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Strategy Guide

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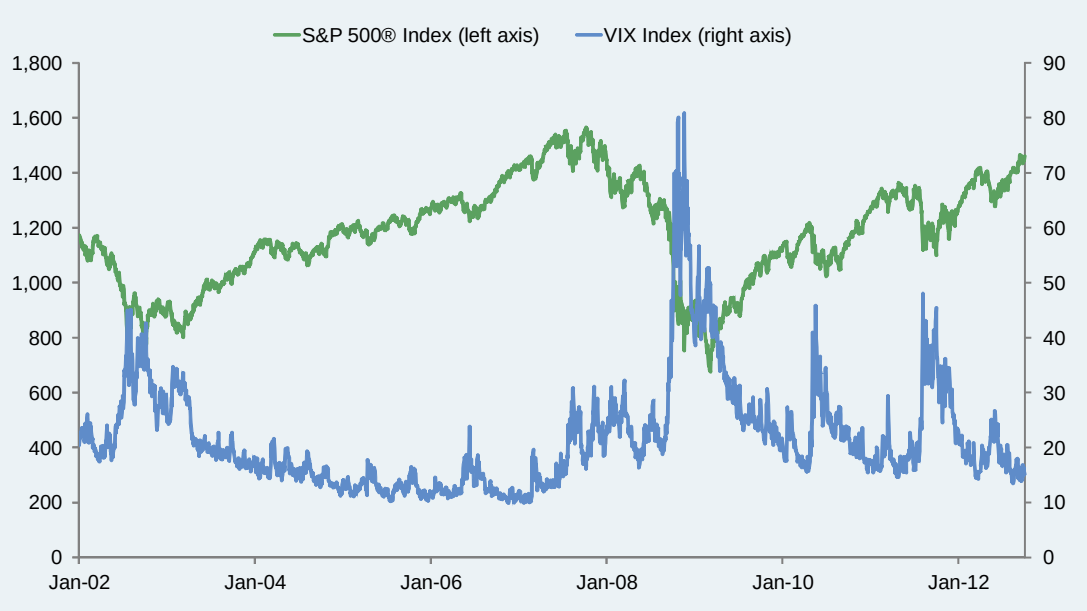
Background on Volatility

Volatility is a measure of the variability of the returns of a given financial asset. One common approach to estimating volatility is to measure the variability of the historical returns of the asset ("**historical volatility**"). In the context of investments, volatility is commonly thought of as a measure of risk because assets with a higher measure of historical volatility would have exhibited a higher variability of returns in the past. Another approach to estimating volatility is to infer the market's expectation of the volatility of an asset from the prices of listed option contracts that reference the asset ("**implied volatility**"). For example, the implied volatility of the S&P 500® Index can be inferred from the prices of listed options on the S&P 500® Index. The VIX Index, published by the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, Incorporated ("**CBOE**"), is viewed to be the benchmark for measuring the near term (30 days) implied volatility of the S&P 500® Index.

In general, volatility has tended to be **negatively correlated to the equity markets.** Specifically, for large-cap U.S. equities, the VIX Index has historically tended to increase sharply during periods of turbulence in the equity markets, while it has typically declined when the market recovers. In the first chart below, which shows the historical performance of the S&P 500® Index and the VIX Index, it can be observed that periods of declines (especially steep declines) in the S&P 500® are often accompanied by increases in the VIX index. The first chart on the following page shows the 30-day historical returns of the S&P 500® Index plotted on the horizontal axis against the 30-day historical returns of the VIX Index plotted on the vertical axis. As can be seen in this chart, negative returns for the S&P 500® Index have often been accompanied with positive returns in the VIX Index.

Historical performance of the S&P 500 Index and the VIX Index Jan 2002 – Sep 2012



