

April 6th: Complaining to journalists

- Bloomberg:

Gross notional in the market
at the time: \$884bn

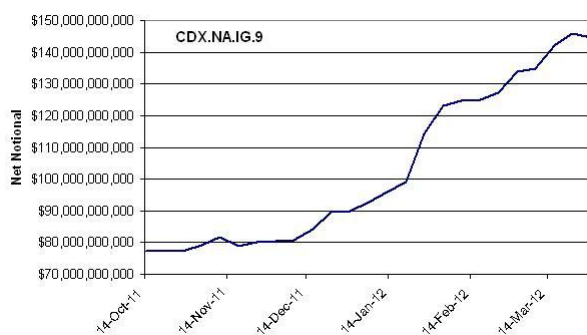
The trader may have built a **\$100 billion position** in contracts on Series 9 of the Markit CDX North America Investment Grade Index, according to the people, who said they based their estimates on the trades and price movements they witnessed as well as their understanding of the size and structure of the markets.

- WSJ:

Minus: WaMu, Fannie, Freddie, and
CIT, so a bit more like 121.

Mr. Iksil has turned ~~more~~ upbeat recently. He has been selling protection on an index of ~~125 companies~~ in the form of credit-default swaps. That essentially means he is betting on the improving credit of those companies, which he does through the index—CDX IG 9—tracking these companies.

April 6th: Looking at the data



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April 10th: What are they complaining about?

Table A-1: 12-Month Index CDS Notional for All Entities

Notional Bin	Entities	% of Entities	Notional	% of Notional
\$0-100 million	285	30.42%	\$ 12.56	0.04%
\$0.1-1 billion	339	36.18%	\$ 124.90	0.37%
\$1-2 billion	86	9.18%	\$ 123.33	0.36%
\$2-3 billion	47	5.02%	\$ 118.00	0.35%
\$3-4 billion	26	2.77%	\$ 89.13	0.26%
\$4-5 billion	16	1.71%	\$ 74.38	0.22%
\$5-6 billion	7	0.75%	\$ 38.72	0.11%
\$6-7 billion	15	1.60%	\$ 98.96	0.29%
\$7-8 billion	10	1.07%	\$ 76.57	0.22%
\$8-9 billion	6	0.64%	\$ 52.12	0.15%
\$9-10 billion	7	0.75%	\$ 68.02	0.20%
\$10-25 billion	33	3.52%	\$ 489.57	1.43%
\$25-50 billion	24	2.56%	\$ 822.33	2.40%
\$50-75 billion	9	0.96%	\$ 548.27	1.60%
\$75-100 billion	3	0.32%	\$ 259.24	0.76%
\$100-500 billion	11	1.17%	\$ 1,955.93	5.72%
> \$500 billion	13	1.39%	\$ 29,246.57	85.52%
Total	937		\$ 34,198.60	

Table A-4: 12-Month Index CDS Notional for Entities with Flat Notional Book

Notional Bin	Entities	% of Entities	Notional	% of Notional
\$0-100 million	15	13.76%	\$ 0.54	0.00%
\$0.1-1 billion	32	29.36%	\$ 13.37	0.04%
\$1-2 billion	5	4.59%	\$ 7.83	0.03%
\$2-3 billion	5	4.59%	\$ 11.88	0.04%
\$3-4 billion	3	2.75%	\$ 10.08	0.03%
\$4-5 billion	3	2.75%	\$ 13.53	0.04%
\$5-6 billion	3	2.75%	\$ 16.19	0.05%
\$6-7 billion	5	4.59%	\$ 33.16	0.11%
\$7-8 billion	2	1.83%	\$ 15.53	0.05%
\$8-9 billion	0	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
\$9-10 billion	2	1.83%	\$ 19.56	0.06%
\$10-25 billion	10	9.17%	\$ 153.84	0.50%
\$25-50 billion	3	2.75%	\$ 98.11	0.32%
\$50-75 billion	2	1.83%	\$ 119.91	0.39%
\$75-100 billion	0	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
\$100-500 billion	6	5.50%	\$ 1,176.79	3.80%
> \$500 billion	13	11.93%	\$ 29,246.57	94.54%
Total	109		\$ 30,936.89	

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April 10th: What are they complaining about?

