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Subject to Completion, Dated January 5, 2016

PRICING SUPPLEMENT No. WF-9 dated _____, 2015

(To Prospectus Supplement dated April 30, 2015

and Prospectus dated April 30, 2015)

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Senior Global Medium-Term Notes (Structured Notes)

Market Linked Securities Leveraged Upside Participation to a Cap and Fixed Percentage Buffered Downside Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Russell 2000® Index due August 3, 2018

- ☺ Linked to the Russell 2000® Index
- ☺ Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest at a specified rate or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a payment at maturity that may be greater than, equal to or less than the principal amount of the securities, depending on the performance of the Index from its starting level to its ending level. The payment at maturity will reflect the following terms:
 - ☺ If the level of the Index increases, you will receive the principal amount plus 150% participation in the upside performance of the Index, subject to a maximum total return at maturity of 25% to 30% of the principal amount (to be determined on the pricing date)
 - ☺ If the level of the Index decreases but the decrease is not more than 10%, you will be repaid the principal amount
 - ☺ If the level of the Index decreases by more than 10%, you will receive less than the principal amount and have 1-to-1 downside exposure to the decrease in the level of the Index in excess of 10%
- ☺ Investors may lose up to 90% of the principal amount

- ¢ All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in the Index for payment; if Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce defaults on its obligations, you could lose all or some of your investment
- ¢ No periodic interest payments or dividends
- ¢ No exchange listing; designed to be held to maturity

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See Risk Factors herein on page PRS-10.

The securities are unsecured obligations of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and all payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The securities will not constitute deposits insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency or instrumentality of Canada, the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) nor any state or provincial securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Principal amount ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Underwriting Discount and Commission ⁽²⁾	Minimum Proceeds to Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
Per Security	\$1,000.00	\$27.50	\$972.50
Total	\$	\$	\$

(1) Our estimated value of the securities on the pricing date, based on our internal pricing models, is expected to be between \$955.20 and \$970.00 per security. The estimated value is expected to be less than the principal amount of the securities. See The Estimated Value of the Securities on page PRS-28 of this Pricing Supplement.

(2) The agent, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, will receive an underwriting discount of up to \$27.50 per security. The agent may resell the securities to other securities dealers at the principal amount less a concession not in excess of \$12.50 per security. Such securities dealers may include Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC (WFA), an affiliate of the agent. In addition to the selling concession allowed to WFA, the agent will pay \$0.75 per security of the underwriting discount to WFA as a distribution expense fee for each security sold by WFA. See Use of Proceeds and Hedging and Supplemental Plan of Distribution in this pricing supplement for information regarding how we may hedge our obligations under the securities.

Wells Fargo Securities

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ABOUT THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT

You should read this pricing supplement together with the prospectus dated April 30, 2015 and the prospectus supplement dated April 30, 2015, relating to our Senior Global Medium-Term Notes (Structured Notes), of which these securities are a part, for additional information about the securities. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent it is different from that information. Certain defined terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This pricing supplement may be used only for the purpose for which it has been prepared. No one is authorized to give information other than that contained in this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and in the documents referred to in this pricing supplement, the prospectus supplement and the prospectus and which are made available to the public. We have not, and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Wells Fargo Securities) has not, authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it.

We are not, and Wells Fargo Securities is not, making an offer to sell the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Neither this pricing supplement, nor the accompanying prospectus supplement, nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or on behalf of Wells Fargo Securities, to subscribe for and purchase any of the securities and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.

References to CIBC, the Issuer, the Bank, we, us and our in this pricing supplement are references to Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and not to any of our subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context otherwise requires.

You may access the prospectus supplement and prospectus on the SEC website www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filing for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Prospectus Supplement dated April 30, 2015 and Prospectus dated April 30, 2015 filed with the SEC on April 30, 2015:

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1045520/000119312515161379/d916405d424b3.htm>

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Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Russell 2000® Index due August 3, 2018

INVESTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Russell 2000® Index due August 3, 2018 (the securities) are senior unsecured debt securities of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce that do not pay interest at a specified rate or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a payment at maturity that may be greater than, equal to or less than the principal amount of the securities depending on the performance of the Russell 2000® Index (the Index) from its starting level on the pricing date to its ending level on the calculation date. The securities provide:

- (i) the possibility of a leveraged return at maturity if the level of the Index increases from its starting level to its ending level, provided that the total return at maturity of the securities will not exceed the maximum total return of 25% to 30% of the principal amount (to be determined on the pricing date);
- (ii) repayment of principal if, and only if, the ending level of the Index is not less than the starting level by more than 10%; and
- (iii) exposure to decreases in the level of the Index if and to the extent the ending level is less than the starting level by more than 10%.

If the ending level is less than the starting level by more than 10%, you will receive at maturity less, and up to 90% less, than the principal amount of your securities. All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The Index is designed to track the performance of the small capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market.

The Index was developed by Russell Investments and is calculated, maintained and published by Russell Investments. Russell 2000® Index is a trademark of Russell Investments and has been licensed for use by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The securities are not sponsored, endorsed, sold, or promoted by Russell Investments and Russell Investments makes no representation regarding the advisability of investing in the securities. See The Russell 2000® Index in this pricing supplement for additional information.