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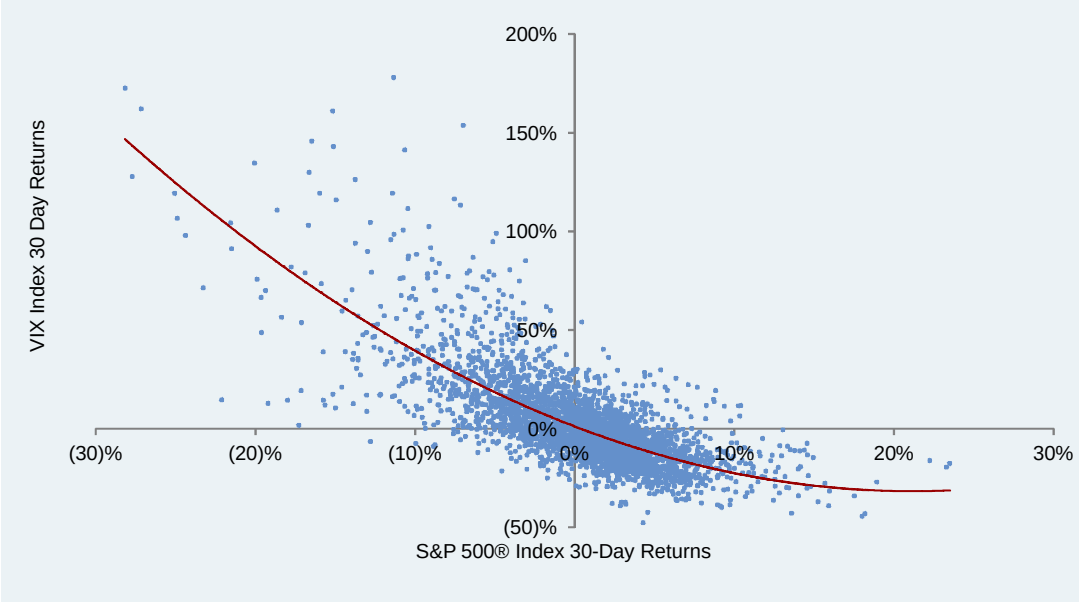
Historical 30-day returns of the S&P 500® Index versus 30-day returns of the VIX Index Jan 2002 – Sep 2012



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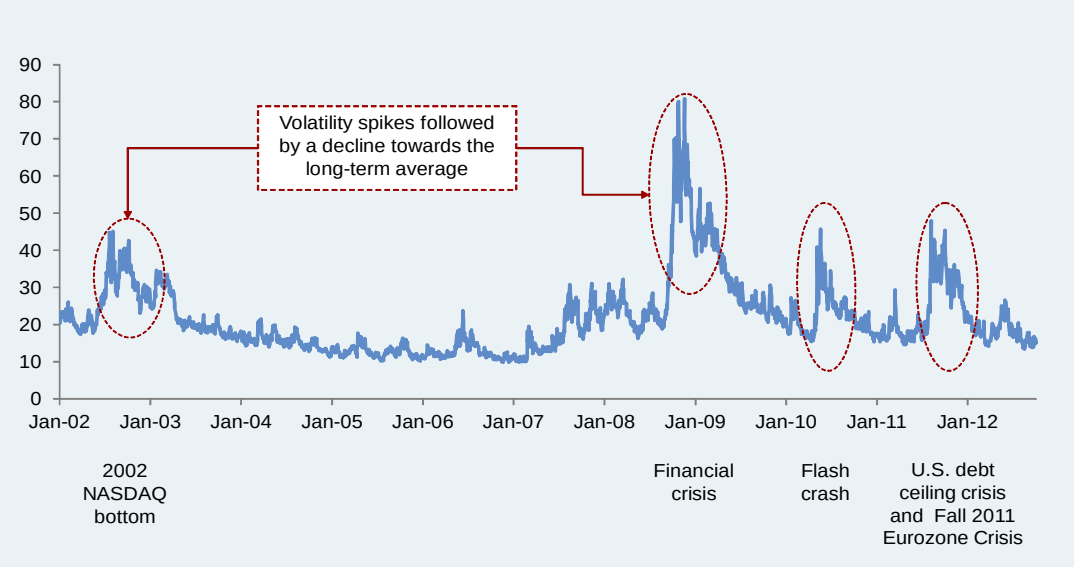
Unlike other financial assets, such as equities and bonds, that are generally expected to increase over the long term, there is no expectation that volatility will increase in the long term. Rather, volatility is generally expected, over the long term, to decline from any highs and recover from any lows. Such behavior is often described as **mean reverting** because the asset is expected to revert from highs or lows towards its long-term average. The mean reverting behavior of volatility can be observed in the historical performance of the VIX Index displayed in the chart below.

