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Closing Out Our Tier 1 Underweight

Standing ahead of the 'Response' phase of our strategists' 'CRIC' (Crisis, Response, Improvement, Complacency) analysis, we close out the Underweight we've had on Tier 1 since February. In a sector whose limited liquidity has been further impacted over the last few months due to LME, we believe that we do not have the luxury of waiting for implementation of the expected final, credible recap of the Spanish banking sector before adding, and so we move Equal-weight.

Adding carefully in high-step Tier 1s: Although the average drop in prices in Tier 1s since February is around 10 points, this masks huge variation. We add Tier 1s which: i) have high coupons and high steps, as we are still very concerned about non-calls; ii) exhibit good relative value versus other Tier 1s; and/or iii) have underperformed. We cannot be choosy about singling out only IG bonds, as there are few left.

Buyers here are hedge funds and private individuals: We believe that both investor bases are looking for further falls in Tier 1 prices to step in and buy, which makes us think we simply won't see that move.

Liquidity is a double-edged sword, but with a more constructive short-term view, just a few buyers here should have a disproportionate impact on pricing. Remember that although dealer inventories are at their lows, if anything they'll likely have even less appetite for risk, as Moody's downgrades hit them in the coming days.

Remember swap gains? SocGen helpfully reminded us of the power of realising swap gains on bonds via tenders, with its recent LME on LT2. We include a table of Tier 1s with large swap gains, for example Abbey's \$8.963% with 69 points of swap gains, due to the 2030 call. Due to the Santander ownership, we're hoping that very nervous short-term trading provides opportunities to buy.

Uncertainty remains over the nature and timing of the 'Response' phase – therefore a risk of additional near-term weakness, hence this move only from U/W to E/W. Significant additional weakness could open the way to move O/W at some point over the next few weeks.

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Top Picks in Tier 1

Security	Offer	YTC (%)	YTP (%)	1yr high	1yr low
BPCEGP \$ 12.5 19	97.0	13.1	14.3	120.0	92.0
BBVASM £ 9.1 14	71.0	27.3	12.3	101.0	68.0
SANTAN £ 11.3 14	87.5	19.0	12.2	108.5	85.0
ISPIM € 8.375 19	76.5	13.6	11.8	103	57.5
BBVASM € 8.5 14	79.0	20.6	10.6	104.0	78.5
ISPIM € 8.047 18	75.0	14.6	9.9	101.0	54.5
BPCEGP € 9 15	83.0	17.2	10.8	104.0	66.0
BNP \$ 7.195 37	84.0	8.8	8.0	98.5	69.0
BPCEGP € 9.25 15	82.0	17.8	11.3	103.8	65.5

Source: Bloomberg; Morgan Stanley Research; Indicative offer levels on June 14, 2012

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Over the last three months, Tier 1 has been an illiquid, poorly performing sector plagued by uncertainty over banking regulation and sovereign risk. All are reasons we are now moving the sector from Underweight to Equal-weight. Poor performance, after all, means higher risk premiums. Poor liquidity, in turn, means that we cannot be *too choosy* in timing the market.

This leaves political and regulatory uncertainty. Long-term issues remain, of course, but in the near term we see improvement. Moody's downgrades of the European banking sector are now well advanced and have been somewhat less severe than our (bearish) assumptions. What has been reported of Spain's bank aid package points to a sufficient size to be credible, and sufficient leniency to be workable. While we don't pretend to know the results of this weekend's voting in Greece, there are a number of plausible results that could assuage the worst of market fears, at least temporarily.

At both the sector and strategy level, we'd stress that our more positive view doesn't apply universally: Tier 1's weakness has been uneven, leaving some bonds with highly attractive yield-to-worst, and others sitting uncomfortably at the top of their 52-week range. In this note, we look at the level of repricing in more detail, discuss why poor liquidity means we don't want to be too choosy in flattening our view, and finish with a discussion of the division of bonds in the sector between those we like, and those we don't.

What Does History Say about 'When' to Buy Tier 1?

