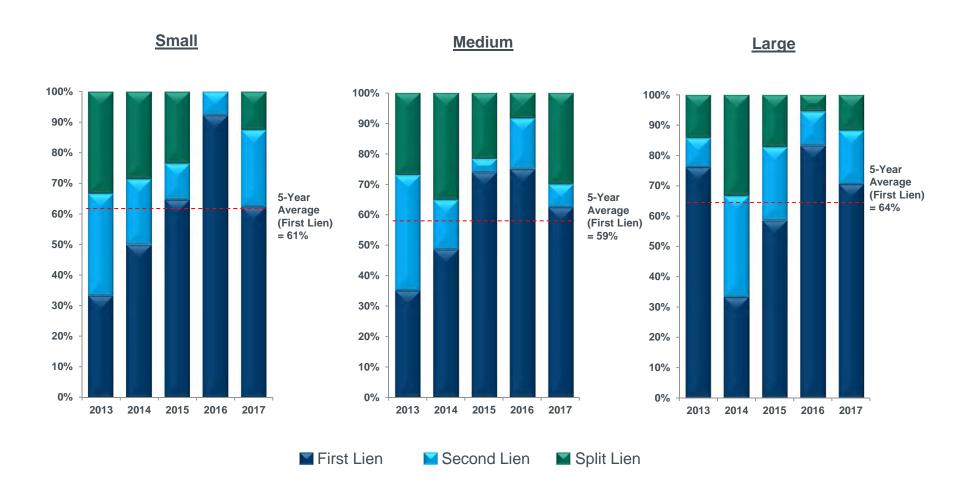


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Priority of Collateral Package Deal Size Breakdown

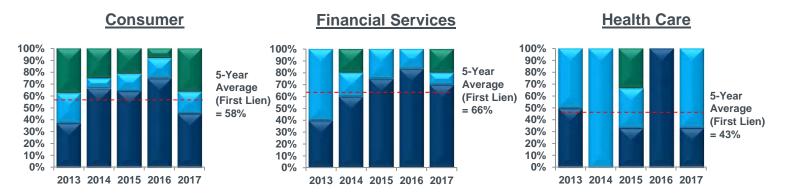


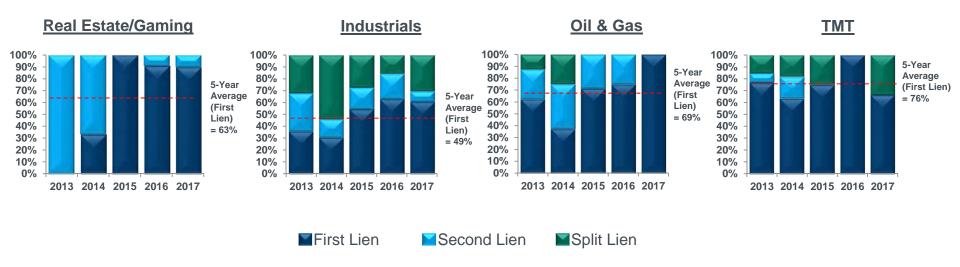
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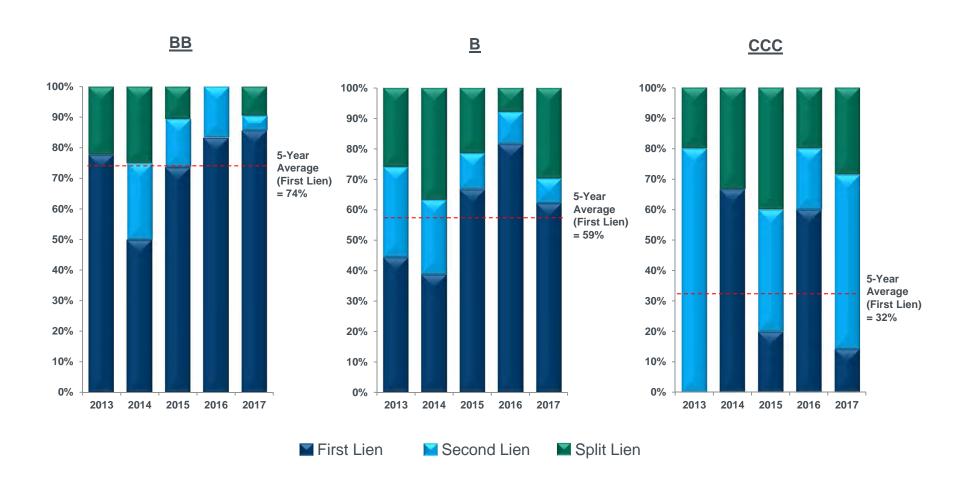




