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Subject to Completion, Preliminary Pricing Supplement dated April 17, 2018

Pricing Supplement No.

(To Prospectus dated May 1, 2015, and

Prospectus Supplement dated September 11, 2017)

April , 2018

**CAD** 

## Medium-Term Notes, Series M

CAD Floating Rate Senior Notes, due April 20

CAD % Fixed/Floating Rate Senior Notes, due April 20

This pricing supplement describes our senior notes that will be issued in one or more series under our Medium-Term Note Program, Series M. We refer to our Floating Rate Senior Notes, due April 20 as the floating rate notes, to our % Fixed/Floating Rate Senior Notes, due April 20 as the fixed/floating rate notes, and to the floating rate notes and the fixed/floating together as the notes.

The floating rate notes mature on April , 20 . We will pay interest on the floating rate notes for each quarterly interest period at a floating rate per annum equal to the applicable Bankers Acceptance Rate, as described in this pricing supplement, plus a spread of % payable quarterly.

The fixed/floating rate notes mature on April , 20 . We will pay interest on the fixed/floating rate notes (a) from April , 2018 to, but excluding, April , 20 , at a fixed rate of % per annum, payable semi-annually, and (b) from, and including, April , 20 , at a floating rate per annum equal to the applicable Bankers Acceptance Rate, as described in this pricing supplement, plus a spread of %, payable quarterly.

We will have the option to redeem the notes prior to the stated maturity as described in this pricing supplement under the headings Specific Terms of the Notes Optional Redemption of the Floating Rate Notes, Specific Terms of the Notes Optional Redemption of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes, and Specific Terms of the Notes Redemption for Tax Reasons, as applicable.

The notes are unsecured and rank equally with all of our other unsecured and senior indebtedness outstanding from time to time. We do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange.

Investing in the notes involves risks. For an explanation of some of these risks, see <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-5 of the attached prospectus supplement, and <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 9 of the attached prospectus.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this pricing supplement, the attached prospectus supplement, or the attached prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Floating Rate Notes		Fixed/Floating Rate Notes Per	
	Per Note	Total	Note	Total
Public Offering Price	%	CAD	%	CAD
Selling Agents Commission	%	CAD	%	CAD
Proceeds (before expenses)	%	CAD	%	CAD

We expect to deliver the notes in book-entry only form through the facilities of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. ( CDS ) on April , 2018.

Joint Book-Runners

**BofA Merrill Lynch** 

BMO Capital Markets CIBC Capital Markets RBC Capital Markets

Scotiabank TD Securities

#### SPECIFIC TERMS OF THE NOTES

The following description of the specific terms of the notes supplements, and should be read together with, the description of our Medium-Term Notes, Series M included in the attached prospectus supplement dated September 11, 2017, and the general description of our debt securities included in Description of Debt Securities in the attached prospectus, dated May 1, 2015. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this pricing supplement and the attached prospectus supplement or the attached prospectus, you should rely on the information in this pricing supplement. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this pricing supplement have the same meanings as are given to them in the attached prospectus supplement or in the attached prospectus.

# **Terms of the Floating Rate Notes**

**Title of the Series:** Floating Rate Senior Notes, due April 20

Aggregate Principal Amount Initially Being IssuedCAD

 Issue Date:
 April , 2018

 CUSIP No.:
 060505FH2

 ISIN:
 CA060505FH28

 Maturity Date:
 April , 20

Minimum Denominations: CAD 150,000 and multiples of CAD 1,000 in

excess of CAD 150,000

Ranking: Senior

Coupon: Bankers Acceptance Rate (as defined below) plus

basis points, payable quarterly in arrears from, and including, April , 2018 to, but excluding, the

Maturity Date.

Bankers Acceptance Rate: Bankers Acceptance Rate, for any quarterly interest period, shall mean the average bid rate of

interest (expressed as an annual percentage rate) rounded to the nearest one-hundred-thousandth of one percent (with 0.000005 percent being rounded up) for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months which appears on the Reuters Screen CDOR Page as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time, on the first Business Day of such quarterly interest period; provided that if such rate does not appear on the Reuters Screen CDOR Page on such day or if the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service is not available or ceases to exist, the Bankers Acceptance Rate for such period will be determined using an Alternative CDOR Page as of an Alternative Time on such day. If no such Alternative CDOR Page is available on such day,

the Bankers Acceptance Rate for such period shall

be the average of the bid rates of interest (expressed and rounded as set forth above) for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months for same day settlement as quoted by such of the Schedule I banks (as defined in the *Bank Act* (Canada)) as may quote such a rate as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time, on the first Business Day of such quarterly interest period.

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Reuters Screen CDOR Page shall mean the display designated as page CDOR on the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service (or such other page as may replace the CDOR page on that service) for the purpose of displaying, among other things, Canadian dollar bankers acceptance rates.

**Alternative CDOR Page** shall mean the display, designated as page CDOR on Bloomberg, or an equivalent service that displays average bid rates of interest for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months.

**Alternative Time**, for any Alternative CDOR Page, shall mean the time of day at which such Alternative CDOR Page becomes available.

The Calculation Agent identified below will determine the Bankers Acceptance Rate on each Interest Determination Date (as defined below).

Interest Payment Dates and Interest Reset Dates: January , April , July , and October beginning July , 2018, subject to adjustment in accordance with the modified following business day convention (adjusted). Each Interest Payment Date also shall be an Interest Reset Date.

**Interest Determination Dates:** 

The first Business Day of any quarterly interest

period.

**Day Count Fraction:** 

**Business Days:** 

Actual/365 (Fixed), which is the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365.

New York, Charlotte, Toronto.

**Record Dates for Interest Payments:** 

For book-entry only floating rate notes, two business days prior to the applicable Interest

Payment Date. If the floating rate notes are not held in book-entry only form, the record dates will be the fifteenth calendar day immediately preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date as originally

scheduled to occur.

#### **Additional Amounts:**

Subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the section Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus, we will pay to the beneficial holder of the floating rate notes that is a United States Alien (as described in the attached prospectus supplement in the section

Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts ), additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on such floating rate notes will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable, as described in the section

Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus and in the section Description of the Notes Payment of

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**Optional Redemption:** 

Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus supplement.

We will have the option to redeem the floating rate notes, in whole, but not in part, on April 100% of the principal amount of the floating rate notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the redemption date. See Specific Terms of the Notes Optional Redemption of the Floating Rate

Notes.

**Redemption for Tax Reasons:** We may redeem the floating rate notes in whole, but

not in part, at our option at any time before

maturity, after giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 calendar days notice to the trustee under the indenture and to the holders of the floating rate notes, only if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts, as described under

Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus and in the section Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus

supplement. See Description of Debt

Securities Redemption for Tax Reasons in the

attached prospectus for more information.

**Repayment at Option of Holder:** None **Listing:** None

**Currency:** The floating rate notes are denominated and payable

in Canadian dollars ( CAD ).

BNY Trust Company of Canada **Canadian Paying Agent:** 

**Calculation Agent:** Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.

**Selling Agents and Conflicts of Interest:** As set forth beginning on page PS-12.

**Further Issuances:** We have the ability to reopen, or increase after the

Issue Date, the aggregate principal amount of the floating rate notes initially being issued without notice to the holders of existing floating rate notes by selling additional floating rate notes having the same terms, provided that such additional floating rate notes shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, any new floating rate notes of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest on a different date.

**Terms of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes** 

**Title of the Series:** % Fixed/Floating Rate Senior Notes, due

April 20

Aggregate Principal Amount Initially Being Issued C AD

Issue Date: April , 2018

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**CUSIP No.:** 

**ISIN:** 

**Maturity Date:** 

**Minimum Denominations:** 

**Ranking:** 

**Fixed Rate Coupon:** 

**Floating Rate Coupon:** 

**Bankers Acceptance Rate:** 

060505FJ8

CA060505FJ83

April, 20

CAD 150,000 and multiples of CAD 1,000 in

excess of CAD 150,000

Senior

% payable semi-annually in arrears from, and including, April , 2018 to, but excluding, April , 20 (the Fixed Rate Period ).

Bankers Acceptance Rate (as defined below) plus basis points, payable quarterly in arrears from, and including, April , 20 to, but excluding, the Maturity Date (the Floating Rate Period ).

Bankers Acceptance Rate, for any quarterly interest period, shall mean the average bid rate of interest (expressed as an annual percentage rate) rounded to the nearest one-hundred-thousandth of one percent (with 0.000005 percent being rounded up) for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months which appears on the Reuters Screen CDOR Page as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time, on the first Business Day of such quarterly interest period; provided that if such rate does not appear on the Reuters Screen CDOR Page on such day or if the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service is not available or ceases to exist, the Bankers Acceptance Rate for such period will be determined using an Alternative CDOR Page as of an Alternative Time on such day. If no such Alternative CDOR Page is available on such day, the Bankers Acceptance Rate for such period shall be the average of the bid rates of interest (expressed and rounded as set forth above) for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months for same day settlement as quoted by such of the Schedule I banks (as defined in the Bank Act (Canada)) as may quote such a rate as of 10:00 a.m., Toronto time, on the first Business Day of such quarterly interest period.

**Reuters Screen CDOR Page** shall mean the display designated as page CDOR on the Reuters Monitor Money Rates Service (or such other page

as may replace the CDOR page on that service) for the purpose of displaying, among other things, Canadian dollar bankers acceptance rates.

Alternative CDOR Page shall mean the display, designated as page CDOR on Bloomberg, or an equivalent service that displays average bid rates of interest for Canadian dollar bankers acceptances with maturities of three months.

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**Alternative Time**, for any Alternative CDOR Page, shall mean the time of day at which such Alternative CDOR Page becomes available.

The Calculation Agent identified below will determine the Bankers Acceptance Rate on each Interest Determination Date (as defined below).

**Interest Payment Dates and Interest Reset Dates:** 

During the Fixed Rate Period, April and October of each year, beginning October, 2018 and ending April, 20, subject to adjustment in accordance with the following unadjusted business day convention. During the Floating Rate Period, each of July, 20, October, 20, January, 20, and April, 20, subject to adjustment in accordance with the modified following business day convention (adjusted). Each Interest Payment Date during the Floating Rate Period also shall be an Interest Reset Date.

**Interest Determination Dates for the Floating Rate Period:** 

The first Business Day of any quarterly interest period.

**Day Count Fraction:** 

Fixed Rate Period: 30/360 when calculating interest for a full semi-annual interest period, and Actual/365 (Fixed), which is the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365, when calculating interest for any period that is shorter than a full semi-annual interest period (also known as Actual/Actual (Canadian Compound Method)).

Floating Rate Period: Actual/365 (Fixed), which is the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365.

Business Days: New York, Charlotte, Toronto.

**Record Dates for Interest Payments:** For book-entry only fixed/floating rate notes, two

business days prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date. If the fixed/floating rate notes are not held in book-entry only form, the record dates will be the fifteenth calendar day immediately preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date as

originally scheduled to occur.

**Additional Amounts:** 

Subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the section Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus, we will pay to the beneficial holder of the fixed/floating rate notes that is a United States Alien (as described in the attached prospectus supplement in the section Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts ), additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on such fixed/floating rate notes will not be less,

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**Optional Redemption:** 

**Redemption for Tax Reasons:** 

Repayment at Option of Holder:

Listing:

**Currency:** 

due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable, as described in the section Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus and in the section Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus supplement.

We will have the option to redeem the fixed/floating rate notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, on or after October , 2018 (or, if additional fixed/floating rate notes are issued after April , 2018, beginning six months after the issue date of such additional fixed/floating rate notes), and prior to April , 20 , at the applicable make-whole redemption price for the fixed/floating rate notes described below under the heading

Specific Terms of the Notes Optional Redemption of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes. We also will have the option to redeem the fixed/floating rate notes, in whole, but not in part, on April , 20 at 100% of the principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the redemption date. See Specific Terms of the Notes Optional Redemption of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes.

We may redeem the fixed/floating rate notes in whole, but not in part, at our option at any time before maturity, after giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 calendar days notice to the trustee under the indenture and to the holders of the fixed/floating rate notes, only if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts, as described under Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus and in the section Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus supplement. See Description of Debt Securities Redemption for Tax Reasons in the attached prospectus for more information.

None

None

The fixed/floating rate notes are denominated and payable in Canadian dollars ( CAD ).

