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**Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside**

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## Market Linked Securities Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside

Market Linked Securities Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside ( these Market Linked Securities ) offer a return linked to the performance of a market measure, such as an index, exchange-traded fund or a basket of indices or exchange-traded funds (the underlying ). In contrast to a direct investment in the underlying, these Market Linked Securities offer the potential for a positive return at maturity equal to a specified contingent fixed return if, as of a specified calculation day occurring shortly before maturity, the underlying has appreciated (regardless of the extent of that appreciation), or if it has not declined below a specified contingent fixed return level. The contingent fixed return level for a particular issuance of these Market Linked Securities will either be equal to or less than the starting level. These Market Linked Securities also offer contingent protection against a moderate decline of the underlying that is applicable if, and only if, the underlying has not declined below a specified threshold level. However, if the underlying has declined below the threshold level as of the calculation day, the contingent downside protection no longer applies and you will be fully exposed to the decline of the underlying and will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of your investment. If the issuer defaults on its payment obligations, you could lose your entire investment.

These Market Linked Securities are designed for investors who seek the potential for a contingent fixed return if the underlying appreciates at all or does not decline below the contingent fixed return level and a contingent measure of market risk reduction that is applicable if the underlying declines but not below the threshold level. In exchange for these features, you must be willing to forgo interest payments, dividends (in the case of equity underlyings) and participation in any appreciation of the underlying beyond the contingent fixed return. You must also be willing to accept the possibility of full downside exposure to the decline of the underlying if the underlying declines below the threshold level. The potential to receive the contingent fixed return and the contingent protection apply only if you hold these Market Linked Securities at maturity.

These Market Linked Securities are unsecured debt obligations of the issuer. You will have no ability to pursue the underlying or any assets included in the underlying for payment.

The charts in this section do not reflect forgone dividend payments.

### **Direct investment payoff**

For traditional assets, such as stocks, there is a direct relationship between the change in the level of the asset and the return on the investment. For example, as the graph indicates, suppose you bought shares of a common stock at \$100 per share. If you sold the shares at \$120 each, the return on the investment (excluding any dividend payments) would be \$20 per share, or 20%.

Similarly, if you sold the shares after the price decreased to \$80 (i.e., a decline of 20%), this would result in a 20% investment loss (excluding dividends).

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These Market Linked Securities offer a return that is linked to the performance of an underlying but that differs from the return that would be achieved on a direct investment in the underlying. The return at maturity is based on the performance of an underlying as measured from a specified **starting level** to the closing level of the underlying on a calculation day shortly before maturity (the **ending level**). If the ending level of the underlying is greater than or equal to the contingent fixed return level, you will receive a payment at maturity equal to the original offering price plus the contingent fixed return. If the ending level of the underlying is less than the contingent fixed return level but greater than or equal to the threshold level, you will receive a payment at maturity equal to the original offering price. However, if the closing level of the underlying is less than the threshold level, you will receive less than the original offering price and have full downside exposure to the decrease in the level of the underlying from the starting level to the ending level. Under these circumstances, you will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of your investment.

To understand how these Market Linked Securities would perform under varying market conditions, consider a hypothetical Market Linked Security with an original offering price of \$1,000 and the following terms:

**Contingent Fixed Return:** 20% of the original offering price (\$200.00 per Market Linked Security). The contingent fixed return is the return that will be reflected in the payment at maturity on these Market Linked Securities if, and only if, the ending level of the underlying is greater than or equal to the specified contingent fixed return level (described below). A contingent fixed return of 20% means that, if the underlying appreciates (regardless of the extent of that appreciation) or if it does not decline below the contingent fixed return level, you will receive a payment at maturity equal to \$1,200.00, which is equal to the original offering price of \$1,000 plus the contingent fixed return of 20% of the original offering price (i.e.,  $\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times 20\%)$ ). As a result of the contingent fixed return, any positive return on these Market Linked Securities at maturity will be limited to 20% of the original offering price.

**Contingent Fixed Return Level:** 100% of the starting level. The contingent fixed return level, relative to the ending level of the underlying, will determine whether or not you will receive the contingent fixed return at maturity. The contingent fixed return level for a particular issuance of these Market Linked Securities will either be equal to the starting level or less than the starting level and may also be equal to the threshold level (described below). A contingent fixed return level that is equal to 100% of the starting level means that if the underlying is flat or appreciates at all (regardless of the extent of that appreciation), you will receive the original offering price plus the contingent fixed return at maturity. However, if the underlying declines, you will not receive the contingent fixed return and may experience a loss as described below.

