#### **Opportunities in Preferred Securities**

# An Evolving Asset Class in an Era of Financial Reform



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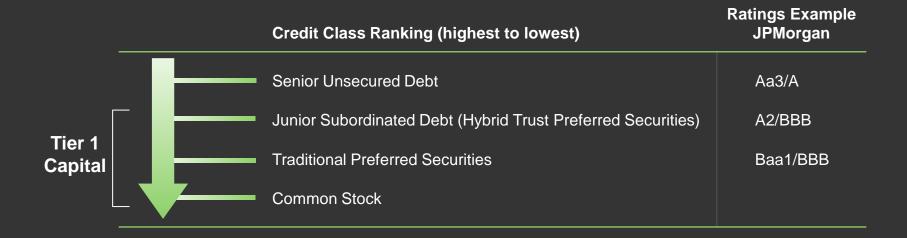
## Assets Under Management





### **Preferred Securities Basics**

- A class of stock or hybrid debt entitling the holder to certain preferential treatment
- Priority claims to dividends and corporate assets over the issuer's common shareholders
- Subordinate to corporate bondholders and other creditors
- Issuer gets equity capital treatment from regulators and rating agencies



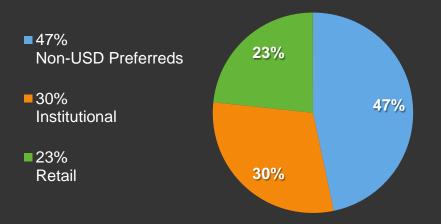
## **Opportunities in Two Markets**

#### Retail (NYSE)

- \$25 par preferred securities
- Diversified industry representation
- Fixed- and floating-rate securities

#### **Institutional (OTC)**

- \$1,000 par preferred securities
- Predominately financials and utilities
- Fixed- to floating-rate and floatingrate securities (lower duration)



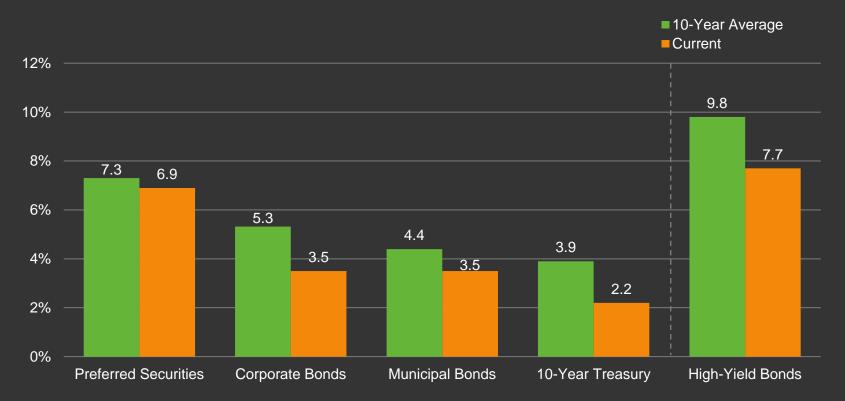
#### **Total Preferred Securities Market Cap: \$750B**

## **Global Regulatory Reform Is a Major Catalyst**

Majority of bank preferreds likely to lose Tier 1 regulatory capital status

- U.S. trust preferreds
- Majority of foreign issues
- Significant redemptions likely, driving favorable supply-and-demand dynamic
  - Recent call activity by WFC, KEY, USB, including coupons below 6%
  - More regulatory redemptions may occur before 2013
  - Foreign banks executing dozens of exchange and tender offers
- New supply coming
  - So far heavier in institutional market
  - Net supply remains negative

