# Credit Pitching 101

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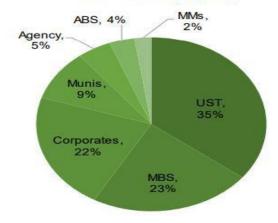


#### Why Credit Matters



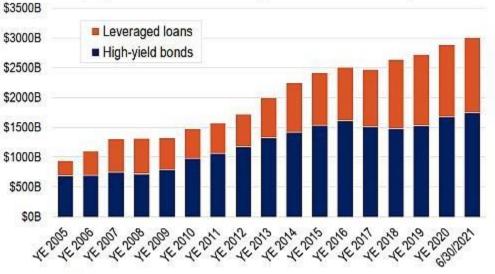
Source: Bank of International Settlements Note: As of FY17

#### US FI Outstanding, \$41T





#### High-yield bonds and leveraged loans outstanding



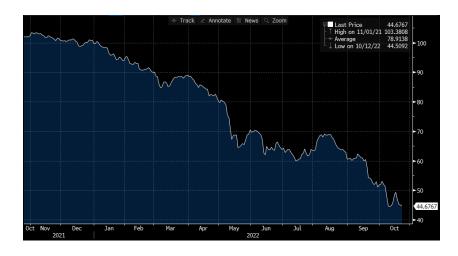
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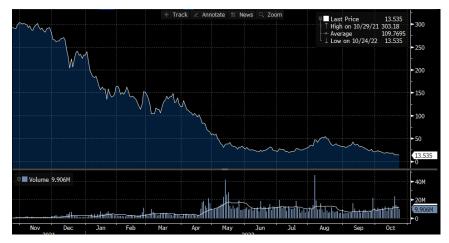
Sources: LCD, an offering of S&P Global Market Intelligence; S&P U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index



#### Why Credit Matters

- Check where bonds trade to understand risk/reward and access to capital markets
  - CVNA 5 7/8 10/1/28 Unsecured vs. Equity









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### I. Credit Criteria

### What types of credit-specific criteria do you screen for?

- Incremental to stock filters (e.g. industry, geography, size, valuation)
- Credit screens will include private companies as well (make sure you don't accidentally screen them out by using mkt cap, for example)
- Ratings (S&P & Moody's typically)
- Yields / spreads (bond metrics)
- Maturity (duration)
- Corporate leverage
- Bloomberg >>> Capital IQ when it comes to credit

### Let's run <a>Example #1</a> on Capital IQ & Bloomberg





#### Here is how to screen on Bloomberg...

1. Type SRCH to get to the FI screening tool





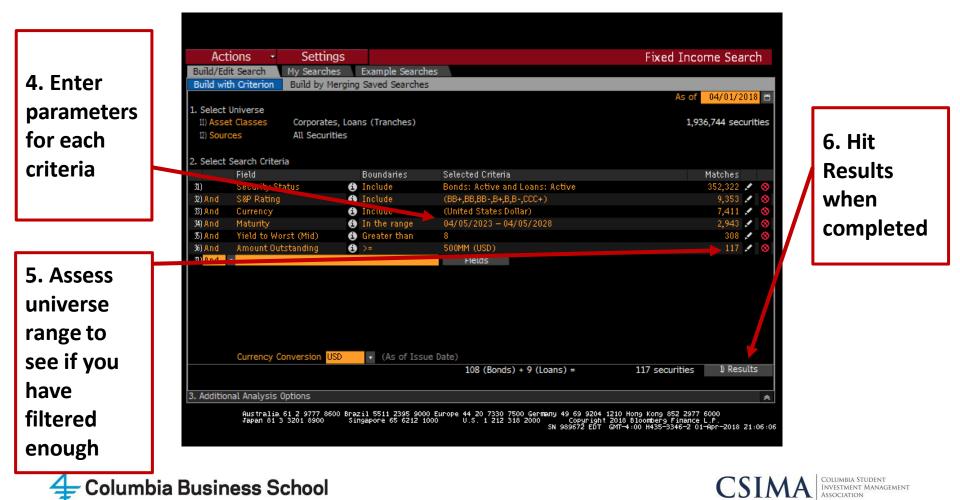








### Narrowing the screen by ratings, currency, maturity, YTW, o/s



#### Our finished screen page







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#### II. Different Credit Approaches

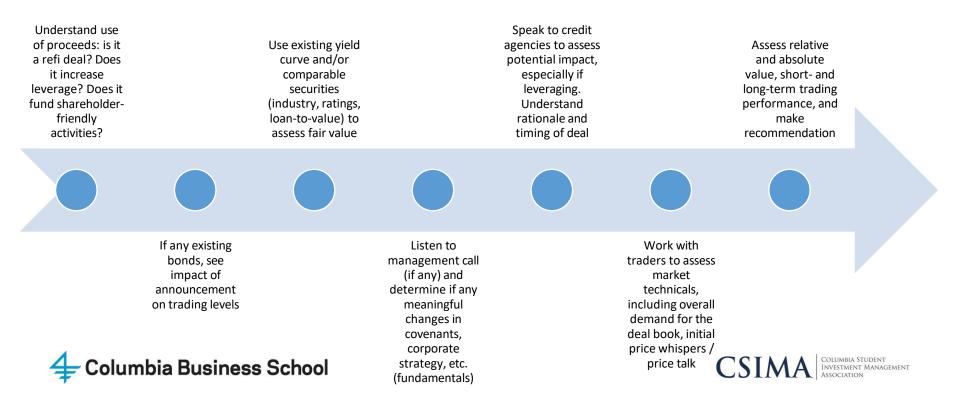
#### Depending on the credit situation, you will focus on different aspects

	Performing	Stressed	Distressed		
Characteristics	New issuance; trading near or above par; high ratings	Trading in the high 70s- low 90s; low double- digit yields	Spread > 1,000 bps; Can trade anywhere between 1- recovery value (inverted yield curve)		
Focus on	Relative value; downside protection; event-driven risks and opportunities; ratings agencies	Liquidity; potential covenant breaches; operational improvement; management levers	Recovery value analysis; liquidity runway; deep covenant understanding with legal help		
Watch out for	Asymmetric return profile; shareholder- friendly activities at expense of bondholders	Rarely stay stressed for long – either move to distressed or performing	Bondholder group formation; large holders with negotiating leverage; info asymmetry		
Examples	Proctor & Gamble, Estee Lauder, Anheuser-Busch	Viking Cruises, Coinbase, Transocean	Carvana, Rite Aid, Revlon		

#### II. Different Credit Approaches: Performing Credit

#### Primary issuance: relative / absolute value, downside protection

 Company A, a BB company with a large-cap publicly traded market cap, announces a new issue; what do you do?



### II. Different Credit Approaches: Stressed Credit

- Why have the bonds declined?
  - E.g. Leveraging acquisition, large supply of primary issuance to come to market, management commentary to use balance sheet to fund shareholder-friendly activities (buybacks, dividends), ratings change
- What are potential catalysts to realize an attractive return?
  - E.g. Capital allocation changes (dividend cut, suspension of share buybacks), asset sales to reduce leverage, operational turnarounds
- Identify downside protection against further deterioration





### II. Different Credit Approaches: Stressed Credit

- Endo Pharmaceutical unsecured bonds are trading in the 70s
- Why have the bonds declined?
  - Uncertainty around potential opioid liability. Potential bankruptcy event
  - Over-levered, acquisitive pharmaceutical company that faced competitive pricing pressures so tough to de-lever in near-term
- What are potential catalysts to realize an attractive return?
  - Better than expected opioid settlement, better near-term results, approval and successful launch of products (namely cellulite)
- Identify downside protection against further deterioration
  - Recovery value from operating assets
  - Limited secured capacity in front of you





### II. Different Credit Approaches: Distressed Credit

- Different scope from performing/stressed credits
- Stressed: view to return to par
- Distressed: expectation of a haircut via restructuring
  - Think about valuation of the firm vs. the market value of debt
- Downside protection can get tricky
  - Pay careful attention to covenants (e.g. asset sales, subordination)
  - E.g. J. Crew, Revlon
- Recent notable examples:
  - FTR, AMC, MNK, NMG, J. Crew

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### III. <u>Key Metrics</u> & Covenants

#### Common Credit Metrics

- Loan-to-value (Leverage through each layer of debt as % of total EV)
- Leverage, Gearing (in Europe), Debt / EBITDA (at various levels 1<sup>st</sup> lien, 2<sup>nd</sup> lien, unsecured, subordinate)
  - Can use (Debt + Operating Leases) / EBITDAR or include pension as a liability depending on the specific situation
  - Gross vs net (debt less cash)
  - Face value (principal amount) vs market value (if stressed / distressed)
- FCF / Debt (as %)
- Interest Coverage Ratio EBITDA / Interest or (EBITDA Capex) / Interest
  - Used in lot of covenants





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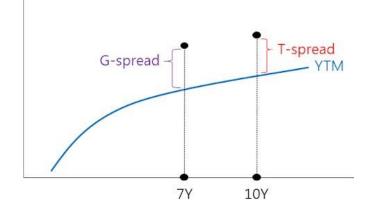
- Relative Value: more of an art than science
  - Yield-to-Worst (YTW %) could be yield to maturity or, if trading at a premium, could be to an earlier call date
  - Yield-to-Call (YTC %) yield to next call date
  - Option-adjusted Spread (OAS) spread relative to the benchmark treasury that accounts for embedded options
  - Ratings (S&P / Moody's) use with caution
  - Duration
  - Issuance size or other measures of liquidity
  - Leverage (though loan-to-value is preferred)
  - Revenue / EBITDA growth rates
  - Fundamental factors (industry, company size, revenue / EBITDA growth rates, margins, business model)

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## **Bond Valuation**

- Use YAS on Bloomberg
- IG Compare G-spreads

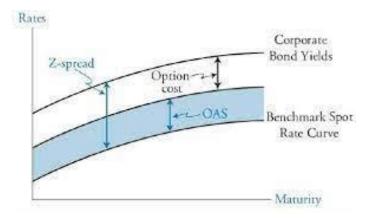


Can compare either vs similar maturity or vs duration

T 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 03/01/27 Corp Settings •		Yield and Spre	ad Analysis
115.808/116.253 1.514/1.443 BMRK @	11:23 5 No Notes	95) Buy	96) Sell
1) Yield & Spread 2) Graphs 3) Pricing 4)	Description 5 Custom	6) Calls	
T 4 <sup>1</sup> <sub>4</sub> 03/01/27 ( 00206RDQ2 )	Risk		
Spread 71.00 bp vs 10y T 0 5 08/15/30		Workout	OAS
Price 116.0305 2 98-20 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 11:2	23:44 💿 M.Dur 🛛 🔍 Dur	5.394	4.831
Yield 1.478771 Wst 🔹 0.768746 S/	/A 🔽 Risk	6.300	5.643
Wkout 12/01/2026 @ 100.00 Consensus Yl	d <mark>6 6</mark> Convexity	0.339	-2.371
Settle 11/06/20 🖬 11/05/20 🖬	DV - 01 on 1MM	630	564
	Benchmark Risk	9.333	9.455
	Risk Hedge	675 M	597 M
	Proceeds Hedge	1,182 M	
Spreads Yield Calculations	Invoice		
11) G-Sprd 102.9 Street Convention 1.47	8771 Face		1,000 M
12) I-Sprd 99.3 Equiv 1 /Yr 1.48	4238 Principal	1,1	60,305.00
13) Basis -0.2 Mmkt (Act/360 - )	Accrued (65 Days)		7,673.61
14) Z-Sprd 100.9 True Yield • 1.47	8693 Total (USD)	1,1	67,978.61
15) ASW 107.7 Current Yield	3.663		
16) OAS 104.1			
After Tax (Inc 40.800 % CG 23.800 %) 0.45	55777		

# **Bond Valuation**

• HY – Bonds trade on \$



- Compare OAS (YTW or spread secondarily)
- Be careful on callability. Look at YTW or workout date and compare to similar bonds with the same 'workout maturity' or duration

