

Finding Value in a Tight Fixed Income Marketplace

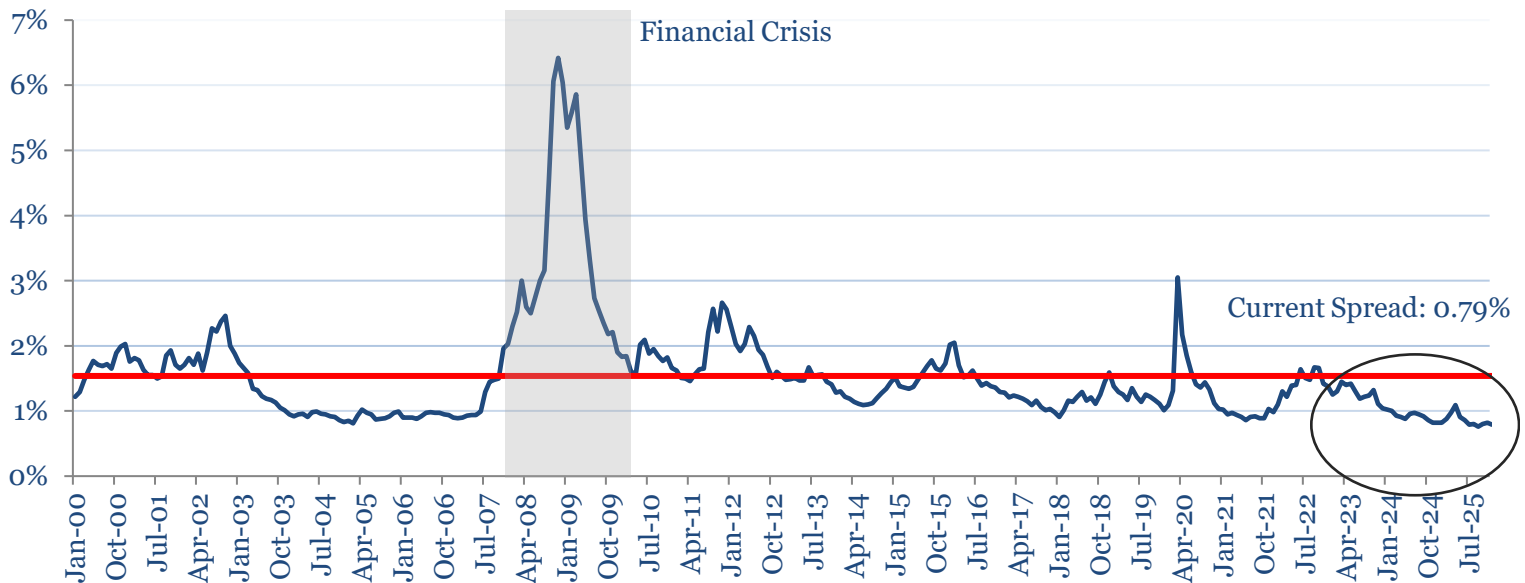
With traditional fixed income markets offering historically limited compensation over US Treasuries, REIT preferreds offer interesting value to investors.

Investment Grade Corporate Credit Spreads Are Tight by Historical Standards...

Investment-grade (IG) corporate credit spreads are now close to the tightest they have been in the past 25 years.

- IG corporate spreads now stand at 0.75-0.80% (75-80bps) over comparable term Treasuries.
- As such, at these levels, investors are receiving relatively limited compensation above risk-free rates as compared with long-term historical levels.

IG Credit Spreads Close to Lowest Level in 25 Years



Index: ICE BofA US Corporate Index

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis economic database as of 1/22/26

... As Are High Yield Corporate Credit Spreads

High yield (HY) corporate credit spreads also stand close to the tightest they have been in the past 25 years.

- HY spreads are now at 2.8-2.9% (280-290 bps) over US Treasuries.
- As with IG bonds, the compensation investors now receive in the HY market over risk-free US Treasuries is narrow as compared to historical standards.

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HY Credit Spreads Also Close to Lowest Level in 25 Years



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A More Attractive Option: REIT Preferreds Continue to Offer Compelling Relative Value

Despite tight credit conditions in traditional fixed income markets, we believe REIT preferred securities continue to offer attractive yields and relative value.

- REIT preferred yields now stand at 8.0%* and are priced with 21% upside to their par value.
- We believe investors are being meaningfully compensated for risk relative to comparable fixed-income alternatives.

In comparison to IG and HY corporate bond spreads, REIT preferred spreads are now at close to 15-year highs (aside from periods of extreme market stress such as during the pandemic and financial crisis).

- REIT preferred spreads now exceed IG corporate bond spreads by ~327 basis points.
- REIT preferred spreads are now 125 basis points higher than HY corporate bond spreads.
- We note this yield pick-up is before taking into account REIT tax advantages relative to taxation of corporate bonds.

*REIT preferred yield is calculated as the weighted average dividend yield of LDR's proprietary database of REIT preferred universe.

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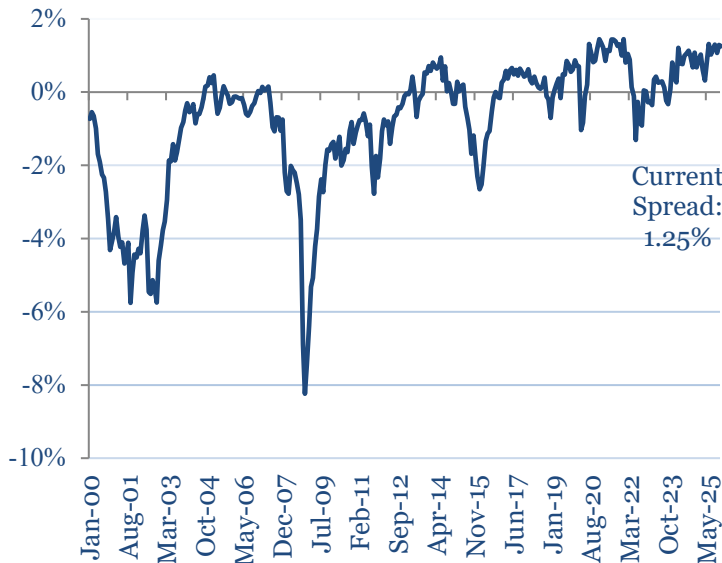
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Indices

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