

Uber Technologies

Credit Research

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Uber

Bond Covenants

Repurchase Upon Change of Control **Triggering Event**

In the event of a change of control triggering event, Uber must offer to repurchase the notes at 101% of the aggregate principal amount

Limitation on Sale and Lease-back **Transactions**

Uber and its subsidiaries are limited in engaging in sale and lease-back transactions involving Principal Property, unless specific conditions are met

Payment Obligations

BUY

Bond Specifications

Bond Type Senior Unsecured

Bond Current Price 96.57

Credit Rating BBB- (S&P)

> BBB (Fitch Ratings) Ba3 (Moody's)

Bond's Coupon 4.5%

Semi-annual Payment Frequency

15 August 2029 Maturity Date

Yield-to-Maturity (YTM) 5.21%

Convexity 3.42

Uber commits to timely payment of principal, premium, and interest on the notes

Limitation on Liens

Uber and its subsidiaries are restricted from incurring certain liens on Principal Property or shares of a Principal Subsidiary without equally securing the notes, subject to specified exceptions (notably, if Aggregate Debt doesn't exceed \$5 billion or 2.5x Consolidated EBITDA).

They may also extend, renew, substitute, or refinance existing permitted liens within 12 months of maturity, repayment, or prepayment, provided the refinanced debt was secured by permitted liens.

Suspension of Guarantees Upon Change in Ratings

Guarantees by subsidiaries may be suspended if the notes receive investment-grade ratings from at least two specified rating agencies, provided no default has occurred and is continuing

Financial and Credit Analysis

In US\$Mn	2020	2021	2022	2023FY3	2024FY3	YoY	Maintained net
Revenue	13,000	11,139	17,455	9,292	11,188	+20.4%	profit after covidAchieved the highest net profit in 2024FY3
Operating income	(8,596)	(4,501)	(3,834)	394	1,061	+169%	
ОРМ	-	-	-	4.2%	9.5%		
Net Profit	(8,506)	(6,768)	(496)	221	2,612	+1082%	A A situal action and accompany
NPM	-	-	-	2.4%	23.3%		 Maintained an acceptable
Current ratio	2.5x	1.4x	1.0x	1.0x	1.1x		liquidity
Quick ratio	2.3x	1.2x	0.8x	0.9x	1.0x		 Returned to 1:1 D/E ratio in
Total debt/equity	51.1%	74.6%	75.6%	152.2%	105.9%		2024FY3

The creditworthiness of Uber is robust in 2024FY3 due to the improving profit margin. Uber will be able to repay their debt with the sufficient cash flow from its operations. Overall, we believe its strong performance.

Company Overview

Mobility Uber Ride is a platform for driver and customer to match

Delivery Uber Eats allows users to order meals

Freight Connecting drivers for efficient transportation of goods



Value Proposition

Dynamic Pricing Model

- · Uber adjusts fares based on demand, time of day, and market conditions
- This allows Uber to maximize revenue during peak times, effectively capturing higher fares when demand is strong

2 Independent contractors

- Independent contractors reduce operational costs related to employee benefits and their cars
- Uber can scale up or down easier which enables flexibility in managing supply

3 High customer retention

• The convenient and reliable user experiences, as well as the subscription model, lead to a steady stream of repeat customers

Industry Overview



Riding-hailing market is duopoly in the US

Uber is the leading riding-hailing company with global presence

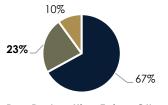
Ride-hailing Industry Growth

11.34% Estimated CAGR (2024-2032)

212.80 Projected market volume in US\$ bn (2029)

28.6% Projected user penetration rate (2029)

US Online Food Delivery Market Share



■ DoorDash ■ **Uber Eats** ■ Others

Oligopoly structure observed in the US

Uber Eats has a strong presence in the US after DoorDash

Online Food Delivery Growth

17.12%Estimated CAGR (2024-2034)

314.32 Projected market volume in US\$ bn (2034)

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Projected
number of users
in Bn (2029)

Key Drivers

- Rising customer preference for convenience and flexibility
- Rapid urbanization with increasing disposable income
- Integration of electric and automotive vehicles

