

Dissecting the Bond Market

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Massive and Significant Changes



In the Entire Fixed Income Complex are upon us.

Negative Yields



Between \$13-16 Trillion Sovereign Debt where the borrower is being paid

\$1,000,000,000,000

European Central Bank has \$1 Trillion euros sloshing around the financial system

Twelve Zeros in Excess

Surplus liquidity in euro area exceeds 1 trillion euros for first time



Source: ECB

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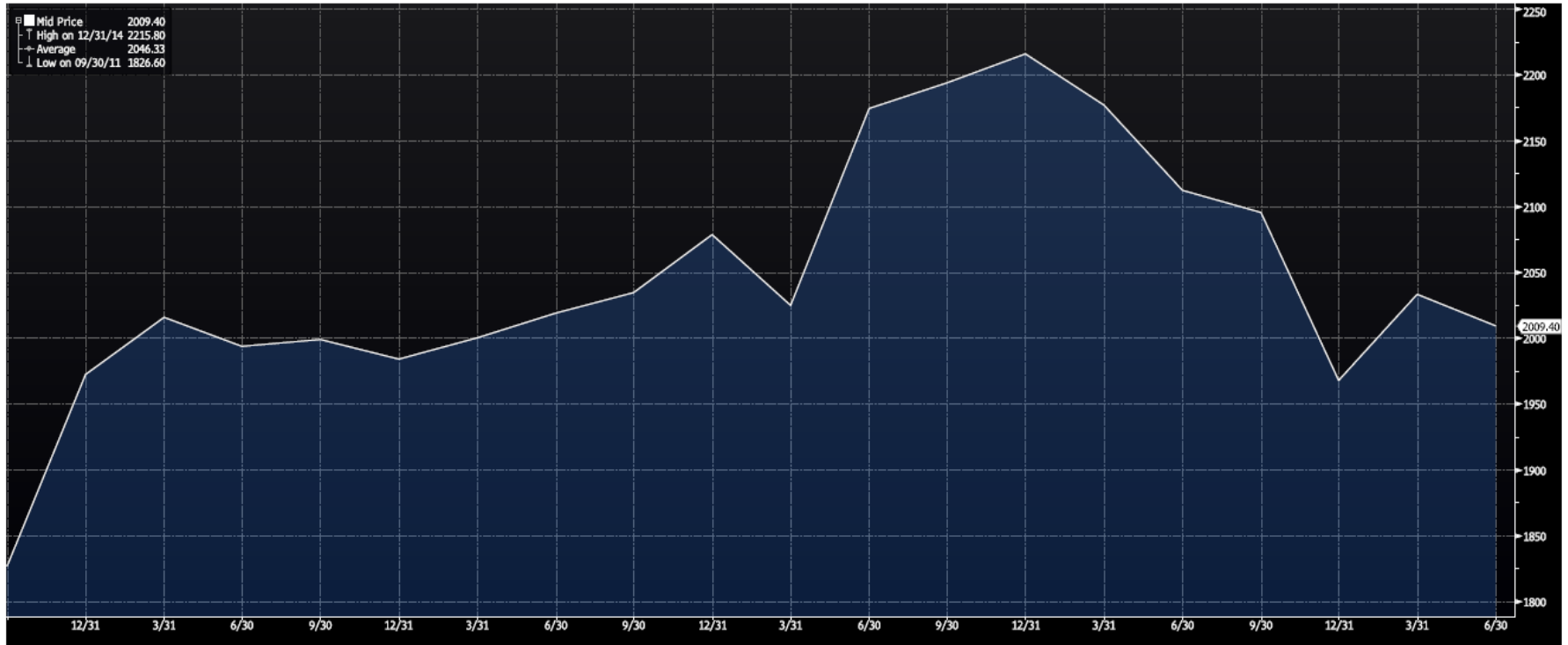
Denial Is Not A Strategy

Post Credit Crisis:

- **Lower interest rates are not stimulating growth**
- **Consumers are saving**
- **Central Banks are conducting desperate monetary policies**
- **These policies are creating asset bubbles**
- **Companies are using cheap capital to lavish shareholders**
- **Profits: 6 Negative quarters**



