



Structured Product Details

Name Buffered PLUS linked to the iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund

 Pricing Date
 March 1, 2011

 Issue Date
 March 4, 2011

 Valuation Date
 August 29, 2012

 Maturity Date
 September 4, 2012

IssuerMorgan StanleyCDS Rate55.98 bpsSwap Rate0.82%

Reference Asset iShares MSCI EAFE Index
Fund
Initial Level \$60.69
Dividend Rate 2.28%
Implied Volatility 23.27%
Delta¹ 0.5

Fair Price at Issue \$9.57 Realized Return -2.98%

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## Related Research

### Research Papers:

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- "Are Structured Products Suitable for Retail Investors?" December 2006.
- "Structured Products in the Aftermath of Lehman Brothers," November 2009.
- "What TiVo and JP Morgan Teach Us about Reverse Convertibles," June 2010.

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# Description

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Morgan Stanley issued \$3.00 million of Buffered PLUS linked to the iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund on March 4, 2011 at \$10 per note.

These notes are Morgan Stanley-branded Buffered PLUS securities that do not pay periodic coupons, but instead pay a single amount at maturity depending on the final level of iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund.

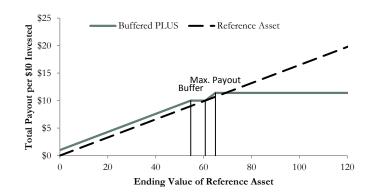
If on August 29, 2012 iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price is higher than \$60.69, but lower than \$64.94, the notes pay a return equal to the percentage increase in iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund multiplied by 2.0, up to a cap of 14.00%. If on August 29, 2012 iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price is below \$60.69 but not below \$54.62, investors receive \$10 face value per note. If iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price on August 29, 2012 is lower than \$54.62, investors receive face value per note reduced by the amount the reference asset is below \$54.62 as a percent of the initial level, \$60.69.

## **Valuation**

This Buffered PLUS linked to iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund can be valued as a combination of a note from Morgan Stanley, one short out-of-the-money put option, two long at-the-money call options, and two short out-of-the-money call options. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$9.57 when it was issued on March 4, 2011 because the value of the options investors gave Morgan Stanley plus the interest investors would have received on Morgan Stanley's straight debt was worth \$0.43 more than the options investors received from Morgan Stanley.

There is no active secondary market for most structured products. Structured products, including this note, therefore are much less liquid than simple stocks, bonds, notes and mutual funds. Investors are likely to receive less than the structured product's estimated market value if they try to sell the structured product prior to maturity. Our valuations do not incorporate this relative lack of liquidity and therefore should be considered an upper bound on the value of the structured product.

## Payoff Curve at Maturity



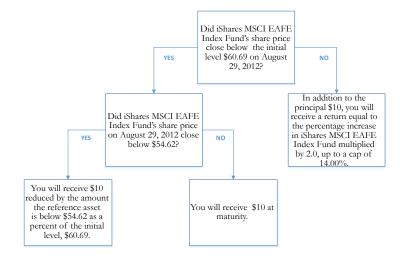
The payoff diagram shows the final payoff of this note given iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price (horizontal axis). For comparison, the dashed line shows the payoff if you invested in iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund directly.

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## Principal Payback Table

iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	Note Payoff
\$0.00	\$1.00
\$6.07	\$2.00
\$12.14	\$3.00
\$18.21	\$4.00
\$24.28	\$5.00
\$30.35	\$6.00
\$36.41	\$7.00
\$42.48	\$8.00
\$48.55	\$9.00
\$54.62	\$10.00
\$60.69	\$10.00
\$66.76	\$11.40
\$72.83	\$11.40
\$78.90	\$11.40
\$84.97	\$11.40
\$91.04	\$11.40

## Maturity Payoff Diagram

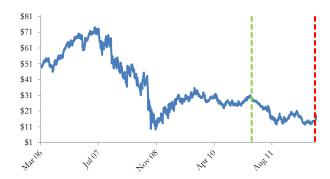


The contingent payoffs of this Buffered PLUS.

