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Units

\$10 principal amount per unit

CUSIP No.

Pricing Date*

Settlement Date*

Maturity Date*

January , 2016

February , 2016

January , 2018

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

Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the

S&P 500® Index

Maturity of approximately two years

The Starting Value will be the lowest closing level of the Index during a one month period beginning on the pricing date

3-to-1 upside exposure to increases in the Index, subject to a capped return of [16% to 20%]

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

All payments occur at maturity and are subject to the credit risk of Bank of America Corporation

No periodic interest payments

Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing

The notes are being issued by Bank of America Corporation (BAC). There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security, including different investment risks and certain additional costs. 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 ARN-1.

The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.45 and \$9.70 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. See Summary on the following page, Risk Factors beginning on page TS-7 of this term sheet and Structuring the Notes on page TS-14 of this term sheet for additional information. The actual value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with

accuracy.

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.

Per Unit

Total

Public offering price(1)(2)

\$10.00

\$

Underwriting discount(1)(2)

\$0.20

\$

Proceeds, before expenses, to BAC

\$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; Conflicts of Interest below.

(2)

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

The notes:

Are Not FDIC Insured

Are Not Bank Guaranteed

May Lose Value

Merrill Lynch & Co.

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Summary

The Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the S&P 500® Index, due January , 2018 (the notes) are our senior unsecured debt securities. The notes are not guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or secured by collateral. **The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of BAC.** The notes provide you a leveraged return, subject to a cap, if the Ending Value of the Market Measure, which is the S&P 500® Index (the Index), is greater than its Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value (as determined below), you will lose all or a portion of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity, will be calculated based on the \$10 principal amount per unit and will depend on the performance of the Index, subject to our credit risk. See Terms of the Notes below.

The economic terms of the notes (including the Capped Value) are based on our internal funding rate, which is the rate we would pay to borrow funds through the issuance of market-linked notes and the economic terms of certain related hedging arrangements. Our internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge described below, will reduce the economic terms of the notes to you and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. Due to these factors, the public offering price you pay to purchase the notes will be greater than the initial estimated value of the notes.

On the cover page of this term sheet, we have provided the initial estimated value range for the notes. This initial estimated value range was determined based on our and our affiliates' pricing models, which take into consideration our internal funding rate and the market prices for the hedging arrangements related to the notes. The initial estimated value of the notes calculated on the pricing date will be set forth in the final term sheet made available to investors in the notes. For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see Structuring the Notes on page TS-14.

Terms of the Notes

Redemption Amount Determination

Issuer:

Bank of America Corporation (BAC)

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

Principal Amount:

\$10.00 per unit

Term:

Approximately two years

Market Measure:

The S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol: SPX), a price return index.

Starting Value:

The lowest closing level of the Market Measure on any Market Measure Business Day (subject to adjustment as set forth in Other Terms of the Notes on page TS-8 of this term sheet) during the Starting Value Determination Period.

The actual Starting Value will not be determined until after the pricing date and will be made available to investors in the notes after the expiration of the Starting Value Determination Period

Starting Value Determination Period:

The period from and including the pricing date to and including the day that is approximately one month following the pricing date (or if that day is not a Market Measure Business Day, the immediately following Market Measure Business Day). The final date of the Starting Value Determination Period will be set forth in the final term sheet.

Ending Value:

The average of the closing levels of the Market Measure on each scheduled calculation day occurring during the Maturity Valuation Period. The calculation days are subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-17 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1.

Participation Rate:

300%

Capped Value:

[\$11.60 to \$12.00] per unit, which represents a return of [16% to 20%] over the principal amount. The actual Capped Value will be determined on the pricing date.

Maturity Valuation Period:

Five scheduled calculation days shortly before the maturity date.

Fees and Charges:

The underwriting discount of \$0.20 per unit listed on the cover page and the hedging related charge of \$0.075 per unit described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-14.

Calculation Agent:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (MLPF&S), a subsidiary of BAC.

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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 ARN-1 dated May 4, 2015:

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312515168280/d918996d424b5.htm>

Series L MTN prospectus supplement dated May 4, 2015 and prospectus dated May 1, 2015:

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312515167979/d865347d424b3.htm>

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

Investor Considerations

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

The notes may not be an appropriate investment for you 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 the Ending Value.

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

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

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

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

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

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 principal repayment or preservation of capital.