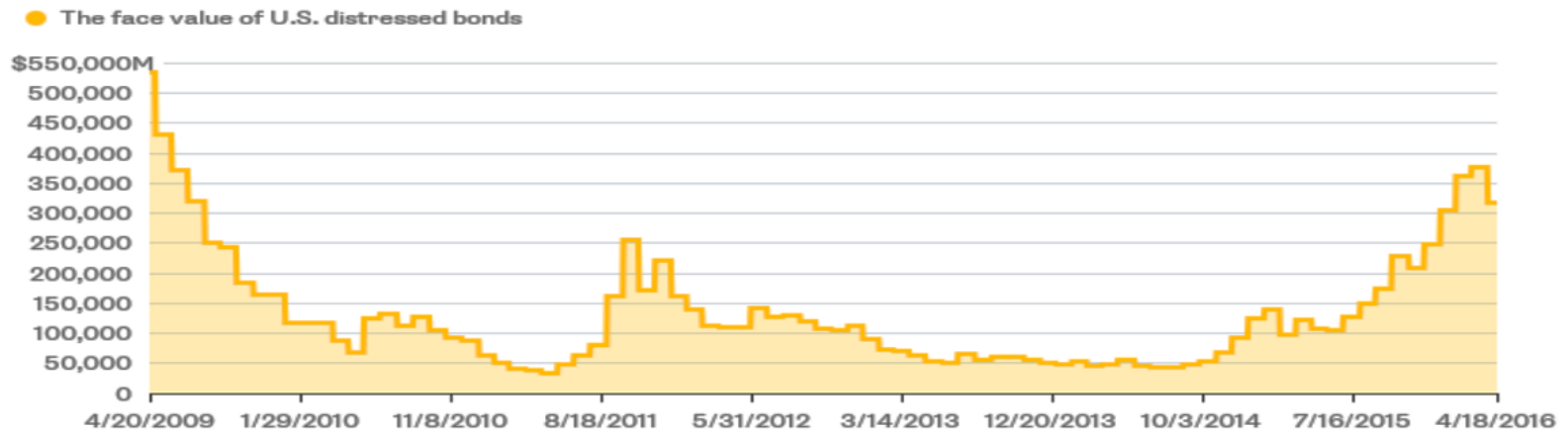
Corporate Profits Cloud US Investment & the Hiring Outlook



If this chart represented a stock's price would you buy it?

As the Cycle Turns

More companies are struggling to repay their debt as the credit cycle sours



Source: The BofA Merrill Lynch US Distressed High Yield Index

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Two years ago the recovery rates for bond investors was 44 cents on the dollar...now it's 29 cents.

Average Ratings Have Fallen to BB: 15 Year Lows

Credit Bubbles End Painfully



Sooooo...

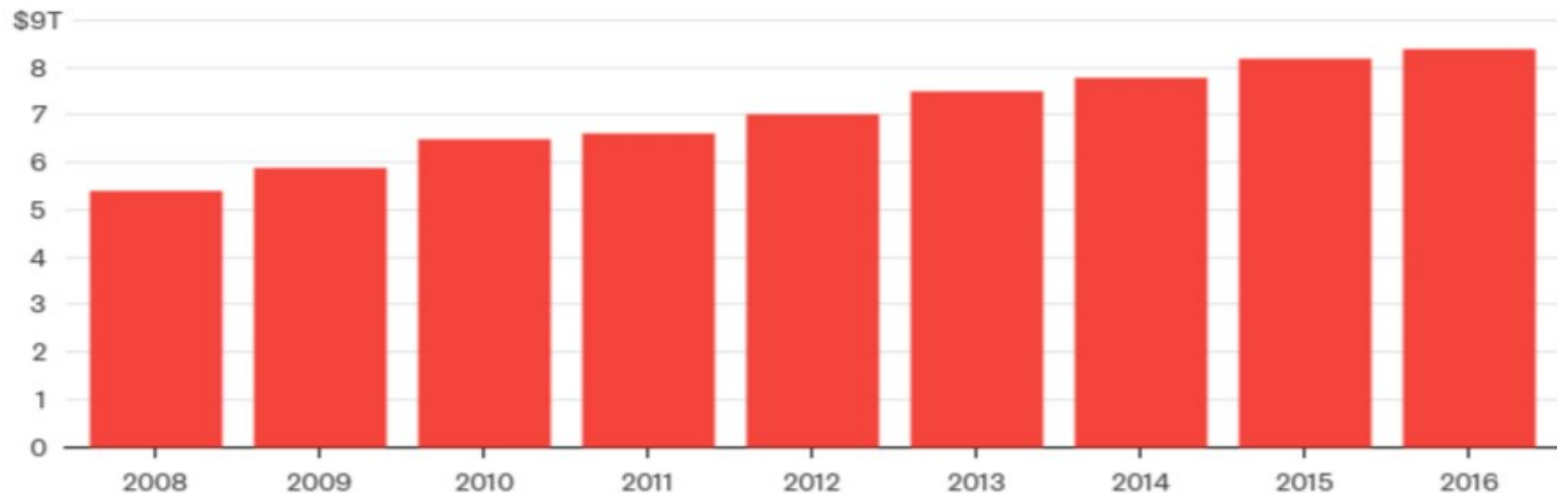
- Stick with Investment Grade and Quasi Investment Grade Bonds
- When the credit bubble bursts you'll lose less with individual bonds than with mutual funds or ETFs
- Those individual issues have finite maturities you can wait out—not so with funds.

