

# S&P/ISDA CDS SECTOR INDICES

## **FIXED INCOME INDICES**

The S&P®/ISDA® CDS Sector Indices seek to track the credit default swap market for a select number of corporate credits in distinct Global Industry Classification Standard [GICS®] sectors and sub-industries.

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#### **About ISDA**

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## S&P/ISDA CDS Sector Indices

- S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Homebuilders Select 10
- S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Discretionary Select 20
- S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Staples Select 10
- S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Energy Select 10
- ●S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Health Care Select 10
- ●S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Financials Select 10
- ●S&P/ISDA CDS European Banks Select 15

## Criteria for Index Membership

- Ratings. There is no minimum ratings criteria for inclusion.
- Liquidity. All reference entities' liquidity in the five-year CDS market is assessed by looking at various measures of market activity including the average number of contributors providing daily quotations, average number of daily quotes and the average bid/offer spread.
- Sector Classification. Entities are chosen as per their GICS sector and sub-industry group classifications. GICS was developed by Standard & Poor's and MSCI Barra to enable market participants to identify and analyze a customized group of companies using a common global standard

#### **Index Calculation**

The S&P/ISDA CDS Sector Indices are equal weighted, with a given number of reference entities.

Complete details of the methodology, including the criteria for index additions and removals, are available on the Web site at www.fixedincomeindices.standardandpoors.com

## S&P/ISDA CDS SECTOR INDICES March 20, 2012

S&P/ISDA Credit Default Swap Indices		
S&P/ISDA CDS Benchmark Indices	S&P/ISDA CDS Sector Indices	S&P/ISDA CDS Sovereign Indices
S&P/ISDA 100 CDS Index	S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Homebuilders Select 10	S&P/ISDA International Developed Nation Sovereign CDS Index
S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Investment Grade Index	S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Discretionary Select 20	S&P/ISDA Eurozone Developed Nation Sovereign CDS Index
S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. High-Yield Index	S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Staples Select 10	
	S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Energy Select 10	
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## **Weighted Average Spread Tickers**

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Weighted Average Spread SPCDVR50 S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Discretionary Select 20

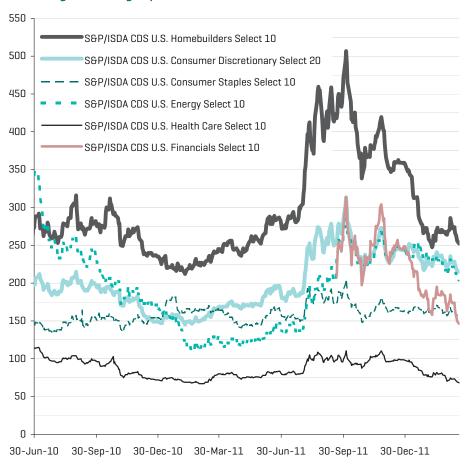
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Weighted Average Spread SPCDQR50
S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Health Care
Select 10

Weighted Average Spread SPCDPR50
S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Financials Select 10
Weighted Average Spread SPCDFR50
S&P/ISDA CDS European Banks
Select 15

Weighted Average Spread SPCDGR50

## **Index Weighted Average Spreads**



Source: S&P Indices. Data as of March 20, 2012. Charts and graphs are provided for illustrative purposes. These charts and graphs may reflect hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance.

## Performance Disclosure

The inception date of the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Homebuilders Select 10, the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Health Care Select 10, the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Energy Select 10, the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Discretionary Select 20, and the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Consumer Staples Select 10 was June 30, 2010, at the market close. The inception date of the S&P/ISDA CDS U.S. Financials Select 10 and S&P/ISDA CDS European Banks Select 15 was March 20, 2012, at the market close. All information presented prior to the index inception date is back-tested. The back-test calculations are based on the same methodology that was in effect when the index was officially launched. Complete index methodology details are available at www.indices.standardandpoors.com.

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