CAR 10 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> 05/15/25 Corp	Settings 🔹				pread Analysis
116.867/116.999 4.041/3.962	2 BMRK@	11:29	<b>No Notes</b>	95) Buy	96) Sell
1) Yield & Spread 2) Graphs	3) Pricing 4) [	Description	5) Custom	6) Calls	
CAR 10 1/2 05/15/25 ( 053773B	D8)	Risk			
Spread 385.85 bp vs 2yT	0 <sup>1</sup> <sub>B</sub> 10/31/22	-		Workout	OAS
Price 116.933 2	99-30 <sup>7</sup> 8 11:29	9:40 💿 M.Du	r 🔍 🔍 Dur	1.369	0.922
Yield 4.001223 Wst •	0.142732 S//	A 🔹 Risk		1.671	1.124
Wkout 05/15/2022 @ 107.87!	Consensus Yld	6 6 Convex	ity	0.027	-2.793
Settle 11/06/20	1/05/20	DV -	01 on 1MM	167	112
		Benchm	hark Risk	1.982	1.981
		Risk He	edge	843 M	568 M
		Procee	ds Hedge	1,220 M	
🖍 Spreads 💦 Yield Calcula	tions	Invoice			
11) G-Sprd 386.8 Street Conve	ntion 4.001	1223 Face			1,000 M
12) I-Sprd 378.0 Equiv 1 🔹 /	Yr 4.041	1248 Princip	al		1,169,330.00
13) Basis 10.6 Mmkt (Act/3	36C · ) 4.039	9645 Accrue	d (174 Days)		50,750.00
14) Z-Sprd 378.0 True Yield	<ul> <li>3.993</li> </ul>	8196 Total (	USD)		1,220,080.00
15) ASW 426.0 Current Yield	8	3.980			
16) OAS 388.4					
After Tax (Inc 40.800 % CG 23.80	<mark>(2 %) 1.474</mark>	4022			

FYBR 5 0	5/01/28 Corp				
101.766/	102.247 4.562/4				
1) Yield &	Spread 2) Graph				
FYBR 5 0	5/01/28 ( 35906A				
Spread	330.88 bp vs 5				
Price	102.0065				
Yield	4.503142 Wst 🔹				
Wkout C	5/01/2026 @ 100				
Settle	10/28/21 🗖				
🖍 Spreads 💦 Yield C					
11) G-Spr	d 339.8 Street Co				
12) I-Spro	328.4 Equiv 1				
Basis	N.A. Mmkt (A				
14) Z-Spro	331.3 True Yie				
15) ASW	327.5 Current				
16) OAS	200.0				
	309.2				

## **Relative Value**

ICE BofA US High Yield Index (H0A0) - distribution characteristics as of 10/25/2021

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Index distribution by Rating	# Bonds	FullVa	al %Full Val	Eff Dur	Contr EffDu	r Eff Yk	OAS	TRR%MTD	ExRtn%MTD
AAA		4,641.15	7 0.28510	0.00	0.0	0 -0.04	4 0		
BB	1,094	897,725.60	0 55.14583	4.88	2.6	9 3.39	214	-0.330	0.173
В	759	548,206.11		3.43	1.1			-0.154	0.286
CCC	259	170,286.31		2.98	0.3			-0.246	0.155
CC	12	6,316.35		3.26	0.0			-5.101	-4.652
c	3	736.50		1.27	0.0			10.025	10.190
Grand Total	2,127	1,627,912.03	9 100.00000	4.17	4.1	7 4.3	311	-0.277	0.193
Index distribution by Industry	# Bonds	FullVal	%Full Val	Eff Dur (	Contr EffDur	Eff Yid	OAS	TRR%MTD E	xRtn%MTD
Basic Industry (Sub Total)	238	128,530.232	7.89540	4.25	0.34	4.24	301	-0.256	0.219
Aerospace/Defense	44	38,332.896	2.35473	2.87	0.07	4.72	361	0.173	0.554
Diversified Capital Goods	15	7,289.361	0.44777	3.95	0.02	4.35	309	-0.525	-0.023
Machinery	28	13,528.994	0.83106	3.06	0.03	0.03 4.37		-0.664	-0.275
Packaging	59	38,695.171	2.37698	3.06	0.07	0.07 4.02		-0.695	-0.339
Capital Goods (Sub Total)	146	97,846.422	6.01055	3.05	0.18	4.37	327	-0.339	0.041
Beverage	2	1,529.202	0.09394	5.37	0.01	5.27	385	-1.091	-0.400
Food - Wholesale	53	52,668.222	3.23532	7.03	0.23	3.60	214	-0.216	0.223
Personal & Household Products	41	23,645.948	1.45253	4.78	0.07	4.08	282	-0.688	-0.185
Tobacco	3	1,758.037	0.10799	3.24	0.00	6.20	495	0.241	0.729
Consumer Goods (Sub Total)	99	79,601.410	4.88979	6.25	0.31	3.83	244	-0.363	0.101
Energy - Exploration & Production	144	102,704.219	6.30895	5.42	0.34	4.33	303	0.347	0.837
Gas Distribution	126	86,720.513	5.32710	4.89	0.26	4.25	299	0.166	0.679
Oil Field Equipment & Services	40	19,895.375	1.22214	3.09	0.04	7.89	687	1.047	1.491
Oil Refining & Marketing	22	13,867.948	0.85189	3.64	0.03	6.97	591	1.449	1.941
Energy (Sub Total)	332	223,188.055	13.71008	4.90	0.67	4.78	354	0.407	0.902
Health Facilities	46	52,113.375	3.20124	3.31	0.11	3.77	261	-0.053	0.364
Health Services	36	26,505.314	1.62818	3.61	0.06	4.94	368	-1.525	-1.086
Managed Care	13	21,348.579	1.31141	5.57	0.07	3.20	179	-1.208	-0.590
Medical Products	10	6,275.077	0.38547	4.08	0.02	3.69	231	-0.651	-0.139
Pharmaceuticals	39	40,481.624	2.48672	3.93	0.10	5.05	380	-0.424	0.064
Healthcare (Sub Total)	144	146,723.969	9.01302	3.90	0.35	4.25	300	-0.618	-0.144
Gaming	56	44,280.803	2.72010	2.67	0.07	4.48	344	-0.065	0.281
Hotels	25	16,109.598	0.98959	4.45	0.04	3.59	233	-0.427	0.097
Recreation & Travel	45	38,777.852	2.38206	2.98	0.07	4.10	312	0.035	0.467
Theaters & Entertainment	10	7.261.053	0.44603	3.07	0.01	5.77	464	0.724	1,179

# Relative Value (COMB on BBG)

MAT 6 <sup>3</sup> ₄ 12/31/25\$↓	↓ <b>105.633</b> At 12:10		.049	.049 Yld 2.731 Source BM		RK				S.		
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Spread Analysis Bond Data												
		Spr	ead Type				05/04/20		1/04/2			
	Comparable Bonds View				Difference In Comparable Z-Spreads Over 6 Months							
Security		Price	Yield	Spread	Diff	Low	Range	High	Avg	+/	#SDs	
			2 00	200	100	2040	Avg Now		540	6.40	0.0	
Avg of Comparables	0		3.00	280	128	-2049		148	-512	640	0.9	
12) MAT 6 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> 12/31/25		105.40	4.21	408								
13) TPX 5 5 10/15/23	<b>O</b>	101.49	4.00	379	29	-45		1008	120	-91	-0.7	
14) ACCO 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 12/15/24	🗢 🔁	102.61	3.95	371	37	-242		307	53	-16	-0.2	
15) TUP 4 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> 06/01/21	🗢 🔁	100.28	3.87	364		-16135		44	-4837	4881	1.0	
16) TUP 4 ${}^{3}_{4}$ 06/01/21	🗢 🔁	100.28	3.87	364	44	-16135		44	-4989	5033	1.0	
17) CENT 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> 11/15/23	🗢 💿	101.60	3.38	330	78	-120		482	199	-121	-1.4	
18) VSTO 5 3 10/01/23	20	100.66	5.12	490	-82	-419		59	-114	32	0.3	
19) TPX 5 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> 06/15/26	20	103.99	3.32	311	97	-106		236	60	37	0.6	
20) SPB 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> 12/15/24	20	102.37	2.95	283	125	-176		480	120	5	0.0	
21) ENR 7 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> 01/15/27	1	109.36	2.92	270	138	-35		237	80	58	0.9	
22) SPB 5 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub> 07/15/25		103.12	2.75	263	145	-103		725	177	-32	-0.2	
23) EPC 4.7 05/24/22		103.38	2.46	224	184	42		330	229	-45	-0.8	
24) NWL 3.65 04/01/21	<b>@</b>	100.54	1.96	173	235	-269		361	172	63	0.5	
25) SMG 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 12/15/26		106.51	1.65	144	264	-13		391	201	63	0.7	
26) PBH 6 <sup>3</sup> 03/01/24		103.14	1.47	125	283	4		884	260	23	0.1	
27) NWL 4 06/15/22		103.63	1.30	108	300	46		369	241	59	0.9	

- <u>Not really an issue with IG companies</u>: IG companies issue under relatively standard covenants. Usually limitation on liens which will impact either IG companies going HY or vice-versa. But not usually 'counting' covenants
- <u>Positive vs Negative:</u> Positive covenants tell a company what they must do (pay taxes, file financials, etc). Negative covenants say what they can't do (raise more debt / pay dividend)
- Incurrence vs Maintenance Covenants: Incurrence covenants govern what the company can do going forward. Maintenance covenants are usually tested at various points
  - Maintenance covenants are almost exclusively in loans and mostly in bank loan agreements. Able to be amended by banks who are friendly with companies





- <u>Debt Incurrence</u>: restricts company's ability to raise additional debt, either pari passu, at more senior levels, or at more junior levels
  - Can be governed by an absolute leverage ratio (make sure to understand definitions of Debt and EBITDA in the indenture) or with an interest coverage ratio
  - Should be reviewed in tandem with the <u>limitation on liens</u> covenant to understand overall limitations and more detailed limitations on priming debt; understand the general baskets and carve-outs from the limits





- <u>Permitted Investments</u>: outlines company's ability to deploy cash towards investments in unrestricted or non-guarantor subsidiaries (e.g. foreign subsidiaries – and raising debt here)
  - Can be measured with a general basket + carve-outs + limitation calculation (e.g. % of total assets)
  - Otherwise usually builds from a general basket with other carve-outs (e.g. to refinance/repay debt), and then can build over time in a builder basket (calculated using a formula as specified)





- <u>Restricted Payments</u>: restricts company's ability to extract capital from the restricted subsidiary or credit issuer (e.g. dividends, leveraged buyout)
  - Typically unlimited if below a certain leverage ratio or above a certain interest coverage ratio
  - Otherwise usually builds from a general basket with other carve-outs (e.g. to refinance/repay debt), and then can build over time in a builder basket (calculated using a formula as specified in the indenture)





#### III. Key Metrics & Covenants

- <u>Change of Control</u>: dictates terms for bondholders if the company is acquired
  - Bondholders often have a put right at \$101 in the event of a Change of Control
  - Important to understand what defines a "Change of Control" often not as straightforward as you would assume – can require a rating change in conjunction with acquisition, or exempt certain parties from the provision





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#### Summary recommendation – keep it short

#### Begin with a short description of the business

#### **Primary Deals**

- Short summary of what transaction is: refinance, dividend, buyout, etc.
- Sources and uses breakdown (can be included on capital structure summary)
- In the event the transaction is a take private, include purchase
   multiple by the sponsor
- Relative value / historical stability of credit / technical environment

#### Secondary Trades / Ideas

- Trade economics (potential IRR)
- Spread tightening / widening
- Path to refinance / IRR to refinance
- Why is our view a differentiated one?
- What is our edge? Is it data, information, analysis?
- What is the catalyst that will move this bond in a favorable direction?

#### Then, in either case:

- Risks of trade / merits of trade add an opinion of likelihood (e.g. "this risk could materialize, but it's unlikely")
- Sell discipline on deteriorating credit profile / fundamental trajectory
- Make a judgment on risk premium (spread) relative to historical context, understand why, and where it could go
- Make recommendations to lean in / out based on trading ranges of the credit and its peers
- Make judgment when bonds are down as to why they are down and if they are down for near-term volatility / downside potential or due to an impaired business

\*\*Note: the next few pages are how one fund/PM views the world and the section will reference "slides" and other things (e.g. developing relationships with sponsors) that aren't as relevant to you as a student – for the Credit IIC and likely interviews, your pitches will be in write-up form... just think of this as information you should include in some form on your pitch or be aware of to the extent you think it makes sense\*\*

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#### Business Understanding - summarize the business without going into overwhelming detail

- How does the company describe itself and its operations?
- Are there any terms relevant to the company / the industry which need defining? Make a glossary if need be
- When was the company founded, who owns it now, and how often has the company changed hands?
  - Can do a secondary slide about the history of the company, especially if it has gone through significant M&A over time
- What are the company's key products?
  - Which products / services are the most important (revenue / EBITDA)?
  - Is there any outsized profitability in the company?
- What are the company's segments? Break out by whatever is available (revenue, volume, EBITDA, margins)
- What are the key macro drivers and how cyclical / defensive is the business?
  - To the extent cyclicality matters, where are we in the cycle? (industry margins, capital intensity, new capacity, expansions, etc.)
- Describe the company's unit-level economics, for example:
  - Retailers per store / per sq. ft.
  - Automakers per unit sold
  - If you were company ABC and you generated a dollar in revenue, how would that dollar flow down the IS / CFS?
- If relevant, what is their geographical exposure?