- Bloomberg again:

Authorities will need more information from JPMorgan, the biggest U.S. bank by assets, to discern the precise purpose of Iksil's transactions, said Clifford Rossi, an executive-in-residence at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. ...

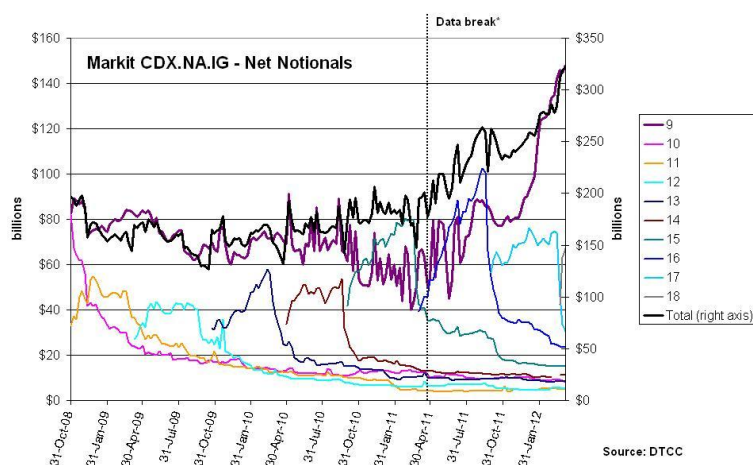
Arthur Levitt, another former SEC chairman who is a senior adviser to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (GS), said in a radio interview on "Bloomberg Surveillance" that he expects regulators will require more information on banks' derivatives positions.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-09/jpmorgan-trader-iksil-fuels-prop-trading-debate-with-bets.html>

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April 18th: Hm, are the hedge funds right?

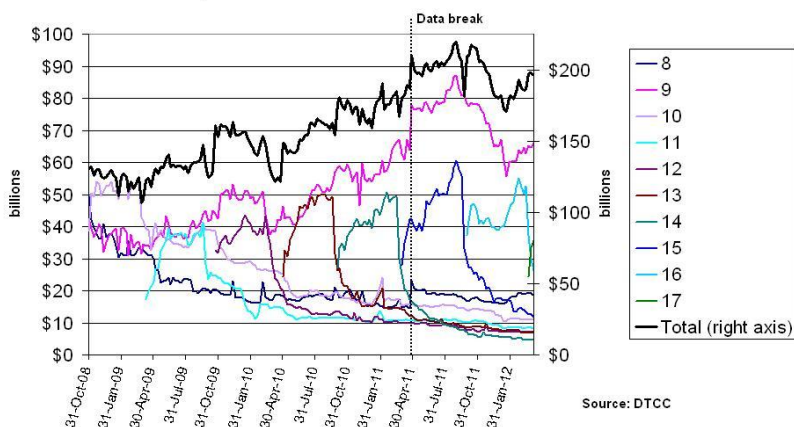


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Markit iTraxx Europe - Net Notionals

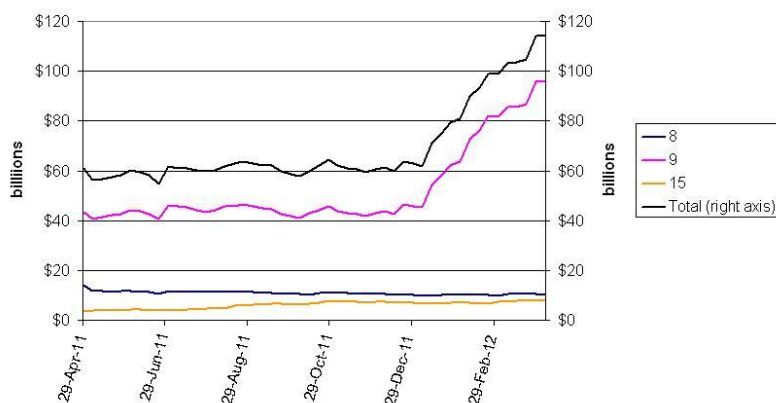


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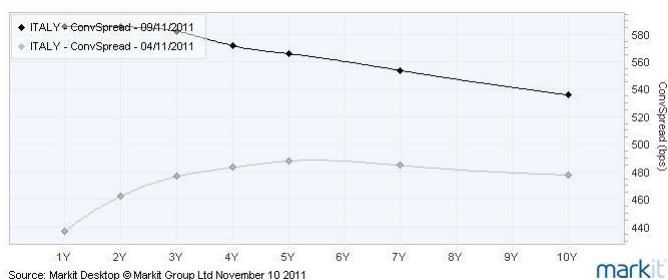
Markit iTraxx Europe - Tranche Net Notionals



