

This pricing supplement, which is not complete and may be changed, relates to an effective Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933. This pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus are not an offer to sell these notes in any country or jurisdiction where such an offer would not be permitted.

Preliminary Pricing Supplement - Subject to Completion  
(To Prospectus dated December 30, 2022  
and Series P MTN Prospectus Supplement dated December 30, 2022)  
May 19, 2023



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**Fixed Rate Callable Notes, due June 2, 2033**

- The notes are senior unsecured debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation (“BAC”). All payments and the return of the principal amount on the notes are subject to our credit risk.
- The notes will price on May 31, 2023. The notes will mature on June 2, 2033. At maturity, if the notes have not been previously redeemed, you will receive a cash payment equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.
- Interest will be paid on June 2 and December 2 of each year, commencing on December 2, 2023, with the final interest payment date occurring on the maturity date.
- The notes will accrue interest at the fixed rate of 5.60% per annum.
- We have the right to redeem all, but not less than all, of the notes on June 2, 2025, and on each subsequent Call Date (as defined on page PS-2). The redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.
- The notes are issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000.
- The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.
- The CUSIP number for the notes is 06055JBG3.

*Potential purchasers of the notes should consider the information in “Risk Factors” beginning on page PS-4 of this pricing supplement, page S-6 of the attached prospectus supplement, and page 7 of the attached prospectus.*

The notes:

<b>Are Not FDIC Insured</b>	<b>Are Not Bank Guaranteed</b>	<b>May Lose Value</b>
	Per Note	Total
Public Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup> .....	100.00%	\$
Underwriting Discount <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .....	2.00%	\$
Proceeds (before expenses) to BAC.....	98.00%	\$

(1) Certain dealers who purchase the notes for sale to certain fee-based advisory accounts may forgo some or all of their selling concessions, fees or commissions. The price to public for investors purchasing the notes in these accounts may be as low as \$980.00 (98.00%) per \$1,000 in principal amount of the notes. See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution—Conflicts of Interest” in this pricing supplement.

(2) We or one of our affiliates may pay varying selling concessions of up to 2.00% in connection with the distribution of the notes to other registered broker-dealers.

*The notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank. The notes are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and involve investment risks.*

*None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor any state securities commission, nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement, or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

We will deliver the notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company on or about June 2, 2023 against payment in immediately available funds.

[Series P MTN prospectus supplement dated December 30, 2022 and prospectus dated December 30, 2022](#)

## SUMMARY OF TERMS

*This pricing supplement supplements the terms and conditions in the prospectus, dated December 30, 2022, as supplemented by the Series P MTN prospectus supplement, dated December 30, 2022 (as so supplemented, together with all documents incorporated by reference, the “prospectus”), and should be read with the prospectus.*

- **Title of the Series:** Fixed Rate Callable Notes, due June 2, 2033
- **Aggregate Principal Amount Initially Being Issued:** \$
- **Issue Date:** June 2, 2023
- **CUSIP No.:** 06055JBG3
- **Maturity Date:** June 2, 2033
- **Minimum Denominations:** \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000
- **Ranking:** Senior, unsecured
- **Day Count Fraction:** 30/360
- **Interest Periods:** Semi-annually. Each interest period (other than the first interest period, which will begin on the issue date) will begin on, and will include, an interest payment date, and will extend to, but will exclude, the next succeeding interest payment date (or the maturity date, as applicable).
- **Interest Payment Dates:** June 2 and December 2 of each year, beginning on December 2, 2023, with the final interest payment date occurring on the maturity date.
- **Interest Rates:** The notes will accrue interest at the fixed rate of 5.60% per annum.
- **Call Dates:** June 2 and December 2 of each year, beginning on June 2, 2025, with the final Call Date occurring on December 2, 2032.
- **Optional Early Redemption:** We have the right to redeem all, but not less than all, of the notes on June 2, 2025, and on each subsequent Call Date. The redemption price will be 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. In order to call the notes, we will give notice at least five business days but not more than 60 calendar days before the specified Call Date.
- **Business Days:** If any interest payment date, any Call Date, or the maturity date occurs on a day that is not a business day in New York, New York, then the payment will be postponed until the next business day in New York, New York. No additional interest will accrue on the notes as a result of such postponement, and no adjustment will be made to the length of the relevant interest period.
- **Repayment at Option of Holder:** None
- **Record Dates for Interest Payments:** For book-entry only notes, one business day in New York, New York prior to the payment date. If notes are not held in book-entry only form, the record dates will be the fifteenth calendar day preceding such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day.

- **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration:** If an event of default (as defined in the indenture relating to the notes) occurs and is continuing, holders of the notes may accelerate the maturity of the notes, as described under “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches” in the prospectus. Upon an event of default, you will be entitled to receive only your principal amount, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, through the acceleration date. In case of an event of default, the notes will not bear a default interest rate. If a bankruptcy proceeding is commenced in respect of us, your claim may be limited, under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, to the original public offering price of the notes.
- **Calculation Agent:** Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.
- **Listing:** None

Certain terms used and not defined in this document have the meanings ascribed to them in the prospectus supplement and prospectus. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this pricing supplement to “we,” “us,” “our,” or similar references are to BAC.

## RISK FACTORS

*Your investment in the notes entails significant risks, many of which differ from those of a conventional security. Your decision to purchase the notes should be made only after carefully considering the risks of an investment in the notes, including those discussed below, with your advisors in light of your particular circumstances. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant elements of the notes or financial matters in general.*

### **Structure-related Risks**

**The notes are subject to our early redemption.** We may redeem all, but not less than all, of the notes on any Call Date on or after June 2, 2025. If you intend to purchase the notes, you must be willing to have your notes redeemed as early as that date. We are generally more likely to elect to redeem the notes during periods when the remaining interest to be accrued on the notes is to accrue at a rate that is greater than that which we would pay on our other interest bearing debt securities having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the notes. No further payments will be made on the notes after they have been redeemed.

If we redeem the notes prior to the maturity date, you may not be able to reinvest your proceeds from the redemption in an investment with a return that is as high as the return on the notes would have been if they had not been redeemed, or that has a similar level of risk.

**An investment in the notes may be more risky than an investment in notes with a shorter term.** The notes have a term of 10 years, subject to our right to call the notes as set forth in this pricing supplement. By purchasing notes with a relatively longer term, you are more exposed to fluctuations in interest rates than if you purchased a note with a shorter term. In particular, you may be negatively affected if interest rates begin to rise, because the likelihood that we will redeem your notes will decrease and the interest rate on the notes may be less than the amount of interest you could earn on other investments with a similar level of risk available at that time. In addition, if you tried to sell your notes at such time, their value in any secondary market transaction would also be adversely affected.

**Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and actual or perceived changes in our creditworthiness are expected to affect the value of the notes.** The notes are our senior unsecured debt securities. As a result, your receipt of all payments of interest and principal on the notes is dependent upon our ability to repay our obligations on the applicable payment date. No assurance can be given as to what our financial condition will be at any time during the term of the notes or on the maturity date. If we become unable to meet our financial obligations as they become due, you may not receive the amounts payable under the terms of the notes.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by ratings agencies of our ability to pay our obligations, including our obligations under the notes. Consequently, our perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated decreases in our credit ratings or increases in our credit spreads prior to the maturity date of the notes may adversely affect the market value of the notes. However, because your return on the notes generally depends upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations, such as the difference between the interest rates accruing on the notes and current market interest rates, an improvement in our credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the notes.

### **Valuation- and Market-related Risks**

**We have included in the terms of the notes the costs of developing, hedging, and distributing them, and the price, if any, at which you may sell the notes in any secondary market transaction will likely be lower than the public offering price due to, among other things, the inclusion of these costs.** In determining the economic terms of the notes, and consequently the potential return on the notes to you, a number of factors are taken into account. Among these factors are certain costs associated with developing, hedging, and offering the notes.

Assuming there is no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which the selling agent or another purchaser might be willing to purchase the notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be lower than the price that you paid for them. This is due to, among other things, the inclusion of these costs, and the costs of unwinding any related hedging.

The quoted price of any of our affiliates for the notes could be higher or lower than the price that you paid for them.

**We cannot assure you that a trading market for the notes will ever develop or be maintained.** We will not list the notes on any securities exchange. We cannot predict how the notes will trade in any secondary market, or whether that market will be liquid or illiquid.

The development of a trading market for the notes will depend on our financial performance and other factors. The number of potential buyers of the notes in any secondary market may be limited. We anticipate that our affiliate, BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofAS"), will act as a market-maker for the notes, but neither BofAS nor any of our other affiliates is required to do so. BofAS may discontinue its market-making activities as to the notes at any time. To the extent that BofAS engages in any market-making activities, it may bid for or offer the notes. Any price at which BofAS may bid for, offer, purchase, or sell any notes may differ from the values determined by pricing models that it may use, whether as a result of dealer discounts, mark-ups, or other transaction costs. These bids, offers, or completed transactions may affect the prices, if any, at which the notes might otherwise trade in the market.

In addition, if at any time BofAS were to cease acting as a market-maker for the notes, it is likely that there would be significantly less liquidity in the secondary market and there may be no secondary market at all for the notes. In such a case, the price at which the notes could be sold likely would be lower than if an active market existed and you should be prepared to hold the notes until maturity.

**Many economic and other factors will impact the market value of the notes.** The market for, and the market value of, the notes may be affected by a number of factors that may either offset or magnify each other, including:

- the time remaining to maturity of the notes;
- the aggregate amount outstanding of the notes;
- our right to redeem the notes on the dates set forth above;
- the level, direction, and volatility of market interest rates generally (in particular, increases in U.S. interest rates, which may cause the market value of the notes to decrease);
- general economic conditions of the capital markets in the United States;
- geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory, and judicial events that affect the capital markets generally;
- our financial condition and creditworthiness; and
- any market-making activities with respect to the notes.

### **Conflict-related Risks**

**Our trading and hedging activities may create conflicts of interest with you.** We or one or more of our broker-dealer affiliates, including BofAS, may engage in trading activities related to the notes that are not for your account or on your behalf. We also expect to enter into arrangements to hedge the market risks associated with our obligation to pay the amounts due under the notes. We may seek competitive terms in entering into the hedging arrangements for the notes, but are not required to do so, and we may enter into such hedging arrangements with one of our subsidiaries or affiliates. This hedging activity is expected to result in a profit to those engaging in the hedging activity, which could be more or less than initially expected, but which could also result in a loss for the hedging counterparty. These trading and hedging activities may present a conflict of interest between your interest in the notes and the interests we and our affiliates may have in our proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions, including block trades, for our other customers, and in accounts under our management. These trading and hedging activities could influence secondary trading in the notes or otherwise could be adverse to your interests as a holder of the notes.

## U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX SUMMARY

The following summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the notes is based upon the advice of Sidley Austin LLP, our tax counsel. The following discussion is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury Department (“Treasury”) (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below.

The following discussion supplements, is subject to the same qualifications and limitations as, and should be read in conjunction with the discussion in the prospectus under the caption “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.” To the extent inconsistent, the following discussion supersedes the discussion in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus.

This discussion only applies to U.S. Holders (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) that are not excluded from the discussion of U.S. federal income taxation in the accompanying prospectus. In particular, this summary is directed solely to U.S. Holders that will purchase the notes upon original issuance and will hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment. This discussion does not address the tax consequences applicable to holders subject to Section 451(b) of the Code. This summary assumes that the issue price of the notes, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, equals the principal amount thereof.