\*\*These details can take up multiple slides, especially if there is a nuance to the business and industry that is important to understand\*\*





#### Financial summary – summarize financial performance and trends via simple tables/charts – choose the metrics that matter

#### Capital structure - how is the company capitalized? What kind of debt is on the company's balance sheet?

- Overview of capital structure:
  - Is it top-heavy / bottom-heavy? Secured / unsecured?
  - Is the revolver an ABL / RCF? If an ABL, how does the borrowing base work?
- Top holders (ask trader for commentary... not always easy to determine)
  - This could play an important role if loan is primarily held by CLOs or if a particular bond is concentrated with one investor
- Leverage
  - Over time, how has the secured and net debt trended (compare to your EBITDA and Company-defined EBITDA)
- Liquidity
  - Snapshot of their current cash balance and available capacity through the revolver

#### Org Chart – what subsidiaries issued debt? What subsidiaries hold the assets? How do the bonds' claims relate to its assets?

- What entity has the debt? Is it the same box as the operations?
- What are the various bonds' claims? Are bonds secured by:
  - Assets?
  - Stock pledges?
  - Negative pledges?
  - Are bonds structurally subordinated by debt at downstream / upstream entities?
- Relative strength of credit agreement / bond indenture, specifically:
  - Incremental debt capacity / ability to secure incremental debt
  - Restricted payment capacity / investment capacity / cash and asset leakage risk, generally
  - Flexibility of non-guarantor or unrestricted subsidiaries





#### Comp table – bond comps / public comps

- Use best available comps or industry peers
- Can we compare unit economics to valuations?
- Look to index for sub-index peers if there is no pure-play
- Include comment on judgement on RV / why is the target bond trading XYZ
- If the trade thesis is an upgrade or debt is currently cheap, include an anticipated return based on current price, expected price, and how long it will take for the catalyst to occur

#### Competitive landscape / macro – explain the industry, what are the key themes and who competes in the space

- What are the competitive dynamics (value proposition and customer decision points) for the company's products?
- Are the company's products at risk of obsolescence?
- Who are the primary competitors for the company?
  - What is the market share split? Where does the company stack up?
  - How has share trended over time? How did companies take / lose share?
  - How do the closest peers' cost structure / margins differ?
  - Are there any structural / permanent differences between company and its competitors?
- Are there recent changes in the industry that will have an impact on the companies within?
- What is going on in the industry? Is there a secular decline (malls / department stores)? What are the tailwinds and headwinds within the industry?
- Is there government regulation that impacts the industry? If so, how and what is the current outlook?
- If there are any other industry-based merits that support an investment, use a slide to describe why with supporting data





#### Summary of key business characteristics

- Products
- Markets / sectors / end customers, overlayed with peer exposure if possible
- Capacity if applicable (e.g. manufacturing widgets how many widgets can they produce?)
- Market position % share, industry structure, what % top producers are of production, regional capacity split
- Product pricing how do we track prices? Contracts or spot market? If contractual, how long are agreements?
- Cost structure give estimates from management or street, how much is fixed vs. variable, what are unit cost economics, where is company relative to peers on cost curve? Any advantages/disadvantages?
- Raw materials what raw materials matter the most? How are they obtained? Contractual? How does company manage price risk?
- Seasonality demand seasonality, supply seasonality, working capital build seasons
- Degree of cyclicality
- Pricing / profitability explain major moves in profitability over time
- Technology / innovation any risks/advantages from this perspective?

#### Financial modeling – snapshot of model to show performance

- Simple copy of reported financial statements to model and simple straight-line assumption to begin
- Obtain reported KPIs and tie to historical model, then drive forecast based on KPIs
  - Once KPIs are implemented, figure out how to track them independently of the company
  - How is the cost structure related to the KPIs given? For example:
    - For a volume-based business, is there a volume that covers fixed costs?
    - For a retailer, what kind of SSS growth is necessary to offset inflation?
  - How does the company achieve growth in KPIs?
- Focus on unit-level economics and how the conceptual understanding matches up with reported results (i.e. what is operating leverage and how does it show up in the financials?)
- Quantify how this company's cost structure is different than others, how are unit economics different and specify which company is the exception vs. the rule





#### Business valuation - what is the terminal valuation of the company? How does that valuation compare to its debt level?

- If the most transaction was an LBO, what were the economics of the transaction?
  - Buyer / seller / multiple paid
  - Equity check % of consideration
- Does the company's cash flow profile match up with the asset value?
- Include transaction history if applicable
- Where was the transaction multiple in the context of its contemporaneous / historical transactions?
- Should valuation (or multiple) increase / decrease based on fundamental improvement / deterioration? Explain
- What is the strategic value of the company? Are there any crown jewel assets or major value destructors?

#### Qualitative analysis - extra details to round out diligence

- What is the street thinking? What are the key points of a bear and bull thesis?
  - What could they be missing?
- What scenario is the market pricing in? Does this vary between bulls and bears? What is the consensus narrative on if the company will grow / perform?
- Who owns the bonds? Is it in CLO-type of buyers or stressed / distressed accounts?
- Read about competitors to better understand the competitive landscape / macro picture and how it affects other players
- Do a short, 1-page model (30 mins or so) to understand how the financial profiles compare (margins, capital intensity, capital structure / fixed charge coverage)
- Have a one-off conversation with IR / CFO to validate / figure out what the company is thinking and how it views itself
- Develop relationships with
  - Company management (CEO / CFO)
  - Private equity sponsor / deal team
- What are trade rags of the industry saying and how do industry participants view the industry?
- Expert calls: see if there are formers or individuals at a competitor or within the industry to ask detailed questions. Check expert network transcripts too.
- Is there data available to create an edge?





#### Things to Include in a Pitch

(not all apply to every situation, order not important)

- Background/company info
- Capital Structure
- Liquidity (of company)
- Thesis and catalyst
- The trade
- The situation (recent events, why does this opportunity exist)
- Valuation (EBITDA multiples, comps, DCF, SOtP, replacement etc.)
- Bull case, bear case, scenarios

- Rate of return, price target
- Risks and mitigants
- Quantify downside
- Liquidity (of trading)
- Opinion on the business
- Financial projections
- Covenant compliance
- Hedges discussion (if any)
- Liquidation analysis
- Document review (unusual rights and risks, law firm or service review)
- Industry discussion





### Company Name (BB TICKER) \_% due 20\_\_\_: Long / Short

#### **Executive Summary**

- Investment thesis key thesis points which may include:
  - Fundamental improvement to business
  - Plans to reduce leverage reduction
  - Improvements in cash flow generation
  - Hidden value & liabilities
- Low/Base/High case overview, probability weight
  - IRR, money multiple
- Major risk factors





#### **Business analysis**

- Description of business
- Recent developments and current problems
- Industry analysis competitive landscape, life cycle, cyclicality, cost structure, dependence on customer/suppliers, regulation

#### Capital Structure/Corporate Structure & Covenants

- Lay out detailed capital structure table (organizational chart needed if bonds are at different entities e.g. HoldCo and Opco bonds)
- Security characteristics, secured/unsecured, guarantees, covenants
- Show leverage through each layer of debt as well as loan-to-value
- Highlight key covenants (debt incurrence, restricted payments, change of control, etc.)
- Summarize balance sheet strategy (leverage targets) and methods in which company can execute on strategy (e.g. free cash flows to pay down debt, cutting dividend to improve cash flows, refinancing ability, risk of being "primed" due to senior debt capacity, etc.)





# IV. Pitch Template (B)

#### **Profitability analysis**

- Summarize sales, growth, margin analysis projections and assumptions
- Projected income statement

#### Liquidity analysis – stressed/distressed

- Operating cashflow projections, bridge earnings/EBITDA to cashflow
- Maturities schedule
- Working capital/fixed capital investment
- Other cash outflows

#### **Comps analysis**

- List competitors/similar companies with publicly traded debt
- Comp table with basic financial info (revenue, EBITDA, leverage, valuations, rating)
- Indicative bond for pricing (ideally matching bond maturity)
- Yield/spread per turn of leverage





# IV. Pitch Template (B)

### **Detailed Investment Thesis**

- Elaborate on each of the points made in the introduction
- Include graphs that show projected fundamental improvements and impact to FCF to debt
- Provide fundamental research that supports your thesis
- Show summary financials that show how credit improves

### Valuation/Recovery analysis

- Valuation methodologies, metrics, comps
- Waterfall and recovery calculation stressed/distressed

### Key Risks

- Highlight fundamental business risks to the thesis
- Describe credit negative events for the credit (leveraging acquisition, additional debt capacity, limited access to the capital markets to refinance or raise new debt, etc.)

### **Appendix**

• Summary financials, valuation, and other supplementary information

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#### Security Description ("DES")

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12) Addtl Info	Industry Consumer F	Products (BCL	ASS)	CUSIP	57708	31BB7		
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66) Send Bond								





#### Yield and Spread Analysis ("YAS")

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14) Z-Sprd 196.8 True Yield 🔹	2.183352	Total (L	JSD)	1	,080,252.50
15) ASW 204.9 Current Yield	6.378				
16) OAS 207.2					
After Tax (Inc 40.800 % CG 23.800 %)	0.606488				





#### Credit Profile ("CRPR")

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Moody's		13) Issue Recovery Rating	3(65%)
2) MAT 5 78 12/15/27	B1	14) Outlook	NEG
3) Outlook	STABLE	15) LT Foreign Issuer Credit	B+
4) Long Term Rating	B1	16) LT Local Issuer Credit	B+
5) LT Corp Family Rating	B1	17) ST Foreign Issuer Credit	NR
6) Senior Unsecured Debt	B3	18) ST Local Issuer Credit	NR
7) Subordinated Debt	WR		
8) Short Term	NP	Fitch	
9 Probability of Default	B1	19) MAT 5 78 12/15/27	B+
10) Spec Grade Liquidity Rt	g SGL-2	20) Issue Recovery Rating	RR2
		21) Outlook	POS
		22) LT Issuer Default Rating	B-
		23) Senior Unsecured Debt	В
		24) Short Term	WD
		25) ST Issuer Default Rating	WD





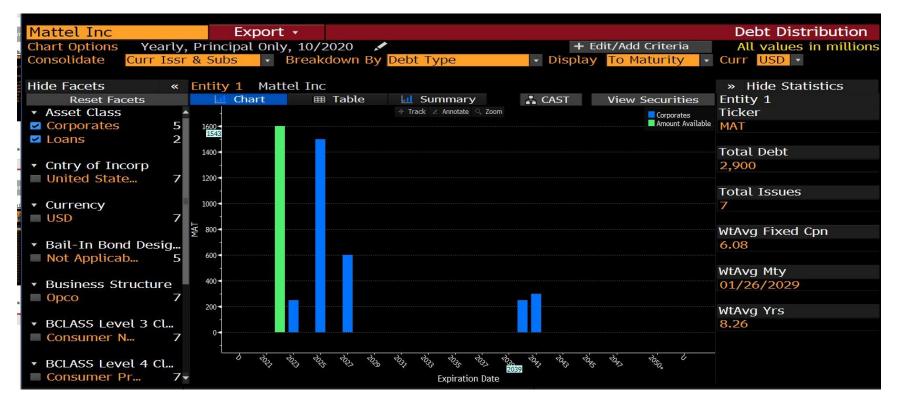
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#### **Debt Distribution ("DDIS")**







#### **Capital Structure ("CAST")**

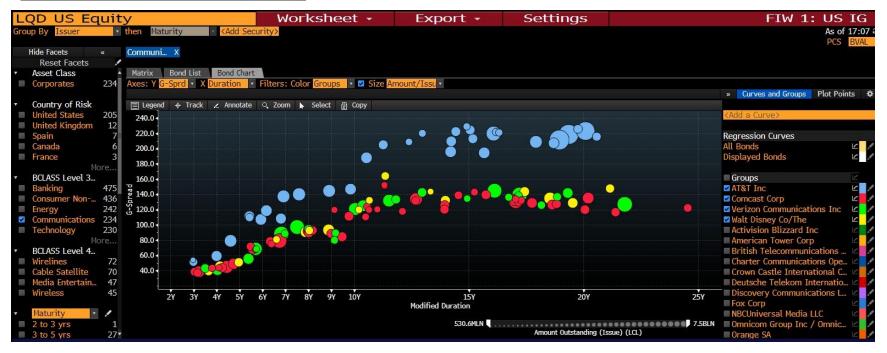






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#### Fixed Income Worksheet ("FIW")







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1	Coupon	Maturity	Ranking	Price	YTW	Workout Date	OAS
RAD	7.50%	7/1/2025	First Lien Notes	102.52	6.83%	7/1/2024	526
RAD	6.13%	4/1/2023	Guaranteed Senior Unsecured	91.26	9.38%	4/1/2023	790
RAD	7.70%	2/15/2027	Senior Unsecured	81.74	11.40%	2/15/2027	981
RAD	6.88%	12/15/2028	Senior Unsecured	76.00	11.21%	12/15/2028	958

Investment Considerations: We recommend a MarketWeight on RiteAid (RAD) as the risk/reward profile seems balanced at this point in time. We prefer to move up in quality and the capital structure into the recently announced 7.50% 1L Notes due 2025 as it offers solid return characteristics for secured debt that is unlikely to be impaired. While it appears RAD's turnaround is achieving results, the turnaround is likely to take time and the 6.125% Sr Unsecured (Guaranteed) Notes seem to be largely pricing in its success. While current asset valuation likely supports the 6.125% Sr Unsecured (Guaranteed) Notes, the valuation is obviously very sensitive to margins and multiples which given the uncertainty facing the future of retail pharmacies, could change.