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INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

We have designed the securities for investors who:

seek 150% leveraged exposure to any upside performance of the Index if the ending level is greater than the starting level, subject to the maximum total return at maturity of 25% to 30% of the principal amount (to be determined on the pricing date);

desire to limit downside exposure to the Index through the 10% buffer;

understand that if the ending level is less than the starting level by more than 10%, they will receive at maturity less, and up to 90% less, than the principal amount per security;

are willing to forgo periodic interest payments on the securities and dividends on securities included in the Index; and

are willing to hold the securities until maturity.

The securities are not designed for, and may not be a suitable investment for, investors who:

seek a liquid investment or are unable or unwilling to hold the securities to maturity;

are unwilling to accept the risk that the ending level of the Index may decrease by more than 10% from the starting level;

seek uncapped exposure to the upside performance of the Index;

seek full return at maturity of the principal amount of the securities;

are unwilling to purchase securities with an estimated value as of the pricing date that is lower than the principal amount, and may be as low as the lower estimate set forth on the cover page;

seek current income;

are unwilling to accept the risk of exposure to the small capitalization segment of the United States equity market;

seek exposure to the Index but are unwilling to accept the risk/return trade-offs inherent in the payment at stated maturity for the securities;

are unwilling to accept the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to obtain exposure to the Index generally, or to the exposure to the Index that the securities provide specifically; or

prefer the lower risk of fixed income investments with comparable maturities issued by companies with comparable credit ratings.

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TERMS OF THE SECURITIES

The information in this Summary section is qualified by the more detailed information set forth in this pricing supplement, the prospectus supplement dated April 30, 2015 and the prospectus dated April 30, 2015, each filed with the SEC. See Investment Description in this pricing supplement.

Market Measure: Russell 2000® Index (Bloomberg ticker symbol RTY <Index>)

Pricing Date: Expected to be January 29, 2016

Issue Date: Expected to be February 3, 2016 (to be determined on the pricing date and expected to be the 3rd scheduled business day after the pricing date)

Principal amount: \$1,000 per security. References in this pricing supplement to a security are to a security with a face amount of \$1,000.

On the stated maturity date, you will be entitled to receive a cash payment per security in U.S. dollars equal to the redemption amount. The redemption amount per security will equal:

if the ending level is greater than the starting level: the lesser of:

- (i) \$1,000 plus:

$$\$1,000 \times \frac{\text{ending level} - \text{starting level}}{\text{starting level}} \times \text{Participation Rate} \quad ; \text{ and}$$

Redemption

(ii) the capped value;

Amount:

if the ending level is less than or equal to the starting level, but greater than or equal to the threshold level: \$1,000; or

if the ending level is less than the threshold level: \$1,000 *minus*:

$$\$1,000 \times \frac{\text{threshold level} - \text{ending level}}{\text{starting level}}$$

If the ending level is less than the threshold level, you will receive at stated maturity less, and up to 90% less, than the principal amount of your securities.

Stated Maturity

Date:

August 3, 2018. If a market disruption event occurs and is continuing on the calculation date, the stated maturity date will be postponed until the later of (i) August 3, 2018 and (ii) three business days after the ending level is determined. See Additional Terms of the Securities Market Disruption Events. The securities are not subject to redemption at the option of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce or repayment at the option of any holder of the securities prior to the stated maturity date.

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Starting Level:

, the closing level of the Index on the pricing date. The closing level of the Index on any trading day means the official closing level of the Index as reported by the Index sponsor on such trading day.

Ending Level:

The ending level will be the closing level of the Index on the calculation date.

Capped Value:

The capped value will be determined on the pricing date and will be within the range of 125% to 130% of the principal amount per security (\$1,250 to \$1,300 per security). As a result of the capped value, the maximum total return at maturity of the securities will be 25% to 30% of the principal amount.

Threshold Level:

, which is equal to 90% of the starting level.

Participation Rate: 150%

Calculation Date:

Expected to be July 27, 2018 or, if such day is not a trading day, the next succeeding trading day. The calculation date is subject to postponement due to the occurrence of a market disruption event. See Additional Terms of the Securities Market Disruption Events. A trading day means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the relevant exchanges with respect to each security underlying the Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions and (ii) each related exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session. The relevant exchange for any security underlying the Index means the primary exchange or quotation system on which such security is traded, as determined by the calculation agent. The related exchange for the Index means each exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the calculation agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index.

Calculation Agent:

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. We may appoint a different calculation agent without your consent and without notifying you.

All determinations made by the calculation agent will be at the sole discretion of it, and, in the absence of manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on us and you. All percentages and other amounts resulting from any calculation with respect to the securities will be rounded at the calculation agent's discretion. The calculation agent will have no liability for its determinations.

Business Day:

A Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law, regulation or order to close in New York or Toronto.

No Listing:

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated quotation system.

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Clearance and Settlement: The Depository Trust Company (DTC)

Material U.S. Tax Consequences:

By purchasing the securities, each holder agrees to treat them as pre-paid cash-settled derivative contracts for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Assuming this treatment is respected, gain or loss recognized on the securities should be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the holder has held the securities for more than a year. However, if the Internal Revenue Service were successful in asserting an alternative treatment of the securities, the tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities might be materially and adversely affected. As described below under United States Federal Income Tax Considerations, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service released a notice requesting comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of prepaid forward contracts and similar instruments. Any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax, possibly with retroactive effect. Both U.S. and non-U.S. persons considering an investment in the securities should review carefully the section of this pricing supplement entitled United States Federal Income Tax Considerations and consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities (including possible alternative treatments and the issues presented by the notice), as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

Agent:

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Wells Fargo Securities). The agent may resell the securities to other securities dealers, including securities dealers acting as custodians, at the principal amount of the securities less a concession of not in excess of \$12.50 per security. Such securities dealers may include Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC (WFA), an affiliate of Wells Fargo Securities. In addition to the concession allowed to WFA, Wells Fargo Securities will pay \$0.75 per security of the underwriting discount and commission to WFA as a distribution expense fee for each security sold by WFA.

