**Fact Sheet** 

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# **US Bank Loans Strategy**

#### STRATEGY AT-A-GLANCE<sup>1</sup>

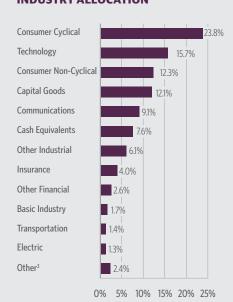
Inception Date	01.01.2003
Benchmark	Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index
Total AUM	\$9.2 bn
Effective Duration	0.17 years
Average Coupon	4.6%
Average Market Price	\$96.76
Average YTM	5.5%
Average Quality <sup>2</sup>	BB-
WAL	4.44 years

#### **RETURN AND RISK STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>**

(SINCE INCEPTION)

	US Bank Loans Composite (Gross)	Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index
Annualized Return	7.0%	4.9%
Standard Deviation	5.3%	6.7%

## INDUSTRY ALLOCATION<sup>1</sup>



## **Strategy Overview**

Guggenheim Investments has \$66 billion in corporate credit assets. The U.S. Bank Loan strategy benefits from our leadership in leveraged finance, deep industry research and expertise in structuring transactions. The strategy primarily invests in senior secured debt that is first in right of repayment and has floating rate coupons that reset quarterly.

## **Competitive Edge**

#### **Unified Platform**

Our Corporate Credit investment team is fully integrated and responsible for all of Guggenheim's corporate credit strategies. Our analysts are organized by industry and focus on the entire capital structure, spanning large cap investment grade debt to middle market high yield.

#### **Deep Resources**

With over 100 investment professionals, Guggenheim's Corporate Credit team is one of the largest and most experienced in the industry. Our investment team includes a large in-house legal team that works to secure the most favorable terms for our portfolio holdings.

#### **Deal Structuring Expertise**

Our upper middle-market and private debt expertise enables a research- and negotiation-intensive approach across investments. Our broad-based leadership in the credit market enables us to uncover complex and underfollowed investment opportunities where we believe we can drive better investment outcomes and generate higher yield without taking undue credit risk.



Inception to date. Source: Guggenheim Investments, Credit Suisse. Performance inception, Benchmark and AUM are for the US Bank Loans Composite (the "Composite") Remaining characteristics and industry allocation are based on a representative account was chosen since, in our view, it is the account within the composite with most closely reflects the portfolio management style of the composite. 'Ratings based on Barclay's rating methodology and exclude non-related securities. Barclays uses the middle rating of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. If only two of the agencies rate a security, the lower rating is used and if only one agency rates a security, that rating is used. 'Other includes Finance Companies, Brokerage, Banking, Energy and Equity. Past performance does not guarantee future returns Ir value of any investment may rise or fall over time. Principal is not guaranteed, and investors may receive less than the full amount of principal invested at the time of redemption if asset values have declined. Individual account performance may be greater than or less than the performance presented for this composite. Gross returns are presented net of non-reclaimable foreign withholding taxes applicable to the U.S. investors and include the reinvestment of income. Net returns are calculated by reducing gross returns with a model fee that includes 1) the greater of a) the highest management fee charged to an account in the Composite or b) the highest tier of the current management fee schedule, and 2) estimated performance fees where applicable. For the period 2008, the net returns presented reflect actual fees on a cash basis, not a model fee. Performance numbers for time periods greater than one year are annualized. All performance is expressed in U.S. dollars. For comparison purposes the Composite is measured against the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index.

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The Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the US dollar denominated leveraged loan market

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