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# European HY TMT Calling Time on Excessive Leverage?

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# The Times They Are A-Changin'

"I tell my guys... Look at your balance sheets, make sure you're bullet proof on your balance sheets"

Dr John Malone November 2023





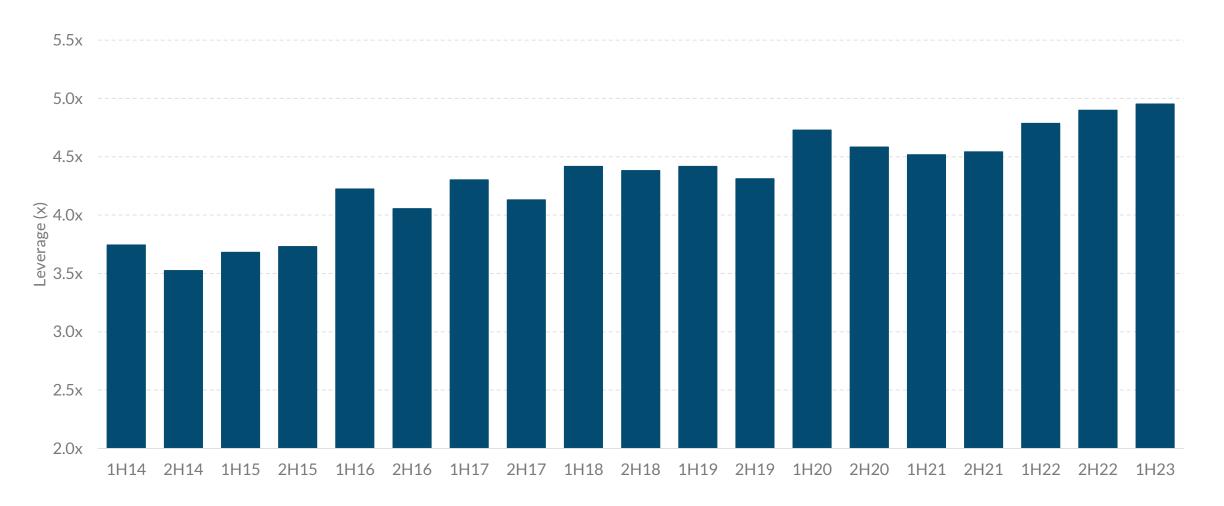
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### Time After Time

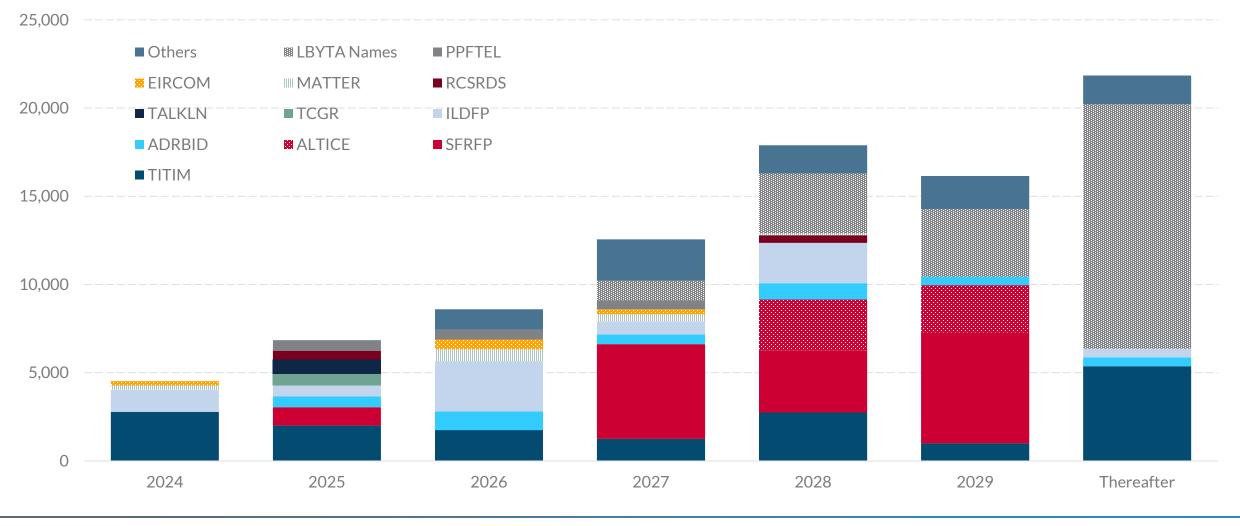
#### Median Net Leverage – Euro HY TMT Operators