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Priority of Collateral Package

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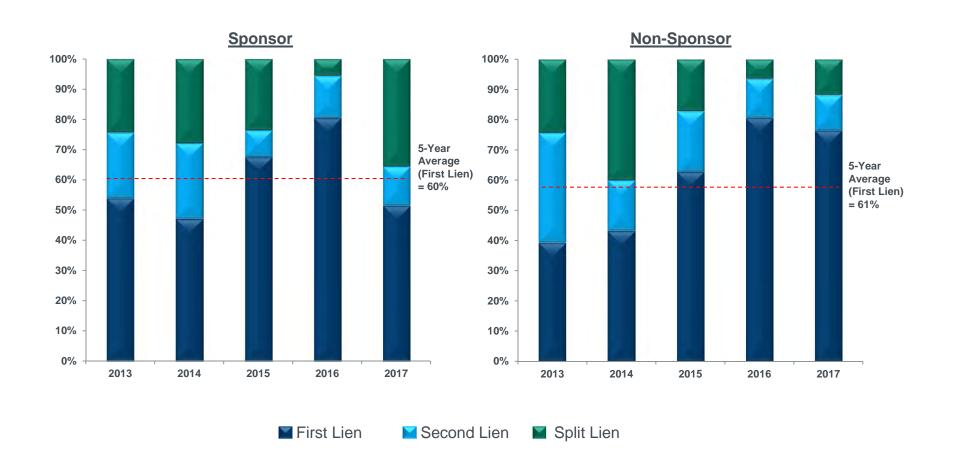


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Priority of Collateral Package

Sponsor Breakdown



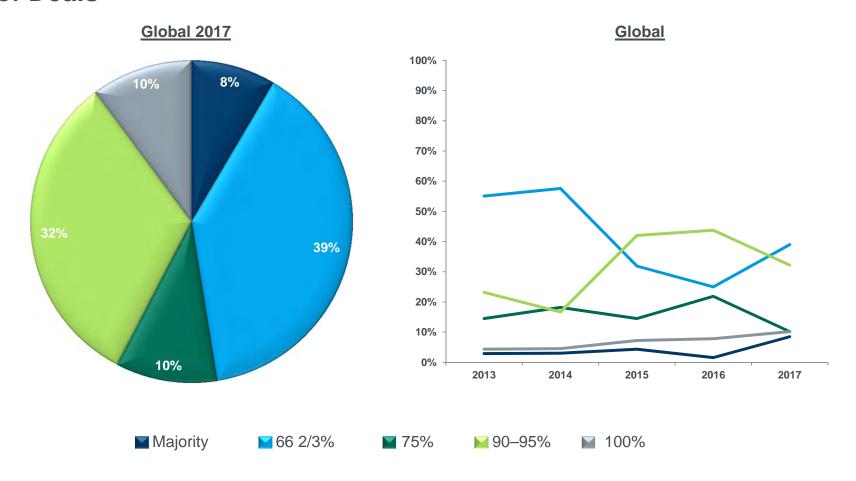


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Voting Requirement to Release All or Substantially All Collateral

