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U.S.\$1,350,000,000 THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

U.S.\$850,000,000 1.700% Senior Notes due 2018

U.S.\$500,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2018

The U.S.\$850,000,000 Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Fixed Rate Senior Notes") offered by this prospectus supplement (this "Prospectus Supplement") will bear interest at a rate of 1.700% from June 11, 2015 and will mature on June 11, 2018. Interest on the Fixed Rate Senior Notes will be payable in arrears on June 11 and December 11 of each year, commencing December 11, 2015 and continuing until June 11, 2018. The U.S.\$500,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2018 (the "Floating Rate Senior Notes" and, together with the Fixed Rate Senior Notes, the "Notes") offered by this Prospectus Supplement will bear interest at a floating rate equal to 3-month USD LIBOR plus 0.47% and will mature on June 11, 2018. Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes will be payable in arrears on March 11, June 11, September 11 and December 11 of each year, commencing on September 11, 2015 and continuing until June 11, 2018. See "Details of the Offering — Interest." The Bank has the option, at any time after May 11, 2018 (which is the date that is one month prior to the maturity date of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes), to redeem the Fixed Rate Senior Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date. See "Description of the Notes — Optional Redemption of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes." The Notes will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of The Bank of Nova Scotia (the "Bank") and will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada) (the "Bank Act").

Investing in the Notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-1 of this Prospectus Supplement and page 6 of the accompanying prospectus of the Bank dated December 1, 2014 (the "Prospectus").

Prospective investors should be aware that the acquisition of the Notes described herein may have tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. Such consequences for investors who are resident in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully herein.

The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that the Bank is a Canadian bank, that many of its officers and directors, and some of the experts named in this Prospectus Supplement, may be residents of Canada and that all or a substantial portion of the assets of the Bank and such persons may be located outside the United States.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities regulator has approved or disapproved of the Notes, or determined if this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Price to

the Public(1) Underwriters' FeesNet Proceeds to the Bank(1)(2)Per Fixed Rate Senior

Note 99.953% 0.250% 99.703% Total U.S.\$849,600,500 U.S.\$2,125,000 U.S.\$847,475,500 Per Floating Rate Senior Note 100.000% 0.250% 99.750% Total U.S.\$500,000,000 U.S.\$1,250,000 U.S.\$498,750,000

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from June 11, 2015 to the date of delivery. Accrued interest must be paid by the purchasers. (2) Before deduction of expenses estimated at U.S.\$100,000.

The underwriters, as principals, conditionally offer the Notes, subject to prior sale, if, as and when issued by the Bank, and accepted by the underwriters in accordance with the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement referred to under "Plan of Distribution" in this Prospectus Supplement. The underwriters may sell Notes for less than the initial offering price in circumstances described under "Plan of Distribution." In addition, the underwriters may effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Notes at levels other than those that might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. See "Plan of Distribution."

The Notes will not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* (Canada) or by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other Canadian or U.S. government agency or instrumentality.

The principal executive office of the Bank is located at 1709 Hollis Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3B7 and its executive offices are at Scotia Plaza, 44 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1. The Notes will be ready for delivery through the book-entry facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its direct and indirect participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, on or about June 11, 2015

Joint Book-Running Managers Scotiabank Barclays BofA Merrill Lynch Citigroup UBS Investment
Bank Co-Managers Wells Fargo Securities Goldman, Sachs & Co. HSBC BNP Paribas Deutsche Bank
Securities J.P. Morgan Morgan Stanley June 4, 2015

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this Prospectus Supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part, the accompanying Prospectus, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. If information in this Prospectus Supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying Prospectus, investors should rely on the information in this Prospectus Supplement. This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into each of them include important information about the Bank, the Notes being offered and other information investors should know before investing in the Notes.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in Notes of the Bank is subject to certain risks. Before deciding whether to invest in the Notes, investors should carefully consider the risks set out herein and incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement (including subsequently filed documents incorporated by reference herein).

