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Unlocking Market Potential: The Role of Securities Lending in Financial Growth.



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Welcome to the February edition of the Snapshot. For those of you who don't already know me, my name is **Shaan Jivan**, I am based in London, UK, and I work in our team of product specialists.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) has embarked on a transformative journey towards economic diversification as part of its Vision 2030 initiative. This ambitious plan aims to reduce the country's dependence on oil revenues and foster a more sustainable and varied economic landscape. By investing in sectors such as tourism, entertainment, and technology, Saudi Arabia is positioning itself as a regional hub for innovation and economic activity.

A crucial element of this diversification is the development of robust financial markets, where securities lending plays a pivotal role. Securities lending not only increases the efficiency of financial markets but also promotes greater market participation, which is essential for economic growth.

The importance of securities lending in the context of KSA's Vision 2030 cannot be overstated. By allowing investors to borrow securities, the market becomes more liquid. Increased liquidity attracts both domestic and international investors, fostering a more competitive environment. This is particularly relevant as Saudi Arabia seeks to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and integrate further into the global economy. Enhanced liquidity through securities lending can lead to narrower bid-ask spreads, lower transaction costs, and improved price discovery, all of which contribute to a more vibrant capital market.

Moreover, a well-functioning securities lending market can support the development of new financial products and services, further diversifying the financial sector. The recent Saudi Capital Markets Forum and the involvement of the International Securities Lending Association (ISLA) represent significant steps forward in growing securities lending in both the country and the region. S&P Global Market Intelligence is poised to support practitioners in this endeavour, having recently split out data in the Middle East to enhance transparency and bolster this initiative. As the Kingdom enhances its regulatory framework and builds investor confidence, securities lending can serve as a catalyst for innovation within the financial markets.

The economic diversification outlined in Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 is intricately linked to the growth and liquidity of its financial markets. Securities lending provides the necessary framework to enhance market efficiency, attract investment, and ultimately support the Kingdom's broader economic objectives. By embracing these financial mechanisms, Saudi Arabia can pave the way for a resilient and diversified economy.

If you would like to understand more about how we are supporting our clients within the region or the enhancements that we have recently made to our dataset to support this new market and the broader developments taking place across the Middle East, then please reach out to myself or your product specialist.

With my very best regards,

Shaan Jivan

February revenues grow YoY as APAC awakens.

- Asian equity revenues grow 29% YoY.
- Average fees increase 70% YoY across Exchange Traded Funds
- Utilization continues to increase across corporate bonds
- Geopolitical developments and volatility create opportunities for lenders.

Global Securities Finance Snapshot – February 2025

Asset Class	Rev (\$M)	Rev YoY % Change	YTD Rev (\$M)	Avg Balance (\$B)	Bal YoY % Change	Avg Fee	Fee YoY % Change	Avg Lendable (\$B)	Lendable YoY % Change	Avg Utilization	Util YoY % Change
All Securities	\$876	5%	\$1,805	\$2,875	14%	0.39%	-5%	\$42,214	17%	5.3%	-1%
All Equity	\$625	2%	\$1,278	\$1,238	12%	0.65%	-6%	\$32,195	20%	2.8%	-3%
Americas Equity	\$268	-21%	\$562	\$669	8%	0.51%	-24%	\$24,238	23%	2.2%	-9%
Asia Equity	\$186	29%	\$367	\$235	13%	1.01%	18%	\$2,959	10%	5.0%	13%
EMEA Equity	\$55	2%	\$111	\$178	19%	0.40%	-11%	\$3,935	8%	3.5%	10%
ADR	\$21	-19%	\$43	\$33	3%	0.82%	-18%	\$285	15%	8.8%	-3%
ETP	\$87	114%	\$174	\$118	30%	0.94%	70%	\$659	28%	9.4%	0%
Government Bond	\$168	18%	\$354	\$1,255	13%	0.17%	8%	\$4,863	10%	20.7%	3%
Corporate Bond	\$77	1%	\$160	\$356	22%	0.28%	-15%	\$4,755	8%	6.4%	12%

Note: Includes only transactions with positive fees
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A new world order.

The global economy navigated a complex landscape shaped by trade tariffs and geopolitical tensions throughout the month of February. President Donald Trump's suggestion of 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, alongside a 10% tariff on Chinese goods, led to heightened fears of a global trade war. In response, Canada and Mexico announced retaliatory measures targeting US goods, potentially disrupting supply chains and impacting economic growth. However, a 30-day pause in tariffs against the two countries was agreed at the eleventh hour, providing a temporary reprieve and an opportunity for further negotiations. The European Union was reportedly preparing to respond firmly to any potential tariffs on its products as well during the month, having the potential to place further strain on international trade relations.

In Asia, the potential imposition of U.S. tariffs led to declines in stock markets and currencies, with the Chinese government responding with its own tariffs and an antitrust probe into U.S. tech companies. Meanwhile, the ongoing war in Ukraine continued to influence global geopolitics, with the US and Russia engaging in negotiations to end the conflict. European nations announced increases in defence spending to support Ukraine, which could lead to further pressure on government budget deficits. Amidst this geopolitical uncertainty, there has been a notable flight to safety, with investors turning to **gold as a safe-haven asset, driving its price to record highs.**

Equity markets experienced heightened volatility due to the trade tariffs and geopolitical tensions during the month. In the US, S&P 500 ETF's experienced substantial inflows as market performance broadened out and focus shifted from the magnificent seven stocks to other opportunities across the U.S. market. Uncertainty regarding the impact of the potential tariffs led to stock price declines for companies such as Nvidia and Apple. Despite these challenges, the S&P 500 reached a new all-time high, driven by optimism surrounding potential resolutions to trade tensions and further strong corporate earnings.

In Europe, stock markets were buoyed by strong corporate earnings and optimism over potential peace talks between the US and Russia regarding Ukraine. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index reached record highs, driven by gains in the technology and defence sectors. In Asia, the tariffs led to a selloff across regional stock markets, with significant declines in indices such as Japan's Nikkei 225 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index. However, China's equity market experienced strong growth in valuations, fuelled by excitement around the Chinese AI startup DeepSeek, which has sparked renewed investor interest in the country's technology companies.

In the fixed income markets, the trade tariffs and geopolitical tensions contributed to concerns about inflation and interest rate moves. In the US, Treasury yields remained elevated due to strong job growth and inflation

concerns. The Federal Reserve indicated that it will be cautious in lowering interest rates further during the year, given the uncertainty surrounding the tariffs. The US Treasury yield curve flattened throughout the month, reflecting concerns about economic growth and inflation.

