

UK Structured Products Association launches new performance indices for structured products

12 August 2015: Today, the UK Structured Products Association (“UKSPA”) announces the launch of a series of performance indices for structured products, available to view via their website www.ukspassociation.co.uk. These performance indices show mark-to-market values of publicly offered products issued in the UK retail structured product market since January 2009.

The performance indices are published on a monthly basis, covering all qualifying products as well as a breakdown by different sectors, product types and risk ratings. As well as showing the historical performance levels for each index, the UKSPA website will also show the number of qualifying products included in the performance index at each historical point.

The purpose of the performance indices is to provide a useful benchmark to how different types of structured product have performed historically, and the data can be compared to the historical performance of other investment types and benchmark indices. UKSPA intends to publish regular commentary alongside the performance indices, to help advisers and market commentators analyse and apply the data for their own purposes.

This launch follows the recent initiatives from UKSPA to enhance the level of information available to advisers, via their Product Codes and Risk Ratings.

Zak de Mariveles, Chairman of UKSPA comments:

“This is an important development by the industry, to create aggregated and independently produced performance metrics for structured products, and we hope

that advisers and investors alike find the data we provide useful and informative. Structured products on the whole have been delivering strong returns for investors for many years, and our new performance indices provide the evidence for this.”

The performance indices can be viewed online, at
www.ukspassociation.co.uk/performance.

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Note to Editors

The UK Structured Products Association ('UKSPA') was first established in 2009 in response to a need for a collective and unbiased voice for the industry. Today, the association includes 13 members, who represent some of the largest providers and distributors of structured products to UK retail investors. The purpose of the association remains the same: To provide a useful, unbiased and responsive source of information, education and comment on structured products and their use in investors' portfolios.

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