The value of the Notes will be affected by the general creditworthiness of the Bank. Prospective investors should consider the categories of risks identified in the Bank's most recent annual report filed on Form 40-F and quarterly report to shareholders furnished on Form 6-K, which are incorporated by reference herein, including credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, reputational risk, environmental risk, strategic risk and insurance risk.

The Notes will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Bank and will rank on a parity with all of the Bank's other senior unsecured debt including deposit liabilities, other than certain governmental claims in accordance with applicable law. Except to the extent regulatory requirements affect the Bank's decisions to issue more senior debt, there is no limit on the Bank's ability to incur additional senior debt. Any payment to be made on the Notes depends on the ability of the Bank to satisfy its obligations as they come due. As a result, the actual and perceived creditworthiness of the Bank may affect the market value of the Notes and, in the event the Bank was to default on its obligations, holders of the Notes may not receive the amounts owed to them under the terms of the Notes.

Real or anticipated changes in credit ratings on the Bank's deposit liabilities may affect the market value of the Notes. In addition, real or anticipated changes in credit ratings can affect the cost at which the Bank can transact or obtain funding, and thereby affect the Bank's liquidity, business, financial condition or results of operations and, therefore, the Bank's ability to make payments on the Notes could be adversely affected.

The value of the Notes may be affected by market value fluctuations resulting from factors which influence the Bank's operations, including regulatory developments, competition and global market activity.

Prevailing interest rates will affect the market value of the Notes. Assuming all other factors remain unchanged, the market value of the Notes will decline as prevailing interest rates for similar debt instruments rise, and increase as prevailing interest rates for comparable debt instruments decline.

The Notes are new issues of securities and there may be no markets through which the Notes may be sold and purchasers may therefore be unable to resell such Notes. In addition, the Bank does not intend to apply for listing or quotation of the Notes on any securities exchange or automated quotation system. These factors may affect the pricing of the Notes in any secondary market, the transparency and availability of trading prices and the liquidity of the Notes.

There can be no assurance that active trading markets will develop for the Notes after this offering, or if developed, that such markets will be sustained at the offering price of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes or the Floating Rate Senior

Notes. While certain of the underwriters intend to make a market in the Notes, the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may stop their market-making at any time. In addition, any market-making activities will be subject to limits of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the Exchange Act.

If any of the Notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering prices. Future trading prices of the Notes will depend on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the Bank's financial condition, performance, prospects and

other factors. Accordingly, you may be required to bear the financial risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period of time.

The senior debt indenture governing the Notes does not contain any financial covenants and contains only limited restrictive covenants. In addition, the senior debt indenture will not limit the Bank's or its subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness, issue or repurchase securities, pay dividends or engage in transactions with affiliates. The Bank's ability to incur additional indebtedness and use its funds for any purpose in the Bank's discretion may increase the risk that the Bank may be unable to service its debt, including paying its obligations under the Notes.

The Notes and the related senior debt indenture will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York (other than certain limited provisions that will be governed by the law of the Province of Ontario and applicable laws of Canada). Generally, in an action commenced in a Canadian court for the enforcement of the senior debt indenture or the Notes, a plaintiff will be required to prove those non-Canadian laws as a matter of fact by the evidence of persons who are experts in those laws.

This paragraph is relevant only if you are a fiduciary within the meaning of Section 3(21) of the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") (including an insurance company and any fund manager treated as a fiduciary under the U.S. Department of Labor's Regulations Section 2510.3-101 as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA (the "Plan Asset Regulation") of a pension or employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), including certain governmental, church and non-U.S. plans and IRAs and Keogh plans. These persons should consult with their counsel regarding the deemed representations they are required to make. See "Employee Retirement Income Security Act" in the accompanying Prospectus.

The Notes will be denominated in U.S. dollars. If you are a non-U.S. investor who purchases the Notes with a currency other than U.S. dollars, changes in rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or returns of your investment. This Prospectus Supplement contains a general description of certain U.S. tax considerations and certain Canadian tax considerations relevant to Non-Resident Holders (as defined) relating to the Notes. If you are a non-U.S. investor, you should consult your tax advisors as to the consequences, under the tax laws of the country where you are resident for tax purposes, of acquiring, holding and disposing of the Notes and receiving the payments that might be due under the Notes.

