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**Preliminary Pricing
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Supplement dated

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March 18, 2015)

Units	Pricing Date*	November , 2017
\$10 principal amount per unit	Settlement Date*	November , 2017
CUSIP No.	Maturity Date*	November , 2019
* Subject to change based on the actual date the notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the pricing date)		

Capped Leveraged Index Return Notes® Linked to the Russell 2000® Index

1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Index beyond a 10% decline, with up to 90% of your principal at risk

Maturity of approximately two years

2-to-1 upside exposure to increases in the Index, subject to a capped return of [13% to 17%]

All payments occur at maturity and are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo & Company; if Wells Fargo & Company defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment

No periodic interest payments or dividends

In addition to the underwriting discount set forth below, the notes include a hedging-related charge of \$0.075 per unit. See Structuring the Notes

Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing; intended to be held to maturity

The notes are unsecured obligations of Wells Fargo & Company. The notes are not deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction

The notes are being issued by Wells Fargo & Company (Wells Fargo). The notes have complex features and investing in the notes involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See Risk Factors and Additional Risk Factors beginning on page TS-7 of this term sheet and Risk Factors beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1.

The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.43 and \$9.58 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. The range for the initial estimated value of the notes is based on the estimated value of the notes determined for us as of the date of this term sheet by Wells Fargo Securities, LLC using its proprietary pricing models. The actual value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy. See Summary on the following page, Risk Factors beginning on page TS-7 of this term sheet and Structuring the Notes on page TS-16 of this term sheet for additional information.

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.

	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	\$ 10.00	\$
Underwriting discount ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.20	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Wells Fargo	\$ 9.80	\$

- (1) For any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor or in combined 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.

The notes:

Are Not FDIC Insured

**Are Not Bank
Guaranteed**

May Lose Value

Merrill Lynch & Co.

November , 2017

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Summary

The Capped Leveraged Index Return Notes[®] Linked to the Russell 2000[®] Index, due November , 2019 (the notes) are our senior unsecured debt securities. The notes are not deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction. **The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo.** The notes provide you a leveraged return, subject to a cap, if the Ending Value of the Market Measure, which is the Russell 2000[®] Index (the Index), is greater than its Starting Value. If the Ending Value is equal to or less than the Starting Value but greater than or equal to the Threshold Value, you will receive the principal amount of your notes. If the Ending Value is less than the Threshold Value, you will lose a portion, which could be significant, of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity, 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 and The Index below.

The public offering price of each note of \$10 includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the notes on the pricing date will be less than the public offering price. The costs included in the public offering price relate to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type.

The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes include (a) the underwriting discount, (b) the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be MLPF&S or one of its affiliates) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the notes and (c) hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the notes.

Our funding considerations take into account the higher issuance, operational and ongoing management costs of market-linked debt such as the notes as compared to our conventional debt of the same maturity, as well as our liquidity needs and preferences. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the notes based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than the interest rates implied by secondary market prices for our debt obligations and/or by other traded instruments referencing our debt obligations, which we refer to as our secondary market rates. As discussed below, our secondary market rates are used in determining the estimated value of the notes.

If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the notes were higher, the economic terms of the notes would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher. The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date will be set forth in the final term sheet made available to investors in the notes.

Our affiliate, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (WFS), calculated the range for the initial estimated value of the notes set forth on the cover page of this term sheet, based on its proprietary pricing models. The range for the initial estimated value reflects terms that are not yet fixed, as well as uncertainty about market conditions and other relevant factors as of the pricing date. In no event will the estimated value of the notes on the pricing date be less than the bottom of the

range. Based on WFS's proprietary pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions, WFS determined an estimated value for the notes by estimating the value of the combination of hypothetical financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the notes, which combination consists of a non-interest bearing, fixed-income bond (the debt component) and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the notes (the derivative component). For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see Risk Factors beginning on page TS-7 of this term sheet and Structuring the Notes on page TS-16 of this term sheet.

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Terms of the Notes

Redemption Amount Determination

On the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per unit determined as follows:

Issuer:	Wells Fargo & Company (Wells Fargo)
Principal Amount:	\$10.00 per unit
Term:	Approximately two years
Market Measure:	The Russell 2000® Index (Bloomberg symbol: RTY), a price return index
Starting Value:	The closing level of the Market Measure on the pricing date
Ending Value:	The average of the closing levels of the Market Measure on each calculation day occurring during the maturity valuation period. The scheduled calculation days are subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described on page PS-19 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1.
Threshold Value:	90% of the Starting Value, rounded to three decimal places.

Participation 200%

Rate:

Capped Value: [\$11.30 to \$11.70] per unit of the notes, which represents a return of [13% to 17%] over the principal amount. The actual Capped Value will be determined on the pricing date.