In the UK, the Bank of England is expected to continue cutting interest rates to address on-going economic challenges, including potential stagflation, due to rising energy prices and on-going inflation challenges. The European Central Bank is also expected to release new estimates for the neutral interest rate, which could influence its monetary policy decisions. In Asia, the Bank of Japan is reportedly considering further interest rate hikes in response to strong economic data and inflationary pressures whilst the Reserve Bank of Australia cut interest rates during the month for the first time in four years.

During February, the global economy faced significant challenges due to trade tariffs, geopolitical tensions, and inflationary pressures. Investors continued to closely monitor developments in trade negotiations and central bank policies, as these factors continued to play a crucial role in shaping the economic outlook. The situation remains fluid however, with the potential for further escalation or resolution to trade negotiations across the global economic landscape in the coming weeks and months along with the potential for a ceasefire in Ukraine.

In February, the securities lending market generated revenues of **\$876million**, reflecting a 5% increase year-over-year. Balances remained elevated throughout the month growing 14% year-on-year, but average fees declined by 5%. Exchange traded funds and government bonds continued to outperform, in line with the activity seen throughout January.

Across the equity markets, all equity revenues increased by 2% year-on-year as returns were buoyed by significant growth seen across Asian equity revenues. Securities lending revenues across the APAC region grew by 29% year-on-year as activity picked up across Hong Kong, Malaysia and Japan. Growth continued to be seen in Taiwan with revenues increasing by 44% year-on-year to \$62M. Average fees increased across the APAC region, topping 1%. Across the Americas, revenues declined as average fees fell by 24% Year-on-year. The largest decline was seen across Mexican equities (-21%) followed by the US (-23%) and ADRs (-19%). EMEA equity revenues continued to show growth when compared with 2024, growing by 2% year-on-year to \$55M. Strong revenue growth was seen across several countries such as Turkey (+280%), Poland (+135%), Belgium (+86%) and Spain (+62%). Some of the higher revenue generating countries such as Norway (-50%) and Sweden (-22%) did experience declines, however. Average fees fell 11% year-on-year across EMEA to 0.4% but the 19% growth in balances helped to sustain revenue growth.

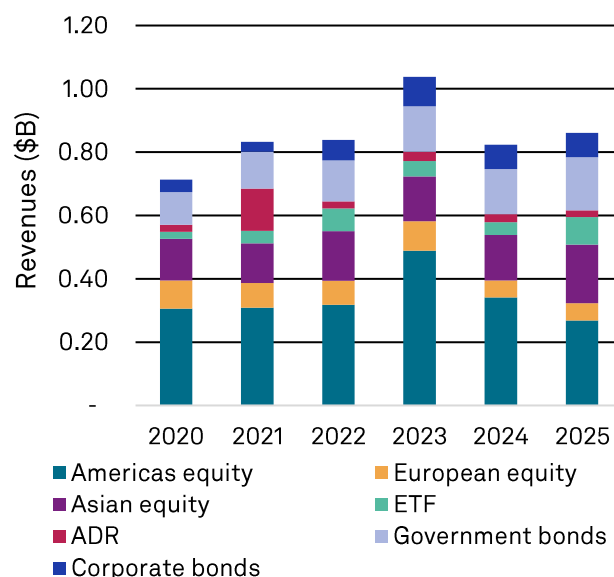
Interest in exchange traded funds continued to grow throughout February as demand for leveraged, commodity and corporate bond ETFs pushed revenues higher. Market

volatility across the US technology sector, following company earnings, and further trade tariffs increased average fees for several ETFs. Revenues across all regions showed strong year-on-year growth with average balances also growing by 117% across the APAC region.

Fixed income assets performed well during the month with balances, utilization and revenues increasing year-on-year across both government and corporate bonds. Government bond revenues increased by 18% to \$168M. Strong year on year growth was seen across both Asian and EMEA government bonds as both average fees and balances also increased. Average fees continued to decline across corporate bonds, falling to 28bps. Revenues reached \$77M during the month, representing a 1% increase Year-on-year. Despite an increase in balances, utilization increased to 6.41% during February, its highest level for many months.

February proved to be a month of significant volatility and challenges for the global economy, driven by trade tariffs, geopolitical tensions, and inflationary pressures. While the securities lending market demonstrated resilience with a year-over-year revenue increase, the mixed performance across various regions highlighted the ongoing disparities in market conditions. The strong growth in the APAC region, particularly in equity revenues, contrasted sharply with declines in the Americas, underscoring the impacts of regional economic dynamics and investor sentiment. As we move forward, the interplay between trade negotiations, central bank policies, and geopolitical developments will remain critical in shaping the economic landscape. The potential for both escalation and resolution in trade tensions, along with the prospects for stability in Ukraine, will be pivotal in determining the trajectory of markets and economic growth in the coming weeks and months.

February Securities Finance Revenues by Asset Class (USD)



Americas Equities



Revenues
\$268M ▼ -21%



Average Value on Loan
\$669B ▲ 8%



Weighted Average Fee
0.51% ▼ -24%



Average Utilization
2.2% ▼ -9%

Equity markets continue to rise despite trade tariff uncertainty and inflation risks.

Throughout the month, the Americas equity markets experienced significant volatility driven by geopolitical tensions and economic policy shifts. President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China created ripples across the markets, with the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing fluctuations. Initially, the announcement of 25% tariffs on Canadian and Mexican imports led to concerns about rising costs for American consumers and potential disruptions in the automotive and manufacturing sectors. This uncertainty contributed to a decline in major indices, with the Nasdaq Composite and S&P 500 recording losses.

However, the markets showed resilience as investors adjusted to the new trade dynamics. The S&P 500 ETF (VOO) saw substantial inflows, indicating investor confidence in the broader market's ability to weather the tariff storm. Despite the initial sell-off, the S&P 500 managed to close near record highs throughout the month, buoyed by strong performances in the technology sector.

The U.S. Federal Reserve's cautious stance on interest rates, amid rising inflation concerns, also played a role in shaping market sentiment. While the Fed signaled no immediate rate cuts, the robust economic activity and solid corporate earnings provided a buffer against the negative impacts of trade tensions.

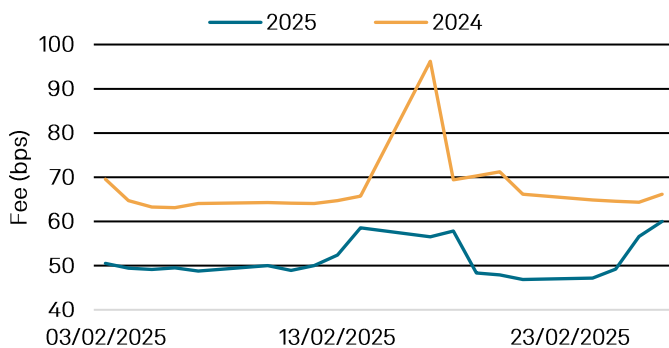
In Canada, the equity markets faced heightened uncertainty due to the potential tariffs. The Canadian dollar weakened significantly, reaching its lowest level since 2003, as investors reacted to the potential economic fallout. Despite these challenges, the Canadian equity markets showed resilience, with some sectors managing to stabilize as the government announced countermeasures, including retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods. The energy sector, a significant component of the Canadian market, faced additional pressure from potential U.S. tariffs on oil imports, although the impact was somewhat mitigated by Canada's strategic responses and ongoing negotiations.