The Bank will have the right to redeem the Notes and if the Bank redeems your Notes, depending on the market conditions at the time of redemption, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a security with a comparable return.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to the Bank from the sale of the Notes, after deducting the estimated expenses of the issue and the underwriters' discounts and commissions, will amount to approximately U.S.\$1,346,125,500. Such net proceeds will be added to the Bank's funds and will be used for general business purposes.

DETAILS OF THE OFFERING

The following description of the terms of the Notes supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the description set forth under the heading "Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer" in the accompanying Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with such description. As used in this description, the term the "Bank" refers only to The Bank of Nova Scotia and not to any of its subsidiaries. All capitalized terms used under this heading "Details of the Offering" that are not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the accompanying Prospectus.

General

The following is a description of the terms of the (i) U.S.\$850,000,000 1.700% Senior Notes due 2018 and (ii) U.S.\$500,000,000 Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2018 offered by this Prospectus Supplement (which are referred to in this Prospectus Supplement collectively as the "Notes" and in the accompanying Prospectus as "Debt Securities"). The Notes are part of the Debt Securities registered by the Bank with the SEC and which are to be issued on terms that will be determined at the time of sale. The Notes will constitute the Bank's unsecured and

unsubordinated obligations and will constitute deposit liabilities of the Bank for purposes of the Bank Act and will rank on a parity with all of the Bank's other senior unsecured debt including deposit liabilities, other than certain governmental claims in accordance with applicable law, and prior to all of the Bank's subordinated debt. The Notes are to be issued under a senior debt indenture among the Bank, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as United States trustee, and Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as Canadian trustee, which is more fully described in the Prospectus under the heading "Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer."

Payment of the principal and interest on the Notes will be made is U.S. dollars. The Bank will pay interest, principal and any other money due on the Notes at the corporate trust office of Computershare Trust Company, N.A., 350 Indiana St., Suite 750, Golden, Colorado 80401, or such other office as may be agreed upon. Holders of Notes must make arrangements to have their payments picked up at or wired from that office or such other office as may be agreed upon. The Bank may also choose to pay interest by mailing checks.

The Notes are not entitled to the benefits of any sinking fund.

The provisions of the senior debt indenture relating to defeasance and covenant defeasance (described under the heading "Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer — Defeasance" in the accompanying Prospectus) will apply to the Notes.

The Notes will be issued in denominations of U.S.\$2,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess of such amount. Upon issuance, the Notes will be represented by one or more fully registered global notes. Each global note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, as depositary. You may elect to hold interests in the global notes through either the depositary (in the United States), Clearstream or Euroclear, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. See "Description of the Debt Securities We May Offer — Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance" in the accompanying Prospectus.

Maturity

The Fixed Rate Senior Notes will mature on June 11, 2018. The Floating Rate Senior Notes will mature on June 11, 2018.

Interest

Fixed Rate Senior Notes

The Fixed Rate Senior Notes will bear interest from and including June 11, 2015 at a rate equal to 1.700%. The Bank will pay interest in arrears on June 11 and December 11 of each year, beginning December 11, 2015 (each, a "Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date"), and on the maturity date. Interest will be payable on each Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date to the persons in whose name the Fixed Rate Senior Notes are registered at the close of business on the preceding May 27 or November 26, whether or not a business day. However, the Bank will pay interest on the maturity date to the same persons to whom the principal will be payable. If any Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date or the maturity date falls on a day that is not a business day, the Bank will postpone the making of such interest payment to the next succeeding business day (and no interest will be paid in respect of the delay). A "business day" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or executive order to close in The City of New York, New York or Toronto, Ontario.

Interest on the Fixed Rate Senior Notes will accrue from and including June 11, 2015 to but excluding the first Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date and then from and including each Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for to, but excluding, the next Fixed Rate Senior Notes Interest Payment Date or the maturity date, as the case may be.