RAD Capital Structure											
As of						Amt	Adj.		Ant		PF
11/30/2019		Coupon	Maturity	Rating	Out	standing		Ou	tstanding	Leverage	Leverag
Cash on Hand					\$	289.5		\$	289.5		
Distribution Center Sale	Proceeds				\$	133.5		\$	133.5		
LTM Adjusted EBITDA					\$	536.7		\$	536.7		
Secured											
Senior Secured	Revolver		12/20/2023			1,135.0			1,135.0		
FLO Term Loa			12/20/2023			450.0			450.0		
Senior Secured	Notes		2025		-		600.0		600.0		
						1,585.0			2,185.0	3.0x	4.1x
										2. 2x	3.3x
Guaranteed Unsecured											
Sr Gtd. Notes		6.125				1,753.5	(600.0)		1,153.5		
						3,338.5			3,338.5	6. 2x	6.2x
										5.4x	5.4x
Unguaranteed Notes											
Sr Notes		7.7				237.9			237.9		
Sr Notes		6.875			1.1	29.0		200	29.0		
						3,605.4			3,605.4	6.7x	
										5.9x	5.9x
RAD Equity Market Cap						674.0					
RAD Enterprise Value						3,989.9				7.4x	
Liquidity											
Cash	289,498										
Warehouse Proceeds	133,521										
Revolver Avability	1,481,805										
Total Liquidity	1,904,824										

Incremental Secured Capacity

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#### Strengths

- Strong Liquidity The company enjoys strong liquidity via its \$2.7 billion revolver. Even accounting for its recent secured deal, RAD enjoys full access to the remaining \$1.48bn of availability under its revolver.
- Secular Growth RAD is exposed to secular growth to the aging American population via prescription drug sales. As the baby boomer population continues to age, RAD should benefit from increasing prescription drug spending and prescription volumes. Additionally, RAD is positively exposed to Medicare Part D which should benefit from more of the population becoming Medicare eligible.
- Previous (failed) acquisitions imply adequate asset coverage Continued interest in RAD's
  assets as evidenced by the failed merger with WBA, the asset sale to WBA, and the failed merger
  with ABS shows that there is interest in RAD's assets. However, given the change in performance
  and industry threats, I do believe using past multiples can be deceiving as multiples for the
  industry have largely compressed.
- Limited near-term maturities RAD does not have any meaningful maturities until the 2023 debt stack (springing lien in the bank debt for 2022)

#### Weaknesses / Threats:

- High Leverage / Limited FCF The company operates with relatively high leverage at 5.9x for a
  retail pharmacy. While asset valuation would imply full coverage of the debt stack, it remains
  sensitive to EBITDA and market multiples. Additionally, RAD generates limited FCF which will
  delay de-leveraging absent EBITDA margin expansion.
- Low margins RAD suffers from low margins. Some of it was likely attributed to the recent failed
  mergers where the company lost negotiating power with suppliers. However, some of it is likely
  attributed to the pressure facing traditional retailers coupled with reimbursement pressures. RAD
  is sub-scale in its PBM and retail pharmacy business which reduces its negotiating power in a
  space that is being consolidated.
- Potential disruption The threat of Amazon remains. Obviously it has and will continue to impact the traditional retail side of RAD. However, with its recent purchase of <u>PillPack</u> that has licenses in all 50 states, the threat appears to be escalating and could impact both the PBM as well as the pharmacy business.
- Threats to the PBM Business, Possible Sale/Spin-Off While the Trump administration decided to withdraw the proposed rebate rule, scrutiny remains around the PBM business model. That said, there is clearly appetite for PBMs among payors so a sale or spin-off could be attractive to equity holders. However, we view the comments from the CEO about the importance of the PBM coupled with her experience in omni-channel healthcare as making it less likely that RAD would separate its PBM in the near-term.
- Opioid lawsuits As of September 24, 2019, 1,262 opioid related lawsuits named RAD as a
  defendant. Obviously, an adverse ruling in these cases could challenge the company's deleveraging plans. However, given the number of lawsuits, legal fees are likely to chew into cash
  flow in the near future.





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	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	FY22E
	3/4/2017	3/3/2018	3/2/2019			
Retail Pharmacy Revenues	\$16,766.6	\$15,832.6	\$15,757.2	\$15,554.1	\$15,600.2	\$15,655.0
Retail Pharmacy Revenue Growth	-0.30%	-5.60%	-0.50%	-1.29%	0.30%	0.35%
Same-Store Pharmacy Sales Growth	-1.90%	-3.90%	1.70%	1.23%	1.00%	1.00%
Same-Store Front-End Sales Growth	1.60%	-0.80%	-1.40%	-0.90%	-1.00%	-1.00%
Pharmacy Services Revenue	\$6,393.9	\$5,896.7	\$6,093.7	\$6,265.6	\$6,453.6	\$6,647.2
Pharmacy Services Revenue Growth	N/A	- 7.80%	3.30%	2.82%	3.00%	3.00%
Revenue	\$22,927.5	\$21,529.0	\$21,639.6	\$21,639.5	\$22,053.8	\$22,302.2
Growth (YoY)	10.4%	-5.1%	0.5%	0.0%	1.9%	1.1%
COGs	(17,862.8)	(16,748.9)	(16,963.2)	(16,991.1)	(17,214.4)	(17,444.6)
Gross Profit	5,064.7	4,780.1	4,676.4	4,648.4	4,839.4	4,857.6
Gross Margin	22.09%	22.20%	21.61%	21.48%	21.94%	21.78%
5G&A	(4,777.0)	(4,651.3)	(4,592.4)	(4,602.3)	(4,625.6)	(4,619.3)
Operating Profit	287.7	128.8	84.0	46.1	213.8	238.2
Operating Margin	1.25%	0.60%	0.39%	0.21%	0.97%	1.07%
Adjusted EBITDA	747.9	559.9	563.4	546.5	544,4	555.3
EBITDA Margin	3.27%	2.60%	2.53%	2.51%	2.47%	2.49%
Cash From Operations	183.0	511.5	-165.7	138.4	270.8	308.9
CapEx	-298.8	-214.8	-244.7	-210.3	-192.0	-191.9
FCF	-71.1	325.6	-362.5	-38.5	78.9	111.9
Cash	245.4	447.3	447.3	419.9	498.8	610.7
Total Debt	3,253.6	3,360.9	3,360.9	3,575.7	3,575.7	3,575.7
NetDebt	3,008.2	2,913.5	2,913.5	3,155.8	3,076.9	2,965.0
TTM A djusted EBITD A	747.9	559.9	563.4	546.5	544.4	555.3
Gross Leverage	4.4x	6.0x	6.0x	6.5x	6.64	6.4)
NetLeverage	4.0x	5.2x	5.2x	5.8x	5.7x	5.30
FCF/ Net Debt	NM	11%	NM	NM	3%	4%
EBITDA/Interest	3.7x	2.8x	2.5x	2.4x	2.4x	2.5)

#### Peer Financial Analysis

	RAD	CVS	WBA	KR	SFM	WMK
LTM Sales	21,581	244,311	137,412	121,484	5,539	3,534
Sales Growth	-0.30%	29.60%	2.10%	-2.50%	9%	1%
Gross Profit	4,625	43,502	29,800	26794	1,847	92
Gross Margin	21.4%	17.80%	21.70%	22.10%	33.30%	26.209
Adjusted EBITDA	537	19,312	7,983	5922	594	20
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	2.89%	7.90%	5.80%	4.90%	10.70%	5.709
Cash From Operations	(122)	12,693	6,195	4,479	382	176
CapEx	(187)	(2,486)	(1,619)	(3,073)	(175)	(101
Free Cash Flow	(309)	10,207	4,576	1,406	207	75
EV/EBITDA	7.4x	10.2x	9.0x	7.6x	5.5x	5.2x

Source: RAD Financials, Bloomberg





Sum of The Parts Analysis

- Given the two segments, retail pharmacy and a PBM are likely to command different multiples, I applied a sum of the parts analysis with a waterfall to show a perspective recovery for the various bonds.
- · For the retail pharmacy business, I applied a 5x multiple on a lease adjusted EBITDA assuming they sell their owned retail and distribution centers. Given RAD's subscale business, a 5x multiple for a distressed retail pharmacy seemed appropriate.

Cumulative Claim

500

2,685

3,838

6,474

· For the PBM business, I applied a 10x multiple which is in-line with recent sales. Given the uncertainty around the future of the PBM and RAD's subscale, 10x seems more than fair.

PBM Business		Enterprise Value		1122.028
Adjusted EBITDA	\$155	Retail Business		1,649
Multiple	10.0x	Retail Real Estate		220
	220223	PBM Business		1,552
Value	1,552	Distribution Center Real	Estate	347
Retail Business		Total Enterprise Value		3,767
Adjusted EB	\$330	Implied Blended EV/EBI	FAMul	7.0x
Multiple	5.0x			
		Waterfall Analysis		Cumula
Value	1,649	Total Admin Claims	500	-
	1.000.00	Recovery	100%	
Distribution Centers Owned	and the second second	the life of the		
Maryland	885,000	Secured Revolver Borrowings	1,135	
Michigan	325,000	FILO	450	
Woodland, CA	513,000	Secured Notes	600	
Lancaster, CA	914,000	Total Secured Claims	2,185	
New York	828,000	Recovery	100%	
Total	3,465,000	Unsecured Guaranteed Bonds	1,153	
Value at \$100 / Sq Ft	348,500,000	Recovery	94%	
Retail Stores Owned		Unsecured Claims		
Total Stores Owned	131	Lease	628	
Average Square Feet	10,500	Accounts Pavables	1.534	
Square FeetOwned	1,375,500	Other L-T Liabilities	207	
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Expected Lease Value (\$20 / square for	27,510,000	Total Unsecured Claims	2.638	
Sale Value (8x Lease)	220,080,000	Recovery	0%	

-		Contractory (		Adjusted El	BITDA		
		450	475	500	525	550	575
	4.5x	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	5.0x	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	16%
	5.5x	0%	0%	6%	18%	29%	41%
	6.0x	1%	14%	27%	40%	53%	66%
	6.5x	21%	35%	49%	63%	77%	91%
EBITDA	7.0x	40%	56%	71%	86%	100%	100%
Mutiple	7.5x	60%	78%	92%	100%	100%	100%
	8.0x	79%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	8.5x	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	9.0x	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	9.5x	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	10.0x	100%	100%	10096	100%	100%	100%





#### Retail Pharmacy Precedent Transactions

Date Announced	Target	Acquiror	EV/ EBITDA
6/17	Rite Aid Corp (1932 Stores)	Walgreens	13.1x
10/15	Rite Aid Corp	Walgreens	11.5x
7/14	National Co- Operative Chemists Ltd.	Bestway(Holdings) Limited	9.1x
5/14	Farmacias Ahumada S.A.	Aliance Boots	12.1x
7/13	Shoppers Drug Mart Corp.	Loblaw Companies Limited	11.4x
2/10	Duane Reade Inc.	Walgreens	10.9x
8/08	Longs Drug Store Corp.	CVS Caremark Corp.	9.9x
4/07	Alliance Boots	KKR	13.2x
8/06	Eckerd and Brooks	Rite Aid Corp.	9.2x
1/06	Sav-on and Osco	CVS Caremark Corp.	9.8x
4/04	Eckerd	CVS Caremark Corp.	10.8x
4/04	Eckerd	Jean Coutu Group (PJC) Inc.	9.1x
12/03	Duane Reade Inc.	Oak Hill Capital Partners	9.8x
		Average	10.6x

Note: RAD merger with Walgreens from 2015 was abandoned due to regulatory reasons