In the securities lending market, Americas equities generated **\$268 million** in February, reflecting a 21% year-over-year decline in revenues. This follows the 11% YoY decline seen during January. During the month, US equity revenues fell 23% YoY to \$234M and Canadian equity revenues fell 15% YoY to \$29m. Average fees and utilization also dropped across the two markets.

Brazilian equities experienced an increase in demand during the period which resulted in average fees rising by a staggering 143% year-on-year to 2.16%. The growth in average fees offset the 18% decline in average balances. Totvs SA (TOTS3) was the highest revenue generating stock in this market during the month (\$535K) followed by Ambev SA (ABEV3) (\$375k).

Both Mexican equities and ADRs experienced declines in revenues as average fees fell across both markets.

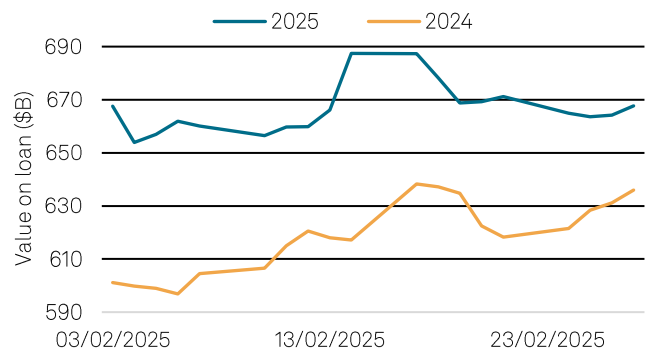
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Brazilian equity revenues grow 92% YoY

Average fees decrease 30% YoY across Mexican equities

USA equities revenues decline 23% YoY

Average lendable across U.S. equities increases to \$23.4 trillion

Country Details

Country	Revenue (\$M)	Rev YoY % Change	YTD Rev (\$M)	Avg Balances (\$B)	Bal YoY % Change	Avg Fee	Fee YoY % Change	Avg Lendable (\$B)	Lendable YoY % Change	Avg Util	Util YoY % Change
USA Equity	\$234	-23%	\$491	\$616	8%	0.49%	-26%	\$23,400	23%	2.1%	-8%
Canada Equity	\$29	-15%	\$60	\$49	3%	0.73%	-15%	\$800	16%	4.8%	-10%
Brazil Equity	\$4	92%	\$10	\$3	-18%	2.16%	143%	\$5	46%	3.5%	-5%
Mexico Equity	\$0.4	-21%	\$1	\$1	16%	0.51%	-30%	\$33	-30%	2.8%	68%
ADR	\$21	-19%	\$43	\$33	3%	0.82%	-18%	\$285	15%	8.8%	-3%

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USA Specials Revenues and Balances

Year	Specials Revenue (\$M)	Specials Balances (\$B)	Total Revenues (\$M)	Total Balance (\$B)	% Revenues from Specials	% Balance from Specials
2025	\$141.8	\$9.4	\$225.7	\$615.7	62.8	1.5
2024	\$225.4	\$14.6	\$303.6	\$568.6	74.3	2.5
YoY % Change	-37%	-34%	-26%	8%		

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Canada Specials Revenues and Balances

Year	Specials Revenue (\$M)	Specials Balances (\$M)	Total Revenues (\$M)	Total Balance (\$B)	% Revenues from Specials	% Balance from Specials
2024	\$4.0	\$471.3	\$28.4	\$49.3	14.2	1.0
2023	\$7.5	\$661.8	\$34.5	\$48.0	21.8	1.4
YoY % Change	-47%	-29%	-18%	3%		

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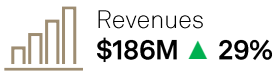
Top 10 Revenue Generating Americas Equities

Top Earning Assets	Ticker	Sector	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
Endeavor Group Holdings Inc	EDR	North America Media and Entertainment	US	\$21.8
Enbridge Inc	ENB	North America Energy	CA	\$10.7
Plug Power Inc	PLUG	North America Capital Goods	US	\$4.7
Tempus Ai Inc	TEM	North America Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	US	\$4.7
Nano Nuclear Energy Inc	NNE	North America Capital Goods	US	\$4.2
Quantum Computing Inc	QUBT	North America Software & Services	US	\$3.9
Bigbear.Ai Holdings Inc	BBAI	North America Software & Services	US	\$3.6
Visa Inc	V	North America Financial Services	US	\$3.6
Arqit Quantum Inc	ARQQ	North America Software & Services	US	\$3.4
Rigetti Computing Inc	RGTI	North America Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	US	\$3.3

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APAC Equities



Investors embrace Chinese AI.

Throughout the period, Asian equity markets experienced significant fluctuations influenced by global trade tensions and domestic economic developments. Initially, markets were rattled by U.S. President Donald Trump's aggressive tariff announcements targeting China, Canada, and Mexico, which led to a selloff in Asian stocks. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index recorded its largest intraday drop in six months, with Taiwan's Taix and Japan's Nikkei 225 experiencing notable declines.

However, optimism returned as President Trump delayed tariffs on Mexico and Canada, leading to a rally in Asian markets. The Hang Seng Index surged over 3%, driven by gains in technology stocks, while the Hang Seng Tech Index climbed more than 5%. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 showed resilience, buoyed by strong GDP growth and positive economic indicators, which reinforced expectations for further monetary tightening by the Bank of Japan.

China's equity markets were bolstered by improved sentiment following Tencent's integration of DeepSeek's AI model and President Xi Jinping's support for the private sector. This optimism contributed to a rally in emerging-market equities, with the Hang Seng Tech Index reaching its highest level since 2022. Additionally, the Chinese government's efforts to stabilize the economy and support the tech sector further fueled investor confidence.

