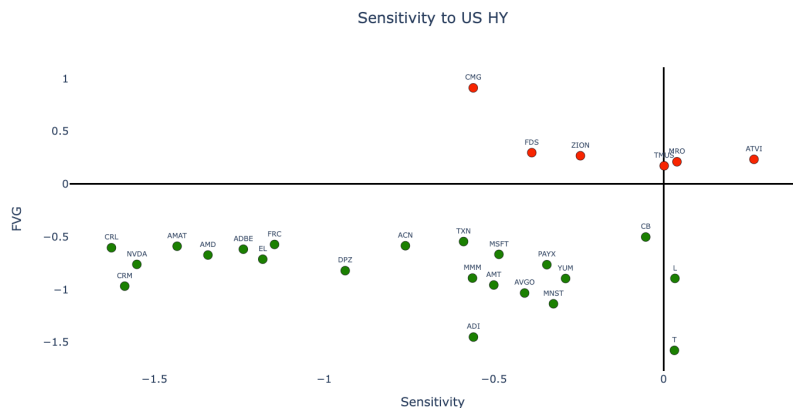




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- US High Yield spreads have risen 100bp since the mid-August lows, & are now 50bp from the wides of 2022. As the Fed have reiterated their intention to tighten financial conditions to fight inflation, fears about rising default rates & wider credit spreads have re-emerged as a key risk.
- How can a bottom-up equity manager navigate such a scenario?
- The first step is to identify which holdings within your portfolio are most exposed to stress in credit markets.
- Qi's [Optimise trade selection](#) tool can isolate the independent impact of US High Yield spreads on US single stocks. The chart below shows a sample of some of the S&P500 stocks currently in a macro regime with a range of sensitivity to credit spreads.



- Look at the cluster of green dots on the far left of the chart. These are the stocks with the greatest negative sensitivity - they are the most reliant on credit spreads staying tight.
- Chipmakers Nvidia [NVDA](#) & Applied Materials [AMAT](#), software firms Adobe [ADBE](#) & Salesforce [CRM](#), but also First Republic Bank [FRC](#), cosmetic giant Estee Lauder [EL](#) & Domino’s Pizza [DPZ](#) screen as those names most vulnerable should credit spreads re-visit the wides.



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- Which names lie at the other end of the spectrum? Activision Blizzard is an outlier – it has positive sensitivity to US High Yield.
- Most of the focus on [ATVI](#) is on regulatory risk & its pending merger with Microsoft. But, from a macro perspective, it has the unique characteristic of being fine with wider credit spreads.
- There are a handful of names – Marathon Oil [MRO](#), T Mobile [TMUS](#), AT&T [T](#), Loews [L](#), Chubb [CB](#) – where the stock is comparatively indifferent to moves in the credit market.
- Once a month **screen your portfolio for sensitivity to US credit.**
- Then, **shift allocations away from the names with the greatest credit exposure, to those with the least.**
- Adding in macro valuation could provide further value. Chipotle Mexican Grill CMG has the distinction of being vulnerable to wider credit spreads & it is currently 0.9 standard deviations (7.9%) rich to overall macro conditions.

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