· Grocery Store Precedent Transactions

Date	Target	Acquiror	EV/ EBITDA
4/19	Smart & Final Holdings Corp. Services Group of	Apollo Global Management, LLC	5.9x
7/18	America Inc.'s food group of companies	US Foods Holding Corp.	8.6x
7/17	Whole Foods Market, Inc.	Amazon.com, Inc.	10.4x
4/17	Unified Grocers, Inc.	Supervalu hc.	10.0x
10/16	Save-A-Lot (subsidiary of Supervalu Inc.)	Onex Corp.	6.4x
3/16	The Fresh Market, Inc.	Apollo Global Management, LLC	7.1x
11/15	RoundVs. Inc.	The Kroger Co.	7.1x
6/15	Delhaize Group	Koninklike Ahold N.V	8.1x
3/14	Safeway Inc.	Cerberus Capital, Kimco, Others	5.0x
12/13	Arden Group, Inc.	TPG	10.0x
7/13	Nash Finch Company	Spartan Stores, Inc.	6.7x
7/13	Harris Teeter Supermarkets, Inc.	The Kroger Co.	7.3x
1/13	Supervalu (five retail grocery banners)	Cerberus Capital Management L.P.	4.0x
10/12	Smart & Final Holdings Corp.	Ares Management	7.5x
12/11	Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.	Lone Star Funds	5.4x
6/11	BJ's Wholesale Club. Inc.	CVC Capital Partners. Leonard Green & Partners LP	7.6x
3/07	Pathmark Stores Inc.	The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company	10.0x
2/07	Wild Oats Marketolace	Whole Foods	15.3x
2/07	Smart & Final Inc.	Apollo Global Management, LLC	10.5x
		Average	8.0x

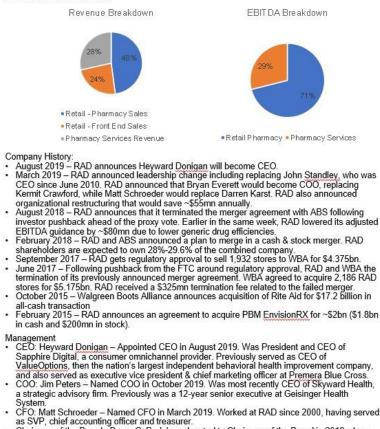
#### · PBM Precedent Transactions

Announce Date	Acquiror	Target	EV/ EBITDA
12/19	United Health	Diplomat	10.2x
3/18	Cigna	Express Scripts	12.6x
3/15	United Health	Catamaran	16.9x
2/15	Rite Aid	EnvisionRx	11.1x
4/12	SXC	Catalyst	23.6x
7/11	Express Scripts	Medco	10.7x
4/09	Express Scripts	NextRx	11.7x
11/06	CVS	Caremark	13.3x
		Average	13.8x





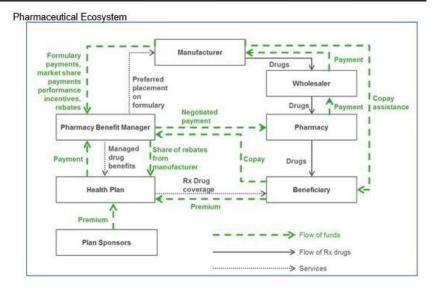
Company Description – Rite Aid is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest retail drugstore in the company. The company operates in two segments: retail pharmacy and pharmacy services. The retail pharmacy segment sells prescription drugs and other merchandise (front-end products) with prescription drugs accounting for ~66% of its revenue. The pharmacy services segment is RAD's EnvisionRXOptions which includes EnvisionRX, a traditional PBM as well as EnvisionInsurance, a commercial/Medicare PDP.



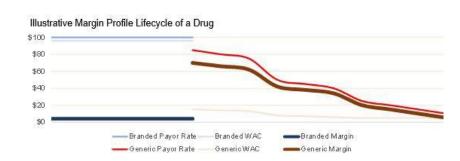
 Chairman of the Board - Bruce G. Bodaken elevated to Chairman of the Board in 2018 when position was split from CEO. Served as Chairman and CEO of Blue Shield of California from 2000 through 2012







Pharmacy Prescription Revenue = Dispensing Fee + Negotiated Payment from PBM or Payor - Wholesale Acquisition Cost

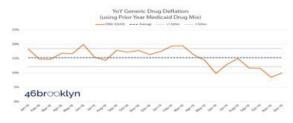






Generic Drug Outlook:

- Generic Market The key word from many generic drug manufactures has been a normalization or stabilization in the decline of generic drug pricing. Competition has rationalized, manufacturers are discontinuing nonprofitable drugs and have pushed back against the big 3 distributors.
- While generics are likely to remain a key focus for the government and approvals likely to remain on record pace, the patent cliff, especially over the next few years is not great. According to an HRI analysis, generic drugs are not likely to impact 46% of the estimated sales revenue of the top 100 drugs through 2023.



Average Year-Over-Year Change in Pricing of Mature Generic Drugs, 2015 to 2018

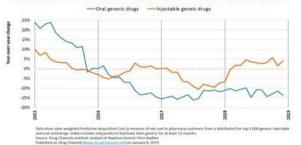
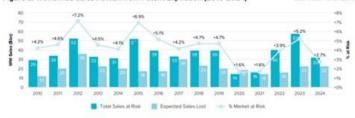


Figure 2: Worldwide Sales At Risk from Patent Expiration (2010-2024)



real May 2011



Patent Analysis: "Total Sales at Risk" represents the worldwide product sales in the year prior to patent expiry but allocated to the year of expiry, E.g. Plavix had sales of \$71bn in 2011, this is shown above as 'At Risk' in 2012.



Guarantor Subsidiaries Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Rite Aid Corporation (Borrower)
Various Rite Aid Retail Oper Corp, K&B, PJC, Rite A	
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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Recommendation:**

- We recommend an OVERWEIGHT position on QVC Inc with upside of 20-40 bps across the curve. We prefer the extension trade from the '25s to the '27s as we believe the 5s/7s curve is too steep.
- We believe the QVC model has shown itself to be resilient to various retail headwinds as it straddles legacy and new retail. The credit benefits from stable top-line results and strong FCF that has kept leverage low.
- QVC bonds are secured and structurally senior to the best assets within Qurate. While Qurate uses QVC's cash flows to both service its debt and return capital to shareholders, the bond's RP covenants provide a structural alignment where Qurate management will need to keep leverage low to maintain access to those cash flows, especially to service its debt.
- Ultimately, we expect the company to be able to stabilize or grow top-line revenue modestly which should comfort bondholders and cause spreads to tighten

QVC/QRTEA Overview	Rating	Price
Debt:		
4.375% Sr. Sec Nts due 2023	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$105.63
4.85% Sr. Sec Nts due 2024	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$108.25
4.45% Sr. Sec Nts due 2025	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$107.00
4.75% Sr. Sec Nts due 2027	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$108.00
4.375% Sr. Sec Nts due 2028	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$104.75
5.45% Sr. Sec Nts due 2034	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$106.00
5.95% Sr. Sec Nts due 2043	Ba2(S)/BB+(N)/BBB-(S)	\$105.00

QRTEA Equity:		
Last Price:	\$11.74	
52-Week Low/High	\$1.51/\$12.51	
Market Capitalization	\$4,934.0	
Debt	\$8,074.0	
Cash	\$1,044.0	
Enterprise Value	\$11,964.0	
EV/EBITDA	5.9x	
QVC		
Total Debt	\$4,620.0	
Cash	\$574.0	
Net Debt	\$4,046.0	
Gross Leverage	2.3x	
Net Leverage	2.0x	

### Cap Table

QVC/QRTE Capital Structure As of			Amt	Ask		G-		
/30/20	Coupon	Maturity	Outstanding	Price	YTW	Spread		Leverage
QVC Cash on Hand			\$ 574.0					
LTM Adjusted QVC EBITDA			\$ 1,985.0					
Qurate Cash on Hand			\$ 1,044.0					
LTM Adjusted Qurate EBITDA			2,115.0					
QVC Level Debt								
Senior Secured Revolver	L+150	12/31/2023	-					
Senior Secured Notes	4.375%	3/15/2023	750.0	\$105.63	1.72%	156		
Senior Secured Notes	4.850%	4/1/2024	600.0	\$108.25	2.18%	192		
Senior Secured Notes	4.450%	2/15/2025	600.0	\$107.00	2.63%	218		
Senior Secured Notes	4.750%	2/15/2027	575.0	\$108.00	3.29%	259		
Senior Secured Notes	4.375%	9/1/2028	500.0	\$104.75	3.66%	276		
Senior Secured Notes	5.450%	8/15/1934	400.0	\$106.00	4.84%	352		
Senior Secured Notes	5.950%	3/15/2043	300.0	\$105.00	5.55%	383		
Senior Secured Notes	6.375%	9/13/2067	225.0					
Senior Secured Notes	6.250%	11/26/2068	500.0					
Finance Lease Obligation			170.0					
			4,620.0				Gross: Net:	2.3x 2.0x
Liberty Interactive Level Debt								
Senior Debentures	8.50%	7/15/2029	287.0	\$116.44				
Senior Debentures	8.25%	2/1/2030	504.0	\$116.02				
Exchangeable Senior Debentures		11/15/2029	431.0	\$78.13				
Exchangeable Senior Debentures	3.75%	2/15/2030	432.0	\$77.82				
Exchangeable Senior Debentures	3.50%	1/15/2031	218.0	\$92.98				
Exchangeable Senior Debentures	1.75%	9/30/2046	332.0	\$191.28				
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			6,824.0				Gross:	3.4x
Qurate Level			0,024.0				Net:	3.4×
Cumulative Perp Preferreds	8.00%	3/15/2031	1,250.0	\$100.00			NGL.	0.17
Qurate Series A Shares			4,588.2					
Qurate Series B Shares			345.5					
Qurate Market Cap			4,933.7					
QRTE Enterprise Value			12,433.7					5.9

### **Overview of Qurate**

### **Direct-To-Consumer Shopping Experiences At Scale**



- Retailer and marketer of consumer products through merchandise-focused U.S. televised shopping programs, the Internet, mobile apps and OTT platforms
- Represents combined QVC US and HSN entities
- Key video commerce platforms include:



\$8.3B Revenue 18.6% Adjusted OIBDA margin<sup>2</sup> 10.6M customers 92M households 57% eCommerce<sup>3</sup> 67% mobile<sup>4</sup>



- Various international channels primarily in Germany, Austria, Japan, the U.K., Ireland, and Italy
- Product sourcing teams select products tailored to the interests of each local market
- Key video commerce platforms include:



16.5% Adjusted OIBDA margin<sup>2</sup>
 4.6M customers
 124M households
 41% eCommerce<sup>3</sup>
 75% mobile<sup>4</sup>



- Leading pure-play online retailer focused on delivering a boutique experience every day
- Operates through flash sales, desktop and mobile websites, as well as mobile applications

#### Cornerstone Brands, Inc.

- Consists of a portfolio of aspirational home and apparel brands
- Prominent in the direct marketing and retail space, including catalog distribution and related websites
- The Cornerstone brands include:

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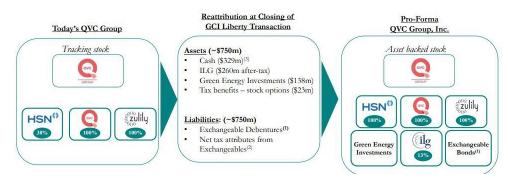
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\$0.9B Revenue 3.7% Adjusted OIBDA margin<sup>2</sup> 73% eCommerce<sup>3</sup>

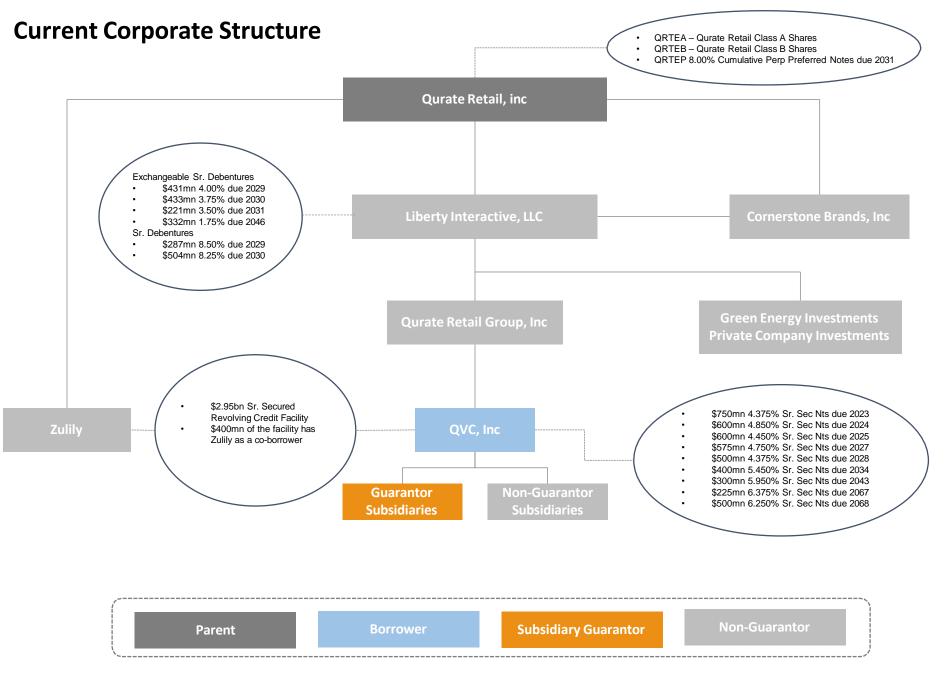
\$1.6B Revenue 3.1% Adjusted OIBDA margin<sup>2</sup> 5.4M customers 74% mobile<sup>4</sup>