The notes will be treated as debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The notes provide for a fixed rate of interest. A U.S. Holder will be required to include payments of interest on the notes as ordinary income as such interest payments accrue or are received (in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

You should consult the discussion under “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—General—Consequences to U.S. Holders” as it relates to fixed rate debt instruments not bearing OID in the accompanying prospectus for a description of the consequences to you of the ownership and disposition of the notes.

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement, or other disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued interest not previously included in income if the note is disposed of between interest payment dates, which will be included in income as interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in a note generally will be the cost of the note to such U.S. Holder, increased by any OID, market discount, de minimis OID, or de minimis market discount previously included in income with respect to the note, and decreased by the amount of any premium previously amortized to reduce interest on the note and the amount of any payment (other than a payment of qualified stated interest) received in respect of the note.

Except as discussed in the prospectus with respect to market discount, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement, or other disposition of a note generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the note has been held for more than one year. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

*You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of the notes, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.*

## SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION—CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Our broker-dealer subsidiary, BofAS, will act as our selling agent in connection with the offering of the notes. The selling agent is a party to the distribution agreement described in “Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” beginning on page S-51 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

The selling agent will receive the compensation set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement as to the notes sold through its efforts. The selling agent is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”). Accordingly, the offering of the notes will conform to the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. We or one of our affiliates may pay varying selling concessions of up to 2.00% in connection with the distribution of the notes to other registered broker-dealers. Certain dealers who purchase the notes for sale to certain fee-based advisory accounts may forgo some or all of their selling concessions, fees, or commissions. The price to public for investors purchasing the notes in these accounts may be as low as \$980.00 per \$1,000 in principal amount of the notes.

If all of the offered notes are not sold on the pricing date at the public offering price, then the selling agent and/or dealers may offer the notes for sale in one or more transactions at an offering price that may be at a premium to the public offering price. These sales may occur at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to market prices or at negotiated prices.

The selling agent is not acting as your fiduciary or advisor solely as a result of the offering of the notes, and you should not rely upon any communication from the selling agent in connection with the notes as investment advice or a recommendation to purchase the notes. You should make your own investment decision regarding the notes after consulting with your legal, tax, and other advisors.

Under the terms of our distribution agreement with BofAS, BofAS will purchase the notes from us on the issue date as principal at the purchase price indicated on the cover of this pricing supplement, less the indicated underwriting discount.

BofAS may sell the notes to other broker-dealers that will participate in the offering, at an agreed discount to the principal amount. Each of those broker-dealers may sell the notes to one or more additional broker-dealers. BofAS has informed us that these discounts may vary from dealer to dealer and that not all dealers will purchase or repurchase the notes at the same discount.

BofAS and any of our other broker-dealer affiliates, including Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“MLPF&S”), may use this pricing supplement, and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus for offers and sales in secondary market transactions and market-making transactions in the notes. Our affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions, and any such sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of the sale. However, none of BAC, BofAS or any of our broker-dealer affiliates are obligated to engage in any secondary market transactions and/or market-making transactions or otherwise purchase the notes from the holders in such transactions.

### Sales Outside of the United States

The notes have not been approved for public sale in any jurisdiction outside of the United States. There has been no registration or filing as to the notes with any regulatory, securities, banking, or local authority outside of the United States and no action has been taken by BAC or any affiliate of BAC to offer the notes in any jurisdiction other than the United States. As such, these notes are made available to investors outside of the United States only in jurisdictions where it is lawful to make such offer or sale and only under circumstances that will result in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including private placement requirements.

Further, no offer or sale of the notes is being made to residents of:

- Australia
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Crimea
- Cuba
- Curacao
- Gibraltar
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- North Korea
- Norway
- Russia
- Syria

You are urged to carefully review the Selling Restrictions that may be applicable to your jurisdiction beginning on page S-53 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

### **European Economic Area and United Kingdom**

None of this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement is a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation (as defined below). This pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement have been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (the “EEA”) or in the United Kingdom (each, a “Relevant State”) will only be made to a legal entity which is a qualified investor under the Prospectus Regulation (“Qualified Investors”). Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant State of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement may only do so with respect to Qualified Investors. BAC has not authorized, nor does it authorize, the making of any offer of notes other than to Qualified Investors. The expression “Prospectus Regulation” means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

**Prohibition Of Sales To EEA And United Kingdom Retail Investors** – The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA or in the United Kingdom. For these purposes: (a) a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended (“MiFID II”); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the Insurance Distribution Directive), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and (b) the expression “offer” includes 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 for the notes. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014, as amended (the “PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA or in the United Kingdom has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA or in the United Kingdom may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

### **United Kingdom**

The communication of this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any other document or materials relating to the issue of the notes offered hereby is not being made, and such documents and/or materials have not been approved, by an authorized person for the purposes of section 21 of the United Kingdom’s Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the “FSMA”). Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons in the United Kingdom who have professional experience in matters relating to investments and who fall within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the “Financial Promotion Order”)), or who fall within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Financial Promotion Order, or who are any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order (all such persons together being referred to as “relevant persons”). In the United Kingdom, the notes offered hereby are only available to, and any investment or investment activity to which this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relates will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or any of their contents.

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) in connection with the issue or sale of the notes may only be communicated or caused to be communicated in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to BAC.

All applicable provisions of the FSMA must be complied with in respect to anything done by any person in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.



## Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series P

We may offer and sell from time to time our Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series P. The specific terms of any notes that we offer will be determined before each sale and will be described in a separate pricing supplement, prospectus addendum, product supplement and/or other prospectus supplement (each, a “supplement”). Terms may include:

- Priority: senior
- Interest rate:
  - fixed-rate
  - floating-rate
  - fixed/floating rate
  - non-interest bearing
- Maturity: 365 days (one-year) or more
- Base floating rates of interest:
  - U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>
  - SOFR
  - federal funds (effective) rate
  - any other rate we specify in the applicable supplement
- Payments: U.S. dollars or any other currency specified in the applicable supplement

We may sell the notes to selling agents as principal for resale at varying or fixed offering prices or through the selling agents as agents using their best efforts on our behalf. We also may sell the notes directly to investors.

We may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in the initial sale of any notes. In addition, BofA Securities, Inc., or any of our other broker-dealer affiliates, may use this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in market-making transactions in notes after their initial sale. Unless we or one of the selling agents informs you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are being used in a market-making transaction.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the notes will not be listed or quoted on any securities exchange or quotation system.

**Investing in the notes involves risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-6 and “Risk Factors” beginning on page 7 of the accompanying prospectus.**

Certain capitalized or other defined terms that are used in this prospectus supplement have the specific meanings set forth herein. A listing of the pages on which certain of such terms are defined can be found under the “Index of Certain Defined Terms” beginning on page S-67 of this prospectus supplement. Capitalized or other defined terms used, but not defined, in this prospectus supplement have the same meanings as are given to them in the accompanying prospectus.

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*Our notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank. The notes are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency and may involve investment risks.*

*None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor any state securities commission, nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

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## BofA Securities

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus dated December 30, 2022

December 30, 2022



## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We have registered our Medium-Term Notes, Series P (the “notes”) on a registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under Registration No. 333-268718. From time to time, we intend to use this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and a related pricing supplement, product supplement and/or prospectus addendum or other supplement to offer the notes. You should read each of these documents before investing in the notes.

This prospectus supplement describes additional terms of the notes and supplements the description of our debt securities that may be issued under the Indenture (as defined below), including the notes, contained in the accompanying prospectus. If the information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying prospectus, this prospectus supplement will supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus.

For each offering of notes, we will issue a pricing supplement and may issue a related product supplement and/or prospectus addendum or other supplement that will contain additional terms of the offering and specific terms and provisions of the notes being offered. Such pricing supplement, product supplement and/or prospectus addendum or other supplement also may add, update, or change information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, including provisions describing the calculation of the amounts payable under the notes and the method of making payments under the notes. In this prospectus supplement, references to the “applicable supplement” mean this prospectus supplement, and any applicable pricing supplement, product supplement and/or prospectus addendum or other supplement or supplements filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, that describe the particular notes being offered to you. If there are any differences between the information contained in the applicable supplement or any document dated after the date of this prospectus supplement and incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus, the information contained in such applicable supplement or document will supersede the information in this prospectus supplement. If the applicable supplement for a series of notes includes terms and provisions that modify, conflict with or otherwise are inconsistent with the applicable terms and provisions of the notes set forth in this prospectus supplement, then, regardless of whether or not the applicable terms and provisions set forth below are stated to apply “unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement,” such terms and provisions set forth in the applicable supplement shall govern and control with respect to such series of notes. We will state in the applicable supplement the interest rate, the base rate for floating-rate notes, the applicable spread (if any), issue price, the maturity date, any interest payment dates, redemption or repayment provisions, if any, and other relevant terms and provisions for each note at the time of issuance. An applicable supplement also may include a discussion of any risk factors or other special additional considerations that apply to a particular type of note. Any pricing supplement may be referred to as a “term sheet.” Each applicable supplement can be detailed and always should be read carefully.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the notes in any jurisdiction in which that offer or solicitation is unlawful. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes may be restricted by law in some jurisdictions. If you have received this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should find out about and observe these restrictions. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes outside of the United States. See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)—Selling Restrictions.”

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (the “EEA”) (each, a “Relevant Member State”) will be made under an exemption under Regulation (EU) No. 2017/1129 (the “EU Prospectus Regulation”), from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of any notes which are contemplated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the selling agents to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the EU Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the EU Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the selling agents have authorized, and neither we nor they authorize, the making of any offer of notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for us or any selling agent to publish or supplement a prospectus for the purposes of the EU Prospectus Regulation in relation to such offer. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an approved prospectus for the purposes of the EU Prospectus Regulation.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in the United Kingdom will be made pursuant to an exemption under the UK Prospectus Regulation from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in the United Kingdom of notes which are the subject of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the selling agents to publish a prospectus pursuant to section 85 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, the “FSMA”) or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the selling agents have authorized, and neither we nor they authorize, the making of any offer of notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for us or any of the selling agents to publish or supplement a prospectus for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation in relation to such offer. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an approved prospectus for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation. The expression “UK Prospectus Regulation” means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act of 2018 (as amended, the “EUWA”).

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are only for distribution to and directed at: (i) in the United Kingdom, persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (as amended) (the “Order”) and high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order; (ii) persons who are outside the United Kingdom; and (iii) any other person to whom it can otherwise be lawfully distributed (all such persons together being referred to as “Relevant Persons”). Any investment or investment activity to which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relate is available only to and will be engaged in only with Relevant Persons, and any person who is not a Relevant Person should not rely on them.

**IMPORTANT — EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** — The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the EU Prospectus Regulation. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the “EU PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and

therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

**IMPORTANT — UK RETAIL INVESTORS** — The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (the “UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

**Notification under Section 309B(1) of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (the “SFA”)** — Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement in respect of any notes, all notes issued or to be issued using this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus shall be prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the “MAS”) Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

**INVESTORS SHOULD NOTE THAT BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION IS NOT LICENCED TO OPERATE AS A BANK IN ITALY.**

Unless we indicate otherwise or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to “Bank of America,” “we,” “us,” “our,” or similar references are to Bank of America Corporation, and not to any of its subsidiaries. In this prospectus supplement, references to “floating-rate notes” mean both floating-rate notes and fixed/floating rate notes at any time such fixed/floating rate notes bear interest at a floating rate.

Any term that is used, but not defined, in this prospectus supplement has the meaning set forth in the accompanying prospectus. Certain terms that are used in this prospectus supplement have the specific meanings set forth herein. A listing of the pages on which such terms are defined can be found in the “Index of Certain Defined Terms” beginning on page S-67 of this prospectus supplement.

