# Structured Products Research Report

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### **Structured Product Details**

Name Reverse Convertibles linked to Caterpillar, Inc.

Pricing DateSeptember 29, 2011Issue DateOctober 4, 2011Valuation DateDecember 29, 2011Maturity DateJanuary 4, 2012

 Issuer
 UBS

 CDS Rate
 133.61 bps

 Swap Rate
 0.37%

Reference Asset Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock

 Initial Level
 \$75.39

 Conversion Price
 \$75.39

 Trigger Price
 \$56.54

 Dividend Rate
 2.33%

 Implied Volatility
 53.17%

 Delta¹
 0.46

**Fair Price at Issue** \$954.65 **Realized Return** 18.32%

CUSIP 902674GQ7 SEC Link www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/ data/1114446/000111444611010115/ stp262486f\_1fwp.htm

# Reverse Convertibles linked to Caterpillar, Inc.

# Description

UBS issued \$1.10 million of Reverse Convertibles linked to Caterpillar, Inc. on October 4, 2011 at \$1,000 per note.

These notes are UBS-branded reverse convertibles. Reverse convertibles pay periodic interest coupons and at maturity convert into shares of the reference security if the price of the reference stock at the notes' maturity is below its price when the notes were issued and had closed below a specified "trigger" during the term of the notes.

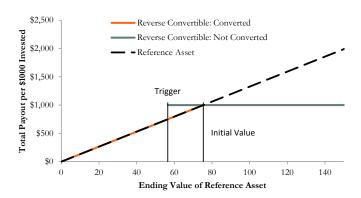
These 3-month notes pay monthly coupons at an annualized rate of 17.08%. In addition to the monthly coupons, at maturity on January 4, 2012 investors will receive the market value of 13.26 shares of Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock if on December 29, 2011 Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock price closes below \$75.39 (Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock price on September 29, 2011) and had ever closed at or below \$56.54 during the term of the notes. Otherwise, investors will receive the \$1,000 face value per note.

## **Valuation**

This UBS reverse convertible linked to Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock can be valued as a combination of a note from UBS and a short down-and-in, at-the-money put option on Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock. For reasonable valuation inputs this note was worth \$954.65 per \$1,000 when it was issued on October 4, 2011 because investors were effectively being paid only \$38.32 for giving UBS an option which was worth \$83.67.

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

#### 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.

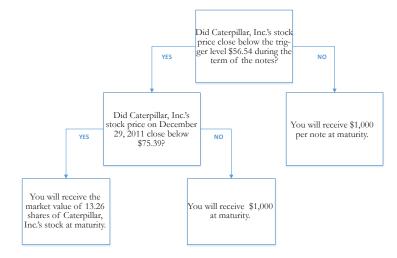
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#### Principal Payback Table

Caterpillar, Inc.'s Stock	Converted Note Payoff	Non-Con- verted Note Payoff
\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$7.54	\$100.00	
\$15.08	\$200.00	
\$22.62	\$300.00	
\$30.16	\$400.00	
\$37.70	\$500.00	
\$45.23	\$600.00	
\$52.77	\$700.00	
\$60.31	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
\$67.85	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
\$75.39	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$82.93	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$90.47	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$98.01	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$105.55	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
\$113.09	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

#### Maturity Payoff Diagram



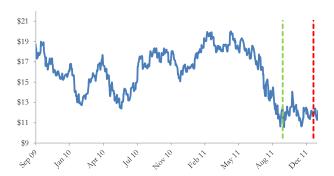
The contingent payoffs of this Reverse Convertible.

# **Analysis**

This reverse convertible's 17.08% 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 Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock when they are worth substantially less than the face value of the note at maturity.

Investors purchasing 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 excess of the reverse convertible's "coupon rate" above the interest UBS pays on its straight debt equals the value of the put option investors are giving to UBS. Whether the reverse convertible is suitable or not is 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**



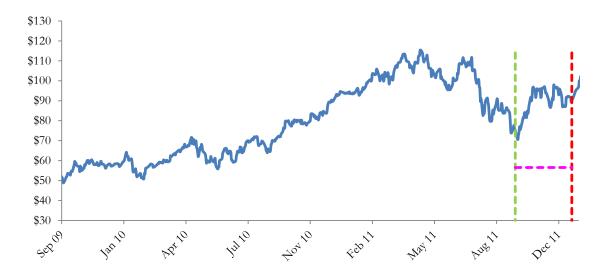
The graph above shows the adjusted closing price of the issuer UBS for the past several years. The stock price of the issuer is an indication of the financial strength of UBS. The adjusted price shown above incorporates any stock split, reverse stock split, etc.

## **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 (lpps). 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 Reverse Convertible. Fluctuations in UBS's CDS rate impact the market value of the notes in the secondary market.

#### Caterpillar, Inc.'s Stock Price

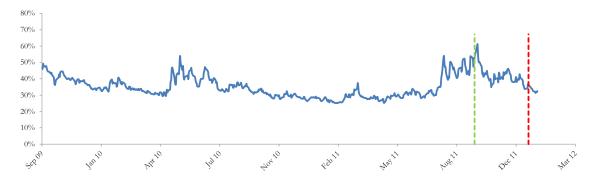


The graph above shows the historical levels of Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock for the past several years. The final payoff of this note is determined by Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock price at maturity. Higher fluctuations in Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock price correspond to a greater uncertainty in the final payout of this Reverse Convertible.

#### Realized Payoff

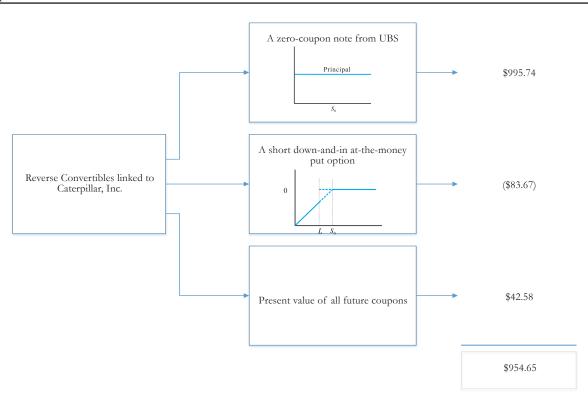
This note matured on January 4, 2012 and investors received \$1,000.00 per note.

#### Reference Asset Caterpillar, Inc.'s Stock's Implied Volatility



The annualized implied volatility of Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock on September 29, 2011 was 53.17%, meaning that options contracts on Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock were trading at prices that reflect an expected annual volatility of 53.17%. The higher the implied volatility, the larger the expected fluctuations of Caterpillar, Inc.'s stock price and of the Note's market value during the life of the Notes.

#### Decomposition of this Reverse Convertible



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 Reverse Convertible.

- Delta measures the sensitivity of the price of the note to the Caterpillar, Inc's stock price on September 29, 2011.
   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 Caterpillar, Inc's stock on September 29, 2011.
   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.