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Bond Prices and Yields

## Bond Characteristics

- Fixed income security
- An arragement between borrower and purchaser
$\square$ The issuer makes specified payments to the bond holder on specified dates
- Face or par value
- Coupon rate
- Zero coupon bond
- Indenture
- The contract between the issuer nad the bondholder


# Different Issuers of Bonds 

- U.S. Treasury
- Notes and Bonds
- Ranging from 10 to 30 years
- In denominations \$1.000 or more
- Minimum reduced in 2008 to $\$ 100$
- Semiannual payments


## Figure 14.1 Listing of Treasury Issues

| Treasury Bonds, Notes and Bills |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | January 17, 2006 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Explanatory Notes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | MATURITY TYPE |  |  | BID | ASKED | CHG | ASK YLD |
| Representative Over-the-Counter quotation based on transactions of \$1 million or more. Treasury bond, note and bill quotes are as of mid-afternoon. Colons in bid-and-asked quotes represent 32nds; 101:01 means $1011 / 32$. Net changes in 32nds. n-Treasury note. i-Inflation-Indexed Issue. Treasury bill quotes in hundredths, quoted on terms of a rate of discount. Days to maturity calculated from settlement date. All yields are to maturity and based on the asked quote. Latest 13 -week and 26 -week bills are boldfaced. For bonds callable prior to maturity, yields are computed to the earliest call date for issues quoted above par and to the maturity date for issues below par. *When issued. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb | 06 |  | 99:22 | 99:22 |  | 3.91 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb | 06 | bp | 99:22 | 99:23 |  | 3.86 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Apr | 06 | ci | 99:00 | 99:01 |  | 4.09 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | May | 06 | ci | 98:21 | 98:22 |  | 4.15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | May | 06 | np | 98:19 | 98:20 |  | 4.32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | May | 06 | np | 98:19 | 98:20 |  | 4.32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jul | 06 | ci | 98:03 | 98:03 | 1 | 3.94 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Aug | 06 | ci | 97:19 | 97:20 | 1 | 4.23 |
| in bid and asked quotes represent 32nds: 99:01 means $991 / 32$. Net changes in 32nds. Yields calculated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Aug | 06 | np | 97:15 | 97:16 | $\ldots$ | 4.44 |
| on the asked quotation. ci-stripped coupon interest bp-Treasury bond, stripped principal. np-Treasury note, stripped principal. For bonds callable prior to maturity, yields are computed to the earliest call date for issues quoted above par and to the maturity date for issues below par. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Oct | 06 | ci | 96:28 | 96:29 | $\ldots$ | 4.30 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nov | 06 | , | 96:16 | 96:17 | ... | 4.34 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nov | 06 | np | 96:14 | 96:14 |  | 4.45 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Feb | 06 | np | 96:14 | 96:14 |  | 4.45 |
|  | MATURITY |  |  |  | ASK |  | MATUR |  |  |  | ASK | Feb | 07 | np | 95:13 | 95:14 |  | 4.39 |
| RATE | MO/YR | BID | ASKED | CHG |  | RATE | MO/YR | BID | ASKED | CHG | YLD | May | 07 | ci | 94:18 | 94:18 |  | 4.26 |
| Government Bonds \& Notes |  |  |  |  |  | 3.875 | Feb 13n | 97:10 | 97:11 | 4 | 4.31 | May | 07 | np | 94:14 | 94:15 |  | 4.34 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 3.625 | May 13n | 95:25 | 95:26 | 5 | 4.29 | May | 07 | np | 94:14 | 94:15 |  | 4.35 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.875 | Jul 13i | 99:27 | 99:28 | 9 | 1.89 | Aug | 07 | a | 93:18 | 93:18 |  | 4.26 |
| 5.625 | Feb 06n | 100:03 | 100:04 | ... | 3.82 | 4.250 | Aug 13n | 99:16 | 99:17 | 5 | 4.32 | Aug | 07 | $\ldots \mathrm{p}$ | 93:15 | 93:16 |  | 4.32 |