Interest on the Fixed Rate Senior Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Floating Rate Senior Notes

The Floating Rate Senior Notes will bear interest for each interest period at a rate determined by the calculation agent. The calculation agent is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. until such time as the Bank

appoints a successor calculation agent. The interest rate on the Floating Rate Senior Notes for a particular interest period will be a per annum rate equal to three-month USD LIBOR as determined on the Interest Determination Date plus 0.47%. The Interest Determination Date for an interest period will be the second London business day preceding the first day of such interest period. Promptly upon determination, the calculation agent will inform the trustees and the Bank of the interest rate for the next interest period. Absent manifest error, the determination of the interest rate by the calculation agent shall be binding and conclusive on the holders of the Floating Rate Senior Notes, the trustees and the Bank. A London business day is a day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted in the London interbank market.

Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes will be paid to but excluding the relevant interest payment date. The Bank will make interest payments on the Floating Rate Senior Notes quarterly in arrears on March 11, June 11, September 11 and December 11 of each year, commencing on September 11, 2015 and continuing until June 11, 2018, to the person in whose name those Floating Rate Senior Notes are registered on the preceding February 24, May 27, August 27 or November 26, whether or not a business day. The initial interest period will be the period from and including June 11, 2015, to but excluding the first interest payment date. Then each subsequent interest period will be the period from and including the immediately preceding interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for to but excluding the next interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be. The amount of accrued interest that the Bank will pay for any interest period can be calculated by multiplying the face amount of the Floating Rate Senior Notes then outstanding by an accrued interest factor. This accrued interest factor is computed by adding the interest factor calculated for each day from June 11, 2015, or from the last date the Bank paid interest to you, to the date for which accrued interest is being calculated. The interest factor for each day is computed by dividing the interest rate applicable to that day by 360. If an interest payment date for the Floating Rate Senior Notes falls on a day that is not a business day, the interest payment date shall be postponed to the next succeeding business day unless such next succeeding business day would be in the following month, in which case, the interest payment date shall be the immediately preceding business day.

On any Interest Determination Date, LIBOR will be equal to the offered rate for deposits in U.S. dollars having an index maturity of three months, in amounts of at least U.S.\$1,000,000, as such rate appears on "Reuters Page LIBOR01" at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such Interest Determination Date. If on an Interest Determination Date, such rate does not appear on the "Reuters Page LIBOR01" as of 11:00 a.m., London time, or if the "Reuters Page LIBOR01" is not available on such date, the calculation agent will obtain such rate from Bloomberg L.P.'s page "BBAM."

If no offered rate appears on "Reuters Page LIBOR01" or Bloomberg L.P. page "BBAM" on an Interest Determination Date at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, then the calculation agent (after consultation with the Bank) will select four major banks in the London interbank market and shall request each of their principal London offices to provide a quotation of the rate at which three-month deposits in U.S. dollars in amounts of at least U.S.\$1,000,000 are offered by it to prime banks in the London interbank market, on that date and at that time, that is representative of single transactions at that time. If at least two quotations are provided, LIBOR will be the arithmetic average of the quotations provided. Otherwise, the calculation agent will select three major banks in New York City and shall request each of them to provide a quotation of the rate offered by them at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Interest Determination Date for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks having an index maturity of three months for the applicable interest period in an amount of at least U.S.\$1,000,000 that is representative of single transactions at that time. If three quotations are provided, LIBOR will be the arithmetic average of the quotations provided. Otherwise, the rate of LIBOR for the next interest period will be set equal to the rate of LIBOR for the then current interest period.

Upon request from any holder of Floating Rate Senior Notes, the calculation agent will provide the interest rate in effect for the Floating Rate Senior Notes for the current interest period and, if it has been determined, the interest rate to be in effect for the next interest period.

All percentages resulting from any calculation of the interest rate on the Floating Rate Senior Notes will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point with five one millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards (e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545)) would be rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655)), and all dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculation on the Floating Rate Senior Notes will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upward). Each calculation of the interest rate on the Floating Rate Senior Notes by the calculation agent will (in absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the holders and the Bank.

The interest rate on the Floating Rate Senior Notes will in no event be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law as the same may be modified by United States law of general application.

