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Subject to Completion, dated February 07, 2025 Pricing Supplement to the Prospectus dated May 26, 2022, the Prospectus Supplement dated May 26, 2022 and the Product Supplement dated August 27, 2024



US\$ [] Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series I Autocallable Barrier Notes with Contingent Coupons due February 22, 2028 Linked to the shares of the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF

- The notes are designed for investors who are seeking quarterly contingent periodic interest payments (as described in more detail below), as well as a return of principal if the closing level of the shares of the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF (the "Reference Asset") on any quarterly Observation Date beginning in August 2025 is greater than 100% of its Initial Level (the "Call Level"). Investors should be willing to have their notes automatically redeemed prior to maturity, be willing to forego any potential to participate in the appreciation of the shares of the
- Reference Asset and be willing to lose some or all of their principal at maturity. The notes will pay a Contingent Coupon on each Contingent Coupon Payment Date at the Contingent Interest Rate of 2.2125% per quarter (approximately 8.85% per annum) if the closing level of the Reference Asset on the applicable quarterly Observation Date is greater than or equal to its Coupon Barrier Level. However, if the closing level of the Reference Asset is less than its Coupon Barrier Level on an Observation Date, the notes will not pay the Contingent Coupon for that Observation Date.
- Beginning on August 19, 2025, if on any Observation Date, the closing level of the Reference Asset is greater than its Call Level, the notes will be automatically redeemed. On the following Contingent Coupon Payment Date (the "Call Settlement Date"), investors will receive their principal amount plus the Contingent Coupon otherwise due. After the notes are redeemed, investors will not receive any additional payments in respect of the notes.
- The notes do not guarantee any return of principal at maturity. Instead, if the notes are not automatically redeemed, the payment at maturity will be based on the Final Level of the Reference Asset and whether the Final Level of that Reference Asset has declined from its Initial Level to below its Trigger Level on the Valuation Date (a "Trigger Event"), as described below.
- If the notes are not automatically redeemed and a Trigger Event has occurred, investors will lose 1% of the principal amount for each 1% decrease in the level of the Reference Asset from its Initial Level to its Final Level. In such a case, you will receive a cash amount at maturity that is less than the principal amount, together with the final Contingent Coupon, if payable.
- Investing in the notes is not equivalent to a direct investment in the Reference Asset.
- The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.
- All payments on the notes are subject to the credit risk of Bank of Montreal.

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- The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.
- Our subsidiary, BMO Capital Markets Corp. ("BMOCM"), is the agent for this offering. See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" below.
- The notes will not be subject to conversion into our common shares or the common shares of any of our affiliates under subsection 39.2(2.3) of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (the "CDIC Act").

Terms of the Notes:¹

Pricing Date:	February 14, 2025	Valuation Date:	February 16, 2028
Settlement Date:	February 20, 2025	Maturity Date:	February 22, 2028
¹ Expected. See "Key Terms of the Notes" below for additional details.			

Specific Terms of the Notes:

Regional

Banking ETF

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Autocallable Number	Reference Asset	Ticker Symbol	Initial Level	Contingent Interest Rate	Coupon Barrier Level	Trigger Level	CUSIP	Frincipai	Price to Public ¹
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¹ We or one of our affiliates may also pay a referral fee to certain dealers in connection with the distribution of the notes. Selected dealers will receive a structuring fee of up to \$6.00 from us or one of our affiliates for each note. Investing in the notes involves risks, including those described in the "Selected Risk Considerations" section beginning on page P-5 hereof, the "Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes" section beginning on page PS-6 of the product supplement,

Initial Level

and the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 5-1 of the prospectus supplement and on page 8 of the prospectus. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the accuracy of this document, the product supplement, the prospectus supplement or the prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The notes will be our unsecured obligations and will not be savings accounts or deposits that are insured by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund, the Canada

Initial Level

Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality or other entity. On the date hereof, based on the terms set forth above, the estimated initial value of the notes is \$985.00 per \$1,000 in principal amount. The estimated initial value of the notes on the Pricing Date may differ from this value but will not be less than \$935.00 per \$1,000 in principal amount. The estimated initial value of the notes on the Pricing Date may differ from this value but will not be less than \$935.00 per \$1,000 in principal amount. However, as discussed in more detail below, the actual value of the notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy.

BMO CAPITAL MARKETS

Key Terms of the Notes:

Reference Asset:	The shares of the SPDR [®] S&P Regional Banking ETF (ticker symbol "KRE"). See "The Reference Asset" below for additional information.		
Underlying Index:	S&P [®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index		
Contingent Coupons:	If the closing level of the Reference Asset on an Observation Date is greater than or equal to its Coupon Barrier Level, a Contingent Coupon will be paid on the corresponding Contingent Coupon Payment Date at the Contingent Interest Rate, subject to the automatic redemption feature.		
Contingent Interest Rate:	2.2125% per quarter (approximately 8.85% per annum), if payable. Accordingly, each Contingent Coupon, if payable, will equal \$22.125 for each \$1,000 in principal amount.		
Observation Dates: ¹	Three trading days prior to each scheduled Contingent Coupon Payment Date.		
Contingent Coupon Payment Dates: ¹	Interest, if payable, will be paid on the 22nd day of each May, August, November, and February (or, if such day is not a business day, the next following business day), beginning on May 22, 2025 and ending on the Maturity Date, subject to the automatic redemption feature.		
Automatic Redemption:	Beginning on August 19, 2025, if, on any Observation Date, the closing level of the Reference Asset is greater than its Call Level, the notes will be automatically redeemed. No further amounts will be owed to you under the Notes.		
Payment upon Automatic Redemption:	If the notes are automatically redeemed, then, on the Call Settlement Date, investors will receive their principal amount plus the Contingent Coupon otherwise due.		
Call Settlement Date: ¹	If the notes are automatically redeemed, the Contingent Coupon Payment Date immediately following the relevant Observation Date.		
Payment at Maturity:	If the notes are not automatically redeemed, the payment at maturity for the notes is based on the performance of the Reference Asset.		
	You will receive \$1,000 for each \$1,000 in principal amount of the note, unless a Trigger Event has occurred.		
	If a Trigger Event has occurred, you will receive at maturity, for each \$1,000 in principal amount of your notes, a cash amount equal to:		
\$1,000 + [\$1,000 x Percentage Change]			
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Trigger Event: ²	This amount will be less than the principal amount of your note, and may be zero.		
Trigger Event: ² Percentage Change:	This amount will be less than the principal amount of your note, and may be zero. You will also receive the final Contingent Coupon, if payable. A Trigger Event will be deemed to occur if the Final Level of the Reference Asset is less than its Trigger Level on the Valuation		
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Percentage Change: Initial Level: ² Coupon Barrier Level: ² Trigger Level: ² Call Level: ² Final Level: Pricing Date: ¹ Settlement Date: ¹	This amount will be less than the principal amount of your note, and may be zero. You will also receive the final Contingent Coupon, if payable. A Trigger Event will be deemed to occur if the Final Level of the Reference Asset is less than its Trigger Level on the Valuation Date. The quotient, expressed as a percentage, of the following formula: (Final Level - Initial Level) Initial Level Note of the Reference Asset on the Pricing Date. 60.00% of the Initial Level. 100% of the Initial Level. The closing level of the Reference Asset on the Valuation Date. February 14, 2025 February 20, 2025		

Physical Delivery Amount:	We will only pay cash on the Maturity Date, and you will have no right to receive any shares of the Reference Asset.
Calculation Agent:	BMOCM
Selling Agent:	BMOCM

¹ Expected and subject to the occurrence of a market disruption event, as described in the accompanying product supplement. If we make any change to the expected Pricing Date and Settlement Date, the Contingent Coupon Payment Dates (and therefore the Observation Dates and potential Call Settlement Dates), the Valuation Date and Maturity Date will be changed so that the stated term of the notes remains approximately the same.

² As determined by the calculation agent and subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. See "General Terms of the Notes — Anti-dilution Adjustments to a Reference Asset that Is an Equity Security (Including Any ETF)" and "— Adjustments to a Reference Asset that Is an ETF" in the product supplement for additional information.



Additional Terms of the Notes

You should read this document together with the product supplement dated August 27, 2024, the prospectus supplement dated May 26, 2022 and the prospectus dated May 26, 2022. This document, together with the documents listed below, contains the terms of the notes and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials including preliminary or indicative pricing terms, correspondence, trade ideas, structures for implementation, sample structures, fact sheets, brochures or other educational materials of ours or the agent. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes in the product supplement, as the notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the notes.

You may access these documents on the SEC website at www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Product supplement dated August 27, 2024: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/927971/000121465924015331/e827240424b2.htm

Prospectus supplement dated May 26, 2022 and prospectus dated May 26, 2022: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0000927971/000119312522160519/d269549d424b5.htm

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC website is 927971. As used in this document, "we", "us" or "our" refers to Bank of Montreal.

We have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this document relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and the other documents that we have filed with the SEC for more complete information about us and this offering. You may obtain these documents free of charge by visiting the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Alternatively, we will arrange to send to you the prospectus (as supplemented by the prospectus supplement and product supplement) if you request it by calling our agent toll-free at 1-877-369-5412.

Selected Risk Considerations

An investment in the notes involves significant risks. Investing in the notes is not equivalent to investing directly in the Reference Asset. These risks are explained in more detail in the "Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes" section of the product supplement.

