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**Subject to Completion  
Preliminary Pricing  
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August 4, 2015)**

Units	Pricing Date*	February , 2016
\$10 principal amount per unit	Settlement Date*	March , 2016
CUSIP No.	Maturity Date*	February , 2019

\* Subject to change based on the actual date the notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the “pricing date”)

**Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the S&P 500® Index**

§ Maturity of approximately three years, if not called prior to maturity

Automatic call of the notes per unit at \$10 plus the applicable Call Premium ([\$0.95 to \$1.05] on the first Observation Date and [\$1.90 to \$2.10] on the second Observation Date) if the Index is flat or increases above 100% of the Starting Value on the relevant Observation Date

§ The Observation Dates will occur approximately one year and two years after the pricing date

§ If the notes are not called, at maturity:

§ a return of 25% if the Index is flat or increases up to the Step Up Value

§ a return equal to the percentage increase in the Index if the Index increases above the Step Up Value

§ 1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Index, with up to 100% of your principal at risk

§ All payments are subject to the credit risk of Deutsche Bank AG

§ No periodic interest payments

§ Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing

**The notes are being issued by Deutsche Bank AG (“Deutsche Bank”) through its London Branch. There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security, including different investment risks and certain additional costs. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page TS-8 of this term sheet, page PS-7 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1, page PS-5 of the prospectus supplement, page 2 of the prospectus addendum and page 12 of the prospectus.**

**The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.403 and \$9.603 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. See “Summary” on the following page, “Risk Factors”**

beginning on page TS-8 of this term sheet and “Structuring the Notes” on page TS-14 of this term sheet for additional information. The actual value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy.

By acquiring the notes, you will be deemed irrevocably to agree to be bound by any Resolution Measure imposed by the competent resolution authority. See “Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures” on page TS-4 of this term sheet.

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None of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Note Prospectus (as defined below) is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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	Per Unit	Total
Public offering price <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$10.00	\$
Underwriting discount <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$0.20	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Deutsche Bank	\$9.80	\$

For any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor or in combined (1) transactions with the investor's household in this offering, the public offering price and the underwriting discount will be \$9.95 per unit and \$0.15 per unit, respectively. See “Supplement to the Plan of Distribution” below.

For any purchase by certain fee-based trusts and discretionary accounts managed by U.S. Trust operating through (2) Bank of America, N.A., the public offering price and underwriting discount will be \$9.80 per unit and \$0.00 per unit, respectively.

**The notes:**

**Are Not FDIC Insured    Are Not Bank Guaranteed    May Lose Value**

Merrill Lynch & Co.

February , 2016

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Summary

The Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the S&P 500® Index, due February , 2019 (the “notes”) are our senior unsecured obligations. The notes are not guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or secured by collateral. **The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debts except for debts required to be preferred by law. Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of Deutsche Bank and to any Resolution Measure (as described herein) imposed by the competent resolution authority.** The notes will be automatically called at the applicable Call Amount if the Observation Level of the Market Measure, which is the S&P 500® Index (the “Index”), is equal to or greater than the Call Level on the relevant Observation Date. If not called, at maturity, the notes provide you with a Step Up Payment if the Ending Value of the Index is equal to or greater than its Starting Value, but is not greater than the Step Up Value. If the Ending Value is greater than the Step Up Value, you will participate on a 1-for-1 basis in the increase in the level of the Index above the Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, you will lose all or a portion of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity or upon an automatic call, will be calculated based on the \$10 principal amount per unit and will depend on the performance of the Index, subject to our credit risk. See “Terms of the Notes” below.

On the cover page of this term sheet, we have provided the initial estimated value range for the notes. Our initial estimated value of the notes was determined based on our valuation of two theoretical components of the notes: (i) a theoretical bond component and (ii) a theoretical derivative component. The value of the bond component of the notes is calculated based on an internal funding rate, which is determined primarily based on the rates at which our conventional debt securities of comparable maturity may trade, adjusted to account for our funding needs and objectives for the period matching the term of the notes. The value of the derivative component is calculated based on our internal pricing models using relevant parameter inputs.

The economic terms of the notes (including the Call Premiums and Call Amounts) are based on the internal funding rate and the economic terms of certain related hedging arrangements. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities on equivalent terms. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes (which includes the hedging related charge described below), will reduce the economic terms of the notes to you and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. Due to these factors, the public offering price you pay to purchase the notes will be greater than the initial estimated value of the notes. The initial estimated value of the notes calculated on the pricing date will be set forth in the final term sheet made available to investors in the notes. For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see “Structuring the Notes” on page TS-14.

