





The latest trends in global financings

Lincoln International's Capital Advisory Group

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Agenda

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About Lincoln's Capital Advisory Group

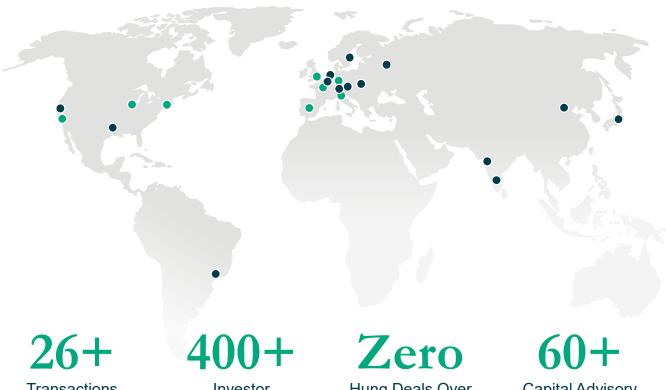


Market-Leading, Global Capital Advisory Platform

Lincoln's Capital Advisory Group is a leading arranger of private market financings...

...with capabilities across various structures, specializing in complex transactions generally \$75 to \$500 million in financing...

...and solely focused on delivering optimal results for clients as an independent arranger



Transactions Closed YTD May

Investor Relationships **Hung Deals Over** the Past 4 Years

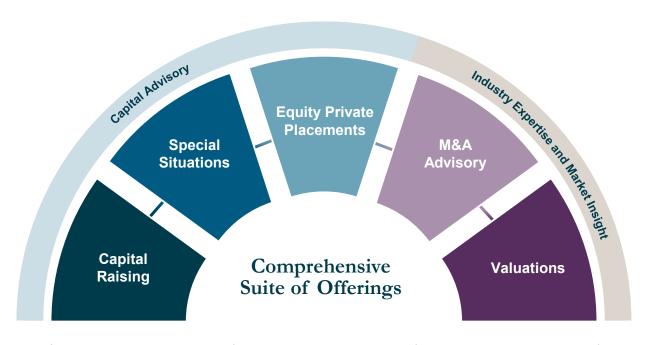
Capital Advisory Professionals Globally



Offices with Capital Advisory Group presence



Lincoln's Capital Advisory Capabilities are Complemented by the Firm's M&A and Valuation Activities



Capital Raising

- Most active arranger of financings among middle market advisors
- Constantly in the market with multiple financing transactions; closing / pricing deals every week on average

Special Situations and Restructurings

- Access to bespoke, highly tailored securities to solve capital structure challenges
- Informed, intense and creative advocacy for complex and challenging situations

Equity Private Placements

- Secure equity capital to optimize terms, deliver superior valuation and enhance certainty to close
- Deep industry expertise and global relationships

M&A Advisory

- Leading mid-market M&A platform with 6 core industry verticals
- Senior M&A bankers with sector expertise integrated into each Capital Advisory assignment

Valuations

- Performs debt valuations for portfolio companies for 70+ leading non-bank lenders, including BDCs, private debt funds, venture lenders, etc.
- Performs over 2,200 valuations per quarter



Agenda

- What we have seen in the European and U.S. financing markets in H1 2021
- Outlook for the second half of the year
- Who is lending? Structural differences between markets
- Global insights: Compare and contrast financing terms



Overview of the markets in H1 2021

Dominik Spanier & Bob Horak

U.S. market

- Heavy loan volume across multiple markets in the U.S.
- Optimism and strong company performance as US economy re-opens
- Fueling intense competition among lenders and favorable pricing, leverage and terms

European market

- Loan markets buoyant creating a very borrower friendly environment across Europe with private debt continuing to win market share
- Leverage and pricing have returned to precovid levels
- Lenders struggling to determine "real" noncovid impacted EBITDA
- Increased focus on inflation and borrowers ability to pass on raw material price increase

Forecast for H2 2021

Bob Horak & Xenia Sarri

U.S. market

- Expect continued favorable lending market for U.S. sponsors/borrowers
- Robust demand for private credit from global investors
- Several factors driving strong M&A activity
- Biggest headwind may be bandwidth of PE, lenders, service providers

European market

- Strong market activity to continue in the second half of the year
- Availability to a relatively cheap cost of financing for a wide range of issuers
- Direct lending funds will continue playing a vital role in financing midmarket transactions
- Unclear how current dislocations in the global supply chains will impact certain parts of the market

Who is lending? A global view

Daniele Candiani Serge Palleau Aude Doyen Dominik Spanier Bob Horak

- Banks vs debt funds
- · Local lending favoured in some parts of Europe
- The role of state guaranteed loans
- Banks fighting back
- ESG compliance to become increasingly important to lenders
- Private Credit taking share from syndicated market

Spring 2021 mid-market terms guidance – Funds structure

<u>Illustrative</u> terms below represent our summary of senior/unitranche market terms available to a reasonably strong mid-market leveraged credit (not directly impacted by COVID) in recent months

	US	UK	France	Germany	Italy		
Leverage	5.0-6.5x	5.0x-6.0x	5.0x-6.5x	5.0x-6.0x	4.5x-6.0x		
+/_ Margin	5.50%- 6.50%	5.75% to 6.75%	5.50% to 6.75%	5.75% to 6.50%	5.50% to 7.50%		
Arrangement fees	2.0%	2.75% to 3.50%	2.5% to 3.0%	2.75% to 3.00%	2.75% to 3.50%		
Amortisation	1%	Bullet Structures are available					
Equity Cushion	40%+	35% to 40%	35% to 40%	35% to 40%	35% to 40%		
X Prepayment penalties	102 or 101	NC1, 102 (6m)	NC1, 101 or 102	NC1, 101 or 102	NC1, 101 or 102		



Spring 2021 mid-market terms guidance – Bank structure

<u>Illustrative</u> terms below represent our summary of senior loan market terms available to a reasonably strong mid-market leveraged credit (not directly impacted by COVID) in recent

months

	US	UK	France	Germany	Italy		
Leverage	3.5-4.5x	4.0x-5.0x	4.0x-5.0x	3.5x-4.5x	3.25x-4.25x		
+_ Margin	4.0% to 5.0%	3.50% to 4.50%	3.50% to 4.25%	3.25% to 3.75%	3.50% to 4.25%		
S Arrangement fees	1.0% to 1.5%	2.50% to 3.25%	2.50% to 3.00%	2.50% to 2.75%	2.50% to 3.00%		
Amortisation	Varies by transaction size						
⊖ Equity Cushion	40%+	40% to 50%	40% to 50%	40% to 50%	40% to 50%		
Prepayment penalties	None/101	None	None	None	None		