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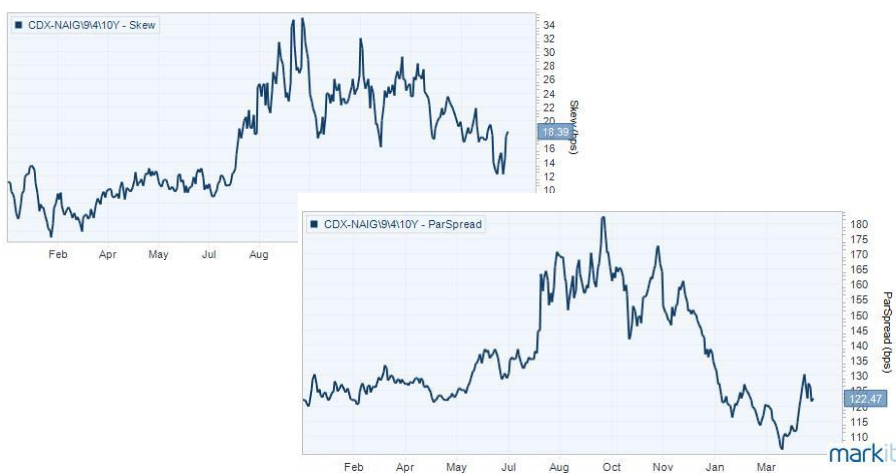
April 19th: Err, curve trades maybe



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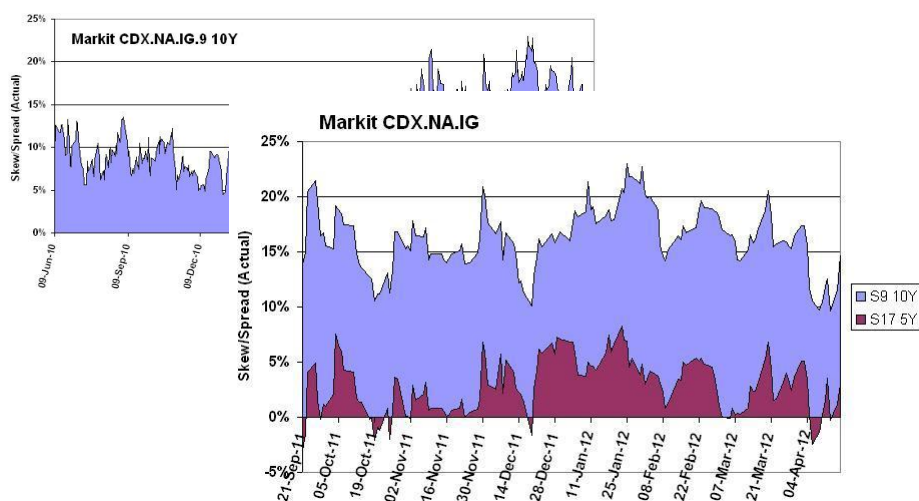
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May 11th: JPM announces \$2bn loss

- The FT:

JPMorgan Chase announced a surprise \$2bn trading loss on credit derivatives trading, which chief executive Jamie Dimon blamed on “errors, sloppiness and bad judgement” and warned “could get worse”.