The Amount Of US Corporate Bonds Outstanding

Bonds for Sale

The amount of U.S. corporate bonds outstanding has surged in recent years

● Size of the U.S. corporate-bond market

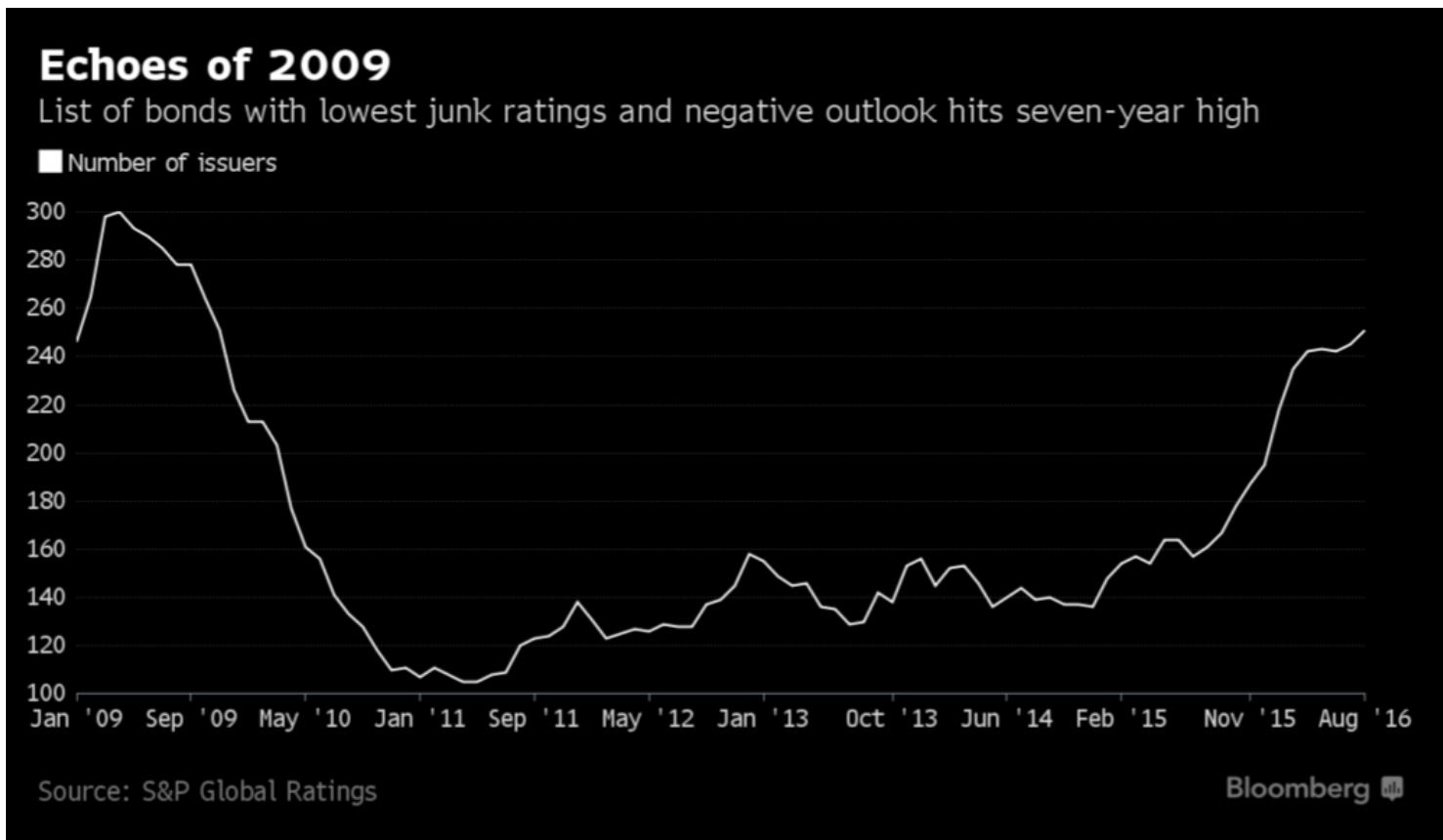


Source: Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

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Echoes of 2009

Since the credit crisis we haven't seen so many companies with such huge debt problems



Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.

3.749% due August 1, 2024 Callable 5/1/2024

Amount Outstanding \$300 million

Rated: Baa1, BBB+

CUSIP: 075896AA8

Yield to Maturity: 3.10%

Change of Control



Under Armour

3.25% due June 15, 2026 Callable

Amount Outstanding \$600 million

Rated: Baa2, BBB-

CUSIP: 904311AA5

Yield to Maturity: 3.125%

Change of Control



UNDER ARMOUR

WP Carey Inc.

4.00% due Feb. 1, 2025 Callable