Denominations: \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000.

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DETERMINING PAYMENT AT MATURITY

On the stated maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per security (the redemption amount) calculated as follows:

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HYPOTHETICAL PAYOUT PROFILE

The following profile is based on a capped value of 127.5% or \$1,275 per security (the midpoint of the specified range for the capped value), a participation rate of 150% and a threshold level equal to 90% of the starting level. This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only. Your actual return will depend on the actual ending level, the actual capped value and whether you hold your securities to maturity.

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RISK FACTORS

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities will involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities or in the Index. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, including the documents they incorporate by reference. As described in more detail below, the value of the securities may vary considerably before the stated maturity date due to events that are difficult to predict and are beyond our control. You should reach an investment decision only after you have carefully considered with your advisors the suitability of an investment in the securities in light of your particular circumstances.

If The Ending Level Is Less Than The Threshold Level, You Will Receive At Maturity Less, And Up To 90% Less, Than The Principal Amount Of Your Securities.

We will not repay you a fixed amount on the securities on the stated maturity date. The redemption amount will depend on the direction of and percentage change in the ending level of the Index relative to the starting level and the other terms of the securities. Because the level of the Index will be subject to market fluctuations, the redemption amount you receive may be more or less, and possibly significantly less, than the principal amount of your securities.

If the ending level is less than the threshold level, the redemption amount that you receive at stated maturity will be reduced by an amount equal to the decline in the level of the Index to the extent it is below the threshold level (expressed as a percentage of the starting level). The threshold level is 90% of the starting level. As a result, you may receive less, and up to 90% less, than the principal amount per security at maturity even if the level of the Index is greater than or equal to the starting level or the threshold level at certain times during the term of the securities.

Even if the ending level is greater than the starting level, the amount you receive at stated maturity may only be slightly greater than the principal amount, and your yield on the securities may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a traditional interest-bearing debt security of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce or another issuer with a similar credit rating with the same stated maturity date.

Your Return Will Be Limited By The Capped Value And May Be Lower Than The Return On A Direct Investment In The Index.

The opportunity to participate in the possible increases in the level of the Index through an investment in the securities will be limited because the redemption amount will not exceed the capped value. Furthermore, the effect of the participation rate will be progressively reduced for all ending levels exceeding the ending level at which the capped value is reached.

Your Return On The Securities Could Be Less Than If You Owned Securities Included In The Index.

Your return on the securities will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the securities included in the Index and received the dividends and other payments paid on those securities. This is in part because the redemption amount payable at stated maturity will be determined by reference to the ending level of the Index, which

will be calculated by reference to the prices of the securities in the Index without taking into consideration the value of dividends and other payments paid on those securities. In addition, the redemption amount will not be greater than the capped value.

No Periodic Interest Will Be Paid On The Securities.

No periodic interest will be paid on the securities. However, because it is possible that the securities may be classified for U.S. federal income tax purposes as contingent payment debt instruments rather than prepaid forward contracts, you may be required to accrue interest income over the term of your securities. See United States Federal Income Tax Considerations.

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The Securities Are Subject To The Credit Risk Of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The securities are our obligations exclusively and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. Any amounts payable under the securities are subject to our creditworthiness, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in the Index for payment. As a result, our actual and perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated decreases in our credit ratings may affect the value of the securities and, in the event we were to default on our obligations, you may not receive any amounts owed to you under the terms of the securities.

The Estimated Value Of The Securities Will Not Be An Indication Of The Price, If Any, At Which Wells Fargo Securities Or Any Other Person May Be Willing To Buy The Securities From You In The Secondary Market.

The price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates may purchase the securities in the secondary market will be based on Wells Fargo Securities' s proprietary pricing models and will fluctuate over the term of the securities as a result of changes in the market and other factors described in the next risk factor. Any such secondary market price for the securities will also be reduced by a bid-offer spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate principal amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding any related hedging transactions. Unless the factors described in the next risk factor change significantly in your favor, any such secondary market price for the securities will likely be less than the principal amount.

If Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities at any time up to the issue date or during the six-month period following the issue date, the secondary market price offered by Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates will be increased by an amount reflecting a portion of the costs associated with selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities that are included in the principal amount. Because this portion of the costs is not fully deducted upon issuance, any secondary market price offered by Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates during this period will be higher than it would be if it were based solely on Wells Fargo Securities' s proprietary pricing models less the bid-offer spread and hedging unwind costs described above. The amount of this increase in the secondary market price will decline steadily to zero over this six-month period. If you hold the securities through an account at Wells Fargo Securities or one of its affiliates, we expect that this increase will also be reflected in the value indicated for the securities on your brokerage account statement. If you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates, the value of the securities on your brokerage account statement may be different than if you held your securities at Wells Fargo Securities or any of its affiliates.

The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways.

The value of the securities prior to stated maturity will be affected by the level of the Index at that time, interest rates at that time and a number of other factors, some of which are interrelated in complex ways. The effect of any one factor may be offset or magnified by the effect of another factor. The following factors, among others, are expected to affect the value of the securities. When we refer to the value of your security, we mean the value you could receive for your security if you are able to sell it in the open market before the stated maturity date.

