20 September 2019

# J.P.Morgan

# The Audacity of Automation

### **CLO Investing Reimagined**

- How can automation match (or seek an alternative) risk/reward in CLOs? As it
  just isn't possible to buy the CLOIE Index (6,094 bonds, and counting) with our
  index colleagues we create, rebalance, and benchmark baskets just like in
  other markets.
- We use automatic bond selection, bringing momentum (the market's tendency to trend in a given direction) to CLOs by profiling bonds (risk, duration, margin, etc) into momentum baskets. Momentum is based on price signals (<u>link</u>). A 3M lookback seems to indicate forward 1M directionality in CLOs, which we look to refine.
- As sourcing is a hurdle and selecting based on only momentum results in high turnover, we introduce two scenarios: buy and hold (natural turnover for pay downs), and using signal threshold to drop negative momentum bonds (slightly higher turnover). When sourcing the strongest signal isn't possible, the algorithm can at least be used as a tool to source within select categories.
- Consider an example in mezzanine (CLOIE BBB Index: ~62% return since April 2012). A momentum algo rebalancing 100 BBBs matching the index (reinvestment/margin) in a buy and hold outperformed (~67%). A momentum algo that incorporates a signal threshold slightly underperformed (~58%) but had less volatility and lower max drawdown. Clearly, there are limits given data issues and CLO structural nuances, though early results do seem promising.
- But why, some say, defy convention of manager selection? And they may well ask, why seek the best returns, or, why does technology advance? We choose to consider a possible future, to make CLOs more accessible with market growth (~\$800bn size), and look forward to profiling strategies in our CLOIE Monitor.

#### Securitized Products Research

Rishad Ahluwalia AC

(44-20) 7134-0254 rishad.ahluwalia@jpmorgan.com J.P. Morgan Securities plc

#### **Heather A Rochford**

(1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

#### Michael (Xin) Huang

(1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

### Global Index Research

### Jacqueline E Rachaf

(1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

### See page 13 for analyst certification and important disclosures.

J.P. Morgan does and seeks to do business with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, investors should be aware that the firm may have a conflict of interest that could affect the objectivity of this report. Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decision.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

# The Audacity of Automation: CLO Investing Reimagined

- How can automation match (or seek an alternative) risk/reward in CLOs?
   As it just isn't possible to buy the CLOIE Index (6,094 bonds, and counting) with our index colleagues we create, rebalance, and benchmark baskets just like in other markets.
- We use automatic bond selection, bringing momentum (the market's tendency to trend in a given direction) to CLOs by profiling bonds (risk, duration, margin, etc) into momentum baskets. Momentum is based on price signals (link). A 3M lookback seems to indicate forward 1M directionality in CLOs, which we look to refine.
- As sourcing is a hurdle and selecting based on only momentum results in high turnover, we introduce two scenarios: buy and hold (natural turnover for pay downs), and using signal threshold to drop negative momentum bonds (slightly higher turnover). When sourcing the strongest signal isn't possible, the algorithm can at least be used as a tool to source within select categories.
- Consider an example in mezzanine (CLOIE BBB Index: ~62% return since April 2012). A momentum algo rebalancing 100 BBBs matching the index (reinvestment/margin) in a buy and hold outperformed (~67%). A momentum algo that incorporates a signal threshold slightly underperformed (~58%) but had less volatility and lower max drawdown. Clearly, there are limits given data issues and CLO structural nuances, though early results do seem promising.
- But why, some say, defy convention of manager selection? And they may
  well ask, why seek the best returns, or, why does technology advance? We
  choose to consider a possible future, to make CLOs more accessible with
  market growth (~\$800bn size), and look forward to profiling strategies in
  our CLOIE Monitor.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

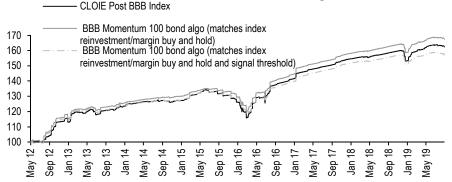
Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

### The Audacity of Automation: CLO Investing Reimagined

How can simple automation match (or seek an alternative) risk/reward in CLOs? As it just isn't possible to buy the CLOIE Index (6,094 bonds, and counting) we create, rebalance, and benchmark baskets just like in other markets. We use automatic bond selection, bringing momentum (the market's tendency to trend in a given direction) to CLOs by profiling bonds (risk, duration, margin, etc) into momentum baskets. Momentum is based on price signals (link). A 3M lookback seems to indicate forward 1M directionality in CLOs, which we look to refine. As sourcing is a hurdle and selecting based on only momentum results in high turnover, we introduce two scenarios: buy and hold (natural turnover for pay downs), and using signal threshold to drop negative momentum bonds (slightly higher turnover). When sourcing the strongest signal isn't possible, the algorithm can at least be used as a tool to suggest sourcing within select categories. Consider an example in CLOIE BBB Index: ~62% return since April 2012. A momentum algo rebalancing 100 BBBs matching the index (reinvestment/margin) in a buy and hold scenario outperformed (~67%). A momentum algo that incorporates a signal threshold slightly underperformed (~58%) but had less volatility and lower max drawdown. Clearly there are limits given data issues and CLO structural nuances, though early results do seem promising. But why, some say, defy convention of manager selection? And they may well ask, why seek the best returns, or even, why does technology advance? We choose to consider a possible future to make CLOs more accessible with market growth (~\$800bn current size) and look forward to profiling strategies in our CLOIE Monitor.

Exhibit 1: Cumulative Return of CLOIE BBB Index versus selected algorithms



Source: J.P. Morgan. Gross returns excluding transaction cost

**Exhibit 2: Statistics from Exhibit 1** 

Bond	Ytd	Cum	Max 1m	Annualized	Annualized	Sharpe	Avg.
Basket		Rtn %	Drawdown	Return %	Vol %	Ratio	Turnover %
BBB Momentum 100 bond algo (matches index reinvestment/margin buy and hold)	5.42	67.26	-4.62	10.16	4.67	2.18	4.31
BBB Momentum 100 bond algo (matches index reinvestment/margin buy and hold and signal threshold)		57.01	-4.48	8.86	4.85	1.83	6.89
CLOIE Post BBB Index	5.93	62.28	-5.34	9.54	5.18	1.84	5.33

Source: J.P. Morgan.

