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Strategy Guide

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Overview

The S&P 500® Risk Control 10% Excess Return Index (the "S&P 500 Risk Control Index" or the "Index") provides investors with a broad U.S. equities index that has the potential for greater stability and lower overall risk when compared to the S&P 500® Total Return Index.

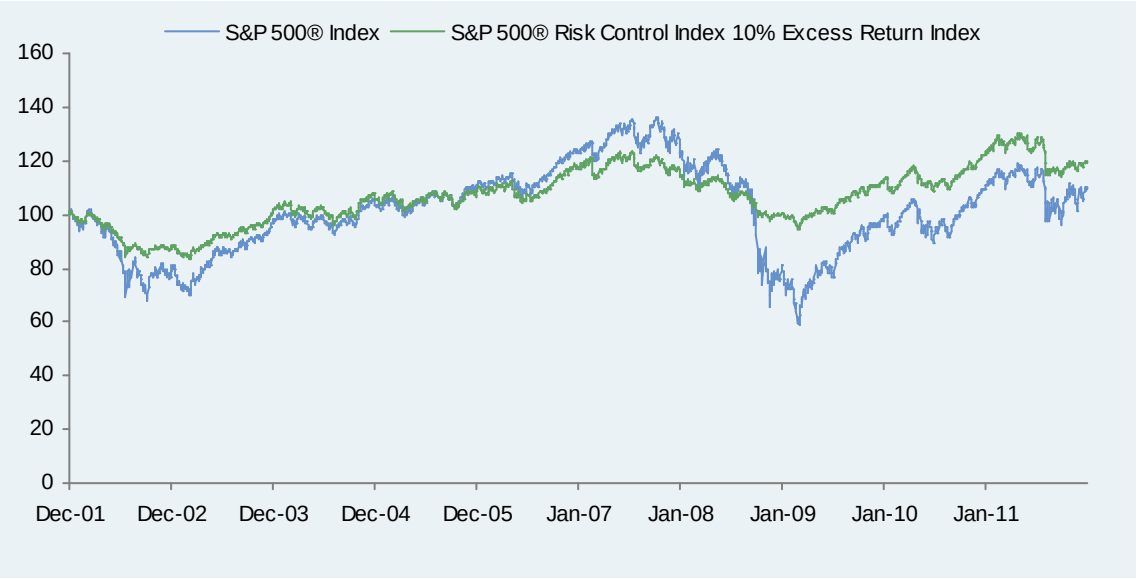
The S&P 500 Risk Control Index tracks the performance of a hypothetical portfolio that invests in the S&P 500® Total Return Index (the "Underlying Index"), which reflects dividend reinvestment in the S&P 500® Index, and is funded at LIBOR. The Underlying Index is sometimes referred to as the "SPTR" or "S&P 500® TR". The exposure of the S&P 500 Risk Control Index to the Underlying Index can range from 0% to 150%, and is determined by the level of observed volatility in equity returns. This exposure is dynamically adjusted on a daily basis to target a 10% level of volatility, though there is no guarantee the Index will achieve this target.

Key features of the Index include:

- exposure to the S&P 500® Total Return Index with the benefit of a risk control mechanism that targets an annualized volatility of 10%
- exposure adjusted on a daily basis with the ability to employ leverage of up to 150% during periods of low volatility
- closing levels published daily by Standard & Poor's on Bloomberg under the ticker SPXT10UE

The following graph sets forth the historical performance of the S&P 500® Index from December 31, 2001 through December 30, 2011 and the performance of the S&P 500 Risk Control Index based on hypothetical back-tested closing levels from December 31, 2001 through May 13, 2009, and actual historical closing levels from May 14, 2009 through December 30, 2011. Over this period, the S&P 500 Risk Control Index had annualized returns of 1.79% with an annualized volatility of 10.04% in comparison to the S&P 500® Index which had annualized returns of 0.92% with an annualized volatility of 22.02%. There is no guarantee that the S&P 500 Risk Control Index will outperform the S&P 500® Index, or any alternative strategy during the term of your investment in CDs linked to the S&P 500 Risk Control Index.