Terms of the Notes

Issuer:	Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch	Call Settlement	Approximately the fifth business day following the applicable Observation Date, subject to
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		Dates:	postponement if the related Observation Date is postponed, as described beginning on page PS-21 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.
Principal Amount:	\$10.00 per unit	Call Premiums:	[\$0.95 to \$1.05] per unit if called on March , 2017 (which represents a return of [9.50% to 10.50%] over the principal amount) and [\$1.90 to \$2.10] per unit if called on February , 2018 (which represents a return of [19.00% to 21.00%] over the principal amount).
Term:	Approximately three years, if not called.	Ending Value:	The actual Call Premiums will be determined on the pricing date. The closing level of the Market Measure on the scheduled calculation day. The calculation day is subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-22 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.
Market Measure:	S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol: "SPX"), a price return index.	Step Up Value:	125% of the Starting Value, rounded to two decimal places.
Starting Value:	The closing level of the Market Measure on the pricing date.	Step Up Payment:	\$2.50 per unit, which represents a return of 25% over the principal amount.
Observation Level:	The closing level of the Market Measure on the applicable Observation Date.	Threshold Value:	100% of the Starting Value
Observation Dates:	March , 2017 and February , 2018, subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-21 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.	Calculation Day:	Approximately the fifth scheduled Market Measure Business Day immediately preceding the maturity date.
Call Level:	100% of the Starting Value	Fees and Charges:	The underwriting discount of \$0.20 per unit listed on the cover page and the hedging related charge of \$0.075 per unit described in "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-14.
Call Amounts (per Unit):	[\$10.95 to \$11.05] if called on March , 2017 and [\$11.90 to \$12.10] if called on February , 2018.  The actual Call Amounts will be determined on the pricing date.	Calculation Agent:	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") and Deutsche Bank, acting jointly.

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Determining Payment on the Notes

### **Automatic Call Provision**

The notes will be called automatically on an Observation Date if the Observation Level on that Observation Date is equal to or greater than the Call Level. If the notes are called, you will receive \$10 per unit plus the applicable Call Premium.

### **Redemption Amount Determination**

If the notes are not automatically called, on the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per unit determined as follows:

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The terms and risks of the notes are contained in this term sheet and in the following:

§ Product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1 dated August 4, 2015:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006214/dp58457\\_424b2-sunequity.htm](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006214/dp58457_424b2-sunequity.htm)

§ Prospectus supplement dated July 31, 2015:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006048/crt-dp58161\\_424b2.pdf](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006048/crt-dp58161_424b2.pdf)

§ Prospectus addendum dated January 1, 2016:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010316009887/crt-dp62226\\_424b3.pdf](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010316009887/crt-dp62226_424b3.pdf)

§ Prospectus dated July 31, 2015:

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000119312515273165/d40464d424b2.htm>

These documents (together, the “Note Prospectus”) have been filed as part of a registration statement with the SEC, which may, without cost, be accessed on the SEC website as indicated above or obtained from MLPF&S by calling 1-800-294-1322. Before you invest, you should read the Note Prospectus, including this term sheet, for information about us and this offering. Any prior or contemporaneous oral statements and any other written materials you may have received are superseded by the Note Prospectus. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this term sheet have the meanings set forth in product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this document to “we,” “us,” “our,” or similar references are to Deutsche Bank.

#### Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures

Under the German Recovery and Resolution Act, which became effective on January 1, 2015, the notes may be subject to any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority under relevant German and/or European law if we become, or are deemed by the competent supervisory authority to have become, “non-viable” (as defined under the then applicable law) and are unable to continue our regulated banking activities without a Resolution Measure becoming applicable to us. A “**Resolution Measure**” may include: (i) a write down, including to zero, of any payment

(or delivery obligations) on the notes; (ii) a conversion of the notes into ordinary shares of (a) the issuer, (b) any group entity or (c) any bridge bank or other instruments of ownership of such entities qualifying as common equity tier 1 capital; and/or (iii) any other resolution measure, including, but not limited to, any transfer of the notes to another entity, the amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes or the cancellation of the notes. By acquiring the notes, you will be deemed irrevocably to agree:

to be bound by, to acknowledge and to accept any Resolution Measure and any amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes to give effect to any Resolution Measure,

that you would have no claim or other right against us arising out of any Resolution Measure, and

that the imposition of any Resolution Measure will not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, under the senior indenture or for the purpose of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as set forth in the accompanying prospectus addendum dated January 1, 2016.

