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European debt outlook

H1 2024 overview

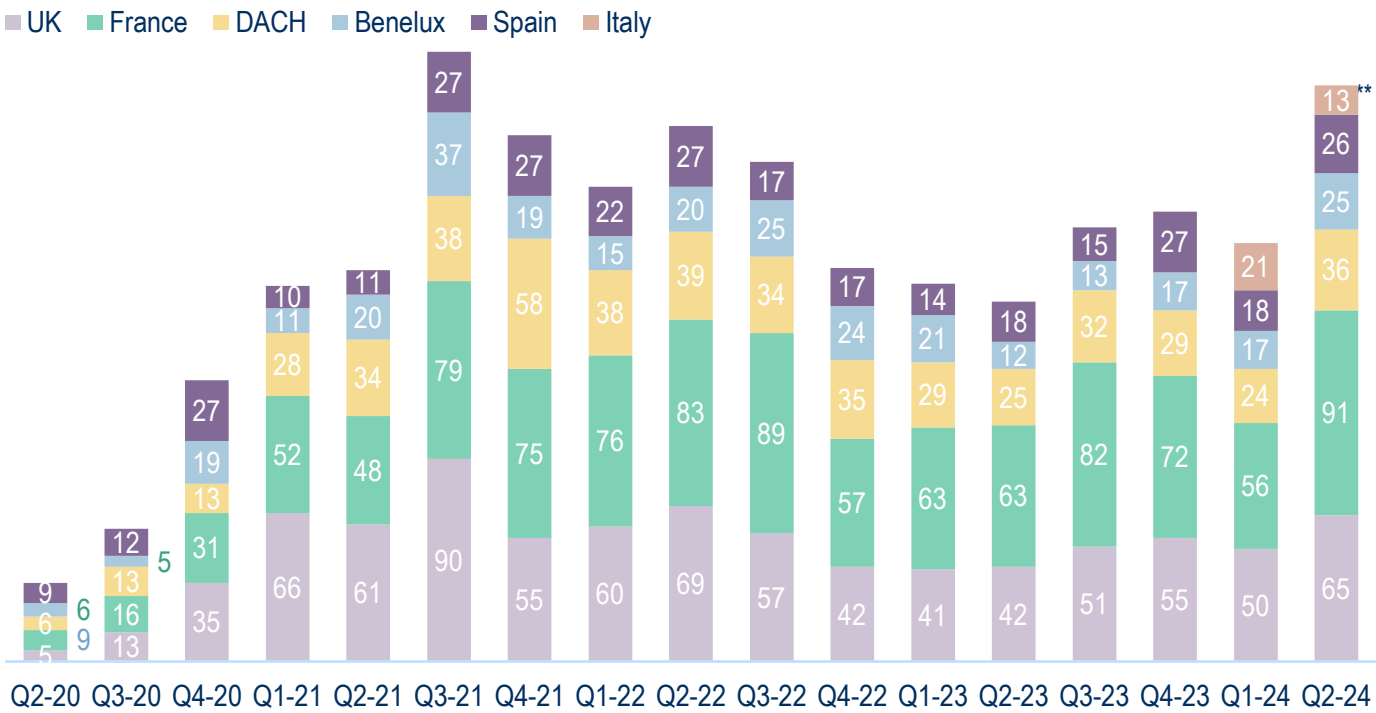
H1 2024 marked the busiest first half for the European broadly syndicated loan (BSL) market since 2021, with institutional loan activity reaching €134.1bn, on track to far surpass the €142.7bn recorded for the full year 2021¹.

Q2 2024 volumes rose by 46% to €79.6bn from €54.5bn in Q1, demonstrating a 326% year-on-year increase compared to the Q2 2023 volume of €18.8bn². Repricing and extension activity remained the primary driver of increasing volumes, amounting to €52.6bn in Q2 2024, a 67% increase from €31.5bn in Q1³. Borrowers have capitalized on lower interest rates and high CLO demand to reduce borrowing costs, with margins cut by an average of 68.75 bps in 2024⁴ across the European BSL market.

Although we saw growth in M&A activity in Q2 2024, volumes remain below 2021 levels⁵. Non-refinancing volumes surged to €17.1bn in Q2, up 120% from Q1 2024⁶. While interest rates have encouraged capital deployment, valuation gaps have kept activity below historical levels.

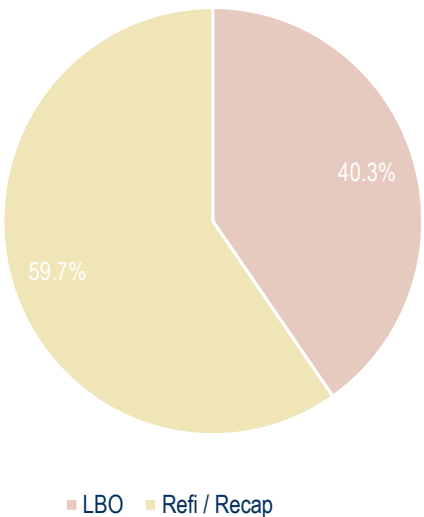
In our previous report, we believed sponsors with good quality assets would be increasingly willing to reset their hold period, extending maturities on their key assets, and part monetising their investment via dividend recap. This has been evident with European quarterly sponsored dividend recap loan volumes increasing to €3.87bn, the highest level since Q1 2021⁷.

