# **PNC's Metals Industry Update**

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Vice President Metals Group–Diversified Ind. The PNC Financial Services Group The Tower at PNC Plaza 300 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222 Office: 412-762-2480 Email: joseph.mcelhinny@pnc.com Welcome to Issue 46 of PNC's Metals Industry Update. When you read this story, we will have just elected a new President. That will likely be an interesting topic for an up coming Issue. However, for this quarter, our cover story looks at how common stock prices have performed over the first nine months of the year for a group of 26 metals companies. As you might expect, stock market performance for these 26 companies has been closely linked to the end markets each company serves. Nevertheless, the majority of these companies have underperformed the broader market indices with the exception of the specialty metals producers. In addition, we will have our recurring sections on metal prices, the bond market, and the syndicated bank loan market.

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# Metals Equities Under Perform Broader Market Indicies

The first nine moths of 2024 has produced a healthy stock market. The broader indices like the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average are up 19% and 12% respectively. Unfortunately, the 26 metals equities that we track have significantly trailed the broader market. The average appreciation in stock price for this group has been 5%. This total has been skewed upwards by the dramatically strong performance from the Specialty Metals Group which is up an average of 59%. That means the rest of our group is down an average of 9.75%. The worst performing sector was Mill Service & Supply which saw an average share price decline of 31% from the 4 participants. That was followed by Distribution which was down 14%. Our largest sector (Mills) was down on average 3%. Let's take a look at the performance of some of the more notable names in our group.

## WORTHINGTON STEEL, INC.

Worthington's equity price performance stood out from the rest of its sector. Approaching the first anniversary of Worthington Steel becoming a stand alone public company its share price is up 21%.

## **STEEL DYNAMICS, INC.**

Steel Dynamics's share price was up 7% making it the only carbon steel mill (besides Stelco) to show share price appreciation. We wonder if investors are already pricing in the value being created from their investment in Aluminum Dynamics.



## Metals Equities Under Perform Broader Market Indicies (Continued)

#### **US STEEL CORPORATION**

US Steel is down 27% from the start of 2024 despite the agreement to be acquired by Nippon Steel for \$55 per share or \$19.67 per share above the trading price on 9/30/2024. The market is discounting the likelihood of the deal closing, but US Steel expects a closing to occur before year end.

#### **STELCO HOLDINGS INC.**

Stelco is up 33% on the strength of the purchase agreement with Cleveland Cliffs. The agreed upon price is C\$ 70 per share. This deal remains on track to close before year end.

## ALCOA & CENTURY ALUMINUM

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Unlike their carbon mill peers, these two leading US aluminum producers have enjoyed year to date price appreciation (up 13% and 34% respectively) reflecting improved market conditions for these commodity aluminum producers.

#### **CARPENTER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION**

The dramatic recovery in the commercial aerospace end market is fueling demand across this entire sector. Year to date, Carpenter shareholders have been the largest beneficiaries with Carpenter's share price up 125% or 6 times the appreciation of the S&P 500.

#### HAYNES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

On February 5, 2024, Haynes announced the agreed upon acquisition by Acerinox, a leading specialty metals producer headquartered in Spain. Acerinox also owns the largest stainless-steel producer in the US, North American Stainless. The agreed upon purchase price is \$61 per share, implying an enterprise value of \$970 million. This price appears to be a bargain for Acerinox given the peer group appreciated 59% in value since the acquisition was announced. This deal is expected to close before year end.

