

## Structured Product Details

Name	Yield Optimization Securities with Contingent Protection linked to XTO Energy Inc.	
Issue Size Issue Price Term Annualized Co	12	66 million \$48.60 2 Months 13.00%
Pricing Date Issue Date Valuation Date Maturity Date	September September September September	10, 2008 er 4, 2009
Issuer CDS Rate Swap Rate		UBS 77.2 bps 3.10%
Reference Asset XTO Energy Inc.'s stock		
Initial Leve Trigger Pric Conversion Dividend R Implied Vol Delta <sup>1</sup>	re Price ate	\$48.60 \$34.02 \$48.60 0.96% 47.20% 0.36
Fair Price at Is Realized Retu		\$46.55 13.61%
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Structured Products Research Report

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## Description

UBS issued \$4.56 million of Yield Optimization Securities with Contingent Protection linked to XTO Energy Inc. on September 10, 2008 at \$48.60 per note.

These notes are UBS-branded single observation reverse convertibles. Single observation reverse convertibles pay periodic interest coupons and at maturity convert into shares of the reference security if the price of the reference security at the notes' maturity is below the trigger price determined when the notes were issued.

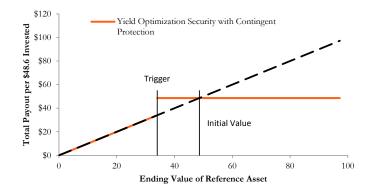
These 12-month notes pay monthly coupons at an annualized rate of 13.00%. In addition to the quarterly coupons, on September 11, 2009 investors will receive the market value of one share of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock if on September 4, 2009 XTO Energy Inc.'s stock closes below \$34.02 (70% of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock price on September 5, 2008). Otherwise, investors will receive the \$48.60 face value per note.

## Valuation

This UBS single observation reverse convertible linked to XTO Energy Inc.'s stock can be valued as a combination of a note from UBS and a short European out-of-the-money cash-or-nothing put option, and a short European out-of-the-money put option on XTO Energy Inc.'s stock. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$46.55 per \$48.60 when it was issued on September 10, 2008 because investors were effectively being paid only \$4.33 for giving UBS options which were worth \$6.37.

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 XTO Energy Inc.'s stock price (horizontal axis). For comparison, the dashed line shows the payoff if you invested in XTO Energy Inc.'s stock directly.

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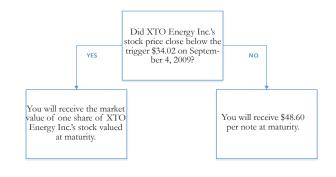
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- "Are Structured Products Suitable for Retail Investors?" December 2006.
- "Structured Products in the Aftermath of Lehman Brothers," November 2009.
- "What TiVo and JP Morgan Teach Us about Reverse Convertibles," June 2010.

### Principal Payback Table

XTO Energy Inc.'s Stock	Note Payoff	
\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$4.86	\$4.86	
\$9.72	\$9.72	
\$14.58	\$14.58	
\$19.44	\$19.44	
\$24.30	\$24.30	
\$29.16	\$29.16	
\$34.02	\$48.60	
\$38.88	\$48.60	
\$43.74	\$48.60	
\$48.60	\$48.60	
\$53.46	\$48.60	
\$58.32	\$48.60	
\$63.18	\$48.60	
\$68.04	\$48.60	
\$72.90	\$48.60	

### Maturity Payoff Diagram



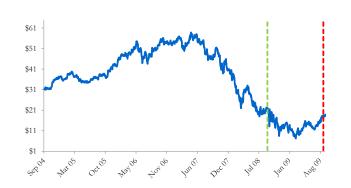
The contingent payoffs of this Yield Optimization Security with Contingent Protection.

### Analysis

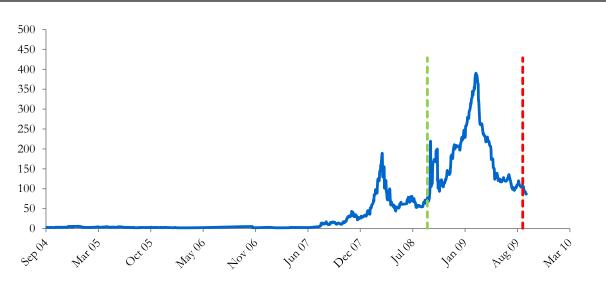
This single observation reverse convertible's 13.00% coupon rate is higher than the yield UBS paid on its straight debt but, in addition to UBS's credit risk, investors bear the risk that they will receive shares of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock when those shares are worth substantially less than the face value of the note at maturity.