Overall, Asian markets demonstrated resilience amidst global trade tensions, with technology and economic growth playing pivotal roles in driving market

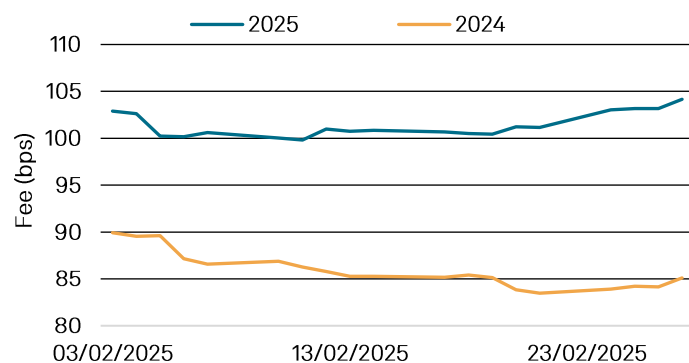
movements. The region's equity markets benefited from both domestic policy support and easing global trade concerns, leading to a positive outlook for future growth.

Despite global trade tensions, several high-profile initial public offerings (IPOs) emerged, reflecting investor interest in the region's growth potential. Notably, Chinese technology companies capitalized on the renewed optimism in the market, with firms like Alibaba and Lenovo seeing strong investor demand. Additionally, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange continued to attract listings from Chinese firms, bolstered by the positive sentiment surrounding technological advancements and government support for the private sector.

In the Asia-Pacific (APAC) securities lending markets, revenues increased by an impressive 29% YoY to **\$186M**. Hong Kong equity revenues experienced impressive growth of 79% year-on-year as average fees also increased 16% to 1.8%. Chinese real estate companies remained popular borrows, as did semiconductor and technology stocks.

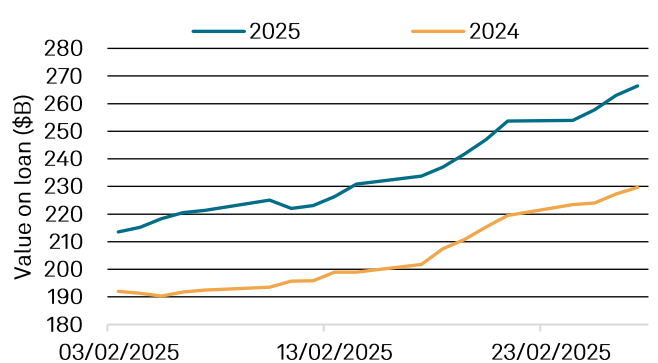
Impressive year-on-year revenue growth was also seen across Taiwan (+44%), Malaysia (+66%), Thailand (+28%) and New Zealand (+99%) during the month as volatility and interest rate moves created further opportunities for lenders. Technology stocks listed across these countries stoked significant demand from borrowers as a direct result of the volatility seen across the global technology sector following the advent of DeepSeek last month.

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Taiwan continued to be the highest revenue generating APAC market

Revenues for NZ equities increase 99% YoY

Balances grow 59% YoY across Hong Kong equities

All APAC equity revenues increased 29% YoY during the month

Country Details

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Taiwan Equity	\$62	44%	\$127	\$28	18%	2.84%	26%	\$243	36%	6.3%	8%
Japan Equity	\$56	16%	\$106	\$137	7%	0.53%	12%	\$1,283	3%	6.3%	18%
Hong Kong Equity	\$46	79%	\$93	\$33	59%	1.80%	16%	\$576	29%	4.5%	21%
Australia Equity	\$8	-12%	\$15	\$21	15%	0.48%	-21%	\$576	13%	3.1%	2%
South Korea Equity	\$6	-49%	\$13	\$11	-20%	0.74%	-34%	\$151	-14%	2.2%	-34%
Malaysia Equity	\$4	66%	\$8	\$0.9	53%	5.53%	13%	\$14	20%	5.6%	41%
Thailand Equity	\$1.3	28%	\$3	\$0.9	21%	2.01%	10%	\$15	-12%	5.1%	32%
Singapore Equity	\$1.2	6%	\$2	\$3	38%	0.52%	-21%	\$75	25%	3.4%	12%
New Zealand Equity	\$0.27	99%	\$0.45	\$0.7	125%	0.47%	-9%	\$9	-2%	6.8%	121%

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Specials Revenues and Balances

	Specials Revenue (\$M)	Specials Balances (\$B)	Total Revenues (\$M)	Total Balance (\$B)	% Revenues from Specials	% Balance from Specials
2025	\$96.3	\$14.8	\$177.9	\$233.9	54.1	6.3
2024	\$66.6	\$10.6	\$143.5	\$207.2	46.4	5.1
YoY % Change	45%	39%	24%	13%		

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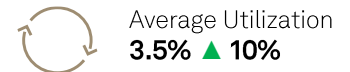
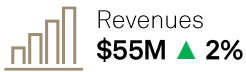
Top 10 Revenue Generating APAC Equities

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Sunac China Holdings Ltd	1918	Asia Real Estate Management & Development	HK	\$2.9
Metaplanet Inc	3350	Japan Consumer Services	JP	\$2.8
Kioxia Holdings Corp	285A	Japan Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	JP	\$2.3
United Microelectronics Corp	2303	Asia Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	TW	\$2.3
East Buy Holding Ltd	1797	Asia Consumer Services	HK	\$2.2
Weimob Inc	2013	Asia Software & Services	HK	\$1.8
China Vanke Co Ltd	2202	Asia Real Estate Management & Development	HK	\$1.6
Global Unichip Corp	3443	Asia Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	TW	\$1.6
Beijing Fourth Paradigm Technology Co Ltd	6682	Asia Software & Services	HK	\$1.4
Xtalpi Holdings Ltd	2228	Asia Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	HK	\$1.4

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EMEA Equities



Geopolitical events move markets.

Throughout the month, European equity markets experienced significant movements, driven by various geopolitical and economic factors. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index has surged nearly 9% this year, reaching record highs above 550 points, outpacing the average end-year target of 540 points in a Bloomberg survey of strategists. This rally was fueled by investor optimism, as a diversification out of US assets and bet on a ceasefire in Ukraine has taken place. European markets were buoyed by strong corporate earnings and a focus on upcoming U.S. inflation data during the month, with major indices in London and Frankfurt also reaching record highs.

The European stock market's rally caught many strategists by surprise, leading to increased investor confidence in the region's economic prospects. A survey from Bank of America found that more than three-quarters of fund managers expected further gains for European equities over the next 12 months. This optimism was reflected in the buying patterns, as investors showed a growing interest in European stocks.

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine had a significant impact on EMEA (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa) equity markets during February, influencing investor sentiment and market dynamics. The uncertainty surrounding the war led to heightened volatility, with investors closely monitoring geopolitical developments and their potential economic repercussions. European defense stocks experienced a steep upward trend as the region anticipated increased military spending to support Ukraine. This was reflected in the performance of

companies like Rheinmetall (RHM) Leonardo (LDO), which experienced substantial gains amid expectations of ramped-up defense budgets. Additionally, the potential for peace talks between the U.S. and Russia injected a sense of cautious optimism into the markets, contributing to the record highs across a number of European indices.