Payment of Additional Amounts

All payments made by or on behalf of the Bank under or with respect to the Notes will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and other liabilities related thereto) imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Government of Canada or any province or territory thereof or by any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax (hereafter "Canadian taxes"), unless the Bank is required to withhold or deduct Canadian taxes by law or by the interpretation or administration thereof. If the Bank is so required to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of Canadian taxes from any payment made under or with respect to the Fixed Rates Senior Notes or the Floating Rate Senior Notes, the Bank will pay to each holder of such Notes as additional interest such additional amounts ("additional amounts") as may be necessary so that the net amount received by each such holder after such withholding or deduction (and after deducting any Canadian taxes on such additional amounts) will not be less than the amount such holder would have received if such Canadian taxes had not been withheld or deducted, except as described below. However, no additional amounts will be payable with respect to a payment made to a holder (such holder, an "excluded holder") in respect of the beneficial owner thereof:

with which the Bank does not deal at arm's length (for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada)) at the time of the making of such payment;

which is subject to such Canadian taxes by reason of the holder being a resident, domiciliary or national of, engaged in business or maintaining a permanent establishment or other physical presence in or otherwise having some connection with Canada or any province or territory thereof otherwise than by the mere holding of any such Notes or the receipt of payments thereunder;

which is subject to such Canadian taxes by reason of the holder's failure to comply with any certification, identification, documentation or other reporting requirements if compliance is required by law, regulation, administrative practice or an applicable treaty as a precondition to exemption from, or a reduction in the rate of deduction or withholding of, such Canadian taxes (provided that the Bank advises the trustees and the holders of any such Notes then outstanding of any change in such requirements);

with respect to any estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax or other governmental charge; or

which is a fiduciary or partnership or person other than the sole beneficial owner of such payment to the extent that the Canadian taxes would not have been imposed on such payment had such holder been the sole beneficial owner of such Notes.

The Bank will also:

make such withholding or deduction; and

remit the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant authority in accordance with applicable law.

The Bank will furnish to the holders of the applicable Notes, within 60 days after the date the payment of any Canadian taxes is due pursuant to applicable law, certified copies of tax receipts or other documents evidencing such payment by such person.

The Bank will indemnify and hold harmless each holder of the applicable Notes (other than an excluded holder) from and against, and upon written request reimburse each such holder for the amount (excluding any additional amounts that have previously been paid by the Bank with respect thereto) of:

any Canadian taxes so levied or imposed and paid by such holder as a result of payments made by or on behalf of the Bank under or with respect to the applicable series of the Notes;

any liability (including penalties, interest and expenses) arising therefrom or with respect thereto; and S-5

any Canadian taxes imposed with respect to any reimbursement under the preceding two bullet points, but excluding any such Canadian taxes on such holder's net income.

In any event, no additional amounts or indemnity amounts will be payable under the provisions described above in respect of any Note in excess of the additional amounts and the indemnity amounts which would be required if, at all relevant times, the holder of such Note were a resident of the United States for purposes of and was entitled to the benefits of the Canada-U.S. Income Tax Convention (1980), as amended, including any protocols thereto. As a result of the limitation on the payment of additional amounts and indemnity amounts discussed in the preceding sentence, the additional amounts or indemnity amounts received by certain holders of Fixed Rate Senior Notes and Floating Rate Senior Notes may be less than the amount of Canadian taxes withheld or deducted or the amount of Canadian taxes (and related amounts) levied or imposed giving rise to the obligation to pay the indemnity amounts, as the case may be, and, accordingly, the net amount received by such holders of the applicable Notes will be less than the amount such holders would have received had there been no such withholding or deduction in respect of Canadian taxes or had such Canadian taxes (and related amounts) not been levied or imposed.

Wherever in the senior debt indenture governing the terms of the Notes there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of principal, interest, if any, or any other amount payable under or with respect to the Fixed Rate Senior Notes or the Floating Rate Senior Notes, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of additional amounts to the extent that, in such context, additional amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof.

In the event of the occurrence of any transaction or event resulting in a successor to the Bank, all references to Canada in the preceding paragraphs of this subsection shall be deemed to be references to the jurisdiction of organization of the successor entity.

