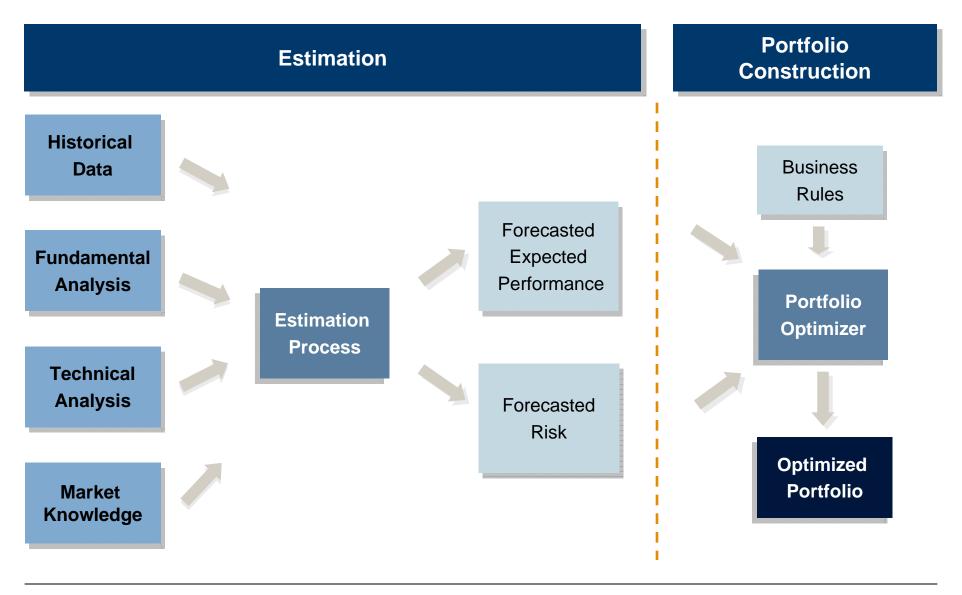


# The POINT® Portfolio Optimizer Index, Portfolio, and Risk Solutions

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# Roadmap to Portfolio Construction





# POINT Portfolio Optimizer

#### The optimizer takes a unified approach to

#### Portfolio Construction

- Index replication: construct a model portfolio with few (cash/derivatives) securities tracking a benchmark.
- Total return: construct a portfolio to maximize risk-adjusted returns (overlay alpha strategies, equity long-short optimization (130/30 strategies))
- Semi-active: construct a factor-mimicking portfolio with exposure to certain factors (factor/tilt portfolios, duration/sector overweight portfolios)

#### Portfolio Re-balancing

- Recommend a few trades with low turnover to re-align the risk profile of a portfolio with a benchmark as new market information comes in.
- Optimally and partially liquidate a portfolio to withdraw cash or support cash injections
- General rebalancing based on budget, turnover, leverage, risk and return preferences.

#### Portfolio Hedging

- (Linear and non-linear) Hedging specific components of portfolio risk using derivatives, for example.
  - Currency/curve risk using FX/IR swaps, futures, and forwards
  - Equity/credit risk using equity and credit derivatives
  - Volatility risk using volatility products (e.g., IR caps, floors, etc.)



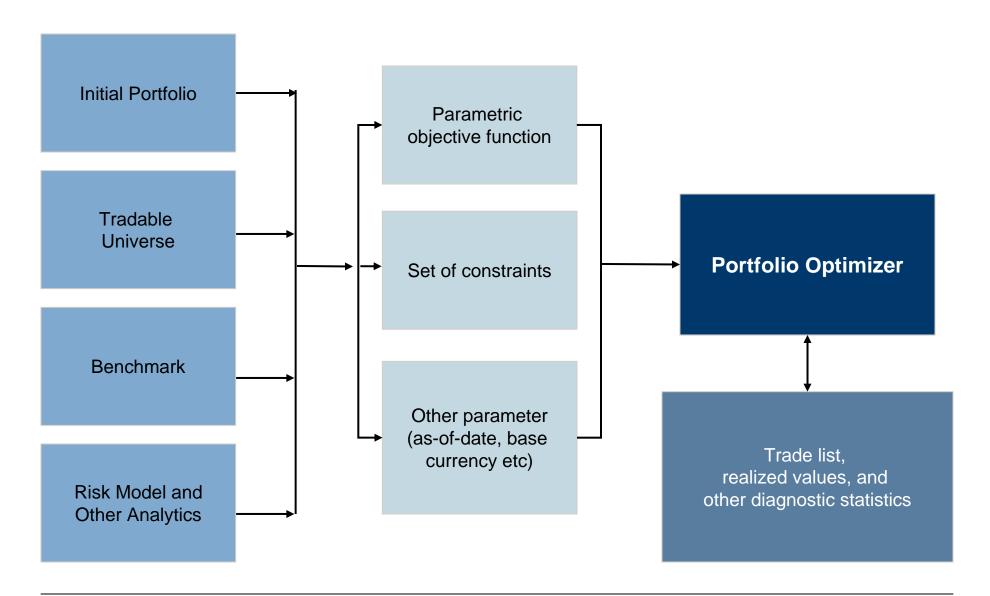
# Incorporating Different PM Preferences

Sample portfolio characteristics that the optimizer allows users to control (i.e., use in the objective function and set constraints on) in the process.

Turnover	Liquidity	
		Maximize
Leverage	Expected Returns	
Transaction Costs	Absolute Risk	
		Minimize
Sector Exposures	Issuer Concentration	
Number of Trades	Tracking Error	
		Constrain
Number of Names	No Shorting	
Smallest Holding	Sector (Over) Weights	



# Point's Optimization Schematic





### The Optimization Models

#### Maximize objective function

#### Subject to

- Budget constraints
- Turnover constraints
- Upper bound on number of securities in the final portfolio
- Upper bound on number of trades recommended by the optimizer
- Lower bound on the size of trades suggested by the optimizer
- Generic linear constraints on the final portfolio analytic computed at
  - Generic security buckets defined using security partitions and
  - With respect to a user specified benchmark
- Upper bond on the total, systematic, or idiosyncratic portfolio risk with respect to cash or a specified benchmark

Where the **objective function** is specified as the weighted sum of the following terms with user specified weights.

- The systematic, idiosyncratic, or total tracking error variance of the portfolio with respect to a userspecified benchmark
- The user-provided security **expected return/performance** estimates
- A large number of POINT-supported quantitative analytics across all asset classes
- Transaction costs



# The POINT Portfolio Optimizer

- Fast, scalable, and real-time performance support of large tradable universes (up to 10,000 issues) and benchmarks with a predictable and practical turnaround time in minutes
- Seamlessly integrate with POINT's Global Risk Model (GRM), and other quantitative analytics base on state-of-the-art pricing engines.
- Covers the entire universe of securities supported in POINT and the Global Risk Model, including multicurrency cash bonds and equities, as well as derivatives.
- In particular, allows
  - Multi-currency optimization
  - Historical optimization (back-testing)
  - Mixed fixed income equities optimization
  - Long-short optimization
  - The construction of overlay strategies
  - Transaction cost optimization
  - Optimization using portfolio instruments/custom funds



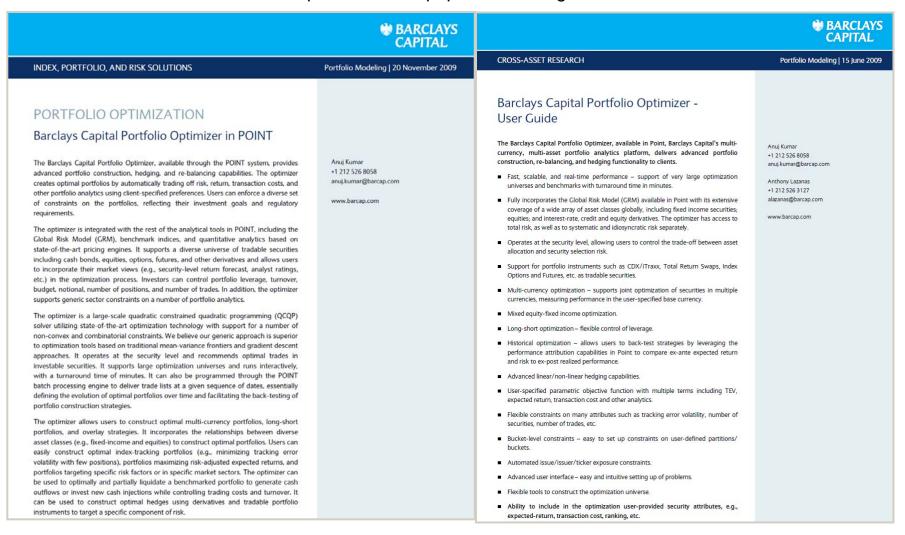
# The POINT Portfolio Optimizer

- Operates at the security level, returning a set of "trades" taking into account both systematic and idiosyncratic risk
  - ▶ Not a simple 10-by-10 strategic asset allocation tool
- Allows most security attributes available in POINT to be used in objectives and / or constraints
- Ability to control leverage, turnover, budget, and notional of the portfolio.
- Fully customizable parametric objective function
  - ▶ Terms include **TEV**, **Sharpe/Information ratio**, generic **penalty** functions, **analytics**, etc.
- Generic constraints on large universe of portfolio analytics measured on
  - ▶ Generic security buckets defined using generic Point partitions
  - Portfolio, or portfolio net of benchmark, or trading portfolio
- Supports issue/issuer/ticker exposure constraints
- Supports soft constraints
- Supports non-convex and combinatorial constraints
  - upper bound on the number of securities in final portfolio,
  - upper bound on the number of trades recommended,
  - lower bound on minimum trade size