| 9.375 | Feb 06 | 100:12 | 100:13 |  | 3.68 | 12.000 | Aug 13 | 118:20 | 118:21 | -1 | 4.26 | Aug | 07 | np | 93:14 | 93:15 |  | 4.33 |
| 1.625 | Felo Oóir | 79:22 | 79:23 | , | 4.16 | 4.250 | Nov 13n | 99:14 | 99:15 | - | 4.33 | Nov | 07 | (i) | 92.17 | 92.10 |  | 4.27 |
| 1.500 | Mar 06n | 99:13 | 99:14 | ... | 4.31 | 2.000 | Jan 14i | 100:19 | 100:20 | 9 | 1.92 | Nov | 07 | np | 92:16 | 92:16 |  | 4.32 |
| 2.250 | Apr 06n | 99:12 | 99:13 |  | 4.33 | 4.000 | Feb 14n | 97:22 | 97:23 | 4 | 4.34 | Feb | 08 | ci | 91:19 | 91:20 | 1 | 4.26 |
| 6.500 | Feb 10n | 108:04 | 108:05 | 2 | 4.29 | 4.750 | May $14 n$ | 102:27 | 102:28 | 5 | 4.33 | Feb | 08 | np | 91:19 | 91:19 |  | 4.27 |
| 4.000 | Mar 10n | 98:29 | 98:30 | 3 | 4.28 | 13.250 | May 14 | 127:12 | 127:13 | 1 | 4.30 | Feb | 08 | np | 91:16 | 91:17 |  | 4.31 |
| 0.875 | Apr 10i | 95:30 | 95:31 | 5 | 1.87 | 2.000 | jul 14i | 100:20 | 100:21 | 10 | 1.91 | May | 08 | , | 90:20 | $90: 21$ |  | 4.27 |
| 4.000 | Apr 10n | 98:28 | 98:29 | 3 | 4.28 | 7.625 | Feb 25 | 138:18 | 138:19 | 10 | 4.57 | May | 08 | np | 90:18 | 90:19 |  | 4.30 |
| 3.875 | May 10n | 98:13 | 98:14 | 3 | 4.27 | 6.875 | Aug 25 | 129:16 | 129:17 |  | 4.57 | May | 08 | np | 90:18 | 90:19 |  | 4.30 |
| 3.625 | Jun 10n | 97:11 | 97:12 | 2 | 4.28 | 6.000 | Feb 26 | 118:19 | 118:20 | 9 | 4.57 | Aug | 08 | (1) | 89:23 | 89:23 |  | 4.25 |
| 3.875 | Jul 10n | 98:11 | 98:12 | 3 | 4.28 | 6.750 | Aug 26 | 128:25 | 128:26 | 9 | 4.57 | Aug | 08 | np | 89:21 | 89:21 |  | 4.28 |
| 5.750 | Aug 10n | 106:03 | 106:04 | 2 | 4.26 | 6.500 | Nov 26 | 125:22 | 125:23 | 10 | 4.57 | Nov | 08 | , | 88:22 | 88:23 | 1 | 4.29 |
| 4.125 | Aug 10n | 99:10 | 99:11 | 2 | 4.28 | 6.625 | Feb 27 | 127:18 | 127:19 |  | 4.57 | Feb | 15 | , | 67:02 | 67:03 | 4 | 4.45 |
| 3.875 | Sep 10n | 98:09 | 98:10 |  | 4.28 | 6.375 | Aug 27 | 124:19 | 124:20 | 11 | 4.57 | Feb | 15 | bp | 67:10 | 67:11 | 4 | 4.41 |
| 4.250 | Oct 10n | 99:26 | 99:27 | 3 | 4.29 | 6.125 | Nov 27 | 121:11 | 121:12 | 10 | 4.57 | May | 15 | ci | 66:17 | 66:18 | 4 | 4.41 |
| 4.500 | Nov 10n | 100:28 | 100:29 | 3 | 4.29 | 3.625 | Apr 28i | 130:00 | 130:00 | 15 | 1.95 | Aug | 15 | ci | 65:22 | 65:22 | 4 | 4.44 |
| 4.375 | Dec 10n | 100:12 | 100:13 |  | 4.28 | 5.500 | Aug 28 | 113:03 | 113:04 | 9 | 4.56 | Aug | 15 | bp | 65:29 | 65:30 | 4 | 4.40 |
| 4.250 | Jan 11 n | 99:28 | 99:29 | 2 | 4.27 | 5.250 | Nov 28 | 109:24 | 109:25 | 10 | 4.55 | Nov | 15 | ci | 65:03 | 65:04 | 4 | 4.42 |
| 3.500 | Jan 1li | 107:25 | 107:26 | 6 | 1.85 | 5.250 | Feb 29 | 109:24 | 109:25 | 10 | 4.56 | Nov | 15 | bp | 65:05 | 65:06 | 4 | 4.41 |
| 5.000 | Feb 11n | 103:09 | 103:10 | 3 | 4.27 | 3.875 | Apr 29i | 135:22 | 135:23 | 10 | 1.95 | Feb | 16 | ci | 64:00 | 64:01 | 4 | 4.47 |
| 13.875 | May 11 | 103:02 | 103:03 |  | 9.81 | 6.125 | Aug 29 | 122:16 | 122:17 | 10 | 4.55 | Feb | 16 | $b p$ | 64:11 | 64:11 | 4 | 4.42 |
| 5.000 | Aug 11n | 103:17 | 103:18 | 4 | 4.27 | 6.250 | May 30 | 124:28 | 124:29 | 10 | 4.55 | May | 16 | ci | 63:07 | 63:08 | 3 | 4.49 |
| 14.000 | Nov 11 | 107:25 | 107:26 |  | 4.19 | 5.375 | Feb 31 | 112:28 | 112:29 |  | 4.51 | May | 16 | bp | 63:17 | 63:18 | 4 | 4.44 |
| 3.375 | Jan 12i | 108:16 | 108:17 | 8 | 1.86 | 3.375 | Apr 32i | 131:01 |  | 15 | 1.87 | Aug | 16 | ci | 62:17 | 62:17 | 4 | 4.49 |
| 4.875 | Feb 12n | 103:00 | 103:01 | 3 | 4.30 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nov | 16 | , | 61:23 | 61:23 | 4 | 4.51 |
| 3.000 | Jul 12i | 106:26 | 106:27 | 8 | 1.87 | U | eas | y Str |  |  | ASK | Nov | 16 | bp | 62:01 | 62:0 | 4 | 4.46 |
| 4.375 | Aug 12n | 100:11 | 100:12 | 3 | 4.31 | MATUR | TYPE | BID | SKED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.000 | Nov 12n | 98:06 | 98:07 | 4 | 4.30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.375 | Nov 12 | 110:13 | 110:14 |  | 4.34 | Feb | ci | 99:23 | $9: 23$ |  | 3.53 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Accrued Interest and Quoted Bond Prices