Before we delve into the specifics of the financial Tier 1 sector, we first need to establish that perfect timing should not, and cannot, be our goal. Volatility in the sector has kept bid/offer wide and dealer inventory low, while low dealer inventory has made prices liable to 'gap' (boosting volatility). This vicious cycle suggests that the price histories we see in the sector are more theoretical than practical. Even if you are wise enough (or lucky enough) to time the bottom of Tier 1 prices perfectly, you cannot expect to actually pick up much paper there.

This problem becomes more acute in the context of our strategists' 'CRIC' framework, where the current 'Crisis' stage is set to invite 'Response' (see [Cross-Asset Strategy: Negative Reinforcement](#), June 1, 2012). It is difficult enough adding Tier 1 at quoted levels when dealer inventories are low

and bid/offer is wide. In our view, it's likely to be near impossible following a policy response strong enough to drive broad-based buying.

Exhibit 1

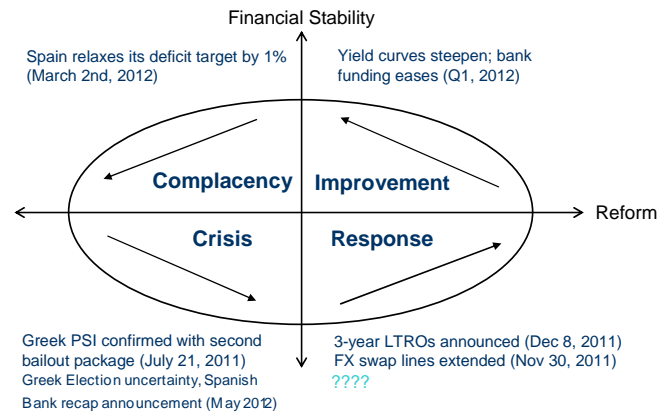
Liquidity Challenged: EUR Tier 1 Bid/Offer, in Points



Source: Markit iBoxx, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 2

Moving Towards 'Response' in the 'CRIC' Cycle



Source: Morgan Stanley Research

Over the past couple of months, even in a risk-off market, Tier 1 bonds normally trade in €1-2 million sizes, with those where you can build up a €20 million position (over at least a week) few and far between. This illiquidity has been compounded by the spate of liability-management exercises (LMEs) which have taken any tradeable bonds out of the market. To this point, **since November 2011, 101 Tier 1 issues have been subject to LMEs, with €47.5 billion tendered for, and €23.0 billion actually tendered.** With the average premium in Tier

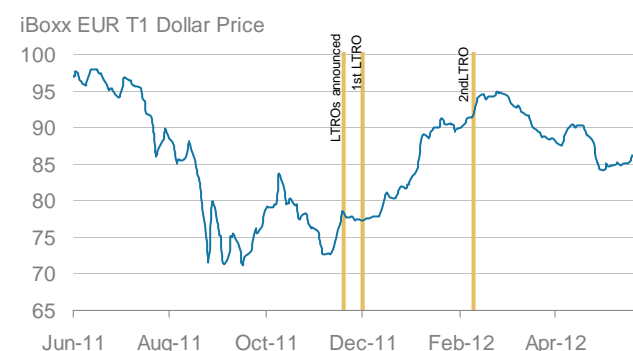
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1 LME 9.6 points, it's unsurprising that any investor with an ability to trade has been tempted to sell/exchange – leaving the stickier holders with the rump issues.

All this suggests that we'll need to close our Tier 1 Underweight well before policy certainty. Can this work? We find some encouragement in the price action of the sector surrounding the recent LTROs. In Exhibit 3, we plot the average price of the EUR Tier 1 index, noting key dates in the announcement and implication of the ECB's operations.

Exhibit 3

EUR Tier 1 Prices Around the LTROs



Source: Markit iBoxx, Morgan Stanley Research

Tier 1s rallied hard when the LTRO was announced (from 73 to 77). Thereafter, the sector moved sideways for a month before the next 15 points of price appreciation. To be fair, the chart suggests that buying almost any time between September and November was the right call, but buying in late December wasn't too bad either, in the grand scheme of things. Here's where we get down to practicalities though. To have bought in late December, and buying in any size – in almost any class of credit – would have been somewhat challenging, to say the least. For Tier 1s, this was not only nearing the financial year-end, but was in the midst of the first onslaught of LMEs which, as we noted above, averaged a 9.5 point premium. We're left wondering exactly how much liquidity was really at hand in that period.