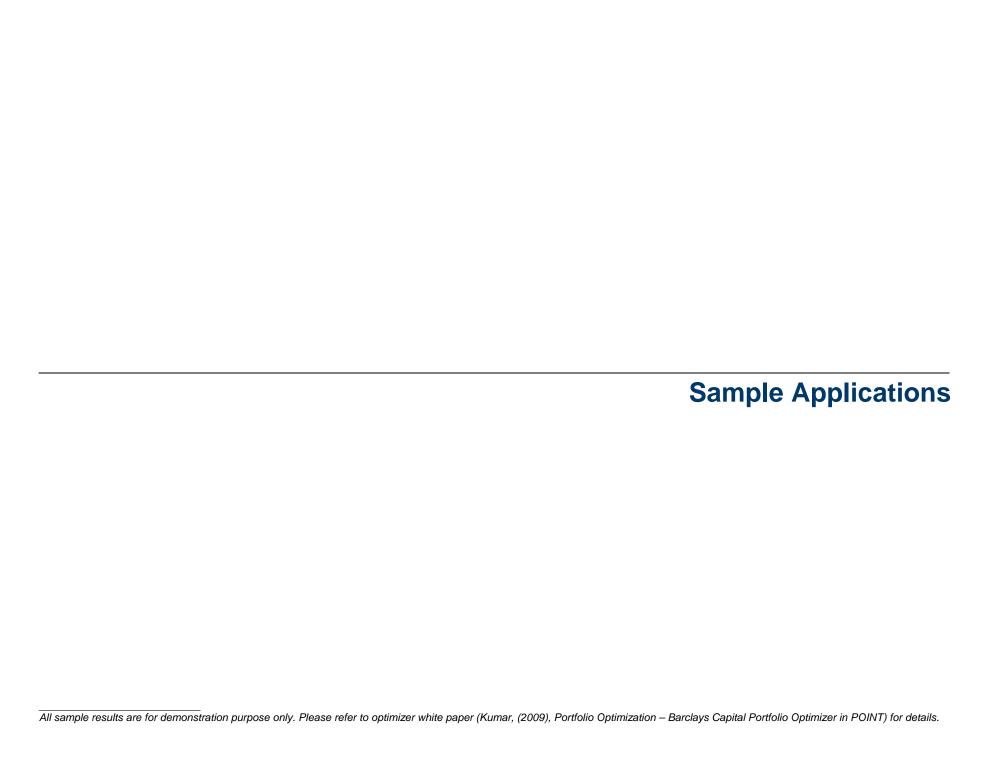


### Portfolio Optimization Publications

Screenshot shows the Portfolio optimizer white paper and user guide

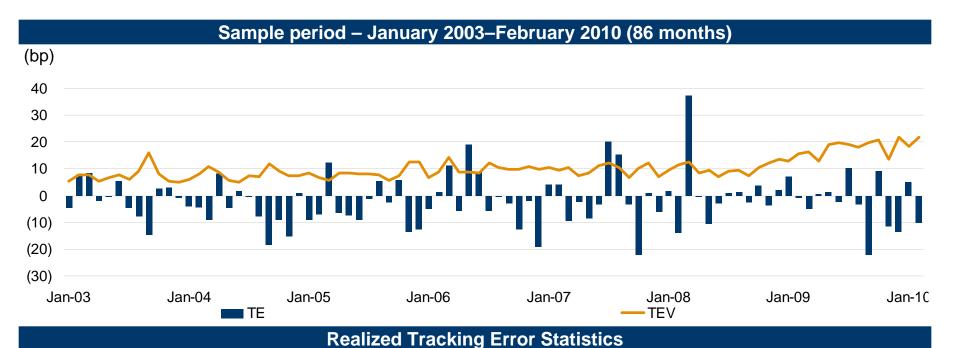






# Index Replication I – Global Treasury Index Using a 20-bond Minimum TEV Portfolio

Sample Applications



#### Standardized TE **Volatility Forecast Active Return** Median 9.3 Stdev 9.4 0.9 Max 21.7 37.3 2.97 Min 4.9 (22.0)(2.14)

Source: Barclays Capital POINT.



# Index Replication I – Sample Optimal Portfolio

**Sample Applications** 

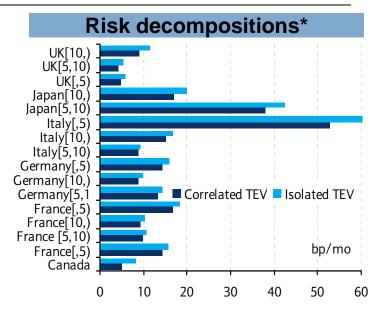
Identifier	Description	Coupon	Currency	Maturity Date	Face Value (1,000's)	Market Weights
912828NC	US TREASURY NOTES	1.38	USD	5/15/2013	9,654	9.70%
JP11030519C2	JAPAN (GOVT OF) 10Y #305	1.30	JPY	12/20/2019	676,151	7.52%
FR0000189151	FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF)	4.25	EUR	4/25/2019	5,399	7.44%
GB00B1VWPC84	UNITED KINGDOM	5.00	GBP	3/7/2018	4,408	7.28%
ES00000120L4	SPAIN (KINGDOM OF)	3.90	EUR	10/31/2012	5,177	6.68%
JP10508719C3	JAPAN (GOVT OF) 5YR #87	0.50	JPY	12/20/2014	503,844	5.57%
JP1050881A37	JAPAN (GOVT OF) 5YR #88	0.50	JPY	3/20/2015	505,026	5.57%
JP1050841970	JAPAN (GOVT OF) 5YR #84	0.70	JPY	6/20/2014	493,605	5.52%
912828MP	US TREASURY NOTES	3.63	USD	2/15/2020	5,287	5.48%
JP1050851995	JAPAN (GOVT OF) 5YR #85	0.70	JPY	9/20/2014	489,533	5.46%
IT0001174611	ITALY (REPUBLIC OF)	6.50	EUR	11/1/2027	3,589	5.30%
912828MX	US TREASURY NOTES	1.75	USD	4/15/2013	4,710	4.79%
NL0009086115	NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF)	4.00	EUR	7/15/2019	3,108	4.34%
912810FM	US TREASURY BONDS	6.25	USD	5/15/2030	2,735	3.57%
KR1035017VC6	KOREA (REPUBLIC OF)	4.75	KRW	12/10/2011	4,072,407	3.54%
BE0000303124	BELGIUM (KINGDOM OF)	4.25	EUR	9/28/2014	2,219	3.08%
ES0000011660	SPAIN (KINGDOM OF)	6.15	EUR	1/31/2013	2,174	2.95%
912828MT	US TREASURY NOTES	1.38	USD	3/15/2013	2,087	2.10%
912828JU	US TREASURY NOTES	1.75	USD	11/15/2011	2,035	2.07%
FR0000187361	FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF)	5.00	EUR	10/25/2016	1,388	2.04%

Benchmarked to USD and as of may-end, 2010.