Increases in volatility have historically tended to occur suddenly, while declines in volatility have tended to be gradual. As a result, a distribution of the historical returns of the VIX Index shows that large positive returns have occurred more frequently than large negative returns over a relatively short period of time, a feature that is often described as "**positively skewed"** or having a "**right fat tail**." The possibility of a large increase in volatility when markets are stressed may make volatility products of interest to investors as possible hedging tools.

Historical performance of the VIX Index Jan 2002 – Sep 2012



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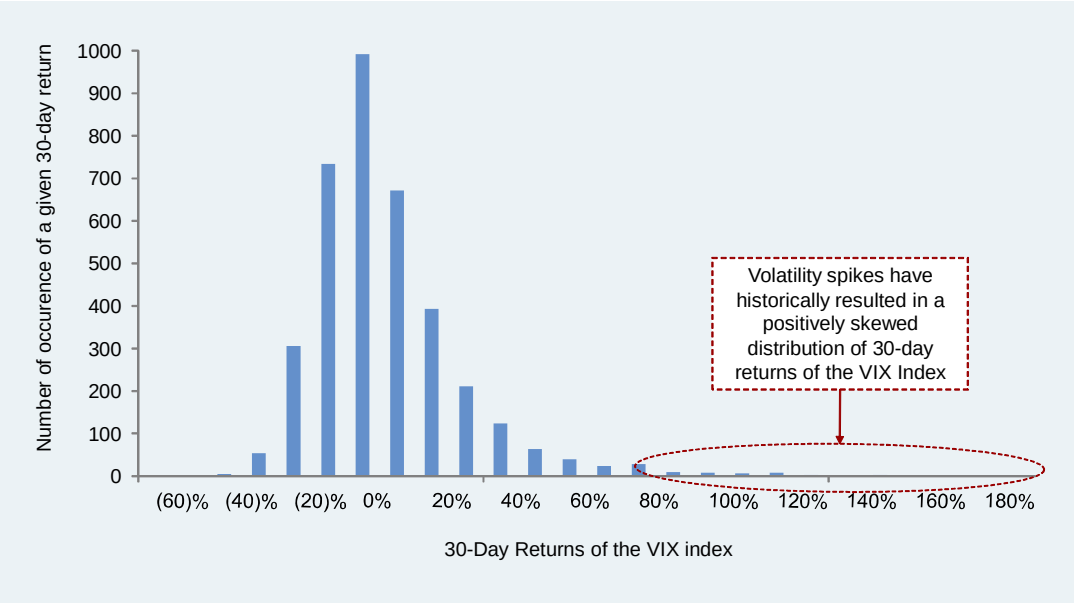
Historical 30-day returns of the VIX Index Jan 2002 – Sep 2012



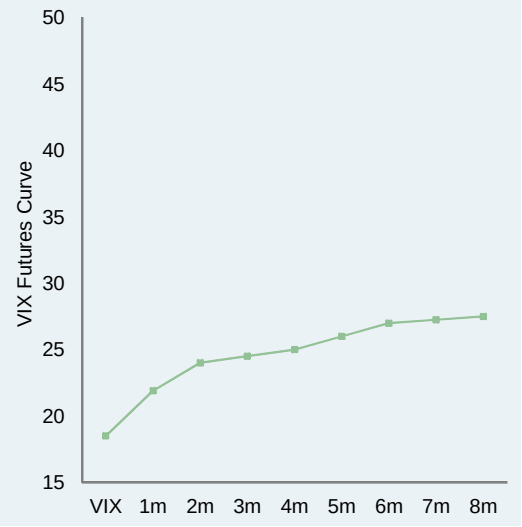
Source: J.P. Morgan; Bloomberg. As of 9/28/2012. The chart shows the frequency with which the VIX Index attained a particular given 30-day return level over the historical period from Jan 2012 to Sep 2012. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS. The VIX Index is not an investable Index. **The J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index is not linked to the VIX Index**. The information in the above chart is provided solely for illustration.

