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#### **Pricing Supplement**

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product supplement B dated July 31, 2015,

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*Rule 424(b)(2)* 

prospectus dated April 27, 2016

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Subject to Completion. Dated December 21, 2017

# **Structured Investments**

#### **Deutsche Bank AG**

\$ Review Notes Linked to the Lesser Performing of the Russell 2000® Index and the SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF due December 24, 2020

#### General

The notes are linked to the lesser performing of the Russell 2000® Index (the "Index") and the SPDRS&P® Regional Banking ETF (the "Fund," and together with the Index, the "Underlyings"). The notes will be automatically called if, on any of the semi-annual Review Dates starting from approximately one year after the Trade Date, the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings are greater than or equal to their respective Initial Levels. If the notes are automatically called, investors will receive on the applicable Call Settlement Date a return on the notes equal to the applicable call premium based on a rate of 11.80% per annum. The notes will cease to be outstanding following an automatic call and no further payments will be made following the Call Settlement Date.

If the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of the lesser performing Underlying, which we refer to as the "Laggard Underlying," is greater than or equal to its Trigger Level (equal to 80.00% of its Initial Level), for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, investors will receive at maturity a positive return on the notes equal to the Digital Return of 35.40%. However, if the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, investors will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Initial Level. The notes do not pay any coupons or dividends and investors should be willing to lose a significant portion or all of their investment if the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of *either* Underlying is less than its Trigger Level. Any payment on the notes is subject to the credit of the Issuer.

The first Review Date, and therefore the earliest date on which an Automatic Call may be initiated, is December 28, 2018.

- ·Senior unsecured obligations of Deutsche Bank AG due December 24, 2020
- ·Minimum purchase of \$1,000. Minimum denominations of \$1,000 (the "Face Amount") and integral multiples thereof.

The notes are expected to price on or about December 21, 2017 (the "**Trade Date**") and are expected to settle on or about December 27, 2017 (the "**Settlement Date**").

#### **Key Terms**

Issuer: Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch Issue Price: 100% of the Face Amount

Underlyings: <u>Underlying</u> <u>Ticker Symbol Initial Level Trigger Level</u>

Russell 2000® Index (the "**Index**") RTY 1,547.107 1,237.686

SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF

KRE \$60.17 \$48.14

(the "Fund")

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Investing in the notes involves a number of risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 7 of the accompanying product supplement, page PS-5 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and page 13 of the accompanying prospectus and "Selected Risk Considerations" beginning on page 9 of this pricing supplement.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date is approximately \$952.90 to \$972.90 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, which is less than the Issue Price. Please see "Issuer's Estimated Value of the Notes" on page 3 of this pricing supplement for additional information.

By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the imposition of any Resolution Measure (as defined below) by the competent resolution authority, which may include the write down of all, or a portion, of any payment on the notes or the conversion of the notes into ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership. If any Resolution Measure becomes applicable to us, you may lose some or all of your investment in the notes. Please see "Resolution Measures and Deemed Agreement" on page 4 of this pricing supplement for more information.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or passed upon the accuracy or the adequacy of this pricing supplement or the accompanying underlying supplement, product supplement, prospectus supplement or prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a

criminal offense.

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**Price to Public**<sup>(1)</sup> **Fees**<sup>(1)(2)</sup> **Proceeds to Issuer** 

**Per Note** \$1,000.00 \$15.00 \$985.00 **Total** \$ \$

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, which we refer to as JPMS LLC, or one of its affiliates will act as placement agents for the notes. The placement agents will forgo fees for sales to fiduciary accounts. The total fees represent the amount that the placement agents receive from sales to accounts other than such fiduciary accounts. The placement agents will receive a fee from the Issuer that will not exceed \$15.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes. The fees referenced above do not include additional transaction costs and fees which may be reflected in the price of the Fund. Please refer to the section "Selected Risk Considerations" in this pricing supplement for more information.

(2) Please see "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in this pricing supplement for more information about fees.

The notes are not deposits or savings accounts and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other U.S. or foreign governmental agency or instrumentality.

#### **JPMorgan**

#### **Placement Agent**

December , 2017

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Automatic Call:

The notes will be automatically called by the Issuer if, on any of the semi-annual Review Dates starting from approximately one year after the Trade Date, the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings are greater than or equal to their respective Initial Levels.