Deal volumes by region*



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H2 2024 outlook

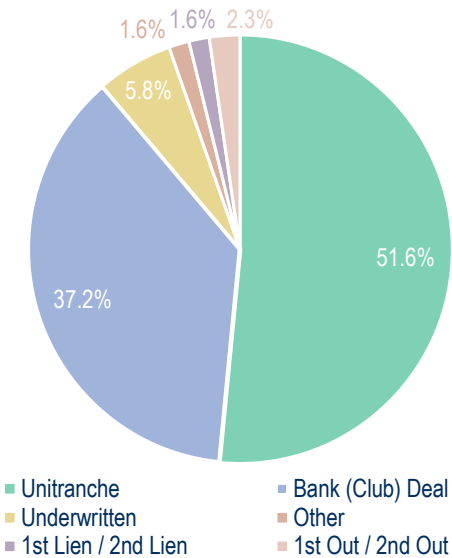
Despite the seasonal slowdown in July and August, the European BSL market is anticipated to maintain its momentum in H2 2024. Early Q3 2024 CLO issuances have kept demand for credits high, tightening yields, and preserving favorable conditions for borrowers.

The European Central Bank's (ECB) 25 bps rate cut in June 2024 marked the first rate cut in five years after a sharp fall in energy prices decreased inflation to 2.6%⁸. Although a slight inflation uptick in July 2024 to 2.8%⁹ may delay further cuts, the combination of lower rates, contained inflation, and an increase in economic activity offer reason for cautious optimism.

We believe this optimism may result in a bounce back of M&A activity although the timing remains uncertain, with many sponsors focusing on value creation within their existing portfolios rather than pursuing new deals. Despite sponsors utilising other methods of distributing proceeds to shareholders, including continuation vehicles and NAV financing, the use of these has not been sufficient to distribute the required cash flows to LPs given the low levels of M&A over the last 30 months. Thus, there continues to be a significant backlog of M&A transactions.

Repricing and extension activity should remain strong as borrowers take advantage of the attractive issuance terms and yields provided by the European BSL market. We expect private credit markets will continue experiencing

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strong competition to maintain their market share, with a further tightening of terms noted in recent months.

Political events continue to influence market conditions, whilst the largest of these is the looming US election, the rise of the AFD in Germany¹⁰ and uncertainty in France¹¹ should also be considered.

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European highlights

UK

The UK experienced an inflow of capital following political uncertainty across Europe. This, combined with improving macroeconomic conditions, has created a more favorable environment for sponsors and early positive signs for the M&A market.

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Ireland

Looking ahead, we continue to be optimistic that moderating inflation, declining interest rates (albeit slower than previously expected) combined with resilient economic activity should support demand for credit and resultant deal-flow.

[Read the full Ireland commentary >](#)



France

Despite recent election uncertainty and high interest rates, we are optimistic that all three main liquidity pockets - BSL, direct lending, and Bank club deals – will remain wide open and we are confident that lenders are ready for new business.

[Read the full France commentary >](#)



Spain

The current landscape of financing conditions, moderating inflation, and the potential for lower interest rates make us optimistic for the M&A and financing markets going into the second half of the year.

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Benelux

Looking forward, we believe material change is not on the horizon, as geopolitical tension remains and the impact of recent and upcoming elections on investment policies is uncertain. We maintain that volumes are due to rebound in the mid-term, with market recovery slipping into 2025 or later.

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Germany

The summer break brings less activity as we expected. However, with increased pitch activity ongoing, we are optimistic that a full deal pipeline awaits us later in the year, comprising of both new deals and those carried over from Q1 and Q2.

[Read the full Germany commentary >](#)



Italy

The past quarter has brought growth for the Italian debt market – employment rate and GDP are up, financing costs have plateaued, and price pressure is weakening. We remain optimistic that macroeconomic conditions will continue to improve, and that the debt and M&A markets will benefit accordingly.

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UK highlights

UK debt mid-market activity showed a slight increase in volumes in Q2 2024, rising 30% from Q1 2024 (50) and 54% from Q2 2023 (42)¹². This uptick was driven by a further rise in refi / recap related activity, with LBOs comprising 36.9% of deal activity, in line with 40% in Q1 2024¹³.

The UK general election in July 2024 did not have a material impact on volumes. Under normal circumstances this election may have created uncertainty and delayed decision making by sponsors. However, with polls showing a clear margin for several months before the election, the result was widely expected.

The UK instead experienced an inflow of capital following the calling of snap parliamentary elections in France and resultant political uncertainty. This, combined with improving macroeconomic conditions, created a more favorable environment for sponsors and early positive signs for the M&A market.

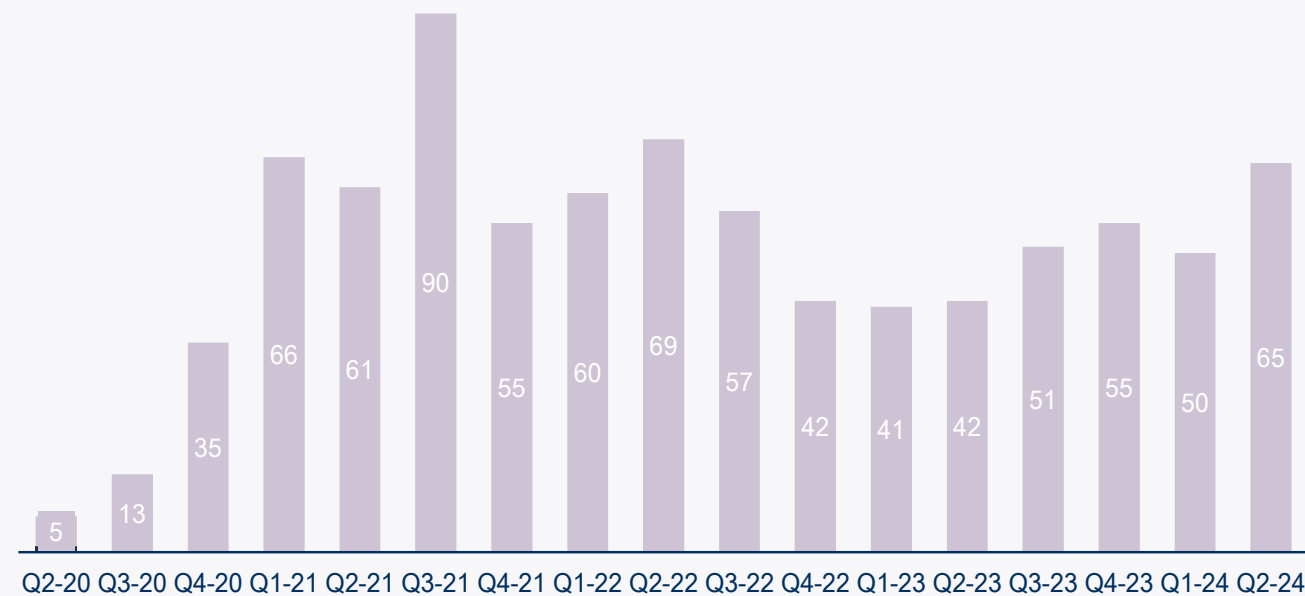
The borrower-friendly conditions in the BSL market persisted through Q2 2024. Large-cap borrowers continued to refinance more expensive unitranche facilities in this market. However, with a decrease in the supply of suitable credits for refinancing in the BSL market from private credit, lenders are now exploring more complex credits or less popular sectors.