Investing in Volatility

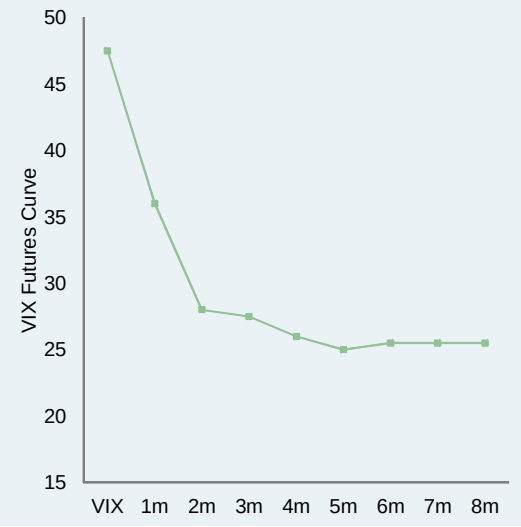
The VIX Index, which is viewed as the benchmark for measuring the volatility of the S&P 500® Index, is not an investable index. Futures contracts on the VIX Index were introduced by the CBOE in 2004 to provide investable access to volatility. Because futures contracts have specific expiration dates, in order for an investor to maintain exposure, the investor needs to sell a futures contracts as it gets close to expiration and purchase another contract with a later expiration date. This process is known as "rolling" the futures position.

In general, futures curves typically exhibit one of two distinct "shapes." The term "contango" is used to describe the shape of a futures curve when the price of a futures contract with a later expiration is higher than that of a futures contract with an earlier expiration; the term "backwardation" is used to describe the shape of a futures curve when the price of a futures contract with a later expiration is lower than the price of a futures contract with an earlier expiration. The charts below show snapshots of the VIX futures curve on January 23, 2012 and August 8, 2011. January 23, 2012 occurred during a period of increasing equity market performance and the VIX futures curve is shown to be in contango on that day. August 8, 2011 occurred during a stressed period in the equity markets and the VIX futures curve is shown to be in backwardation on that day.

Snapshots of the VIX Futures Curve in Contango and in Backwardation



VIX Futures Curve on Jan 23, 2012
Contango



VIX Futures Curve on Aug 8, 2011
Backwardation

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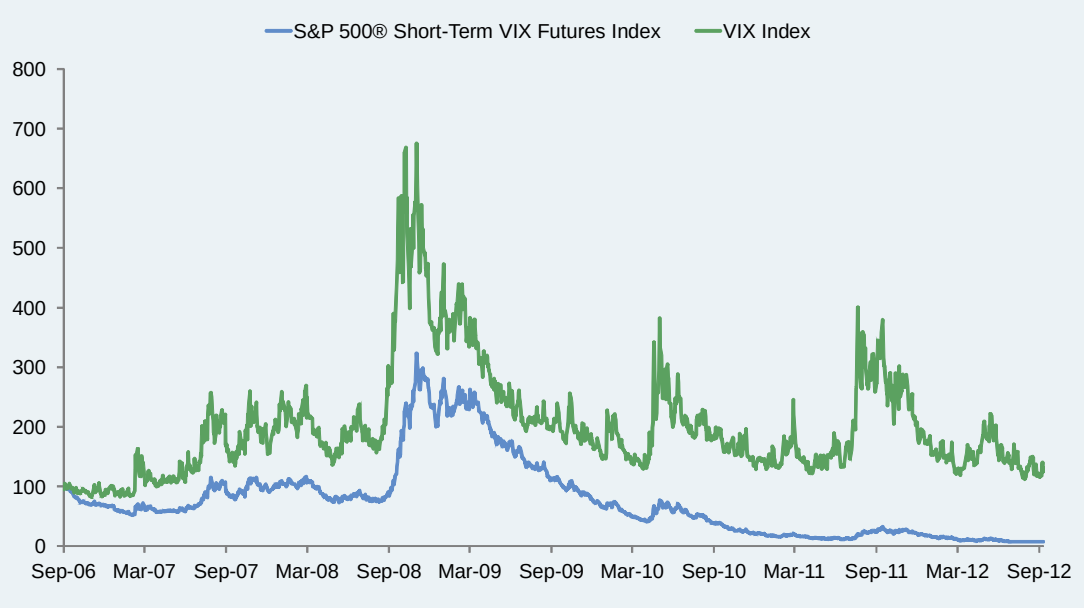
The VIX futures curve is typically in contango, reflecting a "normal" market scenario. When a futures curve is in contango, all else being equal, an investor seeking to maintain a long position pays a higher price to buy a later expiration futures contract than the price at which the investor is able to sell the contract as it nears expiration, thus suffering negative returns ("negative roll yield"). For this reason, a systematic long position in VIX futures can suffer periods of large negative returns associated with negative roll yield. The chart below shows the hypothetical back-tested performance (for periods before January 22, 2009) and actual historical performance (for periods on and after January 22, 2009) of the S&P 500® Short-Term VIX Futures Index. This index simulates a systematic long position in VIX futures at the 1-month

point on the VIX futures curve and is a popular underlying for several exchange-traded notes and exchange-traded funds on the market. As can be observed in the chart below, although the index generally increases when VIX increases, during periods **between** any such increases, the S&P 500® Short-Term VIX Futures Index declines, sometimes significantly. The periods of decline in the S&P 500® Short-Term VIX Futures Index reflect both the reversion of volatility to its long-term average and the negative roll yield of the VIX futures curve in normal markets.