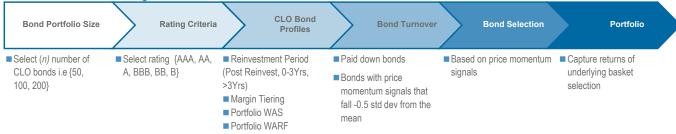
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inspired by "We choose to go to the moon", President Kennedy address on September 12, 1962, at Rice University.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019







Source: J.P. Morgan.

### Replication

We begin by showing that it is possible to replicate smaller, less unwieldy baskets from an index (CLOIE: 2,249 bonds at inception, 6,094 bonds today) with manageable tracking error. The point is, as in other markets index-benchmarking strategies can work. In order to replicate the CLOIE into actual baskets, we simulate random selection. We select 25, 50, 100, 250 (*n*) bonds to see if smaller baskets can achieve similar performance. We begin at inception (January 2012) by selecting *n* number of bonds, rebalancing monthly only if a bond has paid down (e.g. 2 bonds pay down in a given month, randomly select 2 more bonds at the end of that month). In a Monte Carlo, we run each basket 1,000 times and compare average risk/reward of the results. As shown, it is feasible to replicate benchmark index returns with smaller baskets of bonds (Exhibit 4). The point is not to propose random selection, just to show the simplest way. The turnover here is a buy and hold scenario, but we also show how to practically automate the construction and rebalancing of a CLO portfolio using momentum signals, while incorporating additional turnover.

Exhibit 4: Hypothetical index replication example based on CLOIE BBB

Bond Count	Rating	Simulation Times	Weight	Ytd Rtn %	Cum Rtn %	Max 1M Drawdown	Annualized Return %	Annualized Std Dev Vol %	Sharpe Ratio
25	BBB	1000 times	Mkt Val	5.7%	94.3%	-5.5%	9.3%	5.3%	1.76
50	BBB	1000 times	Mkt Val	5.8%	94.2%	-5.6%	9.3%	5.3%	1.76
100	BBB	1000 times	Mkt Val	5.8%	94.3%	-5.7%	9.3%	5.3%	1.75
250	BBB	1000 times	Mkt Val	5.9%	94.2%	-6.4%	9.3%	5.4%	1.72
Index	BBB	INDEX	Mkt Val	6.6%	90.2%	-10.8%	9.0%	6.1%	1.49

Source: J.P. Morgan. Based on the J.P Morgan CLOIE Total BBB index. As of July 31st, 2019.

### **Practicality**

We introduced momentum signal analysis as a proof of concept in our prior research. There are practical limitations to automating the selection of CLO bonds with only momentum, rating and weighting (market or equal) constraints. We address some of these limitations by introducing traditional selection assumptions in our momentum signal analysis. We do so by profiling CLO bonds based on risk measures: deal reinvestment period and bond margin in a first iteration, and then, portfolio Weighted Average Spread (WAS) and Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF) in a second iteration. The target allocation to each category is based on the index market value weights. This is a standard approach we apply to allocate more bonds to larger parts of the market, however, it is flexible based on category outperformance, relative value, or investor preference. These metrics are recalculated based on statistics of bonds with available price signals at the monthly rebalance, and act as the selection target for the algorithm.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

How does the algorithm decide which bonds to select within each category? This is where we step into factor-investing and select the highest momentum price signals in each of the target categories. To explain, in say a 100 bond BB portfolio, at the monthly rebalance we have two bonds that paid down. To replace our bonds, we assess the categories needed to target the index weighting for reinvestment period buckets and margin and select the two bonds with the highest momentum price signals in the targeted category. Despite setting it as a target, the selection portfolio will not exactly mimic the index weights as our buy and hold strategy creates a natural drift over time with fewer bonds to replace to better hit the target matrix.

Exhibit 5: CLOIE BBB 100 bond portfolio: Current Selection Target Matrix

			Margin Tiering	
Years to Reinvestment Period		Tier 1 (0-33rd percentile)	Tier 2 (34-67th percentile)	Tier 3 (68-100th percentile)
Years	Post Reinvest	2.83%	3.89%	2.82%
einve	< 3 Years	10.58%	9.50%	18.20%
Ľ	≥ 3 Years	25.83%	15.86%	10.50%

Source: J.P. Morgan. As of 7/31/2019. Based on CLOIE BBB 100 Bond portfolio targeting month end market weights for years to reinvestment period and tiering of margin.

Exhibit 6: CLOIE BBB 100 bond portfolio: Current Selection Target Matrix

	Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF)									
s)		Tier 1 (below average)	Tier 2 (above average)							
Weighted Average Spread (WAS)	Tier 1 (above average)	21.8%	29.1%							
Weigh Spre	Tier 2 (below average)	27.0%	22.1%							

Source: J.P. Morgan, INTEX. As of 7/31/2019. Based on CLOIE BBB 100 Bond portfolio targeting month end market weights for portfolio WAS and Portfolio WARF. This scenario is based on fewer bonds in CLOIE as it is limited to deals with WAS and WARF metrics reported on a monthly basis.

Sourcing specific bonds for selection is still one of the key limitations given the buy and hold nature of the CLO market. In dropping/adding bonds based on price signals in addition to pay downs, we come to terms with the fact that turnover will be higher than the CLOIE index as our goal is to use factor investing to automate allocation. In our efforts, turnover is moderate. Also, there is already turnover in an index and we just propose simple limits that are in fact flexible. For example, the CLOIE BBB index monthly turnover<sup>2</sup> is an average 5.3% based on market weight. And, secondary CLO bond trading turnover<sup>3</sup> is an average 1% on BWICs each month, varying by year and rating (mezz is higher 4.2% but remains lower than HG/HY flow credit). It is worth noting, BWICs may not capture all trades in secondary, though it is a more conservative approach to using TRACE volumes (which include non-CLO trading volumes), and bond selection can occur in the primary market (either through a new

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We calculate index turnover for the CLOIE as the absolute value of market and par weight change in current month versus prior month. Constituents of CLOIE index will be re-balanced on the end of every month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We calculate CLO, HY, and HG trading turnover ratio as trading volume each day divided by the amount outstanding on a bond level and then aggregate to arrive at a market figure. A 1% monthly turnover means it will take 100 months to buy 100% of a given bond.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

issue or refi/reset). While we acknowledge that sourcing the suggested bonds remains a limitation, we therefore target a turnover that closely mimics the natural turnover of the market (using CLOIE index as our proxy) and note the flexibility of signal thresholds depending on turnover preference or capabilities. Also, by incorporating bond profiles, in a scenario, where sourcing the bonds with the strongest price signals may not be possible, the algorithm can be used as a tool to target bonds of a similar profile or momentum price signal strength.