Index Performance. The value of the securities prior to maturity will depend substantially on the level of the Index. The price at which you may be able to sell the securities before stated maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from their principal amount, if the level of the Index at such time is less than, equal to or not sufficiently above its starting level.

Capped Value. We anticipate that the value of the securities will always be at a discount to the capped value.

Interest Rates. The value of the securities may be affected by changes in the interest rates in the U.S. markets.

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Volatility Of The Index. Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of market fluctuations. The value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the Index changes.

Time Remaining To Maturity. The value of the securities at any given time prior to maturity will likely be different from that which would be expected based on the then-current level of the Index. This difference will most likely reflect a discount due to expectations and uncertainty concerning the level of the Index during the period of time still remaining to the maturity date. In general, as the time remaining to maturity decreases, the value of the securities will approach the amount that could be payable at maturity based on the then-current level of the Index.

Dividend Yields On Securities Included In The Index. The value of the securities may be affected by the dividend yields on securities included in the Index.

Events Involving Companies Included In The Index. General economic conditions and earnings results of the companies whose stocks are included in the Index and real or anticipated changes in those conditions or results may affect the value of the securities. Additionally, as a result of a merger or acquisition, one or more of the stocks in the Index may be replaced with a surviving or acquiring entity's securities. The surviving or acquiring entity's securities may not have the same characteristics as the stock originally included in the Index.

Our Credit Ratings, Financial Condition And Results Of Operation. Actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings, financial condition or results of operation may affect the value of the securities. However, because the return on the securities is dependent upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations under the securities, such as the level of the Index, an improvement in our credit ratings, financial condition or results of operation will not reduce the other investment risks related to the securities.

You should understand that the impact of one of the factors specified above, such as a change in interest rates, may offset some or all of any change in the value of the securities attributable to another factor, such as a change in the level of the Index.

Our Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Lower Than The Principal Amount Of The Securities.

Our estimated value is only an estimate using several factors. The principal amount of the securities exceeds our estimated value because costs associated with selling and structuring the securities, as well as hedging the securities, are included in the principal amount of the securities. See "The Estimated Value of the Securities" in this pricing supplement.

Our Estimated Value Does Not Represent Future Values Of The Securities And May Differ From Others Estimates.

Our estimated value of the securities is determined by reference to our internal pricing models when the terms of the securities are set. This estimated value is based on market conditions and other relevant factors existing at that time and our assumptions about market parameters, which can include volatility, dividend rates, interest rates and other factors. Different pricing models and assumptions could provide valuations for the securities that are greater than or less than our estimated value. In addition, market conditions and other relevant factors in the future may change, and

any assumptions may prove to be incorrect. On future dates, the value of the securities could change significantly based on, among other things, changes in market conditions, our creditworthiness, interest rate movements and other relevant factors, which may impact the price, if any, at which we would be willing to buy securities from you in secondary market transactions. See *The Estimated Value of the Securities* in this pricing supplement.

Our Estimated Value Is Not Determined By Reference To Credit Spreads For Our Conventional Fixed-Rate Debt.

The internal funding rate used in the determination of our estimated value generally represents a discount from the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. If we were to use the interest rate implied by our conventional fixed-rate credit spreads, we would expect the economic terms of the securities to be more favorable to you. Consequently, our use of an internal funding rate would have an adverse effect on the terms of the securities and any secondary market prices of the securities. See *The Estimated Value of the Securities* in this pricing supplement.

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The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And We Do Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although Wells Fargo Securities and/or its affiliates may purchase the securities from holders, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop. Because we do not expect that any market makers will participate in a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to sell your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities and/or its affiliates are willing to buy your securities.

If a secondary market does exist, it may be limited. Accordingly, there may be a limited number of buyers if you decide to sell your securities prior to stated maturity. This may affect the price you receive upon such sale. Consequently, you should be willing to hold the securities to stated maturity.

Historical Levels Of The Index Should Not Be Taken As An Indication Of The Future Performance Of The Index During The Term Of The Securities.

The trading prices of the securities included in the Index will determine the redemption amount payable at maturity to you. As a result, it is impossible to predict whether the ending level of the Index will fall or rise compared to its starting level. Trading prices of the securities included in the Index will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors that can affect the markets in which those securities are traded and the values of those securities themselves. Accordingly, any historical levels of the Index do not provide an indication of the future performance of the Index.

Changes That Affect The Index May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And The Amount You Will Receive At Stated Maturity.

The policies of the Index sponsor concerning the calculation of the Index and the addition, deletion or substitution of securities comprising the Index and the manner in which the Index sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting such securities may affect the level of the Index and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities and the redemption amount payable at maturity. The Index sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index or materially alter the methodology by which it calculates the Index. Any such actions could adversely affect the value of the securities.

We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In The Index.

Actions by any company whose securities are included in the Index may have an adverse effect on the price of its security, the ending level and the value of the securities. These companies will not be involved in the offering of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our or your interests into consideration for any reason. These companies will not receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities and will not be responsible for, and will not have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. These companies will not be involved with the administration,

marketing or trading of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to the redemption amount to be paid to you at maturity.

We, Wells Fargo Securities And Our Respective Affiliates Have No Affiliation With The Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Its Public Disclosure Of Information.