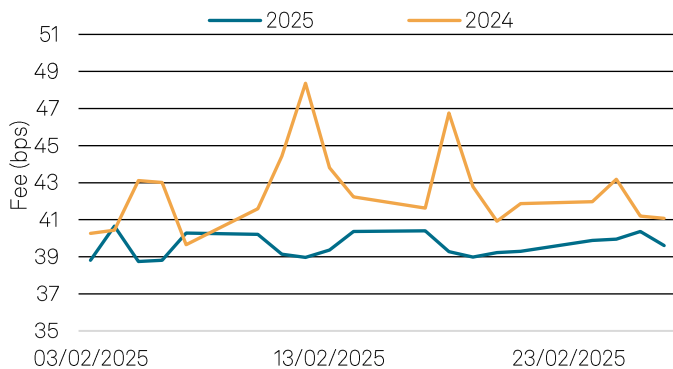
In EMEA equities securities lending markets, total revenues amounted to **\$55 million during February**, representing a 2% increase year-on-year. This follows a 7% YoY increase seen in January and continues the improving trend being seen across the region. Average fees remained steady month-on-month but did decline year-on-year, the reduction was offset by a continuation in the growth of on-loan balances however which helped to push revenues higher.

EMEA equities displayed a varied performance throughout the month with high value markets such as Germany, Sweden and Norway experiencing a decline in revenues whilst smaller markets such as Turkey, Spain, Belgium and Poland all saw year-on-year rises more than 50%.

Stand out markets during the month included Belgium, where revenues increased 86% YoY to \$1.1m because of a 68% rise in average fees to 0.48%, Switzerland, which experienced a 21% increase in revenues and a 15% rise in average fees and France (revenues +18% YoY and average fees +19% to 0.45%).

Specials revenues declined year-on-year to \$16.9m as many of the geopolitical trends generating demand across the globe failed to impact European stocks.

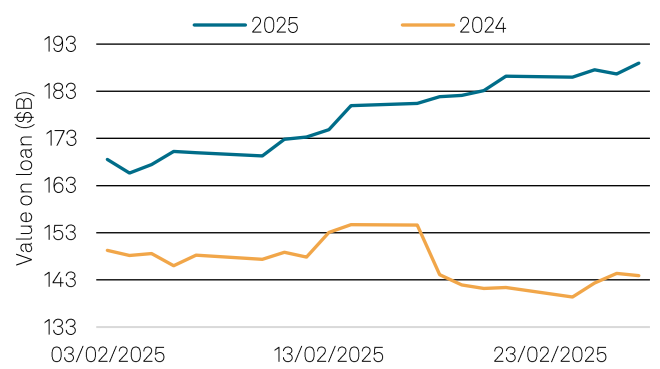
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Swiss equity revenues increase YoY by 21%

Turkish equity revenues increase 280% YoY to \$3M

Balances across German equities grow by 38% YoY

Average fees decline 53% YoY across Norwegian equities

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Germany Equity	\$8	-9%	\$16	\$27	38%	0.39%	-32%	\$484	23%	4.3%	21%
Switzerland Equity	\$8	21%	\$15	\$26	9%	0.39%	15%	\$570	12%	3.4%	0%
France Equity	\$8	18%	\$16	\$21	3%	0.45%	19%	\$660	1%	2.5%	-4%
UK Equity	\$7	21%	\$15	\$30	20%	0.30%	4%	\$1,023	9%	2.3%	12%
Sweden Equity	\$6	-22%	\$12	\$19	4%	0.43%	-22%	\$205	12%	6.9%	-15%
Norway Equity	\$3	-50%	\$6	\$5	13%	0.76%	-53%	\$38	1%	10.1%	-3%
Italy Equity	\$3	13%	\$6	\$13	38%	0.27%	-15%	\$176	17%	6.1%	32%
Turkey Equity	\$3	280%	\$4	\$2	923%	1.72%	-62%	\$10	8%	16.5%	876%
Spain Equity	\$2	62%	\$5	\$7	59%	0.31%	7%	\$163	25%	3.8%	28%
Netherlands Equity	\$2	-26%	\$4	\$8	-7%	0.28%	-18%	\$292	-3%	2.2%	-3%

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Specials Revenues and Balances

	Specials Revenue (\$M)	Specials Balances (\$B)	Total Revenues (\$M)	Total Balance (\$B)	% Revenues from Specials	% Balance from Specials
2024	\$16.9	\$1.7	\$52.7	\$177.2	32.1	1.0
2023	\$20.6	\$2.2	\$53.7	\$149.1	38.3	1.5
YoY % Change	-18%	-23%	-2%	19%		

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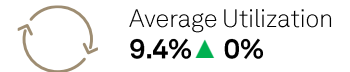
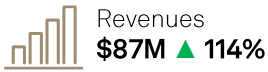
Top 10 Revenue Generating European Equities

Top Earning Assets	Ticker	Sector	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
Idorsia Ltd	IDIA	EMEA Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	CH	\$2.5
Equinor Asa	EQNR	EMEA Energy	NO	\$0.9
Meyer Burger Technology Ag	MBTN	EMEA Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	CH	\$0.7
Raspberry Pi Holdings Plc	RPI	EMEA Technology Hardware & Equipment	GB	\$0.7
Northern Data Ag	NB2	EMEA Software & Services	DE	\$0.7
Commerzbank Ag	CBK	EMEA Banks	DE	\$0.6
Aurubis Ag	NDA	EMEA Materials	DE	\$0.6
Vusiongroup Sa	VU	EMEA Technology Hardware & Equipment	FR	\$0.6
Varta Ag	VAR1	EMEA Capital Goods	DE	\$0.5
Petrofac Ltd	PFC	EMEA Energy	GB	\$0.5

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Exchange Traded Products



VOO overtakes SPY as ETFs gain assets.

The ETF market has witnessed remarkable growth and activity over the last 24 months particularly in the Americas, driven by a confluence of economic and geopolitical factors. A significant development in this space is the Vanguard S&P 500 ETF (VOO) surpassing the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY) to become the world's largest ETF. VOO's assets reached \$631.8 billion during the month, edging out SPY by approximately \$1.5 billion, a shift propelled by substantial inflows of \$121.1 billion last year. This transition underscores Vanguard's increasing dominance in the ETF sector, with its January inflows accounting for 40% of the total \$90 billion that flowed into ETFs.