**Contingent Protection:** 30%. The contingent protection offers a contingent measure of downside market risk reduction at maturity as compared to a direct investment in the underlying. Contingent protection of 30% means that you will be repaid the original offering price at maturity if the underlying declines by 30% or less from the starting level to the ending level — in other words, if the ending level is greater than or equal to a **threshold level** that is equal to 70% of the starting level. However, if the underlying declines by more than 30%, so that the ending level is less than the threshold level, you will have full downside exposure to the decrease in the level of the underlying from the starting level to the ending level, and you will lose more than 30%, and possibly all, of the original offering price at maturity. For example, if the underlying declines by 30.1% from the starting level to the ending level, you will not receive any benefit of the contingent protection feature and you will lose 30.1% of the original offering price at maturity.

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Any positive return on these Market Linked Securities will be limited to the contingent fixed return, even if the ending level of the underlying significantly exceeds the starting level. You will not participate in any appreciation of the underlying beyond the contingent fixed return, but will be fully exposed to any decline of the underlying if the underlying declines below the threshold level. If the ending level of the underlying is less than the contingent fixed return level, you will not receive a positive return on these Market Linked Securities at maturity.

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***This information, including the graph to the left, is hypothetical and is provided for informational purposes only. It is not intended to represent any specific return, yield, or investment, nor is it indicative of future results. The graph illustrates the payoff on the hypothetical Market Linked Securities Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside described above for a range of percentage changes in the underlying from the starting level to the ending level.***

This hypothetical Market Linked Security could outperform the underlying if the ending level of the underlying has declined from the starting level but is greater than or equal to the threshold level or if the ending level has increased from the starting level by less than 20%. Note that, because the value of the underlying does not incorporate dividends paid on the underlying, the return on these Market Linked Securities does not compensate you for any dividends paid on the underlying. All payments on these Market Linked Securities are subject to the ability of the issuer to make such payments to you when they are due, and you will have no ability to pursue the underlying or any assets included in the underlying for payment. If the issuer defaults on its payment obligations, you could lose your entire investment.

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**Determining payment at maturity**

The diagram below illustrates how the cash payment on the stated maturity date for this hypothetical Market Linked Security will be calculated. The diagram below assumes an original offering price of \$1,000 per security.

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### **Estimated value of Market Linked Securities    Contingent Fixed Return and Contingent Downside**

The original offering price of these Market Linked Securities will include certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of these Market Linked Securities on the pricing date will be less than the original offering price. If specified in the applicable pricing supplement, these costs may include the underwriting discount or commission, the hedging profits of the issuer's hedging counterparty (which may be an affiliate of the issuer), and hedging and other costs associated with the offering and costs relating to the issuer's funding considerations for debt of this type. See "General risks and investment considerations" herein and the applicable pricing supplement for more information.

The issuer will disclose the estimated value of these Market Linked Securities in the applicable pricing supplement. The estimated value of these Market Linked Securities will be determined by estimating the value of the combination of hypothetical financial instruments that would replicate the payout on these Market Linked Securities, which combination consists of a non-interest bearing, fixed-income bond and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of these Market Linked Securities. You should read the applicable pricing supplement for more information about the estimated value of these Market Linked Securities and how it is determined.

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Which investments are right for you?

It is important to read and understand the applicable preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents and consider several factors before making an investment decision.

An investment in these Market Linked Securities may help you modify your portfolio's risk-return profile to more closely reflect your market views. However, at maturity you may incur a loss on your investment, and you will forgo interest payments, dividend payments (in the case of equity underlyings) and any return in excess of the contingent fixed return.

These Market Linked Securities are not suitable for all investors, but may be suitable for investors aiming to:

Gain or increase exposure to different asset classes and who believe that the ending level of the underlying will be greater than or equal to the contingent fixed return level

Receive a contingent fixed return if the underlying appreciates at all or does not decline below the contingent fixed return level as well as contingent protection against a moderate decline in the underlying in lieu of participation in any potential market appreciation beyond the contingent fixed return

Supplement their existing investments with new return profiles

Obtain exposure to an underlying with a different risk/return profile than a direct investment in that underlying

Seek the potential to outperform the underlying in a moderately declining market or a low to moderately appreciating market

You can find a discussion of risks and investment considerations on the next page and in the preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents for these Market Linked Securities. The following questions, which you should review with your financial advisor, are intended to initiate a conversation about whether these Market Linked Securities are right for you.

Are you comfortable with the potential loss of a significant portion, and possibly all, of your initial investment as a result of a percentage decline of the underlying that exceeds the amount of contingent protection?

What is your time horizon? Do you foresee liquidity needs? Will you be able to hold these investments until maturity?

