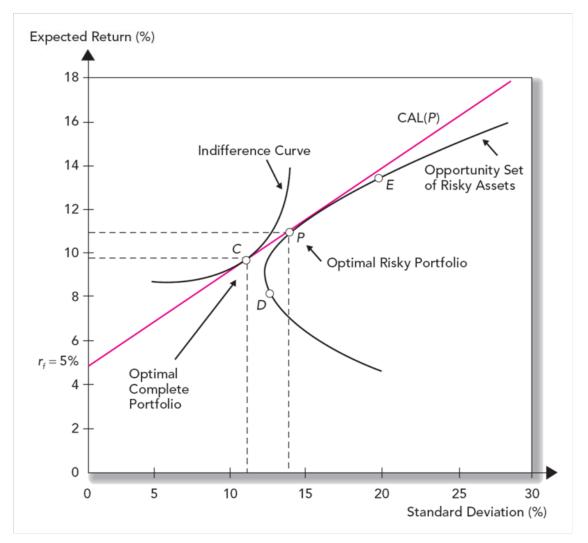
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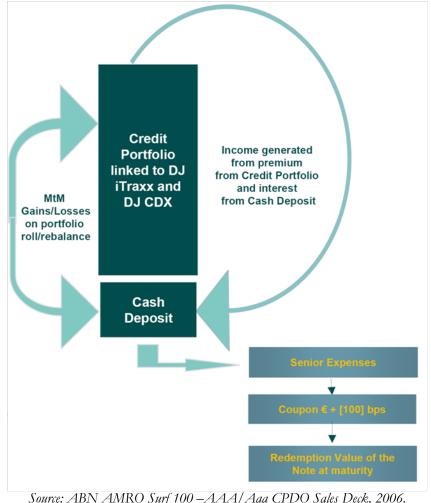
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Figure 1: Determining the Investor's Optimal Portfolio



Source: Bodie Kane and Marcus, Investments, Irwin/McGraw-Hill, 2007.

Figure 1.5: Basic CPDO Structure



Source: ABN AMRO Surf 100 -AAA/Aaa CPDO Sales Deck, 2006.

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Figure 3: Basic SIV Structure

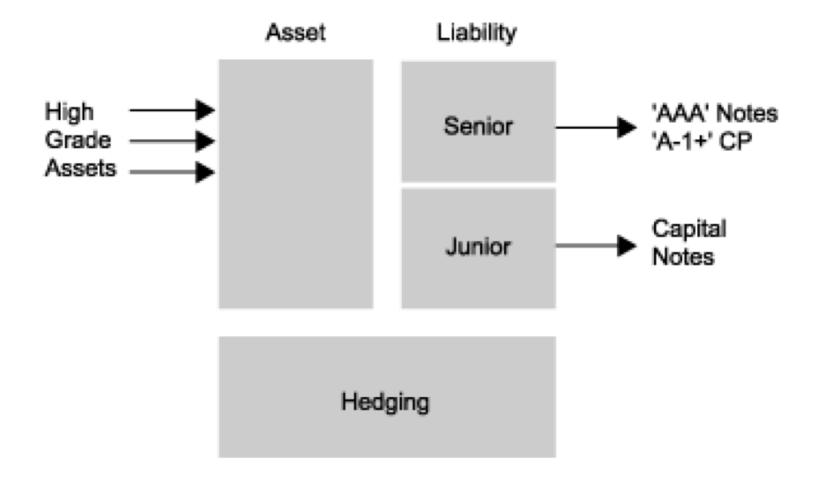
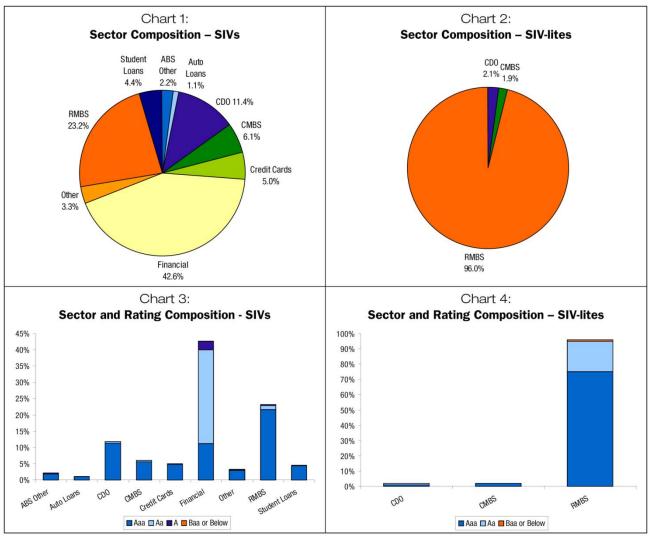