In January alone, investors funneled \$107 billion into US-listed ETFs, maintaining the momentum from a record-setting 2024. The S&P 500 ETF (VOO) attracted \$21.6 billion in inflows since the beginning of the year, highlighting the robust demand for US equity-focused ETFs. Despite concerns over high valuations, US equity ETFs listed in Europe also saw significant interest, with net inflows of \$10.3 billion in January, reflecting investor confidence in the US market's resilience.

The ETF industry's expansion is further buoyed by the record-breaking performance of stock markets, with indices like the S&P 500 reaching all-time highs. This optimistic market sentiment has fueled the growth of the ETF market, with forecasts suggesting that assets in European-listed ETPs could soar to \$6 trillion by 2030. The competitive landscape is likened to a gold rush, with a surge of new entrants and product

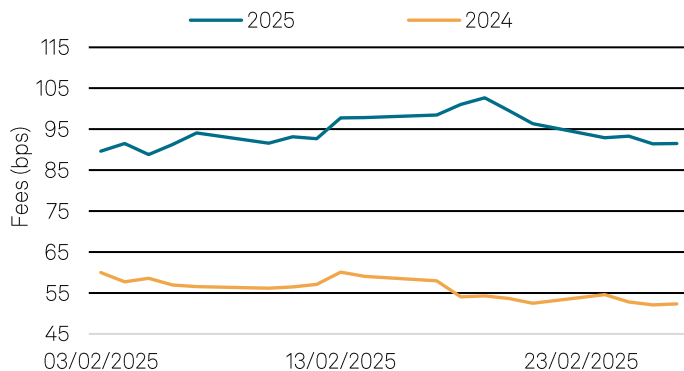
launches, including actively managed strategies, contributing to an increasingly dynamic environment.

Moreover, the ETF market's resilience amid geopolitical tensions, such as US President Donald Trump's tariff threats, indicates a strategic shift among investors. They are increasingly viewing ETFs as a stable investment vehicle capable of weathering economic uncertainties, further solidifying the ETF market's pivotal role in global finance.

In the securities lending markets, ETFs generated **\$87 million** in revenues, building upon the momentum seen during January. Average fees exploded once more growing 81% YoY across American ETFs, 12% YoY across EMEA ETFs and 7% YoY across Asian ETFs.

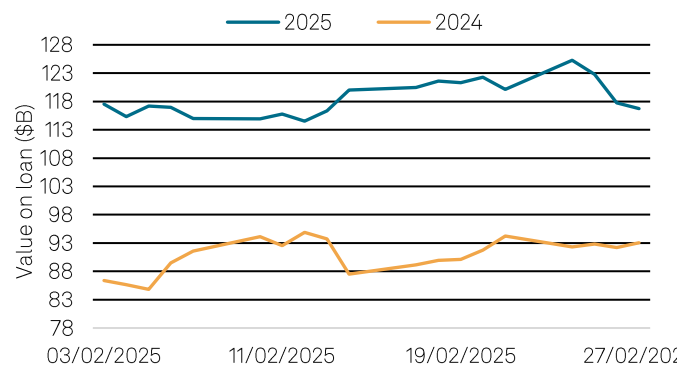
Despite revenues declining month-on-month across ETFs, revenues remained strong as average fees continued to grow. Both balances and average fees grew across Asian ETFs, with balances growing by approximately \$200m during the month as tracker ETFs following moves in the Heng Seng remained popular. European ETFs experienced a similar move in both balances and fees, as both metrics reached their highest levels seen for many months. The Americas was the only region to see the opposite trend emerge, as revenues, fees and balances all declined when compared with January. As the price of Bitcoin fluctuated during the month, demand for leveraged ETFs linked to the asset class declined, resulting in lower revenues across the region. Demand for some corporate bond related ETFs also declined which lowered average fees and overall revenues across the region.

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GLD experiences growth in demand as the price of Gold reaches an all-time high

Asian ETF revenues grow by 124% YoY

Average fees across US ETFs increase 81% YoY

EMEA ETF balances grow 48% YoY

Regional Details

Regional	Revenue (\$M)	Rev YoY % Change	Revenues YTD (\$M)	Avg Balances (\$B)	Bal YoY % Change	Avg Fee	Fee YoY % Change	Avg Lendable (\$B)	Lendable YoY % Change	Avg Util	Util YoY % Change
Americas ETFs	\$76	124%	\$153	\$108	28%	0.90%	81%	\$499	41%	11.4%	-11%
European ETFs	\$8	60%	\$15	\$7	48%	1.49%	12%	\$103	4%	3.8%	44%
Asia ETFs	\$2	124%	\$5	\$2	117%	1.25%	7%	\$5	46%	14.4%	12%

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Top 10 Revenue Generating Equity ETFs

ETF Name	Ticker	Investment type	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
SPDR Gold Shares ETF	GLD	Equity	US	\$5.1
T Rex 2X Long Microstrategy Daily Target ETF	MSTU	Equity	US	\$4.3
Direxion Daily Tesla Bull 2X ETF	TSLL	Equity	US	\$2.6
Ark Innovation ETF	ARKK	Equity	US	\$2.2
Defiance Daily Target 2X Long Microstrategy ETF	MSTX	Equity	US	\$1.8
iShares MSCI China A UCITS USD (Acc) ETF	CNYA	Equity	IE	\$1.5
Graniteshares Coin Daily ETF	CONL	Equity	US	\$1.3
SPDR S&P Biotech ETF	XBI	Equity	US	\$1.2
iShares Gold ETF	IAU	Equity	US	\$1.0
Proshares Bitcoin ETF	BITO	Equity	US	\$1.0

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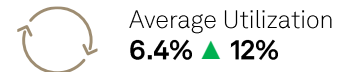
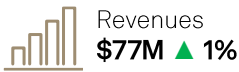
Top 5 Revenue Generating Fixed Income ETFs

ETF Name	Ticker	Investment type	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
iShares IBOXX High Yield Bond	HYG	Fixed Income	US	\$6.9
iShares JP Morgan USD Bond ETF	EMB	Fixed Income	US	\$5.1
iShares IBOXX Investment Grade	LQD	Fixed Income	US	\$4.3
iShares Broad USD High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	USHY	Fixed Income	US	\$2.6
Vanguard Intermediate Term Corporate Bond ETF	VCIT	Fixed Income	US	\$2.2

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Corporate Bonds



The relentless rally.

Throughout the period, the credit and corporate bond markets demonstrated a cautious stance, reflecting broader concerns about economic stability and geopolitical tensions, particularly those related to trade policies. Corporate bond spreads have tightened to their narrowest levels in nearly two decades, prompting some money managers to shift their focus towards government bonds and cash due to potential risks. Despite these concerns, inflows into corporate bond funds have remained robust, driven by attractive yields, although some investors do appear unconcerned by the raft of looming economic challenges on the horizon.