The shock disclosure, made after the market closed on Thursday in a regulatory filing, prompted renewed calls for tougher regulation. Investors reacted by sending the bank’s shares down by more than 9 per cent when Wall Street opened on Friday. Other US banking stocks also suffered sharp falls.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/828376bc-9ae4-11e1-94d7-00144feabdc0.html>

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May 11th: JPM conference call

- The WSJ:

*On a conference call with analysts, [J.P. Morgan Chief Financial Officer Doug] Braunstein said the positions are **meant to hedge investments the bank makes in “very high grade” securities with excess deposits.** (J.P. Morgan has some \$1.1 trillion in worldwide deposits.)*

Braunstein said the CIO positions are meant to offset the risk of a “stress-loss” in that credit portfolio. He added the CIO position is made in line with the bank’s overall risk strategy.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/deals/2012/04/13/j-p-morgan-a-london-whale-hes-more-of-a-shrubbery/>

May 12th: Data availability

Trade Information Warehouse Data (Section I)

Table 7: All Indices, and Index Tranches 10 contracts or greater (Gross and Net Notional) 



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Week Ending: 2012-05-04

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Description

All indices reported alphabetically by series where 10 contracts or greater. This table view collapses the on and off the run indices displayed on tables 4 and 5, w/ Index/Index Tranche naming convention.

2012-05-04 | One week ago | Four weeks ago | One year ago

Index/Sub-Index/Index Tranche	Product Type	Gross Notional (USD EQ)	Net Notional (USD EQ)	Contracts
CDX.NA.IG.8	Untranch	198,500,678,791	24,440,503,205	561
CDX.NA.IG.9	Tranch	612,390,311,680	64,031,825,100	10,270
CDX.NA.IG.9	Untranch	827,352,079,203	146,454,122,145	2,463
CDX.NA.XO.8	Untranch	4,911,254,847	718,665,778	118
CDX.NA.XO.9	Untranch	1,559,039,214	795,220,347	28

May 16th: How to bake a \$2bn loss cake

CEO Jamie Dimon:

There were small [losses] in the first quarter, but real ones that we talked about the \$2 billion were all in the second quarter. And it kind of grew as the quarter went on.

1. Tranches
2. Other, riskier indices
3. Non-standard synthetic credit, whatever that might be

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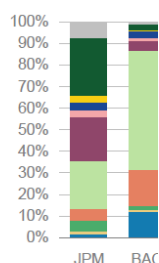
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May 21st: Now it's a \$5bn loss?

Exhibit 16

JPM's Securities Concentration of Debt Securities v. Treasuries and A

Securities Portfolio Com

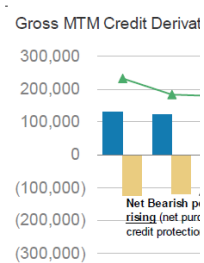


Source: Y-9C filings, Morgan Stanley Super-Regionals is the sum of

Exhibit 24

Gross Mark to Market Shows \$1.6b Net Bear Protection (i.e., Net B Protection)...With Bear in 1Q12

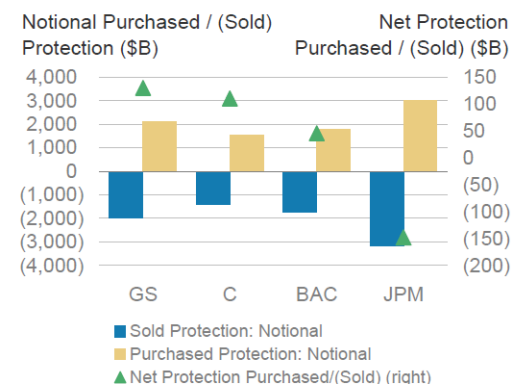
Credit Derivative Gross



Source: JPM 10-Q filings, Morgan Stanley

Exhibit 22

JPM Net Protection Seller on Notional Basis...vs Peers That Are Net Protection Buyers



Source: Y-9C filings, Morgan Stanley Research

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June 19th: Meanwhile in DC...

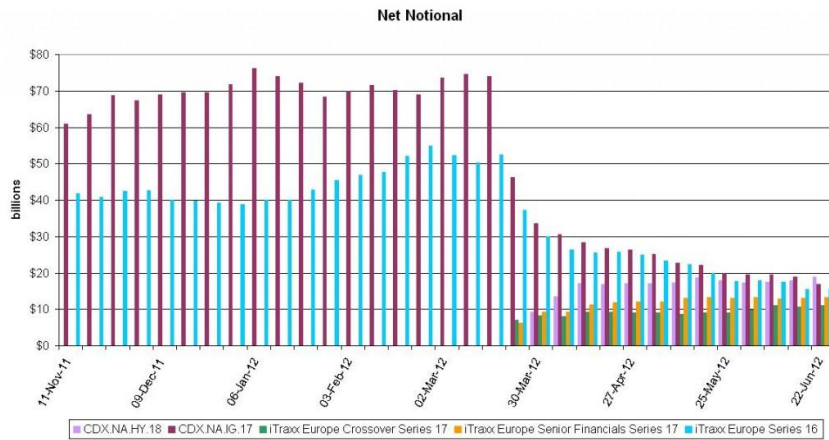
Senator Brown: *Should the OCC have been more focused on synthetic derivatives in hindsight, especially given that they were more large and complex than any other bank in the system?*

