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- 2. Companies are increasingly seeking junior capital solutions to manage interest expenses and boost cash flow.
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- 2. The higher cost of debt is clearly a headwind for private equity (PE), but is not insurmountable.
- 3. In our view, companies in the middle market may be afforded a wider variety of exit opportunities .

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