Hypothetical, historical performance of the S&P 500 Short Term VIX Futures Index
Sep 06 – Sep 2012



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Note: The S&P 500 Short-Term VIX Futures Index was launched on January 22, 2009, and therefore any data for that index prior to that date is back-tested and does not represent actual historical data. Alternative modeling techniques or assumptions may produce different hypothetical historical information that might prove to be more appropriate and that might differ significantly from the hypothetical historical information of the index. In addition, back-tested, hypothetical historical results have inherent limitations, in that back-tested results may be achieved by means of a retroactive application of a back-tested model designed with the benefit of hindsight.

The J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index

The J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index aims to provide exposure to volatility via VIX futures contracts by combining a long position in VIX futures at the 2-month point on the VIX futures curve with an opportunistic short position in VIX futures at the 1-month point on the VIX futures curve. The short position is progressively activated if the level of the VIX Index on any Index Business Day is less than the weighted average of the first and second month VIX futures contracts (as would typically be the case when the VIX futures curve is in contango) for the 3 immediately preceding Index Business Days. If the level of the VIX Index on any Index Business Day is greater than the weighted average of the first and second month VIX futures contracts for the 3 immediately preceding Index Business Days, the short position is progressively de-activated. The short position is activated/de-activated in 20% increments.

The opportunistic short position aims to offset and potentially profit from the negative roll yield associated with the VIX futures curve when the curve is in contango.

The reported level of the Index incorporates the daily deduction of (a) an index fee of 0.75% per annum and (b) a "daily rebalancing adjustment amount" that is determined by applying a rebalancing adjustment factor of between 0.20% and 0.50% per day, both to the aggregate notional amount of each of the VIX futures contracts hypothetically traded that day and the amount of the change, if any, in the level of the exposure to the synthetic short position.

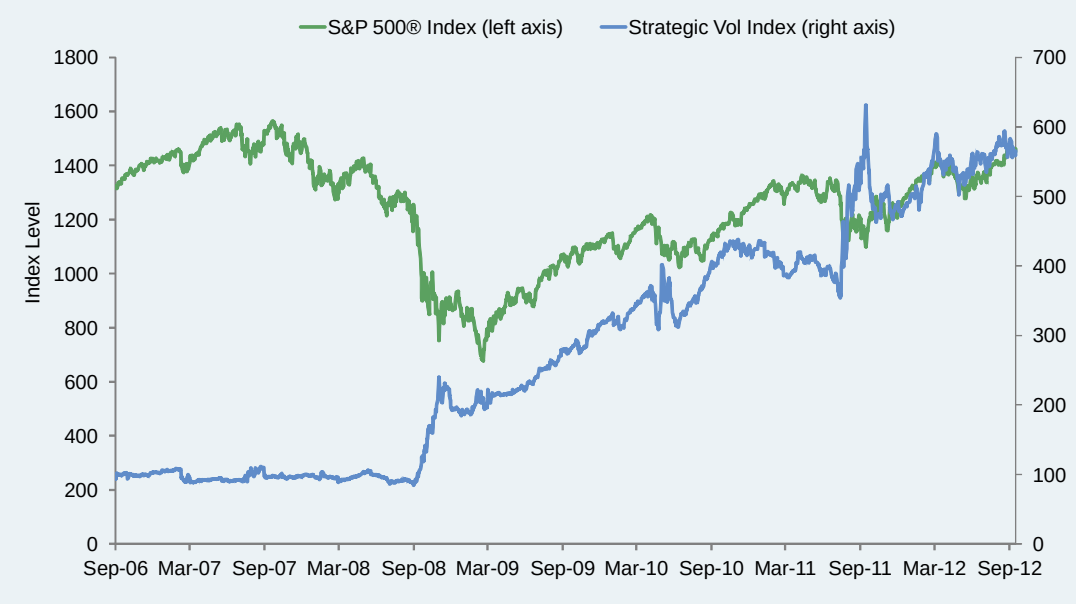
The daily rebalancing adjustment amount is intended to approximate the "slippage costs" that would be experienced by a professional investor seeking to replicate the hypothetical portfolio contemplated by the Index at prices that approximate the official settlement prices (which are not generally tradable) of the relevant VIX futures contracts.