% of Deals





Voting Requirement to Release All or Substantially All Collateral

Geographic Breakdown





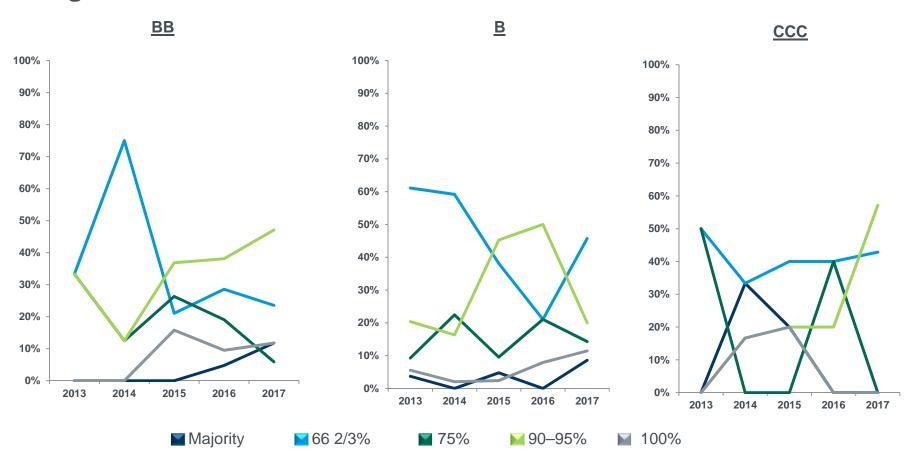
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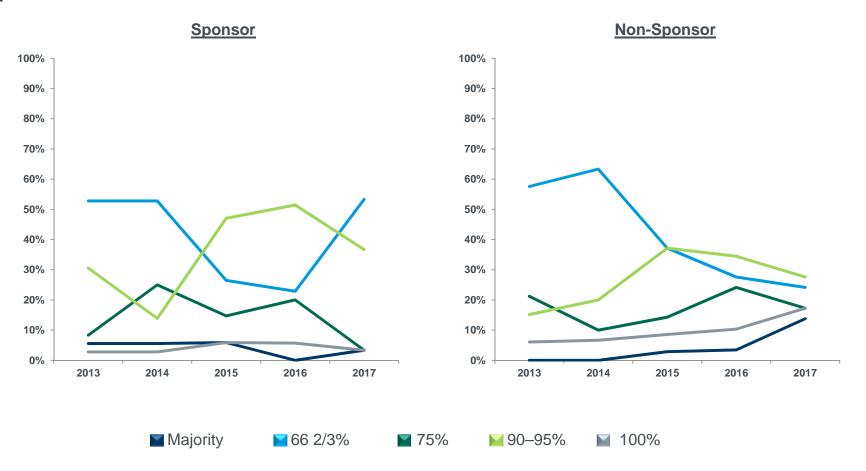


