

SPDR® Blackstone / GSO Senior Loan ETF

- Senior loans have historically generated greater income with less volatility than competing fixed income asset classes
- Relative to high yield bonds, senior loans have experienced higher recovery rates due in part to their seniority in the capital structure
- GSO Blackstone (“GSO”) manages the fund’s industry and credit exposures based on technical and fundamental views to generate alpha by building a diversified portfolio with appropriate liquidity

Fund Information

AUM	\$1,559 Million
Gross Expense Ratio	0.70%
Average Bid-Ask Spread	0.10%
Average Dollar Volume	\$23.38 Million
Strategy Type	Active

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., as of 09/30/2020. Average 30-day bid-ask spread and average notional dollar trading volume.

SRLN

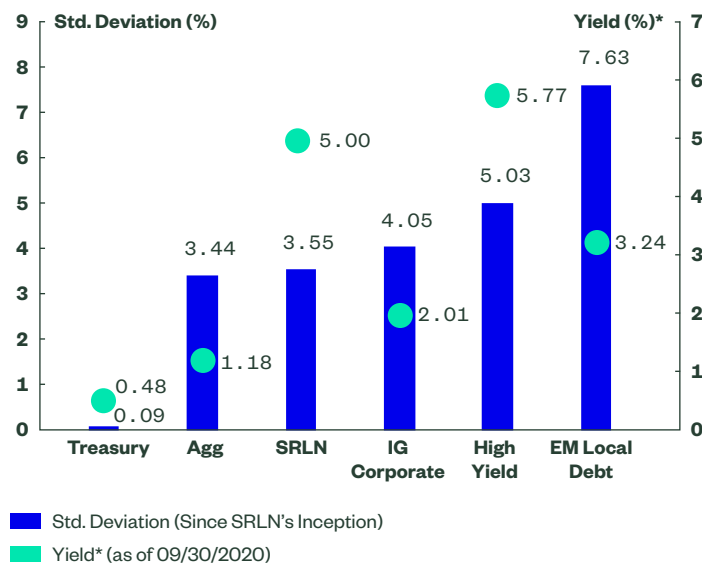
Highlight
Senior Loans

Q3 2020

Income with Reduced Volatility

Amid the low-rate environment, senior loans may stand out as an asset class that should be considered to pursue income needs. Senior loans have seen greater yield with less volatility compared with competing fixed income asset classes, as shown in the figure. By bringing in duration and sitting higher in the capital structure, senior loans may be able to navigate late-cycle credit dynamics better than a traditional high yield allocation does. And relative to high yield bonds, senior loans have historically seen higher recovery rates (66% vs, 40%, respectively).¹

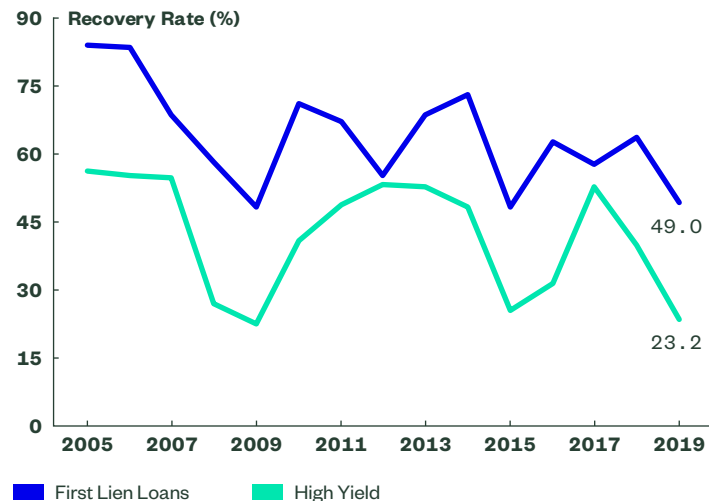
Yield and Volatility Since SRLN’s Inception



Source: State Street Global Advisors, Bloomberg Finance, L.P., as of 09/30/2020 used for yield calculations and FactSet 04/04/2013–09/30/2020 used for standard deviation calculations. *30 Day SEC Yield used for SRLN's yield and YTW used for index yields. SRLN was inceptioned on 04/03/2013. Corporates = Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Index, Agg = Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, EM Local Debt = Bloomberg Barclays EM Local Currency Govt Diversified Index. Treasury = Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Index. High Yield = Bloomberg Barclays High Yield. **Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.**

SRLN's active mandate seeks to avoid weak or failing credits, which can be included in a passive strategy. This has led to SRLN's increased dividend yield (5.1% vs. 3.1%)² and outperformance of 366 bps since inception relative to its largest passive competitor, the Invesco Senior Loan ETF (BKLN).³ Over the trailing 1- and 3-year periods, SRLN has also outperformed at least 89% of its peers on an absolute return basis.⁴

US Loan and High Yield Recovery Rates



Source: GSO, J.P. Morgan Default Monitor Period: 01/01/2005–12/31/2019. First lien loans data are presented in the bottom chart; note that first lien loans have represented over 95% of outstanding loans historically since 2005 (source: LCD).

- 1 Source: GSO, J.P. Morgan Default Monitor Period: 06/30/2000–09/30/2020.
- 2 Source: GSO, as of 09/30/2020. Yield for SRLN and BKLN based on most recent dividend annualized divided by month-end share price.
- 3 Source: FactSet 04/03/2013–09/30/2020. Return measured using cumulative return.
- 4 Source: Morningstar as of 09/30/2020. Peer universe consists of oldest share class of US domiciled ETFs and mutual funds in the Bank Loan category. There are 65 investments for the 1-year period and 59 investments for the 3-year period.

Figure 3: Standard Performance

Ticker	Name	YTD (%)	Annualized					Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio (%)	30-Day SEC Yield
			1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)			
SRLN (NAV)	SPDR® Blackstone / GSO Senior Loan ETF	-0.65	1.52	3.04	3.35	—	2.70	04/03/2020	0.70	5.00
SRLN (MKT)	SPDR® Blackstone / GSO Senior Loan ETF	-0.59	1.63	3.09	3.36	—	2.73	—	—	—
BKLN (NAV)	Invesco Senior Loan ETF	-1.68	0.14	2.32	3.12	—	2.87	03/03/2011	0.66	4.17
BKLN (MKT)	Invesco Senior Loan ETF	-1.96	0.20	2.24	3.14	—	2.78	—	—	—

Source: ssga.com/etfs, Morningstar, as of 09/30/2020. 1-Year, 3-years, 5-years and Since Inception figures are annualized. Some of the funds listed may have current fee agreements in place that reduces fund expenses and if removed or modified will result in higher expense ratios. Complete details can be found by visiting each fund family website. **Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate, so you may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted. Visit ssga.com or respective fund family website for most recent month-end performance.** Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. ^ BKLN's Net Expense Ratio = 0.65, Unsubsidized SEC yield for BKLN is 4.16. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or pay certain expenses through at least August 31, 2021.

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SRLN The investment seeks to provide current income consistent with the preservation of capital. The fund seeks to outperform the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index and the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index by normally investing at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in Senior Loans. For purposes of this 80% test, "Senior Loans" are first lien senior secured floating rate bank loans.

BKLN The investment seeks to track the investment results (before fees and expenses) of the S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index (the "underlying index"). The fund generally will invest at least 80% of its total assets in senior loans that comprise the underlying index.

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