Canadian Paying Agent: BNY Trust Company of Canada

Calculation Agent (for the Floating Rate Period): Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.

**Selling Agents and Conflicts of Interest:** As set forth beginning on page PS-12.

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#### **Further Issuances:**

We have the ability to reopen, or increase after the Issue Date, the aggregate principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes initially being issued without notice to the holders of existing fixed/floating rate notes by selling additional fixed/floating rate notes having the same terms, provided that such additional fixed/floating rate notes shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, any new fixed/floating rate notes of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest on a different date.

In respect of the notes, we will at all times maintain an agent having an office in Toronto, Ontario. BNY Trust Company of Canada initially will act as Canadian paying agent, security registrar and transfer agent for the notes at its office located at 320 Bay Street, 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 4A6. All notices concerning the notes will be validly given if given through the Canadian paying agent.

We will make payments on the notes in Canadian dollars, and you will not have the right to receive all or any portion of the payment of principal or interest in U.S. dollars, except in certain limited circumstances where payments on the notes cannot be made in Canadian dollars, or such currency is unavailable or has been replaced. If payments on the notes cannot be made in Canadian dollars under the foregoing circumstances, payments on the notes will be made in U.S. dollars, or, in the case of a replacement currency, at our option, in U.S. dollars or such replacement currency.

For purposes of the notes described in this pricing supplement, the term business day means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina or Toronto, Ontario and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

# **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

We may redeem the notes in whole, but not in part, at our option at any time before maturity, after giving not less than 30 calendar days nor more than 60 calendar days notice to the trustee under the indenture and to the holders of the notes, only if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts, as described under Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus and in the section Description of the Notes Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due Payment of Additional Amounts in the attached prospectus supplement. See Description of Debt Securities Redemption for Tax Reasons in the attached prospectus for more information.

# **Optional Redemption of the Floating Rate Notes**

We may redeem the floating rate notes, at our option, in whole, but not in part, on April , 20 , upon at least 30 calendar days but not more than 60 calendar days prior written notice to holders of the floating rate notes being redeemed as described in the attached prospectus, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such floating rate notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any interest on the floating rate notes being redeemed that is due and payable on an Interest Payment Date falling on or prior to a redemption date for such floating rate notes will be payable on such Interest Payment Date to holders of such floating rate notes being redeemed as of the close of business on the relevant

record date according to the terms of such floating rate notes and the Senior Indenture.

Unless we default on payment of the applicable redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the floating rate notes or portion thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date. If fewer than all of the floating rate notes are to be redeemed, for so long as such floating rate notes are in book-entry only form, such floating rate notes to be redeemed will be selected in accordance with the procedures of CDS.

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# **Optional Redemption of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes**

We may redeem the fixed/floating rate notes, at our option, in whole, but not in part, on April , 20 , upon at least 30 calendar days but not more than 60 calendar days prior written notice to holders of the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed as described in the attached prospectus, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such fixed/floating rate notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date.

In addition, we may redeem the fixed/floating rate notes, at our option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, on or after October , 2018 (or, if additional fixed/floating rate notes are issued after April , 2018, beginning six months after the issue date of such additional fixed/floating rate notes) and prior to April , 20 , upon at least 30 calendar days but not more than 60 calendar days prior written notice to the holders of the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed as described in the attached prospectus, at a make-whole redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes to be redeemed; or
- (ii) as determined by the quotation agent described below, the sum of the present values of the scheduled payments of principal and interest on the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed, that would have been payable from the applicable redemption date to April , 20 (not including interest accrued to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date), discounted to the applicable redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the GOC Bond Yield plus basis points,

plus, in either case of (i) or (ii) above, accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any interest on the fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed that is due and payable on an Interest Payment Date falling on or prior to a redemption date for such fixed/floating rate notes will be payable on such Interest Payment Date to holders of such fixed/floating rate notes being redeemed as of the close of business on the relevant record date according to the terms of such fixed/floating rate notes and the Senior Indenture.

**GOC Bond Yield** on any date of determination means the arithmetic average of the interest rates quoted to the quotation agent by two major Canadian registered investment dealers (that are not the quotation agent) selected by us as being the annual yield to maturity on such date, assuming semi-annual compounding, which a non-callable Government of Canada bond would carry, if issued in Canadian dollars in Canada, at 100% of its principal amount on the applicable date of redemption with a maturity date of April , 20 .

**quotation agent** means Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., or its successor, or, if that firm is unwilling or unable to select the comparable treasury issue, a Canadian investment bank appointed by us.

The GOC Bond Yield will be determined by the quotation agent as set forth above on the third business day immediately preceding the applicable redemption date.

Unless we default on payment of the applicable redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the fixed/floating rate notes or portion thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date. If fewer than all of the fixed/floating rate notes are to be redeemed, for so long as such fixed/floating rate notes are in book-entry only form, such fixed/floating rate notes to be redeemed will be selected in accordance with the procedures of CDS.

Because Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. is our affiliate, the economic interests of Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. may be adverse to your interests as a holder of the fixed/floating rate notes subject to our redemption, including with respect to certain determinations and judgments it must make as quotation agent in the

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event that we redeem the fixed/floating rate notes before their maturity pursuant to the make-whole optional redemption described above. Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. is obligated to carry out its duties and functions as quotation agent in good faith.

# U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

For a brief description of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to an investment in the notes, see U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations and U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Taxation of Debt Securities beginning on page 99 and page 100, respectively, of the attached prospectus as well as U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations on page S-24 in the attached prospectus supplement. In addition to the limitations set forth therein, that description does not address the consequences to taxpayers subject to special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which was recently added to the Code by legislation known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FORM,

#### REGISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT OF NOTES

## Global Securities; Book-Entry, Delivery and Form

The notes will be issued as one or more registered notes in global form (i.e., global notes), initially registered in the name of CDS & CO., as nominee for CDS, and deposited with CDS. Beneficial interests in the global notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in CDS. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through any of CDS, Euroclear Bank SA/NV (Euroclear ) or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Luxembourg (Clearstream, Luxembourg ) if they are participants of those systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in those systems. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in their respective names on the books of their respective Canadian subcustodians (Canadian Subcustodians on the books of CDS.

All notes will be registered in the name of CDS & CO., as nominee of CDS, for the benefit of owners of beneficial interests in the global notes, including participants of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Principal and interest payments on the global notes registered in the name of CDS & CO., or any other nominee appointed by CDS, will be made on our behalf to CDS & CO., or any other nominee appointed by CDS, and CDS will distribute the payments received to the applicable clearing system.

For as long as the notes are maintained in book-entry form at CDS, we and any paying agent will treat CDS & CO., or any other nominee appointed by CDS, as the sole holder of such notes for all purposes. Notes which are represented by the global notes will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures of CDS.

The registered holder of the global notes will be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of notes represented by those global notes and we will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the registered holder of those global notes for each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of CDS as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of notes represented by the global notes must look solely to CDS for its share of each payment that we make to, or to the order of, the registered holder of the global notes. No person other than the registered holder of the global notes will have any claim against us in respect of any payments due on the global notes.

# **CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.**

CDS is Canada s national securities clearing and depositary services organization. CDS participants include banks (including the Canadian Subcustodians), investment dealers, and trust companies and may include certain of the underwriters for this offering. Functioning as a service utility for the Canadian financial community, CDS provides a variety of computer automated services for financial institutions and investment dealers active in domestic and international capital markets. Indirect access to CDS is available to other organizations that clear through, or maintain a custodial relationship with, a CDS participant. Transfers of ownership and other interests, including cash distributions, in notes clearing and settling through CDS may only be processed through CDS participants and will be completed in accordance with existing CDS rules and procedures. CDS is headquartered in Toronto and has offices in Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver. CDS is a subsidiary of The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, part of TMX Group Limited. It is affiliated with CDS Inc., which provides services to the Canadian Securities Administrators, and CDS Innovations Inc., a commercial marketer of CDS information products such as CDS Bulletins and entitlements information.

The information in this pricing supplement concerning CDS and CDS s book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information. CDS may change or discontinue its procedures at any time.

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#### **Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Secondary market trading between CDS participants will be in accordance with market conventions applicable to transactions in book-based Canadian domestic bonds. Secondary market trading between Euroclear participants and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional Eurobonds.

Links have been established among CDS, Euroclear, and Clearstream, Luxembourg to facilitate the initial issuance of the notes and cross-market transfers of the notes associated with secondary market trading. CDS will be linked to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg through the CDS accounts of the respective Canadian Subcustodians of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through CDS participants, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participants, on the other, will be effected in CDS in accordance with CDS rules; however, these cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant clearing system by the counterparty in that system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines. The relevant clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to CDS directly or through its Canadian Subcustodian to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving notes in CDS, and making or receiving payment in accordance with the normal procedures for settlement in CDS. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants may not deliver instructions directly to CDS or to the Canadian Subcustodians.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of notes received in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as a result of a transaction with a CDS participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the CDS settlement date. Those credits or any transactions in the notes settled during that processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear participants or Clearstream, Luxembourg participants on the applicable business day. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as a result of sales of notes by or through a Euroclear participant or a Clearstream, Luxembourg participant to a CDS participant will be received with value on the CDS settlement date, but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg cash account only as of the business day following settlement in CDS.

#### **Notices**

Notices given to CDS, as registered holder of the notes, will be passed on to the beneficial owners of the notes in accordance with the standard rules and procedures of CDS and its direct and indirect participants, including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLAN OF

## DISTRIBUTION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

On April , 2018, we entered into an agreement with the selling agents identified below for the purchase and sale of the notes. We have agreed to sell to each of the selling agents, and each of the selling agents has agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of the notes shown opposite its name in the table below at the applicable public offering price set forth above.

Selling Agent	Principal Amount of Floating Rate Notes	Principal Amount of Fixed/Floating Rate Notes
Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.	CAD	CAD
BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.	CAD	CAD
CIBC World Markets Inc.	CAD	CAD
RBC Dominion Securities Inc.	CAD	CAD
Scotia Capital Inc.	CAD	CAD
TD Securities Inc.	CAD	CAD
Total	CAD	CAD

The selling agents may sell the notes to certain dealers at the applicable public offering price, less a concession which will not exceed % of the principal amount of the floating rate notes and % of the principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes, and the selling agents and those dealers may resell the notes to other dealers at a reallowance discount which will not exceed % of the principal amount of the floating rate notes and % of the principal amount of the fixed/floating rate notes.

After the initial offering of the notes, the concessions and reallowance discounts for the notes may change.

We estimate that the total offering expenses for the notes, excluding the selling agents commissions, will be approximately CAD .

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. is our wholly-owned subsidiary, and we will receive the net proceeds of the offering.

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors on or about April , 2018, which is the business day following the date of this pricing supplement (such settlement being referred to as T+ ). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on the date of this pricing supplement or the next succeeding business days will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially settle in T+ , to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of the trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisors in connection with that election.

Some of the selling agents and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the selling agents and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the selling agents or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk

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management policies. Typically, such selling agents and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The selling agents and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

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# **Medium-Term Notes, Series M**

We may offer from time to time our Bank of America Corporation Medium-Term Notes, Series M. The specific terms of any notes that we offer will be determined before each sale and will be described in a separate pricing supplement, prospectus addendum and/or other prospectus supplement (each, a supplement). Terms may include:

Priority: senior or subordinated
Interest rate: notes may bear interest at fixed or floating rates, or may not bear any interest
Base floating rates of interest:
federal funds rate
LIBOR
i EURIBOR
i prime rate
treasury rate
any other rate we specify Maturity: 365 days (one year) or more
Indexed notes: principal, premium (if any), interest payments, or other amounts payable (if any) linked, either directly or indirectly, to the price or performance of one or more market measures
Payments: U.S. dollars or any other currency that we specify in the applicable supplement

We may sell notes to the selling agents as principal for resale at varying or fixed offering prices or through the selling agents as agents using their best efforts on our behalf. We also may sell the notes directly to investors.

We may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in the initial sale of any notes. In addition, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or any of our other broker-dealer affiliates, may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in a market-making transaction in any notes after their initial sale. Unless we or one of our selling agents informs you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are being used in a market-making transaction.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, we do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-5.

Our notes are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank. Our notes are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and involve investment risks.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

## **BofA Merrill Lynch**

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus dated May 1, 2015

**September 11, 2017** 

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We have registered our Medium-Term Notes, Series M (the notes ) on a registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Registration No. 333-202354.

