



February 2, 2026

Consultation: Par Amount Outstanding Criteria in the Morningstar LSTA US Term Loan Index

Background

The Morningstar LSTA US Term Loan Index was created to deliver comprehensive, precise coverage of the US leveraged loan market for institutional term loans that are larger than \$300M in size. The index currently has a par amount outstanding criteria of \$300M or greater at the time of entry to the index.

Proposed change

We are seeking feedback on a proposal to expand the par amount outstanding criteria when determining which loans are eligible for inclusion in the index. Under the proposed methodology, if the amount outstanding of a loan is below \$300M at the time of entry to the index, an additional rule will be implemented to include the loan in the index if its initial issue size is greater than \$300M and exclude the loan if the initial issue size is less than \$300M. If the amount outstanding is above \$300M, the index will use the \$300M in amount outstanding as the criteria per the current index rules.

This methodology change is intended to better align the index with the term loan segment of the US leveraged loan market for loans that are larger than \$300M and will result in the inclusion of some additional loans. This change will be effective for only this index.

Submit your responses and questions

Morningstar Indexes welcomes client feedback regarding this proposed change. Responses to this consultation can be submitted [here](#).

General questions about the consultation may also be sent to indexes@morningstar.com.

Key dates

- **Consultation:** The consultation will be open for response from February 2 to February 16, 2026.
- **Decision announcement:** Final decisions will be announced by February 17, 2026.
- **Proposed implementation:** This change will be implemented after the close of business on March 20 and will be effective March 21, 2026.

Questions

1. Should Morningstar Indexes expand the \$300M in par amount outstanding criteria of the Morningstar LSTA US Term Loan Index to also include any loans that have an initial issue size of \$300M if the criteria of \$300M in amount outstanding is not met?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Other, please explain.
2. Do you have any objections if Morningstar Indexes implements this change on March 20?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. If you selected 'Yes' to the question above, please specify the desired timing of this change.
4. What other factors should Morningstar Indexes consider in making this decision?

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