When we refer to “you” or “investors” in this prospectus supplement, we mean those who invest in the notes being offered by this prospectus supplement, whether they are the registered holders or only indirect owners of those notes. When we refer to “your notes” in this prospectus supplement, we mean the notes in which you will hold a direct or indirect interest.

## RISK FACTORS

*Your investment in the notes involves significant risks. Your decision to purchase the notes should be made only after carefully considering the risks of an investment in the notes, including those discussed below, in the accompanying prospectus beginning on page 7, and in the applicable supplement(s) for the specific notes, with your advisors in light of your particular circumstances. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant elements of the notes or financial matters in general. For information regarding risks and uncertainties that may materially affect the business and results of Bank of America, please refer to the information under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. You also should review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that Bank of America will file after the date of this prospectus supplement.*

*This discussion of risks uses a number of capitalized and other defined terms that are defined elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. A listing of the pages on which certain of such terms are defined can be found under the "Index of Certain Defined Terms" beginning on page S-67 of this prospectus supplement.*

### **Risks Relating to the Notes**

#### **Hedging activities of affiliates may affect your return at maturity and the market value of the notes.**

At any time, our affiliates may engage in hedging activities relating to the notes. This hedging activity, in turn, may increase or decrease the market value of the notes. In addition, our affiliates may acquire a long or short position in the notes from time to time. All or a portion of these positions may be liquidated at or about the time of maturity of the notes. The aggregate amount and the composition of these positions are likely to vary over time. However, we cannot assure you that its activities or its affiliates' activities will not adversely affect the market value of the notes.

#### **The hedging and trading activities of our affiliates may create conflicts of interest with you.**

From time to time during the term of any notes and in connection with the determination of the payments on notes, we or our affiliates may enter into hedging transactions or adjust or close out existing hedging transactions. We or our affiliates also may enter into hedging transactions relating to other notes or instruments that we may issue, some of which may have returns calculated in a manner related to that of particular notes. We or our affiliates will price these hedging transactions with the intent to realize a profit, considering the risks inherent in these hedging activities, whether the value of the notes increases or decreases. These hedging activities may result in a profit that is more or less than initially expected, or could result in a loss.

One or more of our broker-dealer affiliates, including BofA Securities, Inc., may engage in trading activities that are not for your account or on your behalf. These trading activities may present a conflict of interest between your interest in the notes and the interests of such affiliates. These trading activities could influence the market measure or other reference asset (if any) for the notes or secondary trading (if any) in the notes, or otherwise could be adverse to your interests as a beneficial owner of the notes.

**There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent, which may be an affiliate of ours.**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the calculation agent will be one of our affiliates, including Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. We may remove and/or appoint different calculation agents from time to time after the original issue date of a series of notes, or we may elect to act as the calculation agent with respect to such series of notes, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of the change. The calculation agent will make a variety of determinations relating to the notes, including the amounts that will be paid on the notes. In making these determinations, the calculation agent may be required to make discretionary judgements. In making these discretionary judgments, the fact that the calculation agent is our affiliate may cause it to have economic interests that are adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes, and the calculation agent's determinations may adversely affect your return on the notes.

### **Risks Relating to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate and SOFR Notes Generally**

*The following discussion of risks relates to the secured overnight financing rate ("SOFR") and SOFR notes generally. In this discussion, references to "SOFR notes" mean a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks before investing in SOFR notes.*

**Any failure of SOFR to maintain market acceptance could adversely affect the return on or value of the SOFR notes and result in a limited secondary trading market for the SOFR notes.**

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Alternative Reference Rates Committee (the "ARRC"), SOFR was developed for use in certain U.S. dollar derivatives and other financial contracts as an alternative to the London Interbank Offered Rate for deposits in U.S. Dollars ("U.S. Dollar LIBOR") in part because it is considered a good representation of general funding conditions in the overnight U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement market. However, as a rate based on transactions secured by U.S. Treasury securities, it does not measure bank-specific credit risk and, as a result, is less likely to correlate with the unsecured short-term funding costs of banks. This may mean that market participants would not consider SOFR a suitable substitute, replacement or successor for U.S. Dollar LIBOR, which may, in turn, lead to lessened market acceptance of SOFR.

Further, other index providers are developing products that are perceived as competing with SOFR. It is possible that market participants will prefer one of these competing products and that such competing products may become more widely accepted in the marketplace than SOFR. To the extent market acceptance for SOFR as a benchmark for floating-rate notes declines, the return on and value of the SOFR notes and the price at which investors can sell the SOFR notes in the secondary market could be adversely affected. In addition, investors in the SOFR notes may not be able to sell the SOFR notes at all or may not be able to sell the SOFR notes at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that continue to have a developed secondary market, and may consequently suffer from increased pricing volatility and market risk.

As of the date of this prospectus supplement, there are multiple market conventions with respect to the implementation of SOFR as a base rate for floating-rate notes or other securities. The manner of calculation and related conventions with respect to the determination of interest rates based on SOFR in floating-rate notes markets may differ materially compared with the manner of calculation and related conventions with respect to the determination of interest rates based on SOFR in other markets, such as the derivatives and loan markets. Investors should carefully consider how any potential inconsistencies between the manner of calculation and related

conventions with respect to the determination of interest or other payment rates based on SOFR across these markets may impact any hedging or other financial arrangements that they may put in place in connection with any acquisition, holding or disposition of the SOFR notes.

**SOFR may be modified or discontinued, which could adversely affect the return on, value of or market for affected SOFR notes.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the “FRBNY”) (or a successor), as administrator of SOFR, may make methodological or other changes that could change the value of SOFR, including changes related to the method by which SOFR is calculated, eligibility criteria applicable to the transactions used to calculate SOFR, or timing related to the publication of SOFR. In addition, SOFR is published by the FRBNY based on data received from sources other than us, and we have no control over the methods of calculation, publication schedule, rate revision practices or availability of SOFR or the SOFR Index. If the manner in which SOFR is calculated is changed, that change may result in a reduction of the amount of interest payable on the SOFR notes, which may adversely affect the trading prices of the SOFR notes. The administrator of SOFR may withdraw, modify, amend, suspend or discontinue the calculation or dissemination of SOFR in its sole discretion and without notice and has no obligation to consider the interests of investors in the SOFR notes in calculating, withdrawing, modifying, amending, suspending or discontinuing SOFR. For purposes of the formula used to calculate interest with respect to a series of SOFR notes, SOFR in respect of a particular date will not be adjusted for any modifications or amendments to SOFR data that the administrator of SOFR may publish after the interest rate on SOFR notes for that day has been determined in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in this prospectus supplement and the applicable supplement.

There can be no guarantee that SOFR will not be modified or discontinued in a manner that is materially adverse to an investor in SOFR notes. If the manner in which SOFR is calculated is changed or if SOFR is discontinued, that change or discontinuance could reduce or otherwise negatively impact the amount of interest that accrues on a series of SOFR notes, which could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for such series of SOFR notes.

**We or our affiliates may publish research reports that could affect the market value of SOFR notes.**

We or one or more of our affiliates, at present or in the future, may publish research reports with respect to movements in interest rates generally, or with respect to the LIBOR transition to alternative reference rates or SOFR specifically. This research may be modified from time to time without notice and may express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding SOFR notes. Any of these activities may affect the market value of SOFR notes.

**Risks Relating to Compounded SOFR Notes and Simple Average SOFR Notes**

*The following discussion of risks specifically relates to compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, compounded SOFR notes using the SOFR Index convention). You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks before investing in compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes.*

**The interest rate on a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes is based on a compounded or simple average, respectively, of Daily SOFR, which is relatively new in the marketplace.**

For each interest period, the interest rate on a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes will be based on a compounded or simple average, respectively, of Daily SOFR

calculated as described under “Description of the Notes—Floating-Rate Notes—Compounded SOFR Notes” or “Description of the Notes—Floating-Rate Notes—Simple Average SOFR Notes,” as applicable, in this prospectus supplement. As a result, the interest rate on a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes during any interest period may not be the same as the interest rate on other instruments bearing interest at a rate based on SOFR that use an alternative method to determine the applicable interest rate. Further, if Daily SOFR in respect of a particular date during an interest period or observation period (if applicable) for a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes is negative, the inclusion of such Daily SOFR in the calculation of compounded SOFR or simple average SOFR for the applicable interest period will reduce the interest rate and the interest payable on such series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes, as applicable, for such interest period.

The method for calculating an interest rate based upon compounded SOFR or simple average SOFR (for example, payment delays, observation periods/lookbacks and/or lockout/suspension periods) in market precedents varies. This variation in the market could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for the compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes.

**Interest payments due on a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes will be determined only at the end of the relevant interest period.**

Interest payments due on a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes will be determined only at the end of the relevant interest period. Therefore, holders of any series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes will not know the amount of interest payable with respect to each interest period until shortly prior to the related interest payment date, and it may be difficult for investors in such compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes to estimate reliably the amounts of interest that will be payable on each such interest payment date at the beginning of or during the relevant interest period. In addition, some investors may be unwilling or unable to trade such compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes without changes to their information technology systems, both of which could adversely impact the liquidity and trading price of any series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes.

**With respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention or simple average SOFR notes that do not use a rate lookback, it will not be possible to calculate accrued interest with respect to any period until after the end of such period.**

With respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention or simple average SOFR notes that do not use a rate lookback, because Daily SOFR in respect of a given day is not published until the U.S. government securities business day immediately following such day, it will not be possible to calculate accrued interest with respect to any period until after the end of such period, which may adversely affect your ability to trade such notes in the secondary market.

**With respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the rate cut off convention or payment delay convention, or a series of simple average SOFR notes that employs a rate cut-off date, pursuant to the formula used to determine compounded SOFR or simple average SOFR for such notes for an applicable interest period, Daily SOFR used in such calculation for any day from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the relevant interest payment date (or maturity or redemption date, if applicable) will be Daily SOFR in respect of the relevant rate cut-off date.**

The formula used to determine the base rate for compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention employs a rate cut-off date for the final interest period with respect to any series

of notes. In addition, the formulas used to determine the base rate for (i) any series of compounded SOFR notes for which the applicable supplement specifies that the rate cut-off convention applies and (ii) any series of simple average SOFR notes for which the applicable supplement specifies that a rate cut-off date applies, may employ a rate cut-off date for each interest period with respect to such series.

For the final interest period with respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention, Daily SOFR used in the calculation of compounded SOFR for any day from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the maturity date or the redemption date, if applicable, will be Daily SOFR in respect of the rate cut-off date. The rate cut-off date will be two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) prior to the applicable maturity date (or redemption date, if applicable).

For each interest period with respect to (i) any series of compounded SOFR notes using the rate cut-off convention and (ii) any series of simple average SOFR notes using a rate cut-off date, Daily SOFR used in the calculation of compounded SOFR or simple average SOFR for any day from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the relevant interest payment date or the maturity or redemption date, if applicable, will be Daily SOFR in respect of the rate cut-off date.

With respect to any such series of notes, the rate cut-off date will be (i) for compounded SOFR, five U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement), or (ii) for simple average SOFR, two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) prior to each interest payment date or the maturity date (or redemption date, if applicable).

As a result of the foregoing, a holder of a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention will not receive the benefit of any increase in the level of SOFR on any date subsequent to the applicable rate cut-off date in connection with the determination of the interest payable with respect to the final interest period for an applicable series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention. A holder of compounded SOFR notes using the rate cut-off convention or simple average SOFR notes using a rate-cut off date will not receive the benefit of any increase in the level of SOFR on any date subsequent to the applicable rate cut-off date in connection with the determination of the interest payable with respect to each interest period for a series of compounded SOFR notes using the rate cut-off convention or simple average SOFR notes using a rate cut-off date, which could reduce the amount of interest that may be payable on the applicable series of notes.