From time to time, we intend to use this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and a related pricing supplement, prospectus addendum and/or other prospectus supplement to offer the notes. We may refer to any pricing supplement as a term sheet. You should read each of these documents before investing in the notes.

This prospectus supplement describes additional terms of the notes and supplements the description of our other debt securities that may be issued under the Indentures contained in the accompanying prospectus. If the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the prospectus, this prospectus supplement will supersede the information in the prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the notes in any jurisdiction in which that offer or solicitation is unlawful. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in some jurisdictions may be restricted by law. If you have received this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should find out about and observe these restrictions. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes outside of the United States. See Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest).

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (the EEA) which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (and amendments thereto, including the Directive 2010/73/EU, to the extent implemented in the relevant Member State, the Prospectus Directive) (each, a Relevant Member State) will be made under an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of any notes which are contemplated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the selling agents to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the selling agents have authorized, and neither we nor they authorize, the making of any offer of notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for us or any selling agent to publish or supplement a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an approved prospectus for the purposes of the Prospective Directive.

The notes are not intended, from January 1, 2018, to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and, with effect from such date, should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended (MiFID II); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, as amended (Insurance Mediation Directive), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive. Consequently no

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key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (the PRIIPs Regulation ) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

For each offering of notes, we will issue a pricing supplement, prospectus addendum and/or other prospectus supplement that will contain additional terms of the offering and a specific description of the notes being offered. A supplement also may add, update, or change information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, including provisions describing the calculation of the amounts due under the notes and the method of making payments under the terms of a note. We will state in the applicable supplement the interest rate or interest rate basis or formula, issue price, any relevant market measures, the maturity date, interest payment dates, redemption, or repayment provisions, if any, and other relevant terms and conditions for each note at the time of issuance. A supplement also may include a discussion of any risk factors or other special additional considerations that apply to a particular type of note. Each applicable supplement can be quite detailed and always should be read carefully.

Unless we indicate otherwise or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to Bank of America, we, us our, or similar references are to Bank of America Corporation excluding its consolidated subsidiaries.

Any term that is used, but not defined, in this prospectus supplement has the meaning set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

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#### RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the notes involves significant risks. Your decision to purchase the notes should be made only after carefully considering the risks of an investment in the notes, including those discussed below, in the accompanying prospectus beginning on page 9, and in the relevant supplement(s) for the specific notes, with your advisors in light of your particular circumstances. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant elements of the notes or financial matters in general. For information regarding risks and uncertainties that may materially affect our business and results, please refer to the information under the captions. Item 1A. Risk Factors and Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed in our subsequent filings that are incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. You should also review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that we will file after the date of this prospectus supplement.

Our preferred single point of entry resolution strategy could materially adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition and our ability to pay the holders of our debt securities.

We are required annually to submit a plan to our primary regulatory authorities describing our resolution strategy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. In our current plan, our preferred resolution strategy is a single point of entry (SPOE) strategy. This strategy provides that only Bank of America is resolved under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and was designed to provide certain key operating subsidiaries with sufficient capital and liquidity to operate through severe stress and to enable such subsidiaries to continue operating or be wound down in a solvent manner following a Bank of America bankruptcy. We have entered into intercompany arrangements governing the contribution of capital and liquidity with these key subsidiaries. As part of these arrangements, we have transferred certain of our assets (and have agreed to transfer additional assets) to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary in exchange for a subordinated note. Certain of our remaining assets secure our ongoing obligations under these intercompany arrangements. The wholly-owned holding company subsidiary has also provided a committed line of credit which, in addition to our cash, dividends and interest payments, including interest payments we receive in respect of the subordinated note, may be used to fund our obligations. These intercompany arrangements include provisions to terminate the line of credit, forgive the subordinated note and require us to contribute our remaining financial assets to the wholly-owned holding company subsidiary if our projected liquidity resources deteriorate so severely that resolution becomes imminent, which could materially and adversely affect our liquidity and ability to meet our payment obligations, including under the notes. In addition, our preferred resolution strategy could result in holders of notes being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under bankruptcy or other resolution scenarios or plans.

We are subject to the Federal Reserve Board s final rules requiring U.S. G-SIBs to maintain minimum amounts of long-term debt meeting specified eligibility requirements.

On December 15, 2016, the Federal Reserve Board released final rules (the TLAC Rules ) that would require the U.S. global systemically important bank holding companies, including Bank of America, to, among other things, maintain minimum amounts of long-term debt satisfying certain eligibility criteria (eligible LTD) commencing January 1, 2019. Any senior long-term debt issued on or after January 1, 2017 must include revised terms in accordance with the final rule in order to

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qualify as eligible LTD. Actions required to comply with the TLAC Rules could impact our funding and liquidity risk management plans.

If we enter a resolution proceeding, holders of our unsecured debt securities, including the notes, would be at risk of absorbing our losses.

Under the TLAC Rules, we are required to maintain minimum amounts of eligible LTD for the purpose of absorbing our losses in a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the Financial Reform Act ). If we enter a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Financial Reform Act, our unsecured debt, including the notes, would be at risk of absorbing our losses and could be significantly reduced or eliminated. Under our SPOE resolution strategy, and single point of entry recapitalization strategy preferred by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the FDIC ) under Title II of the Financial Reform Act, the value that would be distributed to holders of our unsecured debt, including the notes, may not be sufficient to repay all or part of the principal amount and interest on such debt, and holders of such debt could receive no consideration at all under these resolution scenarios. Either of these resolution strategies could result in holders of notes being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a different resolution strategy. Accordingly, investors in the notes should assess our risk profile when making an investment decision to purchase the notes. Although SPOE is our preferred resolution strategy, neither Bank of America nor a bankruptcy court would be obligated to follow our SPOE strategy. Additionally, the FDIC is not obligated to follow its SPOE strategy to resolve Bank of America under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. For more information regarding the financial consequences of any such resolution proceeding to the holders of our unsecured debt securities, see Financial Consequences to Unsecured Debtholders of Single Point of Entry Resolution Strategy.

#### Our obligations on the notes will be structurally subordinated to liabilities of our subsidiaries.

Because we are a holding company, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon such subsidiary s liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent we may ourselves be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. As a result, our obligations under the notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries, and claimants should look only to our assets for payments. In addition, creditors of subsidiaries recapitalized pursuant to our resolution plan would generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the subsidiaries, including our contributed assets.

Holders of notes could be at greater risk for being structurally subordinated if we sell or convey all or substantially all of our assets to one or more of our majority-owned subsidiaries.

If we sell or convey all or substantially all of our assets to one or more direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiaries of ours, the subsidiary or subsidiaries will not be required to assume our obligations under such notes, and we will remain the sole obligor on such notes. In such event, creditors of any such subsidiary or subsidiaries would have additional assets from which to recover on their claims while holders of notes would be structurally subordinated to creditors of such subsidiary or subsidiaries with respect to such assets. See Description of the Notes Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets below for more information.

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Events for which acceleration rights under the senior notes may be exercised are more limited than those available pursuant to the terms of our outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017.

In response to the TLAC Rules, on January 13, 2017, we supplemented the Senior Indenture to, among other things, limit the circumstances under which the payment of the principal amount of senior debt securities (including senior notes) issued pursuant to the Senior Indenture on or after January 13, 2017 can be accelerated (unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement).

All or substantially all of our outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017, including outstanding debt securities issued under the Senior Indenture prior to such date (the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities), provide acceleration rights for nonpayment or bankruptcy. The Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities also provide acceleration rights if we default in the performance of our covenants in those debt securities or the Senior Indenture. In addition, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities do not require a 30-day cure period before a nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and acceleration rights become exercisable with respect to such nonpayment.

However, under the Senior Indenture, as supplemented, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, payment of the principal amount of senior notes:

may be accelerated only (i) if we default in the payment of the principal of or interest on those senior notes and, in each case, the default continues for a period of 30 days, or (ii) upon our voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy and, in the case of our involuntary bankruptcy, the default continues for a period of 60 days; and

may not be accelerated if we default in the performance of any other covenants contained in the senior notes or the Senior Indenture. As a result of these differing provisions, if we breach or otherwise default in the performance of a covenant (other than a payment covenant) that is applicable both to the senior notes and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities would have acceleration rights that would not be available to the holders of senior notes. In addition, if we fail to pay principal when due with respect to the senior notes and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, an event of default would occur immediately with respect to the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities (and the exercise of acceleration rights could proceed immediately in accordance with the provisions of the Senior Indenture as in effect at the time of their issuance), while the holders of the senior notes must wait for the 30-day cure period to expire before such nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and any acceleration rights are triggered with respect to such nonpayment. Any repayment of the principal amount of Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities following the exercise of acceleration rights in circumstances in which such rights are not available to the holders of the senior notes could adversely affect our ability to make timely payments on the senior notes thereafter.

#### Acceleration rights for our subordinated notes are available only in limited circumstances.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, payment of the principal amount of our subordinated notes may be accelerated only in the event of our voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy under federal bankruptcy laws (and, in the case of our involuntary bankruptcy, continuing for a period of 60 days). If you purchase any subordinated notes, you will have no right to accelerate the payment of principal of the subordinated notes if we fail to pay principal or

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interest when due on those notes or if we fail in the performance of any of our other obligations under those notes. The rights of acceleration under our subordinated notes are more limited than those available pursuant to the terms of our senior debt securities, including the senior notes.

#### Our obligations under subordinated notes will be subordinated.

Holders of our subordinated notes should recognize that contractual provisions in the Subordinated Indenture may prohibit us from making payments on the subordinated notes. The subordinated notes are unsecured and subordinate and junior in right of payment to all of our senior indebtedness (as defined in the Subordinated Indenture), to the extent and in the manner provided in the Subordinated Indenture. In addition, the subordinated notes may be fully subordinated to interests held by the U.S. government in the event we enter into a receivership, insolvency, liquidation or similar proceedings, including a proceeding under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. For additional information regarding the subordination provisions applicable to the subordinated notes, see Description of Debt Securities Subordination in the accompanying prospectus.

#### The market value of the notes may be less than the principal amount of the notes.

The market for, and market value of, the notes may be affected by a number of factors. These factors include:

the method of calculating the principal, premium, if any, interest or other amounts payable, if any, on the notes;

the time remaining to maturity of the notes;

the aggregate amount outstanding of the relevant notes;

any redemption or repayment features of the notes;

the level, direction, and volatility of market interest rates generally;

general economic conditions of the capital markets in the United States;

geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory, and judicial events that affect the financial markets generally; and

any market-making activities with respect to the notes.

Often, the only way to liquidate your investment in the notes prior to maturity will be to sell the notes. At that time, there may be a very illiquid market for the notes or no market at all. For indexed notes that have specific investment objectives or strategies, the applicable trading market may be more limited, and the price may be more volatile, than for other notes. The market value of indexed notes may be adversely affected by the complexity of the payout formula and volatility of the applicable market measure, including any dividend rates or yields of other securities or financial instruments that relate to the indexed notes. Moreover, the market value of indexed notes could be adversely affected by changes in the amount of outstanding debt, equity, or other securities linked to the applicable market measures, assets or formula applicable to those notes.

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## Floating-rate notes bear additional risks.

If your notes bear interest at a floating rate, there will be additional significant risks not associated with a conventional fixed-rate debt security. These risks include fluctuation of the interest rates and the possibility that you will receive an amount of interest that is lower than expected. We have no control over a number of matters, including economic, financial, and political events, that are important in determining the existence, magnitude, and longevity of market volatility and other risks and their impact on the value of, or payments made on, your floating-rate notes. In recent years, interest rates have been volatile, and that volatility may be expected in the future.

## Holders of indexed notes are subject to important risks that are not associated with more conventional debt securities.