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Summary		Detail										
				Sh	Share Price		Ма	Market Cap (\$MM)				
verage Price Change				12/29/23	09/30/24	Δ	12/29/23	09/30/24	Δ			
Distribution	-14%	Reliance, Inc.	Distribution	279.68	289.21	3%	16,073.6	15,911.0	(162.5)			
Mill Svc & Supply	-31%	Russel Metals Inc.	Distribution	45.03	41.04	-9%	2,732.4	2,394.8	(337.6)			
Mills	-3%	Worthington Steel, Inc.	Distribution	28.10	34.01	21%	1,405.7	1,680.9	275.2			
Specialty Metals	59%	Ryerson Holding Corporation	Distribution	34.68	19.91	-43%	1,185.1	661.0	(524.0)			
S&P500	21%	Olympic Steel, Inc.	Distribution	66.70	39.00	-42%	742.5	434.2	(308.4)			
S&P500 Industrials	19%	Sims Limited	Mill Svc & Supply	15.56	12.66	-19%	2,923.2	2,442.9	(480.3)			
DJIA	12%	Ferroglobe PLC	Mill Svc & Supply	6.51	4.64	-29%	1,220.2	871.8	(348.4)			
		Radius Recycling, Inc.	Mill Svc & Supply	30.16	18.54	-39%	840.3	519.9	(320.4)			
		GrafTech International Ltd.	Mill Svc & Supply	2.19	1.32	-40%	562.4	339.5	(222.9)			
		Nucor Corporation	Mills	174.04	150.34	-14%	42,785.8	35,681.4	(7,104.4)			
		ArcelorMittal S.A.	Mills	28.39	26.26	-8%	21,515.7	18,488.0	(3,027.6)			
		Steel Dynamics, Inc.	Mills	118.10	126.08	7%	19,110.5	19,454.5	343.9			
		Tenaris S.A.	Mills	34.76	31.79	-9%	18,388.4	15,673.7	(2,714.7)			
		United States Steel Corporation	Mills	48.65	35.33	-27%	10,855.5	7,947.9	(2,907.6)			
		Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.	Mills	20.42	12.77	-37%	10,309.3	5,976.9	(4,332.4)			
		Alcoa Corporation	Mills	34.00	38.58	13%	6,068.0	9,952.3	3,884.2			
		Commercial Metals Company	Mills	50.04	54.96	10%	5,855.1	6,320.0	464.9			
		Stelco Holdings Inc.	Mills	50.19	66.71	33%	2,766.9	3,632.3	865.3			
		Century Aluminum Company	Mills	12.14	16.23	34%	1,121.8	1,505.9	384.1			
		Metallus Inc.	Mills	23.45	14.83	-37%	1,012.0	644.5	(367.5)			
		Howmet Aerospace Inc.	Specialty Metals	54.12	100.25	85%	22,283.6	40,916.7	18,633.1			
		ATI Inc.	Specialty Metals	45.47	66.91	47%	5,800.9	8,327.9	2,526.9			
		Carpenter Technology Corporation	Specialty Metals	70.80	159.58	125%	3,490.9	7,970.6	4,479.7			
		Kaiser Aluminum Corporation	Specialty Metals	71.19	72.52	2%	1,131.6	1,155.9	24.4			
		Haynes International, Inc.	Specialty Metals	57.05	59.54	4%	722.5	756.1	33.6			
		Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.	Specialty Metals	20.08	38.63	92%	182.5	356.9	174.4			
		Source: S&P Capital IQ		Average		5%	Total		8,931.0			

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# **Metals Pricing**

Broadly, metals pricing declined during the third quarter. Of the 23 products we track, fifteen were down, six were up, and two were flat. The largest decline amongst the products we track was metallurgical coal which fell \$34 per ton or 15%. That was followed by carbon plate which declined between 7.8% and 9.6% depending on the product. Sheet products reversed the trend for much of this year and increased \$20 per ton during the quarter for each product including HRC, CRC, and GALV. The carbon mills continue to try to push through price increases for sheet without much success. Other products that saw modest price increases during the quarter were heavy melt scrap (up 3.2%), LME AL (up 3.7%), and the aluminum Midwest transaction price (up 2.3%).

See the complete list of monthly metal prices during the quarter below.