- Quoted prices are not the prices that investor pay for the bond
- Quoted price does not include the interest that accrues between coupon payments dates

$$
\text { Accrued interest }=\frac{\text { Annual coupon payment }}{2} \times \frac{\text { Days since last coupon payment }}{\text { Days separating coupon payments }}
$$

## EXAMPLE 14.1 Accrued Interest

Suppose that the coupon rate is $8 \%$. Then the annual coupon is $\$ 80$ and the semiannual coupon payment is $\$ 40$. Because 30 days have passed since the last coupon payment, the accrued interest on the bond is $\$ 40 \times(30 / 182)=\$ 6.59$. If the quoted price of the bond is $\$ 990$, then the invoice price will be $\$ 990+\$ 6.59=\$ 996.59$.

- Corporations
- Most of them traded in OTC markets by bond dealers
- Municipalities
- International Governments and Corporations
- Innovative Bonds
- Floaters and Inverse Floaters
- Asset-Backed
- Catastrophe
- Indexed Bonds
- Innovative Bonds
- Floaters and Inverse Floaters
- Same as floating-rate bonds
- Coupon rate on these bond falls when the general level of interest rates rises
- Asset-Backed
- Income from a specified group of assets is used to service the debt
- Walt Disney Bonds
- Catastrophe
- Way how to transfer catastrophe risk in capital market