# Index Replication II – Global Treasury G7 Ex-USD Index Using Stratified Sampling

- Only trade bonds with OASs between -10 and 10bp in Japan, Germany, UK, and Canada (to avoid specialness due to deep discount or premium)
- Match market weights and OAD exposure in the following cells
  - Three maturity buckets (0 to 5y, 5 to 10y, and 10y and above) in Germany, France, Italy, UK, and Japan (15 cells)
  - Canada (1 cell)
- Minimize turnover and reinvest the cash generated by the portfolio



#### **Realized Tracking Error Statistics**



Average	0.0
Median	0.1
Std Dev	2.8
Max	7.8
Min	(7.1)
Avg. Turnover	9%

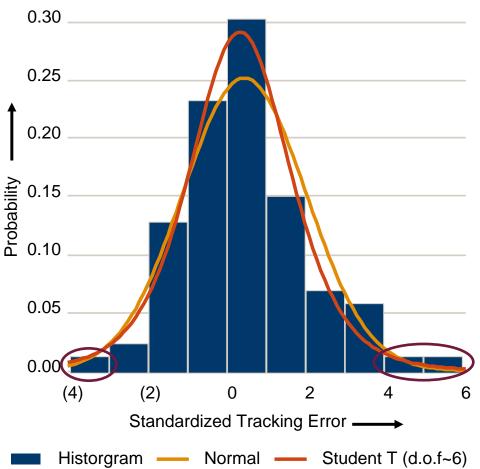
Source: Barclays Capital POINT. (\*) Based on the global risk model (GRM) as-of January 2005.



# Index Replication III – Replicating the US Credit Index

Sample Applications

- Minimum TEV portfolios to replicate US Credit Index
- Limit number of positions to 75
- Jan 2003–Feb 2010 (86 months)



	Tracking Error	Standardized Tracking Error
Std Dev	24bps	1.58
Max	1.19%	5.36
Min	0.41%	(3.02)

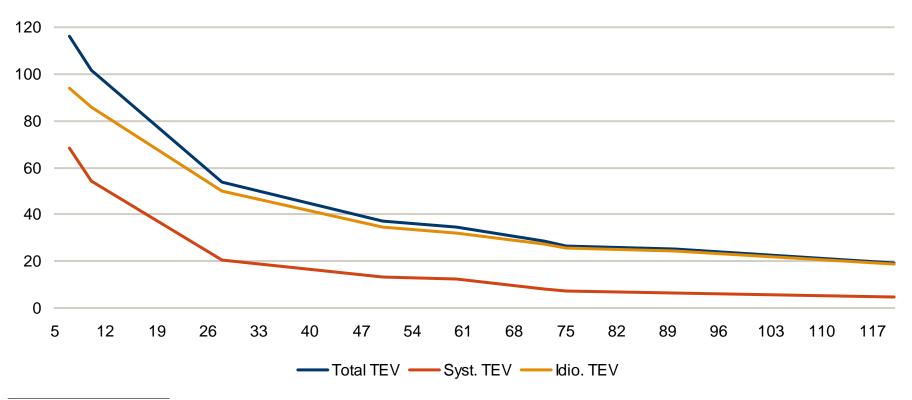
- Tradeoff between number of positions and default/tail risk
- Tail risk: six sigma events on the positive side and four sigma events on the negative side
- MLE student-t fitting results in six degrees of freedom
- Outperformance in the credit crisis due to positive liquidity bias

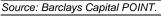
Source: Barclays Capital POINT.



# Index Replication IV – Number of Bonds vs. Tracking Error Volatility

- What is the trade-off between number of positions in the portfolio and the expected tracking error volatility for US credit replication?
- As we increase the number of bonds, systematic risk decreases first, followed by idiosyncratic risk
- Choose an optimal number of bonds to achieve an acceptable level of TEV and trading/management costs (e.g., to minimize TEV plus the trading costs as a function of number of bonds)







# Portfolio Rebalancing – Alternative Rebalancing Strategies for a US Credit Portfolio

- Rebalance a US credit portfolio using ten self-financing trades
- Preferences over tracking error volatility, transaction costs, sector weights, and yield-to-worst
- Four different formulations
  - RB1: minimize TEV
  - ▶ RB2: minimize TEV and constrain active sector\* weights (+/-4%)
  - ▶ RB3: minimize TEV, transaction costs and constrain sector weights
  - ▶ RB4: minimize TEV, maximize yield to worst and constrain sector weights

Portfolio analytics: before and after using 4 different formulations								
	Initial Value	RB-1	RB-2	RB-3	RB-4			
Total TEV (bp/mo)	40.9	30.5	31.8	33.6	35.2			
Systematic TEV	23.9	8.7	12.3	19.1	13.9			
Idiosyncratic TEV	33.2	29.3	29.3	27.6	32.3			
Yield to Worst (%/yr)	6.29	6.00	5.95	5.70	6.54			
Transaction Cost - (\$)	N.A.	1362	1217	913	1764			

<sup>\*</sup>w.r.t. class 2 classification with 10 buckets



# Portfolio Hedging – Evaluating Alternative Curve Hedging Schemes

- Multiple formulations for hedging curve risk of a credit portfolio
  - Eliminate KRD exposures (linear hedging)
  - Minimize isolated curve risk based on a risk model (non-linear hedging)
- Use the four front treasury futures as the hedge instruments
- Two different hedging methods
  - V1: Minimizes isolated curve risk based on the risk model
  - V2: Match 5y and 10y KRDs and the 6m+2y and 20y+30y KRDs (four constraints)

Hedging – Curve Risk Before and After*  Initial Value V1: RM Hedge V2: Partial Linear Hedge  Curve Risk (bp/mo) 210.2 9.0 12.1			
	Initial Value	V1: RM Hedge	V2: Partial Linear Hedge
Curve Risk (bp/mo)	210.2	9.0	12.1
Notional of Hedges (000s)**		187,290	81,352

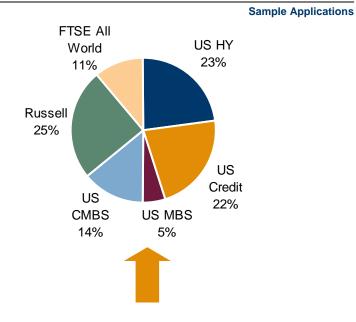
<sup>\*</sup> As of March-end 2009. See optimizer white paper for more details.



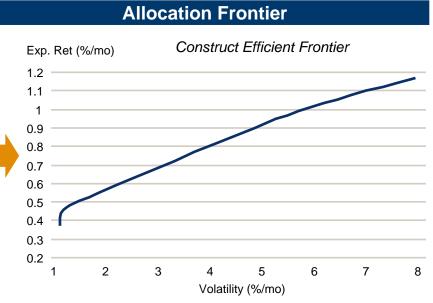
<sup>\*\*</sup> USD100mn credit portfolio

# Strategic Asset Allocation – Using Indices as Asset Classes

- Use (Barclays or third party) indices to define the asset classes
- Use custom funds linked to the returns of indices to represent the asset classes in the optimizer
- Optimizer automatically implies the asset class covariance matrix based on index constituents and Global Risk Model
- Import expected returns for each asset class



	Exp. Ret.	Vol (%/mo										
Index	(%/yr)	to USD)				Cor	relat	ions	(%)			
Euro Credit	5.00	4.54	100	41	55	25	95	62	32	28	45	63
US HY	9.00	4.92	41	100	52	22	23	64	26	-18	46	47
US Credit	6.00	2.89	55	52	100	45	53	69	8	58	25	32
US MBS	4.19	0.74	25	22	45	100	28	42	12	53	10	11
Euro Treasury	2.90	4.31	95	23	53	28	100	53	27	44	36	54
US EM	7.72	5.05	62	64	69	42	53	100	19	29	43	47
US CMBS	8.83	6.26	32	26	8	12	27	19	100	-11	37	41
US Governmen	t 2.35	1.55	28	-18	58	53	44	29	-11	100	-10	-3
Russell 3000	14.00	8.00	45	46	25	10	36	43	37	-10	100	86
FTSE All World	13.00	7.37	63	47	32	11	54	47	41	-3	86	100

