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**Wells Fargo Finance LLC**

***Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Wells Fargo & Company***  
**Market Linked Securities**

Market Linked Securities—Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside  
Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index due May 8, 2023  
Term Sheet to Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 53 dated April 1, 2019

Summary of Terms

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|--------------------------|---|
| Issuer:                  | Wells Fargo Finance LLC   |
| Guarantor:               | Wells Fargo & Company   |
| Term:                    | Approximately 4 years   |
| Market Measure:          | S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index (the “ <u>Index</u> ”)   |
| Pricing Date:            | April 29, 2019*   |
| Issue Date:              | May 6, 2019*  |
| Original Offering Price: | \$1,000 per security (100% of par)  |
| Maturity Payment Amount: | See “How the maturity payment amount is calculated” on page 3   |
| Stated Maturity Date:    | May 8, 2023*  |
| Starting Level:          | The closing level of the Index on the pricing date  |
| Ending Level:            | The closing level of the Index on the calculation day   |
| Threshold Level:         | 70% of the starting level   |
| Contingent Fixed Return: | 28% to 32% of the original offering price per security (\$280 to \$320 per security), to be determined on the pricing date  |
| Calculation Day:         | May 1, 2023*  |
| Calculation Agent:       | Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (“ <u>WFS</u> ”), an affiliate of the issuer and the guarantor  |
| Denominations:           | \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000  |
| Agent Discount:          | 2.325%; dealers, including those using the trade name Wells Fargo Advisors (“ <u>WFA</u> ”), may receive a selling concession of up to 2.25% and WFS will pay 0.075% of the agent’s discount to WFA as a distribution expense fee |

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Description of Terms

Linked to the S&P 500® Index

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a maturity payment amount that may be greater than, equal to or less than the original offering price of the securities, depending on the performance of the Index from its starting level to its ending level. The maturity payment amount will reflect the following terms:

**If the level of the Index increases (regardless of the extent of that increase) or stays the same:**

You will receive the original offering price plus a contingent fixed return of 28% to 32% (to be determined on the pricing date) of the original offering price.

**If the level of the Index decreases but the decrease is not more than 30%:**

You will be repaid the original offering price

**If the level of the Index decreases by more than 30%:**

You will have full downside exposure to the decrease in the level of the Index from the starting level, and you will lose more than 30%, and possibly all, of the original offering price of your securities

Investors may lose some, or all, of the original offering price

Any positive return on the securities at maturity will be limited to the contingent fixed return, even if the ending level significantly exceeds the starting level; you will not participate in any appreciation of the Index beyond the contingent fixed return

All payments on the securities are subject to credit risk, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in the Index for payment; if Wells Fargo Finance LLC, as issuer, and Wells Fargo & Company, as guarantor, default on their obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment

• No periodic interest payments or dividends

• No exchange listing; designed to be held to maturity

\*To the extent that the issuer makes any change to the expected pricing date or expected issue date, the calculation day and stated maturity date may also be changed in the issuer's discretion to ensure that the term of the securities remains the same.

On the date of the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement, the estimated value of the securities is approximately \$952.55 per security. While the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date may differ from the estimated value set forth above, the issuer does not expect it to differ significantly absent a material change in market conditions or other relevant factors. In no event will the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date be less than \$932.55 per security. The estimated value of the securities was determined for the issuer by Wells Fargo Securities, LLC using its proprietary pricing models. It is not an indication of actual profit to the issuer or to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any of the issuer's other affiliates, nor is it an indication of the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you at any time after issuance. See "Estimated Value of the Securities" in the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement.

**The securities have complex features and investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See "Selected Risk Considerations" in this term sheet and "Risk Factors" in the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement.**

**This introductory term sheet does not provide all of the information that an investor should consider prior to making an investment decision.**

Investors should carefully review the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement, market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus before making a decision to invest in the securities.

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## Hypothetical Payout Profile

The profile to the right is based on a hypothetical contingent fixed return of 30.00% or \$300.00 per \$1,000 security (the midpoint of the specified range for the contingent fixed return) and a threshold level equal to 70% 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 contingent fixed return, and whether you hold your securities to maturity.