# Closing Time

#### **Euro HY TMT Bond Maturity Schedule (€ mn)**



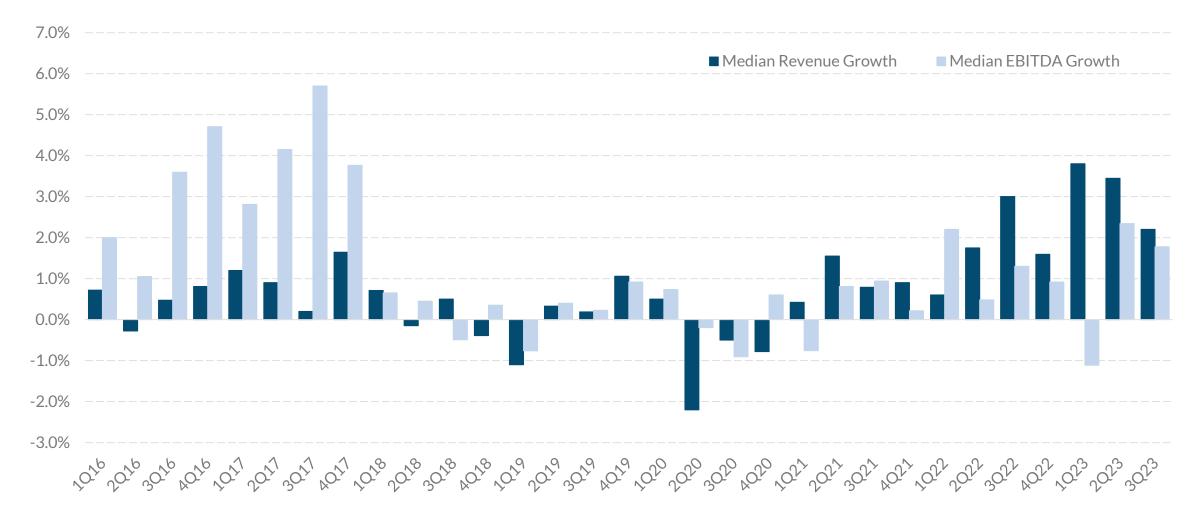


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# Remember The Time

#### **Revenue & EBITDA Growth (% YoY)**



Source: Company Reports, CreditSights, note markets covered include: Germany, France, UK, Italy, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden 5



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# (I've Had) The Time of My Life

#### **Competitive Dynamics**



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# Sign O' The Times

Free Cash Flow (CFO – Capex)	2017	2022	LTM 3Q23	2024	2025	2028
Salt						$\leftrightarrow$
Bité				<b></b>	<b></b>	
Virgin Media 02				←→	+	$\leftrightarrow$
UPC				$\longleftrightarrow$		+
Altice International				$\longleftrightarrow$	<b></b>	<b></b>
Vodafone Ziggo						
TalkTalk				$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
Telecom Italia				$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
Masmovil				$\longleftrightarrow$	<b></b>	
United Group				<b></b>	<b></b>	<b>•</b>
SFR				<b></b>		
lliad				<b></b>		
Odido (T-Mobile NL)				$\longleftrightarrow$	<b></b>	<b></b>
Telenet				+	+	<b></b>
Eircom				←→	<b></b>	<b></b>
TDC Net				$\longleftrightarrow$	←→	
Tele Columbus				<b></b>	<b></b>	<b></b>
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Source: CreditSights Note: All as of 3Q23 with exception of TDC Net and Telenet which is LTM from 2Q23