Payments of principal and interest in respect of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes or the Floating Rate Senior Notes are subject in all cases to any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

Optional Redemption of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes

On or after May 11, 2018 (which is the date that is one month prior to the maturity date of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes), the Fixed Rate Senior Notes will be redeemable upon not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice given to the holders of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes to be redeemed, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes to be redeemed plus in each case accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the Fixed Rate Senior Notes (or portions thereof) to be redeemed on the redemption date is deposited with the trustees or paying agent on or before the redemption date and certain other conditions are satisfied, then on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on such Fixed Rate Senior Notes (or such portion thereof) called for redemption and such Fixed Rate Senior Notes will cease to be outstanding. If any redemption date is not a business day, the Bank will pay the redemption price on the next business day without any interest or other payment due to the delay.

If fewer than all of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes are to be redeemed, the depository will select the Fixed Rate Senior Notes for redemption on a pro rata basis, by lot or by such other method in accordance with the depository's procedures. No Fixed Rate Senior Notes of \$1,000 or less will be redeemed in part.

Tax Redemption

The Bank (or its successor) may redeem each of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes and the Floating Rate Senior Notes, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof together with accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption, upon the giving of a notice as described below, if:

as a result of any change (including any announced prospective change) in or amendment to the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder) of Canada (or the jurisdiction of organization of the S-6

successor to the Bank) or of any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein affecting taxation, or any change in official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction), which change or amendment is announced or becomes effective on or after the date of this Prospectus Supplement (or, in the case of a successor to the Bank, after the date of succession), and which in the written opinion to the Bank (or its successor) of legal counsel of recognized standing has resulted or will result (assuming, in the case of any announced prospective change, that such announced change will become effective as of the date specified in such announcement and in the form announced) in the Bank (or its successor) becoming obligated to pay, on the next succeeding date on which interest is due, additional amounts with respect to the applicable Notes as described under "— Payment of Additional Amounts;" or

on or after the date of this Prospectus Supplement (or, in the case of a successor to the Bank, after the date of succession), any action has been taken by any taxing authority of, or any decision has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, Canada (or the jurisdiction of organization of the successor to the Bank) or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, including any of those actions specified in the paragraph immediately above, whether or not such action was taken or decision was rendered with respect to the Bank (or its successor), or any change, amendment, application or interpretation shall be officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the written opinion to the Bank (or its successor) of legal counsel of recognized standing, will result (assuming that such change, amendment, application, interpretation or action is applied to the applicable Notes by the taxing authority and that, in the case of any announced prospective change, such announced change will become effective as of the date specified in such announcement and in the form announced) in the Bank (or its successor) becoming obligated to pay, on the next succeeding date on which interest is due, additional amounts with respect to the applicable Notes;

and, in any such case, the Bank (or its successor), in its business judgment, determines that such obligation cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to it (or its successor).

In the event the Bank elects to redeem the Fixed Rate Senior Notes or the Floating Rate Senior Notes pursuant to the provisions set forth in the preceding paragraph, it shall deliver to the trustees a certificate, signed by an authorized officer, stating (i) that the Bank is entitled to redeem such Notes pursuant to their terms and (ii) the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed.

Notice of intention to redeem such Notes will be given to holders of the applicable Notes not more than 45 nor less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and such notice will specify, among other things, the date fixed for redemption and the redemption price.

Further Issues

The Bank may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the registered holders of the applicable Notes, create and issue further notes ranking *pari passu* with the applicable Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such further Notes or except for the first payment of interest following the issue date of such further Notes) and so that such further notes may be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes and have the same terms as to status or otherwise as the Notes.

CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Prospective investors should refer to the section "United States Taxation" in the Prospectus for a discussion of the material United States federal income tax consequences to a United States holder (as defined therein).

