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Form FWP January 20, 2010

Filed pursuant to Rule 433 Registration No. 333-164300

Issuer Free Writing Prospectus Dated January 19, 2010

The Bank of Nova Scotia

US\$1,000,000,000 2.250% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2013 US\$1,500,000,000 3.400% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

Issuer: The Bank of Nova Scotia (the Bank)

Title of Securities: 2.250% Senior Notes due 2013 (the Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

3.400% Senior Notes due 2015 (the Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Aggregate Principal US\$1,000,000,000 (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes) **Amount Offered:** US\$1,500,000,000 (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Maturity Date: January 22, 2013 Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes

January 22, 2015 Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes

Price to Public: 99.890% per Three-Year Fixed Rate Note and accrued interest, if any

99.872% per Five-Year Fixed Rate Note and accrued interest, if any

Net Proceeds to the Bank after Underwriters Fee and Before Expenses:

US\$2,489,230,000

Underwriters Fee: 0.25% per Three-Year Fixed Rate Note

0.35% per Five-Year Fixed Rate Note

Coupon (Interest Rate): 2.250% (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

3.400% (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Re-offer Yield: 2.288% (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

3.428% (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Spread to Benchmark T + 83 basis points (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Treasury: T + 98 basis points (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Benchmark Treasury: 1.375% due January, 2013 (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

2.625% due December, 2014 (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Benchmark Treasury 1.458% (1.375% due January, 2013)

Yield: 2.448% (2.625% due December, 2014)

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Interest Payment Dates: January 22 and July 22 of each year, beginning on July 22, 2010

(Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

January 22 and July 22 of each year, beginning on July 22, 2010

(Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Trade Date: January 19, 2010

Settlement Date: January 22, 2010; T+3

CUSIP: 064149 A56 (Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Total

064149 A64 (Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes)

Underwriters:

Underwriter	Principal Amount of Three-Year Fixed Rate Notes to Be Purchased		Principal Amount of Five-Year Fixed Rate Notes To Be Purchased	
Morgan Stanley & Co.				
Incorporated	US\$	350,000,000	US\$	525,000,000
Banc of America Securities LLC	\$	250,000,000	\$	375,000,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$	250,000,000	\$	375,000,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	\$	50,000,000	\$	75,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	50,000,000	\$	75,000,000
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.	\$	50,000,000	\$	75,000,000

US\$ 1,000,000,000 US\$ 1,500,000,000

The Bank has filed a registration statement (File No. 333-164300) (including a base shelf prospectus dated January 11, 2010) and a preliminary prospectus supplement dated January 19, 2010 (including the base shelf prospectus, the Prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the Prospectus and the documents incorporated therein by reference that the Bank has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Bank and this offering. You may obtain these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov or by visiting the Canadian System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval (SEDAR) website, which may be accessed at www.sedar.com. Alternatively, the Bank or any underwriter participating in the offering will arrange to send you the Prospectus and any document incorporated therein by reference if you request such documents by calling Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated toll-free at 1-866-718-1649 or Banc of America Securities LLC at 1-800-294-1322 or Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at 1-877-858-5407.