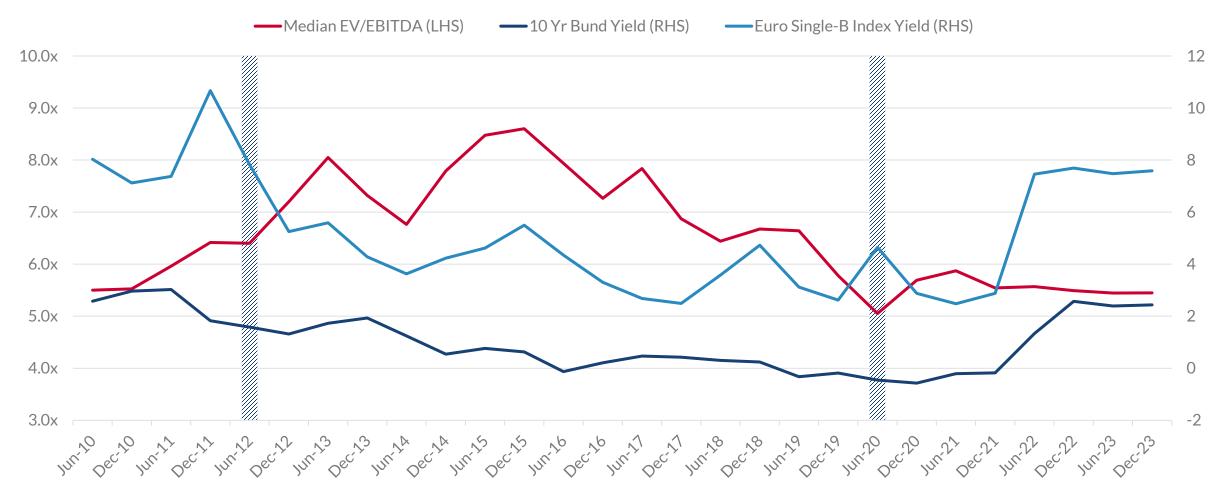


#### **Operational Momentum vs. Inorganic Efforts to Deleverage**



# Time Warp

#### Euro Telecoms Public EV/EBITDA Multiples (LHS) vs. Yields (%, RHS)





# (Not) Always On Time

- HY Telco balance sheets need repair, but for *most* credits, there is time to transition to FCF generation
- Cable has had its time in the sun, but the risks embedded within Euro HY TMT are limited at least near term
- The pivot to defensiveness is unlikely to last /to apply writ-large over the medium term

Playlist: Times of Telecoms



# Picks & Pans

Credit	Issuer Rec	Favoured/Disfavoured Spot	Subordinated	Short Duration
SFRFP	M/P	Unsec'd	O/P	Buy - Senior sec'd 25s
ALTICE	M/P		M/P	Buy – Senior sec'd '25s
TITIM	M/P	USD '33s/'38s		Hold - EUR snr '24/25/26s
VMED	M/P		M/P	
ZIGGO	O/P		O/P	
TNETBB	U/P	Bonds		
UPCB	M/P	Sec'd '29s	M/P	
ILDFP	M/P	Opco ('28s)	M/P	M/P – '24/25/26s
EIRCOM	M/P			M/P – '24/26s
MATTER	M/P			M/P – '24/26s
ADRBID	M/P	PIKs '25s	O/P	O/P '25 PIKs
RCSRDS	M/P	Sec'd - '25s		U/P - '25s
LORCAT	M/P	Unsec'd	U/P	
TMOBNL	M/P		M/P	
BITELV	M/P			Comfortable with the '26s
TALKLN	Hold	High-convexity Catalyst Play		Hold – '25s
TCGR	Hold			



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