# Structured Products Research Report

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### **Structured Product Details**

Name PLUS linked to S&P 500 Index

Issue Size	\$22.08 million
Issue Price	\$10
Term	13 Months
Annualized Coupon	0.00%
Pricing Date	November 20, 2008
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Issue Date November 28, 2008
Valuation Date November 22, 2009
Maturity Date November 28, 2009

Issuer	JPMorgan
CDS Rate	98.55 bps
Swap Rate	2.620%

Reference Asset the S&P 500 Index

Initial Level	752.44
Dividend Rate	3.93%
Implied Volatility	47.47%
Delta <sup>1</sup>	0.68

Fair Price at Issue \$8.86 Realized Return 36.29%

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### Related Research

#### Research Papers:

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- "Are Structured Products Suitable for Retail Investors?" December 2006.
- "Structured Products in the Aftermath of Lehman Brothers," November 2009.
- "What TiVo and JP Morgan Teach Us about Reverse Convertibles," June 2010.

# PLUS linked to S&P 500 Index

# Description

JPMorgan issued \$22.08 million of PLUS linked to S&P 500 Index on November 28, 2008 at \$10 per note.

These notes are JPMorgan-branded PLUS securities that do not pay periodic coupons, but instead pay a single amount at maturity depending on the S&P 500 Index level at maturity.

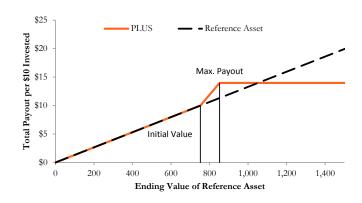
If the S&P 500 Index level on December 22, 2009 is higher than 752.44, but lower than 852.26, the notes pay a return equal to the percentage increase in the S&P 500 Index multiplied by 3.0. If on December 22, 2009 the S&P 500 Index level is above the 852.26, the notes pay the maximum payout of \$13.98. If on December 22, 2009 the S&P 500 Index level is below 752.44, investors receive the face value per note reduced by the percentage decline in the reference asset. The notes will pay nothing at maturity if the reference asset declines to zero.

## **Valuation**

This note can be valued as a combination of a note from JPMorgan, a short at-the-money put option, three long at-the-money call options, and three short out-of-the-money call options. The short at-the-money put option exposes investors to any decline in the S&P 500 Index. The three short out-of-the-money call options has the strike price of 852.26, and limits the maximum return of the notes beyond the cap level. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$8.86 when it was issued on November 28, 2008 because the value of the options investors gave JPMorgan plus the interest investors would have received on JPMorgan's straight debt was worth \$1.14 more than the call options investors received from JPMorgan.

There is no active secondary market for most structured products. Structured products, including this note, therefore are much less liquid than simple stocks, bonds, notes and mutual funds. Investors are likely to receive less than the structured product's estimated market value if they try to sell the structured product prior to maturity. Our valuations do not incorporate this relative lack of liquidity and therefore should be considered an upper bound on the value of the structured product.

#### Payoff Curve at Maturity

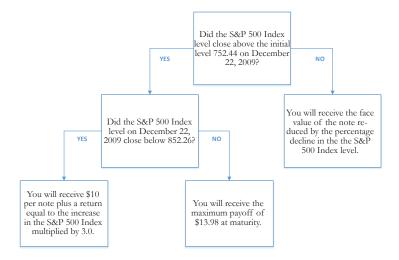


The payoff diagram shows the final payoff of this note given the S&P 500 Index level (horizontal axis). For comparison, the dashed line shows the payoff if you invested in the S&P 500 Index directly.

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### Maturity Payoff Diagram

The S&P 500 Index	Note Payoff
0.00	\$0.00
75.24	\$1.00
150.49	\$2.00
225.73	\$3.00
300.98	\$4.00
376.22	\$5.00
451.46	\$6.00
526.71	\$7.00
601.95	\$8.00
677.20	\$9.00
752.44	\$10.00
827.68	\$13.00
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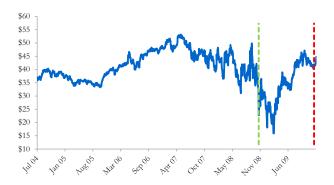


The contingent payoffs of this PLUS.