Risks Related to the Structure or Features of the Notes

- Your investment in the notes may result in a loss. The notes do not guarantee any return of principal. If the notes are not automatically redeemed, the payment at maturity will be based on the Final Level and whether a Trigger Event has occurred. If the Final Level is less than its Trigger Level, a Trigger Event will occur, and you will lose 1% of the principal amount for each 1% that the Final Level is less than the Initial Level. In such a case, you will receive at maturity a cash payment that is less than the principal amount of the notes and may be zero. Accordingly, you could lose your entire investment in the notes.
- You may not receive any Contingent Coupons with respect to your notes. We will not necessarily make periodic interest payments on the notes. If the closing level of the Reference Asset on an Observation Date is less than its Coupon Barrier Level, we will not pay you the Contingent Coupon applicable to that Observation Date. If the closing level of the Reference Asset is less than its Coupon Barrier Level on each of the Observation Dates, we will not pay you any Contingent Coupons during the term of the notes, and you will not receive a positive return on the notes. Generally, this non-payment of any Contingent Coupons will coincide with a greater risk of principal loss on your notes.
- Your notes are subject to automatic early redemption. We will redeem the notes if the closing level of the Reference Asset on any Observation Date is greater than its Call Level. Following an automatic redemption, you will not receive any additional Contingent Coupons and may not be able to reinvest your proceeds in an investment with returns that are comparable to the notes. Furthermore, to the extent you are able to reinvest such proceeds in an investment with a comparable return for a similar level of risk, you may incur transaction costs such as dealer discounts and hedging costs built into the price of the new notes.
- Your return on the notes is limited to the Contingent Coupons, if any, regardless of any appreciation in the value of the Reference Asset. You will not receive a payment at maturity with a value greater than your principal amount plus the final Contingent Coupon, if payable. In addition, if the notes are automatically redeemed, you will not receive a payment greater than the principal amount plus the applicable Contingent Coupon, even if the Final Level exceeds the Call Level by a substantial amount. Accordingly, your maximum return on the applicable notes is limited to the potential return represented by the Contingent Coupons.
- Your return on the notes may be lower than the return on a conventional debt security of comparable maturity. The return that you will receive on your notes, which could be negative, may be less than the return you could earn on other investments. The notes do not provide for fixed interest payments and you may not receive any Contingent Coupons over the term of the notes. Even if you do receive one or more Contingent Coupons and your return on the notes is positive, your return may be less than the return you would earn if you bought a conventional senior interest bearing debt security of ours with the same maturity or if you invested directly in the Reference Asset. Your investment may not reflect the full opportunity cost to you when you take into account factors that affect the time value of money.
- A higher Contingent Interest Rate or lower Trigger Level or Coupon Barrier Level may reflect greater expected volatility of the Reference Asset, and greater expected volatility generally indicates an increased risk of loss at maturity. The economic terms for the notes, including the Contingent Interest Rate, Coupon Barrier Level and Trigger Level, are based, in part, on the expected volatility of the Reference Asset at the time the terms of the notes are set. "Volatility" refers to the frequency and magnitude of changes in the level of the Reference Asset. The greater the expected volatility of the Reference Asset as of the Pricing Date, the greater the expectation is as of that date that the closing level of the Reference Asset could be less than its Coupon Barrier Level on any Observation Date and that a Trigger Event could occur and, as a consequence, indicates an increased risk of not receiving a Contingent Coupon and an increased risk of loss, respectively. All things being equal, this greater expected volatility will generally be reflected in a higher Contingent Interest Rate than the yield payable on our conventional debt securities with a similar maturity or on otherwise comparable securities, and/or lower Trigger Level and/or Coupon Barrier Level than those terms on otherwise comparable securities. Therefore, a relatively higher Contingent Interest Rate may indicate an increased risk of loss. Further, a relatively lower Trigger Level and/or Coupon Barrier may not necessarily indicate that the notes have a greater likelihood of a return of principal at maturity and/or paying Contingent Coupons. You should be willing to accept the downside market risk of the Reference Asset and the potential to lose a significant portion or all of your initial investment.

Risks Related to the Reference Asset

- Owning the notes is not the same as owning shares of the Reference Asset or a security directly linked to the Reference Asset. The return on your notes will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned shares of the Reference Asset or a security directly linked to the performance of the Reference Asset and held that investment for a similar period. Your notes may trade quite differently from the Reference Asset. Changes in the level of the Reference Asset may not result in comparable changes in the market value of your notes. Even if the level of the Reference Asset increases during the term of the notes, the market value of the notes prior to maturity may not increase to the same extent. It is also possible for the market value of the notes to decrease while the level of the Reference Asset increases. In addition, any dividends or other distributions paid on the Reference Asset will not be reflected in the amount payable on the notes.
- You will not have any shareholder rights and will have no right to receive any shares of the Reference Asset (or any company included in the Reference Asset) at maturity. Investing in your notes will not make you a holder of any shares of the Reference Asset or any securities held by the Reference Asset. Neither you nor any other holder or owner of the notes will have any voting rights, any right to receive dividends or other distributions, or any other rights with respect to the Reference Asset or such underlying securities.
- No delivery of shares of the Reference Asset. The notes will be payable only in cash. You should not invest in the notes if you seek to have the shares of the Reference Asset delivered to you at maturity.
- Changes that affect the applicable Underlying Index will affect the market value of the notes, whether the notes will be automatically redeemed, and the amount you will receive at maturity. The policies of the applicable index sponsor concerning the calculation of the applicable Underlying Index, additions, deletions or substitutions of the components of the applicable Underlying Index and the manner in which changes affecting those components, such as stock dividends, reorganizations or mergers, may be reflected in the applicable Reference Asset and, therefore, could affect the share price of the Reference Asset, the amounts payable on the notes, whether the notes are automatically redeemed, and the market value of the notes prior to maturity. The amount payable on the notes and their market value could also be affected if the applicable index sponsor changes these policies, for example, by changing the manner in which it calculates the applicable Underlying Index, or if the applicable index sponsor discontinues or suspends the calculation or publication of the applicable Underlying Index.

