# Market-Linked Investments

**Monthly Guidebook** 

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## MERRILL LYNCH MARKET-LINKED INVESTMENTS

Market-Linked Investments are designed to meet specific investment objectives. Market-Linked Investments are unsecured debt securities of the applicable issuer. The return on these investments comes mainly from the performance of the underlying asset or assets to which they are linked. The assets can include equity securities, commodities and currencies or a combination of these assets. Market-Linked Investments can accommodate investors with various types of risk and reward profiles.

This Market-Linked Investments Monthly Guidebook describes certain preliminary terms of the Market-Linked Investments offered during the month. It is not a preliminary prospectus and does not contain all of the material terms of, or risks related to, the Market-Linked Investments offered. You should read the preliminary term sheet for the specific Market-Linked Investment and the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus (collectively referred to as the "preliminary offering documents") before investing. The following pages contain hyperlinks to the preliminary offering documents for Market-Linked Investments that we are offering this month. You may also find copies of all the preliminary offering documents for this month's Market-Linked Investment offerings at: <a href="http://wealthmanagement.ml.com/publish/mkt/prospectus/prospectus.htm">http://wealthmanagement.ml.com/publish/mkt/prospectus/prospectus.htm</a>



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## FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN PURCHASING MARKET-LINKED INVESTMENTS

Market-Linked Investments may not be suitable for all investors. Different Market-Linked Investments have different payout characteristics, risks and rewards. Investors must understand the characteristics, risks and rewards of each Market-Linked Investment as well as those of the underlying asset before making a decision to invest. Prior to investing, investors should carefully read the related prospectus, which contains a detailed explanation of the terms of the specific offering as well as the risks, tax treatment and other relevant information about the investment and the applicable issuer. Additionally, investors should consult their accounting, legal and tax advisors before investing.

#### Risk considerations

- Depending on the features associated with the Market-Linked Investment, risks may include loss of principal and the possibility that investors will own the underlying asset at maturity at a price that is less than the original principal amount invested. Market-Linked Investments may also cap or limit the upside participation in an underlying asset.
- Some Market-Linked Investments may not provide interest or coupon payments.
- Any payments due on Market-Linked Investments, including Market Downside Protected Market-Linked Investments, are subject to the credit risk of the applicable issuer. If the applicable issuer is unable to make payments on its obligations, you may lose all or substantially all of your investment. You should not invest in the applicable Market-Linked Investment if you are not willing to make an investment in which the payments depend on the creditworthiness of the applicable issuer.
- Factors that may affect the value of Market-Linked Investments include, but are not limited to: interest rates, volatility of the underlying asset, liquidity and time remaining until maturity of the investment.
- While some Market-Linked Investments may pay interest similar to comparable fixed income securities, they often exhibit very different profit and loss potential. Any yield paid on Market-Linked Investments may be lower than the yield on other debt securities of comparable maturity of the same issuer.
- Affiliates of Bank of America Corporation or the issuer may maintain a secondary market; however, they are not obligated to do so. There may be no trading market for any Market-Linked Investment, and you may not be able to sell your Market-Linked Investment prior to maturity.
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## WHERE YOU CAN OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

Each issuer has filed a registration statement (each of which includes a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for its Market-Linked Investments that are described in this Monthly Guidebook. Before you invest, you should carefully read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents that the applicable issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about that issuer and any offering described in this Monthly Guidebook. You may obtain these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, Merrill Lynch will arrange to send you the prospectus and other documents relating to any offering described in this document if you so request by calling toll-free 1-866-500-5408. Each of these issuers faces risks that are specific to its business, and we encourage you to carefully consider these risks before making an investment in their securities.

- For registered offerings of Bank of America Corporation: Bank of America Corporation's Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC website is 70858.
- For registered offerings of HSBC USA Inc.: HSBC USA Inc.'s CIK on the SEC website is 83246.
- For registered offerings of Barclays Bank PLC: Barclays Bank PLC's CIK on the SEC website is 312070.
- For registered offerings of Aktiebolaget Svensk Exportkredit (Publ) (Swedish Export Credit Corporation): Swedish Export Credit Corporation's CIK on the SEC website is 352960.
- For registered offerings of Royal Bank of Canada: Royal Bank of Canada's CIK on the SEC website is 1000275.
- For registered offerings of Credit Suisse: Credit Suisse's CIK on the SEC website is 1053092.