## Figure 14.2 Corporate Bond Listings

| ISSUER NAME | SYMBOL | COUPON | MATURITY | $\begin{gathered} \text { RATING } \\ \text { MOODY'S/S\&P/ } \\ \text { FITCH } \end{gathered}$ | HICH | LOW | LaSt | CHANGE | YIELD \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gatx | gMTIK | 88858 | Jun 2009 | Bos1/988/888- | 107.545 | 107.538 | 107.545 | -0.100 | 5.433 |
| Marchal 8 Idey | Minl | 3800\% | Feb 2008 | An3/4/4+ | 98.514 | 98.470 | ${ }^{98.514}$ | 0.964 | 5.263 |
|  | COF. HK | 7.6868 | Aug 2036 | Bra2/888-/888- | 113.895 | 113.390 | 113733 | 027 | 6.621 |
| Sibrey Gull Sotes | ETR.K | $6180 \%$ | Hat 2035 | Boo3/888+/888 | 99.950 | 94.616 | 99.469 | 0.219 | 6.220 |
| 100 T Tine Wermer | AOLHG | 6.8758 | Nay 2012 | $\mathrm{Bo2} 2 / 38 \mathrm{~B}+/ 38 \mathrm{BB}$ | 107.205 | 105.402 | 106565 | 0720 | 5.427 |
| Howsebidd int | H1.1.U6 | 8.8758 | Feb 2008 | L03/4-/M- | 100.504 | 100.504 | 100504 | -0.109 | 5.348 |
| SCComm | SPCLF | 5.8758 | Feb 2012 | A2/L/ 4 | 102.116 | 102.001 | 102001 | -0.156 | 5.415 |
| American Genard Fimance | 416.600 | 5750\% | Sep 2016 | L1/ $/ 2 / 1 / 2+$ | 101.229 | 101.135 | 101.135 | -0.530 | 5.595 |

FIG URE 14.2 Listing of corporate bonds
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## Table 14.1 Principal and Interest Payments for Treasury Inflation Protected Security

| TAB LE 14.1 | Inflation in Year <br> Just Ended |  |  |  | Par Value | Coupon <br> Payment | + |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Principal |
| :---: |
| Repayment |$\quad$| Total |
| :---: |
| Payment |

## Bond Pricing

- Repayments occur months or years in the future
- Depend on the future value and present value
- Nominal risk free rate
- Real risk free rate + compensation for expected inflation
- Not riskless
- Additional premium
- Default risk, liquidity, taxation, call risk, etc.


## Bond Pricing

$$
P_{B}=\sum_{i=1}^{T} \frac{C_{1}}{(1+r)^{t}}+\frac{P a r V a l u e_{T}}{(1+r)^{T}}
$$

$P_{B}=$ Price of the bond
$C_{t}=$ interest or coupon payments
$\mathrm{T}=$ number of periods to maturity
$y=$ semi-annual discount rate or the semi-annual yield to maturity

## Price: $10-\mathrm{yr}, 8 \%$ Coupon, Face $=\$ 1,000$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P=40 \sum_{t=1}^{20} \frac{1}{(1.03)^{t}}+\frac{1000}{(1.03)^{20}} \\
& P=\$ 1,148.77 \\
& \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}}=40(\mathrm{SA}) \\
& \mathrm{P} \quad=1000 \\
& \mathrm{~T}=20 \text { periods } \\
& \mathrm{r}
\end{aligned}=3 \% \text { (SA) }
$$

- At a higher interest rate
- PV is lower
- Bond price will fall as market interest rates rise
- The negative shape
- Inverse relationship between prices and yields
- An increase in the interest rate results in a price decline that is smaller than the price gain resulting from decrease in the interest rate
- convexivity


## Bond Prices and Yields

Prices and Yields (required rates of return) have an inverse relationship

- When yields get very high the value of the bond will be very low.
- When yields approach zero, the value of the bond approaches the sum of the cash flows.

Figure 14.3 The Inverse Relationship Between Bond Prices and Yields


- The inverse relation between price and yield is a central feature of fixed-income securities
- Interest rate fluctuations represent the main source of risk
- General rule in evaluating bonds price risk
- Keeping all other factors same
- The longer the maturity of the bond, the greater the sensitivity of price to fluctuations in the interest rate
- This is why short-term T securities are considered to be the safest
- Free not only of default risk but also largely price risk