*Please read "Risk Factors" in this term sheet and see the accompanying prospectus addendum for further information.*

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Investor Considerations

**You may wish to consider an investment in the notes if:**

§ You are willing to receive a return on your investment capped at the return represented by the applicable Call Premium if the relevant Observation Level is equal to or greater than the Call Level.

§ You anticipate that the notes will be automatically called or the Index will increase from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

§ You are willing to risk a loss of principal and return if the notes are not automatically called and the Index decreases from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

§ You are willing to forgo the interest payments that are paid on conventional interest bearing debt securities.

§ You are willing to forgo dividends or other benefits of owning the stocks included in the Index.

You are willing to accept a limited or no market for sales prior to maturity, and understand that the market prices for the notes, if any, will be affected by various factors, including our actual and perceived creditworthiness, the internal funding rate and fees and charges on the notes.

§ You are willing to assume our credit risk, as issuer of the notes, for all payments under the notes, including the Call Amount or the Redemption Amount, as applicable.

§ You are willing to consent to be bound by any Resolution Measure imposed by the competent resolution authority.

**The notes may not be an appropriate investment for you if:**

§ You want to hold your notes for the full term.

§ You believe that the notes will not be automatically called and the Index will decrease from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

§ You seek principal repayment or preservation of capital.

§ You seek interest payments or other current income on your investment.

§ You want to receive dividends or other distributions paid on the stocks included in the Index.

§ You seek an investment for which there will be a liquid secondary market.

§ You are unwilling or are unable to take market risk on the notes or to take our credit risk as issuer of the notes.

§ You are unwilling to consent to be bound by any Resolution Measure imposed by the competent resolution authority.

We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

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Hypothetical Payout Profile and Examples of Payments at Maturity

The below graph is based on **hypothetical** numbers and values. **These hypothetical values show a payout profile at maturity, which would only apply if the notes are not called on any Observation Date.**

**Market-Linked Step Up Notes**

This graph reflects the returns on the notes based on the Threshold Value of 100% of the Starting Value, the Step Up Payment of \$2.50 per unit and the Step Up Value of 125% of the Starting Value. The green line reflects the returns on the notes, while the dotted gray line reflects the returns of a direct investment in the stocks included in the Index, excluding dividends.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only.

The following table and examples are for purposes of illustration only. They are based on hypothetical values and show hypothetical returns on the notes, assuming the notes are not called on any Observation Date. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on a hypothetical Starting Value of 100, a Threshold Value of 100, a Step Up Value of 125, the Step Up Payment of \$2.50 per unit and a range of hypothetical Ending Values. **The actual amount you receive and the resulting total rate of return will depend on the actual Starting Value, Threshold Value, Ending Value, Step Up Value, whether the notes are called on an Observation Date and whether you hold the notes to maturity.** The following examples do not take into account any tax consequences from investing in the notes.

For recent actual levels of the Market Measure, see “The Index” section below. The Index is a price return index and as such the Ending Value will not include any income generated by dividends paid on the stocks included in the Index, which you would otherwise be entitled to receive if you invested in those stocks directly. In addition, all payments on the notes are subject to issuer credit risk.

Ending Value	Percentage Change from the Starting Value to the Ending Value	Redemption Amount per Unit	Total Rate of Return on the Notes
0.00	-100.00 %	\$0.00	-100.00 %
50.00	-50.00 %	\$5.00	-50.00 %
60.00	-40.00 %	\$6.00	-40.00 %
70.00	-30.00 %	\$7.00	-30.00 %

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80.00	-20.00	%	\$8.00	-20.00	%
90.00	-10.00	%	\$9.00	-10.00	%
100.00 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	0.00	%	\$12.50 <sup>(3)</sup>	25.00	%
102.00	2.00	%	\$12.50	25.00	%
105.00	5.00	%	\$12.50	25.00	%
110.00	10.00	%	\$12.50	25.00	%
120.00	20.00	%	\$12.50	25.00	%
125.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	25.00	%	\$12.50	25.00	%
130.00	30.00	%	\$13.00	30.00	%
140.00	40.00	%	\$14.00	40.00	%
143.00	43.00	%	\$14.30	43.00	%
150.00	50.00	%	\$15.00	50.00	%
160.00	60.00	%	\$16.00	60.00	%

<sup>(1)</sup> The **hypothetical** Starting Value of 100 used in these examples has been chosen for illustrative purposes only, and does not represent a likely actual Starting Value for the Market Measure.