Maturity Five scheduled calculation days shortly before the maturity date, which will be set forth in the final pricing supplement.

Valuation

Period:

Fees and The underwriting discount of \$0.20 per unit listed on the cover page and the hedging related charge of \$0.075 per unit. See Structuring the Notes on page TS-16.

Charges:

Joint WFS and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (MLPF&S), acting jointly.

Calculation

Agents:

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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 LIRN-1 dated May 22, 2017:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312517177775/d394073d424b2.htm>

Prospectus supplement dated March 18, 2015 and Prospectus dated March 18, 2015:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312515096449/d890684d424b2.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, together with 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 LIRN-1. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this document to we, us, our, or similar references are to Wells Fargo.

Leveraged Index Return Note® and LIRN® are registered service marks of Bank of America Corporation, the parent company of MLPF&S.

Investor Considerations

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

You anticipate that the Index will increase moderately from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

You are willing to risk a loss of principal and return if the Index decreases from the Starting Value to an Ending Value that is below the Threshold Value.

You accept that the return on the notes will be capped.

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

You believe that the Index will decrease from the Starting Value to the Ending Value or that it will not increase sufficiently over the term of the notes to provide you with your desired return.

You seek 100% principal repayment or preservation of capital.

You seek an uncapped return on your investment.

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

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

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

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

You are willing to accept a limited market 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, our assumed funding rate and fees and charges on the notes.

You seek an investment for which there will be a liquid secondary market or you are unwilling to hold the notes to maturity.

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

You are unwilling to accept the credit risk of Wells Fargo or unwilling to obtain exposure to the Index through an investment in the notes.

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

The below graph is based on **hypothetical** numbers and values.

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This graph reflects the returns on the notes, based on the Participation Rate of 200%, a Threshold Value of 90% of the Starting Value and a Capped Value of \$11.50 (the midpoint of the Capped Value range of [\$11.30 to \$11.70]). 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. See below table for a further illustration of the range of hypothetical payments at maturity.

Hypothetical Payments at Maturity

The following table and examples are for purposes of illustration only. They are based on **hypothetical** values and show **hypothetical** returns on the notes. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on a hypothetical Starting Value of 100, a hypothetical Threshold Value of 90, the Participation Rate of 200%, a hypothetical public offering price of \$10.00 per unit, a **hypothetical** Capped Value of \$11.50 (the midpoint of the range for the Capped Value), 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, Capped Value, the actual price you pay for the notes 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 Index, 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%	\$1.00	-90.00%

50.00	-50.00%	\$6.00	-40.00%
60.00	-40.00%	\$7.00	-30.00%
70.00	-30.00%	\$8.00	-20.00%
80.00	-20.00%	\$9.00	-10.00%
90.00 ⁽¹⁾	-10.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
95.00	-5.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
100.00 ⁽²⁾	0.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
105.00	5.00%	\$11.00	10.00%
107.50	7.50%	\$11.50 ⁽³⁾	15.00%
110.00	10.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
120.00	20.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
130.00	30.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
140.00	40.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
150.00	50.00%	\$11.50	15.00%
160.00	60.00%	\$11.50	15.00%

(1) This is the **hypothetical** Threshold Value.

(2) 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.

(3) The Redemption Amount per unit cannot exceed the **hypothetical** Capped Value. Therefore, your return on the notes for Ending Values greater than 107.50% of the Starting Value will be limited to the Capped Value.

Starting Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 105.00

$$\begin{aligned} \$10 + \quad & \$10 \times 200\% \quad \left(\frac{105 - 100}{100} \right) &= \mathbf{\$11.00} \text{ Redemption Amount per unit} \end{aligned}$$

Example 4

The Ending Value is 130.00, or 130.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 130.00

$$\begin{aligned} \$10 + \quad & \$10 \times 200\% \quad \left(\frac{130 - 100}{100} \right) &= \mathbf{\$16.00, \text{ however, because the Redemption Amount for the notes} } \\ & & \mathbf{\text{cannot exceed the Capped Value, the Redemption Amount will} } \\ & & \mathbf{\text{be \$11.50 per unit}} \end{aligned}$$

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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-6 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1 identified above. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

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. As a result, even if the value of the Index has increased at certain times during the term of the notes, if the Ending Value is less than the Threshold Value, you will receive less than, and possibly lose a significant portion of, your principal amount.

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. There will be no periodic interest payments on notes as there would be on a conventional fixed-rate or floating-rate debt security having the same maturity.

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

Any positive return on your investment is limited to the return represented by the Capped Value and may be less than a comparable investment directly in the stocks included in the Index.