		ember 2024			Alumin July–Septe	u <b>m \$/lb</b> ember 2024			
Product	Jul	Aug	Sept	Alloy	Jul	Aug	Sept		
Hot-Rolled	620	650	670	3003	2.15	2.08	2.03		
Cold-Rolled	970	990	990	LME	1.07	1.06	1.11		
Galvanized	1,010	1,030	1,030	MWTP	1.26	1.27	1.29		
		Plate \$/NT ember 2024		Stainless \$/lb – Cold-Rolled Coil July–September 2024					
Product	Jul	Aug	Sept	Grade	Jul	Aug	Sept		
A36	1,040	980	940	304	1.72	1.64	1.60		
A514	2,345	2,345	2,160		Conne	er \$/lb	1		
AR400	2,365	2,365	2,180		July-Septe				
	Wide Flange	Beam \$/cwt.			Jul	Aug	Sept		
		ember 2024		Comex Avg.	4.35	4.10	4.23		
Size	Jul	Aug	Sept		Nicke	l \$/lb			
24"x12¾"	64.00	62.50	62.50		July-Septe				
18"x6"	60.75	59.25	59.25		Jul	Aug	Sept		
		<b>\$/cwt.</b> mber 2024		LME Avg.	7.44	7.37	7.31		
Shape	Jul	Aug	Sept	– Ferrous Scrap \$/GT Midwest July–September 2024					
1" A36 round	55.20	53.70	53.70	Grade	Jul	Aug	Sept		
	Rebar \$/cw	t. – Grade 60		No. 1 HMS	310	310	320		
		mber 2024		Shredded	380	380	370		
Size	Jul	Aug	Sept		Iron Ore	\$/LT U.S.			
16 mm - #5	39.25	38.00	37.00		July-Septe				
	SBQ \$/cwt	. – 1" round		Grade	Jul	Aug	Sept		
	July-Septe	mber 2024	1	Furnace Pellets	121	121	115		
Grade	Jul	Aug	Sept		Met Coal \$/MT	U.S. East Coast			
HR 4140 Q&T	97.40	97.20	96.90			mber 2024			
		u <mark>be \$/NT</mark> ember 2024		Grade low vol	Jul 221	Aug 208	Sept 187		
Product	Jul	Aug	Sept		221	200	107		
OCTG J55	1,150	1,150	1,150	-					
	1,100	1,150	1,100	-					

The metals market price guide is courtesy of Sector3 Appraisals, Inc., provider of asset valuation and advisory services for asset-based lending (ABL) lenders, specializing in metals, chemicals and commodities. For more information, contact Michael Dawson – Editor, Market Research at mdawson@sector3appraisals.com.

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## **Metals Bond Update**

# Market Optimism Bolstered by September Rate Cut

The third quarter of 2024 marked a notable shift in Fed policy weakness in the labor market forced the Fed to pay increasing attention to the first portion of its dual mandate, "to promote maximum employment." Paired with progress on the inflation front, rising unemployment motivated Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell to start the highly anticipated rate-cutting cycle, commencing with a 50 bps cut at the September FOMC meeting. Throughout the quarter,10-year treasury yields tightened ~60 bps from 4.46% on 7/1/24 to 3.85% on 10/3/24.

As declining US Treasury yields and resilient credit spreads led secondary yields lower throughout the quarter, primary activity continued at a record pace. Investment Grade issuers priced \$1.3TN of supply, already the 4th busiest year on record and growing, while High Yield volume of \$239BN remains up ~80% from last year and has already surpassed 2023's total (\$174BN). The average yield of the Investment Grade index tightened 47 bps (from 5.26% to 4.79%), while the average yield of the High Yield index tightened 66 bps (from 7.70% to 7.04%) in 3Q24. Investment Grade issuers combined to price \$411BN in 3Q24, with each monthly total exceeding \$100BN+. The average Investment Grade new issue concession and order book subscription level remained healthy at 3 bps and 3.76x. During the quarter, A-rated and BBB-rated credit spreads tightened 4 bps and 1 bp on average. Turning to the PNC IG Metals Bond Index, yields tightened 0.63% and spreads tightened 5 bps in 3Q24. No Investment Grade metals issuers priced new offerings in the third quarter.

High Yield issuers priced \$79BN in 3Q24, driven in part by a post-Labor Day surge that pushed September's volume to \$37BN, the largest monthly tally of the year. During the quarter, BB-rated spreads and B-rated spreads widened 4 bps and 8 bps on average. The average spread of issuers in the PNC HY Metals Bond Index widened 9 bps, while yields tightened 0.40% in the third quarter. Notably, Cleveland-Cliffs (Ba3 / BB-) priced a \$600MM add-on to its 7.00% senior guaranteed notes due 2032 at 99.25 to yield 7.128%.

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	PNC IG	Metals Bond	<u>Index</u>	PNC HY Metals Bond Index			
As of Date	10/3/2024	7/12/2024	<b>(</b> Δ <b>)</b>	10/3/2024	7/12/2024	<b>(</b> ∆)	
Effective Maturity (Years)	8.06	8.02	0.04	5.19	5.34	-0.15	
Composite Rating	BBB+	BBB+	-	BB-	BB-	-	
Weighted Avg. Coupon	4.22%	4.31%	-0.09%	5.80%	5.75%	0.05%	
Yield to Worst	4.68%	5.31%	-0.63%	6.32%	6.72%	-0.40%	
Option Adjusted Spread to Treasuries (bps)	85.3	90.1	-4.8	236.2	226.9	9.3	

