Monthly Credit Risk Insights by Alares

Hi Colleague,

Small business restructuring appointments (SBR) continue to surge as business owners seek relief prior to the new year.

Key highlights in November

- Insolvencies remain at all-time monthly highs, led by SBRs.
- The big four banks and other major lenders continue to increase their Court recoveries as borrowers feel the pinch.
- Another spike in Winding Up applications suggest the worst is not yet behind us.

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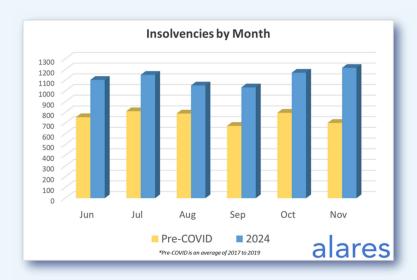
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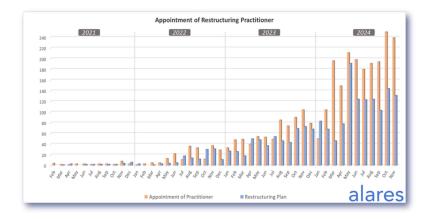
Insolvencies remain at all-time monthly highs

Insolvencies in November were 70% above historical (pre-COVID) numbers, the highest percentage increase seen this year.



Small business restructuring (SBR) appointments continue to surge

Small business owners continued to seek SBR relief prior to the new year, driven by ongoing ATO enforcement action.



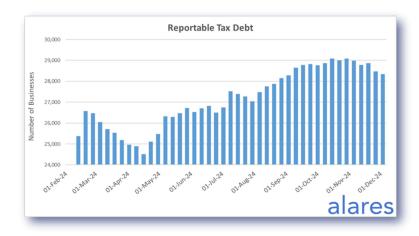
SBRs remain a significant portion of all new appointments

November again saw SBRs account for ~20% of all new insolvency appointments.



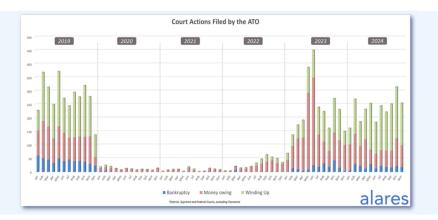
The ATO remains the dominant driver of SBRs

The ATO's outstanding tax debt reporting remains a key component of the ATO's enforcement activity. However, in some positive news, the number of new businesses subject to reporting is showing signs of slowing down.



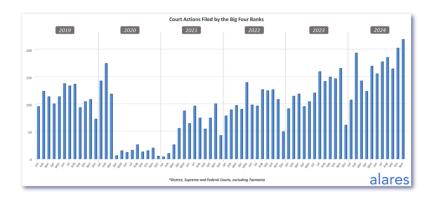
Meanwhile, ATO Court recoveries remain inline with historical levels

In addition to outstanding tax debt reporting and director's penalty notices, the ATO continues to take direct recovery action through the Courts.



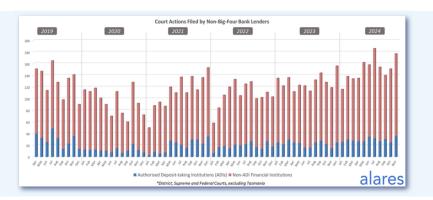
The big four banks continue to ramp up their Court recoveries

The big four banks are showing no signs of slowing down as borrowers are clearly feeling the pinch of higher interest rates in the past ~12 months.



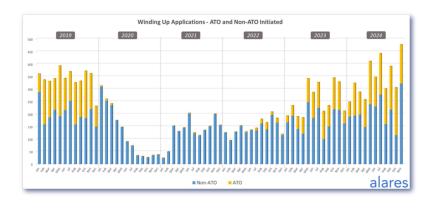
Similarly, the non-big four lenders have also increased their Court recoveries

Borrowers outside of the big four banks are experiencing similar challenges from increased borrowing costs.



Winding up applications spiked again in November

Non-ATO initiated Winding Up applications, in particular, increased in November as credit providers seek to recover debts prior to year-end.



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