We, Wells Fargo Securities and our respective affiliates are not affiliated in any way with the Index sponsor and have no ability to control or predict its actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding the methods or policies relating to the calculation of the Index. We have derived the information about the Index sponsor and the Index contained herein from publicly available information, without independent verification. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into the Index and the Index sponsor. The Index sponsor is not involved in the offering of the securities made hereby in any way and has no obligation to consider your interest as an owner of securities in taking any actions that might affect the value of the securities.

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An Investment In The Securities Is Subject To Risks Associated With Investing In Stocks With A Small Market Capitalization.

The stocks that constitute the Index are issued by companies with relatively small market capitalization. These companies often have greater stock price volatility, lower trading volume and less liquidity than large capitalization companies. As a result, the Index may be more volatile than that of an equity index that does not track solely small capitalization stocks. Stock prices of small capitalization companies are also generally more vulnerable than those of large capitalization companies to adverse business and economic developments, and the stocks of small capitalization companies may be thinly traded, and be less attractive to many investors if they do not pay dividends. In addition, small capitalization companies are typically less well-established and less stable financially than large capitalization companies and may depend on a small number of key personnel, making them more vulnerable to loss of those individuals. Small capitalization companies tend to have lower revenues, less diverse product lines, smaller shares of their target markets, fewer financial resources and fewer competitive strengths than large capitalization companies. These companies may also be more susceptible to adverse developments related to their products or services.

The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed In Certain Circumstances.

The determination of the ending level will be postponed if the originally scheduled calculation day is not a trading day or if the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event has occurred or is continuing on that day. If such a postponement occurs, the stated maturity date will be postponed until the later of (i) three business days after the ending level is determined and (ii) the initial stated maturity date.

We Or One Of Our Affiliates Will Be The Calculation Agent And, As A Result, Potential Conflicts Of Interest Could Arise.

We or one of our affiliates will be the calculation agent for purposes of determining, among other things, the starting level and the ending level, calculating the redemption amount, determining whether adjustments should be made to the ending level, determining whether a market disruption event has occurred and, if publication of the Index is discontinued, selecting a successor or, if no successor is available, determining the closing level. Although the calculation agent will exercise its judgment in good faith when performing its functions, potential conflicts of interest may exist between the calculation agent and you.

Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Of Securities Will Potentially Be Adverse To Your Interests.

You should be aware of the following ways in which our economic interests and those of any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities, which we refer to as a participating dealer, will potentially be adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. In engaging in certain of the activities described below, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may take actions that may adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities, and in so doing they will have no obligation to consider your interests as an investor in the securities. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may realize a profit from these activities even if investors do not receive a favorable investment return on the securities.

Research reports by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may be inconsistent with an investment in the securities and may adversely affect the level of the Index. Our affiliates or any dealer participating in the offering of the securities or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports on the Index or the companies whose securities are included in the Index. This research will be modified from time to time without notice and may, at present or in the future, express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the securities. Any research reports on the Index or the companies whose securities are included in the Index could adversely affect the level of the Index and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. You are encouraged to derive information concerning the Index from multiple sources and should not rely on the views expressed by us or our affiliates or

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any participating dealer or its affiliates. In addition, any research reports on the Index or the companies whose securities are included in the Index published on or prior to the pricing date could result in an increase in the level of the Index on the pricing date, which would adversely affect investors in the securities by increasing the level at which the Index must close on the calculation day in order for investors in the securities to receive a favorable return.

Business activities of our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates with the companies whose securities are included in the Index may adversely affect the level of the Index. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with the companies whose securities are included in the Index, including making loans to those companies (including exercising creditors' remedies with respect to such loans), making equity investments in those companies or providing investment banking, asset management or other advisory services to those companies. These business activities could adversely affect the level of the Index and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. In addition, in the course of these business activities, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may acquire non-public information about one or more of the companies whose securities are included in the Index. If our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates do acquire such non-public information, we and they are not obligated to disclose such non-public information to you.

Hedging activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the Index. We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through one or more hedge counterparties, which may include our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. Pursuant to such hedging activities, our hedge counterparty may acquire securities included in the Index or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to the Index or such securities. Depending on, among other things, future market conditions, the aggregate amount and the composition of such positions are likely to vary over time. To the extent that our hedge counterparty has a long hedge position in any of the securities included in the Index, or derivative or synthetic instruments related to the Index or such securities, they may liquidate a portion of such holdings at or about the time of the calculation date or at or about the time of a change in the securities included in the Index. These hedging activities could potentially adversely affect the level of the Index and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

Trading activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the Index. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may engage in trading in the securities included in the Index and other instruments relating to the Index or such securities on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these trading activities could potentially adversely affect the prices of the securities included in the Index and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

A participating dealer or its affiliates may realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models in addition to any selling concession or any distribution expense fee, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you. If any participating dealer or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that participating dealer or its affiliates will expect to realize a projected profit from such hedging activities, and this projected profit will be in addition to any concession or distribution expense fee that the participating dealer receives for the sale of the securities to you. This additional projected profit may create a

further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you.

The U.S. Federal Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Are Unclear.

There is no direct legal authority regarding the proper U.S. federal tax treatment of the securities, and we do not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service. Consequently, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain, and the Internal Revenue Service or a court might not agree with the treatment of the securities as pre-paid cash-settled derivative contracts. If the Internal Revenue Service were successful in asserting an alternative treatment of the securities, the tax consequences

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of the ownership and disposition of the securities might be materially and adversely affected. As described below under United States Federal Income Tax Considerations, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service released a notice requesting comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of prepaid forward contracts and similar instruments. Any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax, possibly with retroactive effect. Both U.S. and non-U.S. persons considering an investment in the securities should review carefully the section of this pricing supplement entitled United States Federal Income Tax Considerations and consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities (including possible alternative treatments and the issues presented by the notice), as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

There Can Be No Assurance That The Canadian Income Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Will Not Change In The Future.