# **Metals Bond Index**

Source: Bloomberg

Note: PNC IG Metals Bond Index excludes bonds of size < \$250 million



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		Amount Issuance As of 10/3/2024		f 10/3/2024	_	Since 7/12/2024								
Issuance Date	Issuer	Amount Outstanding (\$MM)	Structure	Moody's Rating	S&P Rating	Maturity	Coupon Rate	Price at Issuance	Issuance Spread over Treasury	Yield to Worst	Spread (OAS)	7/12 Spread	∆ in Spread (bps)	%∆ in Spread
	Steel Mills	(									()		(	
4/5/2024	Algoma Steel Inc	\$350	2nd lien	B3	в	4/15/2029	9.125%	100.00	490 bps	8.316%	461 bps	518 bps	-57 bps	-11.0%
3/11/2019	ArcelorMittal SA	\$401	Sr Unsecured	Baa3	BBB-	3/11/2026	4.550%	99.72	200 bps	4.586%	79 bps	86 bps	-7 bps	-7.7%
11/29/2022	ArcelorMittal SA	\$1,200	Sr Unsecured	Baa3	BBB-	11/29/2027	6.550%	99.91	255 bps	4.402%	86 bps	105 bps	-19 bps	-17.9%
7/16/2019	ArcelorMittal SA	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Baa3	BBB-	7/16/2029	4.250%	99.00	225 bps	4.379%	83 bps	92 bps	-9 bps	-9.5%
11/29/2022	ArcelorMittal SA	\$1,000	Sr Unsecured	Baa3	BBB-	11/29/2032	6.800%	99.37	305 bps	5.004%	130 bps	149 bps	-20 bps	-13.2%
3/7/2011	ArcelorMittal SA	\$434	Sr Unsecured	Baa3 Ba2 *+	BBB-	3/1/2041	6.750%	99.18	230 bps	5.840%	184 bps	192 bps	-8 bps	-4.1%
9/18/2020 5/13/2019	Big River Steel LLC Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	\$720 \$555	Secured Sr Unsecured	Ba2 *+ Ba3	BB- *+ BB-	1/31/2029 6/1/2027	6.625% 5.875%	100.00 96.13	604 bps	5.234% 5.105%	92 bps 92 bps	117 bps 84 bps	-26 bps 8 bps	-21.8% 9.4%
2/17/2021	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	\$368	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	N/A	3/1/2029	4.625%	100.00	368 bps	6.017%	244 bps	141 bps	102 bps	72.6%
4/14/2023	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	\$750	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	N/A	4/15/2030	6.750%	100.00	325 bps	6.237%	227 bps	183 bps	44 bps	24.1%
2/17/2021	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	\$325	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	N/A	3/1/2031	4.875%	100.00	374 bps	6.157%	250 bps	227 bps	24 bps	10.4%
3/18/2024	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	\$1,425	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	N/A	3/15/2032	7.000%	100.00	276 bps	6.671%	266 bps	215 bps	51 bps	23.5%
1/28/2022	Commercial Metals Co	\$300	Sr Unsecured	Ba2	BB+	1/15/2030	4.125%	100.00	-	5.228%	151 bps	181 bps	-30 bps	-16.4%
2/2/2021	Commercial Metals Co	\$300	Sr Unsecured	Ba2	BB+	2/15/2031	3.875%	100.00	279 bps	5.252%	158 bps	174 bps	-17 bps	-9.6%
1/28/2022	Commercial Metals Co	\$300	Sr Unsecured	Ba2	BB+	3/15/2032	4.375%	100.00	-	5.194%	134 bps	173 bps	-38 bps	-22.2%
4/16/2014	GUSAP III LP	\$481	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB-	4/16/2044	7.250%	100.00	368 bps	5.952%	187 bps	191 bps	-4 bps	-2.1%
5/23/2022 5/22/2020	Nucor Corp Nucor Corp	\$500 \$500	Sr Unsecured Sr Unsecured	Baa1 Baa1	A- A-	5/23/2025 6/1/2025	3.950% 2.000%	99.94 99.85	115 bps 170 bps	4.620% 4.496%	49 bps 38 bps	54 bps 70 bps	-5 bps -32 bps	-9.8% -45.6%