**Holders of a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention will receive payments of interest on a delayed basis.**

The interest payment dates for any series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention with respect to interest rate determination and interest payments will be two business days (or such other number of business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) after the interest period demarcation date at the end of each interest period for such series. This convention differs from the interest payment convention that has been used historically for floating-rate notes with interest rates based on other benchmark or market rates, such as U.S. Dollar LIBOR, where interest typically has been paid on a fixed day that immediately follows the final day of the applicable interest period. As a result, investors in a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention will receive payments of interest on a delayed basis as compared to traditional floating-rate notes without payment delay in which they previously may have invested.

## **Risks Relating to SOFR Benchmark Transition Provisions**

*The following discussion of risks specifically relates to SOFR benchmark transition provisions. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks relating to the SOFR benchmark transition provisions before investing in any SOFR notes. In this discussion, references to “SOFR notes” mean a series of compounded SOFR notes or simple average SOFR notes.*

### **The selection of a Benchmark Replacement could adversely affect the return on, value of or market for affected SOFR notes.**

If we or our designee, after consulting with us, determines that a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to a series of SOFR notes, the applicable Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark (which will be a rate based on SOFR at the original issue date of the relevant SOFR notes) for all purposes relating to such SOFR notes. If a particular Benchmark Replacement or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment cannot be determined, then the next-available Benchmark Replacement or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment will apply. These replacement rates and adjustments may be selected or formulated by (i) the USD Relevant Governmental Body (such as the ARRC), (ii) the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“ISDA”) or any successor thereto or (iii) in certain circumstances, us or our designee (which may be our affiliate), after consulting with us.

In addition, the terms of the SOFR notes expressly authorize us or our designee (which may be our affiliate), after consulting with us, in connection with a Benchmark Replacement to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes with respect to, among other things, the determination of interest periods and the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other administrative matters. The application of a Benchmark Replacement and Benchmark Replacement Adjustment, and any implementation of Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, could result in adverse consequences to the interest rate or amount of interest payable on the SOFR notes, which could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for such SOFR notes and the price at which investors may be able to sell such SOFR notes. Moreover, certain determinations, decisions and elections with respect to the Benchmark Replacement and any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, or the occurrence or non-occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, may require the exercise of discretion and the making of subjective judgments by us or our designee (after consulting with us). Any determination, decision or election made by us or our designee pursuant to the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth in this prospectus supplement will, if made by us, be made in our sole discretion and, if made by our designee, be made after consultation with us and, in each case, will become effective without consent from the investors in the affected SOFR notes or any other party. We may designate an entity to make any determination, decision or election that we have the right to make in connection with the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth in this prospectus supplement. Any designee that we may appoint in connection with these determinations, decisions or elections may be our affiliate. When performing such functions, potential conflicts of interest may exist between us, our designee and investors in the SOFR notes and making such potentially subjective determinations may adversely affect the return on, value of and market for the SOFR notes. All determinations by us or our designee in our or its discretion will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on us and investors in the applicable SOFR notes absent manifest error. Further, (i) the composition and characteristics of any Benchmark Replacement for a series of SOFR notes will not be the same as those of the applicable SOFR rate for a series of SOFR notes, the Benchmark Replacement will not be the economic equivalent of SOFR, there can be no assurance that the Benchmark Replacement will perform in the same way as SOFR would have at any time and there is no guarantee that the Benchmark Replacement will be a comparable substitute for SOFR (each of which means that a Benchmark Transition Event could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for the applicable series of SOFR notes),

(ii) any failure of the Benchmark Replacement to gain market acceptance could adversely affect the relevant series of SOFR notes, (iii) the Benchmark Replacement may have a very limited history and the future performance of the Benchmark Replacement may not be able to be predicted based on historical performance, (iv) the secondary trading market for debt securities linked to the Benchmark Replacement may be limited and (v) the administrator of the Benchmark Replacement may make changes that could change the value of the Benchmark Replacement or discontinue the Benchmark Replacement and would not have any obligation to consider the interests of investors in the relevant series of SOFR notes in doing so. For more information, see the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth under “Description of the Notes—Floating-Rate Notes—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR” below.

### **Risks Relating to Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes**

*The following discussion of risks specifically relates to simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks before investing in simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes.*

#### **Interest payments due on a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes will be determined only at the end of the relevant interest period.**

Interest payments due on a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes will be determined only at the end of the relevant interest period. Therefore, holders of any series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes will not know the amount of interest payable with respect to each interest period until shortly prior to the related interest payment date, and it may be difficult for investors in such simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes to estimate reliably the amounts of interest that will be payable on each such interest payment date at the beginning of or during the relevant interest period.

#### **With respect to a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes that does not use a rate lookback, it will not be possible to calculate accrued interest with respect to any period until after the end of such period.**

The federal funds (effective) rate in respect of a given day is not published until the New York banking day (as defined below) immediately following such day. For this reason, with respect to a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes that does not use a rate lookback, it will not be possible to calculate accrued interest with respect to any period until after the end of such period, which may adversely affect your ability to trade such notes in the secondary market.

#### **With respect to a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes that employs a rate cut-off date, pursuant to the formula used to determine the simple average federal funds (effective) rate for each applicable interest period, the federal funds (effective) rate used in such calculation for any day from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the relevant interest payment date (or maturity or redemption date, if applicable) will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of the relevant rate cut-off date.**

Pursuant to the formula used to determine the simple average federal funds (effective) rate for each interest period with respect to a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes using a rate cut-off date, the federal funds (effective) rate used in such calculation for any day from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the relevant interest payment date or the maturity or redemption date, if applicable, will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of the rate cut-off date. The rate cut-off date will be two New York banking days (or such other number of

New York banking days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) prior to each interest payment date or the maturity date (or redemption date, if applicable). Therefore, you will not receive the benefit of any increase in the level of the federal funds (effective) rate on any date subsequent to the rate cut-off date in connection with the determination of the interest payable with respect to an interest period for a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes using a rate cut-off date, which could reduce the amount of interest that may be payable.

### **Risks Relating to U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes**

*The following discussion of risks specifically relates to U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks before investing in U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.*

*ICE Benchmark Administration (including any successor administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, “IBA”) launched the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for use as a benchmark in order to aid the market’s transition to SOFR and away from U.S. Dollar LIBOR. The following discussion of certain risks relating to the notes is based on information related to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> that is made publicly available on the ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Website as of the date of this pricing supplement, which information is subject to change at any time after such date. In the following discussion of risks, references to the “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>” refer to such rate for the applicable tenor(s) with respect to a series of notes. For further information about the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, see “Description of the Notes – Floating-Rate Notes – U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes” below.*

**The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is a new series of benchmarks, and the future performance of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> cannot be predicted based on the limited historical information available.**

IBA began publication of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> on November 8, 2021. As a result, there is limited historical information on which to evaluate the performance of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> or on which to base a prediction as to its future performance, which may bear little or no relation to such limited information. The limited historical information is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> or the value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, and any historical upward or downward trend in the level of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> during any period is not an indication that the level of the applicable benchmark is more or less likely to increase or decrease over the term of the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. The actual future levels of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> may be lower than any available historical data. An investment in the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may involve more risk than investing in notes linked to benchmarks or indices with established performance records, where a longer history of performance may be available so that investors have more information on which to base an investment decision.

**The composition of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is not the same as the U.S. Dollar LIBOR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> and the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is not expected to be a comparable substitute or replacement for the U.S. Dollar LIBOR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>.**

The composition of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is not the same as the U.S. Dollar LIBOR Swap Rate, and the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is not expected to be a comparable substitute or replacement for the U.S. Dollar LIBOR Swap Rate. The U.S. Dollar LIBOR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> seeks to represent the mid-price for the semi-annual fixed leg of an interest rate swap where the floating leg is based on three-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR payable quarterly, calculated on the

basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> seeks to represent the annual fixed leg of an interest rate swap where the floating leg is based on a compounded average of the daily SOFR administered by the FRBNY (or any successor administrator) compounded in arrears for twelve months payable annually using standard market conventions, calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed, with a year presumed to comprise 360 days.

The composition and characteristics of SOFR, which underlies the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is not the same as those of three-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR, nor is SOFR the economic equivalent of three-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR. Thus, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> has been designed with respect to swap transactions referencing a rate that differs in significant respects from the rate referenced in the swap transactions with respect to which the U.S. Dollar LIBOR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> was designed. As a result, the rate of interest on and value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may perform differently over time from the manner in which the interest rate and value of debt securities with comparable terms and provisions that were linked to the U.S. Dollar LIBOR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> would have performed. In addition, any failure of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> to gain market acceptance could adversely affect the value of and market for the affected notes.

**A lack of input data may impact IBA's ability to calculate and publish the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for one or more tenors.**

The input data for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is based on swaps referencing SOFR as the floating leg. The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is dependent on receiving sufficient eligible input data, from the trading venue sources identified by IBA in accordance with the "waterfall" methodology, for applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> tenors. The ability of the applicable trading venues to provide sufficient eligible input data in accordance with IBA's "waterfall" methodology depends on, among other things, there being a liquid market in swap contracts referencing SOFR on such trading venues, which in turn depends, among other things, on there being a liquid market in loans, floating-rate debt securities and other financial contracts referencing SOFR. Because SOFR's use as a reference rate for financial contracts began relatively recently and the related market for SOFR-based swaps is relatively new, there is limited information on which to assess potential future liquidity in SOFR-based swap markets or in the market for SOFR-based financial contracts more generally.

If the market for SOFR-based swap contracts is not sufficiently liquid, or if the liquidity in such market proves to be volatile, this could result in the inability of IBA to calculate the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> on certain occasions, which could materially adversely affect the reliability of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, and could adversely affect the return on and value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes and the price at which you are able to sell such notes in the secondary market, if any. In addition, if SOFR does not maintain market acceptance for use as reference rates for U.S. dollar-denominated financial contracts, uncertainty about SOFR may adversely affect the return on and the value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.

**The information regarding the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> that IBA makes publicly available is limited.**

Certain information and materials relating to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is available on the ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Website. Currently, publicly available rate information for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> can be viewed only on the ICE Report Center on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Website, and, for any particular day, the only rate available for viewing is the rate published for the preceding publication day. In addition, as of the date of this prospectus

supplement, such rate appearing on the ICE Report Center is rounded to two decimal places and does not represent the actual U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> rates that will be used to determine the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for purposes of calculating interest on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes (which rate will be that published on the Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page and rounded to three decimal places). As of the date of this prospectus supplement, a paid subscription to the Bloomberg Professional Services service is required to obtain additional U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> data (such as historical U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> rates rounded to three decimal places). IBA has not indicated whether such information will become publicly available in the future or whether the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> rates will be made available from another source. As a result of this limited publicly available information, it may be difficult for an investor to determine the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for a specific date or dates.

**The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> may be modified or discontinued, which could adversely affect the return on, value of or market for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.**

IBA may make methodological or other changes that could change the value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, including changes related to the method by which such rate is calculated, eligibility criteria applicable to the transactions used to calculate such rate, including the trading venues for such transactions, or timing related to the determination or publication of such rate, or may cease the calculation or dissemination of such rate. Depending on the circumstances, such change or cessation could be implemented with little or no public notice or consultation. Any such changes may result in a reduction of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> and, in turn, reduce the amount of interest payable on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, which may adversely affect the return on, value of and market for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. In addition, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is determined by IBA based on data received from sources other than us, and we do not have any control over the methods of calculation, publication schedule, rate revision practices or availability of such data.