- We have no affiliation with the index sponsor of the applicable Underlying Index and will not be responsible for its actions. The sponsor of the applicable Underlying Index is not our affiliate and will not be involved in the offering of the notes in any way. Consequently, we have no control over the actions of the index sponsor of the applicable Underlying Index, including any actions of the type that would require the calculation agent to adjust the payment to you at maturity. The index sponsors have no obligation of any sort with respect to the notes. Thus, the applicable index sponsor has no obligation to take your interests into consideration for any reason, including in taking any actions that might affect the value of the notes. None of our proceeds from the issuance of the notes will be delivered to the index sponsor of the applicable Underlying Index.
- Adjustments to the Reference Asset could adversely affect the notes. The sponsor and advisor of the Reference Asset is responsible for calculating and maintaining the Reference Asset. The sponsor and advisor of the Reference Asset can add, delete or substitute the stocks comprising the Reference Asset or make other methodological changes that could change the share price of the Reference Asset at any time. If one or more of these events occurs, the calculation of the amount payable at maturity may be adjusted to reflect such event or events. Consequently, any of these actions could adversely affect the amount payable at maturity and/or the market value of the notes.
- We and our affiliates do not have any affiliation with the applicable investment advisor or the Reference Asset Issuer and are not responsible for their public disclosure of information. The investment advisor of the Reference Asset advises the issuer of the Reference Asset (the "Reference Asset Issuer") on various matters, including matters relating to the policies, maintenance and calculation of the Reference Asset. We and our affiliates are not affiliated with the applicable investment advisor or the Reference Asset Issuer in any way and have no ability to control or predict its actions, including any errors in or discontinuance of disclosure regarding the methods or policies relating to the Reference Asset. Neither the applicable investment advisor nor the Reference Asset Issuer is involved in the offerings of the notes in any way and has no obligation to consider your interests as an owner of the notes in taking any actions relating to the Reference Asset that might affect the value of the notes. Neither we nor any of our affiliates has independently verified the adequacy or accuracy of the information about the applicable investment advisor or the Reference Asset Issuer.
- The correlation between the performance of the Reference Asset and the performance of the applicable Underlying Index may be imperfect. The performance of the Reference Asset is linked principally to the performance of the applicable Underlying Index. However, because of the potential discrepancies identified in more detail in the product supplement, the return on the Reference Asset may correlate imperfectly with the return on the applicable Underlying Index.
- The Reference Asset is subject to management risks. The Reference Asset is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the applicable investment advisor's investment strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. For example, the applicable investment advisor may invest a portion of the Reference Asset Issuer's assets in securities not included in the relevant industry or sector but which the applicable investment advisor believes will help the Reference Asset track the relevant industry or sector.
- You must rely on your own evaluation of the merits of an investment linked to the Reference Asset. In the ordinary course of their businesses, our affiliates from time to time may express views on expected movements in the prices of the Reference Asset or the prices of the securities held by the Reference Asset. One or more of our affiliates have published, and in the future may publish, research reports that express views on the Reference Asset or these securities. However, these views are subject to change from time to time. Moreover, other professionals who deal in the markets relating to the Reference Asset at any time may have significantly different views from those of our affiliates. You are encouraged to derive information concerning the Reference Asset from multiple sources, and you should not rely on the views expressed by our affiliates.

Neither the offering of the notes nor any views which our affiliates from time to time may express in the ordinary course of their businesses constitutes a recommendation as to the merits of an investment in the notes.

Risks Related to the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF

• An investment in the notes is subject to risks associated with concentration in the banking industry. — All or substantially all of the equity securities held by the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF are issued by companies in the banking industry. As a result, the stocks that will determine the performance of the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF are concentrated in one sector, and an investment in the notes will be subject to certain risks associated with a direct equity investment in companies in the banking industry. Accordingly, by investing in the notes, you will not benefit from the diversification which could result from an investment linked to companies that operate in multiple sectors.

The stock prices of banking companies may be affected by extensive governmental regulation, which may limit both the amounts and types of loans and other financial commitments banking companies can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Profitability is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact banking companies. Banks may also be subject to severe price competition. Competition among banking companies is high and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market share. In addition, changes in governmental regulation and oversight of financial institutions such as banks and broker-dealers may have an adverse effect on the financial condition of a financial institution and changes in the creditworthiness of financial institutions may adversely affect the values of instruments of issuers in financial industries. These factors could adversely affect the banking industry and could adversely affect the value of the equity securities held by the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF and, therefore, the market price of the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF and the value of the notes.

General Risk Factors

• Your investment is subject to the credit risk of Bank of Montreal. — Our credit ratings and credit spreads may adversely affect the market value of the notes. Investors are dependent on our ability to pay any amounts due on the notes, and therefore investors are subject to our credit risk and to changes in the market's view of our creditworthiness. Any decline in our credit ratings or increase in the credit spreads charged by the market for taking our credit risk is likely to adversely affect the value of the notes.