5/22/2020 5/23/2022	Nucor Corp	\$500 \$500	Sr Unsecured Sr Unsecured	Baa 1 Baa 1	A- A-	5/23/2027	4.300%	99.85 <b>99.84</b>	145 bps	4.496% 4.012%	38 bps 42 bps	70 bps 48 bps	-32 bps -6 bps	-45.6% -11.7%
4/26/2018	Nucor Corp	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	A-	5/1/2028	3.950%	99.85	100 bps	4.062%	49 bps	61 bps	-11 bps	-18.9%
5/22/2020	Nucor Corp	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	A-	6/1/2030	2.700%	99.72	205 bps	4.218%	70 bps	64 bps	6 bps	9.3%
3/11/2022	Nucor Corp	\$550	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	A-	4/1/2032	3.125%	99.67	130 bps	4.397%	70 bps	88 bps	-18 bps	-20.4%
3/11/2022	Nucor Corp	\$550	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	A-	4/1/2052	3.850%	99.07	165 bps	5.127%	102 bps	95 bps	7 bps	7.5%
12/7/2020	Nucor Corp	\$329	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	A-	12/15/2055	2.979%	99.29	130 bps	5.112%	98 bps	84 bps	13 bps	16.0%
7/3/2024	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$600	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB	8/15/2034	5.375%	98.65	123 bps	4.518%	113 bps	114 bps	0 bps	-0.4%
12/11/2019	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$400	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB	12/15/2024	2.800%	99.93	115 bps	4.518%	124 bps	68 bps	56 bps	83.3%
6/5/2020	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$400	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB	6/15/2025	2.400%	99.62	210 bps	4.730%	80 bps	79 bps	2 bps	1.9%
12/6/2016	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$400 \$250	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB BBB	12/15/2026	5.000%	100.00	266 bps	4.040%	-95 bps	30 bps	-125 bps	-417.0%
10/9/2020 12/11/2019	Steel Dynamics Inc Steel Dynamics Inc	\$350 \$600	Sr Unsecured Sr Unsecured	Baa2 Baa2	BBB	10/15/2027 4/15/2030	1.650% 3.450%	99.30 99.74	120 bps 165 bps	4.798% 4.798%	78 bps 90 bps	75 bps 89 bps	3 bps 2 bps	4.3% 2.2%
6/5/2020	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB	1/15/2031	3.250%	98.96	260 bps	4.798%	97 bps	102 bps	-5 bps	-4.5%
10/9/2020	Steel Dynamics Inc	\$400	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB	10/15/2050	3.250%	96.33	185 bps	4.798%	122 bps	121 bps	0 bps	0.3%
2/11/2021	United States Steel Corp	\$475	Sr Unsecured	B1 *+	BB- *+	3/1/2029	6.875%	100.00	592 bps	5.671%	146 bps	176 bps	-30 bps	-16.9%
5/21/2007	United States Steel Corp	\$274	Sr Unsecured	B1 *+	BB- *+	6/1/2037	6.650%	99.41	180 bps	6.309%	249 bps	224 bps	25 bps	11.1%
	Distribution													
8/3/2020	Reliance Inc	\$400	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB+	8/15/2025	1.300%	99.69	110 bps	4.711%	73 bps	68 bps	5 bps	7.8%
8/3/2020	Reliance Inc	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB+	8/15/2030	2.150%	99.72	160 bps	4.438%	83 bps	94 bps	-11 bps	-11.5%
11/20/2006	Reliance Inc	\$250	Sr Unsecured	Baa2	BBB+	11/15/2036	6.850%	99.43	220 bps	5.254%	141 bps	139 bps	3 bps	2.0%
	Specialty													
7/13/2020	Alcoa Nederland Holding BV	\$750	Sr Unsecured	Ba1	BB	12/15/2027	5.500%	100.00	255 bps	4.780%	43 bps	115 bps	-72 bps	-62.4%
5/17/2018	Alcoa Nederland Holding BV	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Ba1	BB	5/15/2028	6.125%	100.00	314 bps	5.116%	76 bps	132 bps	-56 bps	-42.4%