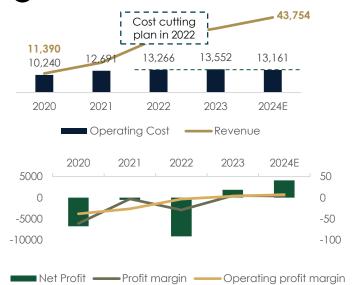
Key Drivers

- Increasing digitalization and smartphone penetration
- Technological advancement that improves delivery efficiency
- Rising customer preference for convenience



Investment Theses

Improving Profitability Through Cost Control and Regulatory Tailwinds



- Revenue is predicted to increase about 4 times, driven by large increase in gross booking and strong rising demand
- SG&A and marketing cost are flat from 2020 to 2024, contributing to low operating cost
- Uber broke even in terms of operating and profit margins in 2023, ever since exponential growth in revenue with unchanging operational cost from 2018
 - Uber is expected to continue to generate a net profit from 2024 onwards given an increased revenue from the first 3 quarters

2020: Lawsuit Filed



Uber drivers should be classified as employees with minimum wage

2024: Case Closed

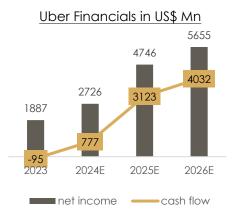


California and Massachusetts
Supreme Court acknowledges
Uber drivers as independent
contractors

Uber has scored victory in recent lawsuits in different states of America, signaling favorable legal conditions and setting a useful precedent for Uber

Aspects	Independent contractor	Employee		
Payment	Paid per ride	Regulatory salary, may require minimum wage		
Resources	Drivers provide their own vehicles	Uber provide vehicles for drivers		
Benefit	No benefits (eg: health insurance, retire plans)	Often entitled benefits according to law		
Working hours	Flexible	Fixed		

2 Debt Repayment Plans Potentially Improving Uber's Credit Rating



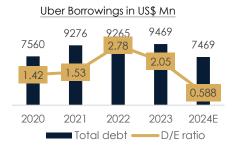
CAGR of Mobility and Food Delivery Gross Booking are expected to be 13.3% and 12.4% respectively (2023-2026)

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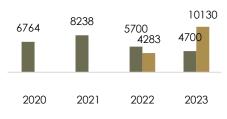
- Uber recorded a 24% YoY increase in trips taken in 2024. We are expecting an 8% YoY increase for 2026, given increasing unique customers and average trips taken per customer
- Given Uber never and will not distribute dividend in near future, high expected net income will generate a strong cash flow for the firm to redeem more of its loans



Investment Theses



Uber Borrowings in US\$ Mn



■ Senior notes ■ 2.5x Adjusted EBITDA

Though Uber's US\$5Bn cash pool (as of FY23) is sufficient for operational and debt redemption needs, it has relied on debt for expansion throughout the years, its historical gearing ratio is constantly over 1.5x (high and risky for a tech company)

Potential Catalysts

Uber's debt level is expected drop from 2024 onwards as the firm announced to redeem US\$2Bn of debt by 2024Q4

Limit of indebtedness covenant¹ for this tranche of bond protects debtholders and ensure that Uber is not able to borrow even more in the future

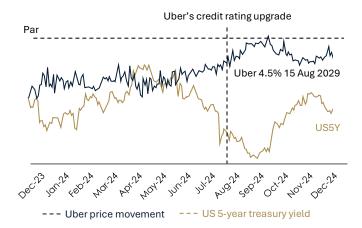
Results

By keeping a close watch on covenant limits, Uber was able issue the first investment grade bond due to improved financial health and is on-track to BBB+ in 2026E

Bond Comparable

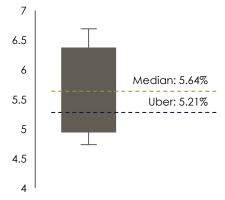
Yield Comparison

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Market pricing in improving credit rating expectation explains Uber's bond increasing price movement but has since tempered down