### **Company History**

- QVC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Qurate Retail (fka Liberty Interactive Corporation)
- Qurate Retail was spun-off from Liberty Media Corporation in 2011
- In August 2012, Qurate Retail recapitalized its business including the creation of the Liberty Interactive common stock and Liberty Ventures common stock as tracking stocks
- In October 2015, Qurate Retail acquired Zulily for \$2.3bn
- In May 2016, Qurate Retail made a \$2.4bn investment in Liberty Broadband related to the merger of Charter and Time Warner Cable
- In July 2016, Qurate Retail spun-off its wholly-owned subsidiary, CommerceHub to holders of Liberty Ventures common stock
- In November 2016, Qurate Retail spun off its holdings of Expedia and Bodybuilding.com to shareholders
- In December 2017, Qurate Retail acquired the remaining 62% of HSN in an all-stock transaction and then transferred 100% ownership to QVC
- In March 2018, Liberty Interactive completed a reorganization where Qurate Retail was spun out of Liberty Interactive as an asset stock with the legacy entity consisting of the QVC Group, Zulily, HSN, several green investments, ILG and cash along with the assumption of exchangeable debentures. The other assets such as Liberty Broadband, evite, FTD, LendingTree and GCI were spun-off into another asset backed stock.



- In August 2020, Qurate Retail announced a special dividend consisting of \$1.50 per share (\$633mn) and 0.03 shares of new issued 8% cumulative preferred stock valued at ~\$1.25bn.
- In January 2021, Qurate retail along with Charter and Cerberus announced it would invest \$204mn combined (\$68mn each) into ComScore in exchange for convertible notes.



### **Business Overview**



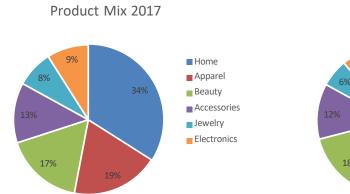
•QVC is a global provider in video retailing, ecommerce and mobile commerce which is distributed to ~216mn households worldwide •~93% of its shipped sales are from repeat customers

•In the US, which accounts for ~75% of revenue, the company distributes programming 20 hours per day, 364 days per year.

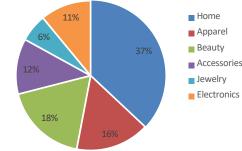
•The QVC and HSN brands present on average 710 products and 580 products, respectively, every week.

•In 2019, QVC shipped approximately 233 million units globally and served approximately 15.2 million unique customers

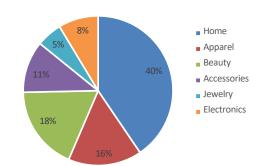




Product Mix 2019



#### Product Mix YTD 20



### **Competitive Positioning**

•QVC benefits from its carefully curated products which are often exclusively on QVC.

•The 'First price lowest' strategy reduces promotional activity and the time sensitive nature creates a call to action.

•The constant turnover of QVC's product keeps inventory relatively low (with return to vendor rights) as well as allows QVC to pivot quickly

• The company has strong customer retention which is really highlighted by what the company calls, 'Super Users'

•16% of its QVC US users spend an average of \$3,400 per year with a 97% retention rate which would equate to ~\$6bn across almost 1.7mn users

•Cord cutting is a threat to QVC's traditional model but the company has responded by expanding its distribution platform to OTT and online video providers

•QVC's customer profile (35-65 year-old woman, above average income, engaged with family life) also provides several benefits. They are not the core cord-cutters. COVID's economic impacts have largely spared higher income / wealthy households. The shop from home should continue to provide a tailwind, albeit a smaller one. As the economy reopens, I would expect product mix to shift back towards higher margin apparel/jewelry products

•While the company has been able to diversify with it's ecommerce sales, the big threat appears to be price competition and maintaining that 'call to action' while keeping exclusivity on its products.

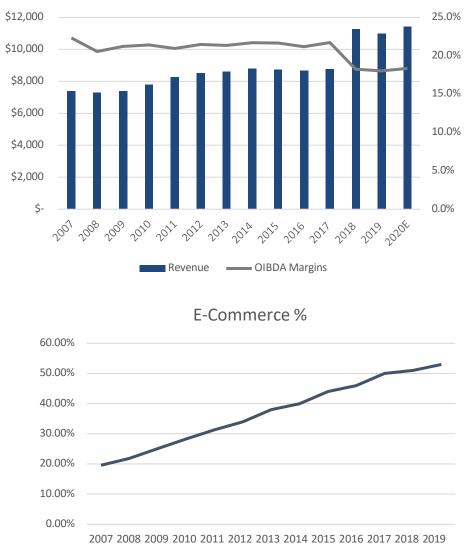
#### **Best Customer** 20+ Purchases In The Last 12 Months



Distribution Platforms	QxH Penetration <sup>2</sup>
Online Video Only	
Over-The-Top Examples: Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Comcast Flex, Samsung TV+, Vizio, Pluto TV, Xumo	
Social Video Examples: YouTube, Facebook/FB Live, Instagram/IGTV	90%
Sector Growth Rate: 23%1	
vMVPDs	
Examples: AT&T TV Now, Sling, Hulu, YouTube TV, FRNDLY	12%
Sector Growth Rate: 15%1	1270
Over-The-Air (Digital)	
Examples: Ion, Tegna, Nexstar, CBS-DABL	659/
Sector Growth Rate: 8%1	65%
MVPDs	
Examples: Comcast, DirecTV, Charter, Fios	1000/
Sector Growth Rate: (10%) <sup>1</sup>	100%

### **Recent Performance**

- Top line at QVC has been remarkably resilient despite the disruption in other parts of retail. While growth has been modest, QVC has shown an ability to adapt into modern retail
- Additionally, QVC's performance barely dipped during the recession in 2008 and despite some initial fears in 2020, QVC has experienced strong top-line growth in 2020 as users shop from home.
- The company has had some near-term margin headwind dating back to 2018 owing to several factors including: mix-shift to home goods from higher margin apparel and jewelry, higher fulfillment and freight costs, marketing costs, HSN integration and network optimization costs
  - The pandemic further exacerbated some of these issues notably product mix and higher fulfillment costs especially during 1Q. Although worth noting margins expanded in Q3 y/y. The company is still expecting to get synergies out of its HSN merger.
- Growth in e-commerce has been strong from 20% in 2007 to over 50% in 2019 with additional gains in 2020 (double digit growth and penetration of 200 bps). This growth seems to de-risk the business from potential cord-cutting pressures and offset (potentially more than offset) legacy top-line declines.



### **Credit Strengths**

#### Strong FCF with low leverage

QVC has had consistent OIBDA which has translated to a strong FCF generation profile that has yielded an average of \$1bn+ over the past 6-years. This OIBDA and FCF profile has allowed QVC to keep leverage down, currently sitting at 2.0x net, below its 2.5x target. FCF to debt of 20%+ is attractive and gives QVC flexibility to pay down debt.

### **Resilient Retail Operations**

- QVC has a unique business model that has proven itself resilient during COVID. The company has actually benefitted from the shift to shopping from home
- The company has been able to shift to e-commerce which now accounts for 50%+ of the business and revenue has been relatively stable over the last 10-years.

#### **Global and Diversified Operator**

QVC benefits from its size, scale and diversification. As the #1 provider in global video commerce and reaching 380mn households (2/3 outside the US), the company has global scale. Additionally, the company does not rely on any one single product, line or even category.

### **Risks & Mitigants**

### **Retail Headwinds**

### Historically Shareholder Friendly

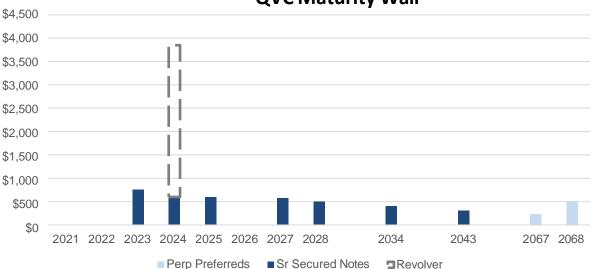
### Malone & Maffei Leadership

- QVC is at risk of changing consumer behaviors and threats from online entrants that could undercut its pricing. Despite the shift in other retail segments, QVC has been able to weather competition and has not seen material weakness in results over the last 10-years. Additionally, QVC has grown its e-commerce presence which should alleviate some pressures
- Specific risk to QVC in the retail space includes cord-cutting which reduces the potential households reached.
- Qurate has historically returned capital to shareholders and used QVC as its funding vehicle. Likely to restart capital returns post-COVID. Company targets 2.5x leverage so will likely increase leverage post-COVID
- However, given Qurate's reliance on QVC to fund operations and the 3.5x RP test, we would expect management to be cautious about running leverage too high and will likely allocate more cash flow to debt paydowns if operations slow down.
- Given John Malone's voting power and Greg Maffei's leadership, there is some event risk associated with the company and their historical acquisitive nature. Given Qurate is now a separate entity apart from Liberty Media, we believe there is more clarity in this strategy relative to other Liberty Media entities.
- While we think Qurate could be acquisitive and use QVC's cash flow to support an acquisition (that would eventually be consolidated into the QVC box), we would prefer this outcome to shareholder returns.
- It is also worth noting that while Malone and Maffei pose event risk, they usually treat creditors fairly and do not use excessive leverage

### Maturity Profile & Liquidity

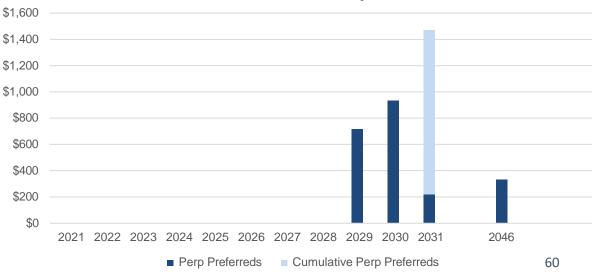
No maturities at QVC until 2023. Exchangeable maturities at parent company not due until 2029

Strong liquidity including full availability under QVC's revolver



**Qurate Maturity Wall** 

Liquidity at QVC	
Cash	574
Revolver Avability	2,930
Total Liquidity	3,504
Note: Revolver availability includes \$4 availability at Zulily ~\$306mn of cash is held at foreign s	
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Cash	1,044
Revolver Avability	2,930
Total Liquidity	3,974