Investors purchasing these reverse convertibles effectively sell put options to UBS and post the note's issue price as collateral to secure satisfaction of the investors' obligations under the option contracts. UBS pays investors a "coupon" that is part payment for the put options and part interest on the investors' posted collateral. This reverse convertible is fairly priced if and only if the difference between the reverse convertible's "coupon rate" and interest paid on UBS's straight debt equals the value of the put option investors are giving to UBS. Whether this reverse convertible is suitable or not is identically equivalent to whether selling put options on the reference stock at the option premium being paid by UBS was suitable for the investor.

### **UBS's Stock Price**

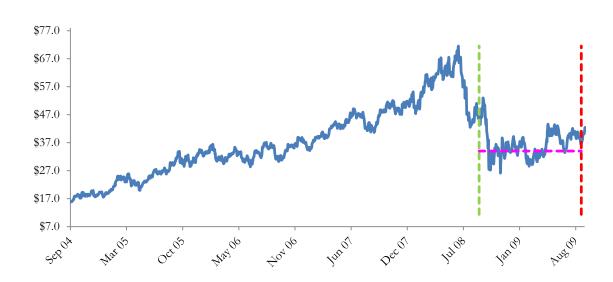


The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer UBS for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of UBS. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.



### **UBS's CDS Rate**

Credit default swap (CDS) rates are the market price that investors require to bear credit risk of an issuer such as UBS. 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 UBS's debt, including outstanding Yield Optimization Security with Contingent Protection. Fluctuations in UBS's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.



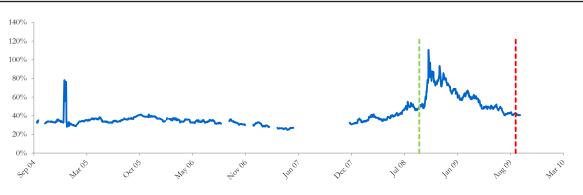
### XTO Energy Inc.'s Stock Price

The graph above shows the historical levels of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by XTO Energy Inc.'s stock price at maturity. Higher fluctuations in XTO Energy Inc.'s stock price correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this Yield Optimization Security with Contingent Protection.

### **Realized Payoff**

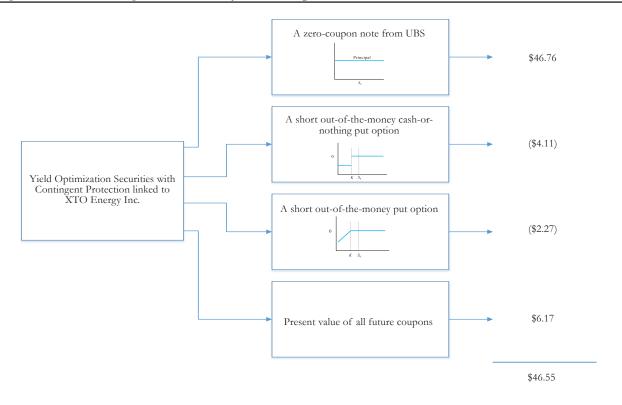
This note matured on September 11, 2009 and investors received \$48.60 per note.

### Reference Asset XTO Energy Inc.'s Stock's Implied Volatility



The annualized implied volatility of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock on September 5, 2008 was 47.20%, meaning that options contracts on XTO Energy Inc.'s stock were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 47.20%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of XTO Energy Inc.'s stock price and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

#### Decomposition of this Yield Optimization Security with Contingent Protection



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 Yield Optimization Security with Contingent Protection.

- Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the XTO Energy Inc's stock price on September 5, 2008.
  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.
  Fair price evaluation is based on the Black-Scholes model of the XTO Energy Inc's stock on September 5, 2008.
  Calculated payout at maturity is only an approximation, and may differ from actual payouts at maturity.
  Our evaluation does not include any transaction fees, broker commissions, or liquidity discounts on the notes.

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