Hypothetical performance of the S&P 500® Risk Control Index (Dec 31, 2001 — Dec 30, 2011)



Source: Bloomberg and J.P. Morgan

Summary of hypothetical S&P 500 Risk Control Index (Dec 31, 2001 — Dec 30, 2011)

	S&P 500 Risk Control Index	S&P 500® Index
Annualized return	1.79%	0.92%
Annualized volatility	10.04%	22.02%

Source: Bloomberg and J.P. Morgan

Note: Because the Index did not exist prior to May 13, 2009, all retrospective levels provided above and in the graph on the previous page are simulated and must be considered illustrative only. The simulated data was constructed using certain procedures that may vary from the procedures used to calculate the Index going forward, and on the basis of certain assumptions that may not hold during future periods. The variations used in producing simulated historical data from those used to calculate the Index going forward could produce variations in returns of indeterminate direction and amount. Past hypothetical performance results are neither indicative of nor a guarantee of future returns. Actual results will vary, potentially materially, from the hypothetical historical performance provided herein. Please see *"Important Information"* at the front of this publication for a discussion of certain additional limitations of back-testing and simulated returns.

"Annualized return" is calculated arithmetically and was not calculated on a compound basis.

"Annualized volatility" means the standard deviation of each Index's arithmetic daily returns scaled for a one-year period based on the period from December 31, 2001 to December 30, 2011.

The Index is an excess return index that reflects the hypothetical cost of borrowing at LIBOR to fund a hypothetical investment in the S&P 500® Total Return Index (which includes dividend reinvestment). The hypothetical cost of borrowing reflected in the Index may partially or totally offset any gains from the dividend reinvestment feature included in the S&P 500® Total Return Index. Accordingly, in order to provide a more meaningful comparison, we have displayed the hypothetical performance, annualized return and annualized volatility of the Index and the price return version of the S&P 500® Index in the preceding graph and table.

Index description

Dynamic Exposure

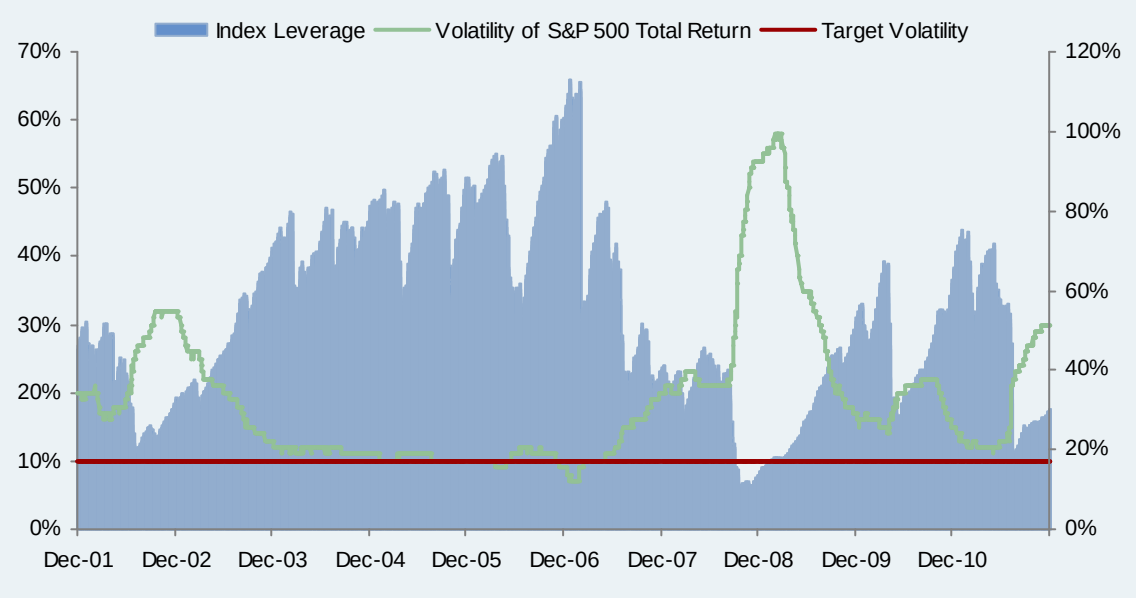
The S&P 500 Risk Control Index represents a portfolio with variable exposure to the S&P 500® Total Return Index, which reflects dividend reinvestment in the S&P 500® Index, and is funded at LIBOR. The exposure to the S&P 500® Total Return Index can range between 0% and 150% and is determined by the level of observed volatility in equity returns. The return of the S&P 500 Risk Control Index consists of two components: (1) the return on the allocation to the S&P 500® Total Return Index, which reflects dividend reinvestment in the S&P 500® Index, and (2) the cost of borrowing required to fund the equity investment.