**Exhibit 7: Average Monthly Trading Turnover Ratio** 

•			
Monthly Turnover	CLO	HG	HY
2014	1.21%	6.16%	10.78%
2015	1.35%	5.72%	10.56%
2016	0.92%	5.72%	11.66%
2017	0.80%	5.50%	11.66%
2018	0.74%	5.72%	11.66%
2019	1.22%	6.82%	13.42%
Long-Term Average	1.04%	5.94%	11.62%

Source: J.P. Morgan, TRACE. CLO based on BWIC volumes. HG/HY based on TRACE data (see <a href="here">here</a> for more details).

**Exhibit 8: CLO Average Monthly Trading Turnover Ratio by rating** 

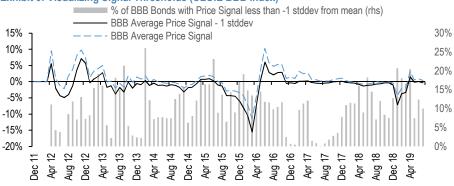
			<u> </u>	3			<i>j</i>
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Average
AAA	0.76%	0.51%	0.39%	0.50%	1.02%	0.69%	0.65%
AA	1.79%	0.97%	1.03%	1.22%	1.38%	1.17%	1.26%
Α	2.56%	1.07%	1.24%	1.13%	1.26%	1.72%	1.50%
BBB	2.31%	1.13%	1.72%	1.65%	2.03%	2.05%	1.82%
ВВ	3.35%	1.89%	2.30%	2.53%	2.83%	2.56%	2.58%
В	5.95%	3.14%	4.39%	3.77%	4.11%	3.86%	4.20%
EQ	1.99%	1.11%	1.52%	1.38%	2.02%	1.78%	1.64%
Total	1.22%	0.74%	0.80%	0.92%	1.35%	1.21%	1.04%

Source: J.P. Morgan. CLO based on BWIC volumes.

#### Automation

We have automated the portfolio construction to decrease portfolio turnover. First, a signal threshold function more practically rebalances the portfolio. We drop/replace bonds that pay down and only additionally turnover the portfolio if a bond has a momentum price signal below -0.5 standard deviation from the average of all signals (Exhibit 9). In the CLOIE BBB Index, an average 10.5% of bonds have a momentum price signal below -0.5 standard deviation from the mean in a given month, though this fluctuates as dispersion increases.





Source: J.P. Morgan.

Second, as discussed earlier, the algorithm automatically targets the index weights. To accomplish this, we use the largest remainder algorithm<sup>4</sup> to determine the number

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In simple terms, suppose you have two different categories, Category 1 and Category 2, with weights of 50.8% and 49.2%, respectively. For simplicity, we assume each bond has a weight of 1%. To get an even 100 bonds, we round out the weight of both categories to 50% and 49%, respectively. We assign the remaining 1 bond to the category with the largest remainder, which in this case is 0.8% or the first bucket. In the end, we end up with a weight of 100% with 51 bonds in Category 1 and 49 bonds in Category 2.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

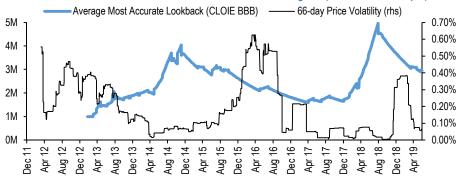


of bonds to select in each category. Then bonds with the highest momentum price signal in the determined category will be selected and if bonds in the target category are not available, the algorithm defaults to selecting the highest momentum signal in any category.

Combing both automatic approaches, the algorithm will drop bonds that are considered a tail risk (tail risk is defined in this scenario as bonds with the most negative momentum price signals) and reallocate to bonds with strong positive price momentum. As a result, turnover will automatically be higher in more volatile periods as increased percentage of bonds are likely to fall below our signal threshold. In periods of more stable price volatility, the algorithm reverts back to a lower turnover and a higher percentage of buy and hold.

How did we determine the best lookback for our signals? Previously we simply assumed 6M, but found 3M to be a stronger predictor of forward 1M price signals (<u>link</u>). With more analysis we have found that the most accurate momentum signal can vary across market regimes and volatility; however, the long-term average is ~3M (Exhibit 10).

Exhibit 10: 3M momentum lookback is most accurate in the long run (CLOIE BBB example)



Source: J.P. Morgan. Accuracy is the number of days in which a positive lookback signal (1M, 3M, 6M, 9M, and 12M) successfully predicts a positive price return in the next one month, or a negative lookback signal successfully predicts a negative price return in the next one month. We then select the current most accurate signal and average with the last 22 days most accurate signals. Price volatility is the standard deviation of daily returns on a rolling 22-day basis.