## **Preferred Securities Yields Remain Compelling**

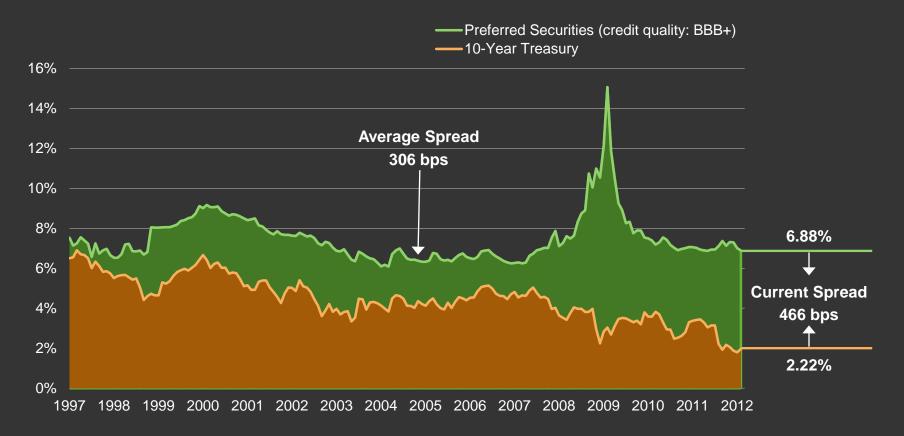


Long-term and Current Yield



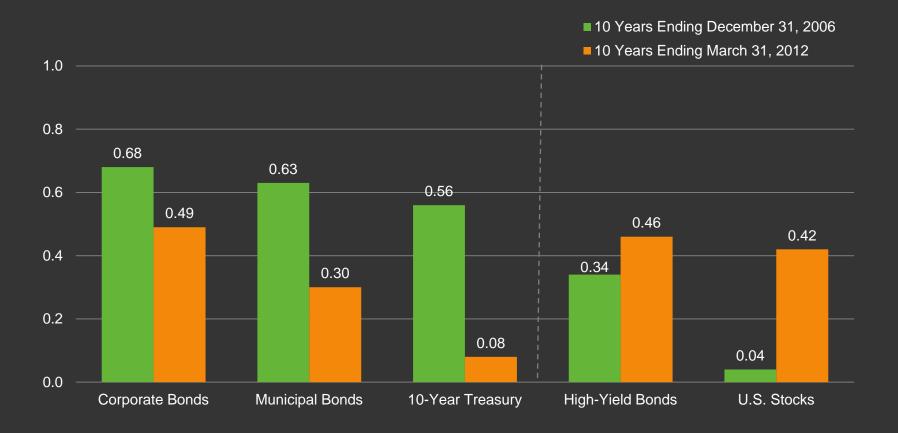
#### Wide Yield Spreads for Preferred Securities Indicate Value

Yield History January 1997–March 31, 2012

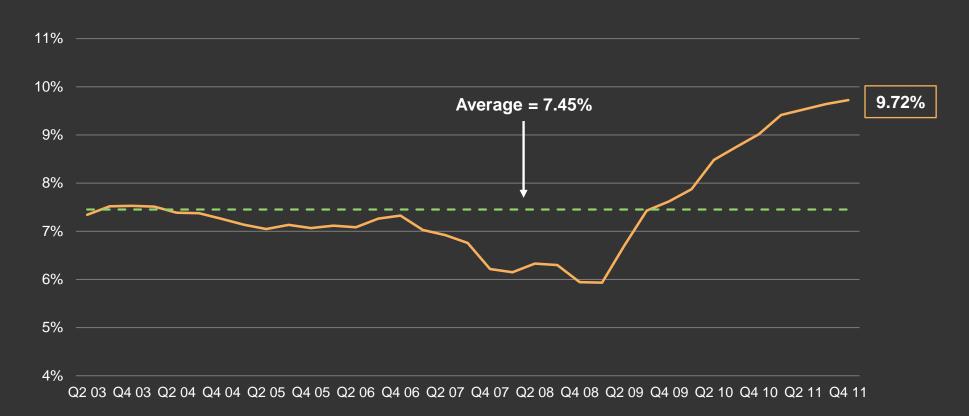


# Portfolio Diversification—The Potential to Reduce Risk

**Preferred Securities Correlation to Other Asset Classes** 



### **Higher Capital Ratios Provide a Cushion**



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**Core Capital Ratios of Major U.S. Banks** 

## Case Study: Citigroup Inc. and Fifth Third

#### **Bank Preferred Securities Outperformed Related Common Stock**

Citigroup (C)