- **Potential conflicts.** We and our affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the notes, including acting as calculation agent. In performing these duties, the economic interests of the calculation agent and other affiliates of ours are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes. We or one or more of our affiliates may also engage in trading of shares of the Reference Asset or the securities held by the Reference Asset on a regular basis as part of our general broker-dealer and other businesses, for proprietary accounts, for other accounts under management or to facilitate transactions for our customers. Any of these activities could adversely affect the level of the Reference Asset and, therefore, the market value of, and the payments on, the notes. We or one or more of our affiliates may also issue or underwrite other securities or financial or derivative instruments with returns linked or related to changes in the performance of the Reference Asset. By introducing competing products into the marketplace in this manner, we or one or more of our affiliates could adversely affect the market value of the notes.
- Our initial estimated value of the notes will be lower than the price to public. Our initial estimated value of the notes is only an estimate, and is based on a number of factors. The price to public of the notes will exceed our initial estimated value, because costs associated with offering, structuring and hedging the notes are included in the price to public, but are not included in the estimated value. These costs include the profits that we and our affiliates expect to realize for assuming the risks in hedging our obligations under the notes and the estimated cost of hedging these obligations. The initial estimated value of the notes may be as low as the amount indicated on the cover page hereof.
- Our initial estimated value does not represent any future value of the notes, and may also differ from the estimated value of any other party. Our initial estimated value of the notes as of the date hereof is, and our estimated value as determined on the Pricing Date will be, derived using our internal pricing models. This value is based on market conditions and other relevant factors, which include volatility of the Reference Asset, dividend rates and interest rates. Different pricing models and assumptions could provide values for the notes that are greater than or less than our initial estimated value. In addition, market conditions and other relevant factors after the Pricing Date are expected to change, possibly rapidly, and our assumptions may prove to be incorrect. After the Pricing Date, the value of the notes could change dramatically due to changes in market conditions, our creditworthiness, and the other factors set forth herein and in the product supplement. These changes are likely to impact the price, if any, at which we or BMOCM would be willing to purchase the notes from you in any secondary market transactions. Our initial estimated value does not represent a minimum price at which we or our affiliates would be willing to buy your notes in any secondary market at any time.
- The terms of the notes are not determined by reference to the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. To determine the terms of the notes, we will use an internal funding rate that represents a discount from the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. As a result, the terms of the notes are less favorable to you than if we had used a higher funding rate.
- Certain costs are likely to adversely affect the value of the notes. Absent any changes in market conditions, any secondary market prices of the notes will likely be lower than the price to public. This is because any secondary market prices will likely take into account our then-current market credit spreads, and because any secondary market prices are likely to exclude all or a portion of the hedging profits and estimated hedging costs that are included in the price to public of the notes and that may be reflected on your account statements. In addition, any such price is also likely to reflect a discount to account for costs associated with establishing or unwinding any related hedge transaction, such as dealer discounts, mark-ups and other transaction costs. As a result, the price, if any, at which BMOCM or any other party may be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, will likely be lower than the price to public. Any sale that you make prior to the Maturity Date could result in a substantial loss to you.
- Lack of liquidity. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. BMOCM may offer to purchase the notes in the secondary market, but is not required to do so. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the notes easily. Because other dealers are not likely to make a secondary market for the notes, the price at which you may be able to trade the notes is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which BMOCM is willing to buy the notes.
- Hedging and trading activities. We or any of our affiliates have carried out or may carry out hedging activities related to the notes, including purchasing or selling shares of the Reference Asset or securities held by the Reference Asset, futures or options relating to the Reference Asset or securities held by the Reference Asset or other derivative instruments with returns linked or related to changes in the performance on the Reference Asset or securities held by the Reference Asset. We or our affiliates may also trade in the Reference Asset, such securities, or instruments related to the Reference Asset or such securities from time to time. Any of these hedging or trading activities on or prior to the Pricing Date and during the term of the notes could adversely affect the payments on the notes.
- Many economic and market factors will influence the value of the notes. In addition to the level of the Reference Asset and interest rates on any trading day, the value of the notes will be affected by a number of economic and market factors that may either offset or magnify each other, and which are described in more detail in the product supplement.
- Significant aspects of the tax treatment of the notes are uncertain. The tax treatment of the notes is uncertain. We do not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or from any Canadian authorities regarding the tax treatment of the notes, and the Internal Revenue Service or a court may not agree with the tax treatment described herein.

The Internal Revenue Service has released a notice that may affect the taxation of holders of "prepaid forward contracts" and similar instruments. According to the notice, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Treasury are actively considering whether the holder of such instruments should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis. While it is not clear whether the notes would be viewed as similar to such instruments, it is possible that any future guidance could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the notes, possibly with retroactive effect.

Please read carefully the section entitled "U.S. Federal Tax Information" herein, the section entitled "Supplemental Tax Considerations–Supplemental U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying product supplement, the section entitled "United States Federal Income Taxation" in the accompanying prospectus and the section entitled "Certain Income Tax Consequences" in the accompanying prospectus supplement. You should consult your tax advisor about your own tax situation.

Examples of the Hypothetical Payment at Maturity for a \$1,000 Investment in the Notes

The following table illustrates the hypothetical payments on a note at maturity, assuming that the notes are not automatically redeemed. The hypothetical payments are based on a \$1,000 investment in the note, a hypothetical Initial Level of \$100.00, a hypothetical Trigger Level of \$60.00 (60.00% of the hypothetical Initial Level), a hypothetical Call Level of \$100.00 (100.00% of the hypothetical Initial Level), a range of hypothetical Final Levels and the effect on the payment at maturity.

The hypothetical examples shown below are intended to help you understand the terms of the notes. If the notes are not automatically redeemed, the actual cash amount that you will receive at maturity will depend upon the Final Level of the Reference Asset. If the notes are automatically redeemed prior to maturity, the hypothetical examples below will not be relevant, and you will receive on the applicable Call Settlement Date, for each \$1,000 principal amount, the principal amount plus the applicable Contingent Coupon.

As discussed in more detail above, your total return on the notes will also depend on the number of Contingent Coupon Dates on which the Contingent Coupon is payable. It is possible that the only payments on your notes will be the payment, if any, due at maturity. The payment at maturity will not exceed the principal amount, and may be significantly less.