Does contingent protection against moderate market declines take precedence for you over participation in any appreciation of the underlying beyond the contingent fixed return and dividend payments?

What is your outlook on the market? How confident are you in your portfolio's ability to weather a market decline?

What is your sensitivity to the tax treatment for your investments?

Are you dependent on your investments for current income?

Are you willing to accept the credit risk of the applicable issuer in order to obtain the exposure to the underlying that these Market Linked Securities provide?

Before making an investment decision, please work with your financial advisor to determine which investment products may be appropriate given your financial situation, investment goals, and risk profile.

## General risks and investment considerations

These Market Linked Securities have complex features and are not suitable for all investors. They involve a variety of risks and may be linked to a variety of different underlyings. Each of these Market Linked Securities and each underlying will have its own unique set of risks and investment considerations. Before you invest in these Market Linked Securities, you should thoroughly review the relevant preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents for a comprehensive discussion of the risks associated with the investment. The following are general risks and investment considerations applicable to these Market Linked Securities:

**Principal and performance risk.** These Market Linked Securities are not structured to repay your full original offering price on the stated maturity date. If the ending level is less than the threshold level, you will be fully exposed to the decline of the underlying from the starting level to the ending level and the payment you receive at maturity will be less than the original offering price of these Market Linked Securities. Under these circumstances, you will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of your investment.

**Limited upside.** The potential return on these Market Linked Securities is limited to the contingent fixed return, regardless of the performance of the underlying. The underlying may appreciate by significantly more than the percentage represented by the contingent fixed return, in which case an investment in these Market Linked Securities will underperform a hypothetical alternative investment providing a 1-to-1 return based on the performance of the underlying.

**Liquidity risk.** These Market Linked Securities are not appropriate for investors who may have liquidity needs prior to maturity. These Market Linked Securities are not listed on any securities exchange and are generally illiquid instruments. Neither Wells Fargo Securities nor any other person is required to maintain a secondary market for these Market Linked Securities. Accordingly, you may be unable to sell your Market Linked Securities prior to their maturity date. If you choose to sell these Market Linked Securities prior to maturity, assuming a buyer is available, you may receive less in sale proceeds than the original offering price.

**Market value uncertain.** These Market Linked Securities are not appropriate for investors who need their investments to maintain a stable value during their term. The value of your Market Linked Securities prior to maturity will be affected by numerous factors, such as performance, volatility and dividend rate, if applicable, of the underlying; interest rates; the time remaining to maturity; the correlation among basket components, if applicable; and the applicable issuer's creditworthiness. Wells Fargo Securities anticipates that the value of these Market Linked Securities will always be at a discount to the original offering price plus the contingent fixed return.

**Costs to investors.** The original offering price of these Market Linked Securities will include certain costs that are borne by you. These costs will adversely affect the economic terms of these Market Linked Securities and will cause their estimated value on the pricing date to be less than the original offering price. If specified in the applicable pricing supplement, these costs may include the underwriting discount or commission, the hedging profits of the issuer's hedging counterparty (which may be an affiliate of the issuer), hedging and other costs

associated with the offering, and costs relating to the issuer's funding considerations for debt of this type. These costs will adversely affect any secondary market price for these Market Linked Securities, which may be further reduced by a bid-offer spread. As a result, unless market conditions and other relevant factors change significantly in your favor following the pricing date, any secondary market price for these Market Linked Securities is likely to be less than the original offering price.

**Credit risk.** Any investment in these Market Linked Securities is subject to the ability of the applicable issuer to make payments to you when they are due, and you will have no ability to pursue the underlying or any assets included in the underlying for payment. If the issuer defaults on its payment obligations, you could lose your entire investment. In addition, the actual or perceived creditworthiness of the issuer may affect the value of these Market Linked Securities prior to maturity.

**No periodic interest or dividend payments.** These Market Linked Securities do not typically provide periodic interest. These Market Linked Securities linked to equity underlyings do not provide for a pass through of any dividend paid on the equity underlyings.

**Estimated value considerations.** The estimated value of these Market Linked Securities that is disclosed in the applicable pricing supplement will be determined by the issuer or an underwriter of the offering, which underwriter may be an affiliate of the issuer and may be Wells Fargo Securities. The estimated value will be based on the issuer's or the underwriter's proprietary pricing models and assumptions and certain inputs that may be determined by the issuer or underwriter in its discretion. Because other dealers may have different views on these inputs, the estimated value that is disclosed in the applicable pricing supplement may be higher, and perhaps materially higher, than the estimated value that would be determined by other dealers in the market. Moreover, you should understand that the estimated value that is disclosed in the applicable pricing supplement will not be an indication of the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities or any other person may be willing to buy these Market Linked Securities from you at any time after issuance.