Key features of the Index include:

- Systematic long position in VIX futures at the 2-month point on the VIX futures curve
- An opportunistic short position in VIX futures at the 1-month point on the VIX futures curve is activated during certain market scenarios, which aims to offset and potentially profit from the negative roll yield associated with the VIX futures curve in those market conditions

The chart immediately below shows the hypothetical back-tested performance (for periods prior to July 30, 2010) and actual historical performance (for periods on and after July 30, 2010) of the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index and the historical performance of the S&P 500® Index while the second chart below shows the hypothetical, historical and actual historical activation/de-activation of the opportunistic short position in the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index.

Hypothetical, historical performance of the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index and the S&P 500® Index (Jan 2002 – Sep 2012)



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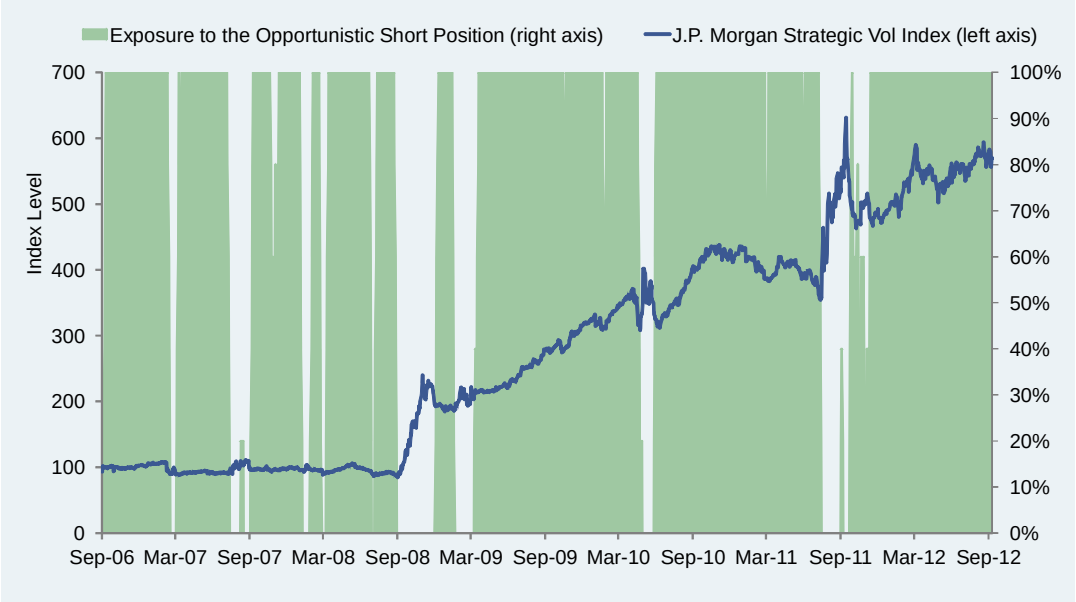
Hypothetical, back-tested and historical illustration of the exposure of the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index to the opportunistic short position (Sep 2006 – Sep 2012)



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The table below shows the monthly and full year hypothetical back-tested returns and actual historical of the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index and the historical returns of the S&P 500® Index.

Hypothetical, back-tested and historical illustration of monthly and full-year returns of the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index and the S&P 500® Index (Sep 2006 – Sep 2012)