Hypothetical Final Level	Hypothetical Final Level Expressed as a Percentage of the Initial Level	Payment at Maturity (Excluding Coupons)
\$200.00	200.00%	\$1,000.00
\$180.00	180.00%	\$1,000.00
\$160.00	160.00%	\$1,000.00
\$140.00	140.00%	\$1,000.00
\$120.00	120.00%	\$1,000.00
\$100.00	100.00%	\$1,000.00
\$90.00	90.00%	\$1,000.00
\$80.00	80.00%	\$1,000.00
\$70.00	70.00%	\$1,000.00
\$60.00	60.00%	\$1,000.00
\$59.99	59.99%	\$599.90
\$40.00	40.00%	\$400.00
\$20.00	20.00%	\$200.00
\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00

U.S. Federal Tax Information

By purchasing the notes, each holder agrees (in the absence of a change in law, an administrative determination or a judicial ruling to the contrary) to treat each note as a pre-paid contingent income-bearing derivative contract for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In the opinion of our counsel, Mayer Brown LLP, it would generally be reasonable to treat the notes as pre-paid contingent income-bearing derivative contracts in respect of the Reference Asset for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in the notes are uncertain and the Internal Revenue Service could assert that the notes should be taxed in a manner that is different from that described in the preceding sentence. Please see the discussion in the accompanying product supplement under "Supplemental Tax Considerations— Supplemental U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Notes Treated as an Investment Unit Consisting of a Debt Portion and a Put Option, as a Pre-Paid Contingent Income-Bearing Derivative Contract, or as a Pre-Paid Derivative Contract—Notes Treated as a Pre-Paid Contingent Income-Bearing Derivative Contract, which applies to the notes, except the following disclosure which supplements, and to the extent inconsistent supersedes, the discussion in the product supplement.

Under current Internal Revenue Service guidance, withholding on "dividend equivalent" payments (as discussed in the product supplement), if any, will not apply to notes that are issued as of the date of this pricing supplement unless such notes are "delta-one" instruments. Based on our determination that the notes are not delta-one instruments, non-United States holders (as defined in the product supplement) should not generally be subject to withholding on dividend equivalent payments, if any, under the notes.

Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)

BMOCM will purchase the notes from us at a purchase price reflecting the commission set forth on the cover hereof. BMOCM has informed us that, as part of its distribution of the notes, it will reoffer the notes to other dealers who will sell them. We or one of our affiliates may also pay a referral fee to certain dealers in connection with the distribution of the notes. Selected dealers will receive a structuring fee of up to \$6.00 from us or one of our affiliates for each note.

We will deliver the notes on a date that is greater than one business day following the pricing date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in one business day, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes more than one business day prior to the issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

We own, directly or indirectly, all of the outstanding equity securities of BMOCM, the agent for this offering. In accordance with FINRA Rule 5121, BMOCM may not make sales in this offering to any of its discretionary accounts without the prior written approval of the customer.

We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify the offering of the notes and to reject orders in whole or in part. You may cancel any order for the notes prior to its acceptance.

You should not construe the offering of the notes as a recommendation of the merits of acquiring an investment linked to the Reference Asset or as to the suitability of an investment in the notes.

BMOCM may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the notes. BMOCM will determine any secondary market prices that it is prepared to offer in its sole discretion.

We may use the final pricing supplement relating to the notes in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, BMOCM or another of our affiliates may use the final pricing supplement in market-making transactions in any notes after their initial sale. Unless BMOCM or we inform you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, the final pricing supplement is being used by BMOCM in a market-making transaction.

For a period of approximately three months following issuance of the notes, the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to buy the notes from investors, and the value that BMOCM may also publish for the notes through one or more financial information vendors and which could be indicated for the notes on any brokerage account statements, will reflect a temporary upward adjustment from our estimated value of the notes that would otherwise be determined and applicable at that time. This temporary upward adjustment represents a portion of the hedging profit that we or our affiliates expect to realize over the term of the notes. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will decline to zero on a straight-line basis over the three-month period.

The notes and the related offer to purchase notes and sale of notes under the terms and conditions provided herein do not constitute a public offering in any non-U.S. jurisdiction, and are being made available only to individually identified investors pursuant to a private offering as permitted in the relevant jurisdiction. The notes are not, and will not be, registered with any securities exchange or registry located outside of the United States and have not been registered with any non-U.S. securities or banking regulatory authority. The contents of this document have not been reviewed or approved by any non-U.S. securities or banking regulatory authority. Any person who wishes to acquire the notes from outside the United States should seek the advice or legal counsel as to the relevant requirements to acquire these notes.

British Virgin Islands. The notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the laws and regulations of the British Virgin Islands, nor has any regulatory authority in the British Virgin Islands passed comment upon or approved the accuracy or adequacy of this document. This pricing supplement and the related documents shall not constitute an offer, invitation or solicitation to any member of the public in the British Virgin Islands for the purposes of the Securities and Investment Business Act, 2010, of the British Virgin Islands.

Cayman Islands. Pursuant to the Companies Law (as amended) of the Cayman Islands, no invitation may be made to the public in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for the notes by or on behalf of the issuer unless at the time of such invitation the issuer is listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange. The issuer is not presently listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and, accordingly, no invitation to the public in the Cayman Islands is to be made by the issuer (or by any dealer on its behalf). No such invitation is made to the public in the Cayman Islands hereby.