Given the longer hold periods for sponsors and lender appetite, recapitalization activity significantly increased in both the BSL and private credit markets. In the private credit markets, recaps rose to 5.2% of deal count, the highest percentage since data tracking began in January 2001¹⁴.

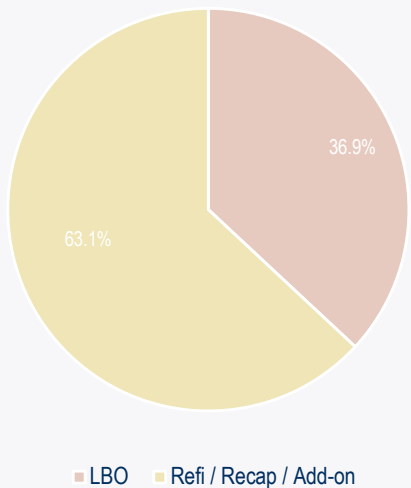
Looking forward, we remain optimistic for increasing deal volumes for the remainder of 2024, considering:

- In August, the Bank of England announced its first rate cut since March 2020¹⁵
- Increased political uncertainty¹⁶ in Germany, France, and the US, enhances the relative attractiveness of the UK
- The long lead-time of M&A transactions, suggesting the improved market conditions noted in recent quarters, should start to feed into volumes going forward

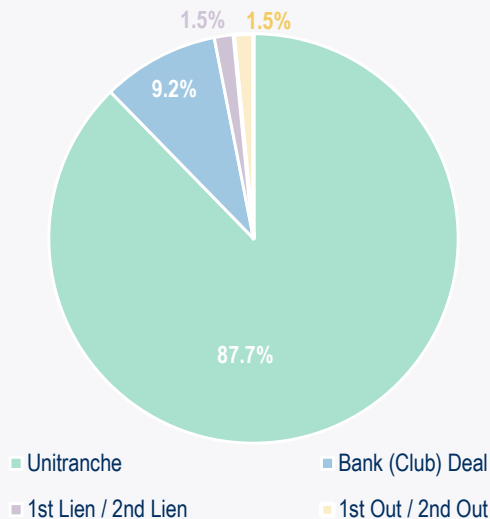
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UK lender league tables

Banks		LTM	Funds		LTM
HSBC		39	Ares		42
NatWest		27	Pemberton		11
Barclays		22	Park Square		11
Lloyds		11	Barings		11
SMBC		15	Hayfin		8
Santander		9	Permira		7
BoI		8	Macquarie		7
Investec		7	Crescent		7
ING		5	Golub Capital		7
Mizuho		3	CVC		7



France highlights

Activity in the French debt market saw a dramatic increase in Q2 2024, with 90 announced transactions, a 60 % rise on Q2 2023 levels¹⁷.

In line with the previous quarter and 2023, deal volume has continued to be driven in part by the refinancing or repricing of existing deals, making up 54.8% of deals this quarter¹⁸. The continued rebound of pricing in the BSL market allowed several French issuers – irrespective of industry and trading histories – to price A&E at favorable terms. We saw this recently with OGF¹⁹, and nursing home operators DomusVi²⁰ and Domidep²¹ – all of whom were able to extend their maturities at decent pricing. Although, we saw sponsor support playing a significant role in achieving this by injecting equity to adjust leverage to the new base rate environment and reaffirming their commitment to these assets.

Direct lenders remained active in the mid and upper mid-market, in line with Q1, consenting to important pricing reductions and aggressive leverage levels to remain competitive in the larger and the more sought-after deals. Recent examples of this include: Park Square and SMBC Group supporting CVC's acquisition of Sogelink²², when we advised CVC on its M&A process late last year²³; and the recent 'teaming up' of Arcmont, Goldman Sachs, and Golub Capital to provide a 10x-levered package for the acquisition of Harvest²⁴. Banks continued to be active in the mid-market, notably replacing pre-existing lenders, including Apollo, to support a long-awaited refinancing of French dairy-free food specialist Saint Hubert²⁵.