## Hypothetical Returns

| <b>Hypothetical ending level</b> | <b>Hypothetical percentage change from the hypothetical starting level to the hypothetical ending level</b> | <b>Hypothetical maturity payment amount payable at stated maturity per security</b> | <b>Hypothetical pre-tax total rate of return</b> |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 175.00                           | 75.00%  | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 150.00                           | 50.00%  | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 140.00                           | 40.00%  | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 120.00                           | 20.00%  | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 110.00                           | 10.00%  | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 105.00                           | 5.00%   | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 100.00 <sup>(1)</sup>            | 0.00%   | \$1,300.00  | 30.00%   |
| 95.00                            | -5.00%  | \$1,000.00  | 0.00%  |
| 90.00                            | -10.00%   | \$1,000.00  | 0.00%  |
| 80.00                            | -20.00%   | \$1,000.00  | 0.00%  |
| 70.00                            | -30.00%   | \$1,000.00  | 0.00%  |
| 69.00                            | -31.00%   | \$690.00  | -31.00%  |
| 60.00                            | -40.00%   | \$600.00  | -40.00%  |
| 50.00                            | -50.00%   | \$500.00  | -50.00%  |
| 25.00                            | -75.00%   | \$250.00  | -75.00%  |

Assumes a hypothetical contingent fixed return of 30.00%, or \$300.00 per security (the midpoint of the specified range of the contingent fixed return). Each security has an original offering price of \$1,000.

<sup>(1)</sup> The hypothetical starting level of 100.00 has been chosen for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the actual starting level. The actual starting level will be determined on the pricing date and will be set forth under “Summary of Terms” above. For historical data regarding the actual closing levels of the Index, see the historical

information set forth under the section titled “The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index” in the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement.

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 rate of return will depend on the actual starting level, ending level and contingent fixed return.

### How The Maturity Payment Amount Is Calculated

On the stated maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per security equal to the maturity payment amount. The maturity payment amount per security will equal:

- If the ending level is greater than or equal to the starting level: \$1,000 *plus* the contingent fixed return;
- If the ending level is less than 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*

**If the ending level is less than the threshold level, you will lose more than 30%, and possibly all, of the original offering price of your securities at maturity.**

### Selected Risk Considerations

The risks set forth below are discussed in detail in the “Risk Factors” section in the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement. Please review those risk disclosures carefully.

**If The Ending Level Is Less Than The Threshold Level, You Will Lose More Than 30%, And Possibly All, Of The Original Offering Price Of Your Securities At Maturity.**

- **No Periodic Interest Will Be Paid On The Securities.**
- **The Potential Return On The Securities Is Limited To The Contingent Fixed Return.**
- **The Securities Are Subject To Credit Risk.**

**As A Finance Subsidiary, The Issuer Has No Independent Operations And Will Have No Independent Assets.**

- **Holders Of The Securities Have Limited Rights Of Acceleration.**

**Holders Of The Securities Could Be At Greater Risk For Being Structurally Subordinated If Either The Issuer Or The Guarantor Conveys, Transfers Or Leases All Or Substantially All Of The Issuer’s Or The Guarantor’s Assets To One Or More Of The Guarantor’s Subsidiaries.**

**The Securities Will Not Have The Benefit Of Any Cross-Default Or Cross-Acceleration With Other Indebtedness Of The Guarantor; Events Of Bankruptcy, Insolvency, Receivership Or Liquidation Relating To The Guarantor And Failure By The Guarantor To Perform Any Of Its Covenants Or Warranties (Other Than A Payment Default Under The Guarantee) Will Not Constitute An Event Of Default With Respect To The Securities.**

**The Estimated Value Of The Securities On The Pricing Date, Based On Wells Fargo Securities, LLC’s Proprietary Pricing Models, Will Be Less Than The Original Offering Price.**

**The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By The Issuer’s Affiliate’s Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers.**

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

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

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**The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And The Issuer Does Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.**

**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.**

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

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

**The Issuer And Its Affiliates Have No Affiliation With The Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Its Public Disclosure Of Information.**

- **The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed If The Calculation Day Is Postponed.**

**The Issuer's And The Guarantor's Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests.**

*The calculation agent is the Issuer's affiliate and may be required to make discretionary judgments that affect the return you receive on the securities.*

*The estimated value of the securities was calculated by the Issuer's affiliate and is therefore not an independent third-party valuation.*

*Research reports by the Issuer's 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.*

*Business activities of the Issuer's 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.*

*Hedging activities by the Issuer's affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the Index.*

*Trading activities by the Issuer's affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the Index.*

*A participating dealer or its affiliates may realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models in addition to any selling concession and/or distribution expense fee, creating 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.**

### **Not suitable for all investors**

**Investment suitability must be determined individually for each investor. The securities described herein are not a suitable investment for all investors. In particular, no investor should purchase the securities unless they understand and are able to bear the associated market, liquidity and yield risks. Unless market conditions and other relevant factors change significantly in your favor, a sale of the securities prior to maturity is likely to result in sale proceeds that are substantially less than the original offering price per security. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and its affiliates are not obligated to purchase the securities from you at any time prior to maturity.**

The issuer and the guarantor have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents that the issuer and the guarantor have filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer, the guarantor and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, the guarantor, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling your financial advisor or by calling Wells Fargo Securities at 866-346-7732.

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### **Consult your tax advisor**



Investors should review carefully the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement, market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus and consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the U.S. federal tax laws to their particular circumstances, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. jurisdiction.

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