**If the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> does not appear on the applicable Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page at the applicable Relevant Time, and a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have not occurred, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> will be determined by the calculation agent (which may be one of our affiliates) using alternative methods, which will involve the exercise of discretion by the calculation agent.**

If the U.S. SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> does not appear on the applicable Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page at the Relevant Time on an applicable interest determination date (for example, as a result of insufficient liquidity in the underlying applicable SOFR swap contracts market) and a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have not occurred with respect to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, the calculation agent will determine the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for such applicable interest determination date in its sole discretion, after consulting such sources as it deems comparable to the Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page or to the sources from which IBA obtains the swap rate input data used by IBA to calculate such rate, or any other source or data it determines to be reasonable (including, if applicable, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> that was most recently published by IBA) for the purpose of estimating such rate. This method of determining the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> may result in interest payments on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes that are higher than, lower than or that do not otherwise correlate over time with the interest payments that would have been made on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes if the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> had been published in accordance with IBA's usual

policies and procedures governing the determination and publication of such rate and appeared on the Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page at the Relevant Time. This could adversely affect the rate of interest on the affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, which, in turn, could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for such affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes and the price at which investors may be able to sell such affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. In addition, in determining the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, the calculation agent may have economic interests that are adverse to the investor's interests.

**If a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date are determined to have occurred with respect to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement may not be a suitable replacement for such rate.**

If we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> and a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, then the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will replace the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for such series of notes for all purposes relating to the relevant notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates, as set forth under "Description of the Notes—Floating-Rate Notes—Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date." The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will be the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) as an industry-accepted replacement for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for U.S. dollar-denominated floating-rate notes at such time, plus the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment (if any). After determination of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, interest on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes will no longer be determined by reference to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, but instead will be determined by reference to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement. If we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that there is no such replacement rate as of any applicable date of determination, then we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) will determine a substitute rate or substitute rate value to be used in place of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for that date of determination after consulting such sources as we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) deems comparable to the sources (if any) on which such rate customarily was published by IBA or authorized distributors prior to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date or to the sources from which IBA obtains the SOFR swap rate input data used by IBA to calculate the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, or any other source or data we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines to be reasonable (including, if applicable, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> that was most recently published by IBA) for the purpose of determining such substitute rate or substitute rate value.

There is no assurance that any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will be similar to the initial U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> in any respect as it is determined and published by IBA as of the date of this prospectus supplement, or that any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will produce the economic equivalent of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> as a reference rate for determining the interest rate on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, or otherwise be a suitable replacement or successor for such rate. In addition, it is possible that, at the time of the occurrence of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date, no industry-accepted interest rate as a replacement for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> will exist and there may be disagreement regarding the selection of a replacement rate for such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the determination of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will become effective without the consent of the holders of the notes of any other

party. Use of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement may result in interest payments on the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes that are higher than, lower than or that do not otherwise correlate over time with the interest payments that would have been made on such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes in the absence of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date. This could adversely affect the interest rate and amount of interest payable on the affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, which, in turn, could adversely affect the return on, value of and market for such affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes and the price at which investors may be able to sell such affected U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.

In addition, although the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> benchmark transition provisions set forth in “Description of the Notes—Floating-Rate Notes—Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date” provide for a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment to be added to the Unadjusted U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment may be zero or negative, and there is no guarantee that the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment (if any) will make the Unadjusted U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement equivalent to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> as it is calculated and published by IBA as of the date of this prospectus supplement.

**The secondary trading market for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may be limited.**

Publication of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> began recently, and, as of the date of this prospectus supplement, use of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> as a reference rate for floating-rate notes is limited. In addition, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> may not be widely used as such in the future. If the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> does not prove to be widely used as a benchmark in securities that are similar or comparable to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, a trading market for the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may fail to develop or be maintained, and the trading price of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may be lower than those of debt securities with rates of interest based on rates that are more widely used.

**We or our affiliates may publish research that could affect the market value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.**

We or one or more of our affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports with respect to movements in interest rates generally, or the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> specifically. This research may be modified from time to time without notice and may express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. Any of these activities may affect the market value of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

*This section describes general terms and provisions of the notes. This section supplements, and should be read together with, the general description of our debt securities, and the terms and provisions thereof, included in “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation” in the accompanying prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement will supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus.*

*The terms and provisions of the notes set forth in this prospectus supplement will apply to a series of notes, to the extent applicable as set forth below, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. If the applicable supplement for a series of notes includes terms and provisions that modify, conflict with or otherwise are inconsistent with the applicable terms and provisions set forth below, then, regardless of whether or not the applicable terms and provisions set forth below are stated to apply “unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement,” such terms and provisions set forth in the applicable supplement shall govern and control with respect to such series of notes.*

*Certain capitalized or other defined terms that are used in this section “Description of the Notes” have the specific meanings set forth herein. A listing of the pages on which certain of such terms are defined can be found under the “Index of Certain Defined Terms” beginning on page S-67 of this prospectus supplement.*

### General

We will issue the notes as part of a series of debt securities, Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series P, under an indenture dated as of June 27, 2018, which is an exhibit to our registration statement and has been filed with the SEC. The indenture is a contract between us, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. In this prospectus supplement, we refer to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as the “trustee,” and we refer to the indenture as supplemented from time to time as the “Indenture.” In addition to the following summary of general terms of the notes and the Indenture, you should review the forms of the actual notes and the specific provisions of the Indenture, as applicable, which are on file with the SEC.

The Indenture is subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. We and the selling agents, in the ordinary course of our respective businesses, have conducted and may conduct business with the trustee or its affiliates. See “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—The Indenture” in the accompanying prospectus for more information about the Indenture and the functions of the trustee. The Indenture does not limit the amount of indebtedness that we may incur.

The notes are being offered by us on a continuous basis. We may issue other debt securities under the Indenture from time to time in one or more series up to the aggregate principal amount of the then-existing grant of authority by our board of directors.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable supplement, the minimum denomination of the notes will be \$1,000 and any larger amount that is a whole multiple of \$1,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies).

We may issue the following types of notes: fixed-rate notes, fixed/floating rate notes and floating-rate notes. For more information on these types of notes, see below under “—Fixed-Rate Notes,” “—Fixed/Floating Rate Notes” and “—Floating-Rate Notes.” In addition, we may issue notes that do not bear interest.

## **Ranking**

The notes will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law.

Because we are a holding company, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon such subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent we may be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. Accordingly, our obligations will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries, and claimants should look only to our assets for payments on the notes. Further, creditors of our subsidiaries recapitalized pursuant to our resolution plan generally would be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the subsidiaries, including our contributed assets. In addition, any of our obligations under the notes will be unsecured and, therefore, in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding, will effectively rank junior to our secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations.

See "Risk Factors—Holders of the debt securities of Bank of America and claimants under Bank of America's guarantees of the BofA Finance debt securities could be at greater risk of being structurally subordinated if Bank of America sells or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to one or more of its majority-owned subsidiaries" in the accompanying prospectus.

## **Fixed-Rate Notes**

We may issue notes that bear interest at a fixed rate as set forth in the applicable supplement, which we refer to as "fixed-rate notes." Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each fixed-rate note will bear interest from its original issue date or from the most recent date to which interest on the note has been paid or made available for payment. Interest will accrue on the principal of a fixed-rate note at the fixed annual rate stated in the applicable supplement, until the principal is paid or made available for payment.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will pay interest on any fixed-rate note monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as applicable, in arrears, on the days set forth in the applicable supplement (each such day being an "interest payment date" for a fixed-rate note) and at the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as applicable. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each interest payment due on an interest payment date, the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as the case may be, will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest payment date, the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as the case may be. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, interest on fixed-rate notes will be computed and paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, which we may refer to as the "30/360" day count convention. We will make payments on fixed-rate notes as described below under "—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable."

We also may issue amortizing notes, which are fixed-rate notes for which combined principal and interest payments are made in installments over the life of the note. Payments on amortizing notes are applied first to interest due and then to the reduction of the unpaid principal amount. The supplement for an amortizing note will include a table setting forth repayment information.

## **Fixed/Floating Rate Notes**

We may issue notes with elements of each of the fixed-rate notes described above and floating-rate notes described below. For example, a note may bear interest at a fixed rate for some interest

periods and at a floating rate for some other interest periods. We will describe the determination of interest for any of these notes in the applicable supplement.

## **Floating-Rate Notes**

We may issue notes that will bear interest at a floating interest rate determined in accordance with the applicable terms and provisions set forth in the applicable supplement and below under “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes,” “—U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes,” “—Compounded SOFR Notes,” “—Simple Average SOFR Notes,” “—Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes,” “—Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date,” and “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR,” as applicable. The terms and provisions of floating-rate notes set forth in such sections will apply, to the extent applicable as set forth below, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these notes as “floating-rate notes.”

### ***Overview of Base Rates and Floating-Rate Note Provisions***

The interest rate for each series of floating-rate notes will be determined by reference to a “base rate” specified in the applicable supplement. The “base rate” for a floating-rate note will, if so specified in the applicable supplement, be one or more of the following, or may be any other base rate as may be specified in the applicable supplement:

- the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> (as defined below), in which case the note will be a “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> note”;
- compounded SOFR (as defined below), calculated by reference to the secured overnight financing rate, in which case the note will be a “compounded SOFR note”;
- simple average SOFR (as defined below), calculated by reference to the secured overnight financing rate, in which case the note will be a “simple average SOFR note”; or
- the simple average federal funds (effective) rate (as defined below), calculated by reference to the federal funds (effective) rate (as defined below), in which case the note will be a “simple average federal funds (effective) rate note.”

Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable supplement, the applicable base rate with respect to a floating-rate note will be determined for each interest period (as defined below) or other applicable period as set forth under “—U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes,” “—Compounded SOFR Notes,” “—Simple Average SOFR Notes” or “—Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes” below, as applicable. Such determination of the applicable base rates is summarized as follows:

U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. With respect to U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> will be determined for an interest period (or other period specified in the applicable supplement) in advance by reference to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the tenor specified in the applicable supplement, as observed at a specified time on a single interest determination date on or prior to the commencement of such period, all as set forth in this prospectus supplement and/or in the applicable supplement. The U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> as so determined will apply for the entirety of the succeeding interest or other period and will reset on the interest reset date specified for the interest or other period that immediately follows such succeeding period, in accordance with the foregoing. References in this prospectus supplement to the “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>” refer to such

rate for the applicable tenor(s) with respect to a series of notes, as set forth in the applicable supplement. For additional information with respect to the determination of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> and terms and provisions of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, see “—U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes” below.

**Compounded SOFR notes.** With respect to compounded SOFR notes, the base rate for an interest period will be determined on the basis of a compounded average of Daily SOFR (as defined under “—Compounded SOFR Notes” below) determined as set forth below under “—Compounded SOFR Notes” (such rate, “compounded SOFR”). As so set forth, compounded SOFR will be determined in arrears at or near the end of each interest period in accordance with a formula using Daily SOFR published during the applicable interest period or observation period relating to such interest period, as the case may be. Compounded SOFR may be calculated in accordance with a number of different calculation conventions that are described more fully under “—Compounded SOFR Notes” below. The applicable supplement will specify which calculation convention applies with respect to calculation of compounded SOFR for an applicable series of compounded SOFR notes. For additional information with respect to the determination of compounded SOFR and terms and provisions of compounded SOFR notes, see “—Compounded SOFR Notes” below.