### **Results and Conclusion**

Consider an example around the CLOIE BBB index (~62% return since April 2012). A momentum algo rebalancing 100 BBBs matching the index (reinvestment/margin) in a buy and hold outperformed (~67%). A momentum algo that additionally incorporates a signal threshold slightly underperformed the index (~58%), but has less volatility and lower max drawdown. Appendix A shows the full list of results and Exhibits 11 onwards the descriptive statistics. In conclusion, it was key to address limitations such as bond sourcing and lack of traditional CLO metrics in our introduction to systematic investing. Incorporating signal thresholds (drop bonds that have weak momentum signals), automating turnover or lookbacks based on market conditions (price volatility and signals accuracy), and other enhancements help make the algorithm more dynamic. However, we also made the algorithm more 'humanlike' as a way to compromise, meaning we introduce traditional CLO selection to our automatic allocation based on factor-investing. While not the ultimate goal of an automated approach, we find usefulness in the technology even if as a tool for investors to find value away from traditional selection. Our current approach targets the index but note the flexibility in this approach (based on relative value or investor preference). There is room for improvement in automating even further such as

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

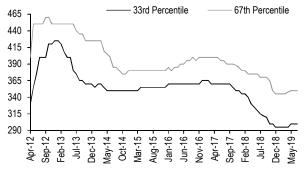
incorporating macro moves (however, we found a weak relationship; see Exhibit 23 in the appendix), or selecting categories based on outperformance. At this time, there are limitations in CLOs (shorter data history, transparency, etc.) compared to what is available in more liquid markets, such as equities, where factor-investing is much more common.

Exhibit 11: 100 CLO BBB Bond portfolio – Years to reinvestment period buckets



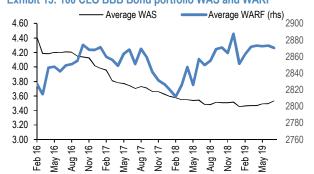
Source: J.P. Morgan. From April 2012 to July 2019.

### Exhibit 13: 100 CLO BBB Bond portfolio margin tiering bps



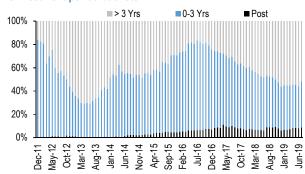
Source: J.P. Morgan. From April 2012 to July 2019.

### Exhibit 15: 100 CLO BBB Bond portfolio WAS and WARF



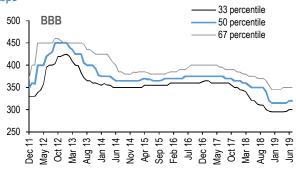
Source: J.P. Morgan. March 2016 to July 2019. Based on a subset of CLOs in CLOIE that have both WAS and WARF available in a given month.

# Exhibit 12: CLOIE Index historical constituents – Years to reinvestment period buckets



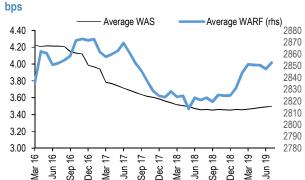
Source: J.P. Morgan. From inception to July 2019.

# Exhibit 14: CLOIE BBB historical constituents margin tiering bps



Source: J.P. Morgan. From inception to July 2019.

## Exhibit 16: CLOIE BBB historical constituents margin tiering



Source: J.P. Morgan. March 2016 to July 2019. Based on a subset of CLOs in CLOIE that have both WAS and WARF available in a given month.

Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com

### **Appendix A**

Exhibit 17: Results for matching Reinvestment Periods and Margin to the index

Bond						Cum	Max 1m	Annualized.	Annualized	Sharpe	Avg.
Count	Rating	Selection	Turnover	Signal Threshold	Weight	Rtn %	Drawdown	Return %	Vol %	Ratio	Turnover %
100	AA	Momentum/Match to Index (Reinvest/margin) Momentum/Match to Index	Buy and Hold	No Yes	Mkt Val	30.83	-0.93	5.19	1.66	3.12	4.42
100	AA	(Reinvest/margin)		(-0.5 from Mean)	Mkt Val	27.88	-1.31	4.74	1.99	2.38	10.76
Index	AA	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	27.28	-1.21	4.64	1.90	2.45	5.48
100	BBB	Momentum/Match to Index (Reinvest/margin)	Buy and Hold	No	Mkt Val	67.26	-4.62	10.16	4.67	2.18	4.31
100	BBB	Momentum/Match to Index (Reinvest/margin)		Yes (-0.5 from Mean)	Mkt Val	57.01	-4.48	8.86	4.85	1.83	6.89
Index	BBB	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	62.28	-5.34	9.54	5.18	1.84	5.33
100	ВВ	Momentum/Match to Index (Reinvest/margin)	Buy and Hold	No	Mkt Val	105.50	-7.03	14.52	6.82	2.13	4.31
100	BB	Momentum/Match to Index (Reinvest/margin)	Buy and Hold	Yes (-0.5 from Mean)	Mkt Val	78.01	-8.00	11.46	6.53	1.76	10.47
Index	BB	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	93.56	-7.89	13.23	7.20	1.84	5.37

Source: J.P. Morgan. Results from April 2012 to July 2019.

Exhibit 18: Results for matching Portfolio WAS and WARF to the index

Bond						Cum	Max 1m	Annualized.	Annualized	Sharpe	Avg.
Count	Rating	Selection	Turnover	Signal Threshold	Weight	Rtn %	Drawdown	Return %	Vol %	Ratio	Turnover %
		Momentum/Match to Ind	ex	Yes							
100	AA	(WAS/WARF)	Buy and Hold	(-0.5 from Mean)	Mkt Val	16.02	-0.96	6.03	1.49	4.04	1.37
Index	AA	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	17.12	-1.21	6.43	1.68	3.84	5.48
		Momentum/Match to Inde	ex								
100	BBB	(WAS/WARF)	Buy and Hold	es (-0.5 from Mean	) Mkt Val	35.73	-2.66	12.80	4.43	2.89	1.86
Index	BBB	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	39.94	-4.02	14.17	4.80	2.95	5.33
		Momentum/Match to Ind	ex								
100	ВВ	(WAS/WARF)	Buy and Hold	es (-0.5 from Mean	) Mkt Val	68.96	-2.81	22.98	6.06	3.79	2.21
Index	BB	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	Mkt Val	78.89	-3.96	25.77	6.35	4.06	5.37

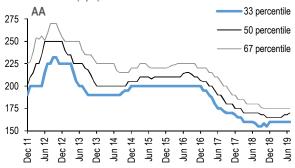
Source: J.P. Morgan. Results from April 2012 to July 2019.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

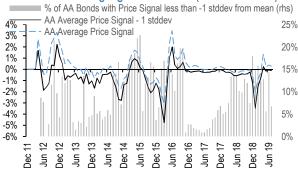
J.P.Morgan

# Exhibit 19: CLOIE historical constituents – Margin tiering for CLOIE AA index (bps)



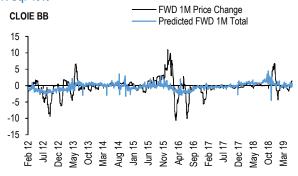
Source: J.P. Morgan.