3/24/2021	Alcoa Nederland Holding BV	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Ba1	BB	3/31/2029	4.125%	100.00	274 bps	5.156%	144 bps	157 bps	-13 bps	-8.3%
3/21/2024 8/10/2023	Alcoa Nederland Holding BV Arsenal AIC Parent LLC	\$750 \$700	Sr Unsecured Secured	Ba1 Ba3	BB B+	3/15/2031 10/1/2030	7.125% 8.000%	100.00 100.00	301 bps 396 bps	5.479% 5.868%	145 bps 171 bps	174 bps 172 bps	-29 bps -1 bps	-16.9% -0.8%
11/22/2019	ATI Inc	\$350	Sr Unsecured	Ba3 B1	BB-	12/1/2027	5.875%	100.00	414 bps	5.435%	80 bps	122 bps	-42 bps	-34.6%
9/14/2021	ATI Inc	\$325	Sr Unsecured	B1	BB-	10/1/2029	4.875%	100.00	255 bps	5.597%	177 bps	194 bps	-17 bps	-8.8%
9/14/2021	ATI Inc	\$350	Sr Unsecured	B1	BB-	10/1/2031	5.125%	100.00	255 bps	5.551%	163 bps	206 bps	-42 bps	-20.5%
8/11/2023	ATI Inc	\$425	Sr Unsecured	B1	BB-	8/15/2030	7.250%	100.00	313 bps	5.848%	108 bps	145 bps	-38 bps	-25.9%
7/24/2020	Carpenter Technology Corp	\$400	Sr Unsecured	B1	BB	7/15/2028	6.375%	100.00	587 bps	5.848%	102 bps	99 bps	3 bps	2.6%
3/16/2022	Carpenter Technology Corp	\$300	Sr Unsecured	B1	BB	3/15/2030	7.625%	100.00	566 bps	5.848%	93 bps	136 bps	-42 bps	-31.3%
4/14/2021	Century Aluminum Co	\$250	Secured	Caa1	В	4/1/2028	7.500%	100.00	615 bps	6.334%	231 bps	207 bps	24 bps	11.5%
12/22/2020	GrafTech Finance Inc	\$500	Secured	Caa1	B-	12/15/2028	4.625%	100.00	390 bps	15.679%	1213 bps	993 bps	220 bps	22.1%
6/26/2023	GrafTech Global Enterprises Inc	\$450	Secured	Caa1	B-	12/15/2028	9.875%	97.46	654 bps	18.347%	1480 bps	1224 bps	256 bps	20.9%
9/1/2021	Howmet Aerospace Inc	\$700	Sr Unsecured	Baa1	BBB-	1/15/2029	3.000%	100.00	255 bps	4.272%	69 bps	83 bps	-14 bps	-16.8%
1/25/2007 5/31/2018	Howmet Aerospace Inc JW Aluminum Continuous	\$625 \$300	Sr Unsecured 1st lien	Baa1 B3	BBB- B-	2/1/2037 6/1/2026	5.950% 10.250%	<b>99.62</b> 100.00	113 bps 718 bps	4.898% 2.590%	102 bps 209 bps	118 bps 197 bps	-16 bps 13 bps	- <b>13.3%</b> 6.5%
11/26/2019	Kaiser Aluminum Conundous	\$500 \$500	Sr Unsecured	B3 B2	BB-	3/1/2028	4.625%	100.00	289 bps	5.621%	190 bps	201 bps	-12 bps	-5.8%
5/20/2021	Kaiser Aluminum Corp	\$550	Sr Unsecured	B2	BB-	6/1/2031	4.500%	100.00	288 bps	6.030%	232 bps	207 bps	25 bps	12.1%
8/11/2021	Novelis Corp	\$750	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	BB	11/15/2026	3.250%	100.00	836 bps	4.988%	133 bps	117 bps	16 bps	14.1%
1/16/2020	Novelis Corp	\$1,600	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	BB	1/30/2030	4.750%	100.00	836 bps	5.411%	158 bps	186 bps	-28 bps	-14.9%
8/11/2021	Novelis Corp	\$750	Sr Unsecured	Ba3	BB	8/15/2031	3.875%	100.00	836 bps	5.439%	172 bps	188 bps	-16 bps	-8.3%
6/10/2015	Precision Castparts Corp	\$850	Sr Unsecured	Aa2	AA	6/15/2025	3.250%	99.80	110 bps	4.355%	35 bps	34 bps	0 bps	0.3%
6/10/2015	Precision Castparts Corp	\$275	Sr Unsecured	Aa2	AA	6/15/2035	4.200%	99.40	130 bps	4.395%	54 bps	44 bps	10 bps	22.4%
12/20/2012	Precision Castparts Corp	\$500	Sr Unsecured	Aa2	AA	1/15/2043	3.900%	99.38	100 bps	4.981%	85 bps	77 bps	8 bps	10.1%
6/10/2015	Precision Castparts Corp	\$325	Sr Unsecured	Aa2	AA	6/15/2045	4.375%	99.67	145 bps	4.991%	80 bps	66 bps	14 bps	20.8%