**Simple average SOFR notes and simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes.** With respect to simple average SOFR notes and simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes, the base rate for an interest period will be determined on the basis of a simple average of Daily SOFR or the federal funds (effective) rate, as set forth below under “—Simple Average SOFR Notes” or “—Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes,” as applicable (such rates, “simple average SOFR” and the “simple average federal funds (effective) rate,” respectively). As so set forth, simple average SOFR and the simple average federal funds (effective) rate will be determined in arrears at or near the end of each interest period based on a formula using Daily SOFR rates or federal funds (effective) rates, as applicable, published during the applicable interest period. For additional information with respect to the determination of these base rates and terms and provisions of these notes, see “—Simple Average SOFR Notes” or “—Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes,” as applicable, below.

### ***General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes***

*Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the terms and provisions of and other information with respect to the floating-rate notes set forth in this subsection “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes” will apply to each series of floating-rate notes, as and to the extent set forth in this subsection.*

#### *Determination of Interest Rates*

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the interest rate for a floating-rate note will be determined by reference to:

- the specified base rate (based on the specified tenor, if applicable) for each interest or other applicable period determined in accordance with the applicable provisions set forth in this prospectus supplement and/or the applicable supplement;
- plus or minus the spread, if any; and/or
- multiplied by the spread multiplier, if any.

The “spread” is the number of basis points we may specify in the applicable supplement to be added to or subtracted from the applicable base rate. The “spread multiplier” is the percentage (or number) we may specify in the applicable supplement by which the specified base rate is multiplied in order to calculate the applicable interest rate.

Interest rates for a floating-rate note also may be subject to:

- a maximum interest rate limit, or ceiling, on the interest that may accrue during any interest or other applicable period; and/or
- a minimum interest rate limit, or floor, on the interest that may accrue during any interest or other applicable period.

*Accrual of Interest, Interest Payment Dates and Interest Periods for Floating-Rate Notes Other than Compounded SOFR Notes Using the Payment Delay Convention*

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, except for compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention:

- each floating-rate note will accrue interest from its original issue date or from the most recent date to which interest on the floating-rate note has been paid or made available for payment;
- interest will accrue on the outstanding principal amount of a floating-rate note at the applicable per annum floating interest rate until the principal amount is paid or made available for payment;
- we will pay accrued interest on any floating-rate note monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually (or for such other period as we may specify in the applicable supplement), as applicable, in arrears, on the dates set forth in the applicable supplement (each such day being an “interest payment date” for such floating-rate note) and at the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as applicable;
- each interest payment due on an interest payment date, the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as the case may be, will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the maturity date or earlier redemption date, as the case may be (each such period, an “interest period”); and
- interest payment dates and interest periods for floating-rate notes may be adjusted in accordance with the business day convention (as described below under “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Business Day Conventions”) specified in the applicable supplement.

For compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the accrual of interest, interest period demarcation dates, interest payment dates and interest periods are as set forth under “—Compounded SOFR Notes—Payment Delay Convention” below.

*Calculation of Interest Amounts*

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the amount of accrued interest on a floating-rate note for an interest period is calculated by multiplying the outstanding principal amount of such note by an accrued interest factor. This accrued interest factor will be determined by multiplying the per annum floating interest rate determined by reference to the applicable base rate, as determined for the applicable interest period, by a factor resulting from the day count convention that applies with respect to such determination. The factor resulting from the day count

convention will be, if so specified in the applicable supplement, one of the following, or may be any other convention set forth in the applicable supplement:

- a factor based on a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months if the day count convention specified in the applicable supplement is “30/360”;
- a factor equal to the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 if the day count convention specified in the applicable supplement is “Actual/360”;
- a factor equal to the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365, or if any portion of that relevant period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the relevant period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the relevant period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365, if the day count convention specified in the applicable supplement is “Actual/Actual”; or
- a factor equal to the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365, if the day count convention specified in the applicable supplement is “Actual/365 (Fixed).”

If no day count convention is specified in the applicable supplement, the accrued interest factor will be as follows:

- for U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, the factor will be based on a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months; and
- for compounded SOFR notes, simple average SOFR notes, simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes or any other floating-rate notes other than U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, the factor will be equal to the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 360.

On or before the relevant “calculation date,” the calculation agent will calculate the amount of interest that has accrued during each interest period in accordance with the provisions set forth above. For any series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, the calculation date pertaining to an interest payment date will be the earlier of:

- the tenth calendar day after the applicable interest determination date for the interest period to which such interest payment date relates or, if that day is not a business day, the next succeeding business day; or
- the business day immediately preceding such interest payment date, the maturity date, or the date of redemption or prepayment, as the case may be.

For any series of compounded SOFR notes, simple average SOFR notes or simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes, the calculation date pertaining to an applicable interest payment date will be the business day immediately preceding such interest payment date (including, if applicable, the maturity date or the date of earlier redemption or prepayment, as the case may be).

All amounts used in or resulting from any calculation on floating-rate notes will be rounded to the nearest cent, in the case of U.S. dollars, or to the nearest corresponding hundredth of a unit, in the case of a currency other than U.S. dollars, with one-half cent or one-half of a corresponding hundredth of a unit or more being rounded upward. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, all percentages resulting from any calculation with respect to a floating-rate note will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percent, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards, e.g., 9.876545% (or 0.09876545) being rounded to 9.87655% (or 0.0987655).

The interest rate on a floating-rate note may not be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law, as that rate may be modified by U.S. law of general application. Under current New York law, the maximum rate of interest, subject to some exceptions, for any loan in an amount less than \$250,000 is 16% and for any loan in the amount of \$250,000 or more but less than \$2,500,000 is 25% per annum on a simple interest basis. These limits do not apply to loans of \$2,500,000 or more to any one borrower.

At the request of a holder of any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> note, the calculation agent will provide the interest rate then in effect for that floating-rate note and, if already determined, the interest rate that is to take effect on the next interest reset date.

At the request of a holder of any compounded SOFR note, simple average SOFR note or simple average federal funds (effective) rate note, the calculation agent will provide compounded SOFR, simple average SOFR or the simple average federal funds (effective) rate, as applicable, the interest rate and the amount of interest accrued with respect to any interest period for such note, after compounded SOFR, simple average SOFR or the simple average federal funds (effective) rate, as applicable, and such interest rate and accrued interest have been determined.

### ***U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Notes***

*Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the following terms and provisions and other information will apply to each series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes.*

The interest rate in effect from, and including, the original issue date of a series of floating-rate notes to, but excluding, the first interest reset date (as defined below) for such series of notes will be the initial interest rate set forth in the applicable supplement or determined as set forth in the applicable supplement. The interest rate for a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes may be reset daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, or at any other interval, as we specify in the applicable supplement. If so specified in the applicable supplement, a single interest period may contain multiple interest reset dates, in which case the interest rate with respect to the applicable series of notes will reset on each such interest reset date in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in this subsection or as otherwise set forth in the applicable supplement, and interest will accrue on such series of notes at the interest rate in effect from time to time during such interest period. We refer to each date on which the interest rate for a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes will reset as an “interest reset date.” We will specify the interest reset dates in the applicable supplement. Interest reset dates may be adjusted in accordance with the applicable business day convention (as described below under “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Business Day Conventions”) specified in the applicable supplement.

The “interest determination date” in respect of any interest reset date is the day to which the calculation agent will refer when determining the interest rate at which the applicable floating interest rate will reset. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the interest determination date for an interest reset date for a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> note will be the second U.S. government securities business day (as defined below) preceding the interest reset date.

The calculation agent will determine the interest rate for an interest period in respect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> note on the interest determination date corresponding to such interest reset date. In addition, on the applicable calculation date, the calculation agent will calculate the amount of interest that has accrued during each interest period in accordance with the provisions set forth under “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes—Accrual of Interest, Interest Payment Dates and Interest Periods for Floating-Rate Notes

Other than Compounded SOFR Notes Using the Payment Delay Convention” and “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes—Calculation of Interest Amounts” above.

With respect to a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the following terms will have the meanings set forth below:

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>” means, in respect of each applicable interest determination date, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the applicable tenor specified in the applicable supplement, as calculated and provided as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time (or any amended time specified by the administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> in the benchmark methodology) on such interest determination date, by IBA as the administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> (or a successor administrator), as such rate appears for the Applicable Index on the Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page at the Relevant Time on such interest determination date, as determined by the calculation agent.

If the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the applicable tenor in respect of any interest period cannot be determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph on an applicable interest determination date, and a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have not occurred with respect to such rate, then the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for such tenor for such interest determination date will be determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion after consulting such sources as it deems comparable to the sources (if any) on which such rate customarily is published by the IBA (or a successor administrator) or authorized distributors or to the sources from which IBA (or such successor administrator) obtains the swap rate input data used by IBA (or such successor administrator), to calculate such rate, or any other source or data it determines to be reasonable (including, if applicable, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the applicable tenor that was most recently published by IBA (or such successor administrator)) for the purpose of estimating such rate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred prior to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time in respect of any determination of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the applicable tenor on any date, as described below under “—Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date” below, then the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> benchmark replacement provisions set forth below under such heading will thereafter apply to all determinations of the interest rate payable on the applicable series of notes.

“Applicable Index” means “USISSO01 Index,” “USISSO02 Index,” “USISSO05 Index,” “USISSO10 Index,” “USISSO20 Index,” “USISSO30 Index,” and/or any other designation specified in the applicable supplement to be an “Applicable Index.”

“Designated SOFR Swap Rate Page” means the page entitled “USD SOFR (11:15am NY)” that can be accessed on the Bloomberg Professional Services service (or any other page or screen that replaces that page or screen on the Bloomberg Professional Services service or such other service or services as may be nominated for the purpose of displaying rates for U.S. dollar swaps referencing SOFR by IBA or its successor or such other entity assuming the responsibility of IBA or its successor in calculating rates for U.S. dollar swaps referencing SOFR in the event IBA or its successor no longer does so).

“Relevant Time” means approximately 12:15, p.m., New York City time, or such other time as may be specified in the applicable supplement.

### ***Compounded SOFR Notes***

*Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the following terms and provisions and other information will apply to compounded SOFR notes.*

For a series of compounded SOFR notes, compounded SOFR, accrued interest, interest periods, the interest rate and/or timing of interest payments for a particular interest period will be determined in accordance with a “payment delay convention,” “observation period convention,” “SOFR Index convention,” or “rate cut-off convention” in accordance with the terms and provisions applicable to such convention as set forth below. The applicable supplement relating to a series of compounded SOFR notes will specify whether the “payment delay convention,” the “observation period convention,” the “SOFR Index convention” or the “rate cut-off convention” applies to such compounded SOFR notes.

With respect to any series of compounded SOFR notes, the following terms will have the meanings set forth below:

“Daily SOFR” means, with respect to any U.S. government securities business day prior to a Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such U.S. government securities business day as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator’s Website at 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the immediately following U.S. government securities business day; or
- (2) if the rate specified in (1) above does not so appear, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. government securities business day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if we or our designee, after consulting with us, determines that a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the applicable Benchmark Reference Time in respect of any determination of Daily SOFR on any date as described under “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR” below, then the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth under such heading will thereafter apply to all determinations of the interest rate payable on the relevant notes. In accordance with the SOFR benchmark transition provisions, after a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred, the amount of interest that will be payable for each applicable interest period will be determined by reference to a per annum rate equal to the Benchmark Replacement plus or minus the spread, or multiplied by the spread multiplier, as may be specified in the supplement. Certain capitalized terms used in this paragraph have the meanings set forth under “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR.”