## Table 14.2 Bond Prices at Different Interest Rates (8\% Coupon Bond, Coupons Paid Semiannually

|  | Bond Price at Given Market Interest Rate |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time to |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ |
| 1 year | $1,038.83$ | $1,029.13$ | $1,000.00$ | 981.41 | 963.33 |
| 10 years | $1,327.03$ | $1,148.77$ | $1,000.00$ | 875.35 | 770.60 |
| 20 years | $1,547.11$ | $1,231.15$ | $1,000.00$ | 828.41 | 699.07 |
| 30 years | $1,695.22$ | $1,276.76$ | $1,000.00$ | 810.71 | 676.77 |

TABLE 14.2
Bond prices at different interest rates (8\% coupon bond, coupons paid semiannually)

## Yield to Maturity

- A investor considering the purchase of a bond is not quoted
- Use bond price, maturity day, coupon payment to infer return offered by the bond over its life
- Yield to maturity
- Interest rate that makes the PV of a bond's payments equal to its price


## Yield to Maturity

- Interest rate that makes the present value of the bond's payments equal to its price.
Solve the bond formula for $r$

$$
P_{B}=\sum_{i=1}^{T} \frac{C_{t}}{(1+r)^{t}}+\frac{P a r V a l u e_{T}}{(1+r)^{T}}
$$

## Yield to Maturity Example

$$
950=\sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{35}{(1+r)^{t}}+\frac{1000}{(1+r)^{T}}
$$

10 yr Maturity Coupon Rate $=\mathbf{7 \%}$
Price $=\$ 950$
Solve for $r=$ semiannual rate

$$
r=3.8635 \%
$$

|  | A | B | C | D | E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Semiannual coupons |  |  | Annual coupons |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Settlement date | 1/1/2000 |  | 1/1/2000 |  |
| 4 | Maturity date | 1/1/2030 |  | 1/1/2030 |  |
| 5 | Annual coupon rate | 0.08 |  | 0.08 |  |
| 6 | Bond price (flat) | 127.676 |  | 127.676 |  |
| 7 | Redemption value (\% of face value) | 100 |  | 100 |  |
| 8 | Coupon payments per year | 2 |  | 1 |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Yield to maturity (decimal) | 0.0600 |  | 0.0599 |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | The formula entered here is: $=\mathrm{YIELD}(\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{~B} 4, \mathrm{~B} 5, \mathrm{~B} 6, \mathrm{~B} 7, \mathrm{~B} 8)$ |  |  |  |  |

SPREADSHEET 14.1
Finding yield to maturity in Excel
eXcel
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## Yield to Call

- Yield to maturity
- Hold till maturity
- Yield to Call

Figure 14.4 Bond Prices: Callable and Straight Debt


## Example 14.4 Yield to Call

|  | Yield to Call | Yield to Maturity |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coupon payment | $\$ 40$ | $\$ 40$ |
| Number of semiannual periods | 20 periods | 60 periods |
| Final payment | $\$ 1,100$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Price | $\$ 1,150$ | $\$ 1,150$ |

## Realized Yield versus YTM

- Reinvestment Assumptions
- All coupons from return realized over life if all coupons are reinvested at an interest rate equal to the bond's yield to maturity
- When reinvestment rate equal to the $10 \%$
- Realized compound return equals yield to maturity
- If not - reinvestment rate risk
- Changes in interest rate


## Figure 14.5 Growth of Invested Funds

A. Reinvestment Rate $=10 \%$

B. Reinvestment Rate $=8 \%$


## Bond Prices Over Time

- Bond prices are set according to the PV
- If coupon rate > market interest rate
- Income is greater than that available elsewhere in the market
- Price of these bonds above their par values


## Holding-Period Return: Single Period

HPR $=\left[1+\left(\mathrm{P}_{0}-\mathrm{P}_{1}\right)\right] / \mathrm{P}_{0}$
where
I = interest payment
$\mathrm{P}_{1}=$ price in one period
$\mathrm{P}_{0}=$ purchase price

## Holding-Period Example

$C R=8 \% \quad Y T M=8 \% N=10$ years Semiannual Compounding $\mathrm{P}_{0}=\$ 1000$ In six months the rate falls to $7 \%$ $\mathrm{P}_{1}=\$ 1068.55$
HPR $=[40+(1068.55-1000)] / 1000$ HPR $=10.85 \%$ (semiannual)

Figure 14.7 The Price of a 30-Year ZeroCoupon Bond over Time at a Yield to Maturity of 10


