



Bull ELNs

Enhancing returns in flat markets



Bull ELNs allow you to benefit from range bound markets. Bull ELNs are sold at a discounted purchase price, but the investor assumes the risk of having to take delivery of the underlying at maturity.

Main benefits at a glance

- Enhanced yield through discounted purchase price
- Outperformance in flat or slightly upward equity markets
- Alternative to direct equity investments

Main risks at a glance

- Possible loss of all the invested capital
- Limited secondary market
- Potential delivery of the underlying

Investment Structure

A Bull ELN (equity-linked-note) combines a bond with the sale of a put option on a stock or an equity index (the “underlying”). Depending on the Issuer, it is known under different names, such as Discount Purchase Note, Vanilla ELN, Zero Coupon ELN, Zero Coupon Bull High Yield Note, Return-or-Equity Note or simply ELN.

- At maturity of a Bull ELN, there are 2 possible scenarios:
- 1) If the closing price of the underlying at maturity is at or above the conversion price (also known as “strike”), investors will receive 100% of the Note’s denomination.
 - 2) If the closing price of the underlying at maturity is below the conversion price, investors will take delivery of a predefined number of the underlying, which equals the note’s denomination divided by the conversion price (or an equivalent cash amount). In the worst case scenario, investors may lose most or all of their investment.

A Bull ELN allows investors to enjoy an attractive yield which is higher than market interest rates. Such enhanced yield is made possible because of the sale of a put option on the underlying. The option premium and the capital market rate of interest on the initial investment are factored into the discount to the purchase price of the Bull ELN.

Due to the discount on the purchase price of a Bull ELN and the conversion price being usually less than the initial price of the underlying on the trade date, the downside risk of a Bull ELN would not be higher than that of a direct investment in the underlying (assuming both investments are held to the Bull ELN’s maturity date and the Issuer does not default).

Investors of a Bull ELN can “target buy” a stock at a more favorable entry level than the current price. The stock would be “bought” if its price at maturity is lower than the conversion price.

If you already hold some stocks and expect their prices to remain flat, you can enhance your potential return by switching to Bull ELNs linked to such stocks.

Other Variation

A Bull ELN can also be structured with a Kick-in (KI) Barrier which offers conditional downside protection at maturity. The KI Barrier is set at a buffer below the underlying’s initial level. A KI Event (or Barrier Event) will occur if the price of the underlying drops to or below the KI Barrier during the Note’s tenor. A KI Bull ELN can also be structured in a way that the KI Event is observed daily at the underlying’s closing price. If no KI Event has occurred, the KI Bull ELN will provide conditional protection at maturity and investors will receive 100% of the Note’s denomination. Otherwise, it will behave in the same way as a Bull ELN.

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Example 1:

You hold shares of Stock A and expect its price to be flat in the next three months. You can consider optimizing your return by switching to a Bull ELN linked to Stock A.

Assumptions

Denomination per note	HKD1,000,000
Purchase price per note	HKD960,000
Price of Stock A on the trade date of the note (Initial Price)	HKD100
Conversion price of Stock A	HKD97
Tenor of note	3 months

Scenario 1: Stock A closes at or above the conversion price at maturity

Stock A closes at or above HKD97 after three months. In this case, you will receive the note's denomination of HKD1,000,000 upon maturity. Having purchased the note at a discount for HKD960,000, this represents a return of HKD40,000, i.e. a yield of 4.17% (16.67% p.a.) for the three-month holding period.

Scenario 2: Stock A closes below the conversion price at maturity

Contrary to your expectation, the price of Stock A falls below the conversion price to HKD93 after three months. In this case, you will take delivery of 10,309.3 shares of Stock A (HKD1,000,000/HKD97), valued at HKD93 per share at the time of delivery (with the fractional share amount paid in cash), or the equivalent amount in cash.

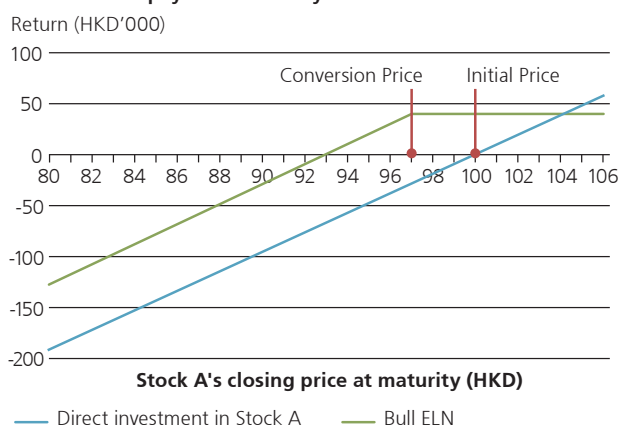
If you sell Stock A at the market price of HKD93, you will receive HKD958,737. This represents a loss of HKD1,263 (-0.13%). Had you invested your HKD960,000 capital directly in Stock A, you would have made a loss of HKD67,200 (-7.0%).

