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#### What are Structured Investments?

A large and growing market	Issued in the form of Certificates of Deposit and registered notes	Enhancements to a traditional asset allocation
Over USD54 billion issuance in the U.S. in 2010, with 2011 issuance on track to be even higher. <small>Source: Structured Retail Products, 2011</small>	Forego the interest payment on a traditional bond in exchange for a market linked return	Use them as a complement or alternative to traditional stock and bond holdings

#### Why use Structured Investments?

Structured Investments allow you to access the potential of the markets in a way that suits you.

Yield enhancement	Risk management	Potential outperformance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential to earn above-market interest payment in a low interest environment, as compared to traditional fixed income investments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore new asset classes with varying levels of minimum repayment, subject to issuer credit risk</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Used to express bullish, bearish, or range-bound views</li><li>• Tactical</li></ul>

Examples		
<p>A depositor, frustrated with the low yields on traditional CDs, seeks the potential to earn a higher return while getting the FDIC protection offered by a CD. He purchases a Market-Linked CD tied to a broad US equity index that provides a small minimum interest payment each year as well as the potential for a larger payment at maturity based on the performance of an underlying index.</p> <p>Like a traditional CD, it will repay the original amount invested at maturity, subject to issuer credit risk, and eligible for FDIC insurance up to statutory limits.</p>	<p>A retiree who is generally bullish on international equity markets but concerned about potential loss of principal purchases a Note linked to a basket of global equity indices.</p> <p>At maturity, the Note provides for repayment of principal, subject to issuer credit risk, as well as degree of upside participation in the underlying basket of indices.</p>	<p>An investor is interested in participating in the potential growth of emerging economies but also concerned about entering into new and unfamiliar markets without any downside protection.</p> <p>He purchases a Buffered Accelerated Market Participation Security linked to a broad emerging markets equity index that provides for a degree of downside protection and also leveraged upside participation, subject to a maximum return cap and the credit risk of the issuer.</p>

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### A World of Solutions for Today's Markets

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### New Tools for a New World

In today's dynamic and ever-changing financial markets, investors face a growing number of challenges in achieving their investment objectives.

How do you successfully:

Manage risk

Generate yield

Gain access to new markets

Diversify your portfolio

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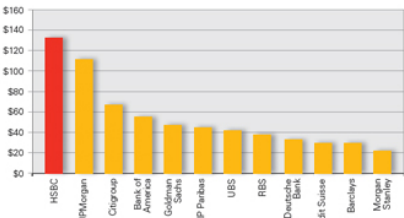
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### When choosing an issuer, size and strength matter

With assets totalling USD2.691 trillion as of June 30, 2011, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations and its truly international network of approximately 7,500 offices spans 87 countries and territories across the globe.

Market Capitalization in USD billions



Source: Bloomberg, as of 10/3/2011

HSBC's global presence



### HSBC in the US

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Source: Bloomberg, as of 10/3/2011

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With an emphasis on superb client service, HSBC's Structured Investment platform is built on a multi-asset class offering (equities, fx, rates, and precious metals), and a focus on leveraging HSBC's strong and unique global reach into domestic, international, and emergin markets.

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- Best Structured Products Brand
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Source: 2010/2009 Retail Structured Products Third-Party Distribution Study – U.S.

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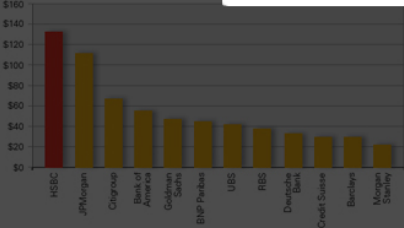
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