Dominican Republic. Nothing in this pricing supplement constitutes an offer of securities for sale in the Dominican Republic. The notes have not been, and will not be, registered with the Superintendence of Securities Market of the Dominican Republic (Superintendencia del Mercado de Valores), under Dominican Securities Market Law No. 249-17 ("Securities Law 249-17"), and the notes may not be offered or sold within the Dominican Republic or to, or for the account or benefit of, Dominican persons (as defined under Securities Law 249-17 and its regulations). Failure to comply with these directives may result in a violation of Securities Law 249-17 and its regulations.

Israel. This pricing supplement is intended solely for investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended. A prospectus has not been prepared or filed, and will not be prepared or filed, in Israel relating to the notes offered hereunder. The notes cannot be resold in Israel other than to investors listed in the First Supplement of the Israeli Securities Law of 1968, as amended.

No action will be taken in Israel that would permit an offering of the notes or the distribution of any offering document or any other material to the public in Israel. In particular, no offering document or other material has been reviewed or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. Any material provided to an offere in Israel may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, nor be furnished to any other person other than those to whom copies have been provided directly by us or the selling agents.

Nothing in this pricing supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes, should be considered as the rendering of a recommendation or advice, including investment advice or investment marketing under the Law For Regulation of Investment Advice, Investment Marketing and Investment Portfolio Management, 1995, to purchase any note. The purchase of any note will be based on an investor's own understanding, for the investor's own benefit and for the investor's own account and not with the aim or intention of distributing or offering to other parties. In purchasing the notes, each investor declares that it has the knowledge, expertise and experience in financial and business matters so as to be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of an investment in the notes, without relying on any of the materials provided.

Mexico. The notes have not been registered with the National Registry of Securities maintained by the Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission and may not be offered or sold publicly in Mexico. This pricing supplement and the related documents may not be publicly distributed in Mexico. The notes may only be offered in a private offering pursuant to Article 8 of the Securities Market Law.

Switzerland. This pricing supplement is not intended to constitute an offer or solicitation to purchase or invest in any notes. Neither this pricing supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes constitutes a prospectus compliant with the requirements of articles 35 et seq. of the Swiss Financial Services Act ("FinSA")) for a public offering of the notes in Switzerland and no such prospectus has been or will be prepared for or in connection with the offering of the notes in Switzerland.

Neither this pricing supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes has been or will be filed with or approved by a Swiss review body (Prüfstelle). No application has been or is intended to be made to admit the notes to trading on any trading venue (SIX Swiss Exchange or on any other exchange or any multilateral trading facility) in Switzerland. Neither this pricing supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

The notes may not be publicly offered, directly or indirectly, in Switzerland within the meaning of FinSA except (i) in any circumstances falling within the exemptions to prepare a prospectus listed in article 36 para. 1 FinSA or (ii) where such offer does not qualify as a public offer in Switzerland, provided always that no offer of notes shall require the Issuer or any offeror to publish a prospectus pursuant to article 35 FinSA in respect to such offer and that such offer shall comply with the additional restrictions set out below (if applicable). The Issuer has not authorised and does not authorise any offer of notes which would require the Issuer or any offeror to publish a prospectus pursuant to article 35 FinSA in respect of such offer. For purposes of this provision "public offer" shall have the meaning as such term is understood pursuant to article 3 lit. g and h FinSA and the Swiss Financial Services Ordinance ("FinSO").

The notes do not constitute participations in a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Swiss Collective Investment Schemes Act. They are not subject to the approval of, or supervision by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority ("FINMA"), and investors in the notes will not benefit from protection under CISA or supervision by FINMA.

Prohibition of Offer to Private Clients in Switzerland - No Key Information Document pursuant to article 58 FinSA (Basisinformationsblatt für Finanzinstrumente) or equivalent document under foreign law pursuant to article 59 para. 2 FinSA has been or will be prepared in relation to the notes. Therefore, the following additional restriction applies: Notes qualifying as "debt securities with a derivative character" pursuant to article 86 para. 2 FinSO may not be offered within the meaning of article 58 para. 1 FinSA, and neither this pricing supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to such notes may be made available, to any retail client (Privatkunde) within the meaning of FinSA in Switzerland.

The notes may also be sold in the following jurisdictions, provided, in each case, any sales are made in accordance with all applicable laws in such jurisdiction:

- Barbados
- Bermuda

Additional Information Relating to the Estimated Initial Value of the Notes

Our estimated initial value of the notes on the date hereof, and that will be set forth on the cover page of the final pricing supplement relating to the notes, equals the sum of the values of the following hypothetical components:

- a fixed-income debt component with the same tenor as the notes, valued using our internal funding rate for structured notes; and
- one or more derivative transactions relating to the economic terms of the notes.

The internal funding rate used in the determination of the initial estimated value generally represents a discount from the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. The value of these derivative transactions is derived from our internal pricing models. These models are based on factors such as the traded market prices of comparable derivative instruments and on other inputs, which include volatility, dividend rates, interest rates and other factors. As a result, the estimated initial value of the notes on the Pricing Date will be determined based on the market conditions on the Pricing Date.