# **Analysis**

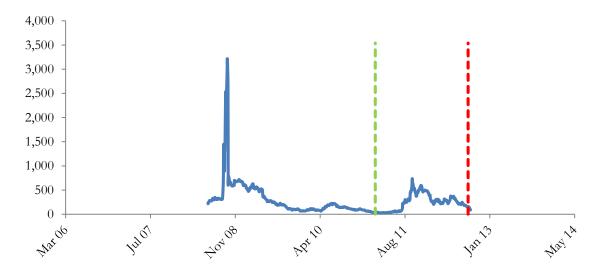
This Buffered PLUS pays investors the increase in iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund multiplied by 2.0 capped at 14.00%, but if iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund declines over the term of the note, investors will suffer losses equal to the percentage decline in iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund. In addition, investors bear the credit risk of Morgan Stanley. Investors purchasing this Buffered PLUS effectively sell at-the-money put and out-of-themoney call options to Morgan Stanley, buy at-the-money call options, and a zero-coupon note from Morgan Stanley. This Buffered PLUS is fairly priced if and only if the market value of the options investors received from Morgan Stanley equals the market value of the options investors gave Morgan Stanley plus the interest investors would have received on Morgan Stanley's straight debt.

## Morgan Stanley's Stock Price



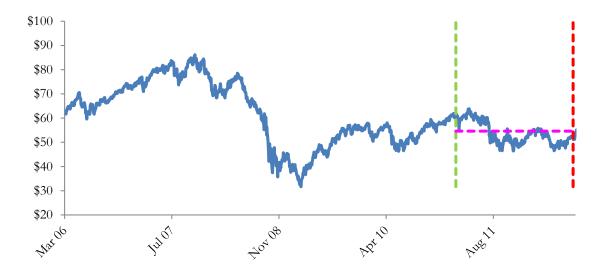
The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer Morgan Stanley for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of Morgan Stanley. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.

## Morgan Stanley's CDS Rate



Credit default swap (CDS) rates are the market price that investors require to bear credit risk of an issuer such as Morgan Stanley. CDS rates are usually given in basis points (bps). One basis point equals 0.01%. Higher CDS rates reflect higher perceived credit risk, higher required yields, and therefore lower market value of Morgan Stanley's debt, including outstanding Buffered PLUS. Fluctuations in Morgan Stanley's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.

#### iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's Share Price

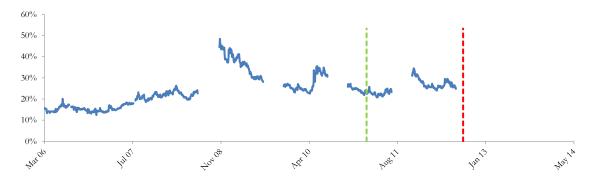


The graph above shows the historical levels of iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price at maturity. Higher fluctuations in iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this Buffered PLUS.

## Realized Payoff

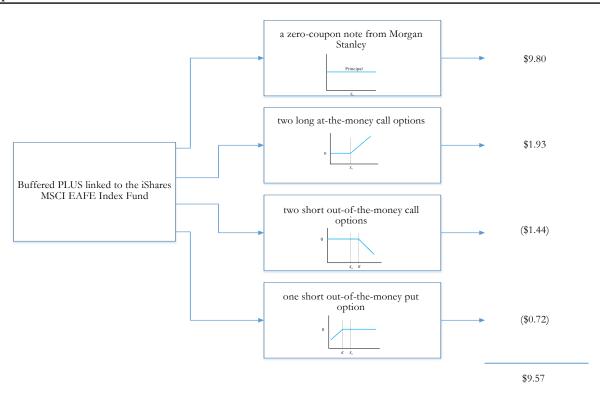
This note matured on September 4, 2012 and investors received \$9.55 per note.

## Reference Asset iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's Implied Volatility



The annualized implied volatility of iSbares MSCI EAFE Index Fund on March 1, 2011 was 23.27%, meaning that options contracts on iSbares MSCI EAFE Index Fund were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 23.27%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of iSbares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

### Decomposition of this Buffered PLUS



This note can be decomposed into different components, and each component can be valued separately. The chart above shows the value of each component of this Buffered PLUS.

- 1. Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund's share price on March 1, 2011.

  2. CDS rates can be considered a measure of the probability that an issuer will default over a certain period of time and the likely loss given a default. The lower the CDS rate, the lower the default probability. CDS rate is given in basis points (1 basis point equals 0.01%), and is considered as a market premium, on top of the risk-free rate, that investors require to insure against a potential default.

  3. Fair price evaluation is based on the Black-Scholes model of the iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund on March 1, 2011.

  4. Calculated payout at maturity is only an approximation, and may differ from actual payouts at maturity.

  5. Our evaluation does not include any transaction fees, broker commissions, or liquidity discounts on the notes.