**QVC Maturity Wall** 

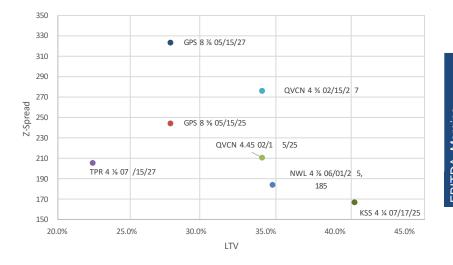
### **Estimated Financials**

	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20E	2017	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E
QxH Revenue	\$2,789	\$1,857	\$1 <i>,</i> 874	\$1,854	\$2 <i>,</i> 692	\$1 <i>,</i> 792	\$2 <i>,</i> 010	\$1,980	\$6,140	\$8,544	\$8,277	\$8,540	\$8,582	\$8 <i>,</i> 624	\$8,666
QxH Revenue Growth	-3.6%	-1.4%	-3.9%	-3.5%	-3.5%	7.3%	6.8%	2.5%	0.3%	3.4%	-3.1%	3.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
QVC International	\$766	\$644	\$640	\$650	\$775	\$635	\$713	\$723	\$2,631	\$2,738	\$2,709	\$2,893	\$2,995	\$3 <i>,</i> 025	\$3 <i>,</i> 056
QVC Int'l Growth	-4.7%	-2.4%	1.6%	1.2%	-1.4%	11.4%	11.2%	6.1%	2.7%	4.1%	-1.1%	6.8%	3.5%	1.0%	1.0%
Revenue	\$2,501	\$2,514	\$2 <i>,</i> 504	\$3 <i>,</i> 467	\$2,427	\$2,723	\$2,703	\$3,581	\$8,771	\$11,282	\$10,986	\$11,434	\$11,577	\$11,649	\$11,721
Revenue Growth	-3.9%	-1.6%	-2.5%	-2.5%	-3.0%	8.3%	7.9%	3.3%	1.0%	28.6%	-2.6%	4.1%	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Adjusted OIBDA	\$453	\$501	\$452	\$576	\$390	\$507	\$512	\$687	\$1 <i>,</i> 906	\$2,059	\$1,982	\$2,096	\$2,142	\$2,213	\$2,297
Adjusted OIBDA Margins	18.1%	19.9%	18.1%	16.6%	16.1%	18.6%	18.9%	19.2%	21.7%	18.3%	18.0%	18.3%	18.5%	19.0%	19.6%
OIBDA	453	501	452	576	390	507	512	687	1,906	2,059	1,982	2,096	2,142	2,213	2,297
Interest	-61	-60	-61	-58	-65	-64	-65	-65	-214	-243	-240	-259	-251	-251	-234
Taxes	-74	-85	-79	-24	-60	-92	-80	-127	-139	-334	-262	-359	-366	-386	-414
Change in NWC	-49	81	18	-196	38	498	108	-293	32	-284	-146	351	-217	-10	-10
Other	-2	-5	-11	6	7	20	26	0	-383	-42	-12	-509	0	0	0
OCF	267	432	319	304	310	869	501	204	1,202	1,156	1,322	1,322	1,308	1,567	1,639
Сарех	-54	-99	-72	-66	-39	-53	-48	-64	-152	-228	-291	-204	-232	-233	-234
Capex FCF	-54 <b>213</b>	-99 <b>333</b>	-72 <b>247</b>	-66 <b>238</b>	-39 <b>271</b>	-53 <b>816</b>	-48 <b>453</b>	-64 <b>139</b>	-152 <b>1,050</b>	-228 928	-291 <b>1,031</b>	-204 <b>1,118</b>	-232 1,076	-233 1,334	-234 1,405
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### **Cases & Valuation**

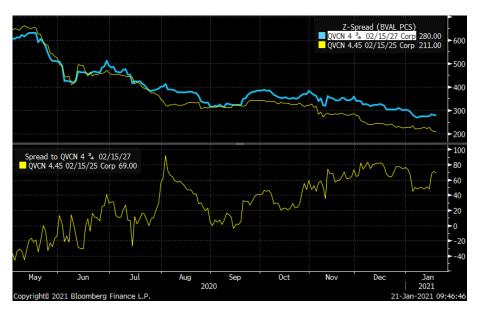
In our base case, we expect QVC to keep the top line-stable or grow modestly (<1%) while achieving some margin expansion following margin compression over the past two years. We think continued operating improvements could likely lead to an upgrade but not likely in the near-term. That said, we think bonds should trade 20-40 bps tighter and inside of the BB index given their creditworthiness and cash flows.

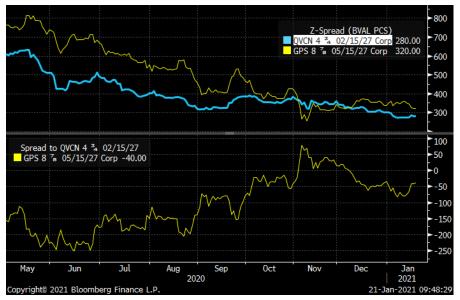
- In our bull case, QVC would grow top-line 3-5% while seeing margins back to 20%+ historical levels. Some de-leveraging would occur through OIBDA growth although we'd still expect management to run leverage at ~2.5x. But we'd expect at least S&P to upgrade QVC back to BBB-. An upgrade should cause QVC to trade back in-line with IG peers (such as EXPE) implying 50-100 bps of upside throughout the curve.
- In our bear case, QVC would see 3-5% declines with margins remaining depressed. While we think management would keep leverage relatively low and its cash flow profile would allow it to do so, top and bottom line degradation would remove any chance of an upgrade to IG. In this scenario, we'd expect the bonds to trade down to similar levels to trouble retailers such as MIK and M, implying 150-250 bps of downside.



		Revenue CAGR								
		-20%	-15%	-10%	-5%	0%	5%			
	20.0%	3.2x	3.1x	2.4x	1.8x	1.3x	0.9x			
ns	17.5%	4.1x	3.1x	3.1x	2.4x	1.8x	1.4x			
Margins	15.0%	4.2x	3.2x	3.2x	3.2x	2.5x	2.0x			
Ma	12.5%	5.6x	4.3x	3.4x	3.5x	3.5x	2.8x			
AC	10.0%	6.0x	4.7x	3.7x	3.9x	3.1x	3.3x			
EBITDA	7.5%	8.9x	7.1x	5.8x	4.7x	3.8x	4.1x			
ш	5.0%	14.8x	12.1x	9.9x	8.2x	6.8x	5.7x			

### **Bond Performance**







### **Relative Value Analysis**

Security	Price	Yield	Z-Spread	Maturity	Net Debt / EBITDA	EV/EBITDA	LTV	Spread per Turn of Leverage
QVCN 4 ¾ 03/15/23	105.19	1.90	169	2.2	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	83
QVCN 4.85 04/01/24	108.10	2.21	192	3.2	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	94
QVCN 4.45 02/15/25	107.18	2.47	211	4.1	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	104
QVCN 4 ¾ 02/15/27	107.19	3.38	277	6.1	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	136
QVCN 4 ¾ 09/01/28	104.58	3.66	286	7.6	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	140
QVCN 5.45 08/15/34	106.20	4.81	361	13.6	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	177
QVCN 5.95 03/15/43	104.27	5.61	423	22.2	2.0x	5.9x	34.7%	207
GPS 8 3/8 05/15/23	114.16	2.08	186	2.3	1.6x	5.7x	28.1%	116
GPS 8 1/25 05/15/25	111.86	2.64	245	4.3	1.6x	5.7x	28.1%	153
GPS 8 1/8 05/15/27	116.05	3.46	324	6.3	1.6x	5.7x	28.1%	202
TPR 4 ¼ 04/01/25	108.48	2.00	163	4.2	2.0x	8.9x	22.5%	82
TPR 4 1/8 07/15/27	107.95	2.73	206	6.5	2.0x	8.9x	22.5%	103
NWL 3.65 04/01/21	99.83	4.50	431	0.2	3.8x	10.6x	35.4%	114
NWL 3.85 04/01/23	105.45	1.61	140	2.2	3.8x	10.6x	35.4%	37
NWL 4 12/01/24	106.13	2.23	189	3.9	3.8x	10.6x	35.4%	50
NWL43 06/01/25	110.62	2.26	185	4.4	3.8x	10.6x	35.4%	49
NWL 4.2 04/01/26	111.80	2.17	167	5.2	3.8x	10.6x	35.4%	44
JWN 8¾ 05/15/25	112.19	2.56	237	4.3	4.3x	9.7x	44.4%	55
JWN 403/15/27	100.69	3.87	324	6.2	4.3x	9.7x	44.4%	75
JWN 4 3/8 04/01/30	100.45	4.31	336	9.2	4.3x	9.7x	44.4%	78
KSS 3 ¼ 02/01/23	103.48	1.27	107	2.0	2.9x	7.1x	41.3%	36
KSS 4 ¾ 12/15/23	108.20	1.58	134	2.9	2.9x	7.1x	41.3%	46
KSS 9 ½ 05/15/25	129.53	2.16	177	4.3	2.9x	7.1x	41.3%	60
KSS 4 ¼ 07/17/25	108.75	2.08	167	4.5	2.9x	7.1x	41.3%	57
EBAY 3.606/05/27	113.74	1.26	60	6.4	1.1x	12.1x	9.4%	53
EBAY 2.7 03/11/30	107.47	1.79	81	9.1	1.1x	12.1x	9.4%	71
EXPE 2 ½ 06/03/22	102.32	0.40	94	1.4	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	16
EXPE 3.6 12/15/23	106.66	1.19	95	2.9	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	17
EXPE 4 ½ 08/15/24	109.26	1.62	133	3.6	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	23
EXPE 7 05/01/25	109.74	1.96	178	4.3	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	31
EXPE 6 ¼ 05/01/25	116.09	2.07	169	4.3	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	29
EXPE 5 02/15/26	112.12	2.33	185	5.1	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	32
EXPE 4 ½ 08/01/27	111.81	2.58	191	6.5	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	33
EXPE 3.8 02/15/28	107.09	2.66	192	7.1	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	33
EXPE 3 ¼ 02/15/30	103.04	2.86	191	9.1	5.7x	20.9x	27.5%	33
MTCHII 5 12/15/27	106.10	2.96	277	6.9	4.0x	55.6x	7.2%	69
MTCHII 4 ½ 06/01/28	104.80	3.43	314	7.4	4.0x	55.6x	7.2%	79
MTCHII 5 % 02/15/29	108.83	3.44	318	8.1	4.0x	55.6x	7.2%	80
MTCHII 4 1/8 08/01/30	103.61	3.56	277	9.5	4.0x	55.6x	7.2%	69
ICE BofA US High Yield Index		3.68	372					
ICE BofA US High Yield Index BB		3.34	270					
ICE BofA US Corporate Index		1.85	99					
ICE BofA US Corporate Index BBB		2.11	124					-
ICE BofA US Corporate Index Retail	l	1.76	78					64

### **Equity Valuation**

While there are no real true comps for QVC or Qurate retail, the 6x EV/EBITDA multiple appears to be at the low-end of other catalog and TV based retailers as well as e-commerce or even traditional brick & mortar retailers.

Announcement			
Date	Acquiror	Target	EV/LTM EBITDA
Dec-10	Leonard Green & Partners, L.P.	Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.	7.3x
May-12	Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	Charming Shoppes Inc.	9.9x
May-12	Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	Cost Plus Inc.	12.7x
Nov-12	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	Oriental Trading Company, Inc.	7.1x
Nov-12	Leon's Furniture Limited	The Brick Ltd.	7.1x
Feb-13	Office Depot, Inc.	Office Max Incorporated	12.2x
Jul-13	Hudson's Bay Company	Saks Incorporated	10.8x
Sep-13	Ares Management LLC and CPPIB	Neiman Marcus Group, Inc.	9.4x
Dec-13	Sycamore Partners	The Jones Group Inc.	8.6x
Feb-14	Signet Jewelers Limited	Zale Corporation	15.6x
Sep-14	Capmark Financial Group Inc.	Bluestem Brands, Inc.	6.3x
Dec-14	Buyer Group led by BC Partners, Inc.	PetSmart, Inc.	9.1x
May-15	Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	ANN INC.	8.6x
Aug-15	Qurate Retail	Zulily	29.6x
Aug-15	Sycamore Partners	Belk, Inc.	6.2x
Nov-15	CVC Capital Partners and CPPIB	PETCO Animal Supplies, Inc.	9.4x
Feb-16	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	RONA, INC.	12.1x
Oct-16	Bass Pro Group, LLC	Cabela's Incorporated	11.8x
May-17	Coach, Inc.	Kate Spade & Company	10.4x
Jun-17	Sycamore Partners	Staples, Inc.	5.1x
Jun-19	Insight Enterprises	PCM Inc	9.2x
	moigni =nterprises	Average	10.4x
		Median	9.4x