<sup>(2)</sup> This is the **hypothetical** Threshold Value.

<sup>(3)</sup> This amount represents the sum of the principal amount and the Step Up Payment of \$2.50.

<sup>(4)</sup> This is the **hypothetical** Step Up Value.

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### Redemption Amount Calculation Examples

#### Example 1

The Ending Value is

70.00, or 70.00% of the

Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Threshold Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 70.00

= \$7.00 Redemption Amount per unit

#### Example 2

The Ending Value is

110.00, or 110.00% of

the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Step Up Value: 125.00

Ending Value: 110.00

Redemption Amount per unit, *the principal amount plus the Step Up Payment, since the Ending Value is equal to or greater than the Starting Value, but less than the Step Up Value.*

#### Example 3

The Ending Value is

143.00, or 143.00% of

the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Step Up Value: 125.00

Ending Value: 143.00

Redemption Amount per unit

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Risk Factors

*There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security. An investment in the notes involves significant risks, including those listed below. You should carefully review the more detailed explanation of risks relating to the notes in the “Risk Factors” sections beginning on page PS-7 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1, page PS-5 of the prospectus supplement, page 2 of the prospectus addendum and page 12 of the prospectus identified above. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.*

§ If the notes are not automatically called, depending on the performance of the Index as measured shortly before the maturity date, your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.

§ Your return on the notes may be less than the yield you could earn by owning a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security of comparable maturity.

§ Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and any actual or perceived changes in our creditworthiness are expected to affect the value of the notes. If we become insolvent or are unable to pay our obligations, you may lose your entire investment.

§ The notes may be written down to zero, be converted into ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership or become subject to other Resolution Measures. You may lose some or all of your investment if any such measure becomes applicable to us. In a resolution or German insolvency proceeding with respect to the issuer, the Structured Debt Securities (as defined in the accompanying prospectus addendum) are expected to be among the unsecured unsubordinated obligations that would be satisfied before the Non-Structured Debt Securities (as defined in the accompanying prospectus addendum). We expect the notes offered herein to be classified as Structured Debt Securities, but the competent regulatory authority or court may classify the notes differently. The imposition of any Resolution Measure does not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, the senior indenture or for the purpose of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or give you any other right to accelerate or terminate the notes. You may have limited or circumscribed rights to challenge any decision of the competent resolution authority to impose any Resolution Measure. *Please see “Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures” in this term sheet and the risk factors beginning on page 2 of the prospectus addendum for more information.*

§ If the notes are called, your investment return is limited to the return represented by the applicable Call Premium.

§ Your investment return may be less than a comparable investment directly in the stocks included in the Index.

The initial estimated value of the notes is an estimate only, determined as of a particular point in time by reference to an internal funding rate and our pricing models. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities of comparable maturity. As a result of this difference, the initial § estimated value of the notes would likely be lower if it were based on the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities of comparable maturity. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes (which includes the hedging related charge described below), reduces the economic terms of the notes to you.

Our internal pricing models consider relevant parameter inputs such as expected interest and dividend rates and mid-market levels of price and volatility of the assets underlying the notes or any futures, options or swaps related to such underlying assets. Our pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, § which may prove to be incorrect. Because our pricing models may differ from other financial institutions' valuation models, and because funding rates taken into account by other financial institutions (including those with similar creditworthiness) may vary materially from the internal funding rate used by us, our initial estimated value of the notes may not be comparable to the initial estimated values of similar notes of other financial institutions.

The public offering price you pay for the notes will exceed the initial estimated value. The difference is due to the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations § under the notes (which includes the hedging related charge described below), all as further described in "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-14. These factors are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market and, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, including changes in the level of the Index, will affect the value of the notes in complex and unpredictable ways.

The initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date does not represent the price at which we, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in the secondary market at any time. Assuming no changes in market conditions or our creditworthiness and other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which we, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in § secondary market transactions, if at all, would generally be lower than both the public offering price and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. MLPF&S has advised us that any repurchases by them or their affiliates will be made at prices determined by reference to their pricing models and at their discretion. These prices will include MLPF&S's trading commissions and mark-ups and may differ materially from the initial estimated value of the notes determined by reference to our internal funding rate and pricing models.

A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. None of us, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates is § obligated to make a market for, or to repurchase, the notes. There is no assurance that any party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price in any secondary market.

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§ Our business, hedging and trading activities, and those of MLPF&S and our respective affiliates (including trading in securities of companies included in the Index), and any hedging and trading activities we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates engage in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value and return of the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you. Our economic interests in determining the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date and the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions, are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes.

§ The Index sponsor may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and has no obligation to consider your interests.

§ You will have no rights of a holder of the securities included in the Index, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.

§ While we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates may from time to time own securities of companies included in the Index, other than the common stock of Bank of America Corporation (the parent company of MLPF&S), which is included in the Index, we, MLPF&S and our respective affiliates do not control any company included in the Index, and have not verified any disclosure made by any company.

§ There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agent.

§ The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to you. See "Summary Tax Consequences" below and "U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" beginning on page PS-30 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

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The Index

We have derived all information contained in this term sheet regarding the Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation and changes in its components, from publicly available information. We have not participated in the preparation of, or verified, such publicly available information. Such information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the “Index sponsor”). The Index was developed by the Index sponsor and is calculated, maintained and published by the Index sponsor. The Index sponsor has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue publication of, the Index. The consequences of the Index sponsor discontinuing publication of the Index are discussed in the section entitled “Description of the Notes—Discontinuance of an Index” beginning on page PS-23 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1. None of us, the calculation agent, or MLPF&S accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of the Index or any successor index.

The Index is intended to provide an indication of the pattern of common stock price movement. The calculation of the level of the Index is based on the relative value of the aggregate market value of the common stocks of 500 companies as of a particular time compared to the aggregate average market value of the common stocks of 500 similar companies during the base period of the years 1941 through 1943. Beginning April 3, 2014, the Index sponsor started including, on a case by case basis, multiple share class lines in the Index. As a result, although the Index contains 500 component companies, at any one time it may contain more than 500 component shares because some companies may be represented by multiple share class lines. Effective with the September 2015 rebalancing, the Index includes all publicly listed multiple share class lines separately in its float market cap (FMC) weighted indices subject to liquidity and float criteria currently in place. Index membership eligibility for a company with multiple share class lines is based on the total market capitalization of the company. The decision to include each publicly listed share class is evaluated line by line; the weight of each line will reflect its own float, not the combined float of all company lines.

The Index sponsor chooses companies for inclusion in the Index with the aim of achieving a distribution by broad industry groupings that approximates the distribution of these groupings in the common stock population of its Stock Guide Database of over 10,000 companies, which the Index sponsor uses as an assumed model for the composition of the total market. Relevant criteria employed by the Index sponsor include the viability of the particular company, the extent to which that company represents the industry group to which it is assigned, the extent to which the market price of that company’s common stock generally is responsive to changes in the affairs of the respective industry and the market value and trading activity of the common stock of that company.

The Index sponsor calculates the Index by reference to the prices of the constituent stocks of the Index without taking account of the value of dividends paid on those stocks. As a result, the return on the notes will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the Index constituent stocks and received the dividends paid on those stocks.



## Computation of the Index

While the Index sponsor currently employs the following methodology to calculate the Index, no assurance can be given that the Index sponsor will not modify or change this methodology in a manner that may affect the Redemption Amount.

Historically, the market value of any component stock of the Index was calculated as the product of the market price per share and the number of then outstanding shares of such component stock. In March 2005, the Index sponsor began shifting the Index halfway from a market capitalization weighted formula to a float-adjusted formula, before moving the Index to full float adjustment on September 16, 2005. The Index sponsor's criteria for selecting stocks for the Index did not change with the shift to float adjustment. However, the adjustment affects each company's weight in the Index.

Under float adjustment, the share counts used in calculating the Index reflect only those shares that are available to investors, not all of a company's outstanding shares. Float adjustment excludes shares that are closely held by control groups, other publicly traded companies or government agencies.