You seek an uncapped return on your investment.

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

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

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

You are unwilling or are unable to take market risk on the notes or to take our credit risk as issuer of the notes.
We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

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Hypothetical Payout Profile and Examples of Payments at Maturity

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

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This graph reflects the returns on the notes based on the Participation Rate of 300% and a Capped Value of \$11.80 per unit (the midpoint of the Capped Value range of [\$11.60 to \$12.00]). The green line reflects the returns on the notes, while the dotted gray line reflects the returns of a direct investment in the stocks included in the Index, excluding dividends.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only.

The following table and examples are for purposes of illustration only. They are based on hypothetical values and show hypothetical returns on the notes. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on a hypothetical Starting Value of 100, the Participation Rate of 300%, a Capped Value of \$11.80 per unit and a range of hypothetical Ending Values. **The actual amount you receive and the resulting total rate of return will depend on the actual Starting Value, Ending Value, Capped Value, and whether you hold the notes to maturity.** The following examples do not take into account any tax consequences from investing in the notes.

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

Ending Value

Percentage Change from the Starting Value to the Ending Value

Redemption Amount per Unit

Total Rate of Return on the Notes

0.00
 -100.00%
 \$0.00
 -100.00%
 50.00
 -50.00%
 \$5.00
 -50.00%
 80.00
 -20.00%
 \$8.00
 -20.00%
 90.00
 -10.00%
 \$9.00
 -10.00%
 94.00
 -6.00%
 \$9.40
 -6.00%
 97.00
 -3.00%
 \$9.70
 -3.00%
 100.00(1)

0.00%
\$10.00
0.00%
102.00
2.00%
\$10.60
6.00%
103.00
3.00%
\$10.90
9.00%
105.00
5.00%
\$11.50
15.00%
110.00
10.00%
\$11.80(2)
18.00%
120.00
20.00%
\$11.80
18.00%
130.00
30.00%
\$11.80
18.00%
140.00
40.00%
\$11.80
18.00%
150.00
50.00%
\$11.80
18.00%
160.00
60.00%
\$11.80
18.00%

(1) 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. The actual Starting Value will be determined after the expiration of the Starting Value Determination Period.

(2) The Redemption Amount per unit cannot exceed the **hypothetical** Capped Value.

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Redemption Amount Calculation Examples

Example 1

The Ending Value is 80.00, or 80.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 80.00

= **\$8.00** Redemption Amount per unit

Example 2

The Ending Value is 103.00, or 103.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 103.00

= **\$10.90** Redemption Amount per unit

Example 3

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

Starting Value: 100.00

Ending Value: 130.00

= **\$19.00, however, because the Redemption Amount for the notes cannot exceed the Capped Value, the Redemption Amount will be \$11.80 per unit**

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Risk Factors

There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security. An investment in the notes involves significant risks, including those listed below. You should carefully review the more detailed explanation of risks relating to the notes in the Risk Factors sections beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1, page S-5 of the Series L MTN prospectus supplement, and page 9 of the prospectus identified above. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.

Depending on the performance of the Index as measured shortly before the maturity date, your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.

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

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

Your investment return 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 initial estimated value of the notes is an estimate only, determined as of a particular point in time by reference to our and our affiliates' pricing models. These pricing models consider certain assumptions and variables, including our credit spreads, our internal funding rate on the pricing date, mid-market terms on hedging transactions, expectations on interest rates and volatility, price-sensitivity analysis, and the expected term of the notes. These pricing models rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect.

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, changes in the level of the Index, our internal funding rate, and the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge, all as further described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-14. These factors, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, 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 a minimum or maximum price at which we, MLPF&S or any of our 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.

A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. Neither we nor MLPF&S is obligated to make a market for, or to repurchase, the notes. There is no assurance that any party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price in any secondary market.

Our business activities as a full service financial institution, including our commercial and investment banking activities, our hedging and trading activities (including trades in shares of companies included in the Index) and any hedging and trading activities we engage in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value and return of the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you.

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 represented by the Index, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.

While we or our affiliates may from time to time own securities of companies included in the Index, except to the extent that our common stock is included in the Index, we do not control any company included in the Index, and are not responsible for any disclosure made by any other company.

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

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to a holder of the notes. See [Summary Tax Consequences](#) below and [U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary](#) beginning on page PS-24 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1.

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