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BDC loan valuations stabilize in most recent filing period

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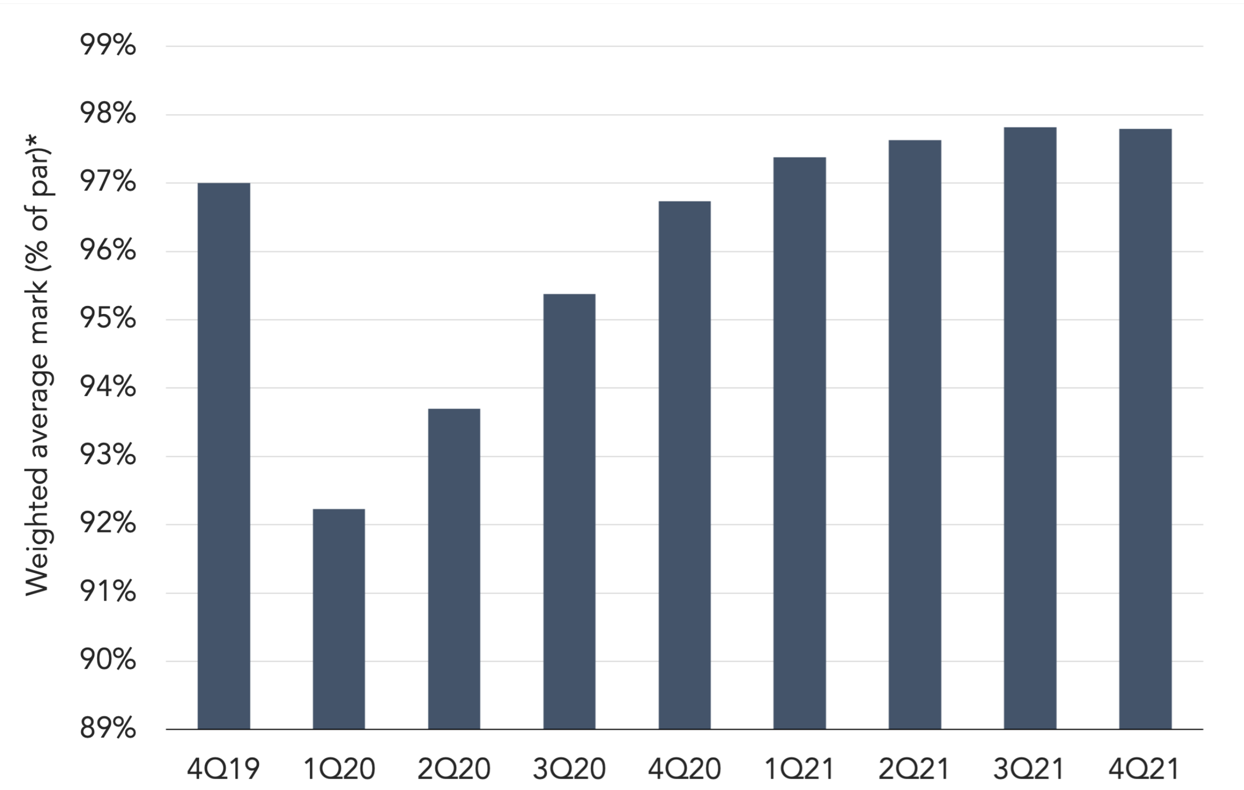

*Analysis is based on the universe of BDCs that have released 4Q21 earnings as of

The most recent data from BDC earnings season shows that debt valuations stabilized in 4Q21, as price appreciation finally eased off, following a huge rebound from the lows seen in 1Q20 when COVID first hit.

Looking at the cohort of BDCs that have filed as of March 1, the weighted average mark on debt holdings finished 4Q21 at 97.80, relatively unchanged from 3Q21 levels. However, 4Q21's level is up year-over-year from the 96.73 posted in 4Q20 and is far above the recent low of 92.23 set in 1Q20. At a more granular level, both first-lien and second-lien loan valuations edged lower in 4Q21, while subordinated debt climbed higher.

More recently in 1Q22, valuations of actively marked BDC loans have slipped amid increased financial market volatility following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Refinitiv LPC BDC Visible Loans Benchmark (comprised of $19bn in BDC held loans) currently has a weighted average bid close to 97, down around 100bp since mid-January.

(Past performance is no guarantee of future results.)