If you invest in indexed notes, you will be subject to significant risks not associated with conventional fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities. These risks include the possibility that the applicable market measures may be subject to fluctuations, and the possibility that you will receive a lower, or no, amount of principal, premium, or interest, and at different times than expected. In recent years, many interest rates, indices, and other market measures have experienced volatility, and this volatility may be expected in the future. However, past experience is not necessarily indicative of what may occur in the future. We have no control over a number of matters, including economic, financial, and political events, that are important in determining the existence, magnitude, and longevity of market volatility and other risks and their impact on the value of, or payments made on, the indexed notes. Further, you should assume that there is no statutory judicial, or administrative authority that addresses directly the characterization of some types of indexed notes or similar instruments for U.S. federal or other income tax purposes. As a result, the income tax consequences of an investment in indexed notes are not certain. In considering whether to purchase indexed notes, you should be aware that the calculation of amounts payable on indexed notes may involve reference to a market measure determined by one of our affiliates or prices or values that are published solely by third parties or entities which are not regulated by the laws of the United States. Additional risks that you should consider in connection with an investment in indexed notes are set forth in the applicable supplement(s) for the notes.

## Our hedging activities may affect your return at maturity and the market value of the notes.

At any time, we or our affiliates may engage in hedging activities relating to the notes. This hedging activity, in turn, may increase or decrease the market value of the notes. In addition, we or our affiliates may acquire a long or short position in the notes from time to time. All or a portion of these positions may be liquidated at or about the time of maturity of the notes. The aggregate amount and the composition of these positions are likely to vary over time. We have no reason to believe that any of our hedging activities will have a material effect on the notes, either directly or indirectly, by impacting the value of the notes. However, we cannot assure you that our activities or affiliates—activities will not affect these values.

## Our hedging and trading activities may create conflicts of interest with you.

From time to time during the term of each series of notes and in connection with the determination of the payments on the notes, we or our affiliates may enter into additional hedging transactions or adjust or close out existing hedging transactions. We or our affiliates also may enter into hedging transactions relating to other notes or instruments that we issue, some of which may

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have returns calculated in a manner related to that of a particular series of notes. We or our affiliates will price these hedging transactions with the intent to realize a profit, considering the risks inherent in these hedging activities, whether the value of the notes increases or decreases. However, these hedging activities may result in a profit that is more or less than initially expected, or could result in a loss.

We or one or more of our affiliates, including Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, may engage in trading activities that are not for your account or on your behalf. These trading activities may present a conflict of interest between your interest in the notes and the interests we and our affiliates may have in our proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions, including block trades, for our other customers, and in accounts under our management. These trading activities, if they influence the market measure or other reference asset (if any) for the notes or secondary trading (if any) in the notes, could be adverse to your interests as a beneficial owner of the notes.

The following risk factor supersedes in its entirety the risk factor in the accompanying prospectus beginning on page 11 under the heading Reform of LIBOR and EURIBOR and Proposed Regulation of These and Other Benchmarks:

Regulation, reform, and the potential or actual discontinuation of benchmarks, including LIBOR and EURIBOR, may adversely affect the value of and return on notes that are based on or are linked to a benchmark.

The London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ( EURIBOR ) and certain other rates or indices which are deemed to be benchmarks are the subject of ongoing national and international regulatory scrutiny and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective, while others are still to be implemented or formulated. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than they performed in the past or to be discontinued entirely and may have other consequences that cannot be predicted. Any such consequences could adversely affect the value of and return on any notes that are based on or are linked to a benchmark to calculate interest or other payments due on those notes.

Any of the international, national or other proposals for reform or the general increased regulatory scrutiny of benchmarks could increase the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a benchmark and complying with any such regulations or requirements. In addition, regulators have stated that they will no longer persuade or require banks to submit rates for LIBOR after 2021, and similar actions may be taken with respect to other benchmarks in the future. Such actions may have the effect of discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in or contribute to certain benchmarks, trigger changes in the rules or methodologies used in certain benchmarks, or lead to the discontinuation or unavailability of quotes of certain benchmarks. Uncertainty as to the nature and the effect of such reforms and actions and the potential or actual discontinuation of a benchmark may adversely affect the value of, return on and trading market for notes that are based on or are linked to a benchmark.

To the extent interest payments on notes based on or linked to a specific benchmark, including LIBOR, that is discontinued or is no longer quoted, the applicable base rate will be determined using the alternative methods described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Debt Securities Floating-Rate Notes, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement. Any of these alternative methods may result in interest rates and/or payments that are higher than, lower than or that do not otherwise correlate over time with the interest rates and/or payments that would have been made on those notes if the relevant

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benchmark was available in its current form. Further, the same reforms, actions, costs and/or risks that may lead to the discontinuation or unavailability of a benchmark may make one or more of the alternative methods impossible or impracticable to determine. Under most of the base rates described in the accompanying prospectus, including LIBOR, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the final alternative method sets the interest rate for an interest period at the same base rate as the immediately preceding interest period or as in effect on the interest determination date, as applicable, which interest rate could remain in effect for the remaining term of the notes. Any of the foregoing may have an adverse effect on the value of and return on such notes.

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## FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES TO UNSECURED DEBTHOLDERS

#### OF SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY RESOLUTION STRATEGY

Beginning January 1, 2019, we will be required to be in full compliance with the TLAC Rules, which aim to improve the resiliency and resolvability of U.S. global systemically important bank holding companies (covered BHCs), including Bank of America, in the event of failure or material financial distress. The TLAC Rules include the requirement that each covered BHC maintain a minimum amount of eligible LTD and other loss-absorbing capacity. The eligible LTD would absorb the covered BHC s losses, following the depletion of its equity, upon its entry into a resolution proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or a resolution proceeding administered by the FDIC under Title II of the Financial Reform Act.

Under Title I of the Financial Reform Act, we are required by the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC to annually submit a plan for a rapid and orderly resolution under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. Our preferred resolution strategy under this plan is our SPOE strategy under which only Bank of America would enter bankruptcy proceedings. Under this strategy, we would first contribute all of our remaining cash and other financial assets, less a holdback to cover our bankruptcy expenses, to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary, which holds all of the equity interests in our key operating subsidiaries. We would then file for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to an order from the bankruptcy court under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, we, as debtor-in-possession, would transfer our subsidiaries to a newly-formed entity ( NewCo ) that would be held in trust for the sole and exclusive benefit of our bankruptcy estate.

The TLAC Rules also require us to describe the financial consequences to unsecured debtholders of our entry into a resolution proceeding. Under our SPOE resolution strategy, the obligations of Bank of America on its unsecured debt, including the notes, would not be assumed by NewCo; instead, the claims on such obligations would be left behind in the bankruptcy proceeding. After the transferred subsidiaries were stabilized, NewCo s residual value in the form of shares or proceeds from the sale of shares would be distributed to the holders of claims against the bankruptcy estate in accordance with the priority of their claims, including to holders of the notes and other unsecured debt.

In 2013, the FDIC issued a notice describing its similar preferred single point of entry recapitalization model for resolving a global systemically important banking group, such as Bank of America, under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. Under Title II, when a covered BHC is in default or danger of default, the FDIC may be appointed receiver in order to conduct an orderly liquidation of such institution as an alternative to resolution of the entity under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to the single point of entry recapitalization model, the FDIC would use its power to create a bridge entity for the covered BHC; transfer the systemically important and viable parts of the covered BHC s business to the bridge entity; recapitalize those subsidiaries using assets of the covered BHC that have been transferred to the bridge entity; and exchange external debt claims against the covered BHC, including claims of holders of the notes and other unsecured debt, for equity in the bridge entity. This strategy would allow operating subsidiaries of the covered BHC to continue to operate and impose losses on stockholders and creditors of the covered BHC.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

This section describes the general terms and conditions of the notes, which may be senior or subordinated medium-term notes. This section supplements, and should be read together with, the general description of our debt securities included in Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

We will describe the particular terms of the notes we sell in a separate supplement. The terms and conditions stated in this section will apply to each note unless the note or the applicable supplement indicates otherwise.

## General

In addition to the following summary of the general terms of the notes and the indentures, you should review the actual notes and the specific provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture, as applicable, which are on file with the SEC.

We will issue the notes as part of a series of debt securities under the Senior Indenture or the Subordinated Indenture, as applicable, which are exhibits to our registration statement and are contracts between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee. In this prospectus supplement, we refer to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as the trustee, and we refer to the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture individually as the Indenture and together as the Indentures.

The Indentures are subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

In response to the TLAC Rules, we supplemented the Senior Indenture to, among other things, limit the circumstances under which the payment of the principal amount of senior debt securities (including senior notes) issued pursuant to the Senior Indenture on or after January 13, 2017 can be accelerated (unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement). The supplemental indenture to the Senior Indenture was filed with the SEC on our Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2017. See Remedies below for more information on acceleration rights under the Senior Indenture.

We, the selling agents, and the depository, in the ordinary course of our respective businesses, have conducted and may conduct business with the trustee or its affiliates. See Description of Debt Securities The Indentures in the accompanying prospectus for more information about the Indentures and the functions of the trustee.

The notes are our direct unsecured obligations and are not obligations of our subsidiaries. The Indentures do not limit the amount of indebtedness that we may incur. We may issue other debt securities under the Indentures from time to time in one or more series up to the aggregate principal amount of the then-existing grant of authority by our board of directors.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable supplement, the minimum denomination of the notes will be \$1,000 and any larger amount that is a whole multiple of \$1,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies).

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## **Types of Notes**

**Fixed-Rate Notes.** We may issue notes that bear interest at a fixed rate described in the applicable supplement, which we refer to as fixed-rate notes. We also may issue fixed-rate notes that combine principal and interest payments in installment payments over the life of the note, which we refer to as amortizing notes. For more information on fixed-rate notes and amortizing notes, see Description of Debt Securities Fixed-Rate Notes in the accompanying prospectus.

Floating-Rate Notes. We may issue notes that bear interest at a floating rate of interest determined by reference to one or more base interest rates, or by reference to one or more interest rate formulae, described in the applicable supplement, which we refer to as floating-rate notes. In some cases, the interest rate of a floating-rate note also may be adjusted by adding or subtracting a spread or by multiplying the interest rate by a spread multiplier. A floating-rate note also may be subject to a maximum interest rate limit, or ceiling, and/or a minimum interest rate limit, or floor, on the interest that may accrue during any interest period. For more information on floating-rate notes, including a description of the manner in which interest payments will be calculated, see Description of Debt Securities Floating-Rate Notes in the accompanying prospectus.

*Indexed Notes.* We may issue notes that provide that the rate of return, including the principal, premium (if any), interest, or other amounts payable (if any), is determined by reference, either directly or indirectly, to the price or performance of one or more interest rates, indices or other market measures, or any combination of the above, in each case as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these notes as indexed notes.

If you purchase an indexed note, you may receive an amount at maturity that is greater than or less than the face amount of your note, depending upon the formula used to determine the amount payable and the relative value at maturity of the market measure to which your indexed note is linked. We expect that the value of the applicable market measure will fluctuate over time.

We will specify in the applicable supplement the method for determining the principal, premium (if any), interest, or other amounts payable (if any) in respect of particular indexed notes, as well as certain historical or other information with respect to the specified market measure, specific risk factors relating to that particular type of indexed note, and tax considerations associated with an investment in the indexed notes.

For more information about indexed notes, see Description of Debt Securities Indexed Notes in the accompanying prospectus.

Original Issue Discount Notes. We may issue notes at a price lower than their principal amount or lower than their minimum guaranteed repayment amount at maturity, which we refer to as original issue discount notes. Original issue discount notes may be fixed-rate, floating-rate, or indexed notes and may bear no interest (zero coupon notes) or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. For more information on original issue discount notes, see Description of Debt Securities Original Issue Discount Notes in the accompanying prospectus.

*Specific Terms of the Notes.* The applicable supplement(s) for each offering of notes will contain additional terms of the offering and a specific description of those notes, including:

the specific designation of the notes;	
the issue price;	

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if applicable, any other material terms of the note which are different from those described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Each note will mature on a business day (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) 365 days (one year) or more from the issue date. Unless we specify otherwise in the supplement, the record dates for any interest payments for book-entry only notes denominated in U.S. dollars will be one business day (in Charlotte, North Carolina and New York City) prior to the applicable payment date, and for any book-entry only notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars will be the fifteenth calendar day preceding the applicable payment date.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

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## Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due

**Paying Agents.** Unless otherwise provided in the applicable supplement, the trustee will act as our paying agent, security registrar, and transfer agent with respect to the notes through the trustee s corporate trust office. That office is currently located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286. At any time, we may rescind the designation of a paying agent, appoint a successor or an additional paying agent or different paying agent, or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts in accordance with the applicable Indenture. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the notes, and the paying agent may resign.