There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws, the judicial interpretation thereof, or the administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects investors. For a discussion of the Canadian federal income tax consequences of investing in the securities, please read the section entitled Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations in this pricing supplement as well as the section entitled Certain Income Tax Consequences Certain Canadian Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus supplement dated April 30, 2015. You should consult your tax advisor with respect to your own particular situation.

Market Linked Securities Leveraged Upside Participation**to a Cap and Fixed Percentage Buffered Downside****Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Russell 2000® Index due August 3, 2018****HYPOTHETICAL RETURNS**

The following table illustrates, for a hypothetical capped value of 127.5% or \$1,275 per security (the midpoint of the specified range of the capped value), a hypothetical starting level of 1149.643, a term to maturity of approximately 2.5 years and a range of hypothetical ending levels of the Index:

the hypothetical percentage change from the hypothetical starting level to the hypothetical ending level;

the hypothetical redemption amount payable at stated maturity per security;

the hypothetical total pre-tax rate of return; and

the hypothetical pre-tax annualized rate of return.

Hypothetical	Hypothetical	Hypothetical Redemption	Hypothetical	Hypothetical
Ending	Percentage Change	Amount Payable At	Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax
Level	From the Hypothetical Starting	Stated Maturity Per	Total Rate	Annualized Rate
Level	Hypothetical Ending Level	Security	of Return	of Return⁽¹⁾
2011.875	75.00%	\$1,275.00	27.50%	9.96%
1724.465	50.00%	\$1,275.00	27.50%	9.96%
1552.018	35.00%	\$1,275.00	27.50%	9.96%
1494.536	30.00%	\$1,275.00	27.50%	9.96%
1379.572	20.00%	\$1,275.00	27.50%	9.96%
1264.607	10.00%	\$1,150.00	15.00%	5.67%
1207.125	5.00%	\$1,075.00	7.50%	2.92%
1149.643 ⁽²⁾	0.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00%
1092.161	-5.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00%
1034.679	-10.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%	0.00%
1023.182	-11.00%	\$990.00	-1.00%	-0.40%
977.197	-15.00%	\$950.00	-5.00%	-2.04%
919.714	-20.00%	\$900.00	-10.00%	-4.17%
862.232	-25.00%	\$850.00	-15.00%	-6.40%
574.822	-50.00%	\$600.00	-40.00%	-19.43%

287.411	-75.00%	\$350.00	-65.00%	-37.90%
0.000	-100.00%	\$100.00	-90.00%	-73.84%

(1) The annualized rates of return are calculated on a semi-annual bond equivalent basis with compounding.

(2) The hypothetical starting level.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only and may have been rounded for ease of analysis. The actual amount you receive at stated maturity and the resulting pre-tax rates of return will depend on the actual starting level, ending level and capped value.

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Set forth below are four examples of payment at stated maturity calculations (rounded to two decimal places), reflecting a capped value of 127.5% or \$1,275 per security (the midpoint of the specified range for the capped value) and assuming hypothetical starting and ending levels as indicated in the examples.

Example 1. Redemption amount is greater than the principal amount but less than the capped value:

Hypothetical starting level: 1149.643

Hypothetical ending level: 1207.125

Since the hypothetical ending level is greater than the hypothetical starting level, the redemption amount would equal:

$$\$1,000 + \$1,000 \times \frac{1207.125 - 1149.643}{1149.643} \times 150\% = \$1,075.00$$

On the stated maturity date you would receive \$1,075.00 per security.

Example 2. Redemption amount is equal to the capped value:

Hypothetical starting level: 1149.643

Hypothetical ending level: 1724.465

The redemption amount would be equal to the capped value since the capped value is less than:

$$\$1,000 + \$1,000 \times \frac{1724.465 - 1149.643}{1149.643} \times 150\% = \$1,750.00$$

On the stated maturity date you would receive \$1,275.00 per security.

In addition to limiting your return on the securities, the capped value limits the positive effect of the participation rate. If the ending level is greater than the starting level, you will participate in the performance of the Index at a rate of 150% up to a certain point. However, the effect of the participation rate will be progressively reduced for ending levels that are greater than approximately 118.33% of the starting level (assuming a capped value of 127.5% or \$1,275 per security, the midpoint of the specified range for the capped value) since your return on the securities for any ending level greater than approximately 118.33% of the starting level will be limited to the capped value.

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Example 3. Redemption amount is equal to the principal amount:

Hypothetical starting level: 1149.643

Hypothetical ending level: 1097.019

Hypothetical threshold level: 1034.6787, which is 90% of the hypothetical starting level

Since the hypothetical ending level is less than the hypothetical starting level, but not by more than 10%, you would not lose any of the principal amount of your securities.

On the stated maturity date you would receive \$1,000.00 per security.

Example 4. Redemption amount is less than the principal amount:

Hypothetical starting level: 1149.643

Hypothetical ending level: 574.822

Hypothetical threshold level: 1034.6787, which is 90% of the hypothetical starting level

Since the hypothetical ending level is less than the hypothetical starting level by more than 10%, you would lose a portion of the principal amount of your securities and receive the redemption amount equal to:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \$1,000 & & \$1,000 \times & \frac{1034.6787 - 574.822}{1149.643} & = \$600.00 \end{array}$$

On the stated maturity date you would receive \$600.00 per security.