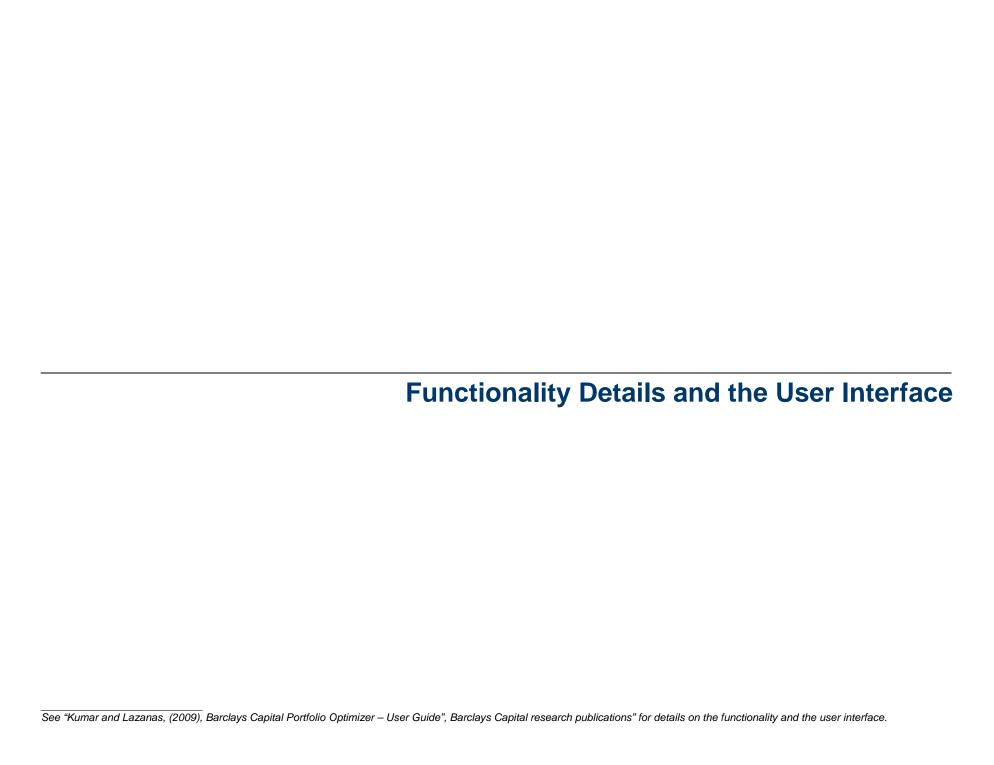




# Other Sample Applications

- Rebalancing SMAs (separately managed accounts)
  - Minimize TEV (or match analytics) relative to the model portfolio for the investment strategy to reduce dispersion in performance for portfolios belonging to the same composite
- Equitizing cash
  - Minimizing TEV relative to the benchmark index using positions in liquid index futures
- Derivatives-based index replication
  - Use derivative to match key risk factors to replicate beta exposure
- Optimizing transition portfolios
  - Liquidate a portfolio by optimally allocating its positions to existing portfolios
- Constructing overlay strategies
  - Optimize exposure to custom trade ideas subject total risk budget
- Risk-consistent portfolio construction to implement the sector/security selection views
  - Factor mimicking/tilt portfolios





### Optimizer Reports

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

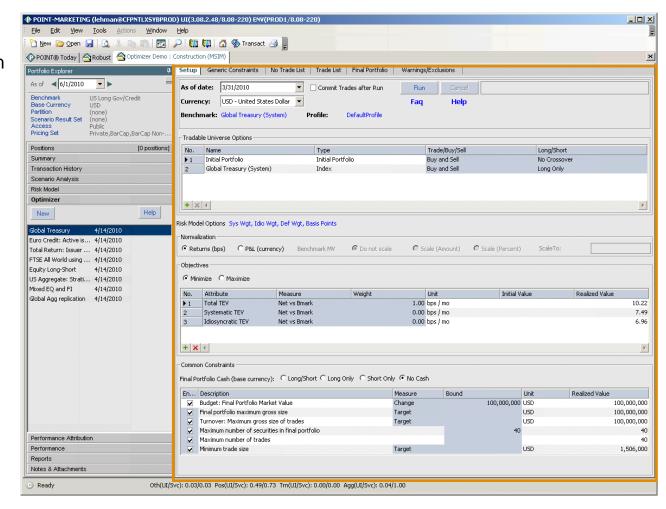
#### The Optimizer reports represent portfolio optimization problems in POINT.

Three ways to create and run optimization reports

- Using the optimizer node in the portfolio explorer.
- Using standalone reports.
- Using batch scheduler to run multiple standalone reports in sequence or parallel

An optimizer report contains

- An optimization profile (i.e. problem definition including constraints and objective function)
- Universes, as-of-date, etc.
- (Saved) results





### Optimizer Reports

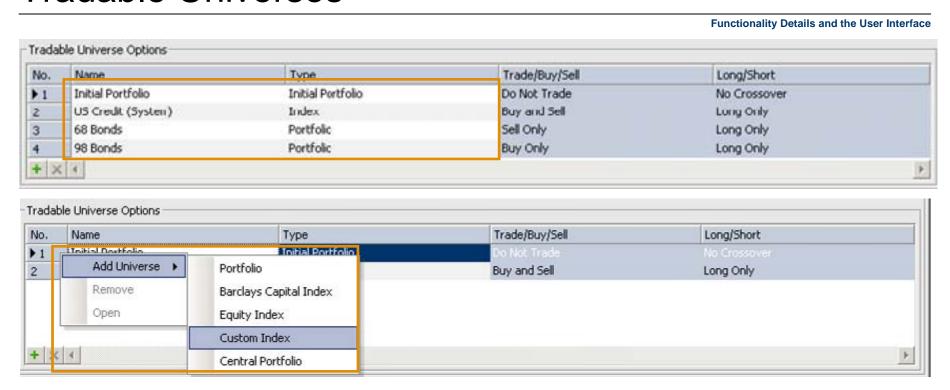
**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 



- Report contains six tabs
  - Setup, Generic Constraints, No Trade List define the problem, and
  - ▶ Trade List, Final Portfolio, Warning/Exclusions present the results/output
- Setup tab consists of
  - Users specify an as-of-date, benchmark universe, and base currency
  - Tradable universes
  - Objective function
  - Common constraints
  - Normalization options (P&L vs. returns space)



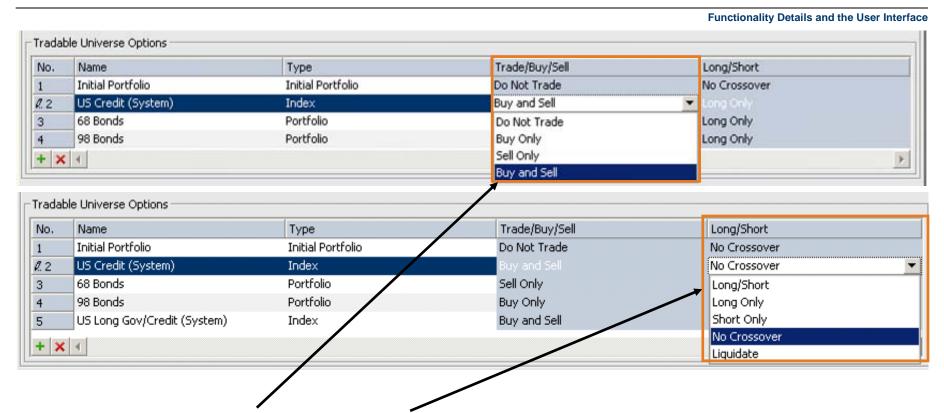
### **Tradable Universes**



- Multiple portfolios, indices (including Barclays and third party indices), and custom indices be added as tradable universes.
- Central portfolios containing "rolling" hedge instruments (FX forwards, IR swaps, etc.)
- Supports private prices based on universe-specific pricing hierarchy



### Tradable Universes – Continued...



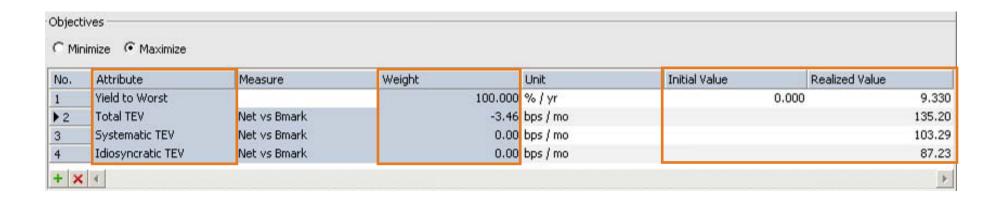
- Custom constraints on trading and holding behavior of each tradable universe
- Facilitates use of
  - Recommended buy and sell list and long and sell list
  - Confirmed liquidate list, etc.



### Objective Function

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

The *objective panel* defines the objective function of the problem.

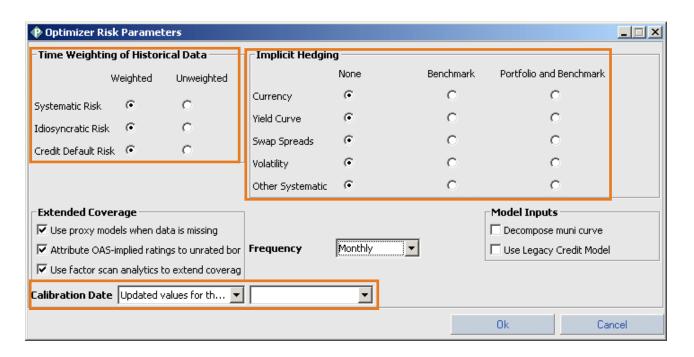


- Objective function is the weighted sum of optimization terms including
  - ► Tracking error volatility (TEV) with respect the user-specified benchmark or cash for total return portfolios.
  - User-provided expected returns
  - Transaction costs
  - Spreads, yields, and hundreds of other analytics available in POINT.
- User specifies the weights and POINT reports the values of these terms before and after optimization in the Initial Value and Realized Value columns.