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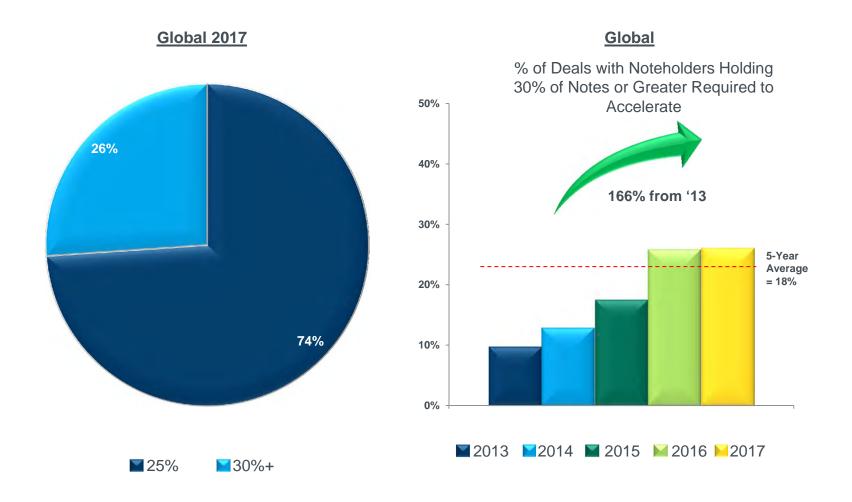
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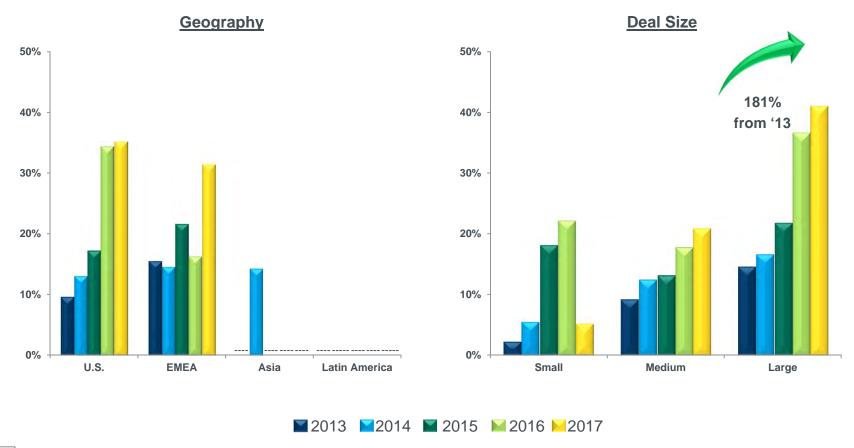




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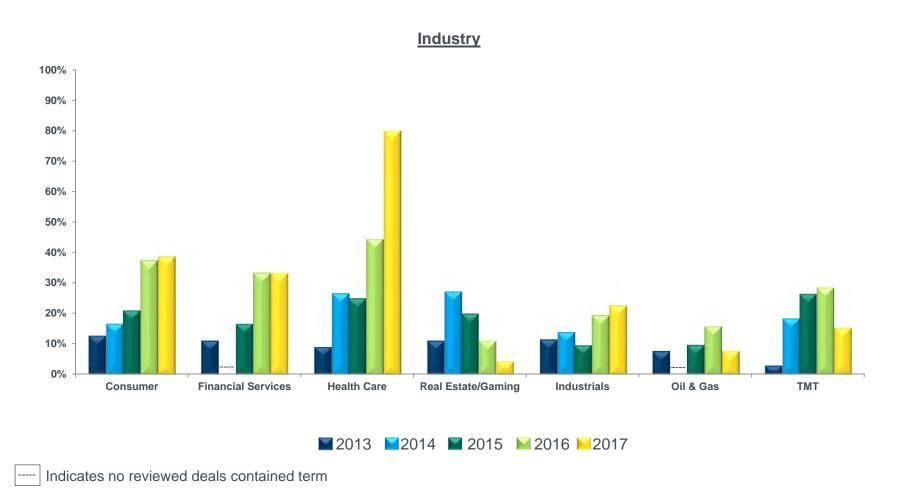




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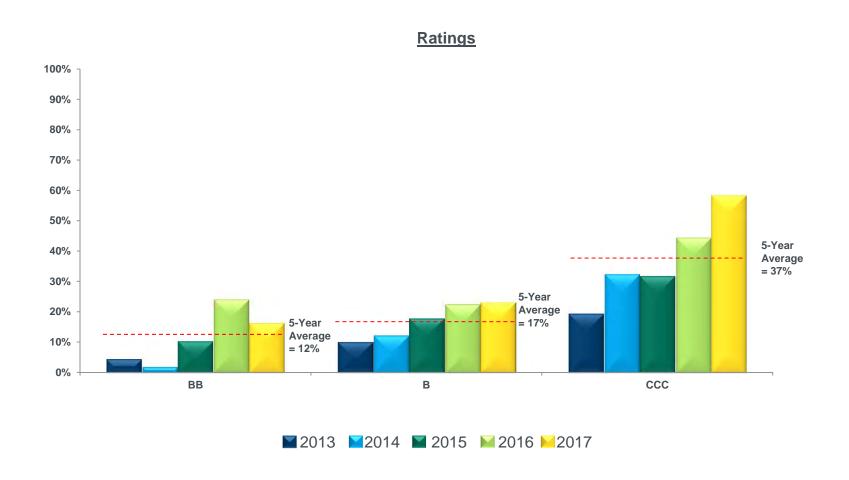