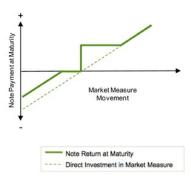
### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

- If you received this document by e-mail, you may view a copy of the relevant preliminary offering document by clicking on the preliminary offering document hyperlink related to the Market-Linked Investment on each of the following pages.
- If you received this document in hard copy, please call your Financial Advisor or call toll-free 1-866-500-5408, who will arrange to deliver copies of the relevant preliminary offering document to you.
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# AUTOCALLABLE MARKET-LINKED STEP UP NOTES

Investments that provide a potential fixed return at maturity plus potential additional participation in market increases, with downside risk below a threshold

|   | Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the Russell 2000 ® Index   |
|---|---|
| Automatic Call                                  | The notes will be called automatically on any Observation Date if the closing level of the  |
|   | Market Measure is equal to or greater than the Call Level   |
| Call Level                                      | 100% of the Starting Value  |
| Observation Dates                               | Approximately one year and two years from the pricing date  |
| Call Amount                                     | \$0.90 if called on the first Observation Date and \$1.80 if called on the second Observation Date  |
| Payment at Maturity if the notes are not called | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value to a level above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to 100% of such increase  - If the Market Measure is unchanged or increases from its starting value, but does not increase above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to the Step Up Payment  - If the Market Measure decreases from its starting value, but does not decrease below the Threshold Value, a return of 0% over the Original Offering Price  - If the Market Measure decreases below the Threshold Value, a negative return on the Original Offering Price equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 95% of principal at risk |
| Investment Considerations                       | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase over the term of the notes and are willing to take downside risk below a threshold and forgo interim interest payments, and are willing to have their notes called prior to maturity.  |
| Market Measure                                  | Russell 2000® Index (Bloomberg symbol: "RTY")   |
| Step Up Value                                   | [120% to 126%] of the Starting Value; to be determined on the pricing date  |
| Step Up Payment                                 | [20% to 26%] of the Original Offering Price per unit (or [\$2.00 to \$2.60] per unit); to be determined on the pricing date   |
| Threshold Value                                 | 95% of the Starting Value   |
| Issuer  | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")   |
| Term  | Approximately 3 years   |
| Listing   | No  |
| Preliminary Offering                            | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513070790/d492078dfwp.htm   |
| Documents                                       |   |



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## Risk Factors

Please see the Preliminary Offering Documents for a description of certain risks related to this investment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.
- Any payments due on the notes are subject to the credit risk of BAC. If BAC is unable to make payments on its obligations, you may lose all or substantially all of your investment.
- The notes are subject to automatic call.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price.
- You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Market Measure.



# AUTOCALLABLE MARKET-LINKED STEP UP NOTES

Investments that provide a potential fixed return at maturity plus potential additional participation in market increases, with full downside risk

|   | Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index   |
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| Automatic Call                                  | The notes will be called automatically on any Observation Date if the closing level of the Market Measure is equal to or greater than the Call Level   |
| Call Level                                      | 100% of the Starting Value   |
| Observation Dates                               | Approximately one and two years after the pricing date   |
| Call Amount                                     | \$0.85 if called on the first Observation Date and \$1.70 if called on the second Observation Date   |
| Payment at Maturity if the notes are not called | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value to a level above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to 100% of such increase  - If the Market Measure is unchanged or increases from its starting value, but does not increase above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to the Step Up Payment  - If the Market Measure decreases below the Starting Value, a negative return on the Original Offering Price equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 100% of principal at risk |
| Investment<br>Considerations                    | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase over the term of the notes and are willing to take full downside risk and forgo interim interest payments, and are willing to have their notes called prior to maturity.  |
| Market Measure                                  | S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol: "SPX")   |
| Step Up Value                                   | [120% to 126%] of the Starting Value; to be determined on the pricing date   |
| Step Up Payment                                 | [20% to 26%] of the Original Offering Price per unit (or [\$2.00 to \$2.60] per unit); to be determined on the pricing date  |
| Threshold Value                                 | 100% of the Starting Value   |
| Issuer  | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")  |
| Term  | Approximately 3 years  |
| Listing   | No   |
| Preliminary Offering<br>Documents               | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513069783/d492062dfwp.htm  |



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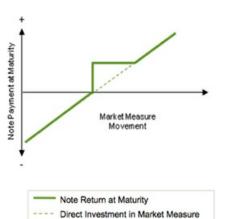
- Your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.
- Any payments due on the notes are subject to the credit risk of BAC. If BAC is unable to make payments on its obligations, you may lose all or substantially all of your investment.
- The notes are subject to automatic call.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price.
- You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Market Measure.



# AUTOCALLABLE MARKET-LINKED STEP UP NOTES

Investments that provide a potential fixed return at maturity plus potential additional participation in market increases, with full downside risk