				LTM Revenue		EBITDA				
Catalog & TV Based Retailers	Market Cap	Enterprise Value	LTM Revenue	Growth	EBITDA	Margin	LTM EPS	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA	P/E
Qurate Retail, Inc.	\$4,934	\$12,434	\$13,898	1.7%	\$2,076.0	14 <b>.9</b> %	\$2.03	0.9x	6.0x	5.8x
Mango Excellent Media Co Ltd	\$22,697	\$22,078	\$1,962	25.9%	\$706.8	36.0%	\$0.14	11.3x	31.2x	81.6x
momo.com Inc	\$4,056	\$3,960	\$2,272	-3.4%	\$506.1	22.3%	\$1.63	1.7x	7.8x	68.0x
Oriental Pearl Group Co Ltd	\$31,140	\$18,506	\$11,436	-11.4%	\$2,485.3	21.7%	\$0.36	1.6x	7.4x	15.2x
Belluna Co Ltd	\$1,093.0	\$1,618.0	\$1,715.0	2.1%	\$138.0	8.0%	\$0.74	0.9x	11.7x	15.9x
GS Home Shopping Inc	\$918.8	\$304.0	\$1,257.6	5.0%	\$157.6	12.5%	\$16.51	0.2x	1.9x	7.1x
Hyundai Home Shopping Network Corp	\$958.8	\$651.2	\$2,263.3	19.5%	\$219.6	9.7%	\$6.58	0.3x	3.0x	11.0x
					Average	17.9%		2.4x	9.9x	29.2x
					Median	14.9%		0.9x	7.4x	15.2x
				LTM Revenue	LTM	EBITDA				
E-Commerce	Market Cap	Enterprise Value	LTM Revenue	Growth	EBITDA	Margin	LTM EPS	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA	P/E
EBAY	\$39,279.0	\$43,362.0	\$10,666.0	8.9%	\$3,591.0	33.7%	\$3.25	4.1x	12.1x	17.5x
Groupon	\$1,003.0	\$784.0	\$1,686.1	-29.9%	NM	NM	NM	0.5x	NM	NM
Vipshop Holdings Ltd	\$20,076.0	\$18,714.0	\$13,620.0	4.3%	\$1,005.0	7.4%	\$0.97	1.4x	18.6x	28.1x
					Average	20.5%		2.0x	15.3x	22.8x
					Median	20.5%		1.4x	15.3x	22.8x
				LTM Revenue	LTM	EBITDA				
Retailers	Market Cap	Enterprise Value	LTM Revenue	Growth	EBITDA	Margin	LTM EPS	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA	P/E
Bed Bath & Beyond	\$3,034.0	\$4,686.0	\$9,721.0	-14.4%	\$833.3	8.6%	NM	0.5x	5.6x	NM
Nordstrom	\$5,715.0	\$10,287.0	\$11,608.0	-25.0%	\$490.0	4.2%	NM	0.9x	21.0x	NM
Dillards	\$1,521.0	\$2,082.0	\$4,786.0	-25.6%	\$111.5	2.3%	NM	0.4x	18.7x	NM
Macy's	\$3,909.0	\$11,012.0	\$19,636.0	-22.8%	\$392.0	2.0%	NM	0.6x	28.1x	NM
-					Average	4.3%		0.6x	18.3x	
					Median	3.3%		0.5x	19.8x	

### Management



### Management

**GREGORY B. MAFFEI, Chairman** 

- Serves as Chairman of Qurate Retail which owns QVC, HSN, Zulily and the Cornerstone Brands.
- Also President & CEO of Liberty Media Corporation and serves as Chairman of other Liberty related companies Live Nation, SiriusXM and Trip Advisor



MICHAEL A. GEORGE, President & CEO of Qurate Retail and QVC

- Named President and CEO of Qurate Retail in 2018
- Has served as President and CEO of QVC since 2004



Jeffrey A. Davis, CFO of Qurate Retail and QVC

- Joined as CFO of Qurate Retail and QVC in October 2018
- Previously served as EVP and CFO of J. C. Penney Company.
- Served as CFO of Darden Restaurants before J.C. Penney. Also worked at Walmart and served as CFO of Walmart US



John C. Malone, Director and Former Chairman of the Board

- Chairman of the Board of Liberty Media Corporation, Liberty Broadband Corporation and Liberty Global plc
- As of 12/31/20, Mr. Malone owned 94% of Qurate's class B shares, representing 41% of the company's voting power

### **Top Holders**

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#### QRTEA Top Holders

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Rank	Holder Name	Position	% Outstanding
1	Dodge & Cox	61.31	15.81%
2	Vanguard Group	33.88	8.74%
3	Ameriprise Financial	19.18	4.95%
4	FPR Partners	17.03	4.39%
5	BlackRock	16.02	4.13%
6	ClearBridge	13.93	3.59%
7	Dimensional Fund Advisors	13.73	3.54%
8	Harris Associates	13.33	3.44%
9	Lyrical Asset Management	12.85	3.31%
10	AQR Capital Management	7.67	1.98%

	QRTEB Top Holders		
Rank	Holder Name	Position	% Outstanding
1	John C Malone	27.66	94.14%
2	Gregory Maffei	0.68	2.30%
3	Jupiter Fund	0.61	2.06%
4	Alexandria Capital	0.02	0.07%
5	CSS	0.02	0.05%
6	Fifth Third Bancorp	0.01	0.02%
7	Glenmede Trust	0.00	0.01%
8	Pennsylvania Trust	0.00	0.00%
9	UBS	0.00	0.00%
10	FMR	0.00	0.00%

	QVC Bond Holders (ex. Preferre		
Rank	Holder Name	Position	% Outstanding
1	BlackRock	\$206.47	5.54%
2	Allianz/PIMCO	\$178.02	4.78%
3	T. Rowe Price	\$55.44	1.49%
4	Manulife	\$50.09	1.34%
5	New York Life	\$48.78	1.31%
6	Northwestern Mutual	\$45.50	1.22%
7	Principal Financial Group	\$43.01	1.15%
8	Credit Agricole	\$37.45	1.01%
9	Allstate	\$33.25	0.89%
10	Fidelity National Financial	\$33.06	0.89%

### **Rating Agency Commentary**

Moody's QVC: Ba2 / Stable Qurate: Ba3 / Stable

- Moody's affirmed Liberty Interactive's Ba3 CFR in April 2020 and QVC's Ba2 rating but moved the outlook to Stable from Positive, anticipating a weakness in consumer demand and changing purchasing patterns. Moody's adjusted leverage of 4.3x
- Upgrade Scenario Positive sales and operating performance while maintaining a conservative financial strategy. Upgrade if debt/EBITDA was sustained below 4.25x
- Downgrade Scenario Liquidity weakens, asset composition or financial strategy meaningfully changes, or operating performance deteriorates leading to leverage above 5.25x

S&P QVC: BB+ / Negative Qurate: BB- / Negative

- Downgraded Qurate to BB- in April 2020 and lowered QVC's secured debt rating to BB+ from BBB-, left company on negative outlook expecting prolonged decline in consumer spending and intensified competition. Expected revenue decline in 2020 and leverage above 5x
- Upside Scenario Could move to stable if it sees path to health sales and profit growth with leverage less than 5x. Upgrade to BBB- likely requires to get back to below 4x threshold
- Downside Scenario Could be further downgraded if leverage expected to remain above 5x in 2021 or unable to obtain credit waiver amendment. Could also downgrade if competitive standing weakens

### **Fitch** QVC: BBB- / Stable Qurate: BB / Stable

- In March 2020, affirmed Qurate's BB rating and QVC's BBB- rating (2 notches higher) and revised the outlook to stable from positive with expectation for near-term declining revenues
- Upgrade criteria Sustained operating improvement including revenue growth and EBITDA margin improvement with QVC's debt to EBITDA remaining below 2.5x and Liberty's lease adjusted debt to EBITDA ~3.5x or more conservative leverage targets
- Downgrade criteria Unexpected revenue declines in excess of 10% that lead to EBITDA and FCF declines and QVC's leverage exceeding 2.5x with Liberty's lease adjusted leverage over 3.5x. 68

### Covenants

	4.375% Sr. Sec Nts due 2023	4.85% Sr. Sec Nts due 2024	4.45% Sr. Sec Nts due 2025	4.75% Sr. Sec Nts due 2027	4.375% Sr. Sec Nts due 2028
Permitted Debt	Subject to 2.0 FCC coverage ratio; Not to exceed \$5bn (incl. credit facility and notes issued); \$100mn purchase money carveout; Non-guarantor subsdiary debt not to exceed \$425mn; Restricted subsidiary not to exceed \$250mn	Subject to 2.0 FCC coverage ratio; Not to exceed \$5bn (incl. credit facility and notes issued); \$100mn purchase money carveout; Non-guarantor subsdiary debt not to exceed \$425mn; Restricted subsidiary not to exceed \$250mn	Subject to 2.0 FCC coverage ratio; Not to exceed \$5bn (incl. credit facility and notes issued); \$100mn purchase money carveout; Non-guarantor subsdiary debt not to exceed \$425mn; Restricted subsidiary not to exceed \$250mn	Subject to 2.0 FCC coverage ratio; Not to exceed \$5bn (incl. credit facility and notes issued); \$100mn purchase money carveout; Non-guarantor subsdiary debt not to exceed \$425mn; Restricted subsidiary not to exceed \$250mn	Subject to 2.0 FCC coverage ratio; Not to exceed \$5bn (incl. credit facility and notes issued); \$100mn purchase money carveout; Non-guarantor subsdiary debt not to exceed \$425mn; Restricted subsidiary not to exceed \$250mn
Limitation on Restricted Payments	Subject to Consolidated Leverage Ratio Test (3.5x); \$25mn per year carveout for employee share buybacks; General \$50mn carveout	Subject to Consolidated Leverage Ratio Test (3.5x); \$25mn per year carveout for employee share buybacks; General \$50mn carveout	Subject to Consolidated Leverage Ratio Test (3.5x); \$25mn per year carveout for employee share buybacks; General \$50mn carveout	Subject to Consolidated Leverage Ratio Test (3.5x); \$25mn per year carveout for employee share buybacks; General \$50mn carveout	Subject to Consolidated Leverage Ratio Test (3.5x); \$25mn per year carveout for employee share buybacks; General \$50mn carveout
Limitation on Asset Sales	Subject to 3.5x consolidated leverage ratio test following asset sale and subsequent use of proceeds; Carveout if leverage is below 2.5x	Subject to 3.5x consolidated leverage ratio test following asset sale and subsequent use of proceeds	Subject to 3.5x consolidated leverage ratio test following asset sale and subsequent use of proceeds	Subject to 3.5x consolidated leverage ratio test following asset sale and subsequent use of proceeds	Subject to 3.5x consolidated leverage ratio test following asset sale and subsequent use of proceeds
Limitation on Liens	Secured debt (equal and ratable or junior) not to exceed \$5bn; \$150mn restricted subsidiary carveout	Secured debt (equal and ratable or junior) not to exceed \$5bn; \$150mn restricted subsidiary carveout	Secured debt (equal and ratable or junior) not to exceed \$5bn; \$150mn restricted subsidiary carveout	Secured debt (equal and ratable or junior) not to exceed \$5bn; \$150mn restricted subsidiary carveout	Secured debt (equal and ratable or junior) not to exceed \$5bn; \$150mn restricted subsidiary carveout
Permitted Investments	\$100mn general carveout	\$100mn general carveout	\$100mn general carveout	\$100mn general carveout	\$100mn general carveout
Change of Control	\$101 CoC with Below IG rating event; CoC defined as more than 30% of voting power ((a) Qurate Retail, (b) John C. Malone, (c) Greg	<ul> <li>\$101 CoC with Below IG rating event;</li> <li>CoC defined as more than 30% of voting power ((a) Qurate Retail, (b) John C. Malone, (c) Greg</li> <li>Maffei, (d) each of the respective Affiliated Persons ) by non permitted holder AND acquiror does not have IG ratings or ratings equal to or better than Qurate; Below IG rating event means notes are rated below IG by agencies (just S&amp;P and Moody's) within 60 days of announced transaction</li> </ul>	\$101 CoC with Below IG rating event; CoC defined as more than 30% of voting power ((a) Qurate Retail, (b) John C. Malone, (c) Greg Maffei, (d) each of the respective Affiliated Persons ) by non permitted holder AND acquiror	<ul> <li>\$101 CoC with Below IG rating event;</li> <li>CoC defined as more than 30% of voting power ((a) Qurate Retail, (b) John C. Malone, (c) Greg</li> <li>Maffei, (d) each of the respective Affiliated Persons ) by non permitted holder AND acquiror does not have IG ratings or ratings equal to or better than Qurate; Below IG rating event means notes are rated below IG by agencies (just S&amp;P and Moody's) within 60 days of announced transaction</li> </ul>	\$101 CoC with Below IG rating event; CoC defined as more than 30% of voting power ((a) Qurate Retail, (b) John C. Malone, (c) Greg Maffei, (d) each of the respective Affiliated Persons ) by non permitted holder AND acquiror does not have IG ratings or ratings equal to or better than Qurate; Below IG rating event means notes are rated below IG by agencies (just S&P and Moody's) within 60 days of announced transaction

Note: Secured revolving facility has 3.5x maintenance covenant test

# IIC

Credit IIC: Wednesday, Nov. 9 (7:00PM – Kravis 840) Pitches due: Nov. 7 by 11:59PM Format: 5min pitch, followed by 5-10min Q&A & feedback Maximum length 3 pages (plus maximum of 3 additional pages of exhibits)

Rules / Tips: Limited to credit investments Try to stick to a long position within high yield (or stressed/distressed) corporates Need to have upside

RSVP to Scott, Blake, and Spencer by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> if you plan on participating: Blake Gilbert: <u>bgilbert23@gsb.columbia.edu</u> Scott Hall: <u>shall23@gsb.columbia.edu</u> Spencer Goldman: <u>sgoldman24@gsb.columbia.edu</u>