Further, sustainable lending continues to gain traction in the French market with article nine lenders notably supporting the refinancing of Babcock Wanson, on which we advised in June this year²⁶

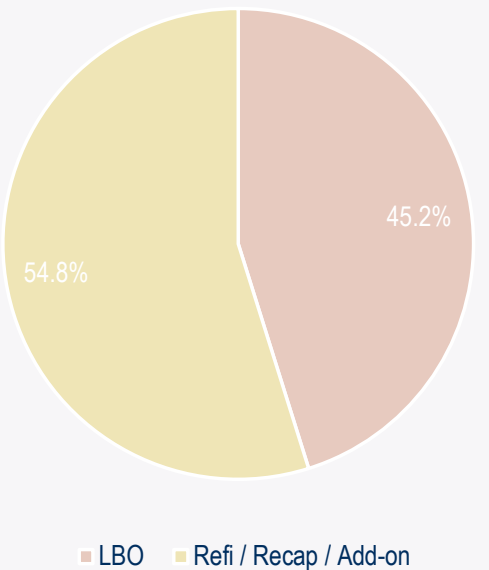
High interest rates continue to complicate levered borrowers financing plans, as illustrated by the opening of a conciliation procedure by the France-based debt collector Iqera this quarter²⁷. Additionally, the recent French elections have contributed to even more uncertainty on the French business environment²⁸.

However, looking forward, all three main liquidity pockets - BSL, direct lending, and Bank club deals - remain wide open and we are confident that lenders are ready for new business.

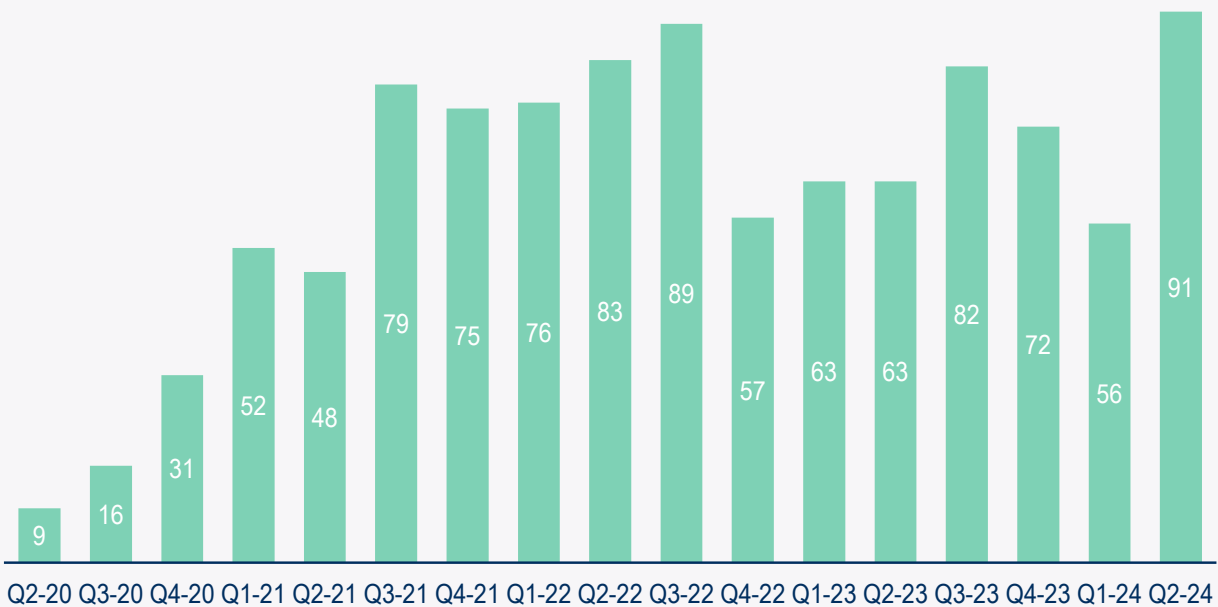
France lender league tables

Banks	LTM	Funds	LTM
Société Générale	106	CIC Private Debt	23
BNP Paribas	89	Tikehau	21
LCL	86	Schelcher Prince Gestion	20
CA-CIB	60	CAPZA / Artemid	19
La Banque Postale	44	Bpifrance	18
Banque Populaire	44	Eurazeo	16
Banque Palatine	38	Barings	12
CIC	30	Kartesia	7
Caisse d'Epargne	26	Cerea	7
HSBC	23	Pemberton	7

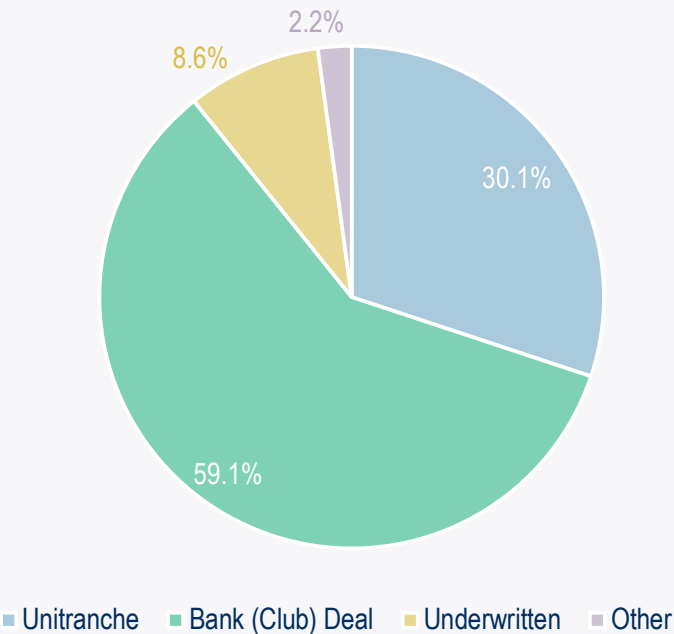
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Germany highlights

As we forecast in our previous edition, there was an increase in the number of completed deals this quarter compared to the previous – 36 in Q2 2024 vs 24 in Q1 2024²⁹ – in line with the high number of live deal opportunities observed in our previous edition.

