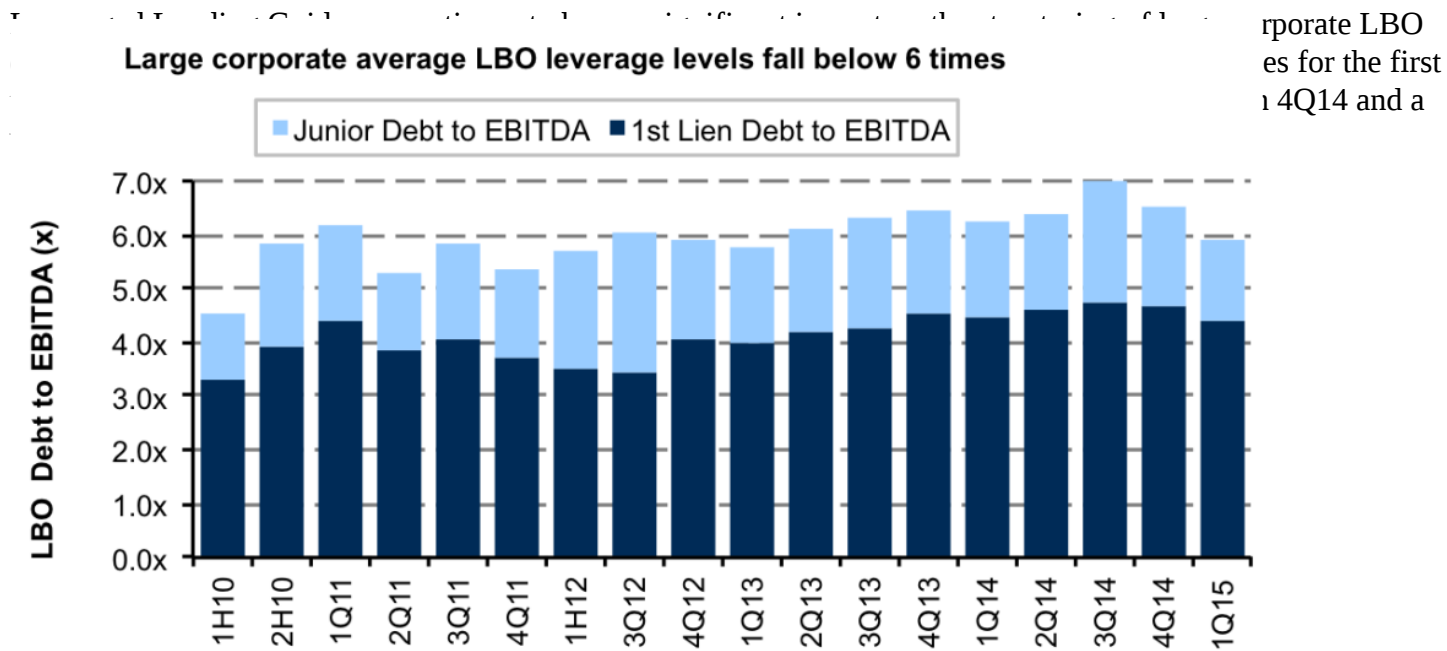


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In fact,

Thomson Reuters LPC data shows only one LBO deal levered over 7 times this quarter, quite low compared to 3Q14 when roughly half of LBO deals were levered greater than 7 times. Given the decline in leverage levels, sponsors are putting in more equity. The average equity contribution in 1Q15 has risen to 38%, up from 33.5% last quarter. Purchase price multiples also appear to be tempered as the average purchase price multiple has fallen to 9.7 times in 1Q15, down from 10.4 times in 2014.

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