# Risk Model Options – Customize the Risk Model Underlying the Optimization Problem

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 



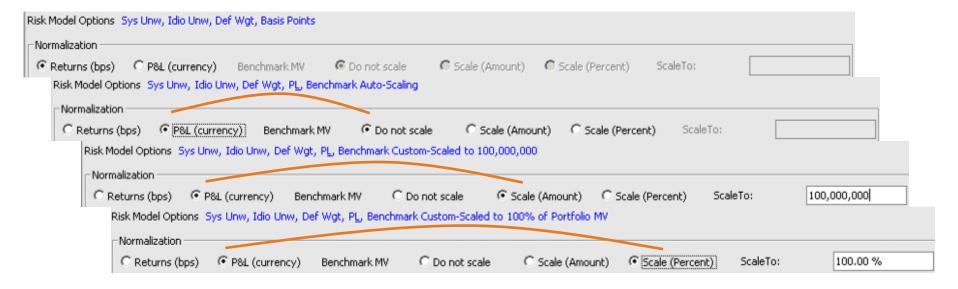
- Choose a risk horizon (monthly vs. daily) using the frequency drop-down
- Change time-weighting of historical data to choose a conditional (weighted) vs unconditional (un-weighted) forecast
- Implicit hedging ask the optimizer to ignore certain component of risk (e.g., FX) because it is managed separately
- As-of-date of the covariance matrix, etc.



# Normalization Options – Choosing between P&L Space and Returns Space

Functionality Details and the User Interface

Normalization options specifies whether the optimization is to occur in P&L space or return space.



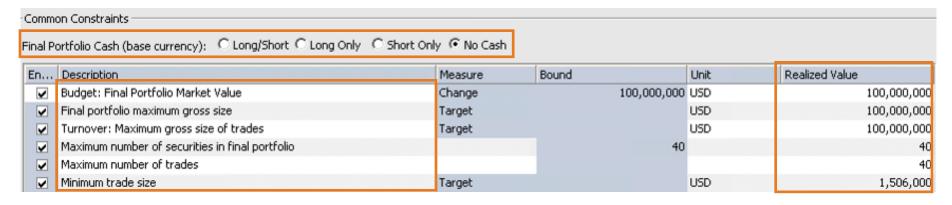
- Budget constraint is mandatory in the return space
- Benchmark scaling is mandatory in the P&L space
- Risk (TEV) terms are measured in bp/mo in return space and in monetary units (<base currency>/mo) in P&L space



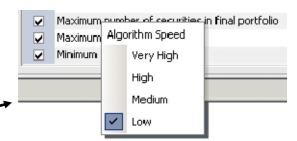
#### **Common Constraints**

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

#### The common constraints panel gives quick access to standard constraints.



- A static collection of common constraints (some mandatory), including
- Budget constraints and base currency cash funding options
- Final portfolio and tradelist leverage measured as gross exposure
- Non-convex and combinatorial constraints
  - Maximum number of securities in the final portfolio
  - Maximum number trade recommendations
  - Minimum trade size
- Option to choose heuristic algorithm speed for combinatorial constraints





#### Generic Constraints Tab

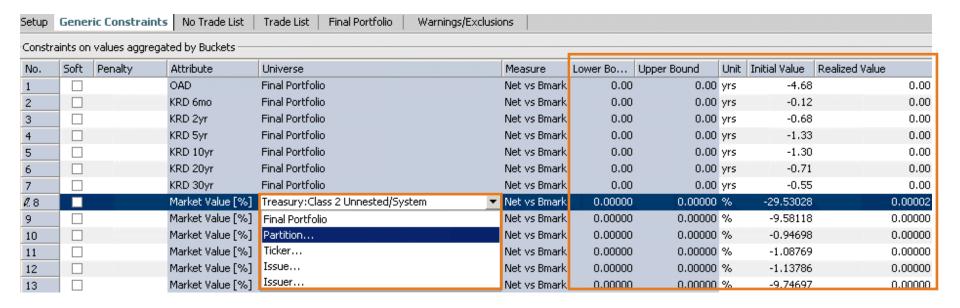
**Functionality Details and the User Interface** Setup Generic Constraints No Trade List Final Portfolio Trade List Warnings/Exclusions Constraints on values aggregated by Buckets Soft Penalty Universe Measure Lower Bound Upper Bound Unit Initial Value Realized Value No. Attribute KRD 6mo Final Portfolio Net vs Bmark 0.00 -0.03 0.00 0.00 yrs 2 KRD 2yr Final Portfolio Net vs Bmark 0.00 0.00 vrs -0.850.00 KRD 5yr Final Portfolio Net vs Bmark 0.00 0.00 yrs -1.913 0.00 KRD 10yr Final Portfolio Net vs Bmark 0.00 0.00 yrs -1.200.00 KRD 20yr Final Portfolio Net vs Bmark 0.00 -0.230.00 5 0.00 yrs Net vs Bmark KRD 30vr Final Portfolio 0.00 0.00 vrs -0.03 0.00 6 7 Market Value Government-Relat... Net vs Bmark 0 0 EUR -3,769,807 0 0 8 Market Value Government-Relat... Net vs Bmark 0 0 EUR -1.085.075 Market Value Government Relat... Net vs Bmark 0 EUR 0 9 4,362,431 0 Market Value Government-Relat... Net vs Bmark. 0 EUR -7,875,603 10 Market Value Corporate-Banking... Net vs Bmark 0 EUR -2,005,709 0 0 11 0 12 Market Value Corporate-Banking... Net vs Bmark 0 EUR -13,222,315 Market Value Corporate-Banking... Net vs Bmark 0 0 0 EUR -16,798,134 13 0 Market Value Corporate-Banking... Net vs Bmark 0 EUR 14 0 -2,793,465 Market Value Corporate-Finance... Net vs Bmark U EUR -7,559,784 U 15 U Corporate-Basic: E... Net vs Bmark Market Value 0 0 EUR -7,736,030 16 × Constraints on each Issue/Issuer/Ticker Universe Final Portfolio Soft Penalty Attribute Universe For Each Measure Lower Bound Upper Bound Unit Initial Value Realized Value No. Market Value [%] Final Portfolio 2,00000 % Issuer Net vs Bmark -2.30000 100.00000 2.000



### Generic Constraints – Bucket Constraints

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

The Bucket Constraints panel allows users to express a variety of custom constraints on attributes of static partition buckets.

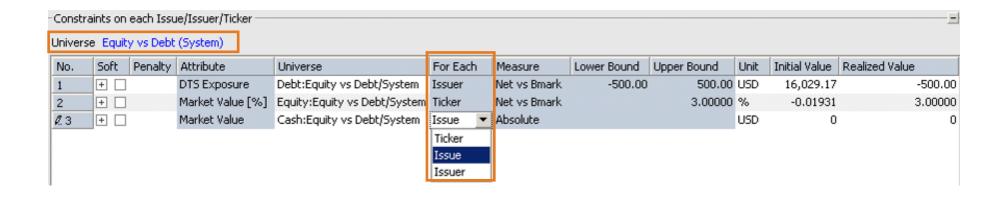


- User can specify upper and lower bounds on
  - A given attribute of any generic security bucket, issue, issuer, or ticker
  - On portfolio, portfolio net of benchmark, or the trading portfolio
- System reports the constrained analytics for the initial portfolio and the final portfolio in the initial value and the realized value columns, respectively.