Payment upon an Automatic Call:

If the notes are automatically called, you will receive a cash payment per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the related Call Settlement Date equal to the Face Amount *plus* the *product of* the Face Amount and the applicable call premium. The notes will cease to be outstanding following an Automatic Call and no further payments will be made following the Call Settlement Date. The Review Dates, Call Settlement Dates, call premiums and the payment due upon an Automatic Call applicable to each Review Date are set forth in the table below.

Review Date	Call Settlement Date	Call Premium	<b>Payment upon an Automatic Call</b> (per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes)
December 28, 2018	January 3, 2019	11.80%	\$1,118.00
June 21, 2019	June 26, 2019	17.70%	\$1,177.00
December 23, 2019	December 27, 2019	23.60%	\$1,236.00
June 22, 2020	June 25, 2020	29.50%	\$1,295.00

Review Dates<sup>1, 2</sup>:

As set forth in the table under "Payment upon an Automatic Call" above

Call Settlement

As set forth in the table under "Payment upon an Automatic Call" above

Date<sup>1, 2</sup>: Payment at Maturity:

If the notes are not automatically called, you will receive a cash payment at maturity that will depend *solely* on the performance of the Laggard Underlying on the Averaging Dates:

• If the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is *greater than* or *equal to* its Trigger Level, you will receive a cash payment at maturity per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Digital Return)

• If the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is *less than* its Trigger Level, you will receive a cash payment at maturity per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying)

If the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level, you will be fully exposed to the negative Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying and, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, you will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Initial Level. In this circumstance, you will lose a significant portion or all of your investment at maturity. Any payment at maturity is subject to the credit of the Issuer.

Laggard Underlying:

The Underlying with the lower Underlying Return. If the calculation agent determines that the two Underlyings have equal Underlying Returns, then the calculation agent will, in its sole discretion,

designate either of the Underlyings as the Laggard Underlying.

Trigger Level: For each Underlying, 80.00% of its Initial Level, as set forth in the table under "Underlyings" above 35.40%, which represents the maximum return on the notes. Accordingly, the maximum Payment at

Maturity will be \$1,354.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes.

For each Underlying, the performance of such Underlying from its Initial Level to its Final Level,

calculated as follows:

Underlying

Final Level – Initial Level

Return:

Initial Level

*The Underlying Return for each Underlying may be positive, zero or negative.* 

For each Underlying, the Closing Level of such Underlying on the Trade Date, as set forth in the table Initial Level:

under "Underlyings" above

For each Underlying, the arithmetic average of the Closing Levels of such Underlying on each of the Final Level:

five Averaging Dates

For the Fund, the closing price of one share of the Fund on the relevant date of calculation multiplied

by the then-current Share Adjustment Factor, as determined by the calculation agent.

Closing Level:

For the Index, the closing level of the Index on the relevant date of calculation.

Share

Initially 1.0, subject to adjustment for certain actions affecting the Fund. See "Description of Securities — Adjustment

Anti-Dilution Adjustments for Funds" in the accompanying product supplement.

Factor:

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Trade Date<sup>2</sup>: December 21, 2017 Settlement Date<sup>2</sup>: December 27, 2017

Averaging Dates<sup>1</sup>, December 15, 2020, December 16, 2020, December 17, 2020, December 18, 2020 and December

<sup>2</sup>: 21, 2020

Maturity Date<sup>1, 2</sup>: December 24, 2020

Listing: The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

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Subject to adjustment as described under "Description of Securities — Adjustments to Valuation Dates and Payment Dates" in the accompanying product supplement. If a Review Date is postponed, the related Call Settlement Date will be postponed accordingly as described under "Description of Securities — Adjustments to Valuation Dates and Payment Dates" in the accompanying product supplement.

In the event that we make any changes to the expected Trade Date or Settlement Date, the Review Dates, Call <sup>2</sup>Settlement Dates, Averaging Dates and Maturity Date may be changed so that the stated term of the notes remains the same.