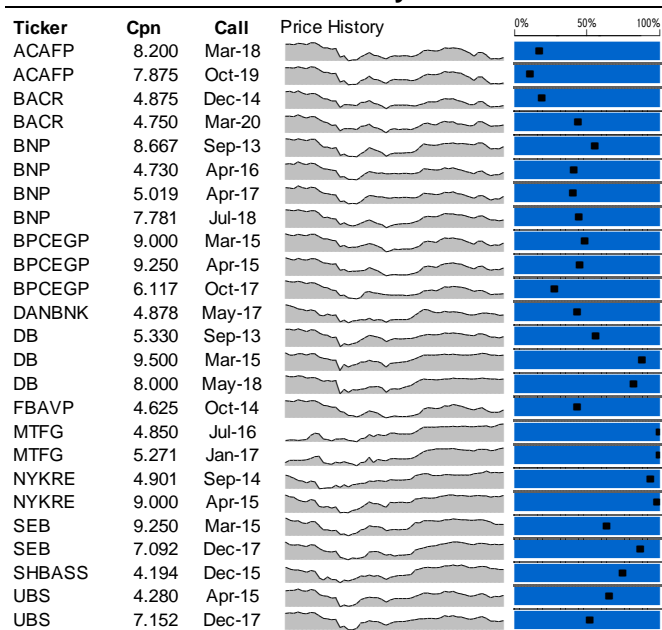
Again, we'd love to hang back and move up to Equal-weight on this sector right at the point 'Response' is finally unleashed on the market – but we simply don't believe that the offer would be where it was on the screen five minutes prior to that 'Response', and certainly in any decent size. This goes far more for Tier 1 than any other class of bank bonds – hence our move today. Such liquidity problems also dictated why we went Underweight Tier 1s in February, in what seemed to be the midst of a continuing rally – because we need a real rally to ensure that there are plenty of bids.

An Uneven Sell-Off

Another factor complicating the question of adding back Tier 1 risk is the highly uneven nature of the sell-off. Average prices have fallen ~10pts, but this hides a wide degree of variation within the weakness. Taking a closer look at the (dwindling) universe of € Tier 1 bonds that make up this index, we plot the 52-week price history and where they current sit on this range. Bonds, quite literally, are all over the place.

Exhibit 4

Performance Has Varied Greatly Across the Index



Source: Markit iBoxx, Morgan Stanley Research

Adding Selectively in Tier 1

As shown in Exhibit 4, many parts of the Tier 1 sector have hardly sold off. The world is a riskier place since our sector downgrade in February (see [Tier 1s: Moving Underweight](#), February 8, 2012), with peripheral spreads higher, and Morgan Stanley growth forecasts lower. Ratings downgrade risk continues to hover over the sector. All this suggests that our buying should be selective. We have three goals:

- **Focus on high-step Tier 1s:** We are still very cautious on calls, with our view being that non-called low-step Tier 1s represent cheap perpetual Tier 2 under CRD4. Further, with the draft Crisis Management Directive (CMD) calling for a certain level of 'bail-inable' debt for all banks, again, non-called low-step Tier 1s can fulfill this role – potentially making it cheaper for banks to issue senior (as the buffer below senior is not diminished). Our preference for high

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coupons extends to retail Tier 1s, where they are expensive to leave outstanding.

- **Select underperformers with relative value:** Exhibit 5 shows some of the worst performers over the last three months, and indicates that the Spanish, Italian and French names are as much as 9.5-31.25 points off their recent three-month highs. While this is not sufficient for us to choose a certain bond, we'd rather be adding those trading marginally off their lows than close to their highs (Exhibit 6 shows one-year extremes). In terms of relative value, we believe that many LT2s still offer better risk/reward versus Tier 1s – particularly when looking at low-to-medium steps on a YTP basis.
- **Keep an eye on swap gains:** SocGen's recent and unexpected (coming so soon after the CMD called for more bail-in debt, not less) tender for LT2 bonds in order to capture swap gains reminds us that these are important, and often a key driver of LME.