### Exhibit 21: Visualizing Signal Thresholds (CLOIE AA Index)



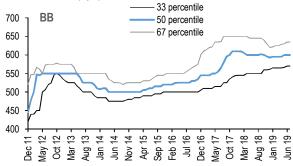
Source: J.P. Morgan.

Exhibit 23: Y-variable: Fwd 1M Price Change; X-Variables: 3M lookback, 1M Loan spread change, 10 Tsy R-Sq: 40%



Source: J.P. Morgan.

# Exhibit 20: CLOIE historical constituents – Margin tiering for CLOIE BB index (bps)



Source: J.P. Morgan.

### Exhibit 22: Visualizing Signal Thresholds (CLOIE BB Index)



Source: J.P. Morgan.

Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com

### **Appendix B**

Exhibit 1: Global CLO spreads & recommendations (bp)

Sector	Current WAL (yrs)	Current Spread	Change vs 09/13	Change YTD	Rec*	Sector	Current WAL (yrs)	Current Spread	Change vs 09/13	Change YTD	Rec*
US 3.0						EUR 2.0					
AAA	4.0-5.5	122	(3)	(18)	N	AAA	4-5	130	(5)	5	N
AA	5.5-7.0	188	`o´	(22)	N	AA	6-7	173	(5)	(13)	N
Α	6.5-8.0	252	0	(53)	N	Α	6-7	225	(5)	(10)	N
BBB	7.0-8.5	368	0	(42)	N	BBB	6-7	358	(5)	(5)	N
BB	7.5-9.0	725	5	(50)	N	BB	7-8	658	O	<b>`8</b>	N
В	8.0-9.5	1025	10	25	N	В	7-8	873	10	23	N
US New Issu	ıe					EUR New Is	sue				
AAA	5-6	131-145	0	2	N	AAA	5-6	97	(2)	(6)	N
AA	6-8	175-210	(3)	(18)	N	AA	7-8	175	(3)	(15)	N
Α	6-9	245-305	(5)	(35)	N	Α	7-8	245	O	(10)	N
BBB	7-9	385-425	(3)	(3)	N	BBB	7-8	398	0	28	N
BB	7-9	690-800	(5)	(18)	N	BB	8-9	670	0	(5)	N
В	7-9	875-1000	0	(163)	N	В	8-9	950	0	75	N

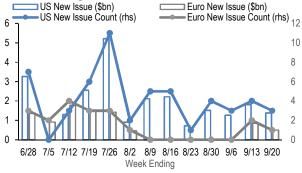
Source: J.P. Morgan. Spread to Libor or Euribor (bp) for originally-rated categories. \*Rec shows recommendations where OW is Overweight, N is Neutral, and UW is Underweight. US New issue spreads represent a range of spreads to indicate manager tiering. All secondary spreads represent 'mid-quality' of secondary levels of CLOs. US 3.0 spreads represent US CLOs issued after 2013 and EUR 2.0 spreads represent CLOs issued Post-Crisis. EUR new issue does not reflect positive impact of EURIBOR floors on spreads.

**Exhibit 2: CLO annual issuance totals** 

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD18	YTD19	YoY Change
US Issuance (\$bn)	Total	87.28	131.46	109.59	113.47	284.73	278.84	213.18	120.81	-43%
	New	86.08	124.10	99.07	72.42	118.07	129.68	98.06	86.11	-12%
	Refi/Reset/Re-Issue	1.20	7.35	10.53	41.05	166.66	149.16	115.12	34.70	-70%
Euro Issuance (€bn)	Total	7.77	14.49	13.86	21.03	45.10	43.21	33.27	27.41	-18%
	New	7.77	14.49	13.56	16.82	19.12	27.27	20.35	20.98	3%
	Refi/Reset/Re-Issue	0.00	0.00	0.31	4.21	25.98	15.94	12.92	6.43	-50%
Global Issuance (\$bn)	Total	97.61	150.57	124.95	136.51	335.81	329.82	253.31	151.63	-40%
	New	96.42	143.21	114.07	90.97	139.81	161.84	122.80	109.75	-11%
	Refi/Reset/Re-Issue	1.20	7.35	10.87	45.54	196.00	167.98	130.51	41.88	-68%

Source: J.P. Morgan.





Source: J.P. Morgan. Data excludes refinanced, reset, re-issued and repriced CLOs.

#### **Exhibit 4: Rolling one year Global CLO New Issuance**



Source: J.P. Morgan. Data excludes refinanced, reset, re-issued and repriced CLOs.

Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com

Exhibit 5: CLOIE simple average and portfolio discount margin (bps)

Simple Avg. Discount Margin	Current	1m Δ	YTD Δ	1yr ∆	Portfolio Discount Margin	Current	1m Δ	YTD	Δ
Total CLOIE	189	0	(24)	30	Total CLOIE	225	2	(6)	
AAA	120	(1)	(26)	12	AAA	124	0	(22)	
AA	180	(0)	(26)	22	AA	183	0	(24)	
A	257	(1)	(25)	59	Α	260	(1)	(26)	
BBB	378	8	(28)	85	BBB	381	10	(26)	
BB	721	4	(6)	198	BB	725	4	(9)	
В	983	4	45	238	В	985	4	43	
Pre-Crisis CLOIE	224	0	30	46	Pre-Crisis CLOIE	234	11	(2)	1
AAA	0	0	(53)	(53)	AAA	0	0	(54)	
AA	76	0	(28)	(8)	AA	78	0	(20)	
Α	95	0	(16)	(23)	A	95	0	1	
BBB	185	0	(30)	(7)	BBB	190	(0)	(31)	
BB	398	0	(1)	9	ВВ	385	0	(6)	
Post-Crisis CLOIE	189	0	(24)	31	Post-Crisis CLOIE	225	2	(6)	Į
AAA	120	(1)	(26)	12	AAA	124	0	(22)	
AA	180	(0)	(26)	22	AA	183	0	(24)	
Α	257	(1)	(25)	59	A	260	(1)	(26)	
BBB	378	8	(29)	84	BBB	381	10	(26)	
BB	722	4	(7)	198	BB	725	4	(9)	
В	983	4	45	238	В	985	4	43	

Source: J.P. Morgan.