#### **Issuer's Estimated Value of the Notes**

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes is equal to the sum of our valuations of the following two components of the notes: (i) a bond and (ii) an embedded derivative(s). The value of the bond component of the notes is calculated based on the present value of the stream of cash payments associated with a conventional bond with a principal amount equal to the Face Amount of notes, discounted at an internal funding rate, which is determined primarily based on our market-based yield curve, adjusted to account for our funding needs and objectives for the period matching the term of the notes. 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 agent's commissions, if any, and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes, reduces the economic terms of the notes to you and is expected to adversely affect the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market. The value of the embedded derivative(s) is calculated based on our internal pricing models using 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 internal pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date (as disclosed on the cover of this pricing supplement) is less than the Issue Price of the notes. The difference between the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date is due to the inclusion in the Issue Price of the agent's commissions, if any, and the cost of hedging our obligations under the notes through one or more of our affiliates. Such hedging cost includes our or our affiliates' expected cost of providing such hedge, as well as the profit we or our affiliates expect to realize in consideration for assuming the risks inherent in providing such hedge.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date does not represent the price at which we or any of our 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 or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, would generally be lower than both the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date. Our purchase price, if any, in secondary market transactions will be based on the estimated value of the notes determined by reference to (i) the then-prevailing internal funding rate (adjusted by a spread) or another appropriate measure of our cost of funds and (ii) our pricing models at that time, less a bid spread determined after taking into account the size of the repurchase, the nature of the assets underlying the notes and then-prevailing market conditions. The price we report to financial reporting services and to distributors of our notes for use on customer account statements would generally be determined on the same basis. However, during the period of approximately six months beginning from the Trade Date, we or our affiliates may, in our sole discretion, increase the purchase price determined as described above by an amount equal to the declining differential between the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date, prorated over such period on a straight-line basis, for transactions that are individually and in the aggregate of the expected size for ordinary secondary market repurchases.

### **Resolution Measures and Deemed Agreement**

On May 15, 2014, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted a directive establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (commonly referred to as the "Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive"). The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive required each member state of the European Union to adopt and publish by December 31, 2014 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive. Germany adopted the Recovery and Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz, or the "Resolution Act"), which became effective on January 1, 2015. The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive and the Resolution Act provided national resolution authorities with a set of resolution powers to intervene in the event that a bank is failing or likely to fail and certain other conditions are met. From January 1, 2016, the power to initiate resolution measures applicable to significant banking groups (such as Deutsche Bank Group) in the European Banking Union has been transferred to the European Single Resolution Board which, based on the European Union regulation establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund (the "SRM Regulation"), works in close cooperation with the European Central Bank, the European Commission and the national resolution authorities. Pursuant to the SRM Regulation, the Resolution Act and other applicable rules and regulations, the notes may be subject to any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority 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. By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the provisions set forth in the accompanying prospectus, which we have summarized below.

By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the imposition of any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority. Under the relevant resolution laws and regulations as applicable to us from time to time, the notes may be subject to the powers exercised by the competent resolution authority to: (i) write down, including to zero, any payment (or delivery obligations) on the notes; (ii) convert 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) apply 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. We refer to each of these measures as a "Resolution Measure." A "group entity" refers to an entity that is included in the corporate group subject to a Resolution Measure. A "bridge bank" refers to a newly chartered German bank that would receive some or all of our assets, liabilities and material contracts, including those attributable to our branches and subsidiaries, in a resolution proceeding.

Furthermore, by acquiring the notes, you:

·are deemed irrevocably to have agreed, and you will agree: (i) 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; (ii) that you will have no claim or other right against us arising out of any Resolution Measure; and (iii) that the imposition of any Resolution Measure will not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, under the senior indenture dated November 22, 2006 among us, Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as trustee, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as issuing agent, paying agent,

authenticating agent and registrar, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Indenture"), or for the purposes of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act");

waive, to the fullest extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act and applicable law, any and all claims against the trustee and the paying agent, the issuing agent and the registrar (each, an "**indenture agent**") for, agree not to initiate a suit against the trustee or the indenture agents in respect of, and agree that the trustee and the indenture agents will not be liable for, any action that the trustee or the indenture agents take, or abstain from taking, in either case in accordance with the imposition of a Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority with respect to the notes; and

will be deemed irrevocably to have: (i) consented to the imposition of any Resolution Measure as it may be imposed without any prior notice by the competent resolution authority of its decision to exercise such power with respect to the notes; (ii) authorized, directed and requested The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and any direct participant in DTC or other intermediary through which you hold such notes to take any and all necessary action, if required, to implement the imposition of any Resolution Measure with respect to the notes as it may be imposed, without any further action or direction on your part or on the part of the trustee or the indenture agents; and (iii) acknowledged and accepted that the Resolution Measure provisions described herein and in the "Resolution Measures" section of the accompanying prospectus are exhaustive on the matters described herein and therein to the exclusion of any other agreements, arrangements or understandings between you and the Issuer relating to the terms and conditions of the notes.