Exhibit 5

Tier 1 Performance

Security	Offer*	Abs. change	% change	3m high
\$				
BBVASM \$5.919 17	60.0	22.00	26.8%	82.0
ACAFP \$6.637 17	68.5	15.00	18.0%	83.5
SOCGEN \$5.922 17	69.5	14.00	16.8%	83.5
LLOYDS \$5.92 15	59.0	10.00	14.5%	69.0
LLOYDS \$6.267 16	59.5	10.00	14.4%	69.5
LLOYDS \$6.657 37	62.5	10.00	13.8%	72.5
ACAFP \$8.375 19	82.0	13.00	13.7%	95.0
HBOS \$6.071 14	64.0	9.50	12.9%	73.5
KNFP \$10 18	81.0	12.00	12.9%	93.0
BNP \$5.186 15	80.0	10.50	11.6%	90.5
£				
BBVASM £9.1 14	71.0	23.50	24.9%	94.5
ABBEY £5.827 16	63.0	16.00	20.3%	79.0
ACAFP £8.125 19	67.0	17.00	20.2%	84.0
ACAFP £5.136 16	59.0	13.50	18.6%	72.5
BNP £5.945 16	60.5	12.00	16.6%	72.5
ACAFP £7.589 20	64.0	12.50	16.3%	76.5
ABBEY £6.222 19	60.0	11.00	15.5%	71.0
SANTAN £11.3 14	87.5	15.50	15.0%	103.0
SOCGEN £8.875 18	71.0	12.50	15.0%	83.5
BACR £6 17	60.5	10.00	14.2%	70.5
€				
SNSSNS €6.258 17	40.5	24.00	37.2%	64.5
PMIIM €9 18	51.0	29.50	36.6%	80.5
PMIIM €5.483 12	51.0	28.00	35.4%	79.0
SNSSNS €11.25 19	59.0	31.25	34.6%	90.3
MONTE €6.997 12	56.0	21.00	27.3%	77.0
ACAFP €7.875 19	72.0	22.50	23.8%	94.5
BPCEGP €4.75 16	51.5	15.50	23.1%	67.0
CRLOG €2.021 12	50.0	15.00	23.1%	65.0
BPCEGP €5.25 14	64.0	17.50	21.5%	81.5
BPCEGP €6.117 17	62.0	16.50	21.0%	78.5

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research; *Indicative offer level as on June 14, 2012

As our Appendix shows, we really cannot hope to focus only on investment grade Tier 1s here. Even though a number

should remain IG after Moody's reviews are over, most remain finely balanced on the cusp of HY. With sovereign and CMD-related downgrades to potentially follow, we have little confidence in expecting more than a handful to remain IG before the year is out.

Before moving to our preferred bonds, we would note that one of the drivers of our February move Underweight was a diminishing buyer base for this asset class. This concern remains, and while we cannot sweep forced sales over time due to HY status under the carpet, we would note anecdotally that many of the hedge funds we've visited over the past two months **all have 'buy lists' for Tier 1s**, if they take a lurch down. Further, recent presentations to Swiss-based advisers/private banks have unearthed many sophisticated private individuals simply waiting to pick up particular Tier 1s they like, in a worsening environment. This makes us believe we'll not actually reach the lows we saw in previous periphery crises. Neither of these buyer bases care about ratings, and while the former is clearly not a long-term holder, the latter is.

On the poor liquidity in the market, this can work both

ways: When we're bearish, of course it's bad – and this is why we always knowingly jump the gun on any Tier 1 recommendation changes in particular. In this case, with a more constructive view, we believe that in time there will be very few offers on Tier 1 at all. Further, with very poor liquidity, any buying should have an amplified effect on pricing. Let's not forget that it's very unlikely any broker will be 'loading up' on Tier 1s at this point, even if they share our view, as most trading desks are naturally standing ahead of (possibly severe) Moody's downgrades.