The Reference Asset

We have derived the following information from publicly available documents. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the following information. We are not affiliated with the Reference Asset Issuer and the Reference Asset Issuer will have no obligations with respect to the notes. This document relates only to the notes and does not relate to the shares of the Reference Asset or any securities included in the Underlying Index. Neither we nor any of our affiliates participates in the preparation of the publicly available documents described below. Neither we nor any of our affiliates has made any due diligence inquiry with respect to the Reference Asset in connection with the offering of the notes. There can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the date hereof, including events that would affect the accuracy or completeness of the publicly available documents described below and that would affect the trading price of the shares of the Reference Asset, have been or will be publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Asset could affect the price of

The selection of the Reference Asset is not a recommendation to buy or sell the shares of the Reference Asset. Neither we nor any of our affiliates make any representation to you as to the performance of the shares of the Reference Asset. Information provided to or filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act and the Investment Company Act of 1940 relating to the Reference Asset may be obtained through the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

We encourage you to review recent levels of the Reference Asset prior to making an investment decision with respect to the notes.

The SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF ("KRE")

The SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF is an investment portfolio maintained and managed by SSGA Funds Management, Inc. The SPDR[®] Series Trust is a registered investment company that consists of numerous separate investment portfolios, including the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF. The SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index. Information about the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF filed with the SEC can be found by reference to its SEC file numbers: 333-57793 and 811-08839 or its CIK Code: 0001064642. Shares of the SPDR[®] S&P[®] Regional Banking ETF are listed on the NYSE Arca under ticker symbol "KRE".

The S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index

All information in this document regarding the $\$\&P^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation and changes in its components, is derived from publicly available information. Such information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, \$&P Dow Jones Indices LLC ("S&P"), a division of \$&P Global. Neither we nor any of our affiliates has undertaken any independent review or due diligence of such information. The $\$\&P^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index is maintained and published by \$&P. \$&P has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue the publication of, the $\$\&P^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index.

The S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index is a modified equal-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of the banking sub-industry portion of the S&P Total Market Index ("S&P TMI"). The S&P TMI includes all U.S. common equities listed on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE Arca, NYSE American, Nasdaq Global Select Market, Nasdaq Select Market, Nasdaq Capital Market, Cboe BZX, Cboe BYX, Cboe EDGA, Cboe EDGX or Investors Exchange (IEX).

Eligible Constituents

In addition to being included in the S&P TMI and one of the relevant Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS") sub-industries, a stock must meet market capitalization and liquidity requirements to be included in the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index. Specifically, companies must satisfy one of the three following combined size and liquidity criteria:

- float-adjusted market capitalization above \$500 million and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 90%;
- float-adjusted market capitalization above \$400 million and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 150%; or
- for current constituents only, float adjusted market capitalization above US\$300 million and float-adjusted liquidity ratio greater than or equal to 50%.

All U.S. companies satisfying these requirements are included in the $S\&P^{\mathbb{R}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index. The total number of companies in the $S\&P^{\mathbb{R}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index should be at least 35. If there are fewer than 35 stocks, stocks from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds above are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization to reach 35 constituents. Minimum market capitalization requirements may be relaxed to ensure there are at least 22 companies in the $S\&P^{\mathbb{R}}$ Regional Banks Select Industry Index as of each rebalancing effective date.

At the discretion of S&P, constituents with shareholder ownership restrictions defined in company bylaws may be deemed ineligible for inclusion in the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index. Ownership restrictions preventing entities from replicating the index weight of a company may be excluded from the eligible universe or removed from the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index.

Eligible Constituents

The S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index is calculated by a divisor methodology and uses an adjusted equal-weighting methodology to weight constituent companies.

The initial divisor is set to have a base index value of 1000 on December 17, 1999. The index value is simply the index market value divided by the index divisor, and, in order to maintain index continuity, the divisor is adjusted at each rebalancing and for certain corporate actions. All index divisor adjustments are made after the close of trading based on closing prices.

The weight for each constituent is subject to a hard cap of 4.5% as well as a liquidity cap, where the excess weight is distributed proportionately among the remaining index constituents. As stock prices move, the weights will shift and the modified weights will change, thus requiring rebalancing from time to time to re-establish the proper weighting. Index membership is reviewed quarterly, and rebalancings occur after the closing on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The reference date for additions and deletions is after the closing of the last trading date of the previous month. At each quarterly rebalancing, companies are initially equally-weighted using closing prices as of the second Friday of the last month of the quarter. The liquidity cap is then applied, followed by the hard cap of 4.5%. Applying the caps and redistributing the excess weight among the remaining index constituents is an iterative process, and as a result, the redistribution of excess weight following the application of the hard cap may cause a stock to exceed the weight limit imposed by the liquidity cap. In such cases, no further adjustments will be made.

Companies are added between rebalancings only if a deletion in the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index causes the number of constituents in the index to fall below 22. In those cases, each company deletion is accompanied by a company addition. The weight of the new company in the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index will be the weight that the deleted company had before being removed. In the case of mergers involving at least one index constituent, the merged company will remain in the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index if it meets all of the eligibility requirements. The merged company will retain the weight the pre-merger company had as a constituent. If both companies involved in a merger are index constituents prior to the merger, the merged company will be added at the weight of the company demed to be the acquirer in the merger. In the case of spin-offs, the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index will follow the S&P TMI's treatment of the action. If the S&P TMI treats the pre- and post-spun company as a deletion/addition action, using the stock's when-issued price, the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index will also treat the spin-off in the same way. A company is deleted from S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index if the S&P TMI drops the company. If a company's GICS classification changes so that the company no longer belongs to one of the applicable qualifying sub-industries after the classification change, the company is removed from the S&P[®] Regional Banks Select Industry Index at the next rebalancing.