# Generic Constraints – For-Each Issue/Issuer/Ticker Constraints

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

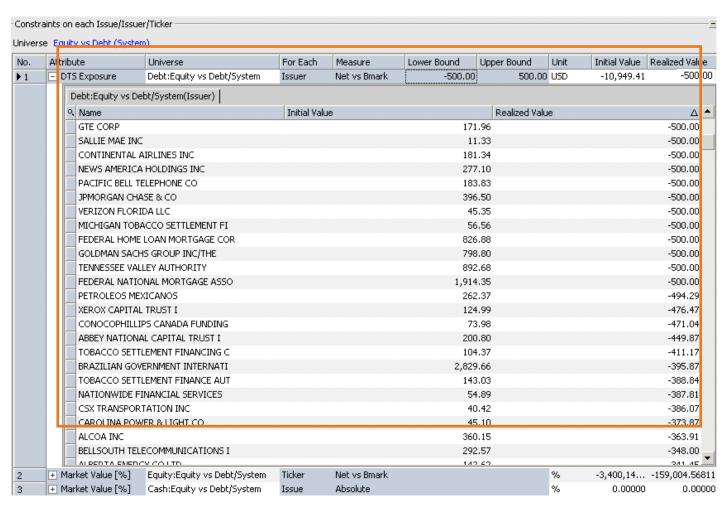


- Allows constraints on attributes of each security, or ticker, or issuer belonging to a particular bucket (or the whole portfolio) as defined by the chosen partition
- The static buckets are further partitioned using the For Each choice to create the underlying constraints
- The realized values reported correspond to the tightest child constraint
- Empty bounds indicates redundant constraints
- Examples of practical formulations,
  - Asset class-specific issue/issuer/ticker exposure constraints
  - Concentration limits on longs and shorts



# For-Each Issue/Issuer/Ticker Constraints — Child Constraints

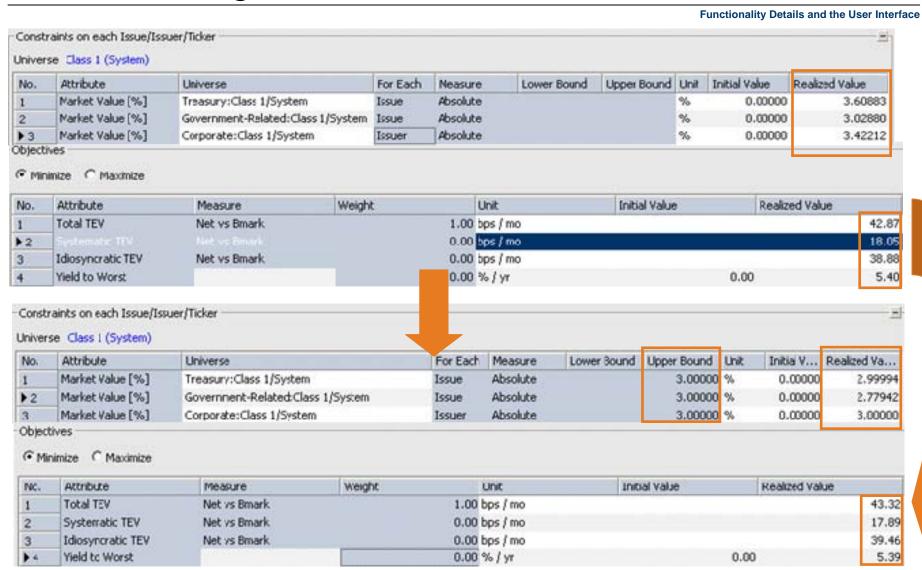
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- Drill down to child constraints to see realized exposure to individual issuers
- Sort by realized exposures
- Observe the number of issuers hitting the concentration limit

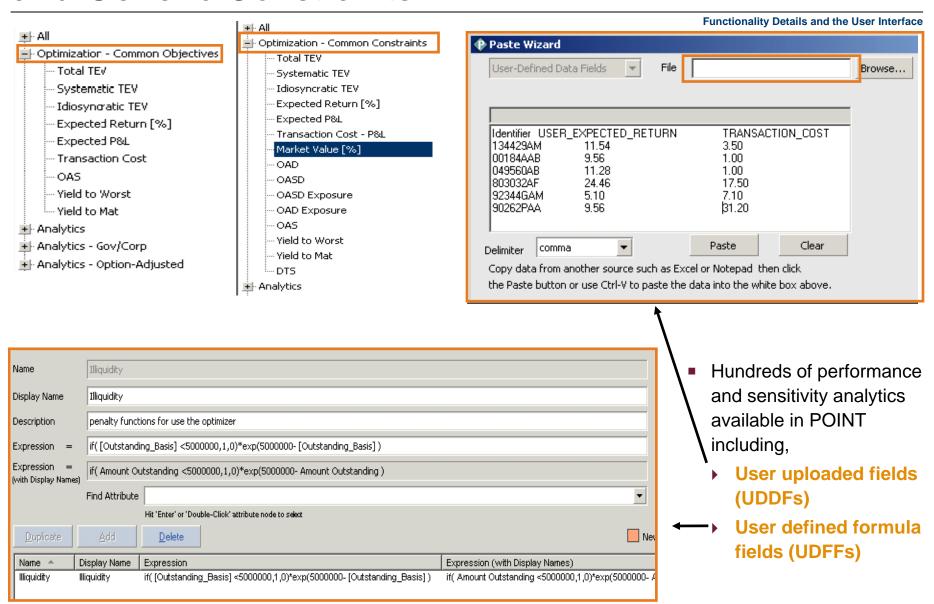


# Understanding For-Each Constraints



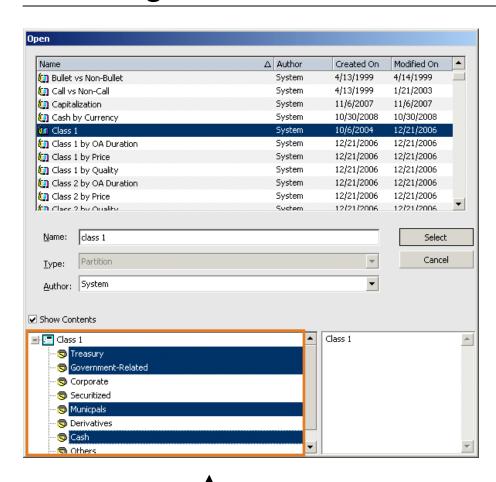


# Attributes Available in the Objective Function and Generic Constraints

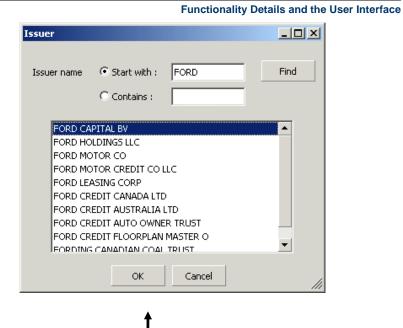




# Creating Constraints Buckets/Specific Issuer



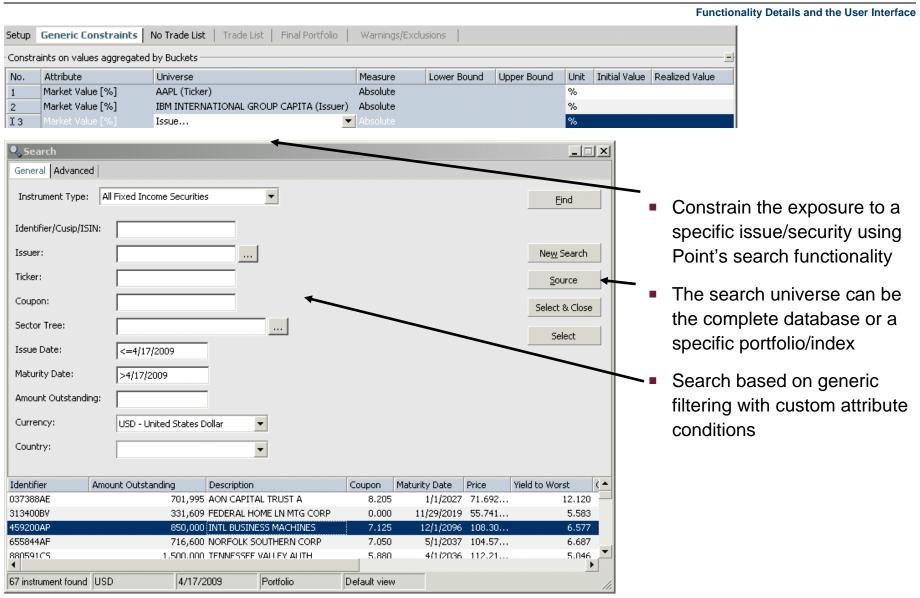
 Constrain all (or a chosen subset of) buckets defined by a custom security partition



Search for specific issuer to specify as the constraint universe



# Generic Constraint on a Particular Issue Using the Security Search Tool





#### Soft Bucket Constraints

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

Any generic constraint can be specified as soft with a user-provided per-unit penalty.