Exhibit 6: CLOIE total returns, Simple Avg. Yield, Coupon, and Margin

Total Returns (%)	MTD	QTD	YTD2019	YTD2018		Simple Avg. Yield	Portfolio Yield	Coupon	Margin (bps)
Total CLOIE	0.24%	0.64%	4.25%	2.18%	Total CLOIE	3.63%	3.88%	4.01%	172
AAA	0.20%	0.81%	3.64%	1.85%	AAA	2.97%	2.87%	3.45%	116
AA	0.23%	0.82%	4.58%	2.08%	AA	3.47%	3.44%	3.96%	167
А	0.31%	0.19%	5.23%	2.31%	A	4.26%	4.23%	4.53%	224
BBB	0.40%	(0.32%)	6.29%	2.78%	BBB	5.48%	5.46%	5.55%	326
BB	0.46%	(0.36%)	7.58%	5.02%	BB	8.94%	8.97%	8.32%	603
В	0.58%	0.55%	6.87%	7.82%	В	11.61%	11.64%	9.74%	746
Pre-Crisis CLOIE	0.27%	1.04%	3.39%	2.36%	Pre-Crisis CLOIE	4.20%	4.22%	4.25%	198
AAA	0.00%	0.00%	0.94%	1.72%	AAA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0
AA	0.23%	0.79%	2.53%	1.66%	AA	2.89%	2.85%	2.64%	36
Α	0.19%	0.75%	2.11%	1.85%	Α	2.80%	2.80%	2.98%	70
BBB	0.24%	0.74%	3.20%	2.70%	BBB	3.74%	3.72%	3.72%	145
BB	0.34%	1.58%	4.84%	4.53%	ВВ	5.92%	5.75%	6.14%	388
Post-Crisis CLOIE	0.24%	0.64%	4.25%	2.18%	Post-Crisis CLOIE	3.63%	3.88%	4.01%	172
AAA	0.20%	0.81%	3.64%	1.85%	AAA	2.97%	2.87%	3.45%	116
AA	0.23%	0.82%	4.58%	2.08%	AA	3.47%	3.44%	3.96%	167
А	0.31%	0.19%	5.23%	2.32%	Α	4.26%	4.23%	4.53%	224
BBB	0.40%	(0.33%)	6.31%	2.78%	BBB	5.48%	5.46%	5.56%	327
BB	0.46%	(0.37%)	7.60%	5.02%	ВВ	8.95%	8.98%	8.33%	604
В	0.58%	0.55%	6.87%	7.82%	В	11.61%	11.64%	9.74%	746

Source: J.P. Morgan.

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com

Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

### **Disclosures**

Analyst Certification: All authors named within this report are research analysts unless otherwise specified. The research analyst(s) denoted by an "AC" on the cover of this report certifies (or, where multiple research analysts are primarily responsible for this report, the research analyst denoted by an "AC" on the cover or within the document individually certifies, with respect to each security or issuer that the research analyst covers in this research) that: (1) all of the views expressed in this report accurately reflect the research analyst's personal views about any and all of the subject securities or issuers; and (2) no part of any of the research analyst's compensation was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views expressed by the research analyst(s) in this report. For all Korea-based research analysts listed on the front cover, if applicable, they also certify, as per KOFIA requirements, that their analysis was made in good faith and that the views reflect their own opinion, without undue influence or intervention.

### **Important Disclosures**

Company-Specific Disclosures: Important disclosures, including price charts and credit opinion history tables, are available for compendium reports and all J.P. Morgan—covered companies by visiting <a href="https://www.jpmm.com/research/disclosures">https://www.jpmm.com/research/disclosures</a>, calling 1-800-477-0406, or e-mailing <a href="research.disclosure.inquiries@jpmorgan.com">research.disclosure.inquiries@jpmorgan.com</a> with your request. J.P. Morgan's Strategy, Technical, and Quantitative Research teams may screen companies not covered by J.P. Morgan. For important disclosures for these companies, please call 1-800-477-0406 or e-mail <a href="research.disclosure.inquiries@jpmorgan.com">research.disclosure.inquiries@jpmorgan.com</a>.

**Analysts' Compensation:** The research analysts responsible for the preparation of this report receive compensation based upon various factors, including the quality and accuracy of research, client feedback, competitive factors, and overall firm revenues.

**Registration of non-US Analysts:** Unless otherwise noted, the non-US analysts listed on the front of this report are employees of non-US affiliates of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, may not be registered as research analysts under FINRA rules, may not be associated persons of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, and may not be subject to FINRA Rule 2241 or 2242 restrictions on communications with covered companies, public appearances, and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

**Analysts' Compensation:** The research analysts responsible for the preparation of this report receive compensation based upon various factors, including the quality and accuracy of research, client feedback, competitive factors, and overall firm revenues.

### **Other Disclosures**

J.P. Morgan is a marketing name for investment banking businesses of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its subsidiaries and affiliates worldwide.

Any data discrepancies in this report could be the result of different calculations and/or adjustments.

Any long form nomenclature for references to China; Hong Kong; Taiwan; and Macau within this research report are Mainland China; Hong Kong SAR, China; Taiwan, China; Macau SAR, China.

Options and Futures related research: If the information contained herein regards options or futures related research, such information is available only to persons who have received the proper options or futures risk disclosure documents. Please contact your J.P. Morgan Representative or visit <a href="https://www.theocc.com/components/docs/riskstoc.pdf">https://www.theocc.com/components/docs/riskstoc.pdf</a> for a copy of the Option Clearing Corporation's Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options or <a href="https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/Security\_Futures\_Risk\_Disclosure\_Statement\_2018.pdf">https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/Security\_Futures\_Risk\_Disclosure\_Statement\_2018.pdf</a> for a copy of the Security Futures Risk Disclosure Statement.