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\*+/\*- Indicates ratings currently on review for upgrade/downgrade

Source: Bloomberg



# Syndicated Bank Loan Market

The third quarter remained slow with a total of seven deals closing compared to eight for the second quarter. However total volume increased from \$2.8 billion to \$10 billion. The volume increase came primarily from two deals done by Cleveland Cliffs to support their acquisition of Stelco Holdings; a \$4.5 billion ABL Revolver and a C\$500 million ABL Revolver. The next largest deal was the renewal of Reliance's corporate Senior Unsecured Revolver. Pricing reflects Reliance's strong investment grade credit profile and dominant market position with a drawn spread of 1.00% and a commitment fee of 10 basis points. In addition, Arconic successfully completed the repricing of their \$1.414 billion TLB; achieving an additional 50 basis point reduction in their all in pricing.

The following provides publicly available details for some of the more notable transactions during the quarter.

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	Cleveland Cliffs	Reliance Steel & Aluminum	Commonwealth Rolled	Constellium SE	Waupaca Foundry Inc.	TMS International
Date	Mar-20 (Amend. Sep-24)1	Sep-24	Aug-24	Aug-24	Jan-24 (Amend. Aug-24)	Dec-20 (Amend. Jul-24)
Deal Size (\$ in MM)	\$4,250.0 / C\$500.0	\$1,500.0	\$325.0	\$550.0	\$195.0 / \$410.0 <sup>1</sup>	\$175.0 / \$475.0 <sup>1</sup>
Facility Type	ABL Revolver	CF Revolver	ABL Revolver	ABL Revolver	ABL Revolver / TLB	ABL Revolver / TLB
Tenor	5 years / 5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	5 years / 7 years	5 years / 7 years
Purpose	Corporate Purposes	Corporate Purposes	Corporate Purposes	Corporate Purposes	Sponsored Buyout / Div. Recap.	Corporate Purposes
Ratings						
S&P	BB-	BBB+	NR	BB-	В	B+
Moody's	Ba2	Baa2	NR	Ba3	B1	B2
Amortization	-	-	-	-	- / 5.0% per annum	- / 1.0% per annum
Pricing at close (bps)						
All-in Spread	Not disclosed	100.0		Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
SOFR Margin	175.0 / 175.0	100.0		125.0	200.0 / 600.0	175.0 / 375.0
Facility Fee	-	-	Not disclosed	-	Not disclosed	-
Commitment Fee	25.0 / 25.0	10.0		Not disclosed	25.0 / -	25.0 / -
Sustainability Adjustment	Not disclosed	-	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Pricing Detail (bps)		Net SOFR Comm. Lev. <sup>1,2</sup> Spread Fee				
		< 0.20x 100.0 10.0				
		<u>≥</u> 0.20x 112.5 12.5				
	Not disclosed	≥0.30x 137.5 17.5	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed

SOFR Adjustment (bps) (1-mo / 3-mo / 6-mo)	Not disclosed	-	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Rate Floor	Not disclosed	0.00%	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	1.00%	0.50%
OID	-	-	-	-	100.0	99.875
Call Protection	-	-	-	-	102/101 soft call 6 mo.	101 soft call 6 mo.
Financial Covenants						
Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio	)	-				
Interest Coverage Ratio		-				
Total Leverage Ratio	Not disclosed	-	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	Not disclosed
Net Leverage Ratio		0.60x <sup>1,2</sup>				
Funded Debt Ratio		-				
Debt to Capital Ratio		-				
Secured	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sources: S&P Capital IQ , Moody's, Refinitiv Loan Connector	<sup>1</sup> Amendment closed on 9/13/2024; credit agreement to be released in the 9/30 10-Q	<sup>1</sup> Net Leverage Ratio defined as Net Debt / (Net Debt + Stockholders' Equity) <sup>2</sup> Cash netting capped at lesser of (i) 100% of domestic, unrestricted cash and (ii) \$500mm			<sup>1</sup> Incremental \$50MM TLB add-on priced in Aug-24	<sup>1</sup> Original \$475MM 7-Year dea repriced in Jul-24

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