## Access Global New Issue Market

#### Recent U.S. Dollar-Denominated New Offerings by Coupon

6.5%–7.0%		7.0%–7.5%		7.5%–8.0%		8.0% +	
U.S. Bancorp \$1.1 billion	\$25	UBS \$2 billion	OTC/ Reg-S	Dupont Fabros \$50 million reopening	\$25	Banco do Brasil \$1.75 billion	OTC
Realty Income \$409 million	\$25	Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance \$1.3 billion	OTC			Swiss Re \$750 million	OTC/ Reg-S
Axis Capital \$400 million	\$25	Schwab \$400 million	отс			Aegon NV \$525 million	\$25
Raymond James \$350 million	\$25	Hospitality Properties \$290 million	\$25			Zurich Financial \$500 million	OTC/ Reg-S
Health Care REIT \$288 million	\$25	Ares Capital \$144 million	\$25			Aviva PLC \$400 million	\$25
National Retail Properties \$288 million	\$25					Excel Trust \$92 million	\$25
Regency Centers \$250 million	\$25					Campus Crest Comm. \$50 million	\$25
First Republic Bank \$200 million	\$25					Hudson Pacific Prop \$50 million reopening	\$25
						Inland Real Estate \$50 million reopening	\$25



#### OTC Market Offers Different Issuers and Structures

#### **Recent Transaction Examples**

Issuer Name	Market	Structure	Coupon	Call/Float	Ratings (Moody's/ S&P/Fitch)	Currency	Deal Size	Modified Duration at Par
HCN	Retail	Fixed Perpetual	6.50%	3/7/2017 (5 years)	Baa3/BB/BB+	USD	\$288MM	15.2
First Republic	Retail	Fixed Perpetual	6.70%	1/30/2017 (5 years)	Baa3/BBB/BB-	USD	\$200MM	14.8
Qwest Corp	Retail	Fixed rate Senior debt	7.00%	9/15/2016 (5 years)	Baa3/BBB- /BBB-	USD	\$525MM	13.3
Mitsui Sumitomo	Institutional	Fixed/Float Hybrid Debt	7.00% L+590bp	3/15/2022 (10 years)	A3/A-/A-	USD	\$1.3B	7.2
PNC Financial	Institutional	Fixed-to-float Perpetual	6.75% Floats L+368	8/1/2021 (10 years)	Baa3/BBB/A-	USD	\$1B	7.1
Rabobank	Institutional	Fixed-to-float Perpetual	8.40% Floats L+749	6/29/2017 (5 years)	NA/NA/A-	USD	\$2B	4.0

## **Opportunity Ahead**

- The yield spread between preferreds and treasuries is well above the long-term average
- High income rate may cushion impact of short-term price swings on total return
- Fed on hold into 2014—securities offering yields of 7% are rare
- Issuer redemption activity results in favorable market technical
- Active new issue market globally offering attractive opportunities



#### **Cohen & Steers Has Delivered**

- Cohen & Steers Select Preferred and Income Fund—PSF
  - Closed-end fund launched in November, 2010
  - History of strong income distributions
  - Trading at a premium to NAV
  - Outperformed the index YTD, one year and since inception
- Cohen & Steers Preferred Securities and Income Fund—CPXAX, CPXIX
  - \$1 billion open-end mutual fund
  - Strong income distributions
  - Outperformed the index YTD, one year and since inception



## **Cohen & Steers Select Preferred & Income Fund**

Average Annual Returns

	YTD %	1 Year %	Since 11/24/2010 Inception %
PSF Market Price	16.85	8.97	7.77
PSF NAV	10.92	8.66	10.62
BofA Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index	6.75	7.30	7.92
Blended Index	7.49	6.38	7.22



#### **Cohen & Steers Preferred Securities and Income Fund**

Total Returns (A Share Class)

Period	Excluding Sales Charge %	Including Sales Charge %	BofA Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index %	Blended Benchmark %	S&P 500 Index %
YTD	7.92	3.06	6.75	7.49	12.59
1 Year	7.29	2.46	7.30	6.38	8.54
Since 5/3/2010 Inception	10.87	8.23	9.87	8.94	10.95