“SOFR Administrator” means the FRBNY (or a successor administrator of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate).

“SOFR Administrator’s Website” means the website of the FRBNY, or any successor source. The information contained on such website is not part of this prospectus supplement and is not incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference.

#### *Payment Delay Convention*

*If the applicable supplement for a series of compounded SOFR notes specifies that the “payment delay convention” applies, then, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the*

*following terms and provisions will apply to such series. References to “notes” in this subsection “–Payment Delay Convention” are to compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention.*

For a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, compounded SOFR, the interest rate, accrued interest, the date on which the foregoing will be calculated by the calculation agent with respect to an interest period, interest periods and timing of interest payments for a particular interest period will be determined in accordance with the following terms and provisions set forth in this subsection and in the other sections and subsections of this prospectus supplement referenced below in this subsection. See “–General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes” for a description of additional terms and provisions of the notes relating to the determination of interest rates and calculation of interest amounts (other than with respect to the accrual of interest, interest payment dates, interest periods and the timing of such calculation of interest amounts, which will be as set forth below in this subsection) that will be applicable with respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the payment delay convention, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

Each series of the notes will accrue interest from the original issue date of such series until the principal amount is paid or made available for payment. We will pay interest on a series of the notes on each interest payment date (as defined in the second following paragraph) with respect to such series of notes. Each interest payment due on an interest payment date, the maturity date or the redemption date, as applicable, will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest period demarcation date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest period demarcation date (or, in the case of the final interest period, the maturity date or, if such notes are redeemed earlier, the redemption date) (each such period, an “interest period” for such series of notes). The applicable supplement for a series of notes will specify, among other terms and provisions, the “interest period demarcation dates” with respect to such series.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, interest period demarcation dates and interest periods (in addition to interest payment dates) may be adjusted in accordance with the business day convention specified in the applicable supplement. If the scheduled final interest period demarcation date (which will be the maturity date or, if we elect to redeem the notes earlier, the redemption date) falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment of principal and interest will be made on the next succeeding business day, and such final interest period demarcation date will be postponed to such succeeding business day.

We will pay interest on each series of the notes in arrears, on the second business day (or such other number of business days we may specify in the applicable supplement) following each interest period demarcation date (each such day being an “interest payment date” for such notes); provided that the interest payment date with respect to the final interest period for a series of the notes will be the maturity date for such series or, if the notes are redeemed earlier, the redemption date. On each interest payment date, we will pay accrued interest for the most recently completed interest period.

If an interest period demarcation date other than the final interest period demarcation date otherwise would fall on a day that is not a business day, then such interest period demarcation date will be postponed to the next day that is a business day, except that, if the next succeeding business day falls in the next calendar month, then such interest period demarcation date will be advanced to the immediately preceding day that is a business day. If the scheduled final interest period demarcation date (which will be the maturity date or, if we elect to redeem the notes earlier, the redemption date) falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment of principal and interest will be made on the next succeeding business day, and such final interest period demarcation date

will be postponed to such succeeding business day. In each case, the related interest periods also will be adjusted for non-business days.

With respect to any series of fixed/floating rate notes for which compounded SOFR is specified to be the base rate for the applicable floating-rate period and for which the “payment delay convention” is specified to be applicable, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the applicable terms and provisions of such notes, and provided that such series of notes is not redeemed prior to the commencement of the floating-rate period, if the final interest payment date falling in the fixed-rate period otherwise would fall on a day that is not a business day, then such interest payment date will be postponed to the next day that is a business day, and the related interest period also will be adjusted for non-business days. If such final interest payment date during the fixed-rate period is so postponed, the first day of the initial interest period during the floating-rate period will be adjusted accordingly.

The interest rate for a series of the notes will be determined by reference to compounded SOFR, calculated in respect of each interest period in accordance with the formula set forth below. For purposes of calculating compounded SOFR in accordance with such formula with respect to the final interest period, Daily SOFR for each U.S. government securities business day in the period from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable, will be Daily SOFR in respect of such rate cut-off date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the “rate cut-off date” will be the second U.S. government securities business day prior to the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable.

The calculation agent will determine “compounded SOFR” for a series of the notes for each interest period in accordance with the following formula:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{SOFR}_i \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

“ $d_0$ ”, for any interest period, is the number of U.S. government securities business days in such interest period;

“ $i$ ”, for such interest period, is a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant U.S. government securities business days in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. government securities business day in such interest period;

“ $\text{SOFR}_i$ ”, for any U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such interest period, is equal to Daily SOFR in respect of that day, determined by the calculation agent; provided that, for purposes of calculating compounded SOFR with respect to the final interest period, Daily SOFR for each U.S. government securities business day in the period from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable, will be Daily SOFR in respect of such rate cut-off date;

“ $n_i$ ”, for U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such interest period, is the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” to, but excluding, the following U.S. government securities business day; and

“ $d$ ”, for such interest period, is the number of calendar days in such interest period.

The calculation agent will determine compounded SOFR, the interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period in arrears on the applicable calculation date and will notify us of compounded SOFR and such interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period as soon as reasonably practicable after such determination. At the request of a holder of a series of the notes, the calculation agent will provide compounded SOFR, the interest rate and the amount of interest accrued with respect to any interest period for such series, after compounded SOFR and such interest rate and accrued interest have been determined.

*Observation Period Convention, SOFR Index Convention, and Rate Cut-off Convention*

*If the applicable supplement for a series of compounded SOFR notes specifies that the “observation period convention,” “SOFR Index convention,” or “rate cut-off convention” applies, then, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the following terms and provisions will apply to such series. References to “notes” in this subsection “—Observation Period Convention SOFR Index Convention, and Rate Cut-off Convention” are to compounded SOFR notes using the observation period convention, SOFR Index convention or rate cut-off convention, as applicable.*

For a series of compounded SOFR notes using the observation period convention, SOFR Index convention or rate cut-off convention, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, compounded SOFR, the interest rate, accrued interest and the date on which the foregoing will be calculated by the calculation agent with respect to an interest period will be determined in accordance with the following terms and provisions set forth in this subsection and in the other sections and subsections of this prospectus supplement referenced below in this subsection. See “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes” for a description of additional terms and provisions of the notes relating to the determination of interest rates, accrual of interest, interest payment dates, interest periods and calculation of interest amounts (other than the timing of such calculation, which will be as set forth below in this subsection) that will be applicable with respect to each series of compounded SOFR notes using the observation period convention, SOFR Index convention or rate cut-off convention, as applicable, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each interest payment due on an interest payment date, maturity date or, if we elect to redeem the notes earlier, the redemption date for a series of the notes will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be (each such period, an “interest period” for such series of notes).

With respect to a series of compounded SOFR notes using the observation period convention, “observation period” means, in respect of each interest period, the period from, and including, the date that is two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) preceding the first date in such interest period to, but excluding, the date that is two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) preceding the interest payment date for such interest period.

### Observation Period Convention

If the applicable supplement for a series of compounded SOFR notes specifies that the “observation period convention” applies, then “compounded SOFR” means, for each applicable interest period, a rate calculated in accordance with the formula set forth below with respect to the observation period relating to such interest period:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{SOFR}_i \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

“ $d_0$ ”, for any observation period, is the number of U.S. government securities business days in such observation period;

“ $i$ ”, for such observation period, is a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant U.S. government securities business days in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. government securities business day in such observation period;

“ $\text{SOFR}_i$ ”, for any U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such observation period, is equal to Daily SOFR in respect of that day, determined by the calculation agent;

“ $n_i$ ”, for U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such observation period, is the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” to, but excluding, the following U.S. government securities business day; and

“ $d$ ”, for such observation period, is the number of calendar days in such observation period.

The calculation agent will determine compounded SOFR, the interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period in arrears on the applicable calculation date and will notify us of compounded SOFR and such interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period as soon as reasonably practicable after such determination. At the request of a holder of a series of the notes, the calculation agent will provide compounded SOFR, the interest rate and the amount of interest accrued with respect to any interest period, after compounded SOFR and such interest rate and accrued interest have been determined.

### SOFR Index Convention

If the applicable supplement for a series of compounded SOFR notes specifies that the “SOFR Index convention” applies, then “compounded SOFR” means, for each applicable interest period, a rate calculated in accordance with the formula set forth below with respect to the observation period relating to such interest period:

$$\left( \frac{\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{End}}}{\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{Start}}} - 1 \right) \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

“ $\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{End}}$ ” is the SOFR Index value in respect of the  $\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{End}}$  Date;

“ $\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{Start}}$ ” is the SOFR Index value in respect of the  $\text{SOFR Index}_{\text{Start}}$  Date;

“SOFR Index<sub>End</sub> Date” is the date that is two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) preceding the interest payment date relating to such interest period;

“SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub> Date” is the date that is two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) preceding the first day of the relevant interest period;

“d” is the number of calendar days from, and including, such SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub> Date to, but excluding, such SOFR Index<sub>End</sub> Date;

“SOFR” means the daily Secured Overnight Financing Rate as provided by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator’s Website; and

“SOFR Index,” with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, means:

- (1) the SOFR Index value as published by the SOFR Administrator as such index appears on the SOFR Administrator’s Website at 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on such U.S. government securities business day (the “SOFR Index Determination Time”); or
- (2) if a SOFR Index value specified in (1) above does not so appear at the SOFR Index Determination Time, then:
  - (i) if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have not occurred with respect to SOFR, then compounded SOFR shall be the rate determined pursuant to the “SOFR Index Unavailability” provisions below; or
  - (ii) if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to SOFR, then compounded SOFR shall be the rate determined in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth under “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR” below.

*SOFR Index Unavailability Provisions* – If SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub> or SOFR Index<sub>End</sub> is not published or otherwise is not available on the relevant interest determination date and a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have not occurred with respect to SOFR, “compounded SOFR” will mean, for the applicable interest period for which such index is not available, the rate of return on a daily compounded interest investment calculated in accordance with the formula set forth above under “—Observation Period Convention” as if the applicable supplement had specified “observation period convention” to be applicable to the notes, rather than “SOFR Index convention” and “observation period” will mean, for the applicable interest period, the period from, and including, such SOFR Index<sub>Start</sub> Date to, but excluding, such SOFR Index<sub>End</sub> Date.

#### Rate Cut-Off Convention

If the applicable supplement for a series of compounded SOFR notes specifies that the “rate cut-off convention” applies, then “compounded SOFR” means, for each applicable interest period, a rate calculated in accordance with the formula set forth below. For purposes of calculating compounded SOFR in accordance with such formula with respect to any interest period for an applicable series of compounded SOFR notes, Daily SOFR for each U.S. government securities business day in the period from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the interest payment date in respect of such interest period (or, in the case of the final interest period, the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable), will be Daily SOFR in respect of such rate cut-off

date. With respect to each applicable interest period, the “rate cut-off date” will be the fifth U.S. government securities business day (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) prior to the interest payment date in respect of such interest period (or, in the case of the final interest period, the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable).

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{SOFR_i \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

“ $d_0$ ”, for any interest period, is the number of U.S. government securities business days in such interest period;

“ $i$ ” is a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant U.S. government securities business days in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. government securities business day in such interest period;

“ $SOFR_i$ ”, for any U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such interest period, is equal to Daily SOFR in respect of that day, determined by the calculation agent; provided that, for purposes of calculating compounded SOFR with respect to any interest period, Daily SOFR for each U.S. government securities business day in the period from, and including, the rate cut-off date to, but excluding, the interest payment date in respect of such interest period (or, in the case of the final interest period, the maturity date or redemption date, as applicable), will be Daily SOFR in respect of such rate cut-off date;

“ $n_i$ ”, for U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” in such interest period, is the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. government securities business day “ $i$ ” to, but excluding, the following U.S. government securities business day; and

“ $d$ ” is the number of calendar days in such interest period.