In line with last quarter, refinancings and recapitalizations continue to make up the majority of transactions (66.7% up from 58.3% in Q1 2024) while LBOs make up the remaining 33.3%, down from 41.7%³⁰.

While new financings have still been limited, we have observed lenders spending time on add-on financings and portfolio work as terms have continued to improve.

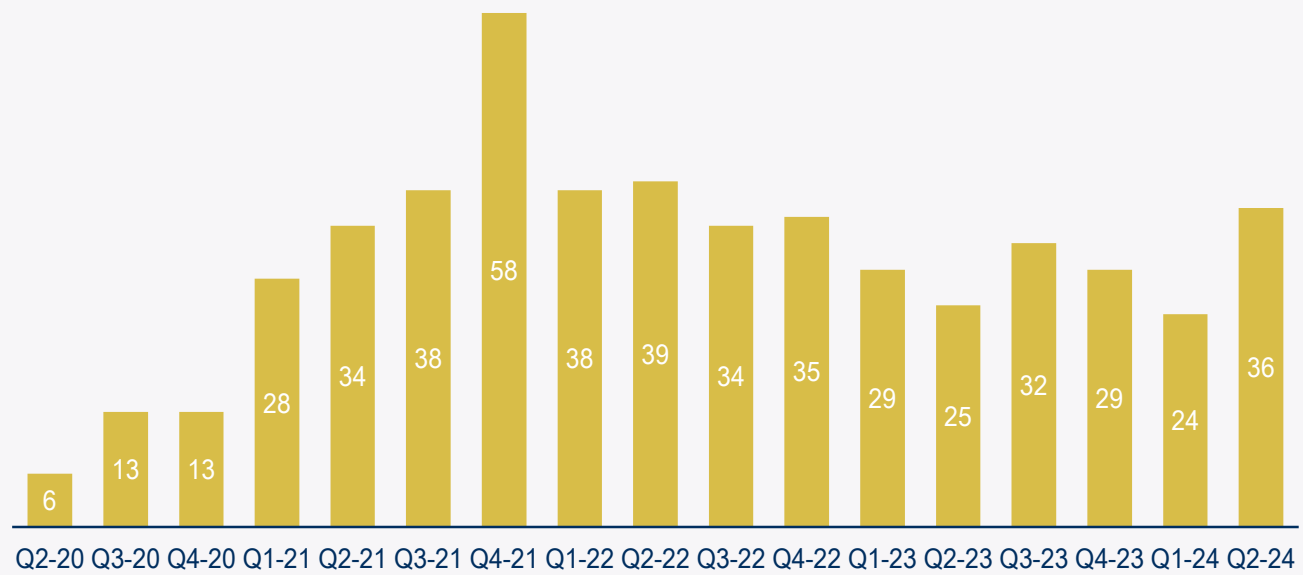
As the annual market summer break coincides with Q2 moving on to Q3, we are seeing less activity than we expected. However, due to increased pitch activity, we are optimistic that a strong deal pipeline awaits us from September onwards, from both ongoing and new deals.

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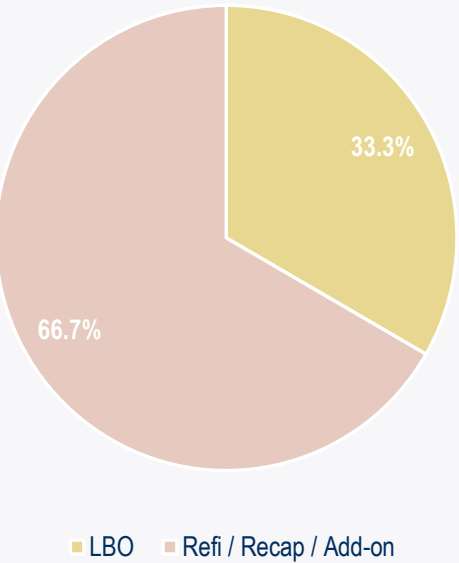
Germany lender league tables

Banks	LTM	Funds	LTM
Nord LB	10	Eurazeo	12
Berenberg	10	Ares	7
OLB	8	Hayfin	6
LBBW	8	Arcmont	6
SEB	6	Muzinich	5
ING	5	Deutsche Bank	5
Commerzbank	5	Macquarie	4
SMBC	4	Partners	3
Bol	4	ODDO BHF	3
UniCredit	3	Hermes	3

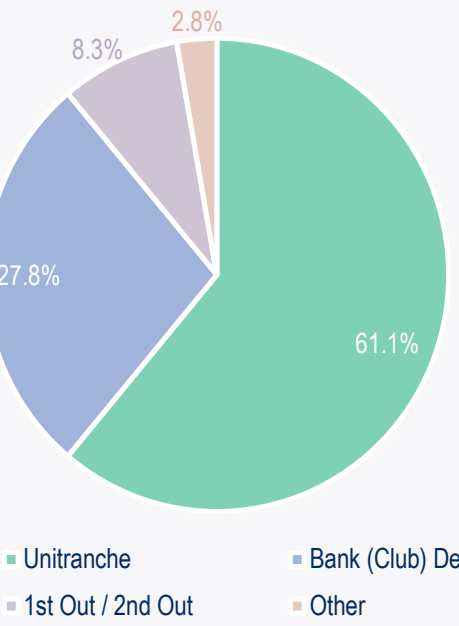
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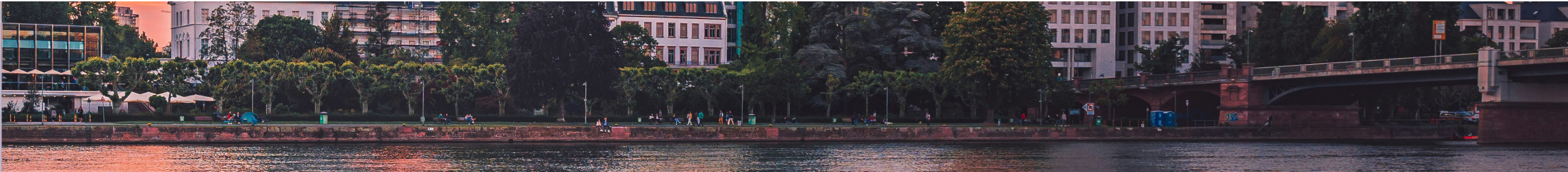


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Benelux highlights

The overall market sentiment in the Benelux region is stable versus previous quarters. M&A volumes reflect this mild improvement, with Q2 2024 volumes showing a slight increase of 25 announced transactions compared with the previous two quarters (17)³¹.