The estimated value of the notes is determined by our affiliate's pricing models, which may differ from those of MLPF&S or other dealers. The estimated value of the notes was determined for us by WFS using its proprietary pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions. Based on these pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions, WFS determined an estimated value for the notes by estimating the value of the combination of hypothetical financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the notes, which combination consists of a non-interest bearing, fixed-income bond (the debt component) and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the notes (the derivative component).

The estimated value of the debt component is based on a reference interest rate, determined by WFS as of a date near the time of calculation that generally tracks our secondary market rates. Because WFS does not continuously calculate our reference interest rate, the reference interest rate used in the calculation of the estimated value of the debt component may be higher or lower than our secondary market rates at the time of that calculation. Because the reference interest rate is generally higher than the assumed funding rate that is used to determine the economic terms of the notes, using the reference interest rate to value the debt component generally results in a lower estimated value for the debt component, which we believe more closely approximates a market valuation of the debt component than if we had used the assumed funding rate. WFS calculated the estimated value of the derivative component based on a proprietary derivative-pricing model, which generated a theoretical price for the derivative instruments that constitute the derivative component based on various inputs, including, but not limited to, Index performance; interest rates; volatility of the Index; time remaining to maturity; and dividend yields on the securities included in the Index. These inputs may be market-observable or may be based on assumptions made by WFS in its discretion.

The estimated value of the notes is not an independent third-party valuation and certain inputs to these models may be determined by WFS in its discretion. WFS's views on these inputs may differ from those of MLPF&S and other dealers, and WFS's estimated value of the notes may be higher, and perhaps materially higher, than the estimated value of the notes that would be determined by MLPF&S or other dealers in the market. WFS's models and its inputs and related assumptions may prove to be wrong and therefore not an accurate reflection of the value of the notes.

The estimated value of the notes on the pricing date, based on WFS's proprietary pricing models, will be less than the public offering price. The public offering price of the notes includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the notes on the pricing date will be less than the public offering price. The costs included in the public offering price relate to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type. The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes include the underwriting discount, the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be MLPF&S or one of its affiliates) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the notes and hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the notes. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the notes based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than our secondary market rates. If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the notes were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the notes were higher, the economic terms of the notes would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher.

The public offering price you pay for the notes will exceed the initial estimated value. If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value may be lower than the price you paid for them and lower than the initial estimated value. This is due to, among other things, the assumed funding rate used to determine the economic terms of the notes, and the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the

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notes (which includes a hedging related charge), as further described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-16. These factors, together with customary bid ask spreads, other transaction costs and various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, including changes in the level of the Index, are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market and will affect the value of the notes in complex and unpredictable ways.

The initial estimated value does not represent the price at which we, MLPF&S or any of our respective affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in any secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of your notes at any time after issuance will vary based on many factors that cannot be predicted with accuracy, including the performance of the Index, our creditworthiness and changes in market conditions. MLPF&S has advised us that any repurchases by them or their affiliates are expected to be made at prices determined by reference to their pricing models and at their discretion, and these prices will include MLPF&S's trading commissions and mark-ups. If you sell your notes to a dealer other than MLPF&S in a secondary market transaction, the dealer may impose its own discount or commission.

The notes will be not listed on any securities exchange or quotation system and 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 the secondary market. If a secondary market does exist, it may be limited, which may affect the price you receive upon any sale. Consequently, you should be willing to hold the notes until the maturity date.

If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value, if any, will be affected by various factors that interrelate in complex ways, and their market value may be less than the principal amount. The following factors are expected to affect the value of the notes: value of the Index at such time; volatility of the Index; economic and other conditions generally; interest rates; dividend yields; our creditworthiness; and time to maturity.

Our trading, hedging and other business activities, and those of the agents, may affect your return on the notes and their market value and create conflicts of interest with you. Our business, hedging and trading activities, and those of MLPF&S and our respective affiliates (including trading in shares 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 adversely affect the level of the Index and, therefore, adversely affect the market value of and return on the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you. We, the agents, and our respective affiliates may also publish research reports on the Index or one of the companies included in the Index, which may be inconsistent with an investment in the notes and may adversely affect the level of the Index. For more information about the hedging arrangements related to the notes, see Structuring the Notes on page TS-16.

You must rely on your own evaluation of the merits of an investment linked to the Index.

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, 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 agents, one of which is our affiliate and one of which is MLPF&S. As joint calculation agents, we will determine any values of the Index and make any other determination necessary to calculate any payments on the notes. In making these determinations, we may be required to make discretionary judgments that may adversely affect any payments on the notes. See the sections entitled [Description of LIRNs](#), [Market Disruption Events](#), [Adjustments to an Index](#), and [Discontinuance of an Index](#) in the accompanying product supplement.

The U.S. federal tax consequences of the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to a holder of the notes. See [United States Federal Income Tax Considerations](#) below, [Risk Factors](#) [General Risks Relating to LIRNs](#). The U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the LIRNs are unclear beginning on page PS-12 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1 and [United States Federal Tax Considerations](#) beginning on page PS-30 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1.