Targeting Volatility

The exposure to the S&P 500® Total Return Index is adjusted on a daily basis to target a 10% level of volatility. Volatility is a measurement of the variability of returns based on historical performance and, in the case of the case of the Index, is calculated using weightings to give more significance to recent observations. In addition, a short-term measure and a long-term measure of volatility are used to cause the Index to deleverage quickly, but increase exposure more gradually on a relative basis. If the volatility level reaches a threshold which is above the target volatility, exposure to the S&P 500® Total Return Index is reduced. If the risk level is too low, the Index will employ a leverage factor greater than 100% to maintain the target volatility.

The following graph sets forth the hypothetical back-tested exposure to the Underlying Index as well as the observed volatility. For the purposes of this graph, volatility is calculated according to Standard & Poor's® official methodology used in the calculation of the S&P 500 Risk Control Index.

Hypothetical Index leverage and volatility (Dec 31, 2001 — Dec 30, 2011)



Source: Bloomberg and J.P. Morgan

Note: The historical volatility levels of the S&P 500® TR are presented for informational purposes only and have inherent limitations. No representation is made that in the future the S&P 500 TR will have volatility shown above. Alternative modeling techniques or assumptions might produce significantly different results and may prove to be more appropriate.

The hypothetical leverage factors obtained from such back-testing should not be considered indicative of the actual leverage that would be assigned during your investment in the Index. No representation is made that the actual performance of the Index would result in leverage factors consistent with the hypothetical leverage factors displayed in the preceding graph. Actual annualized volatilities and leverage factors will vary, perhaps materially, from this analysis. Please see *"Important Information"* at the front of this publication for a discussion of certain additional limitations of back-testing and simulated returns.

Risks associated with the S&P 500® Risk Control 10% Excess Return

THE INDEX HAS A LIMITED HISTORY AND MAY PERFORM IN UNEXPECTED WAYS — The Index began publishing on May 13, 2009 and, therefore, has a limited history. S&P has calculated the returns that hypothetically might have been generated had the Index existed in the past, but those calculations are subject to many limitations. Unlike historical performance, such hypothetical calculations do not reflect actual trading, liquidity constraints, fees and other costs. In addition, the models used to calculate these hypothetical returns are based on certain data, assumptions and estimates. Different models or models using different data, assumptions or estimates might result in materially different hypothetical performance.

THE INDEX MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL, MAY NOT OUTPERFORM THE UNDERLYING INDEX AND MAY NOT ACHIEVE ITS TARGET VOLATILITY — The Index employs a mathematical algorithm designed to control the level of risk of the Underlying Index by establishing a specific volatility target and dynamically adjusting the exposure to the Underlying Index based on its observed historical volatility. No assurance can be given that the volatility strategy will be successful or that the Index will outperform the Underlying Index or any alternative strategy that might be employed to reduce the level of risk of the Underlying Index. We also can give you no assurance that the Index will achieve its target volatility of 10%.

THE S&P 500® RISK CONTROL 10% EXCESS RETURN INDEX IS NOT THE TOTAL RETURN INDEX AND IS SUBJECT TO SHORT-TERM MONEY MARKET FUND BORROWING COSTS — As an "excess return" index, the S&P 500® Risk Control 10% Excess Return Index calculates the return on a leveraged or deleveraged investment in the Underlying Index where the investment was made through the use of borrowed funds. By contrast, the S&P 500® Risk Control 10% Total Return Index is a "total return" index which tracks returns of varying allocation between the Underlying Index and an accumulating cash position according to the target volatility. Investments linked to this "excess return" index, which represents an unfunded position in the Underlying Index, will be subject to short-term money market fund borrowing costs and will not include the "total return" feature or cash component of the "total return" index, which represents a funded position in the Underlying Index.

THE INDEX DYNAMICALLY ADJUSTS EXPOSURE TO THE UNDERLYING INDEX BASED ON HISTORIC VOLATILITY THAT CAN LEAD TO AN UNDEREXPOSURE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING INDEX — The Index represents a portfolio consisting of the Underlying Index and a borrowing cost component accruing interest based on U.S. overnight LIBOR. The Index dynamically adjusts its exposure to the Underlying Index based on the Underlying Index's historic volatility. The Index's exposure to the Underlying Index will decrease when historical volatility causes the risk level of the Underlying Index to reach a high threshold. If, at any time, the Index exhibits low exposure to the Underlying Index and the Underlying Index subsequently appreciates significantly, the Index will not participate fully in this appreciation.

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