We believe that a positive GDP growth outlook and geopolitical stability are non-negotiables to see real improvement in the market. Signs of geopolitical stability would, in our view, be the key to unlock dry powder for both equity and debt providers, as well as drive financial sponsors to start exit processes.

In the meantime, trade buyers are seeming to benefit from the hesitation by other buyer groups to commit to processes early. We are observing trade buyers' typically longer timelines being catered for in processes. This, we believe, is enabling trade buyers to provide deal certainty to sellers and support their ability to provide price upside, reflecting synergies.

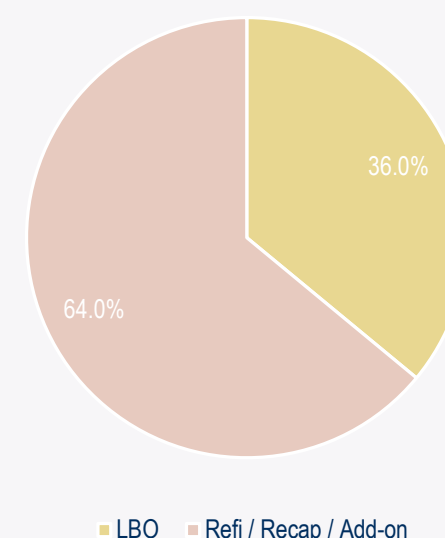
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Having said that, and as discussed in the previous edition, we believe that volumes are due to rebound in the mid-term, with full recovery in the market slipping into 2025 or later. As the summer period comes to an end, we are optimistic that processes are more likely to launch and that timelines continue to extend to support both buyers and lenders properly execute due diligence.

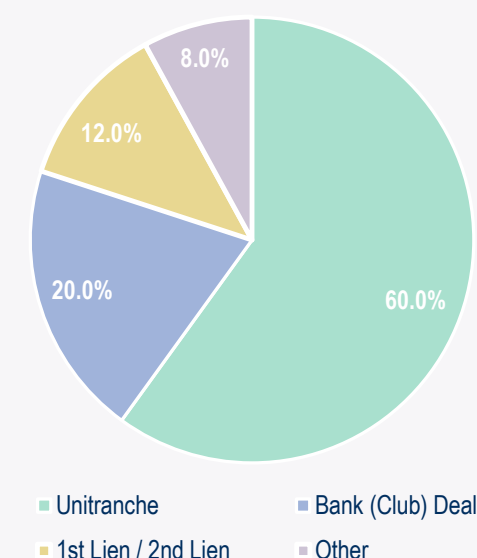
Benelux lender league tables

Banks	LTM	Funds	LTM
OLB	13	Barings	9
ING	11	Pemberton	5
Rabobank	10	Ares	4
ABN Amro	10	Capital Four	4
SMBC	7	Crescent	4
Investec	4	Permira	4
Bol	4	Tikehau	4
HSBC	4	Park Square	3
Berenberg	3	Hayfin	3
CA-CIB	3	Ardian	3

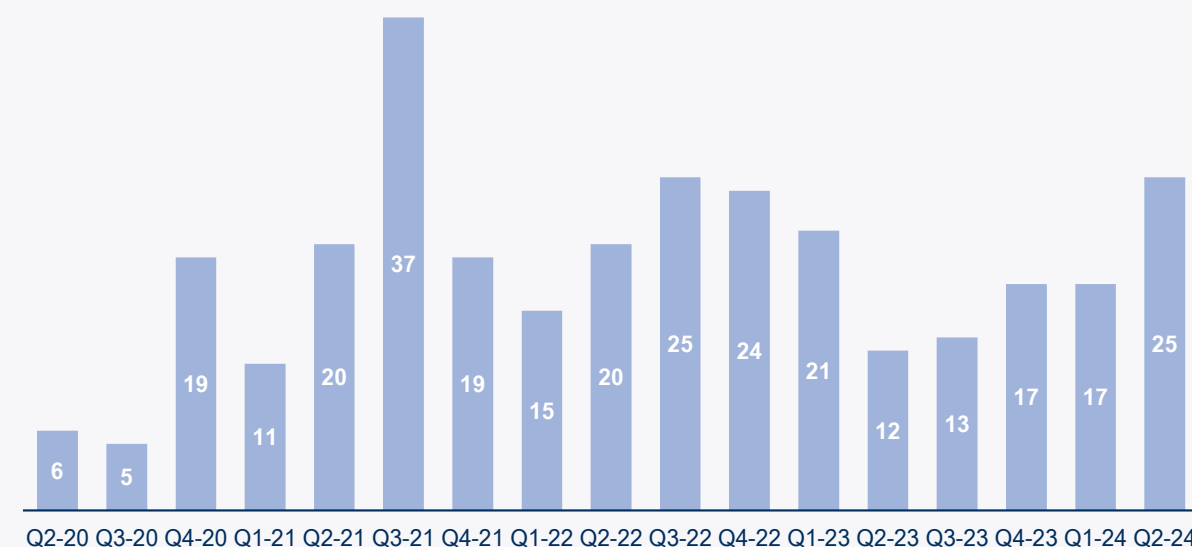
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Spain highlights

As we anticipated in the previous edition, financing and M&A activity in the Spanish mid-market has continued to resurge. The drop in deal activity in Q1 has shifted financing to Q2, resulting in an increased level of transactions by 44.4% 26 compared with Q1 (18) and YoY³².