|   | Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the Nikkei Stock Average Index  |
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| Automatic Call  | The notes will be called automatically on any Observation Date if the closing level of the Market Measure is equal to or greater than the Call Level   |
| Call Level  | 100% of the Starting Value   |
| Observation Dates                                     | Approximately one year and two years from the pricing date   |
| Call Amount   | \$1.00 if called on the first Observation Date and \$2.00 if called on the second Observation Date   |
| Payment at Maturity if<br>the notes are not<br>called | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value to a level above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to 100% of such increase  - If the Market Measure is unchanged or increases from its starting value, but does not increase above the Step Up Value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to the Step Up Payment  - If the Market Measure decreases below the Starting Value, a negative return on the Original Offering Price equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 100% of principal at risk |
| Investment<br>Considerations                          | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase over the term of the notes and are willing to take full downside risk and forgo interim interest payments, and are willing to have their notes called prior to maturity.  |
| Market Measure  | Nikkei Stock Average Index (Bloomberg symbol: "NKY")   |
| Step Up Value   | [121% to 127%] of the Starting Value; to be determined on the pricing date   |
| Step Up Payment                                       | [21% to 27%] of the Original Offering Price per unit (or [\$2.10 to \$2.70] per unit); to be determined on the pricing date  |
| Threshold Value                                       | 100% of the Starting Value   |
| Issuer  | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")  |
| Term  | Approximately 3 years  |
| Listing   | No   |
| Preliminary Offering<br>Documents                     | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513071586/d491920dfwp.htm  |



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- The notes are subject to automatic call.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price.
- You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Market Measure.
- Your return on the notes may be affected by factors affecting the international securities markets.



# ACCELERATED RETURN NOTES® (ARNs®)

## Investments that provide leveraged positive returns up to a cap, with full downside risk

|                                   | Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Payment at Maturity               | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value, a return over the principal amount equal to 300% of such increase, subject to the Capped Value  - If the Market Measure decreases from its starting value, a negative return on the principal amount equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 100% of principal at risk |
| Investment Considerations         | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase moderately over the term of the notes, are willing to accept a capped return, take full downside risk and forgo interim interest payments.   |
| Market Measure                    | S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol: "SPX")  |
| Capped Value                      | [10% - 14%] over the principal amount, to be determined on the pricing date   |
| Issuer                            | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")   |
| Term                              | Approximately 14 months   |
| Listing                           | No  |
| Preliminary Offering<br>Documents | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513069789/d492036dfwp.htm   |



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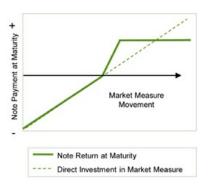
- Your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.
- Your return on the notes, if any, is limited to the return represented by the Capped Value.
- Any payments due on the notes are subject to the credit risk of BAC. If BAC is unable to make payments on its obligations, you may lose all or substantially all of your investment.
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- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the principal amount.



# ACCELERATED RETURN NOTES® (ARNs®)

## Investments that provide leveraged positive returns up to a cap, with full downside risk

|                                   | Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the Merrill Lynch Commodity index eXtra SM-   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                   | Excess Return   |
| Payment at Maturity               | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to 300% of such increase, subject to the Capped Value  - If the Market Measure decreases from its starting value, a negative return on the Original Offering Price equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 100% of principal at risk |
| Investment Considerations         | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase moderately over the term of the notes, are willing to accept a capped return, take full downside risk and forgo interim interest payments.   |
| Market Measure                    | Merrill Lynch Commodity index eXtraSM - Excess Return (Bloomberg symbol: "MLCXER")  |
| Capped Value                      | [14% - 18%] over the Original Offering Price, to be determined on the pricing date  |
| Issuer                            | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")   |
| Term                              | Approximately 2 years   |
| Listing                           | No  |
| Preliminary Offering<br>Documents | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513069914/d492068dfwp.htm   |



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- Any payments due on the notes are subject to the credit risk of BAC. If BAC is unable to make payments on its obligations, you may lose all or substantially all of your investment.
- The notes will not be regulated by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
- You will not be entitled to any rights with respect to futures contracts or commodities included in or tracked by the Market Measure.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price.



# ACCELERATED RETURN NOTES® (ARNs®)

## Investments that provide leveraged positive returns up to a cap, with full downside risk

|                                   | Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to a Basket of Three Financial Sector Stocks   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Payment at Maturity               | For each unit, \$10 plus:  - If the Market Measure increases from its starting value, a return over the Original Offering Price equal to 300% of such increase, subject to the Capped Value.  - If the Market Measure decreases from its starting value, a negative return on the Original Offering Price equal to the percentage of such decrease, with up to 100% of principal at risk. |
| Investment Considerations         | This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase moderately over the term of the notes, are willing to accept a capped return, take full downside risk and forgo interim interest payments.   |
| Market Measure                    | Basket of Three Financial Sector Stocks comprised of Citigroup Inc. (NYSE Symbol: "C"), JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NYSE Symbol: "JPM"), and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE Symbol: "GS").   |
| Capped Value                      | [17% - 21%] over the Original Offering Price, to be determined on the pricing date.   |
| Issuer                            | Bank of America Corporation ("BAC")   |
| Term                              | Approximately 14 months   |
| Listing                           | No  |
| Preliminary Offering<br>Documents | http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/70858/000119312513088017/d495011dfwp.htm   |



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- You will have no rights of a holder of the securities included in the Market Measure, and you will not be entitled to receive any shares of those securities or other dividends or other distributions by the issuers of the securities included in the Market Measure.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, the price you receive may be less than the Original Offering Price.



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