This is only a summary, for more information please see the accompanying prospectus dated April 27, 2016, including the risk factors beginning on page 13 of such prospectus.

#### **Additional Terms Specific to the Notes**

You should read this pricing supplement together with underlying supplement No. 1 dated August 17, 2015, product supplement B dated July 31, 2015, the prospectus supplement dated July 31, 2015 relating to our Series A global notes of which these notes are a part and the prospectus dated April 27, 2016. Delaware Trust Company, which acquired the corporate trust business of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, is the successor trustee of the notes. When you read the accompanying underlying supplement, product supplement and prospectus supplement, please note that all references in such supplements to the prospectus dated July 31, 2015, or to any sections therein, should refer instead to the accompanying prospectus dated April 27, 2016 or to the corresponding sections of such prospectus, as applicable, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires. You may access these documents on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") at.www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Underlying supplement No. 1 dated August 17, 2015:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006546/crt dp58829-424b2.pdf

Product supplement B dated July 31, 2015:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006059/crt dp58181-424b2.pdf

Prospectus supplement dated July 31, 2015:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006048/crt-dp58161 424b2.pdf

Prospectus dated April 27, 2016:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000119312516559607/d181910d424b21.pdf

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC website is 0001159508. As used in this pricing supplement, "we," "us" or "our" refers to Deutsche Bank AG, including, as the context requires, acting through one of its branches.

This pricing supplement, together with the documents listed above, contains the terms of the notes and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials including preliminary or indicative pricing terms, correspondence, trade ideas, structures for implementation, sample structures, brochures or other educational materials of ours. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in this

pricing supplement and in "Risk Factors" in the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, as the notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before deciding to invest in the notes.

You may revoke your offer to purchase the notes at any time prior to the time at which we accept such offer by notifying the applicable agent. We reserve the right to change the terms of, or reject any offer to purchase, the notes prior to their issuance. We will notify you in the event of any changes to the terms of the notes and you will be asked to accept such changes in connection with your purchase of any notes. You may choose to reject such changes, in which case we may reject your offer to purchase the notes.

### **Hypothetical Examples**

The following table illustrates the hypothetical payments on the notes upon an Automatic Call or at maturity. The table below is based on the following assumptions:

Trigger Level: For each Underlying, 80.00% of its Initial Level, as set forth in the table under "Underlyings" above

Call premiums: 11.80%, 17.70%, 23.60% and 29.50% for the first, second, third and final Review Dates, respectively

Digital Return: 35.40%

There will be only one payment on the notes, either at maturity or, due to an Automatic Call, on a Call Settlement Date. An entry of "N/A" in the table below indicates that the notes would not be called on the applicable Review Date and no payment would be made on the corresponding Call Settlement Date. The hypothetical returns set forth below are for illustrative purposes only. The actual return will be based on the Closing Levels of the Underlyings on the Review Dates or the Averaging Dates, as applicable. The numbers appearing in the table and the hypothetical examples below may have been rounded for ease of analysis and it has been assumed that no event affecting the Fund has occurred during the term of the notes that would cause the calculation agent to adjust the Share Adjustment Factor. You should consider carefully whether the notes are suitable to your investment goals. We make no representation or warranty as to which of the Underlyings will be the Laggard Underlying for purposes of calculating the Payment at Maturity.