The calm in the global credit markets has raised red flags for some money managers, who are wary of the relentless rally in corporate bonds. This has led to a more cautious approach, with some investment managers reducing their allocation to corporate bonds in favor of sovereign debt and cash. The decline in the levels of reward relative to the risks has been a significant factor in this strategic shift. The tightening of spreads suggests that investors are demanding less compensation for the risk of holding corporate debt, which could indicate a potential overheating in the market.

Credit default swap (CDS) spreads have remained tight despite the backdrop of US President Donald Trump's tariff announcements, with prices showing little movement even as trading volumes have surged. This market dynamic has been noted by some investors, who have turned bearish, citing unjustifiable pricing. The tight spreads and low volatility in CDS markets suggest

that investors may be underestimating the potential impact of geopolitical risks and economic uncertainties.

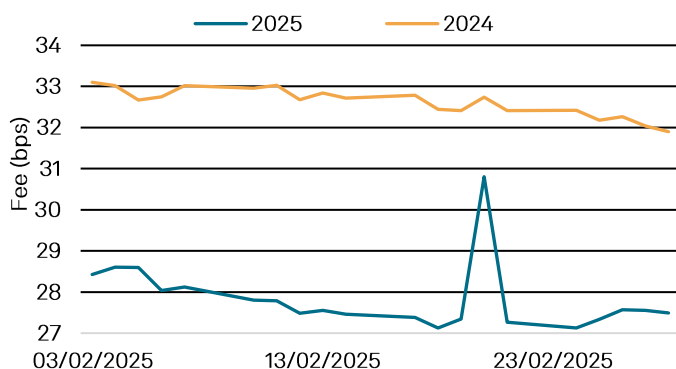
Overall, the corporate bond market's cautious stance reflects a delicate balance between attractive yields and the underlying risks associated with tightening spreads and potential economic headwinds.

In the securities lending markets, corporate bonds generated revenues of **\$77 million**, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 1%. Corporate bond demand remained robust throughout the month as balances continued to grow by a further \$2B. Average fees continued their slow decline, reaching 28bps (29bps during January) as demand for the asset class continued to moderate from previous highs. Despite this small move lower, balances continued to grow, reaching \$356B during the month. Utilization hit its highest level seen for over 12 months at 6.41%.

Conventional bond revenues declined month-on-month but increased year-on-year by 2%, generating \$75m. Utilization surpassed 7% during the month for the first time in a number of years as balances exceeded \$362.5B. Non-investment grade and private placements continued to dominate demand.

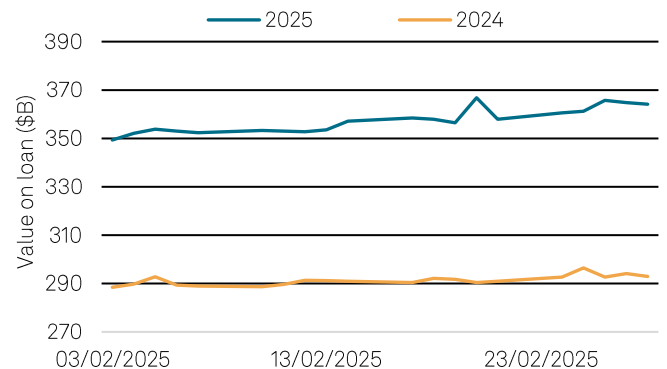
Convertible bond revenues continued to disappoint, falling 12% YoY to \$1.7m. Average fees remained stable but significantly lower than those seen during 2024 (average for 2024, 96bps).

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Convertible bonds post a 12% YoY decline in revenues

Conventional bond revenues grow 2% YoY despite a small dip MoM

Corporate Bond balances increase 22% YoY

Asset Back Securities revenues increase 69% YoY

Asset Class Details

Asset Class	Revenue (\$M)	Rev YoY % Change	Revenues YTD (\$M)	Avg Balances (\$B)	Bal YoY % Change	Avg Fee	Fee YoY % Change	Avg Lendable (\$B)	Lendable YoY % Change	Avg Util	Util YoY % Change
Conventional Bonds	\$75	2%	\$156	\$353	22%	0.27%	-13%	\$4,328	7%	7.0%	13%
Convertible Bonds	\$2	-12%	\$3	\$3	33%	0.76%	-39%	\$33	-8%	4.5%	13%
Asset Backed Securities	\$0.1	69%	\$0.21	\$0.8	89%	0.23%	-9%	\$392	19%	0.1%	-58%

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Top 5 Revenue Generating USD Denominated Corporate Bonds

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Asset Class	Revenue Generated (\$M)
MPT Operating Partnership Lp (5% 15-Oct-2027)	55342UAH7	USD	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$1.2
Concentrix Corp (6.6% 02-Aug-2028)	20602DAB7	USD	I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$0.5
New Fortress Energy Inc (8.75% 15-Mar-2029)	644393AC4	USD	Priv. Placement Corp Bond	\$0.5
Cable One Inc (4% 15-Nov-2030)	12685JAC9	USD	Priv. Placement Corp Bond	\$0.4
Guardant Health Inc (1.25% 15-Feb-2031)	40131MAD1	USD	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$0.4

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Top 5 Revenue Generating EUR Denominated Corporate Bonds

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Asset Class	Revenue Generated (\$M)
SES SA (2.875% Undated)	L8300GDM0	EUR	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Floating Rate)	\$0.7
Worldline Sa (4.125% 12-Sep-2028)	F9867TJC8	EUR	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$0.6
SES SA (3.5% 14-Jan-2029)	L8300GDS7	EUR	I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$0.2
Ams-Osram Ag (10.5% 30-Mar-2029)	A0400QAL1	EUR	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$0.2
SES SA (5.5% 12-Sep-2054)	L8300GDZ1	EUR	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Floating Rate)	\$0.2

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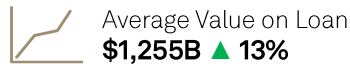
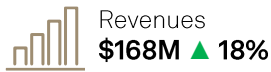
Top 5 Revenue Generating GBP Denominated Corporate Bonds

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Asset Class	Revenue Generated (\$K)
SW (Finance) I Plc (7.375% 12-Dec-2041)	G3310QAA2	GBP	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$65.7
Iceland Bondco Plc (4.375% 15-May-2028)	G4738RAB0	GBP	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$39.8
Thames Water Utilities Finance Plc (8.25% 25-Apr-2040)	G8787BBM1	GBP	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$37.4
Sw (Finance) I Plc (1.625% 30-Mar-2027)	G8290EAS3	GBP	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$30.9
Iceland Bondco Plc (10.875% 15-Dec-2027)	G4738RAD6	GBP	N.I.G. Corp Bond (Fixed Rate)	\$30.6

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Government Bonds



The Reserve Bank of Australia cuts rates for the first time in four years.