Calculation Agents. The trustee will act as the calculation agent for floating-rate notes, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. We will identify the calculation agent that will calculate the amounts payable with respect to any indexed notes in the applicable supplement. The calculation agent may be one of our affiliates, including Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. The calculation agent will be responsible for calculating the interest rate, reference rates, principal, premium (if any), interest, or other amounts payable (if any) applicable to the floating-rate notes or indexed notes, as the case may be, and for certain other related matters. The calculation agent, at the request of the holder of any floating-rate note, will provide the interest rate then in effect and, if already determined, the interest rate that is to take effect on the next interest reset date for the floating-rate note. Upon request of the holder of an indexed note, and to the extent set forth in the applicable supplement, the calculation agent will provide, if applicable, information with respect to amounts payable (if any) in connection with that indexed note. We may appoint or replace any calculation agent or elect to act as the calculation agent from time to time for some or all of the notes, and the calculation agent may resign, without your consent and without notifying you of the change. Absent manifest error, all determinations of the calculation agent will be final and binding on you, the selling agents and us.

Manner of Payment. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal, premium (if any), interest, and other amounts payable (if any) on the notes in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the applicable paying agent and the applicable depository. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay any interest on notes in certificated form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the notes on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar s records. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay any principal, premium (if any), interest, and other amounts payable (if any) at the maturity date of a note in certificated form by wire transfer of immediately available funds upon surrender of the note at the corporate trust office of the trustee or such other paying agent specified in the applicable supplement, as applicable.

Currency Conversions and Payments on Notes Denominated in Currencies Other than U.S. Dollars. For any notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the initial investors will be required to pay for the notes in that foreign currency. The applicable selling agent may arrange for the conversion of U.S. dollars into the applicable foreign currency to facilitate payment for the notes by U.S. purchasers electing to make the initial payment in U.S. dollars. Any such conversion will be made by that selling agent on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and charges as it may establish from time to time in accordance with its regular foreign exchange procedures, and subject to United States laws and regulations. All costs of any such conversion for the initial purchase of the notes will be borne by the initial investors using those conversion arrangements.

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We generally will pay principal and any premium, interest, and other amounts payable on notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars in the applicable foreign currency. Holders of beneficial interests in notes through a participant in The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, will receive payments in U.S. dollars, unless they elect to receive payments on those notes in the applicable foreign currency. If a holder through DTC does not make an election through its DTC participant to receive payments in the applicable foreign currency, the exchange rate agent for the relevant notes, which will be named in the applicable supplement, will convert payments to that holder into U.S. dollars, and all costs of those conversions will be borne by that holder by deduction from the applicable payments.

For holders not electing payment in the applicable foreign currency, the U.S. dollar amount of any payment will be the amount of the applicable foreign currency otherwise payable, converted into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate prevailing as of 11:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date, less any costs incurred by the exchange rate agent for that conversion. The costs of those conversions will be shared pro rate among the holders of beneficial interests in the applicable global notes receiving U.S. dollar payments in the proportion of their respective holdings. The exchange rate agent will make those conversions in accordance with the terms of the applicable note and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

If an exchange rate quotation is unavailable from the entity or source ordinarily used by the exchange rate agent in the normal course of business, the exchange rate agent will obtain a quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank in New York City, which may be an affiliate of the exchange rate agent or another entity selected by the exchange rate agent for that purpose after consultation with us. If no quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank is available, payment will be made in the applicable foreign currency to the account or accounts specified by DTC to the applicable paying agent, unless the applicable foreign currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control. If payment on a note is required to be made in a currency other than U.S. dollars and that currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, or is no longer used by the government of the relevant country or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community (and is not replaced by another currency), then all payments on that note will be made in U.S. dollars on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for the applicable foreign currency. Any payment on a note so made in U.S. dollars will not constitute an event of default under the applicable notes.

The holder of a beneficial interest in global notes held through a DTC participant may elect to receive payments on those notes in a foreign currency by notifying the DTC participant through which it holds its beneficial interests on or prior to the fifteenth business day prior to the record date for the applicable notes of (1) that holder selection to receive all or a portion of the payment in the applicable foreign currency and (2) wire transfer instructions to an account for the applicable foreign currency outside the United States. DTC must be notified of that election and wire transfer instructions (a) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (b) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to 5:00 P.M. New York City time on the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to 5:00 P.M. New York City time on the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. If complete instructions are forwarded to and received by DTC through a DTC participant and forwarded by DTC to the trustee and received on or prior to the dates described above, the holder will receive payment in the applicable foreign currency outside DTC; otherwise, only U.S. dollar payments will be made by the trustee to DTC.

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For purposes of the above discussion about currency conversions and payments on notes denominated in a foreign currency, the term business day means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

For information regarding risks associated with foreign currencies and exchange rates, see Risk Factors Currency Risks in the accompanying prospectus.

**Payment of Additional Amounts.** If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the accompanying prospectus under Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts, we will pay to the beneficial holder of notes that is a United States Alien additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on such notes will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a net payment on such notes means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the note. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

Except as specifically provided in the accompanying prospectus under Description of Debt Securities Payment of Additional Amounts, we will not be required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

For purposes of determining whether the payment of additional amounts is required, the term United States Alien means any person who, for United States federal income tax purposes, is a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust, or a foreign partnership to the extent that one or more of its members is, for United States federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation, a non-resident alien individual, or a non-resident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust.

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, at any time before maturity if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts as a result of a change in, or an amendment to, United States tax laws or regulations, as described in the accompanying prospectus under Description of the Debt Securities Redemption for Tax Reasons, subject to any required approvals as described below under Redemption.

For more information about payment procedures, including payments in a currency other than U.S. dollars, see Description of Debt Securities Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Due in the accompanying prospectus.

## Ranking

Because we are a holding company, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon such subsidiary s liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent we may ourselves be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. Accordingly, our obligations under senior notes or subordinated notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries, and claimants should look only to our assets for payments. In addition, the senior notes and the subordinated notes will be unsecured and therefore in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding will effectively rank junior to our secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. See Risk Factors.

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Senior Notes. The senior notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding, except obligations, including deposit liabilities, that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law.

The Senior Indenture and the senior notes do not contain any limitation on the amount of obligations that we may incur in the future.

Subordinated Notes. Our indebtedness evidenced by the subordinated notes, including the principal, premium (if any), interest, and other amounts payable (if any), will be unsecured and will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all of our senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding to the extent and in the manner provided in the Subordinated Indenture. The subordinated notes will rank equally in right of payment with all our other unsecured and subordinated indebtedness, other than unsecured and subordinated indebtedness that by its terms is subordinated to the subordinated notes. Payment of principal of our subordinated indebtedness, including any subordinated notes, may not be accelerated if there is a default in the payment of amounts due under, or a default in any of our other covenants applicable to, our subordinated indebtedness.

The Subordinated Indenture and the subordinated notes do not contain any limitation on the amount of obligations ranking senior to the subordinated notes, or the amount of obligations ranking equally with the subordinated notes, that we may incur in the future.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the subordinated notes will not be guaranteed by us or any of our affiliates and will not be subject to any other arrangement that legally or economically enhances the ranking of the subordinated notes. For more information about our subordinated notes, see Description of Debt Securities Subordination in the accompanying prospectus.

#### Remedies

The following supersedes the information in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of the Debt Securities Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration and Description of the Debt Securities Collection of Indebtedness beginning on page 38 for all notes issued under either Indenture on and after January 13, 2017.

Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches. The Senior Indenture defines an event of default for a series of senior debt securities, including senior notes, as any one of the following events:

- (1) our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any senior debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (2) our failure to pay interest on any senior debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (3) specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation; and
- (4) any other events of default specified for a series of senior debt securities pursuant to the Senior Indenture. Any additional or different events of default for an issue of senior notes will be specified in the applicable supplement.

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The Subordinated Indenture defines an event of default for subordinated debt securities only as our voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy under U.S. federal bankruptcy laws (and, in the case of our involuntary bankruptcy, continuing for a period of 60 days) and any other events of default specified for a series of subordinated debt securities pursuant to the Subordinated Indenture.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, if an event of default under the Senior Indenture or under the Subordinated Indenture occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding under the applicable Indenture (or, in the case of an event of default under the Senior Indenture with respect to a series of senior notes, the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, including such senior notes, of all series affected) may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities are issued with original issue discount, such amount as described in the applicable supplement, of all debt securities (or the outstanding debt securities, including such senior notes, of all series affected, as the case may be) to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding (or of the series affected, as the case may be), in some circumstances, may annul the declaration of acceleration and waive past defaults.

With respect to any of our covenants in debt securities or the applicable Indenture other than those for which acceleration rights are available, as discussed above, the trustee and the holders of the debt securities may pursue certain remedies as described below or as set forth in the applicable Indenture.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, with respect to any senior notes issued under the Senior Indenture on or after January 13, 2017, an event of default will not occur, and neither the trustee nor the holders of such senior notes will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such senior notes, as a result of a covenant breach (other than a covenant breach for which acceleration rights are available, as discussed above). In addition, an event of default will not occur, and neither the trustee nor the holders of such senior notes will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such senior notes, as a result of our failure to pay principal of or premium on such senior notes when due and payable until such default has continued for a period of 30 days.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, payment of principal of the subordinated debt securities, including the subordinated notes, may not be accelerated in the case of a default in the payment of principal or any premium, interest, or other amounts or a breach in the performance of any of our other covenants.

We are required periodically to file with the trustees a certificate stating that we are not in default under any of the terms of the Indentures.

Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee. If (i) we fail to pay the principal of (or, under the Senior Indenture, any premium on) any debt securities (including the notes), (ii) we are over 30 days late on an interest payment on the debt securities (including the notes), or (iii) for subordinated debt securities (including the subordinated notes), we default in the performance of our other covenants under the Subordinated Indenture, the applicable trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities, the amount which is due and payable on those debt securities, including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. In the event of our nonpayment of principal or interest (which nonpayment for senior debt securities constitutes an event of default) or a covenant breach, the trustee may take appropriate action, including instituting judicial proceedings against us.

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In addition, a holder of our debt securities, including the notes, also may file suit to enforce our obligation to make payment of principal, any premium, interest, or other amounts due on such debt securities regardless of the actions taken by the trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of debt securities then outstanding under the applicable Indenture may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under that Indenture. The trustee may decline to act if the direction is contrary to law and in certain other circumstances set forth in the applicable Indenture. The trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable Indenture at the request or direction of the holders of the debt securities unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable indemnity against expenses and liabilities.

*Limitation on Suits.* Each Indenture provides that no individual holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under that Indenture, except actions for payment of overdue principal and interest, unless the following actions have occurred:

the holder must have previously given written notice to the trustee of the continuing default;

the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the applicable Indenture must have (1) requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of a default and (2) offered the trustee reasonable indemnity against liabilities incurred by the trustee for taking such action;

the trustee must have failed to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the request referred to above; and

the holders of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the applicable Indenture must not have given direction to the trustee inconsistent with the request of the holders referred to above.

However, the holder of any senior debt securities, including senior notes, will have an absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the senior debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce this payment, and the holder of any subordinated debt securities, including subordinated notes, will have, subject to applicable subordination provisions, the absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and any interest on the subordinated debt security when due in accordance with the Subordinated Indenture and to institute suit to enforce this payment.

## Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets

The following supersedes the information in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Debt Securities Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets beginning on page 37 for all notes issued under either Indenture as of the date of this prospectus supplement.

Each Indenture generally permits a consolidation or merger between us and another entity. It also permits the sale or conveyance by us of all or substantially all of our assets. These transactions are permitted if:

the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes all of our obligations under that Indenture; and

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immediately after the transaction, we (or any successor entity) are not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under that Indenture, and no event of default has occurred or is continuing.

The foregoing requirements do not apply in the case of a sale or conveyance by us of all or substantially all of our assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect subsidiaries in which we and/or one or more of our subsidiaries own more than 50% of the combined voting power.

Upon any consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance of this kind (other than a sale or conveyance to our direct or indirect subsidiary or subsidiaries in which we own more than 50% of the combined voting power as described in the preceding paragraph), the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us in the applicable Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to that Indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our rights and powers under that Indenture.