Hypothetical Appreciation / Depreciation of the Lesser Performing Underlying (%)		Hypothetical Return on Second Review Date(%)**	Hypothetical Return on Third Review Date (%)**	Hypothetical Return on Final Review Date (%)**	Hypothetical Return on the Notes at Maturity (%)	Hypothetical Payment at Maturity (\$)
100.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
90.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
80.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
70.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
60.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
50.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
40.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
30.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
20.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
10.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
0.00%	11.80%	17.70%	23.60%	29.50%	35.40%	\$1,354.00
-10.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.40%	\$1,354.00
-20.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.40%	\$1,354.00
-21.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-21.00%	\$790.00
-30.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-30.00%	\$700.00

-40.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-40.00%	\$600.00
-50.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-50.00%	\$500.00
-60.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-60.00%	\$400.00
-70.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-70.00%	\$300.00
-80.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-80.00%	\$200.00
-90.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-90.00%	\$100.00
-100.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.00%	\$0.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> If the notes are automatically called, payable on the corresponding Call Settlement Date.

# **Hypothetical Examples of Amounts Payable on the Notes**

The following hypothetical examples illustrate how the returns set forth in the table above are calculated.

**Example 1: The Closing Levels of** *both* **Underlyings are greater than their respective Initial Levels on the first Review Date.** Because the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings on the first Review Date are greater than their respective Initial Levels, the notes are automatically called on the first Review Date. The investor will receive a single cash payment of \$1,118.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the corresponding Call Settlement Date. There will be no further payments on the notes.

Example 2: The Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on the first and second Review Dates and the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings are greater than their respective Initial Levels on the third Review Date. Because the Closing Level of at least one Underlying on both the first and second Review Dates is less than its Initial Level, the notes are not automatically called on the first and second Review Dates. Because the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings are greater than their respective Initial Levels on the third Review Date, the notes are automatically called on the third Review Date. The investor will receive a single cash payment of \$1,236.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the corresponding Call Settlement Date. There will be no further payments on the notes.

Example 3: The Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date. The Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is greater than its Trigger Level, resulting in an Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying of 60.00%. Because the Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date, the notes are not automatically called. Because the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is greater than its Trigger Level, despite the Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying being greater than the Digital Return, the investor will receive a single cash payment of \$1,354.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the Maturity Date, calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Digital Return)

 $1,000 + (1,000 \times 35.40\%) = 1,354.00$ 

Example 4: The Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date. The Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is greater than its Trigger Level, resulting in an Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying of -10.00%. Because the Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date, the notes are not automatically called. Because the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is greater than its Trigger Level, the investor will receive a single cash payment of \$1,354.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the Maturity Date, calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Digital Return)

 $1,000 + (1,000 \times 35.40\%) = 1,354.00$ 

Example 5: The Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date. The Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level (while the Final Level of the other Underlying is greater than its Initial Level), resulting in an Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying of -50.00%. Because the Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date, the notes are not automatically called. Because the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level, despite the Final Level of the other Underlying being greater than its Initial Level, the investor will receive a single cash payment of \$500.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the Maturity Date, calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying)

 $1,000 + (1,000 \times -50.00\%) = 500.00$ 

Example 6: The Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date. The Final Levels of both Underlyings are less than their respective Initial Levels, with the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying being less than its Trigger Level, resulting in an Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying of -70.00%. Because the Closing Level of at least one Underlying is less than its Initial Level on each Review Date, the notes are not automatically called. Because the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level, the investor will receive a single cash payment of \$300.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes on the Maturity Date, calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Underlying Return of the Laggard Underlying)

 $1,000 + (1,000 \times -70.00\%) = 300.00$ 

#### **Selected Purchase Considerations**

STEP-UP APPRECIATION POTENTIAL — If the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings on any Review Date are greater than or equal to their respective Initial Levels, the notes will be automatically called and you will receive a return on the notes equal to the call premium applicable to such Review Date. The call premiums applicable to the first, second, third and final Review Dates are 11.80%, 17.70%, 23.60% and 29.50%, respectively. Even if the notes are not automatically called, if the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is greater than or equal to its Trigger Level, you will receive on the Maturity Date a positive return on the notes equal to the Digital Return of 35.40%. In this circumstance, you would receive on the Maturity Date the maximum Payment at Maturity of \$1,354.00 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes. Any payment on the notes is subject to our ability to satisfy our obligations as they become due.

**LIMITED PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS** — If the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of the ·Laggard Underlying is greater than or equal to its Trigger Level, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, you will receive at

maturity a positive return on the notes equal to the Digital Return. However, if the notes are not automatically called and the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Trigger Level, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, you will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Level of the Laggard Underlying is less than its Initial Level. In this circumstance, you will lose a significant portion or all of your investment in the notes at maturity.

