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Units	Pricing Date*	April, 2016
\$10 principal amount per unit	Settlement Date*	May , 2016
CUSIP No.	Maturity Date*	June , 2017
	*Subject to change based on t are priced for initial sale to th date")	
Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the S	&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index	

Maturity of approximately 14 months

3-to-1 upside exposure to increases in the Index, subject to a capped return of [11% to 15%]

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

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

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 beginning on page TS-6 of this term sheet and 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 \$9.42 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-6 of this term sheet and Structuring the Notes on page TS-11 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	<u>Total</u>
Public offering price <sup>(1)</sup>	\$10.00	\$

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Underwriting	\$0.20	\$
discount <sup>(1)</sup>		
Proceeds, before	\$9.80	\$
expenses, to BAC		

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.

### The notes:

Are Not FDIC Insured	Are Not Bank Guaranteed	May Lose Value
Merrill Lynch & Co.		

April , 2016

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Linked to the S&P  $500^{\ensuremath{\textcircled{B}}}$  Index, due June  $\ , 2017$ 

Summary

The Accelerated Return Notes<sup>®</sup> Linked to the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, due June , 2017 (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<sup>®</sup> Index (the Index ), is greater than its Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, you will lose all or a portion of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity, 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-11.

Terms of the Notes **Redemption Amount Determination** Bank of America Corporation On the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment **Issuer:** (BAC) per unit determined as follows: **Principal Amount:** \$10.00 per unit Term: Approximately 14 months The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index **Market Measure:** (Bloomberg symbol: SPX), 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 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:** [\$11.10 to \$11.50] per unit, which represents a return of

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	[11% to 15%] over the principal amount. The actual Capped Value will be determined on the pricing date.	
Maturity Valuation	Five scheduled calculation days	
Period:	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-11.	
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 January 22, 2016:

http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312516435309/d268568d424b5.htm

Series L MTN prospectus supplement dated January 20, 2016 and prospectus dated May 1, 2015:

http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312516433708/d122981d424b3.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, our, or similar references are to BAC. us, **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 the You seek principal repayment or preservation of 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.

# 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.

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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Accelerated Return Notes<sup>®</sup> Linked to the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, due June , 2017 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 \$11.30 per unit (the midpoint of the Capped Value range of [\$11.10 to \$11.50]). 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 \$11.30 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.

Percentage Change		
from the Starting Value	<b>Redemption Amount</b>	<b>Total Rate of Return on</b>
to the Ending Value	per Unit	the Notes
-100.00%	\$0.00	-100.00%
-50.00%	\$5.00	-50.00%
-20.00%	\$8.00	-20.00%
-10.00%	\$9.00	-10.00%
-6.00%	\$9.40	-6.00%
-3.00%	\$9.70	-3.00%
0.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
2.00%	\$10.60	6.00%
5.00%	\$11.30 <sup>(2)</sup>	13.00%
10.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
20.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
30.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
40.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
50.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
60.00%	\$11.30	13.00%
	from the Starting Value to the Ending Value -100.00% -50.00% -20.00% -10.00% -6.00% -3.00% 0.00% 2.00% 5.00% 10.00% 20.00% 30.00% 40.00% 50.00%	from the Starting Value to the Ending ValueRedemption Amount $-100.00\%$ \$0.00 $-100.00\%$ \$0.00 $-50.00\%$ \$5.00 $-20.00\%$ \$8.00 $-10.00\%$ \$9.00 $-6.00\%$ \$9.40 $-3.00\%$ \$9.70 $0.00\%$ \$10.00 $2.00\%$ \$10.60 $5.00\%$ \$11.30 $10.00\%$ \$11.30 $20.00\%$ \$11.30 $40.00\%$ \$11.30 $50.00\%$ \$11.30

(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.

(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 102.00, or 102.00% of the Starting Value:
Starting Value: 100.00
Ending Value: 102.00
= \$10.60 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 \$11.30 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-11. 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.