## Redemption

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we have the option to redeem notes prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the notes prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price and method for redemption. See also Description of Debt Securities Redemption in the accompanying prospectus. The redemption of any note that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board if after such redemption we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules. In addition, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, to the extent then required by applicable laws or regulations, the subordinated notes may not be redeemed prior to their stated maturity without the requisite prior approvals, if any, from applicable regulators.

## Repayment

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the notes can be repaid at the holder s option prior to their stated maturity. If the notes may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the amount at which we will repay the notes and the procedure for repayment. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, to the extent then required by applicable laws or regulations, the subordinated notes may not be repaid prior to their stated maturity without the requisite prior approvals, if any, from applicable regulators.

## Reopenings

We have the ability to reopen, or increase after the issuance date, the principal amount of a particular tranche or series of our notes without notice to the holders of existing notes by selling additional notes having the same terms, provided that such additional notes shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, any new notes of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest at a different date.

## **Extendible/Renewable Notes**

We may issue notes for which the maturity date may be extended at our option or renewed at the option of the holder for one or more specified periods, up to but not beyond the final maturity date stated in the note. The specific terms of and any additional considerations relating to extendible or renewable notes will be set forth in the applicable supplement.

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#### Other Provisions

Any provisions with respect to the determination of an interest rate basis, the specification of interest rate basis, the calculation of the applicable interest rate, the amounts payable at maturity, interest payment dates, or any other related matters for a particular tranche of notes, may be modified as described in the applicable supplement.

#### Repurchase

We, or our affiliates, may purchase at any time our notes by tender, in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. If we purchase notes in this manner, we have the discretion to hold, resell, or cancel any repurchased notes. The repurchase of any note that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board if after such repurchase we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, to the extent then required by applicable laws or regulations, the subordinated notes may not be repurchased prior to their stated maturity without the requisite prior approvals, if any, from applicable regulators.

## Form, Exchange, Registration, and Transfer of Notes

If we specify in the applicable supplement, your notes will be represented by a kind of global note that we refer to as a master global note. This kind of global note represents multiple notes that have different terms and are issued at different times. Each note evidenced by a master note will be identified by the trustee on a schedule to the master note. If we do not specify in the applicable supplement that your notes will be represented by a master global note, then the notes represented by the same global note will have the same terms.

We will issue each note in book-entry only form. This means that we will not issue certificated notes to each beneficial owner. Instead, the notes will be in the form of a global note or a master global note, in fully registered form, registered and held in the name of the applicable depository or a nominee of that depository. For notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the notes may be issued in the form of two global notes, each in fully registered form, one of which will be deposited with DTC, or its custodian, and one of which will be deposited with a common depository for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ( Euroclear ) and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ( Clearstream ). Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the depository for the notes will be DTC. DTC, Euroclear, and Clearstream, as depositories for global securities, and some of their policies and procedures are described under Registration and Settlement Depositories for Global Securities in the accompanying prospectus. For more information about book-entry only notes and the procedures for registration, settlement, exchange, and transfer of book-entry only notes, see Description of Debt Securities Form and Denomination of Debt Securities and Registration and Settlement in the accompanying prospectus.

If we ever issue notes in certificated form, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, those notes will be in registered form, and the exchange, registration, or transfer of those notes will be governed by the applicable Indenture and the procedures described under Description of Debt Securities Exchange, Registration, and Transfer and Registration and Settlement Registration, Transfer, and Payment of Certificated Securities in the accompanying prospectus.

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#### U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

For the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of certain notes, see U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations on page 99 of the accompanying prospectus and the subsection Taxation of Debt Securities of that section. Special U.S. federal income tax rules are applicable to certain types of notes we may issue under this prospectus supplement. The material U.S. federal income tax considerations with respect to any notes we issue, and which are not addressed in the accompanying prospectus, will be discussed in the applicable supplement.

The following paragraph supplements the discussion under U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act beginning on page 122 of the accompanying prospectus.

The IRS has announced that withholding and reporting under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act on payments of gross proceeds from a sale or redemption of the notes will only apply to payments made after December 31, 2018.

You should consult with your own tax advisor before investing in the notes.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

We are offering the notes for sale on a continuing basis through the selling agents. The selling agents may act either on a principal basis or on an agency basis. We may offer the notes at varying prices relating to prevailing market prices at the time of resale, as determined by the selling agents, or, if so specified in the applicable supplement, for resale at a fixed public offering price. The applicable supplement will set forth the initial price for the notes, or whether they will be sold at varying prices.

If we sell notes on an agency basis, we will pay a commission to the selling agent to be negotiated at the time of sale. The commission will be determined at the time of sale and will be specified in the applicable supplement. Each selling agent will use its reasonable best efforts when we request it to solicit purchases of the notes as our agent.

Unless otherwise agreed and specified in the applicable supplement, if notes are sold to a selling agent acting as principal, for its own account, or for resale to one or more investors or other purchasers, including other broker-dealers, then any notes so sold will be purchased by that selling agent at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes less a commission that will be a percentage of the principal amount determined as described above. Notes sold in this manner may be resold by the selling agent to investors and other purchasers from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or the notes may be resold to other dealers for resale to investors. The selling agents may allow any portion of the discount received in connection with the purchase from us to the dealers, but the discount allowed to any dealer will not be in excess of the discount to be received by the selling agent from us. After the initial public offering of notes, the selling agent may change the public offering price or the discount allowed to dealers.

We also may sell notes directly to investors, without the involvement of any selling agent. In this case, we would not be obligated to pay any commission or discount in connection with the sale, and we would receive 100% of the principal amount of the notes so sold, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement.

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We will name any selling agents or other persons through which we sell any notes, as well as any commissions or discounts payable to those selling agents or other persons, in the applicable supplement. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, our selling agent is Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (MLPF&S). We have entered into a distribution agreement with MLPF&S that describes the offering of notes by them as our agent and as our principal. The distribution agreement has been filed with the SEC on our Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2017. We also may accept offers to purchase notes through additional selling agents on substantially the same terms and conditions, including commissions, as would apply to purchases through MLPF&S under the distribution agreement. MLPF&S may assign its rights under the distribution agreement to another one of our broker-dealer affiliates under the circumstances set forth in the distribution agreement. If a selling agent purchases notes as principal, that selling agent usually will be required to enter into a separate purchase agreement for the notes, and may be referred to in that purchase agreement and the applicable supplement, along with any other selling agents, as underwriters.

We have the right to withdraw, cancel, or modify the offer made by this prospectus supplement without notice. We will have the sole right to accept offers to purchase notes, and we, in our absolute discretion, may reject any proposed purchase of notes in whole or in part. Each selling agent will have the right, in its reasonable discretion, to reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of notes through that selling agent.

Any selling agent participating in the distribution of the notes may be considered to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act. We have agreed to indemnify each selling agent and certain other persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments that the selling agents may be required to make. We also have agreed to reimburse the selling agents for certain expenses.

The notes will not have an established trading market when issued, and we do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. Any selling agent may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market from time to time. However, no selling agent is obligated to do so, and any selling agent may discontinue making a market in the notes at any time without notice. There is no assurance that there will be a secondary market for any of the notes.

To facilitate offerings of the notes by a selling agent that purchases notes as principal, and in accordance with industry practice, selling agents may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. Those transactions may include overallotment, entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate-covering transactions, and imposing penalty bids to reclaim selling concessions allowed to a member of the syndicate or to a dealer, as follows:

An overallotment in connection with an offering creates a short position in the offered securities for the selling agent s own account.

A selling agent may place a stabilizing bid to purchase a note for the purpose of pegging, fixing, or maintaining the price of that note.

Selling agents may engage in syndicate-covering transactions to cover overallotments or to stabilize the price of the notes by bidding for, and purchasing, the notes or any other securities in the open market in order to reduce a short position created in connection with the offering.

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The selling agent that serves as syndicate manager may impose a penalty bid on a syndicate member to reclaim a selling concession in connection with an offering when offered securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in syndicate-covering transactions, in stabilization transactions, or otherwise.

Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels. The selling agents are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time.

MLPF&S, a selling agent and one of our affiliates, is a broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA. Each initial offering and any remarketing of notes involving any of our broker-dealer affiliates, including MLPF&S, will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 regarding a FINRA member firm s offer and sale of securities of an affiliate. None of our broker-dealer affiliates that is a FINRA member will execute a transaction in the notes in a discretionary account without specific prior written approval of the customer, see Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest) Conflicts of Interest in the accompanying prospectus.

Following the initial distribution of any notes, our affiliates, including MLPF&S, may buy and sell the notes in market-making transactions as part of their business as a broker-dealer. Resales of this kind may occur in the open market or may be privately negotiated at prevailing market prices at the time of sale. Notes may be sold in connection with a remarketing after their purchase by one or more firms. Any of our affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

This prospectus supplement may be used by one or more of our affiliates in connection with offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the notes, including block positioning and block trades, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Any of our affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

Notes sold in market-making transactions include notes issued after the date of this prospectus supplement as well as previously-issued securities. Information about the trade and settlement dates, as well as the purchase price, for a market-making transaction will be provided to the purchaser in a separate confirmation of sale. Unless we or one of our selling agents informs you in the confirmation of sale that notes are being purchased in an original offering and sale, you may assume that you are purchasing the notes in a market-making transaction.

MLPF&S and other selling agents that we may name in the future, or their affiliates, have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking, commercial banking, and financial advisory transactions with us and our affiliates. These transactions are in the ordinary course of business for the selling agents and us and our respective affiliates. In these transactions, the selling agents or their affiliates receive customary fees and expenses.

In the applicable supplement, we will specify the settlement period for the offered notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if we specify a longer settlement cycle in the applicable supplement for an offering of notes, purchasers who wish to trade those notes on the date of the contract of sale, or on one or more of the next succeeding business days as specified in the applicable supplement, will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of the trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisors in connection with that election.

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## **Selling Restrictions**

*General.* Each of the selling agents, severally and not jointly, has represented and agreed that it has not and will not offer, sell, or deliver any note, directly or indirectly, or distribute this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or any other offering material relating to any of the notes, in any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will result in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and that will not impose any obligations on us except as set forth in the distribution agreement.

Argentina. We have not made, and will not make, any application to obtain an authorization from the Comisión Nacional de Valores (the CNV) for the public offering of the notes in Argentina. The CNV has not approved the terms and conditions of the notes, their issuance or offering, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or any other document relating to the offering of the notes. The selling agents have not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of the notes in Argentina, except in transactions that will not constitute a public offering of securities within the meaning of Sections 2 and 83 of the Argentine Capital Markets Law No. 26,831. Argentine insurance companies may not purchase the notes.

Australia. No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act of 2001 (Cth) of Australia (the Corporations Act )) in relation to the program or any notes has been, or will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ( ASIC ) or the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited ( ASX ). Each selling agent has represented and agreed that in connection with the distribution of the notes, it:

- (a) must not make any offer or invitation in Australia or which is received in Australia in relation to the issue, sale or purchase of any notes unless the offeree or invitee is required to pay at least A\$500,000 for the notes or its foreign currency equivalent (in either case disregarding amounts, if any, lent by us or any other person offering the notes or its associates (within the meaning of those expressions in Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act), or it is otherwise an offer or invitation in respect of which, by virtue of section 708 of the Corporations Act, no disclosure is required to be made under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act and provided that in any case the offeree or invitee is not a retail client (within the meaning of section 761G or section 761GA of the Corporations Act); and
- (b) has not circulated or issued and must not circulate or issue this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or any disclosure document relating to the notes in Australia or which is received in Australia which requires lodging under Division 5 of Part 6D.2 or under Part 7.7 of the Corporations Act or would otherwise require any document to be lodged with ASIC or the ASX or any other regulatory authority in Australia.

We are not authorized under the Banking Act 1959 of the Commonwealth of Australia (the Australian Banking Act ) to carry on banking business and are not subject to prudential supervision by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. The notes are not Deposit Liabilities under the Australian Banking Act.