Throughout the period, government bond markets experienced significant fluctuations influenced by geopolitical tensions, economic policies, and central bank actions. In the U.S., bond yields remained elevated due to strong job growth and inflation concerns, with the 10-year Treasury yield rising to 4.64% following inflation data. This increase reflected investor sentiment towards higher yield expectations and concerns over the Federal Reserve's potential policy responses. The U.S. Treasury market faced challenges as President Trump's tariffs and trade policies were expected to impact borrowing costs and the budget deficit, with yields on 10-year government bonds returning to levels not seen since the financial crisis.

In Japan, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) signaled potential intervention in the bond market to curb surging yields, as benchmark yields hit a 15-year high driven by accelerating inflation. Despite this, BOJ Governor Kazuo Ueda maintained a hands-off approach, allowing market forces to determine long-term interest rates, with emergency bond buying reserved for abrupt yield spikes.

In Europe, the European Central Bank (ECB) faced calls for caution as interest rates approached 2%, with officials debating the extent of rate cuts amidst extraordinary uncertainty. The Bank of England also cut

rates amid concerns about the ripple effects from President Trump's tariffs on the UK economy. Meanwhile, the Reserve Bank of Australia delivered its first interest rate cut in over four years, signaling a cautious approach to further easing.

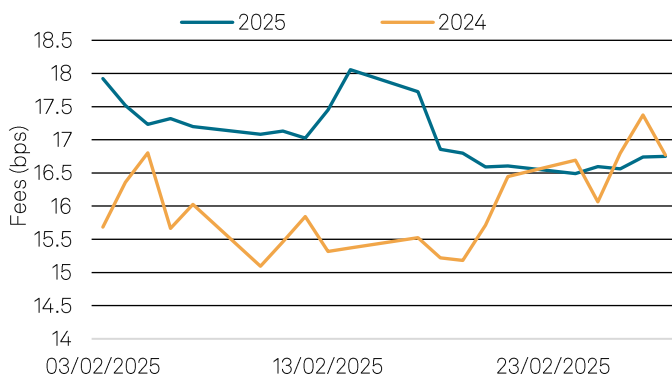
In the securities lending markets, government bonds generated revenues of **\$168 million** during the month, as both average fees and balances continued to grow year-on-year.

Across the Americas, revenues dipped when compared with January, falling from \$122m to \$108.9m. Despite this decline, when compared with February 2024, revenues increased by 16%. Balances declined across the region for the first time since November, falling to \$778.2B. Utilization dipped below 21% for the first time since October as a result.

Across Asia, revenues remained robust despite a slight decline month-on-month. Average fees of 20bps were maintained and utilization surpassed 18.47% for the first time October.

EMEA revenues fell below the \$50m mark for the first time since June 2024 during the month. Average fees climbed to 16bps as French government bonds experienced an increase in demand. Balances remained steady when compared with January, but utilization dipped under 22% for the first time since October.

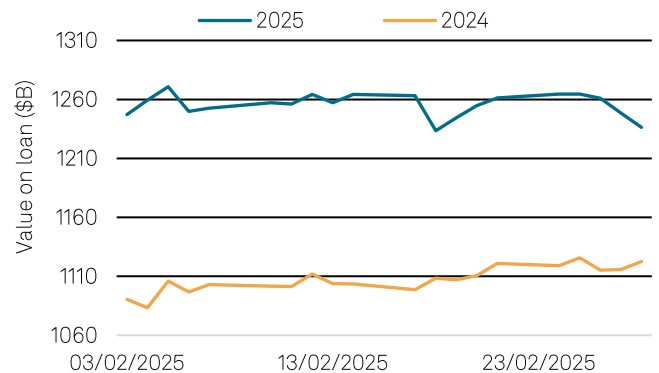
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Americas Government bond balances reach \$778B

Average fees climb across all regions apart from EM

Utilization of Asian government bonds grows 16% YoY

Lendable continues to grow reaching \$4.9T

Issuer Region Details

Region	Revenue (\$M)	Rev YoY % Change	Revenues YTD (\$M)	Avg Balances (\$B)	Bal YoY % Change	Avg Fee	Fee YoY % Change	Avg Lendable (\$B)	Lendable YoY % Change	Avg Util	Util YoY % Change
Americas	\$109	16%	\$232	\$778	12%	0.18%	7%	\$3,317	13%	20.3%	0%
Europe	\$49	22%	\$103	\$415	14%	0.15%	11%	\$1,383	4%	21.9%	7%
Asia	\$10	26%	\$19	\$62	27%	0.20%	2%	\$163	14%	18.5%	16%
Emerging Market	\$6	-6%	\$13	\$26	30%	0.30%	-25%	\$364	12%	6.1%	17%

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Top 5 Revenue Generating US Treasuries

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
United States Treasury (2% 15-Feb-2025)	912828J27	USD	US	\$4.0
United States Treasury (3.5% 15-Feb-2033)	91282CGM7	USD	US	\$1.1
United States Treasury (4% 15-Feb-2034)	91282CJZ5	USD	US	\$1.1
United States Treasury (3.875% 15-Aug-2034)	91282CLF6	USD	US	\$1.1
United States Treasury (4.5% 15-Nov-2033)	91282CJJ1	USD	US	\$1.0

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Top 5 Revenue Generating CAD Government Bonds

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
Canada (Government) (0.5% 01-Dec-2030)	135087L44	CAD	CA	\$0.9
Canada (Government) (3.5% 01-Sep-2029)	135087R89	CAD	CA	\$0.4
Canada (Government) (2.75% 01-Sep-2027)	135087N83	CAD	CA	\$0.3
Canada (Government) (3% 01-Feb-2027)	135087S54	CAD	CA	\$0.2
Canada (Government) (1.25% 01-Mar-2027)	135087M84	CAD	CA	\$0.2

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Top 5 Revenue Generating EMEA Government Bonds

Top Earning Assets	CUSIP	Denomination	Country	Revenue Generated (\$M)
United Kingdom Of Great Britain And Northern Ireland (Government) (0.125% 30-Jan-2026)	G4527HRV5	GBP	UK	\$0.8
France, Republic Of (Government) (2.5% 25-May-2030)	F43750CJ9	EUR	UK	\$0.6
United Kingdom Of Great Britain And Northern Ireland (Government) (4.125% 22-Jul-2029)	G4527HH46	GBP	FR	\$0.5
France, Republic Of (Government) (3.5% 25-Apr-2026)	F40411HN7	EUR	FR	\$0.5
France, Republic Of (Government) (5.5% 25-Apr-2029)	F4040SHL3	EUR	FR	\$0.5

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