In addition, the following sections replace the corresponding sections in the Prospectus:

Information with Respect to Foreign Financial Assets

Certain holders that own "specified foreign financial assets" with an aggregate value in excess of U.S.\$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year (or an aggregate value in excess of U.S.\$75,000 at any time during the taxable

year) will generally be required to file an information report with respect to such assets with their tax returns. "Specified foreign financial assets" include any financial accounts maintained by foreign financial institutions, as well as any of the following, but only if they are not held in accounts maintained by financial institutions: (i) stock or securities issued by non — United States persons, (ii) financial instruments and contracts held for investment that have non — United States issuers or counterparties, and (iii) interests in foreign entities. The Notes may be subject to these rules. United States holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of this legislation to their ownership of the Notes.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act Withholding

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (which are commonly referred to as "FATCA") generally impose a 30% withholding tax on certain payments, including "pass-thru" payments to certain persons if the payments are attributable to assets that give rise to U.S.-source income or gain. Pursuant to Treasury regulations, this withholding tax would not be imposed on payments made pursuant to obligations that are issued on or before the date that is six months after the date on which final Treasury regulations defining "foreign passthru payments" (a term not yet defined) are published and are not materially modified thereafter. Accordingly, FATCA withholding generally is not expected to be required on the Notes. If, however, withholding is required as a result of future guidance, the Bank (and any paying agent) will not be required to pay additional amounts with respect to the amounts so withheld.

Significant aspects of the application of FATCA are not currently clear and Investors should consult their own advisors about the application of FATCA, in particular if they may be classified as financial institutions under the FATCA rules.

CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to a purchaser who acquires, as beneficial owner, any of the Notes, including entitlements to all payments thereunder, pursuant to this offering and who, at all relevant times, for purposes of the application of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the Income Tax Regulations (collectively, the "Act") is not, and is not deemed to be, resident in Canada, deals at arm's length with the Bank and with any transferee resident (or deemed to be resident) in Canada to whom the purchaser disposes of the Notes, does not use or hold the Notes in a business carried on in Canada, is not a "specified shareholder" and is not a person who does not deal at arm's length with a "specified shareholder" (as defined for purposes of subsection 18(5) of the Act) of the Bank and does not receive any payment of interest on the Notes in respect of a debt or other obligation to pay an amount to a person with whom the Bank does not deal at arm's length (a "Non-Resident Holder"). Special rules, which are not discussed in this summary, may apply to a Non-Resident Holder that is an insurer that carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere.

This summary is based upon the current provisions of the Act and an understanding of the current administrative practices and assessing policies of the Canada Revenue Agency published in writing prior to the date hereof. This summary takes into account all specific proposals to amend the Act publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance prior to the date hereof (the "Proposals") and assumes that all Proposals will be enacted in the form proposed. However, no assurance can be given that the Proposals will be enacted as proposed or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account any changes in law or in administrative practices or assessing policies, whether by legislative, administrative or judicial action, nor does it take into account any provincial, territorial or foreign income tax considerations, which may differ from those discussed herein.

This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any particular purchaser. This summary is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax considerations. Accordingly,

prospective purchasers of Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.

No Canadian withholding tax will apply to interest or principal paid or credited to a Non-Resident Holder by the Bank or to proceeds received by a Non-Resident Holder on the disposition of a Note, including on a redemption, payment on maturity, repurchase or purchase for cancellation.

No other tax on income or gains will be payable by a Non-Resident Holder on interest or principal, or on proceeds received by a holder on the disposition of a Note, including on a redemption, payment on maturity, repurchase or purchase for cancellation.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this Prospectus Supplement, the underwriters listed in the table below have severally agreed to purchase, and the Bank has agreed to sell to them, the principal amount of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes and the Floating Rate Senior Notes set forth opposite each underwriter's name below.

	Principal Amount	Principal Amount
Underwriter	of Fixed Rate	of Floating Rate
	Senior Notes	Senior Notes
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	U.S.\$170,000,000	U.S.\$100,000,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	170,000,000	100,000,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	127,500,000	75,000,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	93,500,000	55,000,000
UBS Securities LLC	93,500,000	55,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	76,500,000	45,000,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	25,500,000	15,000,000
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.	25,500,000	15,000,000
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.	17,000,000	10,000,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	17,000,000	10,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	17,000,000	10,000,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	17,000,000	10,000,000
Total	U.S.\$850,000,000	U.S.\$500,000,000

The Notes are being offered by the underwriters subject to approval of legal matters by counsel for the underwriters and other conditions. The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the Notes if any are purchased. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of the non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or the offering may be terminated.