Our focus: high steps/swap gains/CRD4 losers: Exhibit 6 highlights a number of bonds we'd look at to get us back up to Equal-weight Tier 1s (we appreciate the irony of this, with so many dropping to high yield, but at least our direction is clear).

The bolded bonds are our picks. The first section includes those with very high steps, where we have a good degree of confidence that they will be called. These are not cheap perpetual Tier 2 if left outstanding under CRD4 and they would not be cheap 'bail in' either, with newly issued Tier 2, or senior, doing the same job at a cheaper price. Here, we left out certain high-step bonds including \$ KNFP, € Santan 10.5, £ NWIDE 7.589 (no liquidity at all), € SNS as it's a credit we have concerns about, € SocGen due to lack of value (YTC is just 11.8%) and ACAFP across the board due to a lack of relative value versus the Italians – and ahead of the Greek election.

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Exhibit 6

Tier 1s – Top Picks in Bold and Select Other Tier 1s

Ccy	Ticker	Cpn	Next call	Amt o/s	Step	Offer	YTC (%)	YTP (%)	1yr high	1yr low	Reg par call	Swap gain
High steps: Call likely												
\$	BPCEGP	12.5	30-Sep-19	444	L+1,298	97.0	13.1	14.3	120.0	92.0	Par	17.6
£	BBVASM	9.1	21-Oct-14	251	L+ 570	71.0	27.3	12.3	101.0	68.0	Make whole	5.1
£	SANTAN	11.3	27-Jul-14	679	L+766	87.5	19.0	12.2	108.5	85.0	N/A	5.3
€	ISPIM	8.375	14-Oct-19	1,006	L+687	76.5	13.6	11.8	103.0	57.5	Make whole	12.3
€	UCGIM	8.125	10-Dec-19	585	L+665	77.0	13.1	11.4	101.0	47.0	Make whole	12.1
€	BBVASM	8.5	21-Oct-14	645	L+574	79.0	20.6	10.6	104.0	78.5	Make whole	4.3
€	ISPIM	8.047	20-Jun-18	796	L+410	75.0	14.6	9.9	101.0	54.5	Make whole	19.9
€	BPCEGP	9	17-Mar-15	818	L+653.3	83.0	17.2	10.8	104.0	66.0	Par	4.0
High steps: Issued to comply with CRD4												
€	ISPIM*	9.5	1-Jun-16	722	MS+757	81.5	16.2	12.1	103.5	56.5	Reg 102 call	3.7
€	UCGIM	9.375	21-Jul-20	339	L+749	79.5	13.7	12.3	102.5	47.0	Par	8.6
Long call Tier 1s with large swap gains												
\$	ABBEY	8.963	30-Jun-30	798	L+282.5	96.0	9.4	8.6	111.5	90.0	Make whole	69.3
\$	BACR	6.86	15-Jun-32	681	L+173	88.5	8.0	7.0	95.5	64.0	Make whole	40.6
\$	BNP	7.195	25-Jun-37	1,100	L+129	84.0	8.8	8.0	98.5	69.0	Par	58.8
£	LLOYDS	7.881	9-Dec-31	245	UKT+440	74.0	11.2	10.4	88.0	59.0	Make whole	40.8
£	LLOYDS	7.754	31-May-21	150	UKT+420	75.0	12.5	10.4	87.0	64.0	Make whole	31.5
£	LLOYDS	7.281	31-May-26	150	UKT+409.5	71.0	11.5	10.4	84.0	56.0	Make whole	34.5
Retail Tier 1s												
\$	LLOYDS	7.875	29-Nov-13	424	-	73.5	32.2	10.8	86.0	57.5	N/A	
€	LLOYDS	7.875	29-Nov-13	173	-	74.0	33.0	10.7	86.0	57.5	N/A	
€	BPCEGP	9.25	22-Apr-15	750	-	82.0	17.8	11.3	103.8	65.5	Par	

Source: Morgan Stanley Research; Note: *ISPIM 9.5%, YT102 call: 15.0%; indicative offer levels as on June 14, 2012

