

2026

Credit Outlook

Building High-Performance Credit
Teams for the 2026 Market Cycle

A CONSTRUCTIVE START TO 2026

Credit markets are entering 2026 in a healthy position, with companies generally in good financial shape and investors once again finding value in bond and loan markets. Interest rates remain higher than they were a few years ago as lenders are being paid more for taking risk.

Prices already reflect a lot of good news, so careful decision-making matters more than ever. While most borrowers are performing well, differences between strong and weak companies are becoming clearer. In private lending, there are still attractive opportunities, but investors are becoming more selective about who they lend to and on what terms.

Looking ahead, the outlook for both credit markets and credit careers is constructive, supported by sustained deal activity and the growing importance of experienced judgment in lending decisions leading to a robust demand for top talent in the US and beyond.



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With 2026 underway, we continue to bridge the gap between elite credit professionals and the industry's premier buy-side firms. If you are looking for insights into the competitive talent landscape or seeking to build out your platform, let's connect!



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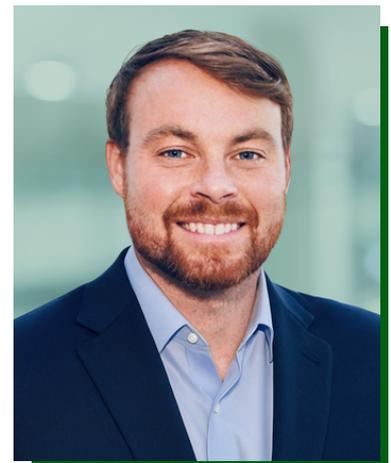
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