The underwriters propose initially to offer the Notes to the public at the applicable public offering price on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement. The underwriters may offer the Fixed Rate Senior Notes to dealers at the public offering price for the Fixed Rate Senior Notes less a concession not in excess of 0.150% of the principal amount per Fixed Rate Senior Note. The underwriters may allow, and the dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of 0.100% of the principal amount of the Fixed Rate Senior Notes to other dealers. The underwriters may offer the Floating Rate Senior Notes to dealers at the public offering price for the Floating Rate Senior Notes less a concession not in excess of 0.150% of the principal amount per Floating Rate Senior Note. The underwriters may allow, and the dealers may reallow, a discount not in excess of 0.100% of the principal amount of the Floating Rate Senior Notes to other dealers. After the initial public offering of the Notes, the underwriters may change the public offering prices and discounts to broker-dealers.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting commissions, are estimated to be U.S.\$100,000 and are payable by the Bank.

The Notes are new issues of securities with no established trading markets. The underwriters intend to make a secondary market for the Notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue making a secondary market for the Notes at any time without notice. If trading markets develop, no assurance can be given as to how liquid such trading markets for the Notes will be.

The Bank has agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in that respect.

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the Notes in the open market after the distribution has been

completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a broker-dealer when the Notes originally sold by such broker/dealer are purchased in a stabilizing or covering transaction to cover short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the Notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. As a result, the price of the Notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes offered pursuant to this Prospectus Supplement. It is anticipated that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of Notes will be significantly less than this amount.

In the ordinary course of business, the underwriters and their affiliates have provided financial advisory, investment banking and general financing and banking services for the Bank for customary fees. The underwriters and/or their affiliates may provide such services to the Bank in the future.

The Bank expects that delivery of the Notes will be made against payment therefor on or about the fifth business day following the date of pricing of the Notes (this settlement cycle being referred to as "T+5"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade their Notes on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Notes initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of Notes who wish to trade their Notes on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day should consult their own advisor.

Conflicts of Interest

Because Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. is an affiliate of the Bank and is participating in the distribution of the Notes in this offering as an underwriter, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. has a "conflict of interest" as defined in FINRA Rule 5121. Consequently, this offering is being conducted in compliance with FINRA Rule 5121. Pursuant to that rule, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering, as the offering is of a class of securities rated Baa or better by Moody's rating service or BBB or better by Standard & Poor's rating service or rated in a comparable category by another rating service acceptable to FINRA. Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. is not permitted to sell Notes in this offering to accounts over which discretionary control is exercised without the prior specific written authority of the accountholder.

Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with the Bank or the Bank's affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such

investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Bank's or the Bank's affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Bank routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Bank consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in the Bank's securities, including potentially the Notes offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Offering Restrictions

This Prospectus Supplement does not constitute an offer of the Notes, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to residents of Canada. Each underwriter has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver, any of the Notes in or from Canada or to any resident of Canada. Each underwriter has also agreed that it will include a comparable provision in any sub-underwriting, banking group or selling group agreement or similar arrangement with respect to the Notes that may be entered into by such underwriter.

European Economic Area

Public offer selling restriction under the Prospectus Directive.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date"), it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Prospectus Supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive; (b) at any time to fewer than 100, or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Manager or Managers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State; the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State; and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

United Kingdom

This Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus are only being distributed to, and are only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order") or (ii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (each such person being referred to as a "Relevant Person"). This Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a Relevant Person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

Hong Kong

The Notes may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes may be issued or may be

in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

The Notes offered in this Prospectus Supplement have not been registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan. The Notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the account of any resident of Japan, except (i) pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities and Exchange Law and (ii) in compliance with any other applicable requirements of Japanese law.

Singapore

This Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus have not been registered as a Prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus, and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the Notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA, in each case subject to compliance with conditions set forth in the SFA.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,
- shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

to an institutional investor (for corporations, under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than U.S.\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securit