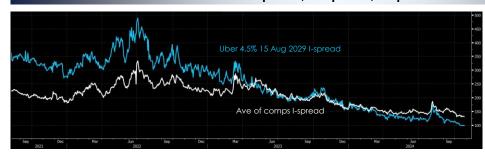
Peer Bond Comparison



Key assumptions: similar industry and relatively similar maturities

Uber's YTM sits on the top quartile of its industry peers, indicating market perception of decreasing credit risk

I-spread, G-spread, Z-spread

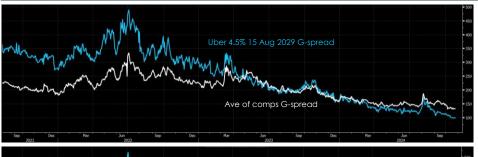


- Since inception, Uber's I-spread for this tranche of bond generally decreased
- Narrowing spreads compared to average of peers signals lower credit risk

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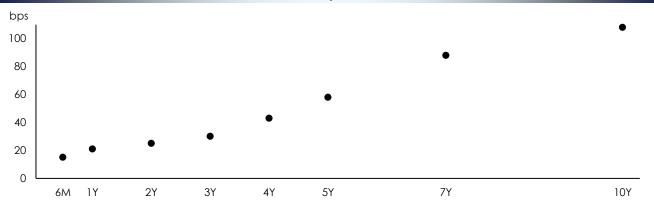
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- Since inception, Uber's g-spread also generally decreased
- Narrowing spreads compared to average of peers signals stronger investors' confidence
- Uber's z-spread also generally decreased
- Narrowing spreads compared to the average of peers signals closer discount rates to the risk-free curve



CDS Spread



Scenario Analysis



We predict that the interest rate would cut 175bps by 2026, aligning with the Federal Reserve's long-term inflation rate target of 2%

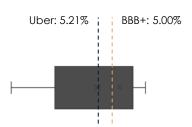
We also think that there is more room for improvement of Uber's credit rating by 2026E to BBB+. Its peers with that credit rating commands a median of 5.0%

Financial Impact of interest rate cut

	2025E	2026E	
Year till maturity	3.75	2.75	
Predicted interest rate	3.10%	2.36%	
Modified duration	3.41		
% change in bond price	3.41%	5.98%	

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Financial Impact of credit risks cut

	2025E	2026E	
Year till maturity	3.75	2.75	
Modified duration	3.41		
Credit risk premium	21bps		
% change in bond price	3.44%	6.02%	

In our default scenario, we predict a upside potential of 12.4% in 2026

Key Risks and Potential Mitigations

Slower interest rate cuts

As inflation and other key economic measures of the US economy largely drives interest rate decisions from the Federal Reserve, lesser-than-anticipated interest rate cuts will generate limited price appreciation for the bond, given its convexity

Increasing tariffs

- President Trump's tariff increase on imported vehicles is likely to affect the supply of drivers in the ride-hailing sector
- However, we think that the tariff policy may affect inflation expectations in the US in the short term

Mitigation

We chose to speculate on a bond with shorter maturity to decrease the effect of interest rate fluctuation to the bond price to mitigate the risk.

Current autonomous driving trends

- President Trump's policy to loosen autonomous driving and the mature technology may foster a boom of platforms specializing in auto-driving tech
- The rise in auto-driving may decrease the demand for drivers, changing the competitive landscape in the ride-hailing service industry

Ongoing litigation and regulatory issues

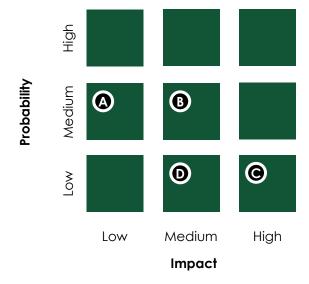


- Historical legal settlement cost is significant
- However, there has been fewer cases of lawsuits and lower settlement costs

Mitigation

- Uber's investment in auto-driving technology like ATG and establishing strong partnerships with companies (Aurora and Volvo) reduces obsolescence risk of Uber's main operations
- We continue to estimate a similar level of such costs moving forward to be conservative, as there are still numerous cases with varying levels of uncertainty
- We will also monitor the legal changes in different region

Risk Matrix



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