Austria. The notes may only be offered in the Republic of Austria in accordance with the Austrian Capital Market Act and any other laws and regulations applicable in the Republic of Austria governing the issue, offer and sale of securities in the Republic of Austria. The notes are not registered or otherwise authorized for public offer under the Austrian Capital Market Act or any other applicable laws and regulations in Austria. The recipients of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any other selling materials in respect to the notes are qualified investors within the meaning of the Austrian Capital Market Act, i.e., persons who purchase and

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sell securities as part of their profession or business, and are targeted exclusively on the basis of a private placement. Accordingly, the notes may not be, and are not being issued, offered or advertised publicly or offered similarly under either the Austrian Capital Market Act or any other relevant securities legislation in Austria. We are a U.S. bank holding company and a financial holding company. We are not a bank under the Austrian Banking Act (*Bankwesengesetz*) and are not EU passported to perform banking business in Austria.

**Brazil.** The information contained in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus does not constitute a public offering or distribution of securities in Brazil and no registration or filing with respect to any securities or financial products described in these documents has been made with the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (the CVM). No public offer of securities or financial products described in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus should be made in Brazil without the applicable registration at the CVM.

Canada. Each selling agent has represented and agreed that in connection with the distribution of the notes it will sell the notes from outside Canada solely to purchasers purchasing as principal that are both accredited investors as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus and Registration Exemptions and permitted clients as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations.

*Chile.* The notes have not been registered with the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance of Chile, and the notes may not be offered or sold to persons in Chile, except in circumstances which do not result in an offer to the public in Chile, within the meaning of Chilean Law.

The People s Republic of China. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been filed with or approved by the People s Republic of China (for such purposes, not including Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions or Taiwan) authorities, and is not an offer of securities (whether public offering or private placement) within the meaning of the Securities Law or other pertinent laws and regulations of the People s Republic of China. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus shall not be delivered to any party who is not an intended recipient or offered to the general public if used within the People s Republic of China, and the notes so offered cannot be sold to anyone that is not a qualified purchaser of the People s Republic of China. Each selling agent has represented, warranted and agreed that the notes are not being offered or sold and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the People s Republic of China, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

European Economic Area. From January 1, 2018, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, in respect of any notes offered under this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus, each selling agent has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any notes to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For purposes of this provision, the expression retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of the following: a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended (MiFID II) or a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, as amended (IMD), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the Prospectus Directive); and the expression of an offer includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes.

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Prior to January 1, 2018, in relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed under the program will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date), it has not made and will not make an offer of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of each selling agent or other agent(s) nominated by us for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require us or any selling agent to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State, means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

France. This prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus have not been approved by the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF). Each of the selling agents has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, the notes to the public in France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material relating to the notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of the investment service of portfolio management for the account of third parties, (b) qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés), acting for their own account, (c) a restricted group of investors (cercle restreint d investisseurs) acting for their own account and/or (d) other investors in circumstances which do not require the publication by the offeror of a prospectus pursuant to the French Code mone 'taire et financier' and the Re' glement ge'ne'ral of the AMF all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-2, D.411-1, D.411-4, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier and other applicable regulations. The direct or indirect resale of the notes to the public in France may be made only as provided by, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 and L.621-8 to L.621-8-3 of the French Code monétaire et financier.

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Hong Kong. Each selling agent has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People s Republic of China (Hong Kong), by means of any document, any notes other than (i) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the SFO) and any rules made under the SFO, or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the CO) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the CO; and
- (b) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation, or document relating to the notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the notes that are or are intended to be disposed of (i) only to persons outside Hong Kong or (ii) only to professional investors as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

Indonesia. The notes offered do not constitute a public offering under the Indonesian Capital Market Law (Law No. 8/1995). The notes under this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, within Indonesia territory or to Indonesian citizens (wherever they are domiciled or located), entities or residents in a manner which constitutes a public offering of the notes under the laws and regulations of Indonesia, including but not limited to the Law No. 8/1995 as amended or replaced from time to time. The Indonesian Financial Services Authority (OJK) does not review or declare its approval or disapproval of the issuance of the notes, nor does it make any determinations as to the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Likewise, the notes and this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are not authorized by the Central Bank (Bank Indonesia) for their distribution through banking institutions in Indonesia.

Investors who intend to buy the notes should consult with their financial advisors, brokers or other financial experts before making any decision to buy the notes.

*Israel*. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are intended solely for investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended. A prospectus has not been prepared or filed, and will not be prepared or filed, in Israel relating to the notes offered hereunder. The notes cannot be resold in Israel other than to investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended.

No action will be taken in Israel that would permit an offering of the notes or the distribution of any offering document or any other material to the public in Israel. In particular, no offering document or other material has been reviewed or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. Any material provided to an offeree in Israel may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, nor be furnished to any other person other than those to whom copies have been provided directly by us or the selling agents.

Nothing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material relating to the notes, should be considered as the rendering of a recommendation or advice, including investment advice or investment marketing under the Law For Regulation of Investment Advice, Investment Marketing and Investment Portfolio Management, 1995, to

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purchase any note. The purchase of any note will be based on an investor s own understanding, for the investor s own benefit and for the investor s own account and not with the aim or intention of distributing or offering to other parties. In purchasing the notes, each investor declares that it has the knowledge, expertise and experience in financial and business matters so as to be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of an investment in the notes, without relying on any of the materials provided.

*Italy.* The offering of the notes has not been registered with CONSOB *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (the Italian Companies and Exchange Commission) pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no such notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or of any other document relating to the notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy except:

- (a) to qualified investors (investitori qualificati), as defined in Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter (b), of CONSOB Regulation
   No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended ( CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 ), pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as amended (the Italian Financial Services Act ); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are expressly exempted from the rules on offerings of securities to the public (offerta al pubblico di prodotti finanziari) pursuant to Article 100 of the Italian Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971.

In addition and without prejudice to the foregoing, any offer, sale or delivery of the notes or distribution of copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other document relating to such notes in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (a) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary authorized to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Italian Financial Services Act, Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended (the Consolidated Banking Act ), and Regulation No. 16190 of October 29, 2007 (as amended from time to time);
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of Consolidated Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may require the issuer or any entity offering the notes to provide data and information on the issue or the offer of the notes in the Republic of Italy; and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations, as well as with any regulations or requirements imposed by CONSOB, the Bank of Italy or other Italian authority.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, concerning the circulation of financial products, where no exemption from the rules on offerings of securities to the public applies under (a) and (b) above, the subsequent distribution of the notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971. Furthermore, Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act affects the transferability of the notes in the Republic of Italy to the extent that any placing of the notes is made solely with qualified investors and the notes are then systematically resold to non-qualified investors on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing. Where this occurs, if a prospectus has not been published, purchasers of the notes who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may be entitled to declare such purchase null and void and to claim damages from any authorized intermediary at whose premises the notes were purchased, unless an exemption provided for by the Financial Services Act applies.

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**Japan.** The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the FIEL). Each selling agent has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person or resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan) or to others for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations, and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

If the offer is made by way of a Qualified Institutional Investors Placement as set out in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(i) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(i) of the FIEL (the QII Private Placement), the notes are being offered to qualified institutional investors (the QIIs) as defined in Article 10 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance Concerning the Definition of Terms provided in Article 2 of the FIEL and the investor in any notes is prohibited from transferring such notes in Japan to any person in any way other than to QIIs. As the offering of the notes satisfies the requirements provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(i) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(i) of the FIEL, no securities registration statement has been or will get filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEL.

Except in the case the offering is made by way of QII Private Placement, the notes are being offered only to a small number of potential investors (i.e., less than 50 offerees, except QIIs who are offered the notes pursuant to the QII Private Placement), and the investor of any notes (other than the above-mentioned QII investors) is prohibited from transferring such notes to another person in any way other than as a whole to one transferee unless the total number of notes is less than 50 and the notes cannot be divided into any unit/denomination smaller than the unit/denomination represented on the note certificate therefor. As the offering of the notes satisfies the requirements provided in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2(ha) or Article 2, Paragraph 4, Item 2(ha) of the FIEL, no securities registration statement has been or will be filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEL.

Mexico. The notes have not been and will not be registered in the National Securities Registry (Registro Nacional de Valores). Therefore, the notes may not be offered or sold in the United Mexican States (Mexico) by any means except in circumstances which constitute a private offering (oferta privada) pursuant to Article 8 of the Securities Market Law (Ley del Mercado de Valores) and its regulations. All applicable provisions of the Securities Market Law must be complied with in respect to anything done in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving Mexico.

Bank of America Corporation is an entity incorporated pursuant to the laws of the United States of America and holds no authorization permit or license issued by any Mexican governmental agency, regulator or authority in order to operate as a financial entity in Mexico and is not subject to the supervision of Mexican financial authorities.

**Netherlands.** We do not have an authorization from the Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.*) pursuant to the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*) for the pursuit of the business of a credit institution in the Netherlands and therefore do not have a license pursuant to section 2.11(1), 2.12(1), 2.13(1) or 2.20(1) of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act.

Each selling agent has represented and agreed that it has not made and will not make an offer of the notes to the public in the Netherlands other than to qualified investors (*gekwalificeerde beleggers*), provided that no such offer of the notes will require us or any selling agent to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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*New Zealand.* We do not intend that notes be offered for sale or subscription to the public in New Zealand within the meaning of the Securities Act 1978 of New Zealand. Accordingly, no prospectus has been or will be registered, and no investment statement will be prepared, under the Securities Act 1978 of New Zealand.

The notes shall not be directly or indirectly offered for sale, sold or transferred to any member of the public in New Zealand in breach of the Securities Act 1978 or the Securities Regulations 2009 of New Zealand. In particular, but without limitation, in respect of offers of or invitations for the notes received in New Zealand, the notes may only be offered or transferred either:

- (a) to persons whose principal business is the investment of money or to persons who, in the course of and for the purposes of their business, habitually invest money within the meaning of section 3(2)(a)(ii) of the Securities Act 1978;
- (b) to persons who are each required to pay a minimum subscription price of at least NZ\$500,000 for the notes (disregarding any amount lent by the offeror, us, or any associated person of the offeror or us) before the allotment of those notes and who have a minimum holding of the Notes of at least NZ\$500,000;
- (c) to persons who have each paid a minimum subscription price of at least NZ\$500,000 for notes previously issued by us ( Initial Securities ) (in a single transaction before allotment of Initial Securities and disregarding any amount lent by the offeror, us or any associated person of the offeror or us), provided the date of first allotment of Initial Securities occurred not more than 18 months before the date of offer of the relevant notes; or
- (d) to any other persons in circumstances where there is no contravention of the Securities Act 1978, provided that notes shall not be offered or sold to any eligible person (as defined in section 5(2CC) of the Securities Act 1978) unless that person also satisfies the criteria in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) above.

In addition, each holder of the notes is deemed to represent and agree that it will not distribute, publish, deliver or disseminate this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other advertisement (as defined in the Securities Act 1978) in relation to any offer of the notes in New Zealand other than to any such persons as referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d) above.

Philippines. THE NOTES BEING OFFERED OR SOLD HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE. ANY FUTURE OFFER OR SALE THEREOF IS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE UNLESS SUCH OFFER OR SALE QUALIFIES AS AN EXEMPT TRANSACTION.

Singapore. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

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Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

South Korea. The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Investments Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea and the decrees and regulations thereunder (the FSCMA) and the notes have been and will be offered in Korea as a private placement under the FSCMA. None of the notes may be offered, sold and delivered directly or indirectly, or offered or sold to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea except pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of Korea, including the FSCMA and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law of Korea and the decrees and regulations thereunder (the FETL). For a period of one year from the issue date of the notes, any acquirer of the notes who was solicited to buy the notes in Korea is prohibited from transferring any of the notes to another person in any way other than as a whole to one transferee. Furthermore, the purchaser of the notes shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements (including but not limited to requirements under the FETL) in connection with the purchase of the notes.

Each selling agent has represented and agreed that it has not offered, sold or delivered the notes directly or indirectly, or offered or sold the notes to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea and will not offer, sell or deliver the notes directly or indirectly, or offer or sell the notes to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FSCMA, the FETL and other relevant laws and regulations of Korea.

**Switzerland.** The notes may not be offered, sold or advertised directly or indirectly into or in Switzerland except in a manner which will not result in a public offering within the meaning of article 652a or 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations (CO) or a listing prospectus within the meaning of Article 27 et seq. of the Listing Rules of SIX Swiss Exchange. Neither this

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prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus nor any other offering or marketing materials relating to the notes have been prepared with regard to the disclosure standards for prospectuses under article 652a or 1156 CO, and therefore do not constitute a prospectus within the meaning of article 652a or 1156 CO. Neither this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus nor any other offering or marketing materials relating to the notes may be distributed, published or otherwise made available in Switzerland except in a manner which will not constitute a public offering of the notes into or in Switzerland.