## Default Risk and Ratings

- Rating companies
- Moody's Investor Service
- Standard \& Poor's
- Fitch
- Rating Categories
- Investment grade
- Speculative grade

\section*{Figure 14.8 Definitions of Each Bond Rating Class <br> | Bond Ratings |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Very High <br> Quality | High Quality | Speculative | Very Poor |  |
| Standard \& Poor's | AAA AA | A BBB | BB B | CCC D |  |
| Moody's | Aaa Aa | A Baa | Ba B | Caa | C | <br> At times both Moody's and Standard \& Poor's have used adjustments to these ratings:} S\&P uses plus and minus signs: $A+$ is the strongest $A$ rating and $A$ - the weakest. Moody's uses a 1, 2, or 3 designation, with 1 indicating the strongest.

Moody's S\&P

Aaa $A, A A$ Debt rated Aaa and $A, A A$ has the highest rating. Capacity to pay interest and principal is extremely strong.
Aa AA
Debt rated Aa and AA has a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Together with the highest rating, this group comprises the highgrade bond class.
A A Debt rated A has a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal, although it is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher-rated categories.
Baa B

Debt rated Baa and BBB is regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas it normally exhibits adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for debt in this category than in higher-rated categories. These bonds are medium-grade obligations
Ba BB Debt rated in these categories is regarded, on balance, as predominantly
B B

CCC
Ca
CC pacity to pay interest accordance with the terms of the obligation. BB and Ba indicate the lowest degree of speculation, and CC and Ca the highest degree of speculation. Although such debt will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions. Some issues may be in default
C C
D D This rating is reserved for income bonds on which no interest is being paid Debt rated $D$ is in default, and payment of interest and/or repayment of principal is in arrears.

## Junk Bonds

- High-yield bonds
- Before 1977 - fallen angels
- After 1977 - original-issue junk
- Drexel Burnham Lambert - Michael Milken


## Factors Used by Rating Companies

- Coverage ratios
- Earnings to fixed costs
- Low or falling - cash flow difficulties
- Leverage ratios
- Debt-to-equity ratio
- Liquidity ratios
- Current:
- Quick (without inventories)
- Profitability ratios
- Cash flow to debt


## Table 14.3 Financial Ratios and Default Risk by Rating Class, Long-Term Debt

|  | Three-year (2002 to 2004) medians |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | AAA | AA | A | BBB | BB | B | CCC |
| EBIT interest coverage multiple | 23.8 | 19.5 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| EBITDA interest coverage multiple | 25.5 | 24.6 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| Funds from operations/total debt (\%) | 203.3 | 79.9 | 48.0 | 35.9 | 22.4 | 11.5 | 5.0 |
| Free operating cash flow/total debt (\%) | 127.6 | 44.5 | 25.0 | 17.3 | 8.3 | 2.8 | $(2.1)$ |
| Total debt/EBITDA multiple | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 7.9 |
| Return on capital (\%) | 27.6 | 27.0 | 17.5 | 13.4 | 11.3 | 8.7 | 3.2 |
| Total debt/total debt + equity (\%) | 12.4 | 28.3 | 37.5 | 42.5 | 53.7 | 75.9 | 113.5 |
| Historical default rate (\%) | 0.5 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 6.6 | 19.5 | 35.8 | 54.4 |

## TABLE 14.3

Financial ratios and default risk by rating class, long-term debt
Note: EBITDA is earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization
Source: Corporate Rating Criteria, Standard \& Poor's, 2006. Historical default rates from "Static Pools Cumulative Average Default Rates (\%)," Standard \& Poor's. Reproduced by permission of Standard \& Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

Figure 14.9 Discriminant Analysis


Coverage Ratio

## Protection Against Default

- Sinking funds
- To help ensure the commitment to spread payment problems over several years
- Subordination of future debt
- Factor that determine bond safety is total outstanding debt of the issuer
- Dividend restrictions
- Collateral


## Default Risk and Yield

- Yield to maturity and expected yield
- Maximum possible yield vs. yield with possibility of default
- Default premiums
- To compensate for the possibility of default
- Yields compared to ratings
- Yield spreads over business cycles


## Figure 14.11 Yields on Long-Term Bonds,

 1954-2006

