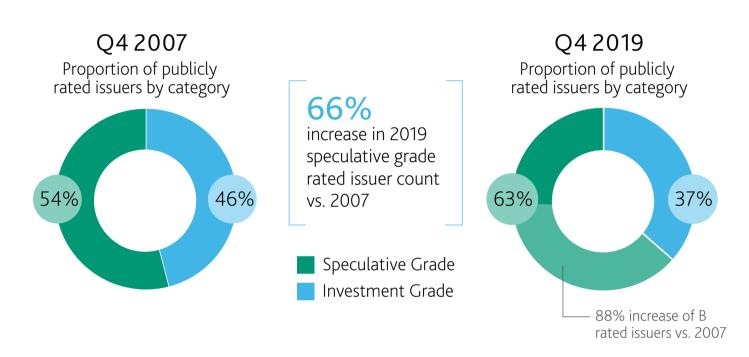
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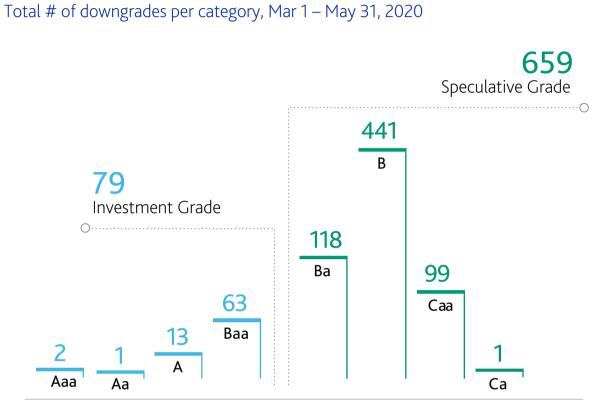
The spread of the coronavirus has placed significant stress on the global economy but corporate downgrades reveal a thorough and measured approach to credit during turbulent times.

Then & Now: the number of speculative grade corporate issuers pre-COVID-19 was significantly higher versus pre-2008 credit crisis

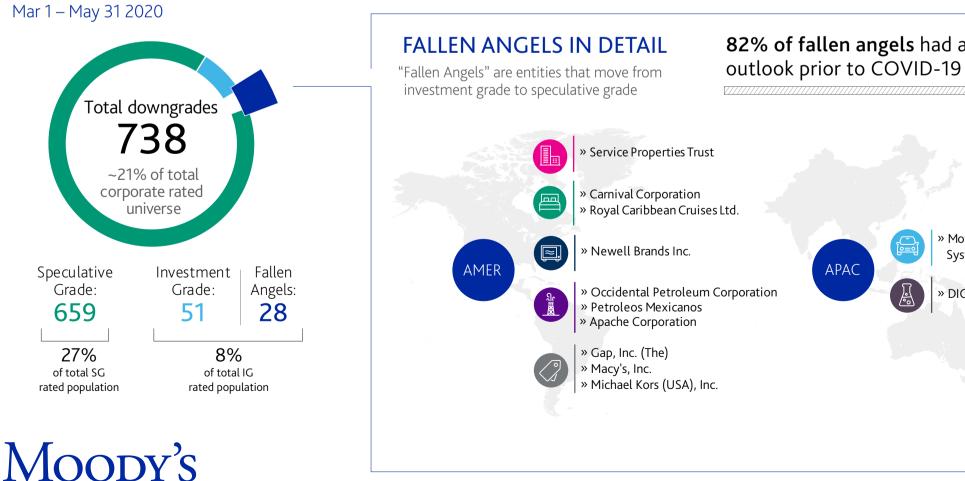


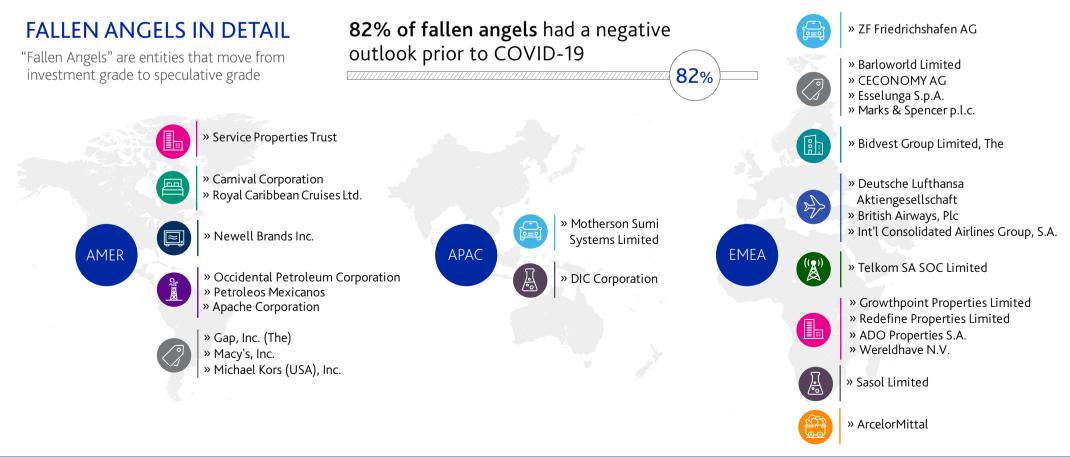
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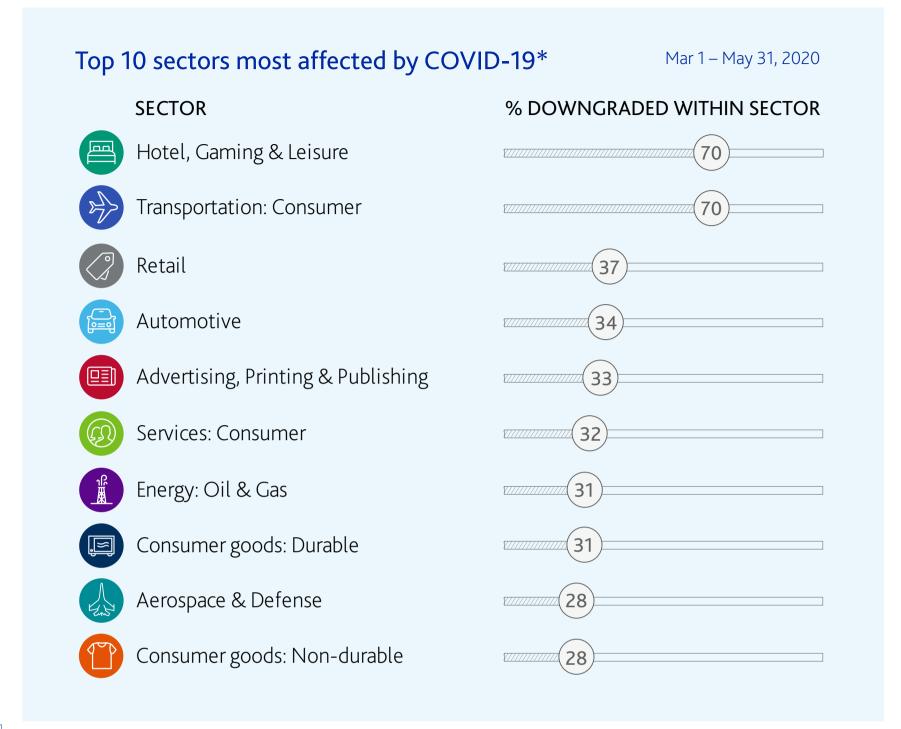
Majority of downgrades within speculative grade*



Recent downgrades represent a small percentage of the total non-financial corporates rated universe*







Late cycle reports highlighted corporate credit stress prior to COVID-19