To the extent that the starting level, ending level and capped value differ from the values assumed above, the results indicated above would be different.

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ADDITIONAL TERMS OF THE SECURITIES

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will issue the securities as part of a series of senior unsecured debt securities entitled Senior Global Medium-Term Notes (Structured Notes), which is more fully described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

Payment of Redemption Amount

In the event that the stated maturity date is not a business day, then the redemption amount will be paid on the next business day (Following Business Day Convention).

Market Disruption Events

If a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on the calculation date, the closing level for the calculation date will equal the closing level on the first trading day following the calculation date on which the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event is not continuing. If a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on each trading day to and including the seventh trading day following the calculation date, the closing level will be determined (or, if not determinable, estimated by the calculation agent in a manner which is considered commercially reasonable under the circumstances) by the calculation agent on that seventh trading day, regardless of the occurrence or continuation of a market disruption event on that day. In such an event, the calculation agent will make a good faith estimate in its sole discretion of the closing level that would have prevailed in the absence of the market disruption event. No interest will accrue as a result of delayed payment.

A market disruption event means any event, circumstance or cause which the Bank determines, and the calculation agent confirms, has or will have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Bank to perform its obligations under the securities or to hedge its position in respect of its obligations to make payment of amounts owing thereunder and more specifically includes the following events to the extent that they have such effect with respect to the Index:

a suspension, absence or limitation of trading in futures or options contracts relating to the Index in the primary market for those contracts, as determined by the calculation agent;

any event that disrupts or impairs, as determined by the calculation agent, the ability of market participants to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the Index in its primary market;

the closure on any day of the primary market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index on a scheduled trading day prior to the scheduled weekday closing time of that market (without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours) unless such earlier closing time is announced

by the primary market at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such primary market on such scheduled trading day for such primary market and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the relevant exchange system for execution at the close of trading on such scheduled trading day for such primary market;

any scheduled trading day on which the exchanges or quotation systems, if any, on which futures or options contracts on the Index are traded, fails to open for trading during its regular trading session; or

any other event, if the calculation agent determines that the event interferes with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates to unwind all or a portion of a hedge with respect to the securities that we or our affiliates have effected or may effect as described below under Use of Proceeds and Hedging in this pricing supplement.

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Adjustments to the Index

If at any time a sponsor or publisher of the Index (the Index sponsor) makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index, or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent stock and capitalization and other routine events), then, from and after that time, the calculation agent will, at the close of business in New York, New York, on each date that the closing level of the Index is to be calculated, calculate a substitute closing level of the Index in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to that change. Accordingly, if the method of calculating the Index is modified so that the level of the Index is a fraction or a multiple of what it would have been if it had not been modified, then the calculation agent will adjust the Index in order to arrive at a level of the Index as if it had not been modified.

Discontinuance of the Index

If the Index sponsor discontinues publication of the Index, and such Index sponsor or another entity publishes a successor or substitute equity index that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to the Index (a successor equity index), then, upon the calculation agent's notification of that determination to the trustee and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the calculation agent will substitute the successor equity index as calculated by the relevant Index sponsor or any other entity and calculate the ending level as described above. Upon any selection by the calculation agent of a successor equity index, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will cause notice to be given to holders of the securities.

In the event that the Index sponsor discontinues publication of the Index prior to, and the discontinuance is continuing on, the calculation date and the calculation agent determines that no successor equity index is available at such time, the calculation agent will calculate a substitute closing level for the Index in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the discontinuance, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to that discontinuance. If a successor equity index is selected or the calculation agent calculates a level as a substitute for the Index, the successor equity index or level will be used as a substitute for the Index for all purposes, including the purpose of determining whether a market disruption event exists.

If on the calculation date the Index sponsor fails to calculate and announce the level of the Index, the calculation agent will calculate a substitute closing level of the Index in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to that failure; *provided* that, if a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on such day, then the provisions set forth above under Market Disruption Events shall apply in lieu of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuance of the publication of, or the failure by the Index sponsor to calculate and announce the level of, the Index may adversely affect the value of the securities.

Calculation Agent

We or one of our affiliates will act as calculation agent for the securities and may appoint agents to assist it in the performance of its duties. See Risk Factors We Or One Of Our Affiliates Will Be The Calculation Agent And, As A Result, Potential Conflicts Of Interest Could Arise. We may appoint a different calculation agent without your consent and without notifying you.

The calculation agent will determine the redemption amount you receive at stated maturity. In addition, the calculation agent will, among other things:

determine whether a market disruption event has occurred;

determine if adjustments are required to the closing level of the Index under various circumstances; and

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if publication of the Index is discontinued, select a successor equity index or, if no successor equity index is available, determine the closing level of the Index.

All determinations made by the calculation agent will be at the sole discretion of the calculation agent and, in the absence of manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on us and you. All percentages and other amounts resulting from any calculation with respect to the securities will be rounded at the calculation agent's discretion. The calculation agent will have no liability for its determinations.