Amount Outstanding \$450 million

Rated: Baa2, BBB

CUSIP: 92936UAC3

Yield to Maturity: 3.80%

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Look For REIT Bonds

		REIT	Bond
EPR	EPR Properties	4.74%	4.25% due 2025
HST	Host Hotels & Resorts Inc.	4.60%	3.58% due 2025
HIW	Highwood Properties Inc.	3.18%	2.80% due 2023
OHI	Omega Healthcare	6.31%	4.20% due 2025

Don't Overdo It!

Pension Fund Assumptions:

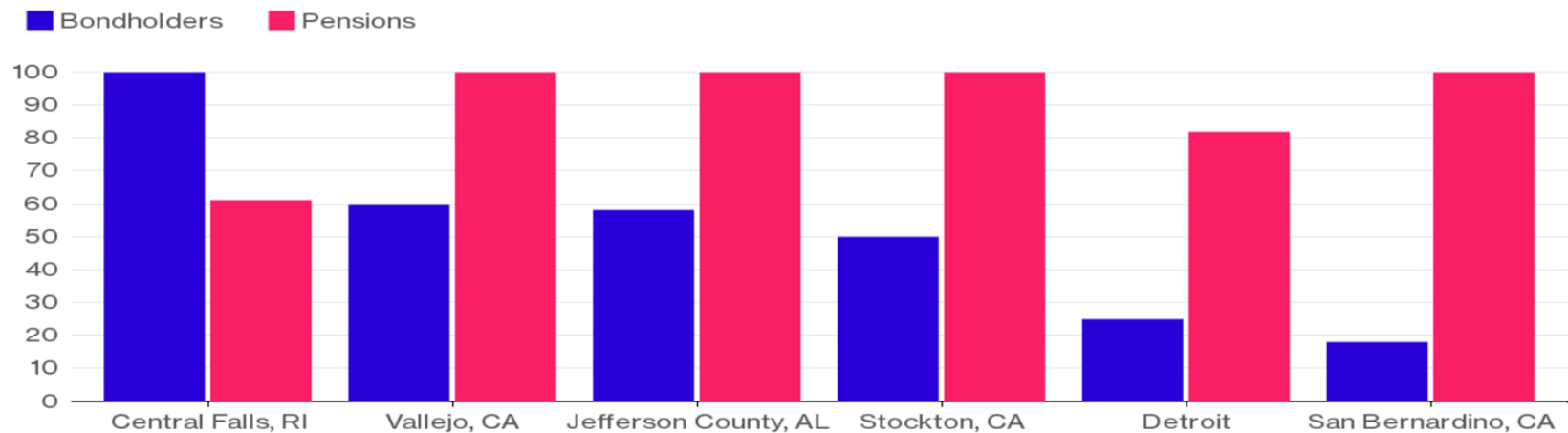
- Unrealistic
- Underfunded
- Bankruptcies? More are coming
- Winners = Pensioners
- Losers = Pension Obligation & General Obligation Bondholders



Retirees Were Victorious Over Bondholders

When Governments Go Bankrupt, Bondholders Bear the Cost

Pensions checks, a retiree lifeline, take priority when cash runs out



Source: Recovery rates, as tabulated by Moody's Investors Service

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Why should you care?