In September 2012, all shareholdings representing more than 5% of a stock's outstanding shares, other than holdings by "block owners," were removed from the float for purposes of calculating the Index. Generally, these "control holders" will include officers and directors, private equity, venture capital and special equity firms, other publicly traded companies that hold shares for control, strategic partners, holders of restricted shares, ESOPs, employee and family trusts, foundations associated with the company, holders of unlisted share classes of stock, government entities at all levels (other than government retirement/pension funds) and any individual person who controls a 5% or greater stake in a company as reported in regulatory filings. However, holdings by block owners, such as depository banks, pension funds, mutual funds and ETF providers, 401(k) plans of the company, government retirement/pension funds, investment funds of insurance companies, asset managers and investment funds, independent foundations and savings and investment plans, will ordinarily be considered part of the float.

Treasury stock, stock options, restricted shares, equity participation units, warrants, preferred stock, convertible stock, and rights are not part of the float. Shares held in a trust to allow investors in countries outside the country of domicile, such as depository shares and Canadian exchangeable shares are normally part of the float unless those shares form a control block. If a company has multiple classes of stock outstanding, shares in an unlisted or non-traded class are treated as a control block.

For each stock, an investable weight factor ("IWF") is calculated by dividing the available float shares by the total shares outstanding. As of September 21, 2012, available float shares are defined as the total shares outstanding less shares held by control holders. This calculation is subject to a 5% minimum threshold for control blocks. For example, if a company's officers and directors hold 3% of the company's shares, and no other control group holds 5% of the company's shares, the Index sponsor would assign that company an

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IWF of 1.00, as no control group meets the 5% threshold. However, if a company's officers and directors hold 3% of the company's shares and another control group holds 20% of the company's shares, the Index sponsor would assign an IWF of 0.77, reflecting the fact that 23% of the company's outstanding shares are considered to be held for control. For companies with multiple classes of stock, the Index sponsor calculates the weighted average IWF for each stock using the proportion of the total company market capitalization of each share class as weights.

The Index is calculated using a base-weighted aggregate methodology. The level of the Index reflects the total market value of all 500 component stocks relative to the base period of the years 1941 through 1943. An indexed number is used to represent the results of this calculation in order to make the level easier to work with and track over time. The actual total market value of the component stocks during the base period of the years 1941 through 1943 has been set to an indexed level of 10. This is often indicated by the notation 1941- 43 = 10. In practice, the daily calculation of the Index is computed by dividing the total market value of the component stocks by the "index divisor." By itself, the index divisor is an arbitrary number. However, in the context of the calculation of the Index, it serves as a link to the original base period level of the Index. The index divisor keeps the Index comparable over time and is the manipulation point for all adjustments to the Index, which is index maintenance.

### **Index Maintenance**

Index maintenance includes monitoring and completing the adjustments for company additions and deletions, share changes, stock splits, stock dividends, and stock price adjustments due to company restructuring or spinoffs. Some corporate actions, such as stock splits and stock dividends, require changes in the common shares outstanding and the stock prices of the companies in the Index, and do not require index divisor adjustments.

To prevent the level of the Index from changing due to corporate actions, corporate actions which affect the total market value of the Index require an index divisor adjustment. By adjusting the index divisor for the change in market value, the level of the Index remains constant and does not reflect the corporate actions of individual companies in the Index. Index divisor adjustments are made after the close of trading and after the calculation of the Index closing level.

Changes in a company's shares outstanding of 5.00% or more due to mergers, acquisitions, public offerings, tender offers, Dutch auctions, or exchange offers are made as soon as reasonably possible. All other changes of 5.00% or more (due to, for example, company stock repurchases, private placements, redemptions, exercise of options, warrants, conversion of preferred stock, notes, debt, equity participation units, at-the-market offerings, or other recapitalizations) are made weekly and are announced on Fridays for implementation after the close of trading on the following Friday. Changes of less than 5.00% due to a company's acquisition of another company in the Index are made as soon as reasonably possible. All other changes of less than 5.00% are accumulated and made quarterly on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December, and are usually announced two to five days prior. Changes in

IWFs of more than five percentage points caused by corporate actions (such as merger and acquisition activity, restructurings, or spinoffs) will be made as soon as reasonably possible. Other changes in IWFs will be made annually when IWFs are reviewed.

*The following graph shows the daily historical performance of the Index in the period from January 1, 2008 through January 22, 2016. We obtained this historical data from Bloomberg L.P. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg L.P. On January 22, 2016, the closing level of the Index was 1,906.90.*

### **Historical Performance of the Index**

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