Jamie Dimon: *I think we should have. If they'd stopped us from having this problem, I'd be very happy with that.*

June 27th: The whale approaches the beach!



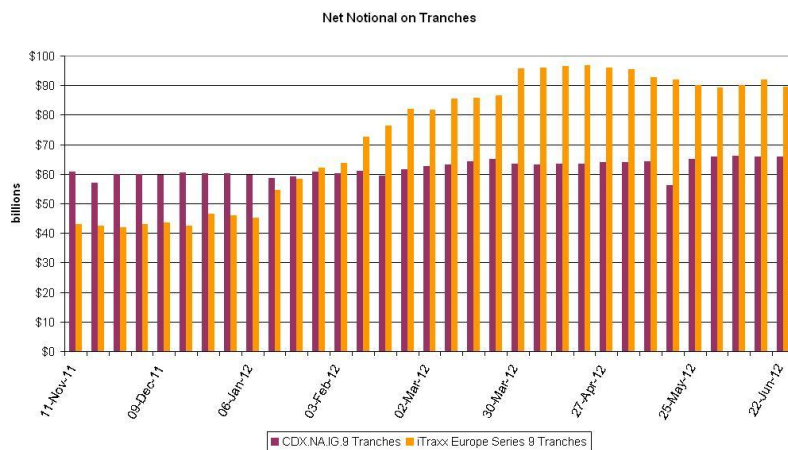
June 27th: Or here?



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June 27th: Surely here?

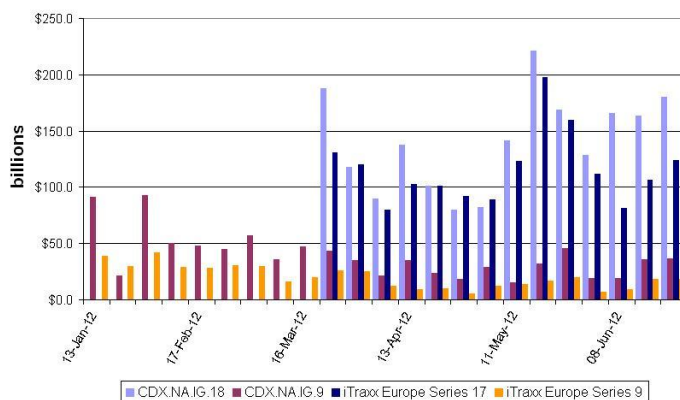


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June 27th: Let's try a different way

Trading Activity

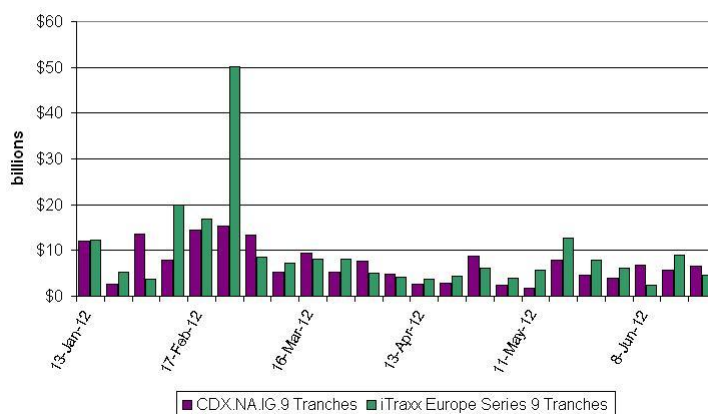


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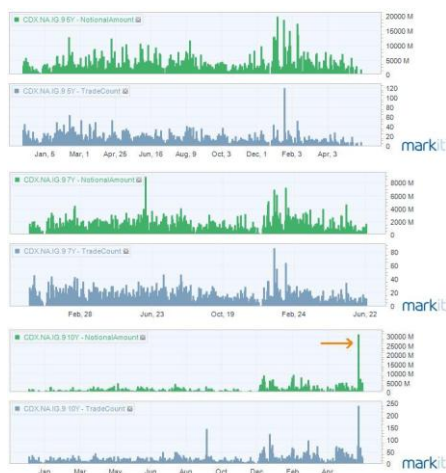
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June 27th: Wait a second, what about...

