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Global Credit Portal® Credit Health Panel

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What's in a comparison group?

- Companies in Your Portfolio
- Counterparties
- ▶ Creditors
- Customers
- Peers
- Strategic Partners
- Suppliers

The Global Credit Portal® (GCP) is a dynamic, Web-based, workflow solution that brings together financial intelligence across multiple facets of fixed income markets, assisting in alpha discovery and helping financial professionals to perform efficient credit risk-driven analysis.

Credit Health Panel: Analyzing the Credit Quality of Companies

Available on the GCP, the **Credit Health Panel (CHP)** provides a quick and transparent way to analyze the credit quality of peers, suppliers, customers, or other groups of companies. CHP delivers fundamental credit analysis components, including:

- ▶ A relative assessment of operational, solvency, and liquidity financials and ratios for one company versus peers
- Five year financial history trend chart comparing a company to a peer group average
- ▶ The ability to create custom peer groups or utilize pre-configured industry peer groups to refine and contextualize your analysis
- ▶ A fundamentals-driven, quantitative, long-term credit score based on models specific to regions and industries, and a market-driven, daily probability of default to give early warning signals between company reporting dates

Analytic Versatility with Benefits and Features for Diverse Functions

Asset Managers

Commercial Lenders

Corporate Treasury

- ▶ Monitor and manage risk with heatmap dashboards, charts and dynamic comparison features in an intuitive workflow oriented solution
- Quickly assess a company's relative risk and performance to a relevant peer group
- ▶ Enhance analysis with fundamental financial data and quantitatively-derived estimates of probability of default and creditworthiness
- ▶ Leverage powerful screening capability for prospecting and identification of investment idea opportunities
- Access standardized key financial measures for thousands of unrated companies for direct comparison

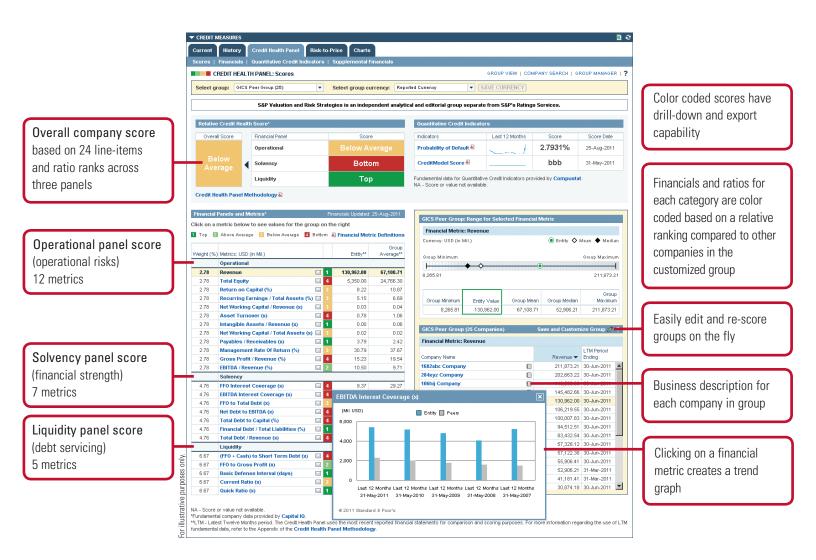
Credit Health Panel on the Global Credit Portal

Credit Health Panel: Analyzing the Credit Quality of Companies

Scores from Operational, Solvency, and Liquidity Panels lead to an overall company score.

Operational Panel Operational Risks	Solvency Panel Financial Strength	Liquidity Panel Debt Servicing	
 Revenue Total Equity Return on Capital Recurring Earnings/Total Assets 	 Funds From Operations (FFO) Interest Coverage EBITDA Interest Coverage FFO to Total Debt Net Debt to EBITDA 	 (FFO + Cash) to Short Term Debt FFO to Gross Profit Basic Defense Interval Current Ratio Quick Ratio 	
Operational Score	Solvency Score	Liquidity Score	
<u> </u>	Overall Company Score	·	

^{*}sample of ratios contributing to panel score



A dashboard with heat maps supports easy monitoring.

Build and manage different groups to expedite risk analysis. View three groups and multiple companies on the same screen to quickly identify and react to changes in scores and rankings.

- Color coded scores facilitate rapid identification of a company's performance
- ▶ The Overall score column ranks companies from the lowest score to the highest within each group
- Arrows indicate score changes driven by the latest reported financial data, speeding up the identification of companies requiring surveillance
- ▶ Export the dashboard to Excel

Two absolute measures of risk help assess creditworthiness.

Probability of Default (PD): A daily updated measure utilizes fundamentals and equity market factors to evaluate the probability that a company will not meet its contractual obligations over the course of a year.

- ▶ Updated daily for 23,000 companies and expressed as a percentage
- ▶ Aids screening and identification of companies with rapid deterioration in market sentiment
- ▶ Early warning mechanism between company earnings reporting dates

CreditModel Score (CMS): A fundamentals-driven credit score based on credit models specific to regions and industries.

- ▶ Updated daily for 10,500 companies and expressed in lowercase alphabets
- Allows comparison of unrated companies on a single, familiar, and industry-accepted letter grade standard scale

Coverage

- ▶ Approximately 29,500 global listed non-financial companies
- Includes over 25,000 companies that are not rated by S&P analysts
- Uses Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) to easily select customized peers from within sector, industry-group, industry or sub-industry
- Assesses peer groups using standardized data across accounting practices, currencies and languages

Note: Coverage counts as of August 2011.





Charts for both CMS and PD include a time series graph

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