[Additional Risk Factors](#)

The notes are subject to risks associated with small-size capitalization companies.

The stocks composing the Index are issued by companies with small-sized market capitalization. The stock prices of small-size companies may be more volatile than stock prices of large capitalization companies. Small-size capitalization companies may be less able to withstand adverse economic, market, trade and competitive conditions relative to larger companies. Small-size capitalization companies may also be more susceptible to adverse developments related to their products or services.

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The Index

All disclosures contained in this term sheet regarding the Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation, and changes in its components, have been derived from publicly available sources. The Index was developed by Russell Investments ("Russell") before FTSE International Limited and Russell combined in 2015 to create FTSE Russell, which is wholly owned by London Stock Exchange Group. That information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, FTSE Russell, the index sponsor. The consequences of the index sponsor discontinuing publication of the Index are discussed in the section entitled "Description of LIRNs Discontinuance of an Index" on page PS-20 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES LIRN-1. None of us, the calculation agents, or MLPF&S has independently verified the accuracy or completeness of any information with respect to the Index in connection with the notes, nor accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of the Index or any successor index.

In addition, information about the Index may be obtained from other sources including, but not limited to, the index sponsor's website (including information regarding the Index's sector weightings). We are not incorporating by reference into this term sheet the website or any material it includes. Neither we nor the agent makes any representation that such publicly available information regarding the Index is accurate or complete.

General

The Index is an index calculated, published, and disseminated by FTSE Russell, and measures the capitalization weighted price performance of 2,000 small-cap stocks (the "component stocks") and is designed to track the performance of the small capitalization segment of the United States equity market. All stocks included in the Index are traded on a major United States exchange. The companies included in the Index are the middle 2,000 of the companies that form the Russell 3000E™ Index, which is composed of the 4,000 largest United States companies as determined by total market capitalization and represents approximately 99.00% of the United States equity market. The Index is determined, comprised, and calculated by FTSE Russell without regard to the notes.

The Index does not reflect the payment of dividends on the stocks underlying it and therefore the payment on the notes will not produce the same return you would receive if you were able to purchase such underlying stocks and hold them until maturity.

Selection of Stocks Underlying the Index

The Index is one of the sub-indices of the Russell 3000E™ Index. To be eligible for inclusion in the Russell 3000E™ Index, and, consequently, the Index, a company's stock must be listed on the last trading day in May of a given year, and FTSE Russell must have access to documentation on that date verifying the company's eligibility for inclusion. Eligible initial public offerings are added to the Index at the end of each calendar quarter, based on total market capitalization rankings within the market-adjusted capitalization breaks established during the most recent reconstitution. To be added to the Index during a quarter outside of reconstitution, initial public offerings must meet all eligibility criteria, and as of the most recent reconstitution, must (i) be priced and traded and (ii) rank larger in total market capitalization than the market-adjusted smallest company in the Russell 3000E™ Index.

United States companies are eligible for inclusion in the Russell 3000TM Index and, consequently, the Index. FTSE Russell uses the following method for determining whether a company is a United States company. If a company (a) incorporates, (b) has a stated headquarters location, and (c) also trades in the same country (American Depositary Receipts and American Depositary Shares are not eligible), the company is assigned to its country of incorporation. If any of the three criteria listed above do not match, FTSE Russell then utilizes three Home Country Indicators (the HCIs) to determine the proper equity market. The HCIs are as follows:

country of incorporation;

country of headquarters; and

country of the most liquid exchange as defined by 2-year average daily dollar trading volume from all exchanges within a country.

After the HCIs are defined, the next step in the country assignment involves an analysis of assets by location. FTSE Russell cross-compares the primary location of the company's assets with the three HCIs. If the primary location of the company's assets matches any of the HCIs, then the company is assigned to its primary asset location.

If, however, there is not enough information to determine a company's primary country of assets, FTSE Russell uses the primary location of the company's revenue for the same cross-comparison and assigns the company to the appropriate country in a similar fashion. In 2011, FTSE Russell began using an average of two years of assets or revenues data for analysis to reduce potential turnover.

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If conclusive country details cannot be derived from assets or revenue, FTSE Russell assigns the company to the country where its headquarters are located unless the country is a Benefit Driven Incorporation (BDI) country. If the country in which its headquarters are located is a BDI country, the company is assigned to the country of its most liquid stock exchange. The BDI countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Cook Islands, Curacao, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Liberia, Marshall Islands, Panama, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten and Turks and Caicos Islands. For any companies incorporated or headquartered in a U.S. territory, including countries such as Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands, a U.S. HCI is assigned.

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The primary criterion used to determine the initial list of securities eligible for the Russell 3000E