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

After reviewing feedback to the previously issued [consultation](#), Morningstar Indexes has decided to move forward with the proposal to expand the par amount outstanding criteria used to determine eligibility for inclusion in the Morningstar LSTA US Term Loan Index on a prospective basis.

Under the adopted methodology, loans with less than \$300M in par amount outstanding will now be included in the index if their initial issue size was above \$300M. Loans with \$300M or more in amount outstanding will use \$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. Additional background can be found in the previously issued consultation.

This change will be implemented after the close of business on March 20 and will be effective March 21, 2026. This change will be effective for only this index.

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