**Private Bank Clients:** Where you are receiving research as a client of the private banking businesses offered by JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its subsidiaries ("J.P. Morgan Private Bank"), research is provided to you by J.P. Morgan Private Bank and not by any other division of J.P. Morgan, including but not limited to the J.P. Morgan corporate and investment bank and its research division.

**Legal entity responsible for the production of research**: The legal entity identified below the name of the Reg AC research analyst who authored this report is the legal entity responsible for the production of this research. Where multiple Reg AC research analysts authored this report with different legal entities identified below their names, these legal entities are jointly responsible for the production of this research.

### **Legal Entities Disclosures**

U.S.: JPMS is a member of NYSE, FINRA, SIPC and the NFA. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is a member of FDIC. Canada: J.P. Morgan Securities Canada Inc. is a registered investment dealer, regulated by the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada and the Ontario Securities Commission and is the participating member on Canadian exchanges. U.K.: JPMorgan Chase N.A., London Branch, is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and is subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and to limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details about the extent of our regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority are available from J.P. Morgan on request. J.P. Morgan Securities plc (JPMS plc) is a member of the London Stock Exchange and is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Registered in England & Wales No. 2711006. Registered Office 25 Bank Street, London, E14 5JP. Germany: This material is distributed in Germany by J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Frankfurt Branch which is regulated by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsich and also by J.P. Morgan AG (JPM AG) which is a member of the Frankfurt stock exchange and is regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin), JPM AG is a company incorporated in the Federal Republic of Germany with registered office at Taunustor 1,

Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com

60310 Frankfurt am Main, the Federal Republic of Germany. South Africa: J.P. Morgan Equities South Africa Proprietary Limited is a member of the Johannesburg Securities Exchange and is regulated by the Financial Services Board. Hong Kong: J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited (CE number AAJ321) is regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong and/or J.P. Morgan Broking (Hong Kong) Limited (CE number AAB027) is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., Hong Kong is organized under the laws of U.S.A. with limited liability. Korea: This material is issued and distributed in Korea by or through J.P. Morgan Securities (Far East) Limited, Seoul Branch, which is a member of the Korea Exchange(KRX) and is regulated by the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS). Australia: J.P. Morgan Securities Australia Limited (JPMSAL) (ABN 61 003 245 234/AFS Licence No: 238066) is regulated by ASIC and is a Market, Clearing and Settlement Participant of ASX Limited and CHI-X. Taiwan: J.P. Morgan Securities (Taiwan) Limited is a participant of the Taiwan Stock Exchange (company-type) and regulated by the Taiwan Securities and Futures Bureau. India: J.P. Morgan India Private Limited (Corporate Identity Number - U67120MH1992FTC068724), having its registered office at J.P. Morgan Tower, Off. C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Santacruz - East, Mumbai - 400098, is registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as a 'Research Analyst' having registration number INH000001873. J.P. Morgan India Private Limited is also registered with SEBI as a member of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (SEBI Registration Number - INZ000239730) and as a Merchant Banker (SEBI Registration Number -MB/INM000002970). Telephone: 91-22-6157 3000, Facsimile: 91-22-6157 3990 and Website: www.jpmipl.com. For non local research reports, this material is not distributed in India by J.P. Morgan India Private Limited. Thailand: This material is issued and distributed in Thailand by JPMorgan Securities (Thailand) Ltd., which is a member of the Stock Exchange of Thailand and is regulated by the Ministry of Finance and the Securities and Exchange Commission and its registered address is 3rd Floor, 20 North Sathorn Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500. Indonesia: PT J.P. Morgan Sekuritas Indonesia is a member of the Indonesia Stock Exchange and is regulated by the OJK a.k.a. BAPEPAM LK. Philippines: J.P. Morgan Securities Philippines Inc. is a Trading Participant of the Philippine Stock Exchange and a member of the Securities Clearing Corporation of the Philippines and the Securities Investor Protection Fund. It is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Brazil: Banco J.P. Morgan S.A. is regulated by the Comissao de Valores Mobiliarios (CVM) and by the Central Bank of Brazil. Mexico: J.P. Morgan Casa de Bolsa, S.A. de C.V., J.P. Morgan Grupo Financiero is a member of the Mexican Stock Exchange and authorized to act as a broker dealer by the National Banking and Securities Exchange Commission. Singapore: This material is issued and distributed in Singapore by or through J.P. Morgan Securities Singapore Private Limited (JPMSS) [MCI (P) 058/04/2019 and Co. Reg. No.: 199405335R], which is a member of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and/or JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Singapore branch (JPMCB Singapore) [MCI (P) 070/09/2019], both of which are regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. This material is issued and distributed in Singapore only to accredited investors, expert investors and institutional investors, as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act, Cap. 289 (SFA). This material is not intended to be issued or distributed to any retail investors or any other investors that do not fall into the classes of "accredited investors," "expert investors" or "institutional investors," as defined under Section 4A of the SFA. Recipients of this document are to contact JPMSS or JPMCB Singapore in respect of any matters arising from, or in connection with, the document. Japan: JPMorgan Securities Japan Co., Ltd. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Tokyo Branch are regulated by the Financial Services Agency in Japan. Malaysia: This material is issued and distributed in Malaysia by JPMorgan Securities (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (18146-X) which is a Participating Organization of Bursa Malaysia Berhad and a holder of Capital Markets Services License issued by the Securities Commission in Malaysia. Pakistan: J. P. Morgan Pakistan Broking (Pvt.) Ltd is a member of the Karachi Stock Exchange and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan. Dubai: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Dubai Branch is regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) and its registered address is Dubai International Financial Centre - Building 3, Level 7, PO Box 506551, Dubai, UAE. Russia: CB J.P. Morgan Bank International LLC is regulated by the Central Bank of Russia. Argentina: JPMorgan Chase Bank Sucursal Buenos Aires is regulated by Banco Central de la República Argentina ("BCRA"- Central Bank of Argentina) and Comisión Nacional de Valores ("CNV"- Argentinian Securities Commission")

