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Leveraged loan and HY bond volume surge in 2Q24 amid refinancing activity

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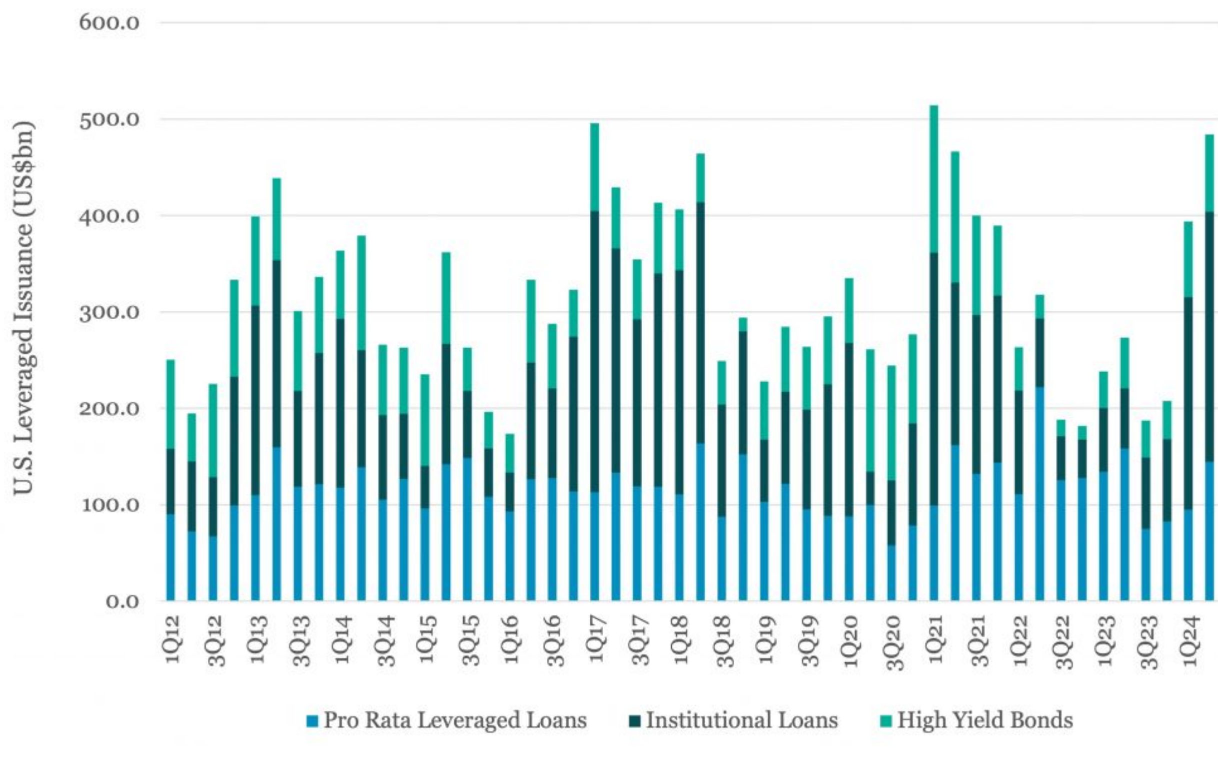

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Leveraged issuers raised over US$484bn via the loan and high yield bond markets in 2Q24, the strongest quarterly results since 1Q21. Off a low base, 2Q24 leveraged corporate M&A and LBO lending was up 13% and 80% respectively year over year at roughly US$16bn and US$21bn. The vast majority of dealflow came in the form of refinancings and repricings however. Just under US$260bn of institutional loan volume worked its way through retail syndication during this quarter. Of this total, almost half, US$124bn, represented repricing events. Almost US$144.6bn of pro rata leveraged loan volume was cleared the market, down roughly 9% year over year but up over 52% quarter over quarter. Finally, amid significant overall investor liquidity and tightening spreads, HY bond volume has been running at about US$32bn a month, with May issuance marking a high, before slowing down in June. Ultimately, over US$80.5bn in HY bond volume was issued, the highest quarterly total since 3Q21.