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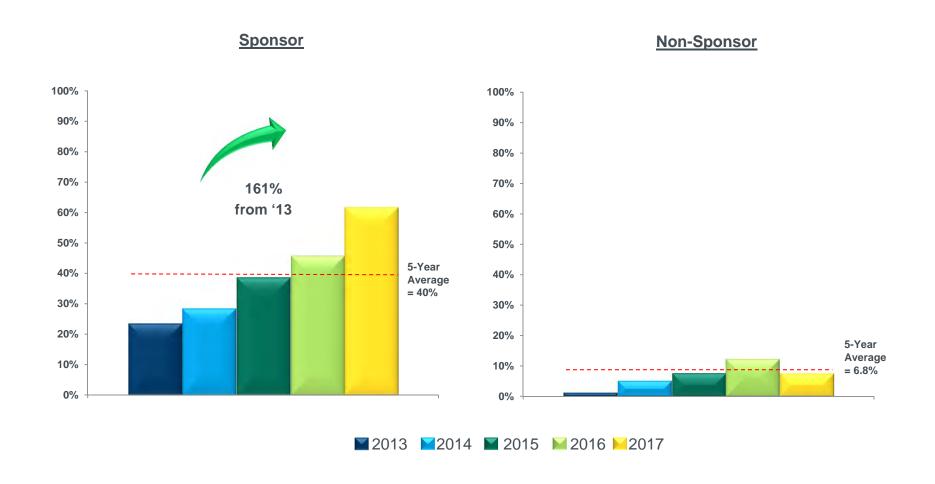
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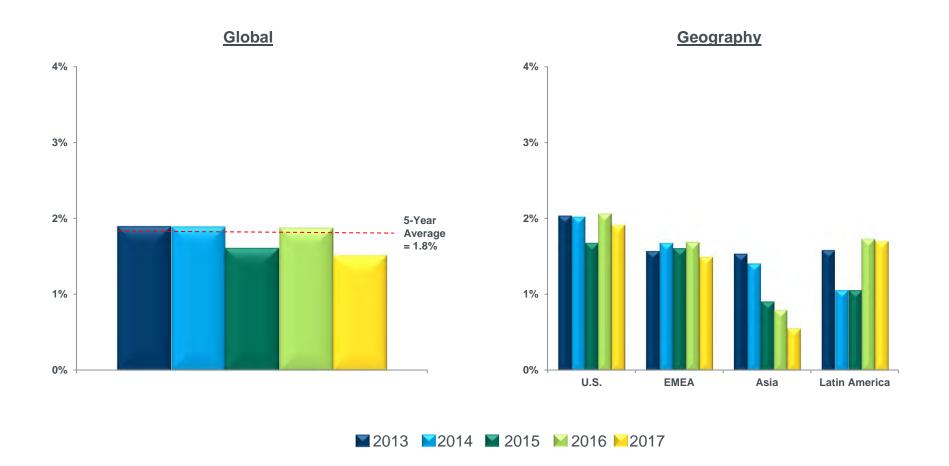
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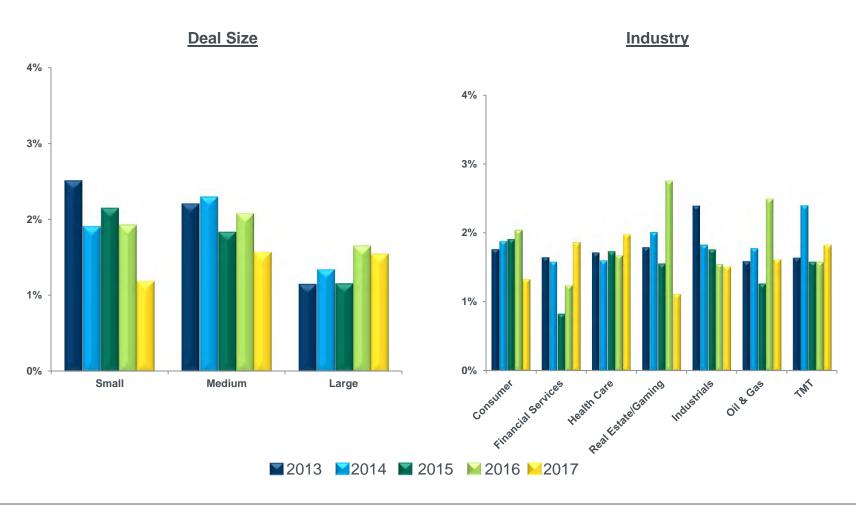