### **Country and Region Specific Disclosures**

U.K. and European Economic Area (EEA): Unless specified to the contrary, issued and approved for distribution in the U.K. and the EEA by JPMS plc. Investment research issued by JPMS plc has been prepared in accordance with JPMS plc's policies for managing conflicts of interest arising as a result of publication and distribution of investment research. Many European regulators require a firm to establish, implement and maintain such a policy. Further information about J.P. Morgan's conflict of interest policy and a description of the effective internal organisations and administrative arrangements set up for the prevention and avoidance of conflicts of interest is set out at the following link <a href="https://www.jpmorgan.com/jpmpdf/1320742677360.pdf">https://www.jpmorgan.com/jpmpdf/1320742677360.pdf</a>. This report has been issued in the U.K. only to persons of a kind described in Article 19 (5), 38, 47 and 49 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (all such persons being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons. In other EEA countries, the report has been issued to persons regarded as professional investors (or equivalent) in their home jurisdiction. Australia: This material is issued and distributed by JPMSAL in Australia to "wholesale clients" only. This material does not take into account the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of the recipient. The recipient of this material must not distribute it to any third party or outside Australia without the prior written consent of JPMSAL. For the purposes of this paragraph the term "wholesale client" has the meaning given in section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001. J.P. Morgan's research coverage universe spans listed securities across the ASX All Ordinaries index, securities listed on offshore markets, unlisted issuers and investment products which Research management deem to be relevant to the investor base from time to time. J.P. Morgan seeks to cover companies of relevance to the domestic and international investor base across all GIC sectors, as well as across a range of market capitalisation sizes. Germany: This material is distributed in Germany by J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Frankfurt Branch which is regulated by the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht. Korea: This report may have been edited or contributed to from time to time by affiliates of J.P. Morgan Securities (Far East) Limited, Seoul Branch. Singapore: As at the date of this report, JPMSS is a designated market maker for certain structured warrants listed on the Singapore Exchange where the underlying securities may be the securities discussed in this report. Arising from its role as designated market maker for such structured warrants, JPMSS may conduct hedging activities in respect of such underlying securities and hold or have an interest in such underlying securities as a result. The updated list of structured warrants for which JPMSS acts as designated market maker may be found on the website of the Singapore Exchange Limited: http://www.sgx.com. In addition, JPMSS and/or its affiliates may also have an interest or holding in any of the securities discussed in this report - please see the Important Disclosures section above. For securities where the holding is 1% or greater, the holding may be found in the Important Disclosures section above. For all other securities mentioned in this report, JPMSS and/or its affiliates may have a holding of less than 1% in such securities and may trade them in ways different from those discussed in this report. Employees of JPMSS and/or its affiliates not involved in the preparation of this report may have investments in the securities (or derivatives of such securities) mentioned in this report and may trade them in ways different from those discussed in this report. Taiwan: Research relating to equity securities is issued and distributed in Taiwan by J.P. Morgan Securities (Taiwan) Limited, subject to the license scope and the applicable laws and the regulations in Taiwan. According to Paragraph 2, Article 7-1 of Operational Regulations Governing Securities Firms Recommending Trades in Securities to Customers (as amended or supplemented)

Michael (Xin) Huang (1-212) 834-3047 michael.xin.huang@jpmorgan.com Global Credit Research
The Audacity of Automation
20 September 2019

J.P.Morgan

Heather A Rochford (1-212) 834-3578 heather.a.rochford@jpmorgan.com Jacqueline E Rachaf (1-212) 834-2349 jacqueline.rachaf@jpmorgan.com

and/or other applicable laws or regulations, please note that the recipient of this material is not permitted to engage in any activities in connection with the material which may give rise to conflicts of interests, unless otherwise disclosed in the "Important Disclosures" in this material. India: For private circulation only, not for sale. Pakistan: For private circulation only, not for sale. New Zealand: This material is issued and distributed by JPMSAL in New Zealand only to "wholesale clients" (as defined in the Financial Advisers Act 2008). The recipient of this material must not distribute it to any third party or outside New Zealand without the prior written consent of JPMSAL. Canada: This report is distributed in Canada by or on behalf of J.P.Morgan Securities Canada Inc. The information contained herein is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as an offer to sell securities described herein, or solicitation of an offer to buy securities described herein, in Canada or any province or territory thereof. The information contained herein is under no circumstances to be construed as investment advice in any province or territory of Canada and is not tailored to the needs of the recipient. Dubai: This report has been distributed to persons regarded as professional clients or market counterparties as defined under the DFSA rules. Brazil: Ombudsman J.P. Morgan: 0800-7700847 / ouvidoria.jp.morgan@jpmorgan.com.

General: Additional information is available upon request. Information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but JPMorgan Chase & Co. or its affiliates and/or subsidiaries (collectively J.P. Morgan) do not warrant its completeness or accuracy except with respect to any disclosures relative to JPMS and/or its affiliates and the analyst's involvement with the issuer that is the subject of the research. All pricing is indicative as of the close of market for the securities discussed, unless otherwise stated. Opinions and estimates constitute our judgment as of the date of this material and are subject to change without notice. Past performance is not indicative of future results. This material is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of any financial instrument. The opinions and recommendations herein do not take into account individual client circumstances, objectives, or needs and are not intended as recommendations of particular securities, financial instruments or strategies to particular clients. The recipient of this report must make its own independent decisions regarding any securities or financial instruments mentioned herein. JPMS distributes in the U.S. research published by non-U.S. affiliates and accepts responsibility for its contents. Periodic updates may be provided on companies/industries based on company specific developments or announcements, market conditions or any other publicly available information. Clients should contact analysts and execute transactions through a J.P. Morgan subsidiary or affiliate in their home jurisdiction unless governing law permits otherwise.

"Other Disclosures" last revised September 07, 2019.

Copyright 2019 JPMorgan Chase & Co. All rights reserved. This report or any portion hereof may not be reprinted, sold or redistributed without the written consent of J.P. Morgan.