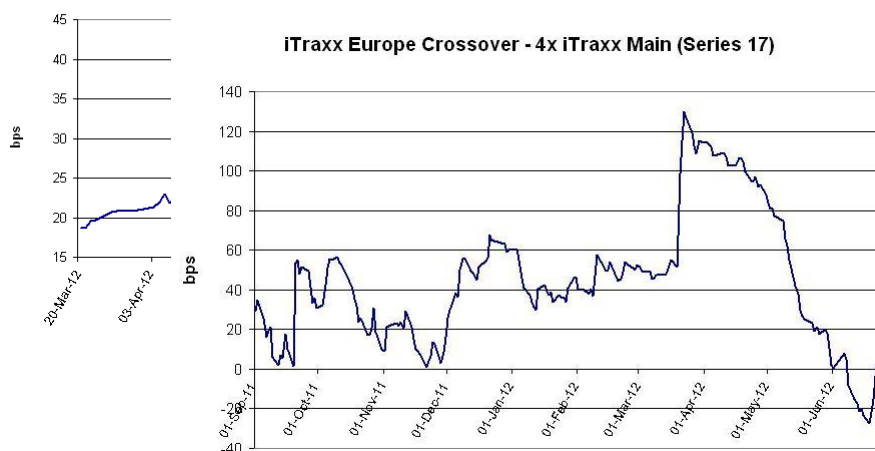


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June 27th: But the traders say...

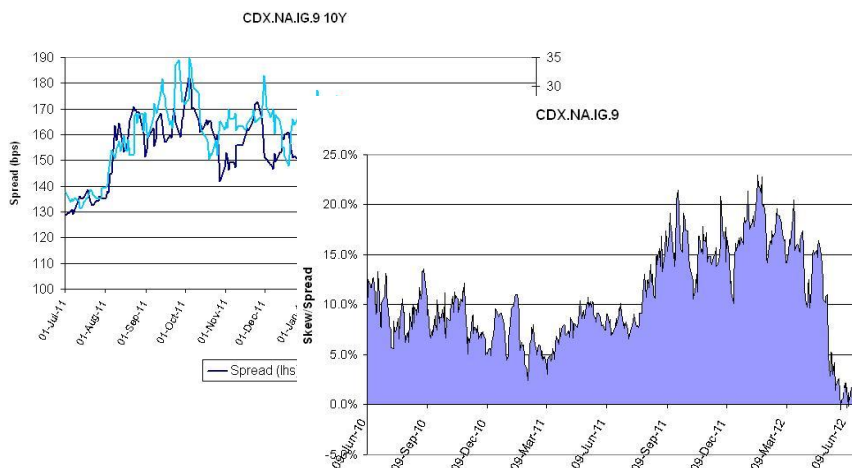
CDX.NA.IG: Series 9 10Y minus Series 18 5Y



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June 27th: Sure they do!



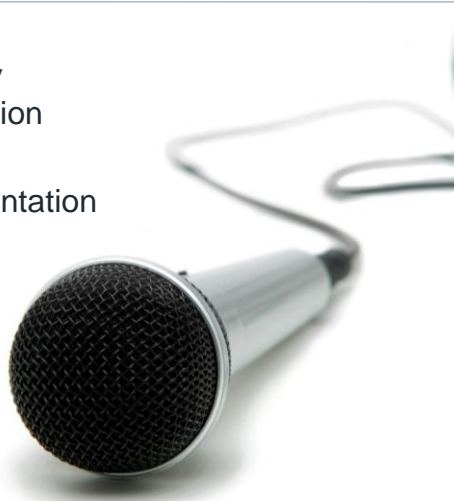
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