

Discover the potential. SSPA Swiss Derivative Map[®]

What are structured products?

Structured products combine classic investments with derivatives. They are issued as stand-alone products and securitized in a commercial paper. The advantages for investors are that structured products cover

- **every market expectation**, rising, falling or sideways,
- **every risk profile**, from low-risk capital protection products to high-risk leverage products,
- **every investment class**, including those usually not accessible to many investors, including precious metals, commodities and emerging markets,
- **high liquidity** in the secondary market as provided by the issuer.

Categorization model

The SSPA's Swiss Derivative Map is a systematic, easy-to-understand way to categorize structured products, successfully used for many years by investors and issuers alike. Other European industry associations have since adopted it. Experts examine the Map regularly and adjust it to reflect new market developments. Products are allocated to a given category by payoff, often defined in more detail by means of additional features.

The structured road to the right product

- 1 How do you expect the market to perform in general and as regards specific underlyings? Structured products allow investing in rising, falling or sideways-performing markets and markets with high or low volatility.
- 2 Are you familiar with the underlying and its past performance? What do the experts say? What are the alternatives?
- 3 How should the underlying develop to produce a profit? Refer to the termsheet for the main product characteristics.
- 4 Do you know the market scenarios that would result in a loss? Depending on the product, outperforming or failing to reach certain barriers can produce vastly different outcomes.
- 5 Do you know the product issuer and concomitant risk? Go to our website for more issuer information. The termsheet provides information on additional credit risks associated with reference issuer certificates.
- 6 Is the product within the limits of your risk profile? Choose from among
 - risk averse: mainly capital-protection products
 - limited risk: yield enhancement and participation products
 - high risk: participation and leverage products.
- 7 Have you absorbed all of a product's relevant information? Read the termsheet closely, and seek the advice of an investment adviser as needed.

Your investment decision

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Six SSPA risk classes

The SSPA Risk Figure assesses a structured product's market risk based on the Value at Risk (VaR), which may change during a product's lifetime depending on the market. The Risk Figure helps investors calculate their portfolio value. Go to the SSPA website for more information as well as Risk Figures of products listed in Switzerland.

Risk Class / Risk Perception		Comparable to
1	low	Money Market, Deposits
2	moderate	Bonds
3	medium	Mixed Portfolio Bonds / Shares
4	increased	Blue Chips
5	high	Small / Mid Caps, Emerging Markets
6	very high	Options, Futures

More information – more knowledge

Go to www.svsp-verband.ch for more structured products information. Using our online test you can test your structured product knowledge and check in which categories your products are listed.



You can also order the Brochure, the Swiss Derivative Map in poster form, as well as the accompanying SSPA Compendium. Feel free to visit our website!



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SSPA Compendium – only available in German.



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DEFINITION

Additional features	Additional features help refine the Swiss Structured Products Association (SSPA) categorization model. One asterisk next to a structured product's product type number in the product index denotes a slight deviation from the respective product type. Go to the SSPA website www.svsp-verband.ch for more detailed information on additional features.
Barrier	Barriers denote a threshold of the price of the underlying. Outperforming or failing to reach the barrier changes the structured product's repayment conditions (payoff).
Bear/short	Bear or short investments are speculations on falling underlyings. Tracker certificates, for instance, can carry the suffix bear; mini-futures the suffix short.
Bull/long	Bull or long investments are speculations on rising underlyings. Tracker certificates, for instance, can carry the suffix bull; mini-futures the suffix long.
Cap	Caps are the upper limit of participation of a structured product in profits from the underlying.
Capital protection certificate	Issuers of capital protection certificates provide capital protection, i.e. assured payment of a specific amount, set by the issuer on issue and paid out on the date of repayment. Capital protection certificates have protection of at least 90% of the nominal.
Conditional capital protection	Conditional capital protection indicates that capital protection is linked to a condition which might be the non-occurrence of a credit event or that a barrier has not been breached.
COSI	Collateral Secured Instruments. A segment of structured products that minimizes issuer risk. Based on a product's market price and theoretical value, a security in the form of collateral is deposited on a SIX Swiss Exchange account at SIX SIS.
Credit event	This refers to the debtor's inability to repay a creditor's loan. One or more of the following events are classified as credit events: reference issuer insolvency; non-payment by reference issuer; potential early debt maturity; early debt maturity; non-recognition or postponement of payment obligation by the reference issuer; debt restructuring.
Income accruing	Examples of income accruing on underlyings are share dividends and bond interest payments.
Issuer risk	Legally, structured products are debt obligations subject to issuer risk, similar to e.g. bonds and fixed term deposits. As with other kinds of investment the principle of diversification and using different issuers applies. Monitoring issuer creditworthiness (using aids that can be found on the SSPA website, www.svsp-verband.ch) is also advised. Collateralized certificates, e.g. Collateral Secured Instruments, minimize issuer risk.
Leverage	Leverage is a dynamic indicator of an option's or a warrant's leverage effect. It shows the percentage increase in the price of a call (put) if the underlying's price increases (declines) by 1%. Leverage products have at least 200% leverage (leverage factor 2) on issue.
Nominal	The nominal is a structured product's nominal value. Repayment of the product refers to this amount.
Option	Options give buyers the right to accept or refuse a time-limited contract offer. The contract offer states the underlying, the term and the strike. There are call options and put options. Buyers speculating on rising underlying price exercise a call option, or right to buy. Put options, or the right to sell, refer to speculations on a price drop of the underlying. Options are an important component of structured products.
Payoff diagram	Payoff diagrams are graphics of a financial instrument's repayment structure on maturity. Those on the SSPA's Swiss Derivative Map show a product type's typical repayment mechanism on maturity. For clarity's sake the list of investment products does not include products of the bear type.
Rebate	Payouts when a barrier has been breached are rebates, with the amounts expressed as a percentage of the nominal.
Reference issuer	The debtor in a reference loan.
Reference loan	This is the loan taken by the reference issuer and on which the reference issuer certificate is based. It defines the product's additional credit risk (see also Credit event).
Strike	An option's strike refers to the investor's buying price (call option) or selling price (put option) of the underlying. For participation and yield enhancement products strike defines the reference price of the underlyings of the structured product concerned. Barriers, bonus levels and cap levels are based on the reference price.
Structured products	Structured financial products are instruments that combine, for instance, bonds or shares with derivatives, usually options, securitized in a stand-alone commercial paper. The repayment value of structured products depends, among other things, on movements of one or more underlying assets, and/or on the non-occurrence of a credit event on the part of the respective reference issuer.
Underlying	The asset on which a structured product is based. Examples are stocks, indexes, currencies, commodities, interest rates, bonds, etc.
Volatility	Shows an underlying's range of fluctuation.
Worst-of	If a worst-of scenario is being triggered the redemption amount or physical delivery will be defined by the underlying with the worst performance/price development at expiration.