#### POTENTIAL EARLY EXIT WITH APPRECIATION AS A RESULT OF THE AUTOMATIC CALL

**FEATURE** — While the original term of the notes is approximately three years, the notes will be automatically called before maturity if the Closing Levels of *both* Underlyings on any Review Date are greater than or equal to their respective Initial Levels, and you will receive the applicable payment corresponding to that Review Date, as set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement. For the avoidance of doubt, the fees and commissions described on the cover of this pricing supplement will not be rebated or subject to amortization if the notes are automatically called.

**RETURN LINKED TO THE LESSER PERFORMING OF THE TWO UNDERLYINGS** — The return on the notes, which may be positive, zero or negative, is linked to the lesser performing of the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the SPDR<sup>®</sup> S&P<sup>®</sup> Regional Banking ETF as described herein. If the notes are not automatically called, the Payment at Maturity you receive, if any, will be determined *solely* by reference to the performance of the Laggard Underlying.

#### Russell 2000® Index

The Russell 2000® Index is designed to track the performance of the small capitalization segment of the U.S. equity market. The Russell 2000® Index measures the composite price performance of stocks of approximately 2,000 companies domiciled in the U.S. and its territories and consists of the smallest 2,000 companies included in the Russell 3000® Index. The Russell 2000® Index represents approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000® Index. This is only a summary of the Russell 2000® Index. For more information on the Russell 2000® Index, including information concerning its composition, calculation methodology and adjustment policy, please see the section entitled "The Russell Indices — The Russell 2000Madex" in the accompanying underlying supplement No. 1 dated August 17, 2015.

### SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF

The SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF is an exchange-traded fund managed by SPDR® Series Trust, a registered investment company. The SPDR® Series Trust consists of numerous separate investment portfolios, including the SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF. SSgA Funds Management, Inc. (the "Fund Advisor") is the investment adviser of the SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF. The SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF seeks to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the total return performance of the S&P® Regional Banks Select Industry<sup>TM</sup> Index (the "Tracked Index"), which represents the regional banking sub-industry portion of the U.S. equity market. The SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF trades on the NYSE Arca under the ticker symbol "KRE." This is only a summary of the SPDRS&P® Regional Banking ETF. For more information on the SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF, please see the section entitled "The Select Industry SPDR Exchange Traded Funds — The

SPDR® S&P® Regional Banking ETF" in the accompanying underlying supplement No. 1 dated August 17, 2015. For more information on the S&P® Regional Banks Select Industry<sup>TM</sup> Index, please see the section entitled "The S&P Dow Jones Indices — The S&P Select Industry Indices — The \$\mathbb{R}\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{Q}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}\mathbb

TAX CONSEQUENCES — In the opinion of our special tax counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, which is based on prevailing market conditions, it is more likely than not that the notes will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as prepaid financial contracts that are not debt. Generally, if this treatment is respected, (i) you should not recognize taxable income or loss prior to the maturity or other taxable disposition of your notes and (ii) the gain or loss on your notes should be capital gain or loss and should be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the notes for more than one year. The Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or a court might not agree with this treatment, however, in which case the timing and character of income or loss on your notes could be materially and adversely affected.

In 2007, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of "prepaid forward contracts" and similar instruments. The notice focuses in particular on whether beneficial owners of these instruments should be required to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; the relevance of factors such as the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the "constructive ownership" regime, which very generally can operate to recharacterize certain long-term capital gain as ordinary income and impose a notional interest charge. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition

rules and effective dates, 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 notes, possibly with retroactive effect.

Withholding under legislation commonly referred to as "FATCA" might (if the notes were recharacterized as debt instruments) apply to amounts treated as interest paid with respect to the notes, as well as to payments of gross proceeds of a taxable disposition, including upon an automatic call or at maturity, of a note. However, under a recent IRS notice, this regime will not apply to payments of gross proceeds (other than any amount treated as interest) with respect to dispositions occurring before January 1, 2019. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the potential application of FATCA to the notes.

Section 871(m) of the Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder ("Section 871(m)") generally impose a 30% withholding tax (unless an income tax treaty applies) on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to non-U.S. holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities or indices that include U.S. equities. Section 871(m) provides certain exceptions to this withholding regime, including for instruments linked to certain broad-based indices that meet requirements set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations (such an