Because the money is coming out of
our wallets

The “Bad Boys” of Municipal Bondland:

- Illinois
- Chicago
- Kentucky
- New Jersey
- Atlantic City
- Chicago Public Schools



Reconsider Your Definition Of Municipal Default

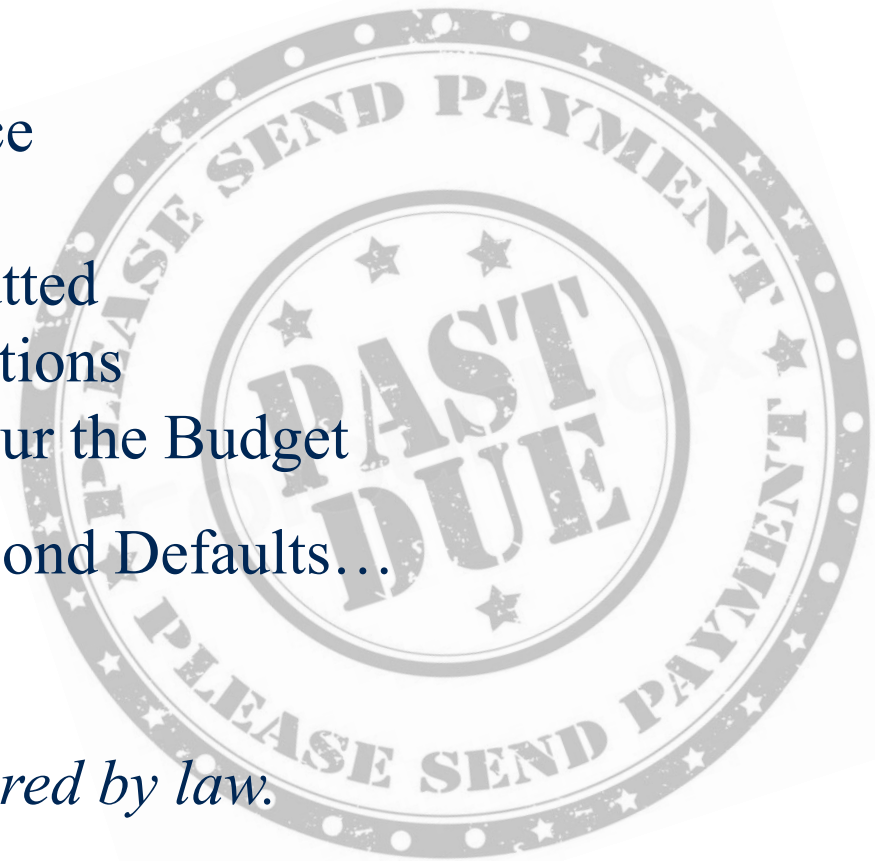
NON-MONETARY DEFAULTS:

- No Budget → Broken Governance
- Bills are Horrifically Past Due
- Essential Services Have Been Gutted
- Not Living Up to Pension Obligations
- When Unfunded Liabilities Devour the Budget

All the Above Are Precursors to Bond Defaults...

New Definition of Default:

Failure to do what is required by law.



Reconsider What Is Essential

• Fire stations	No
• Stadiums	No
• Court Houses	No
• Prisons	No
• Libraries	No
• Lighting Districts	No
• Museums	No
• Nursing Homes	No
• Small Hospitals	No
• Parking Garages	No
• Pension Obligation Bonds	No

Phrases To Look For

When reading Municipal Bond Official Statements look for:

- Large and diverse tax base
- Limited ability to issue more debt
- No interest rate swaps
- Debt service coverage in excess of 1.5 times
- Sources and uses of funds

All of the above points to Revenue Bonds, NOT General Obligations

THE ABILITY TO TAX THE POPULUS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR CAPACITY TO PAY—THINK DETROIT

Which Municipal Revenue Bonds?

Airport Revenues: San Francisco, LAX, San Diego, Orange County John Wayne, San Jose

Hospitals: Stanford, Kaiser, Cedars, Scripps, Torrance Memorial, Huntington Memorial, Sutter Health, Dignity Health

RDA's, TIF's Mature areas, little or no new financing, Northern and Southern CA only



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