The second section shows those Tier 1s with high steps which were issued to comply with CRD4, but at the time, the final rules for new Tier 1 were not known. ISPIM's €9.5% has a par claim in liquidation, has a pusher (albeit with regulatory override) and it's unclear if the trigger language would comply with CRD4. With a high coupon, we believe there's a strong chance it will try and get rid of it – LME (a second time) – or call it at 102 in 2020, when it should have lost more than 75% of its Tier 1 value under the grandfathering rules (in line with the bond documentation). UCGIM's €9.375% very clearly does not comply with CRD4 as it has a step-up. Again, with such a high coupon, the bank could choose to trigger the regulatory par call when CRD4 comes in (next year), or, at this cash price, try another LME. Once again, in either case, the floating back ends are high so a non-call and inaction on any further LME or regulatory par/102 calls is compensated for, in our view. However, considering the generally harsher language in these bonds, we would rather buy other high-step UCGIM or ISPIMs, at even higher YTC.

The long call section highlights the swap gains for these types of bonds. These generally have lower yields than the YTCs on the high steps, but have a greater likelihood of LME, in our view, as the bank would profit from the swap gain. The recent SocGen LT2 tender highlights that banks are still looking at such trades. We'd also note here that the Abbey \$8.963%

has must-pay coupons as well, and considering the expected more difficult periphery environment linked to Spain in the short term, this could well cheapen up in the near future due to the ties with Santander, its parent. We believe that Abbey is ring-fenced from Santander, and any widening here would be a buying opportunity. Many investors have asked for such a 'high swap gain' list, so we've included bonds here for information. We excluded long-call RBS as it cannot do LME until next year, we'd note that Barclays, while having 40 points of swap gains, has better yields on LT2, with a similar situation for Lloyds (or at least, YTCs on LT2 not too far from the YTCs here).

Finally, we list a number of retail Tier 1s with fixed, high coupons and no floating-rate back ends. These are simply expensive for the banks to leave outstanding, particularly for Lloyds, which must pay coupons out of post-tax earnings, as these are preference shares. Even without LME, these are at least interesting YTPs. Note, we do not include Deutsche €9.5% here due to lack of value, considering where it's trading, and a regulatory par call, which puts the investor at risk as this bond is currently trading above par.

All our suggestions above deliberately have high coupons, clearly with an eye on the bid from private individuals.

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So Why Not Overweight?

We will remain opportunistic in Tier 1 and, as stated above, there are a number of specific negative factors that will not improve for this sector, ratings being the key one. We also have not changed our views on calls, so choosing only the high-coupon Tier 1s limits us at best to an E/W anyway. Further, we see better risk/reward here in LT2s than the Tier 1 sector as a whole.

Risk Factors

- The periphery situation worsens in Spain and no credible response happens in the coming months.
- There is a negative outcome in the Greek elections which causes bank debt at large to sell off, and stay at low levels for months.
- A response to Spain's banking problems comes and indeed, a more broader package is announced which cuts off wider periphery risks, leading to a very strong rally in Tier 1, which outperforms LT2 and senior (where we are both Equal-weight).

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Appendix: Ratings Impacts on Tier 1s