Despite a recovery in the M&A market, with sponsors more willing to deploy capital, the volume of refinancing and build-up financing continues to dominate the market – making up 65.4% of total transactions for Q2 2024³³.

- Following a period of lender hesitancy due to macroeconomic uncertainty, we anticipate a period of stability in the market, with gradual interest rate reductions and controlled inflation.
- Valuation discrepancy persists. However, sponsors remain confident in their portfolios choosing to refinance or pursue add-ons (including fund transfers and secondary transactions) to support potential future sales at more attractive valuations.

During the recent period of rapid interest rate hikes³⁴, direct lenders have been able to seize opportunities and gain market share. However, during what we believe will be a forthcoming period of stability, banks may become highly competitive again and relax their requirements.

We are optimistic about both the M&A and financing markets for the second half of the year due to:

- Current financing conditions are now significantly better positioned to facilitate the anticipated increase in M&A activity
- Ongoing inflation moderation, which could result in lower interest rates, coupled with robust economic performance



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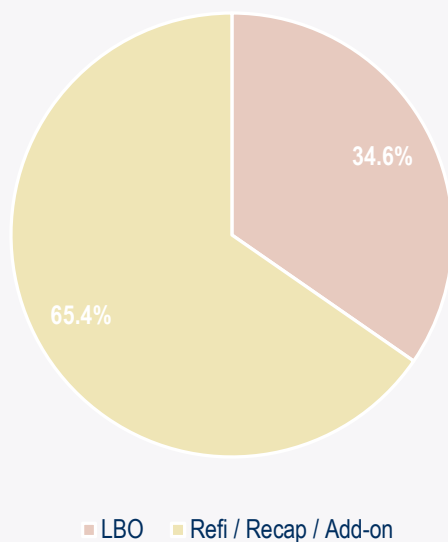
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Spain lender league tables

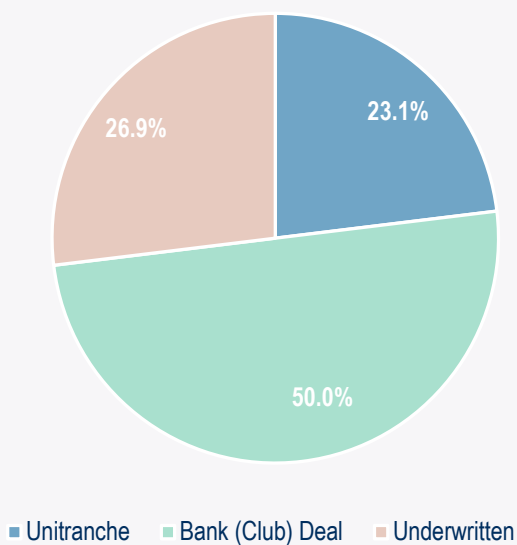
Banks	LTM
Santander	37
BBVA	35
CaixaBank	34
Sabadell	12
Deutsche Bank	10
CA-CIB	9
ING	9
BNP Paribas	8
Bol	7
Bankinter	7

Funds	LTM
Tresmares	8
Oquendo	7
Ares	3
Muzinich	3
Talde	3
Cerea Partners	2
Eurazeo	2
Amundi	1
ICG	1
LGT	1

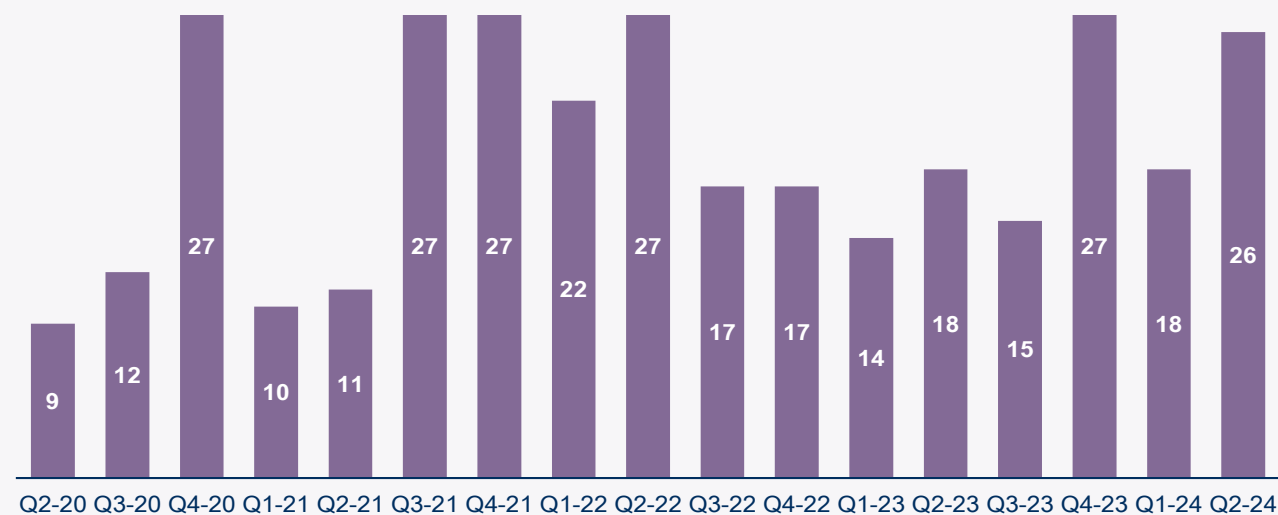
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Italy highlights

The Italian macroeconomic landscape continued its upward trend this quarter, supporting the moderate growth observed in Q1 2024. Both core and non-core inflation has eased, falling by more than 2.5pps since September 2023³⁵, demonstrating a weakening of price pressure. The Italian market has further benefitted from the ECB lowering three key interest rates by 25 basis points after four consecutive increases, with GDP up 0.3% with respect to Q1 2024 and 0.9% vs. Q2 2023³⁶.