Setup	Gener	ric Constraint	s No Trade List T	rade List   Final Portfelie   Warnings/Exclusions						
-Constr	Constraints on values aggregated by Buckets									
No.	Soft	Penalty	Attribute	Universe	Measure	Lower	Upper	Unit	Initial V	Realize
1	✓	100.00	KRD 6mo	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-0.08	0.00
2	V	100.00	KRD 2yr	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-0.85	0.08
3	V	100.00	KRD 5yr	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-1.91	0.00
4	<b>V</b>	100.00	KRD 10yr	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-1.20	0.00
5	✓	100.00	KRD 20yr	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-0.23	0.00
6	V	100.00	KRD 30yr	Final Portfolio	Net vs	0.00	0.00	yrs	-0.08	-0.08
7	✓	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	${\it Government-Related-Gov-Related\ Agencies: Euro\ Cr}$	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-3.76981	0.00000
8	<b>v</b>	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Government-Related-Gov-Related Local Auth:Euro $\dots$	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.08508	0.00000
9	✓	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	${\it Government-Related-Gov-Related Sovereign:} Euro \ {\it C}$	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-4.36243	0.00000
10	<b>v</b>	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	${\it Government-Related-Gov-Related Supranational:} Eu$	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-7.87561	0.00000
11	✓	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Banking-AAA:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-2.00571	0.00000
12	V	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Banking-AA:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-13.22232	-0.00002
13	V	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Banking-A:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-16.79813	-0.00003
14	V	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Banking-BBB:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-2.79346	0.00000
15	V	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Finance:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-7.55978	0.00000
16	V	1,000.00000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Basic:Euro Credit Sectors/System	Net vs	0.00000	0.00000	%	-7.73603	0.00000

- Circumvent the infeasibility observed with hard constraints
- Generic norm-1 distances between portfolio and benchmark (or given constant) analytics
  - ▶ E.g., user can minimize sum total of absolute active (i.e., net-vs-benchmark) key rate durations



### Soft For-Each Issue/Issuer/Ticker Constraints

									Fu	nctiona	lity Details and th	ne User Interface
Constr	raints	on	each Issue/I	ssuer/Ticker								
Univers	se E	uro	Credit Sector	s (System)								
No.	So	ft	Penalty	Attribute	Universe	For Each	Measure	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Unit	Initial Value	Realized Value
1	+	V	0.01000	Market Value [%]	Government-Rela	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.33763	3,43217
2	+	V	0.01000	Market Value [%]	Government-Rela	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.55893	0.13449
3	+	V	0.01000	Market Value [%]	Government-Rela	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.00180	1,68030
▶4		V	0.01000	Market Value [%]	Government-Rela	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-6.65530	4.14805
		G	overnment-f	Related-Gov-Related	Supranational:Euro Ci	redit Sector	s/System(Issuer)					
		N	ame		Init	ial Value			Realized Value	е		Δ
		El	JROPEAN IN	VESTMENT BANK				-6,655	30			-3.53347
		ΙΝ	ITERNATION	AL BANK FOR RECON	IST			-0.393	09			-0.39309
		El	JROFIMA					-0.086	69			-0.08669
		N	ORDIC INVES	TMENT BANK				-0.065	68			-0.06568
		C	OUNCIL OF E	UROPE DEVELOPMEN	JT			-0.026	84			-0.02684
		IN	ITER-AMERIC	AN DEVELOPMENT B	AN			-0.024	22			-0.02422
		El	JROPEAN BA	NK FOR RECONSTRU	CTI			-0.018	06			-0.01806
		El	JROPEAN CO	MMUNITY				-0.605	72			4.14805
5	+	V	0.01000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Bankin	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.93459	0.07112
6	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Bankin	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.13952	5.82613
7	+	V	0.02000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Bankin	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.16236	7.26569
8	+	V	0.03000	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Bankin	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.26483	1.62425
9	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Financ	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.70734	4.09983
10	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Basic:	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.76952	3.96282
11	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Consu	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.67281	1.34900
12	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Consu	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.70518	2.03197
13	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Energ	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-0.64350	1,43466
14	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Techn	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.17959	2.91664
15	+	V	0.01500	Market Value [%]	Corporate-Utility:	Issuer	Net vs Bmark	0.00000	0.00000	%	-1.12802	2,29207



#### The No Trade List

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

#### No Trade list specifies a collection of securities that cannot be traded



- Search securities to add securities to the No Trade List
  - From a given portfolio, index or the complete security database
  - Filter on security attributes including security type, amount outstanding, etc.
- Add a subset of trades to the No Trade List after the run and re-run the problem



#### Results – The Tradelist Tab

Identifier	Description	Ticker C	Coupon	Currency	Maturity Date	Initial Position	Trade Position ▽	Final Position
03979GAL	ARDEN REALTY INC	GE	5.250	USD	3/1/2015		365,590	365,5
832348D	ONTARIO PROV CANADA-GLOBAL	ONT	4.000	USD	10/7/2019		303,610	303,6
929903CH	WACHOVIA CORP-GLOBAL	WFC	5.625	USD	10/15/2016		293,003	293,0
00769DP	KREDIT FUER WIEDERAUFBAU-GLOBA	KFW	4.000	USD	1/27/2020		266,256	266,2
4474CCY	LOS ANGELES CNTY CALIF PENSION	LOSFAC	0.000	USD	6/30/2011		176,921	176,9
71748AN	MARSH & MCLENNAN COS INC	MMC	5.150	USD	9/15/2010	187,237	-187,237	
95953AD	TRICON GLOBAL RESTAURANTS INC	YUM	8.875	USD	4/15/2011	243,520	-243,520	
03032AF	SANWA BANK LTD	MTFG	7.400	USD	6/15/2011	270,887	-270,887	
16515AQ	HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERV	HIG	5.250	USD	10/15/2011	305,221	-305,221	
9156RAC	METLIFE INC	MET	6.125	USD	12/1/2011	327,702	-327,702	
8732JAK	TIME WARNER CABLE INC-GLOBAL	TWC	6.200	USD	7/1/2013	250,294		250,2
5746UBE	DOMINION RESOURCES INC	D	6.400	USD	6/15/2018	187,877		187,8
45437BK	SOUTHWESTERN ELEC POWER	AEP	6.450	USD	1/15/2019	158,460		158,4
29491AA	NYSE EURONEXT	NYX	4.800	USD	6/28/2013	216,572		216,5
6625HHF	JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	JPM	6.400	USD	5/15/2038	187,896		187,8
254C0TC	CREDIT SUISSE NEW YORK	CS	5.000	USD	5/15/2013	253,709		253,7
6051GDX	BANK OF AMERICA CORP	BAC	5.650	USD	5/1/2018	256,744		256,7
8389XAC	ORACLE CORP	ORCL	5.750	USD	4/15/2018	184,302		184,3
8141GFM	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP	GS	6.150	USD	4/1/2018	313,110		313,1
38516AX	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL	HON	5.300	USD	3/1/2018	136,327		136,3
7612EAU	TARGET CORP - GLOBAL	TGT	7.000	USD	1/15/2038	130,825		130,8
0075NAU	KRAFT FOODS INC-GLOBAL	KFT	6.125	USD	2/1/2018	152,633		152,6
2517P5Y	LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC	LEH	7.000	USD	9/27/2027	144,724		144,7
20030NAV	COMCAST CORPORATION-GLOBAL	CMCSA	6.950	USD	8/15/2037	158,100		158,1
8385XAL	XTO ENERGY INC	XTO	6.250	USD	8/1/2017	158,726		158,7

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

#### Static view of

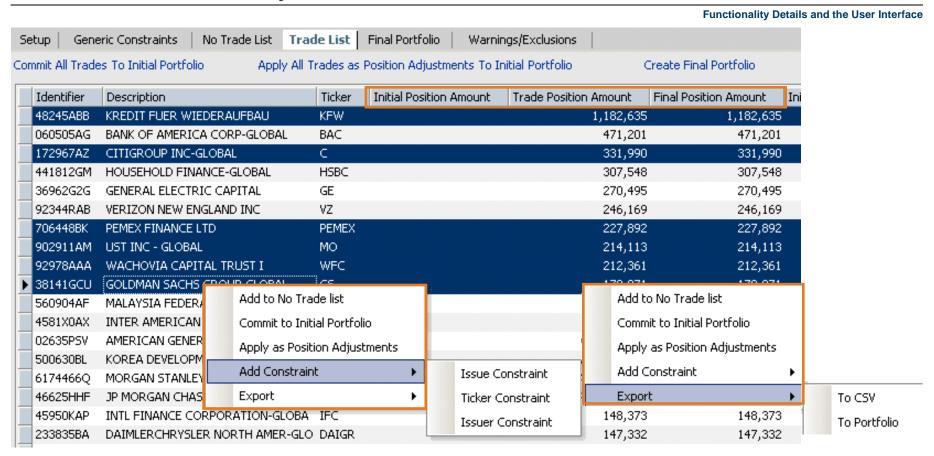
- Initial, trading, and final portfolios
- Four position size attributes
- 12 numeric columns

Group by, sort, blank only, etc. tools

 Commit trades, apply as position adjustment. and create "final portfolio"



# The Functionality Available on Tradelist

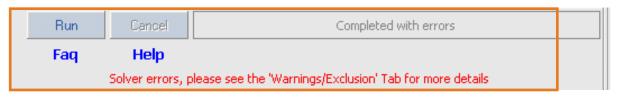


- Add issue/issuer/ticker constraints from the tradelist
- Export to portfolio, CSV, etc.