Appointment of Independent Calculation Experts

If a calculation or valuation described above under **Market Disruption Events** or **Discontinuance of the Index** contemplated to be made by the calculation agent involves the application of material discretion and is not based on information or calculation methodologies compiled or utilized by, or derived from, independent third party sources, we will appoint one or more calculation experts to confirm such calculation or valuation. Such calculation experts will be independent from us and active participants in the financial markets in the relevant jurisdiction in which futures or options contracts on the Index are traded. Calculation experts will not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the holders of the securities or us. Holders of the securities will be entitled to rely on any valuation or calculations made by such calculation experts and such valuations or calculations will (except in the case of manifest error) be final and binding on us, the calculation agent and the holders of the securities. Calculation experts will not be responsible for good faith errors or omissions in the making of any such valuations or calculations. Calculation experts may, with the consent of us, delegate any of their obligations and functions to a third party as they deem appropriate, but acting honestly and reasonably at all times. The valuations and calculations of calculation experts will be made available to the holders of the securities upon request.

Events of Default and Acceleration

If the securities have become immediately due and payable following an event of default (as defined in the section **Description of Senior Debt Securities Events of Default** in the accompanying prospectus) with respect to the securities, the amount payable on the securities will be equal to the redemption amount, calculated as though the date of acceleration were the calculation date.

If the securities have become immediately due and payable following an event of default, you will not be entitled to any payments with respect to the securities in addition to the redemption amount, calculated as set forth in the preceding paragraph. For more information, see **Description of Senior Debt Securities Events of Default** beginning on page 9 of the accompanying prospectus.

Withholding

We or the applicable paying agent will deduct or withhold from a payment on a security any present or future tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge that we determine is required by law or the interpretation or administration thereof to be deducted or withheld. Payments on a security will not be increased by any amount to offset such deduction or withholding.

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THE RUSSELL 2000® INDEX

General

Included in the following pages is a brief description of the Russell 2000® Index (the Index). This information has been obtained from publicly available sources.

Information from outside sources is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered part of, this pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus or prospectus supplement. We have not independently verified any of the information herein obtained from outside sources.

This pricing supplement relates only to the securities offered hereby and does not relate to the Index or the securities that make up the Index.

All information regarding the Russell 2000® Index (the Russell 2000 Index) set forth in this pricing supplement reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, Russell Investments (Russell), the index sponsor. The Russell 2000 Index was developed by Russell and is calculated, maintained and published by Russell. The Russell 2000 Index is reported by Russell on Bloomberg page RTY <Index> .

The Russell 2000 Index is designed to track the performance of the small capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. As a subset of the Russell 3000® Index (the Russell 3000 Index), it consists of approximately 2,000 of the smallest companies (based on a combination of their market capitalization and the current index membership) included in the Russell 3000 Index and represented, as of September 30, 2015, approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 3000 Index, in turn, comprises the 3,000 largest U.S. companies as measured by total market capitalization. All Russell U.S. equity indexes (together, the Russell U.S. Indexes or Russell Indexes) are subsets of the Russell 3000E Index (the Russell 3000E Index) which is the broadest U.S. index, containing the largest 4,000 U.S. public companies. The members of the Russell 3000E Index and its subsets are determined each year during annual reconstitution and enhanced quarterly with the addition of initial public offerings.

Additional information on the Russell 2000 Index is available on the following website: <http://www.russell.com>. No information on the website shall be deemed to be included or incorporated by reference in this Pricing Supplement.

License Agreement

The Bank has entered into a non-exclusive license agreement with Russell whereby we, in exchange for a fee, are permitted to use the Russell 2000 Index and its related trademarks in connection with certain securities, including the securities. We are not affiliated with Russell; the only relationship between Russell and us is any licensing of the use of Russell's indices and trademarks relating to them.

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We obtained the closing levels listed below from Bloomberg Professional® Service (Bloomberg) without independent verification. You can obtain the level of the Russell 2000® Index at any time from Bloomberg under the symbol RTY .

We have not undertaken an independent review or due diligence of the information obtained from Bloomberg. The historical performance of the Index should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurances can be given as to the ending level of the Index. We cannot give you assurance that the performance of the Index will result in any positive return on your initial investment.

The following graph sets forth daily closing levels of the Index for the period from January 1, 2005 to December 30, 2015. The closing level on December 30, 2015 was 1149.643.

Russell 2000® Index Daily Closing Levels

The following table sets forth the high and low closing levels, as well as end-of-period closing levels, of the Index for each quarter in the period from January 1, 2005 through September 30, 2015 and for the period from October 1, 2015 to December 30, 2015.

	High	Low	Last
2005			
First Quarter	644.950	604.530	615.070
Second Quarter	644.190	575.020	639.660
Third Quarter	688.510	643.040	667.800
Fourth Quarter	690.570	621.570	673.220
2006			
First Quarter	765.140	684.050	765.140
Second Quarter	781.830	672.720	724.670
Third Quarter	734.479	671.940	725.594
Fourth Quarter	797.732	718.352	787.664
2007			
First Quarter	829.438	760.063	800.710

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Market Linked Securities Leveraged Upside Participation**to a Cap and Fixed Percentage Buffered Downside****Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Russell 2000® Index due August 3, 2018**

	High	Low	Last
Second Quarter	855.092	803.218	833.699
Third Quarter	855.774	751.544	805.450
Fourth Quarter	845.720	735.066	766.031
2008			
First Quarter	753.548	643.966	687.967
Second Quarter	763.266	686.073	689.659
Third Quarter	754.377	657.718	679.583
Fourth Quarter	671.590	385.308	499.453
2009			
First Quarter	514.710	343.260	422.748
Second Quarter	531.680	429.158	508.281
Third Quarter	620.695	479.267	604.278
Fourth Quarter	634.072	562.395	625.389
2010			
First Quarter	690.303	586.491	678.643
Second Quarter	741.922	609.486	609.486
Third Quarter			