Figure 4: SIV Operating States

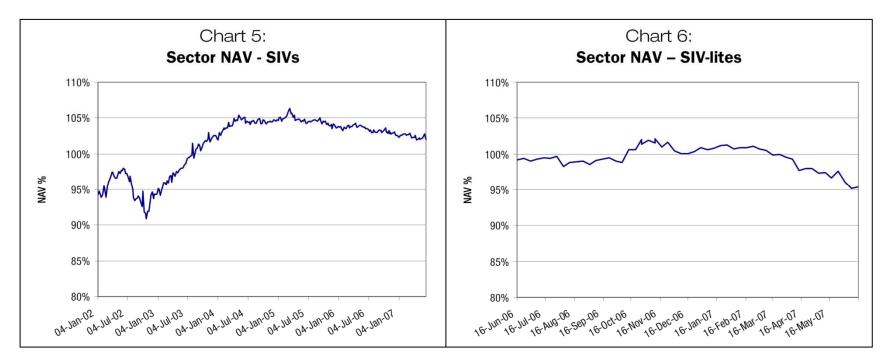
	Portfolio management	Investments	CP/MTN issuance
Normal	SIV manager	Yes	Yes
Restricted investment	SIV manager	No	Yes, for refinancing
Restricted funding/ defeasance	SIV manager	No	No
Enforcement	Security trustee/ receiver	No	No
Source: Fitch			

Figure 5: SIVs vs. SIV-lites



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Figure 6: SIV and SIV-lite Net Asset Values, 1q2002-1q2007



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Figure 7: Sector Valuations in Mid-2007

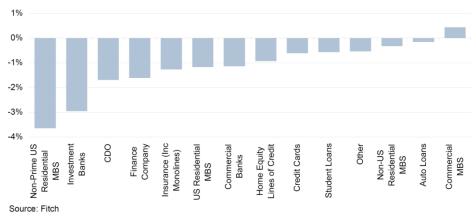


Figure 8: Net Asset Values, 3q2007

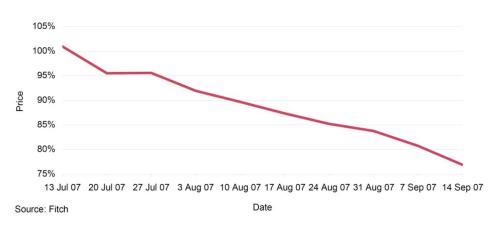
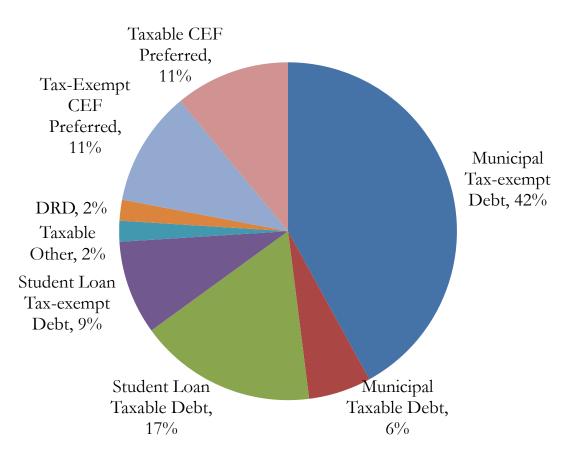


Figure 9: Funding Composition

	End Aug 07 (%)	Mid Sept 07 (%)	End Sept 07 (%)
CP market	29	27	23
MTN market	62	62	64
Capital	7	7	7
Repo facilities	2	3	6
Source: Fitch			

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Figure 10: Typical ARS Collateral



Source: Merrill Lynch, An Introduction to Auction Market Securities, 4th Quarter 2006

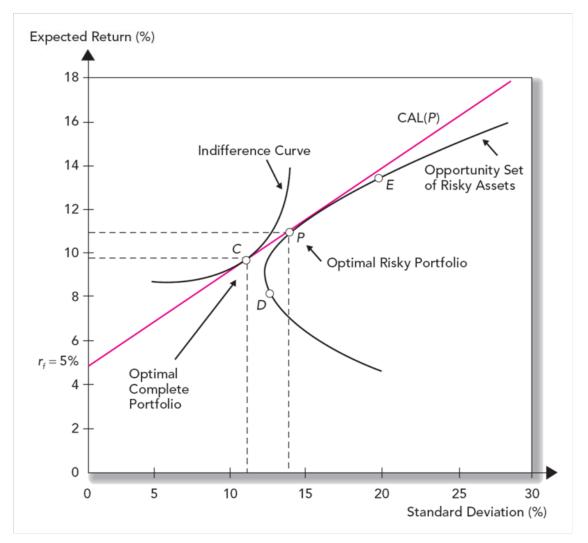
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Wall Street firms started raising commissions paid to some brokers at outside dealers who sold securities to clients, an action that might serve as an enticement to them to sell more. On November 2, 2007, for example, Credit Suisse's short-term trading desk sent out an email informing its salespeople that Citigroup was increasing its commissions to outside dealers from 0.15 of a percent of the security sold to 0.20 of a percent on certain of its auction rate securities, according to a person familiar with the email. By the start of January, their commissions on all types of Citigroup's auction rate securities rose to 0.15 of a percent, instead of 0.1, says the person.

Figure 11: "Informal Shorthand" in Now-defaulted ARS Deals

DESCRIPTION IN EMAIL	DESCRIPTION IN ACCOUNT STATEMENT
Athilon Funding	ATHILON CAP CORP SR SUB DEFERRABLE INT
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Pivot Funding	PIVOT MASTER TR AR
Mantoloking Funding	MANTOLOKING CDO 2006 LTD
Pivot Funding Ser. 6	PIVOT MASTER TR AR
Pivot Funding Ser. 6	PIVOT MASTER TR AR
Capstan Funding Ser. 2	CAPSTAN MASTER TR SER 2
Lakeside Funding	LAKESIDE CDO LTD
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