This growth in GDP reflects the impact of both growth and reduction in key industries: while the tourism, export, and service industries have seen development, agriculture and other primary sector industries have seen contraction³⁷. On the consumer side, reduced purchasing power and high entry barriers to credit continue to impact consumer confidence and activity - retail sales fell by 0.4% vs Q1 2024³⁸, while manufacturing prices rose by 0.9%³⁹. More positively, the employment rate has risen by 0.2% .

However, the cost of credit remains high, continuing to hold back demand for loans from businesses and households. In line with Q1, banks’ high-risk sentiment continues to keep supply criteria rigid⁴¹.

The Italian debt market has reacted well to these improving dynamics: financing costs plateaued after

several months of restrictive interest levels⁴²; bank lending to firms grew at an annual rate of 0.3%⁴³; loans to households grew 0.2%⁴⁴, easing credit access for families. While overall credit dynamics remain weak, the improving economic outlook has helped to foster confidence in financial stability, but heightened geopolitical risks cloud the horizon.

The Italian M&A market continues to ride this tiny wave of recovery we discussed in our previous edition, recording ~€30bn transaction volume for Q2 2024 - nearly +300% compared to Q2 2023, and exceeding the ~€38bn registered for 2023⁴⁵.

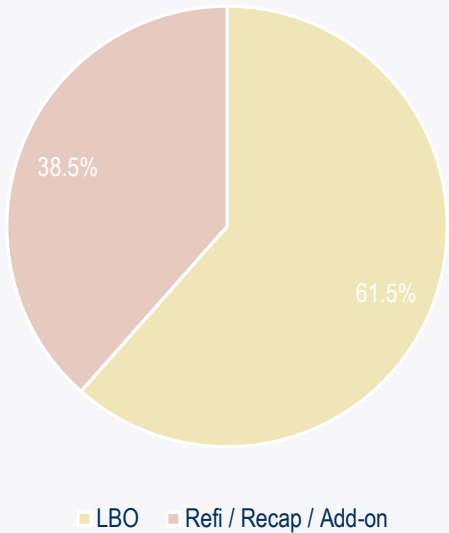
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Italy lender league tables**

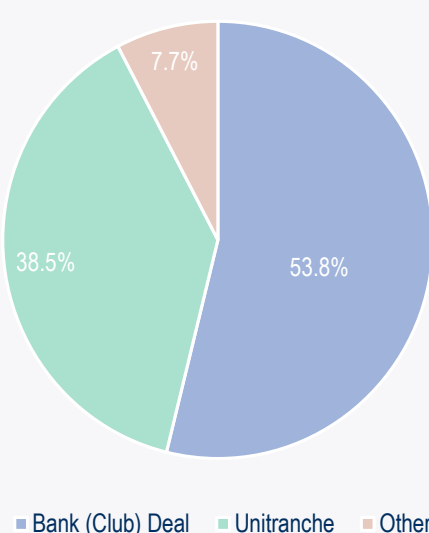
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CA-CIB	13
Banco BPM	12
BPER Banca	12
Intesa Sanpaolo	11
BNP Paribas	5
Natixis	5
Mediobanca	5
ING	4
Cassa Depositi e Prestiti	4

Funds	H1-24
Eurazeo	2
Muzinich	2
Tikehau	2
Eiffel Investment Group	1
MacCap	1
Pemberton	1
VER Capital	1

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Executive Vice Chairman Italy

Pietro joined from Houlihan Lokey, with 30 years of investment banking experience from firms across Europe and the US.



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Giuliano was one of the founding members of our DC Advisory Italy office and brings with him some 15 years’ investment banking experience.

Ireland highlights

Deal activity in the Irish mid-market has continued to be buoyant this quarter due to an increasing frequency of M&A volumes - approximately 6% increase vs the same period in 2023⁴⁶ - combined with increased investment in working capital⁴⁷.

In line with the last quarter, we have observed increased credit demand across all sectors in Q2 - with the exception of real estate lending - and a decrease in margins noted for larger firms⁴⁸. Brightening consumer sentiment⁴⁹ combined with easing inflation levels⁵⁰ have, in our view, influenced this growth in credit demand during Q2 2024.

Further, we believe the main factors influencing this increase include: the requirement for financing for M&A activity; the increase in Capex and working capital investment; combined with an emerging confidence surrounding the trajectory of interest rates in the medium term. Arising from these factors, we note an increased level of credit demand resulting from M&A and organic investment over the quarter. This, in addition to continued refinancings/A&E, has led to increased confidence in deal flow at the halfway point of the year.

In line with Q1, we have seen M&A related transactions continue to be funded with modestly leveraged debt financing - in the case of private equity purchasers - as banks' credit standards remain unchanged but tight in Q2.

Looking forward to the remainder of the year, notwithstanding the path of interest rate reductions being somewhat slower than the consensus at the beginning of the year, we are optimistic that continued moderate inflation levels, combined with resilient economic activity⁵¹ should see a continuance of demand for credit and resultant deal-flow.

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Eoin McGuinness
Managing Director



Eoin is part of our DC Advisory Ireland team, with over 20 years' experience from the Bank of Ireland.

Recent European Debt Advisory transactions



UK & Ireland (Part 1/3)

Multi-banked LBOs and refinancings completed in Q2 24

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France (Part 2/3)

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Italy (Part 1/1)

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