*Taiwan.* The notes may be made available for purchase outside Taiwan by investors residing in Taiwan (either directly or through properly licensed Taiwan intermediaries acting on behalf of such investors) but may not be offered or sold in Taiwan.

United Arab Emirates. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been approved or licensed by the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (the UAE), Securities and Commodities Authority of the UAE (the SCA), the Dubai Financial Services Authority (the DFSA) or any other relevant licensing authority in the UAE. The offer of the notes does not constitute a public offer of securities in the UAE in accordance with relevant laws of the UAE, in particular, the Commercial Companies Law, Federal law No. 8 of 1984 (as amended), SCA Resolution No.(37) of 2012 or otherwise. Accordingly, the notes may not be offered to the public in the UAE (including the Dubai International Financial Centre).

This prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus are strictly private and confidential and are being issued to a limited number of institutional and individual investors:

- (a) who qualify as sophisticated investors;
- (b) upon their request and confirmation that they understand that the notes have not been approved or licensed by or registered with the UAE Central Bank, the SCA, DFSA or any other relevant licensing authorities or governmental agencies in the UAE; and
- (c) must not be provided to any person other than the original recipient, and may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. Each selling agent represents and warrants that it has not and will not offer, sell, transfer or deliver the notes to the public in the UAE (including the Dubai International Financial Centre).

*United Kingdom.* Each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any notes which have a maturity of less than one year (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing, or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing, or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage, or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses, where the issue of the notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act of 2000 (the FSMA) by us;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

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(c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from, or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

*Uruguay.* The notes have not been registered under Law No. 18.627 of December 2, 2009 with the Superintendency of Financial Services of the Central Bank of Uruguay. The notes are not available publicly in Uruguay and are offered only on a private basis. No action may be taken in Uruguay that would render any offering of the notes a public offering in Uruguay. No Uruguayan regulatory authority has approved the notes or passed on our solvency. In addition, any resale of the notes must be made in a manner that will not constitute a public offering in Uruguay.

Los valores no han sido registrados bajo la Ley de Mercado de Valores de la República Oriental del Uruguay o registrados ante el Banco Central del Uruguay. Los valores no son ofrecidos en forma pública en Uruguay y lo son únicamente en forma privada. Ninguna acción puede ser adoptada en Uruguay en relación a estos valores que resulte en que esta oferta de valores sea una oferta pública de valores en Uruguay. Ninguna autoridad regulatoria del Uruguay ha aprobado estos valores o se ha manifestado sobre nuestra solvencia. Adicionalmente, cualquier reventa de estos valores debe ser realizada en forma tal que no constituya oferta pública de valores en el Uruguay.

**Venezuela.** The notes have not been registered with the Comision Nacional de Valores de Venezuela and are not being publicly offered in Venezuela. No document related to the offering of the notes, including this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, shall be interpreted to constitute an offer of securities or an offer or the rendering of any investment advice, securities brokerage, and/or banking services in Venezuela. Investors wishing to acquire the notes may use only funds located outside of Venezuela.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the notes will be passed upon for us by McGuireWoods LLP, Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the selling agents by Morrison & Foerster LLP, New York, New York. McGuireWoods LLP regularly performs legal services for us. Some members of McGuireWoods LLP performing those legal services own shares of our common stock.

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**PROSPECTUS** 

## \$109,857,980,881

Debt Securities, Warrants, Units, Purchase Contracts,

## Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, and Common Stock

We from time to time may offer to sell up to \$109,857,980,881, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts, preferred stock, depositary shares representing fractional interests in preferred stock, and common stock, as well as units comprised of one or more of these securities or debt or equity securities of third parties, in any combination. The debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts, and preferred stock may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common or preferred stock or for debt or equity securities of one or more other entities. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BAC.

This prospectus describes all material terms of these securities that are known as of the date of this prospectus and the general manner in which we will offer the securities. When we sell a particular issue of securities, we will prepare one or more supplements to this prospectus describing the offering and the specific terms of that issue of securities. You should read this prospectus and any applicable supplement carefully before you invest.

We may use this prospectus in the initial sale of these securities. In addition, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or any of our other affiliates, may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in any of these securities after their initial sale. Unless you are informed otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.

Potential purchasers of our securities should consider the information set forth in the Risk Factors section beginning on page 9.

Our securities are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank, are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and may involve investment risks, including possible loss of principal.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated May 1, 2015

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus or the registration statement in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with all material terms of securities we may offer that are known as of the date of this prospectus and the general manner in which we will offer the securities. Each time we sell securities, we will provide one or more prospectus supplements, product supplements, pricing supplements (each of which we may refer to as a term sheet ), and/or index supplements that describe the particular securities offering and the specific terms of the securities being offered. These documents also may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. In this prospectus, when we refer to the applicable supplement or the accompanying supplement, we mean the prospectus supplement or supplements, as well as any applicable pricing, product, or index supplements, that describe the particular securities being offered to you. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, you should rely on the information in the applicable supplement.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. You should rely only on the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the accompanying supplement, or documents to which we otherwise refer you. We are not making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the accompanying supplement, as well as information we have filed or will file with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is accurate as of the date of the applicable document or other date referred to in that document. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations may have changed since that date.

Unless we indicate otherwise or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to Bank of America, we, us, our, or similar references are to Bank of America Corporation excluding its consolidated subsidiaries.

References in this prospectus to \$ and dollars are to the currency of the United States of America; and references in this prospectus to are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to Article 109g of the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary section provides a brief overview of all material terms of the securities we may offer that are known as of the date of this prospectus and highlights other selected information from this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information that you should consider before investing in the securities we may offer using this prospectus. To fully understand the securities we may offer, you should read carefully:

this prospectus, which explains the general terms of the securities we may offer;

the applicable supplement, which explains the specific terms of the particular securities we are offering, and which may update or change the information in this prospectus; and

the documents we refer to in Where You Can Find More Information below for information about us, including our financial statements.

## **Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through our banking and various nonbank subsidiaries throughout the U.S. and in international markets, we provide a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Our principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and our telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## The Securities We May Offer

We may use this prospectus to offer up to \$109,857,980,881, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of any of the following securities from time to time:

debt securities;
warrants;
purchase contracts;
preferred stock;
depositary shares representing fractional interests in preferred stock;
common stock; and
units, comprised of one or more of any of the securities referred to above or debt or equity securities of third parties, in any combination.

When we use the term securities in this prospectus, we mean any of the securities we may offer with this prospectus, unless we specifically state otherwise. This prospectus, including this summary, describes the general terms of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide you with the applicable supplement or supplements that will describe the offering and the specific terms of the securities being offered. A supplement may include a discussion of additional U.S. federal income tax consequences and any additional risk factors or other special considerations applicable to those particular securities.

## **Debt Securities**

Our debt securities may be either senior or subordinated obligations in right of payment. Our senior and subordinated debt securities will be issued under separate indentures, or contracts, that

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we have with	n The Bank of l	New York Me	llon Trust Com	pany, N.A.,	as successor trus	tee. The part	cicular terms	of each series	of debt	securities
will be descr	ibed in the app	licable supple	ment.							

#### Warrants

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warrants to purchase our debt securities; and

warrants to purchase or sell, or whose cash value is determined by reference to the performance, level, or value of, one or more of the following:

securities of one or more issuers, including our common or preferred stock, other securities described in this prospectus, or the debt or equity securities of third parties;

one or more currencies, currency units, or composite currencies;

one or more commodities:

any other financial, economic, or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance; and

one or more indices or baskets of the items described above.

For any warrants we may offer, we will describe in the applicable supplement the underlying property, the expiration date, the exercise price or the manner of determining the exercise price, the amount and kind, or the manner of determining the amount and kind, of property to be delivered by you or us upon exercise, and any other specific terms of the warrants. We will issue warrants under warrant agreements that we will enter into with one or more warrant agents.

#### **Purchase Contracts**

We may offer purchase contracts requiring holders to purchase or sell, or whose cash value is determined by reference to the performance, level, or value of, one or more of the following:

securities of one or more issuers, including our common or preferred stock, other securities described in this prospectus, or the debt or equity securities of third parties;

one or more currencies, currency units, or composite currencies;

one or more commodities;

any other financial, economic, or other measure or instrument, including the occurrence or non-occurrence of any event or circumstance; and

one or more indices or baskets of the items described above.

For any purchase contracts we may offer, we will describe in the applicable supplement the underlying property, the settlement date, the purchase price, or manner of determining the purchase price, and whether it must be paid when the purchase contract is issued or at a later date, the amount and kind, or manner of determining the amount and kind, of property to be delivered at settlement, whether the holder will pledge property to secure the performance of any obligations the holder may have under the purchase contract, and any other specific terms of the purchase contracts.

#### Units

We may offer units consisting of one or more securities described in this prospectus or debt or equity securities of third parties, in any combination. For any units we may offer, we will describe in the applicable supplement the particular securities that comprise each unit, whether or not the particular securities will be separable and, if they will be separable, the terms on which they will be separable, a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer, or exchange of the units, and any other specific terms of the units. We will issue units under unit agreements that we will enter into with one or more unit agents.

## **Preferred Stock and Depositary Shares**

We may offer our preferred stock in one or more series. For any particular series we may offer, we will describe in the applicable supplement:

the specific designation;
the aggregate number of shares offered;
the dividend rate and periods, or manner of calculating the dividend rate and periods, if any;
the stated value and liquidation preference amount, if any;
the voting rights, if any;
the terms on which the series of preferred stock is convertible into shares of our common stock, preferred stock of another series, or other securities, if any;
the redemption terms, if any; and

any other specific terms of the series.

We also may offer depositary shares, each of which will represent a fractional interest in a share or multiple shares of our preferred stock. We will describe in the applicable supplement any specific terms of the depositary shares. We will issue the depositary shares under deposit agreements that we will enter into with one or more depositories.

## Form of Securities

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue the securities in book-entry only form through one or more depositories, such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear Bank SA/NV, or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg, as identified in the applicable supplement. We will issue the securities only in registered form, without coupons, although we may issue the securities in bearer form if we so specify in the applicable supplement. The securities issued in book-entry only form will be uncertificated or will be represented by a global security registered in the name of the specified depository, rather than certificated securities in definitive form registered in the name of each individual investor. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each sale of securities in book-entry form will settle in immediately available funds through the specified depository.

A global security may be exchanged for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners only under the limited circumstances described in this prospectus.

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## **Payment Currencies**

All amounts payable in respect of the securities, including the purchase price, will be payable in U.S. dollars, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

#### Listing

We will state in the applicable supplement whether the particular securities that we are offering will be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system.

## Distribution

We may offer th	e securities	under this	prospectus:
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through underwriters;

through dealers;

through agents; or

directly to purchasers.

The applicable supplement will include any required information about the firms we use and the discounts or commissions we may pay them for their services.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or any of our other affiliates, may be an underwriter, dealer, or agent for us.

## Market-Making by Our Affiliates

Following the initial distribution of an offering of securities, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and other affiliates of ours may offer and sell those securities in the course of their businesses as broker-dealers. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and any such other affiliates may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable supplement or supplements also will be used in connection with these market-making transactions. Sales in any of these market-making transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

If you purchase securities in a market-making transaction, you will receive information about the purchase price and your trade and settlement dates in a separate confirmation of sale.

## Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends for the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended	Year Ended December 31				
	March 31, 2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges						
(excluding interest on deposits) <sup>1</sup>	2.86	1.61	2.29	1.21	1.02	.99
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges						
(including interest on deposits) <sup>1</sup>	2.71	1.55	2.16	1.18	1.02	1.00
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and						
preferred dividends (excluding interest on						
deposits) <sup>1</sup>	2.36	1.42	2.01	1.13	1.02	.96
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and						
preferred dividends (including interest on						
deposits) 1	2.27	1.38	1.92	1.12	1.02	.96

The earnings for 2010 were inadequate to cover fixed charges, and fixed charges and preferred dividends. The earnings deficiency is a result of \$12.4 billion of goodwill impairment charges during 2010. The coverage deficiency for fixed charges was \$113 million and the coverage deficiency for fixed charges and preferred dividends was \$915 million for 2010.