Scenario analysis at maturity

Closing Price of Stock A (HKD)	Redemption Value (HKD)	Return
97 or above	1,000,000	+4.17%
96	989,691*	+3.09%
90	927,835*	-3.35%
80	824,742*	-14.09%
70	721,650*	-24.83%

* Physical delivery of Stock A at the Conversion Price (HKD97)

Illustration of payoff at maturity



Example 2: KI Bull ELN

You hold shares of Stock B and expect its price to be flat in the next two months but would like to seek conditional downside protection in case it drops mildly. You can consider investing in a KI Bull ELN linked to Stock B.

Assumptions

Denomination per note	HKD1,000,000
Purchase price per note	HKD980,000
Initial price of Stock B on the trade date of the note	HKD50
Conversion price of Stock B	HKD47
Kick-in (KI) Barrier of Stock B	HKD42
Kick-in (KI) Event	A Kick-in (KI) Event occurs, if at any time during the Note's tenor, the price of Stock B drops to or below the KI Barrier
Tenor of note	2 months

Scenario 1: A KI Event has not occurred and Stock B closes below the conversion price

If a KI Event has not occurred and Stock B closes at HKD45 at maturity, you will receive the note's denomination of HKD1,000,000 upon maturity. Having purchased the note at a discount for HKD980,000, this represents a return of HKD20,000, i.e. a yield of 2.04% (12.24% p.a.) for the two-month holding period. Compared to a Bull ELN, the KI Bull ELN offers conditional downside protection at maturity. In comparison, in the case of a Bull ELN, you will take delivery of 21,276.6 shares of Stock B (HKD1,000,000/HKD47), valued at HKD 45 per share at the time of delivery (with the fractional share amount paid in cash), or the equivalent amount in cash.

Scenario 2: A KI Event has occurred and Stock B closes at or above the conversion price at maturity

A KI Event has occurred but Stock B closes at or above HKD47 at maturity. In this case, you will receive the note's denomination of HKD1,000,000 upon maturity. Having purchased the note at a discount of HKD980,000, this represents a return of HKD20,000, i.e. a yield of 2.04% (12.24% p.a.) for the two-month holding period.

Scenario 3: A KI Event has occurred and Stock B closes below the conversion price at maturity

A KI Event has occurred and Stock B falls below the conversion price to HKD45 at maturity. In this case, you will take delivery of 21,276.6 shares of Stock B (HKD1,000,000/HKD47), valued at HKD45 per share at the time of delivery (with the fractional share amount paid in cash), or the equivalent amount in cash.

If you sell Stock B at the market price of HKD45, you will receive HKD957,447. This represents a loss of HKD22,553 (-2.3%). Had you invested your HKD980,000 capital directly in Stock B, you would have made a loss of HKD98,000 (-10.0%).

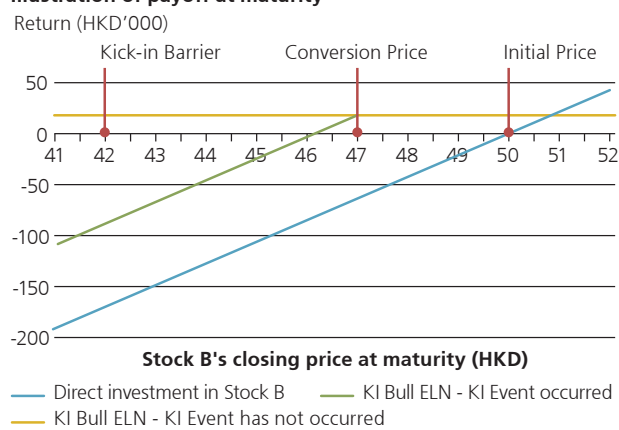
Scenario 1 demonstrates that compared to a Bull ELN, a KI Bull ELN provides conditional downside protection at maturity provided a KI Event has not occurred. If a KI Event has occurred, as in Scenario 2 and 3, the KI Bull ELN will behave in the same way as a Bull ELN.

Scenario analysis at maturity

Closing Price of Stock B (HKD)	Scenario 1 KI Event has not occurred:		Scenarios 2 & 3 KI Event has occurred:	
	Redemption Value (HKD)	Return	Redemption Value (HKD)	Return
47 or above	1,000,000	+2.04%	1,000,000	+2.04%
45	1,000,000	+2.04%	957,447*	-2.30%
40	–	–	851,064*	-13.16%
35	–	–	744,681*	-24.01%
30	–	–	638,298*	-34.87%

* Physical delivery of Stock B at the Conversion Price (HKD47)

Illustration of payoff at maturity



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Product specific risk

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- You are an experienced investor familiar with structured products and the market of the underlying.
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- You have a moderate to high risk tolerance.
- You would like to enhance your portfolio's performance in anticipation of a flat market by switching into a Bull ELN.
- Investors in KI ELN believe the price of the underlying will not fall to or below the KI Barrier during the Note's tenor, and seek conditional downside protection based on such belief.

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