# User Message – Infeasible and Unbounded Problems

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 



Туре	Level	Message
Logic	Minor	MAX_SECURITY constraint is missing upper bound, ignoring constraint
Logic	Minor	MAX_SECURITY constraint is missing upper bound, ignoring constraint
Logic	Minor	MIN_VALUE_THRESHOLD constraint is missing lower bound, ignoring constraint
Error	Severe	Infeasible Problem: Conflicting constraints. Please relax some constraints and try again.
Error	Severe	Infeasible Problem: Conflicting constraints. Please relax some constraints and try again.

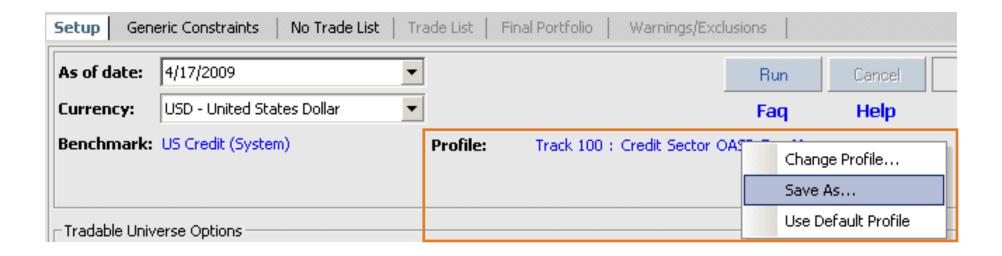
Setup   Generic Constraints   No Trade List   Trade List   Final Portfolio   Warnings/Exclusions								
Туре	Level	Message						
Logic	Minor	MAX_SECURITY constraint is missing upper bound, ignoring constraint						
Logic	Minor	MAX_SECURITY constraint is missing upper bound, ignoring constraint						
Logic	Minor	MIN_VALUE_THRESHOLD constraint is missing lower bound, ignoring constraint						
Error	Severe	Unbounded Problem: The optimizer is allowed unlimited leverage. Please add more constraints and try again.						
Error	Severe	Solve Error						

- User message in red indicating the unavailability of the results
- More detailed user message on the Warning/Exclusion tab



# Working with Optimization Profiles

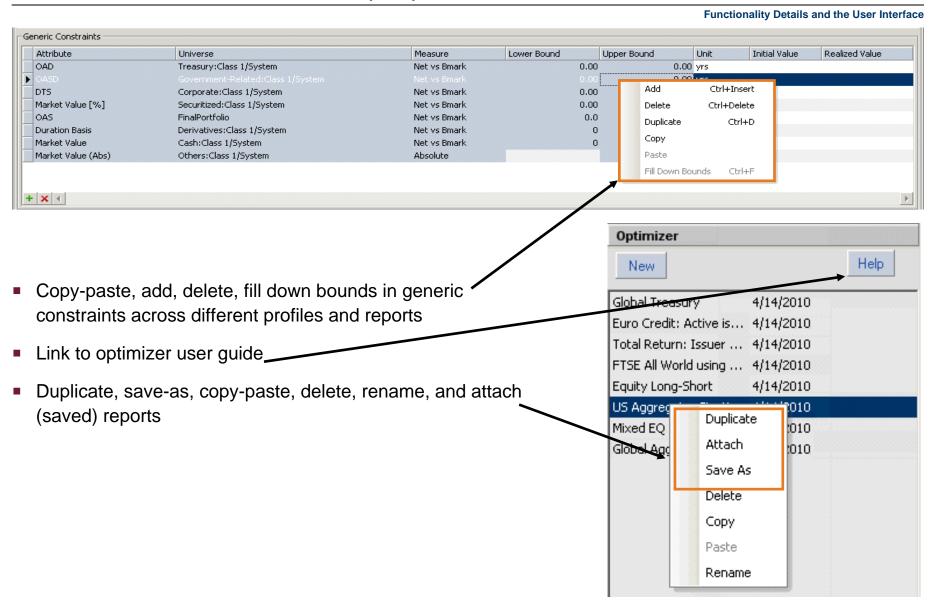
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- Profiles makes the optimizer formulation (i.e., objective function, constraints etc) portable across reports and users
- Save-as and attach to reproduce the profile across reports
- Access selected formulations available as system profile

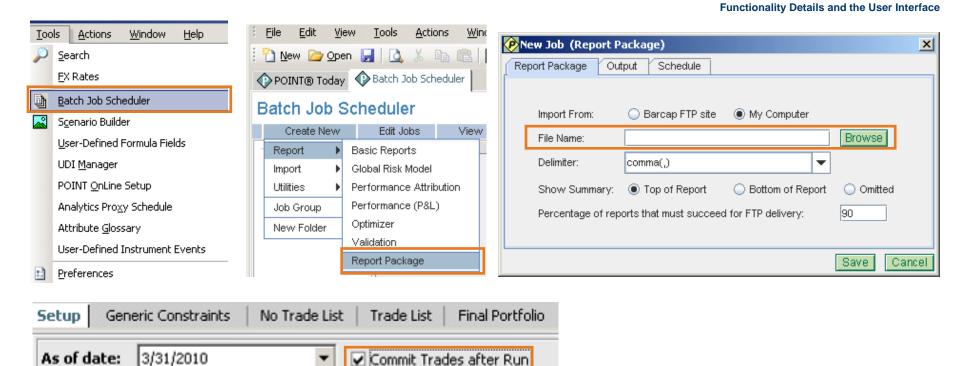


# Other User Interface (UI) Features





## Back-testing Using Batch Scheduler



Ask the optimizer to "commit" trades after run

USD - United States Dollar

Program the back scheduler to run the optimization reports on a given sequence of dates

Profile:

Optimizer generates a portfolio history with rebalancing based on a particular optimization strategy

Commit Trades after Run

Run performance tools to study the ex-post performance on the portfolio



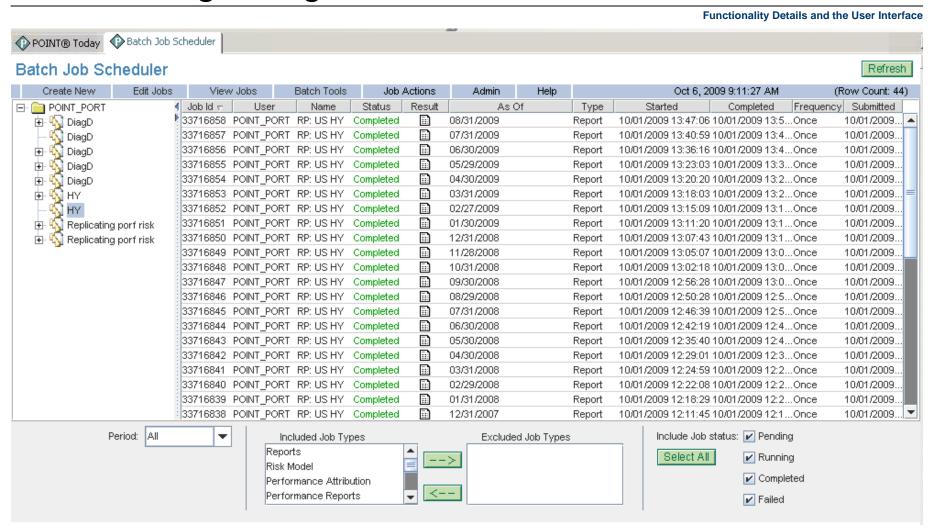
As of date:

Currency:

Benchmark: US Credit (System)

DefaultProfile\*

### Back-testing Using Batch Scheduler – Cont'd



A sample back-testing screen



# **Project Pipeline**

**Functionality Details and the User Interface** 

- Improvements in back-testing capabilities
- Robust portfolio optimization
- Portfolio construction for the ALM framework
- Optimal allocation of trades/hedges to multiple portfolios



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