**Conflicts of interest.** Potential conflicts of interest may exist between you and the applicable issuer and/or Wells Fargo Securities. For example, the applicable issuer, Wells Fargo Securities, or one of their respective affiliates may engage in business with companies whose securities are included in the underlying, or may publish research on such companies or the underlying. In addition, the applicable issuer, Wells Fargo Securities, or one of their respective affiliates may be the calculation agent for the purposes of making important determinations that affect the payments on these Market Linked Securities. Finally, the estimated value of these Market Linked Securities may be determined by the issuer or an underwriter of the offering, which underwriter may be an affiliate of the issuer and may be Wells Fargo Securities.

**Effects of trading and other transactions.** Trading and other transactions by the applicable issuer, Wells Fargo Securities or one of their respective affiliates could affect the underlying or the value of these Market Linked Securities.

**Basket risk.** If the underlying is a basket, the basket components may offset each other. Any appreciation of one or more basket components may be moderated, wholly offset, or more than offset, by depreciation of one or more other basket components.

**ETF risk.** If the underlying is an exchange-traded fund (ETF), it may underperform the index it is designed to track as a result of costs and fees of the ETF and differences between the constituents of the index and the actual assets held by the ETF. In addition, an investment in these Market Linked Securities linked to an ETF involves risks related to the index underlying the ETF, as discussed in the next risk consideration.

**Index risk.** If the underlying is an index, or an ETF that tracks an index, your return on these Market Linked Securities may be adversely affected by changes that the index publisher may make to the manner in which the index is constituted or calculated. Furthermore, if the index represents foreign securities markets, you should understand that foreign securities markets tend to be less liquid and more volatile than U.S. markets and that there is generally less information available about foreign companies than about companies that file reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Moreover, if the index represents emerging foreign securities markets, these Market Linked Securities will be subject to the heightened political and economic risks associated with emerging markets. If the index includes foreign securities and the level of the index is based on the U.S. dollar value of those foreign securities, these Market Linked Securities will be subject to currency exchange rate risk in addition to the other risks described above, as the level of the index will be adversely affected if the currencies in which the foreign securities trade depreciate against the U.S. dollar.

**Commodity risk.** These Market Linked Securities linked to commodities will be subject to a number of significant risks associated with commodities. Commodity prices tend to be volatile and may fluctuate in ways that are unpredictable and adverse to you. Commodity markets are frequently subject to disruptions, distortions, and changes due to various factors, including the lack of liquidity in the markets, the participation of speculators, and government regulation and intervention. Moreover, commodity indices may be adversely affected by a phenomenon known as negative roll yield, which occurs when future prices of the commodity futures contracts underlying the index are higher than current prices. Negative roll yield can have a significant negative effect on the performance of a commodity index. Furthermore, for commodities that are traded in U.S. dollars but for which market prices are driven by global demand, any strengthening of the U.S. dollar against relevant other currencies may adversely affect the demand for, and therefore the price of, those commodities.

**Currency risk.** These Market Linked Securities linked to currencies will be subject to a number of significant risks associated with currencies. Currency exchange rates are frequently subject to intervention by governments, which can be difficult to predict and can have a significant impact on exchange rates. Moreover, currency exchange rates are driven by complex factors relating to the economies of the relevant countries that can be difficult to understand and predict. Currencies issued by emerging market governments may be particularly volatile and will be subject to heightened risks.

**Bond risk.** These Market Linked Securities linked to bond indices or exchange-traded funds that are comprised of specific types of bonds with different maturities and qualities will be subject to a number of significant risks associated with bonds. In general, if market interest rates rise, the value of bonds will decline. In addition, if the market perception of the creditworthiness of the relevant bond issuers falls, the value of bonds will generally decline.

**Tax considerations.** You should review carefully the relevant preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents and consult your tax advisors regarding the application of the U.S. federal tax laws to your particular circumstances, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, or non-U.S. jurisdiction.

**Always read the preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents.**

These Market Linked Securities are offered with a preliminary pricing supplement and other related offering documents. Investors should read and consider these documents carefully before investing. Prior to investing, always consult your financial advisor to understand the investment structure in detail.

For more information about these Market Linked Securities and the structures currently available for investment, contact your financial advisor, who can advise you of whether or not a particular offering may meet your individual needs and investment requirements.

Each issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offerings to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in the applicable registration statement and other documents the applicable issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and the offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the applicable issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the applicable prospectus if you request it by calling your financial advisor or by calling Wells Fargo Securities at 866-346-7732.

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