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Full Year
Strat Vol										(1.17%)	0.94%	2.49%	
S&P 500										3.15%	1.65%	1.26%	
2007	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	2.49%	(7.47%)	(8.54%)	3.30%	2.68%	(4.13%)	3.77%	11.89%	(8.04%)	5.16%	(6.17%)	5.15%	**(2.28%)**
S&P 500	1.41%	(2.18%)	1.00%	4.33%	3.25%	(1.78%)	(3.20%)	1.29%	3.58%	1.48%	(4.40%)	(0.86%)	**3.53%**
2008	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	(5.42%)	1.43%	(3.48%)	3.67%	10.41%	(8.25%)	(9.72%)	5.42%	4.32%	75.78%	19.55%	(3.63%)	**95.49%**
S&P 500	(6.12%)	(3.48%)	(0.60%)	4.75%	1.07%	(8.60%)	(0.99%)	1.22%	(9.08%)	(16.94%)	(7.48%)	0.78%	**(38.49%)**
2009	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	(3.47%)	10.25%	4.32%	(0.97%)	3.13%	4.59%	7.66%	4.09%	7.14%	(1.49%)	9.04%	6.20%	**62.43%**
S&P 500	(8.57%)	(10.99%)	8.54%	9.39%	5.31%	0.02%	7.41%	3.36%	3.57%	(1.98%)	5.74%	1.78%	**23.45%**
2010	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	(0.17%)	4.40%	6.10%	(0.46%)	0.98%	(11.52%)	10.16%	8.03%	7.50%	5.97%	(2.19%)	1.63%	**32.55%**
S&P 500	(3.70%)	2.85%	5.88%	1.48%	(8.20%)	(5.39%)	6.88%	(4.74%)	8.76%	3.69%	(0.23%)	6.53%	**12.78%**
2011	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	(1.73%)	(0.53%)	(6.12%)	6.30%	1.08%	(4.08%)	(10.24%)	34.04%	23.44%	(20.11%)	2.67%	(2.84%)	**11.94%**
S&P 500	2.26%	3.20%	(0.10%)	2.85%	(1.35%)	(1.83%)	(2.15%)	(5.68%)	(7.18%)	10.77%	(0.51%)	0.85%	**0.00%**
2012	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Full Year**
Strat Vol	5.42%	6.32%	5.54%	(1.24%)	(5.87%)	7.33%	-2.40%	5.75%	-0.91%				**20.70%**
S&P 500	4.36%	4.06%	3.29%	(0.63%)	(6.27%)	3.96%	1.26%	1.98%	2.42%				**14.56%**

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Risks associated with the J.P. Morgan Strategic Volatility Index

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There are risks associated with the synthetic short position

Due to the time lag inherent in the index, the exposure to the synthetic short position may not be adjusted quickly enough to offset loss or generate profit. Because exposure to the synthetic short position is progressively adjusted only if the applicable conditions are satisfied for three consecutive Index Business Days, the exposure to the synthetic short position may not be adjusted during non-trending market conditions. In addition, when the synthetic short position is activated, your return on any securities linked to the Index is dependent on the net performance, not the absolute performance, of long and short positions. Furthermore, there in unlimited loss exposure to the synthetic short position, when activated.

The index may not be successful, may not outperform any alternative strategy

The Index holds a synthetic long position in VIX futures contracts and employs a mathematical algorithm designed to activate and deactivate a synthetic short position in VIX futures when certain conditions are met. No assurance can be given that the strategy will be successful or that the Index will outperform any alternative strategy.

The index has a limited history

The Index began publishing on July 30, 2010 and, therefore, has a limited historical performance. Past performance should not be considered indicative of future performance.

Hypothetical back-tested data relating to the index do not represent actual historical data and are subject to inherent limitations

The hypothetical back-tested performance of the Index is calculated on materially the same basis as the performance of the Index is now calculated, but does not represent the actual historical performance of the Index and has not been verified by an independent third party. Alternative modeling techniques or assumptions may produce different hypothetical historical information that might prove to be more appropriate and that might differ significantly from the hypothetical historical information of the Index. In addition, back-tested, hypothetical historical

results have inherent limitations. These back-tested results are achieved by means of a retroactive application of a back-tested model designed with the benefit of hindsight.

Other key risks

- Changing prices of the VIX futures contracts included in the Index may reduce the level of the Index
- The level of the Index may not increase even when the synthetic long position or the synthetic short position, when activated, generates a positive return
- The Index is an excess return index and not a total return index
- Daily rebalancing of the Index may affect trading in the relevant VIX futures contracts
- An increase in the margin requirements for VIX futures contracts in the Index may affect the market for those VIX futures contracts.
- VIX futures contracts have limited historical information

The risks identified above are not exhaustive. You should also review carefully the related "Risk Factors" section in the relevant product supplement and the "Selected Risk Considerations" in the relevant term sheet or pricing supplement.