Moody's Impact on Tier 1 Bonds

Ticker	Ccy	Cpn in %	Moody's	Fitch	S&P
Bonds which have dropped out of the iBoxx Tier 1 index since May 2012					
BBVASM	€	8.5	Ba1	BB-	BB+
ISPIIM	€	9.5	Ba1	BB+	BB+
ISPIIM	€	8.375	Ba1	BB+	BB+
ISPIIM	€	8.047	Ba1	BB+	BB+
BBVASM	£	9.1	Ba1	BB-	BB+
SANTAN	£	11.3	Ba1	BB-	BBB-
BBVASM	\$	5.919	Ba1	BB-	BB+
SANTAN	\$	2	Ba1	BB-	BBB-
Bonds gone sub-IG since the May rebalancing, will drop out at the next rebalancing					
DANBNK	€	4.878	Ba2	BBB-	BB+
NYKRE	€	4.901	Ba2		BBB
NYKRE	€	9	Ba2		BBB
DANBNK	£	5.563	Ba2	BBB-	BB+
DANBNK	£	5.6838	Ba2	BBB-	BB+
DANBNK	\$	5.914	Ba2	BBB-	BB+
Bonds expected to go sub-IG post review, will drop out of the index subsequently					
UBS	€	4.28	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
UBS	€	7.152	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
BPCEGP	€	6.117	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
BPCEGP	€	9.25	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
BPCEGP	€	9	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
BACR	€	4.875	Baa3	BB+	BBB
BACR	€	4.75	Baa3	BB+	BBB
ACAFFP	€	7.875	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
ACAFFP	€	8.2	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
BACR	£	6	Baa3	BB+	BBB
ACAFFP	£	5.136	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
ACAFFP	£	8.125	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
ACAFFP	£	7.589	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
UBS	\$	6.243	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
BACR	\$	6.278	Baa3	BB+	BBB
ACAFFP	\$	8.375	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
ACAFFP	\$	9.75	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
ACAFFP	\$	6.637	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-

Source: S&P, Moody's, Fitch, Morgan Stanley Research; does not take into account any expected S&P and Fitch actions.

Tier 1s Expected to Remain in the Indices

Ticker	Ccy	Cpn in %	Moody's	Fitch	S&P
€					
BNP	€	4.73	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	€	5.019	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	€	7.781	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	€	8.667	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
DB	€	5.33	Baa2	BBB-	BBB
DB	€	9.5	Baa2	BBB-	BBB
DB	€	8		BBB-	BBB
FBAVP	€	4.625	Baa1	BBB	A-
HSBC	€	5.3687	A3	A-	BBB+
HSBC	€	5.13	A3	A-	BBB+
SEB	€	9.25	Ba1	BBB	BBB-
SEB	€	7.0922	Ba1	BBB	BBB-
SHBASS	€	4.194	Baa3	BBB+	BBB+
£					
ABBEY	£	6.222		BB+	BBB-
ABBEY	£	5.827	Baa2	BBB-	BBB-
ABBEY	£	7.037	Baa2	BBB-	BBB-
BACR	£	14	Baa2	BBB-	BBB
BNP	£	5.945	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	£	5.954	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	£	7.436	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
COVBS	£	6.092	Baa3	BBB-	
DNBNO	£	6.0116	Ba1		BBB
HSBC	£	5.844	Baa1	A-	A-
HSBC	£	5.862	Baa1	A-	A-
HSBC	£	8.208	A3	A-	BBB+
NWIDE	£	7.971	Baa3	BBB	BBB
NWIDE	£	7.859	Baa3	BBB	BBB
NWIDE	£	6.25	Baa3	BBB	BBB
NWIDE	£	5.769	Baa3	BBB	BBB
NWIDE	£	6	Baa3	BBB	BBB
RABOBK	£	5.556	A2		A
SHBASS	£	6.4611	Baa3	BBB+	BBB+
STANLN	£	8.103	A3	BBB+	A-
\$					
ABBEY	\$	8.963	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
BACR	\$	6.86	Baa2	BBB-	BBB
BACR	\$	5.926	Baa2	BBB-	BBB
BNP	\$	5.186	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
BNP	\$	7.195	Baa3	BBB	BBB+
CS	\$	7.875		BB+	BBB
CS	\$	8.25	A3	BB+	BBB
HSBC	\$	5.911	Baa1	BBB+	BBB+
HSBC	\$	10.176	A3	A-	BBB+
HSBC	\$	4.61	A3	A-	BBB+
HSBC	\$	6.8	A1	AA-	A-
NBHSS	\$	8.375	Baa3	BBB+	BBB+
NDASS	\$	5.424	Baa3	BBB+	BBB+
RABOBK	\$	5.26	A2	A-	A
RABOBK	\$	11	A2	A-	A
RABOBK	\$	5.254	A2	A+	A
STANLN	\$	6.409	Baa2	BBB	BBB+
STANLN	\$	7.014	Baa2	BBB	BBB+
STANLN	\$	8.125	Baa2	BBB	BBB+
STANLN	\$	9.5	A3	BBB+	A-

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