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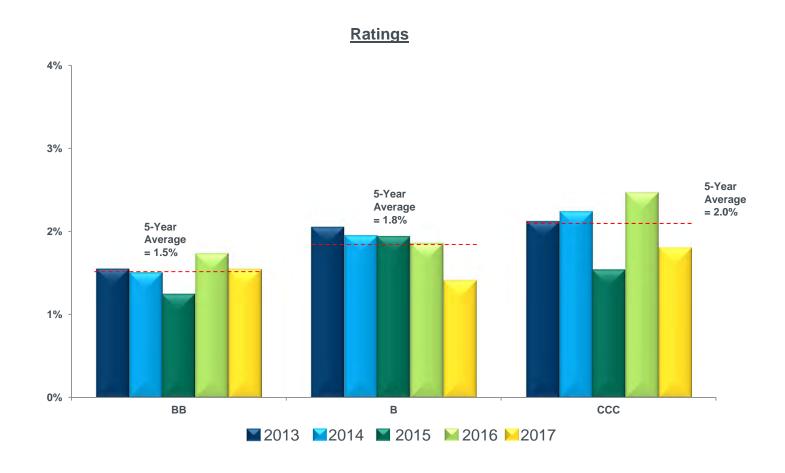
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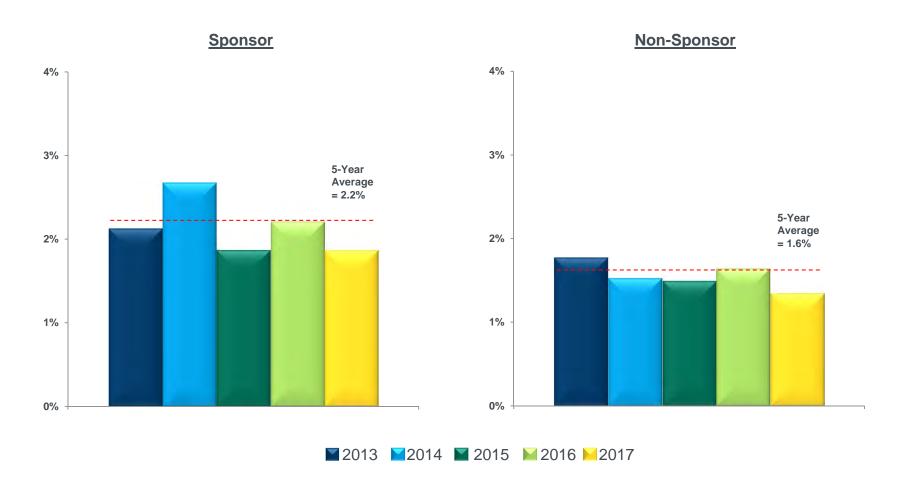


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