# **Analysis**

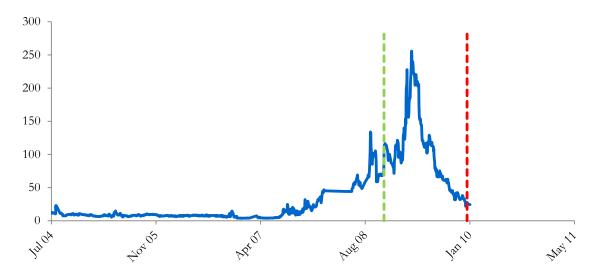
This PLUS pays investors the increase in the S&P 500 Index multiplied by 3.0 capped at 39.80%, but if the S&P 500 Index declines over the term of the note, investors will suffer losses equal to the percentage decline in the S&P 500 Index. In addition, investors bear the credit risk of JPMorgan. Investors purchasing this PLUS effectively sell at-the-money put and out-of-the-money call options to JPMorgan, buy at-the-money call options, and a zero-coupon note from JPMorgan. This PLUS is fairly priced if and only if the market value of the options investors received from JPMorgan equals the market value of the options investors gave JPMorgan plus the interest investors would have received on JPMorgan's straight debt.

## JPMorgan's Stock Price



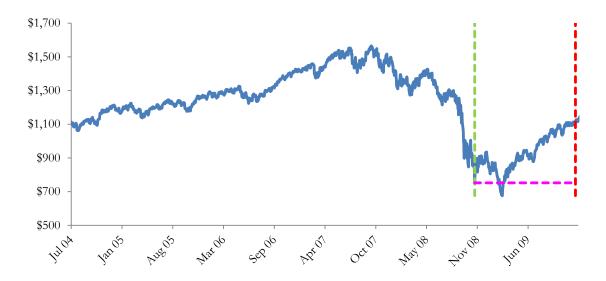
The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer JPMorgan for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of JPMorgan. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.

### JPMorgan's CDS Rate



Credit default swap (CDS) rates are the market price that investors require to bear credit risk of an issuer such as JPMorgan. CDS rates are usually given in basis points (bps). One basis point equals 0.01%. Higher CDS rates reflect higher perceived credit risk, higher required yields, and therefore lower market value of JPMorgan's debt, including outstanding PLUS. Fluctuations in JPMorgan's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.

#### The S&P 500 Index Level

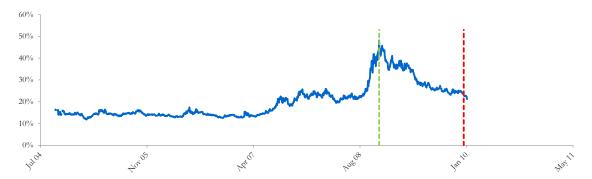


The graph above shows the historical levels of the S&P 500 Index for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by the S&P 500 Index level at maturity. Higher fluctuations in the S&P 500 Index level correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this PLUS.

#### Realized Payoff

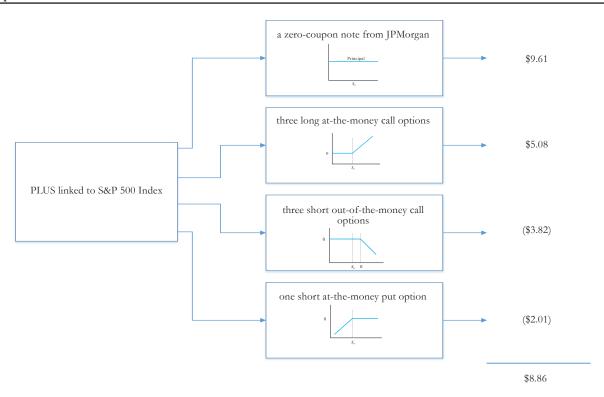
This note matured on December 28, 2009 and investors received \$13.98 per note.

### Reference Asset The S&P 500 Index's Implied Volatility



The annualized implied volatility of the S&P 500 Index on November 20, 2008 was 47.47%, meaning that options contracts on the S&P 500 Index were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 47.47%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of the S&P 500 Index level and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

#### Decomposition of this PLUS



This note can be decomposed into different components, and each component can be valued separately. The chart above shows the value of each component of this PLUS.

- Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the the S&P 500 Index level on November 20, 2008.
   CDS rates can be considered a measure of the probability that an issuer will default over a certain period of time and the likely loss given a default. The lower the CDS rate, the lower the default probability. CDS rate is given in basis points (1 basis point equals 0.01%), and is considered as a market premium, on top of the risk-free rate, that investors require to insure against a potential default.
   Fair price evaluation is based on the Black-Scholes model of the the S&P 500 Index on November 20, 2008.
   Calculated payout at maturity is only an approximation, and may differ from actual payouts at maturity.
   Our evaluation does not include any transaction fees, broker commissions, or liquidity discounts on the notes.