### ***Simple Average SOFR Notes***

*Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the following terms and provisions and other information will apply to simple average SOFR notes. References to “notes” in this subsection “– Simple Average SOFR Notes” are to a series of such notes.*

For a series of simple average SOFR notes, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, simple average SOFR, the interest rate, accrued interest and the date on which the foregoing will be calculated by the calculation agent with respect to an interest period will be determined in accordance with the following terms and provisions set forth in this subsection and in the other sections and subsections of this prospectus supplement referenced below in this subsection. See “– General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes” for a description of additional terms and provisions of the notes relating to the determination of interest rates, accrual of interest, interest payment dates, interest periods and calculation of interest amounts (other than the timing of such calculation, which will be as set forth below in this subsection) that will be applicable with respect to each series of simple average SOFR notes, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

The interest rate for a series of the notes will be determined by reference to simple average SOFR. For each interest period for a series of the notes, “simple average SOFR” means, for each

applicable interest period, a rate equal to the sum of the daily base rate for each calendar day in such interest period divided by the number of calendar days in such interest period, calculated in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth below.

Subject to the provisions below relating to a “rate lookback” or “rate cut-off date,” as applicable, the “daily base rate” with respect to each calendar day in a relevant interest period will be Daily SOFR in respect of such day; provided that for any calendar day in an interest period that is not a U.S. government securities business day, Daily SOFR in respect of such calendar day will be Daily SOFR for the U.S. government securities business day in such interest period immediately preceding such calendar day.

For purposes of calculating simple average SOFR in accordance with the foregoing, either a “rate lookback” or “rate cut-off date” will apply to your notes, as specified in the applicable supplement.

If the applicable supplement specifies that a “rate lookback” applies, then, notwithstanding the terms and provisions set forth in the second preceding paragraph: (i) the “daily base rate” with respect to each U.S. government securities business day in a relevant interest period will be Daily SOFR in respect of the U.S. government securities business day falling two U.S. government securities business days (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as may be specified in the applicable supplement) prior to such U.S. government securities business day (such number of days, the “lookback period”); and (ii) the “daily base rate” with respect to each calendar day in a relevant interest period that is not a U.S. government securities business day will be equal to the daily base rate in effect for the immediately preceding U.S. government securities business day.

If the applicable supplement specifies that a “rate cut-off date” applies then, notwithstanding the terms and provisions set forth in the second preceding paragraph, for each calendar day in an interest period falling after the rate cut-off date for such interest period, the “daily base rate” for each such calendar day will be Daily SOFR in respect of such rate cut-off date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the “rate cut-off date” for an interest period, if applicable, will be the second U.S. government securities business day (or such other number of U.S. government securities business days as we may specify in the applicable supplement) prior to the interest payment date for such interest period.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each interest payment due on an interest payment date or maturity date for a series of the notes will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be (each such period, an “interest period” for such series of notes).

The calculation agent will determine simple average SOFR, the interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period in arrears as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the relevant interest payment date and will notify us of simple average SOFR and such interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period as soon as reasonably practicable after such determination, but in any event by the business day immediately prior to the interest payment date.

For purposes of the foregoing terms and provisions, unless otherwise provided in the applicable supplement, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

“Daily SOFR” means, with respect to any U.S. government securities business day prior to a Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such U.S. government securities business day as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator’s Website at 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the immediately following U.S. government securities business day; or
- (2) if the rate specified in (1) above does not so appear, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. government securities business day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us), determines that a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the applicable Benchmark Reference Time in respect of any determination of SOFR on any date as described under “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR” below, then the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth under such heading will thereafter apply to all determinations of the interest rate payable on the relevant notes. In accordance with the SOFR benchmark transition provisions, after a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred, the amount of interest that will be payable for each applicable interest period will be determined by reference to a per annum rate equal to the Benchmark Replacement plus or minus the spread, or multiplied by the spread multiplier, as may be specified in the supplement. Certain capitalized terms used in this paragraph have the meanings set forth under “—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR.”

“SOFR Administrator” means the FRBNY (or a successor administrator of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate).

“SOFR Administrator’s Website” means the website of the FRBNY, or any successor source. The information contained on such website is not part of this prospectus supplement and is not incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference.

### ***Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes***

*Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the following terms and provisions and other information will apply to simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes. References to “notes” in this subsection “—Simple Average Federal Funds (Effective) Rate Notes” are to a series of such notes.*

For a series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the simple average federal funds (effective) rate, the interest rate, accrued interest and the date on which the foregoing will be calculated by the calculation agent with respect to an interest period will be determined in accordance with the following terms and provisions set forth in this subsection and in the other sections and subsections of this prospectus supplement referenced below in this subsection. See “—General Terms and Provisions Applicable to Floating-Rate Notes” for a description of additional terms and provisions of the notes relating to the determination of interest rates, accrual of interest, interest payment dates, interest periods and calculation of interest amounts (other than the timing of such calculation, which will be as set forth below in this subsection) that will be applicable with respect to each series of simple average federal funds (effective) rate notes, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

The interest rate for a series of the notes will be determined by reference to the simple average federal funds (effective) rate. For each interest period for a series of the notes, the simple average federal funds (effective) rate will be equal to the sum of the daily base rate for each calendar day in such interest period divided by the number of calendar days in such interest period. Except as provided below for notes for which a “rate lookback” or “rate cut-off date” applies, and unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the “daily base rate” with respect to each calendar day in a relevant interest period will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of such day; provided that for any calendar day in an interest period that is not a New York banking day, the daily base rate for such calendar day will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of the New York banking day in such interest period immediately preceding such calendar day.

For purposes of calculating the simple average federal funds (effective) rate in accordance with the foregoing, either a “rate lookback” or “rate cut-off date” will apply to your notes, as specified in the applicable supplement.

If the applicable supplement specifies that a “rate lookback” applies, then, notwithstanding the terms and provisions set forth in the third preceding paragraph: (i) the “daily base rate” with respect to each New York banking day in a relevant interest period will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of the New York banking day falling two New York banking days (or such other number of New York banking days as may be specified in the applicable supplement) prior to such New York banking day (such number of days, the “lookback period”), and (ii) the “daily base rate” with respect to each calendar day in a relevant interest period that is not a New York banking day will be equal to the daily base rate in effect for the immediately preceding New York banking day.

If the applicable supplement specifies that a “rate cut-off date” applies then, notwithstanding the terms and provisions set forth in the fourth preceding paragraph, for each calendar day in an interest period falling after the rate cut-off date for such interest period, the daily base rate for each such calendar day will be the federal funds (effective) rate in respect of such rate cut-off date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the “rate cut-off date” for an interest period, if applicable, will be the second New York banking day prior to the interest payment date for such interest period.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, each interest payment due on an interest payment date or maturity date for a series of the notes will include interest accrued from, and including, the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or, if no interest has been paid, from the original issue date, to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be (each such period, an “interest period” for such series of notes).

The calculation agent will determine the simple average federal funds (effective) rate, the interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period in arrears as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the relevant interest payment date and will notify us of the simple average federal funds (effective) rate and such interest rate and accrued interest for each interest period as soon as reasonably practicable after such determination, but in any event by the business day immediately prior to the interest payment date.

For purposes of the foregoing terms and provisions, unless otherwise provided in the applicable supplement, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

“Federal funds (effective) rate,” for any New York banking day, will be the rate for such day as displayed on the Reuters Screen Page FEDFUNDS1 (or any successor service or any other page that replaces that page on that service) under the heading “EFFECT” on the New York banking day

next following such day (such next following New York banking day, the “publication day”). With respect to any New York banking day, if such rate is not displayed on Reuters Screen Page FEDFUNDS1 by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the applicable publication day, the federal funds (effective) rate for such New York banking day will be the federal funds (effective) rate for such New York banking day, as published on the applicable publication day in H.15 Daily Update under the heading “Federal Funds (Effective).” If such rate is not published in H.15 Daily Update by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on such publication day, the federal funds (effective) rate for such New York banking day will be the federal funds (effective) rate as published for the first preceding New York banking day for which the federal funds (effective) rate can be determined in accordance with the first sentence of this paragraph.

As used in the foregoing terms and provisions relating to the determination of the federal funds (effective) rate:

“H.15 Daily Update” means the Selected Interest Rates (Daily)-H.15 release of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve”), available at [www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/](http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/), or any successor site or publication.

“New York banking day” means a day of the work week other than a holiday observed by the FRBNY.

***Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR***

*Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the provisions set forth in this section “–Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR,” which we refer to as the “SOFR benchmark transition provisions,” will apply to all compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes. References to “notes” in this section are to such notes.*

*Benchmark Replacement.* If we or our designee (after consulting with us) determines on or prior to the relevant Benchmark Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark for any series of notes, the applicable Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for such series of notes for all purposes relating to the relevant notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates.

*Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.* In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, we or our designee (after consulting with us) will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time.

*Certain Defined Terms.* As used in this prospectus supplement with respect to any Benchmark Transition Event and implementation of the applicable Benchmark Replacement and Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes:

“Benchmark” means, initially, with respect to compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes, Daily SOFR; provided, in each case, that if a Benchmark Transition Event and related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to Daily SOFR or the then-current Benchmark, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

“Benchmark Replacement” means, with respect to compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by us or our designee, after consulting with us, as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (2) the sum of: (a) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (3) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by us or our designee (after consulting with us) as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating-rate notes at such time and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by us or our designee (after consulting with us) as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body or determined by us or our designee (after consulting with us) in accordance with the method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body, in each case for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (2) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, then the ISDA Fallback Adjustment;
- (3) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by us or our designee (after consulting with us) giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating-rate notes at such time.

“Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes” means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, changes to (1) any interest determination date, interest payment date, interest period demarcation date, interest reset date, business day convention or interest period, (2) the manner, timing and frequency of determining rates and amounts of interest that are payable on the relevant notes and the conventions relating to such determination, (3) the timing and frequency of making payments of interest, (4) rounding conventions, (5) tenors, (6) any other terms or provisions of the relevant series of notes, in each case that we or our designee (after consulting with us) determines, from time to time, to be appropriate to reflect the determination and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if we or the calculation agent or our other designee (after consulting with us) decides that implementation of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if we or our designee (after consulting with us) determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as we or our designee (after consulting with us) determines is appropriate).

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide such Benchmark; or
- (2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Benchmark Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Benchmark Reference Time for such determination.

“Benchmark Transition Event” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark;
- (2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark, the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark; or
- (3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative.

“ISDA Definitions” means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time.

“ISDA Fallback Adjustment” means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark.

“ISDA Fallback Rate” means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment.

“Benchmark Reference Time” with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means (1) with respect to compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes, if the Benchmark is SOFR, 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date of such determination, and (2) otherwise, the time determined by us or our designee (after consulting with us) in accordance with the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.

“Relevant Governmental Body” means the Federal Reserve and/or the FRBNY, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve and/or the FRBNY or any successor thereto.

“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement” means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

***Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date***

*Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the provisions set forth in this section “–Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date,” which we refer to as the “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions,” will apply to all U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes. References to “notes” in this section are to such notes.*

*U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement.* If, with respect to a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark prior to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time in respect of any determination of the then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark required to be made under the terms of an applicable series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement will replace the then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark for all purposes relating to the notes in respect of such determination on such date and all such determinations on all subsequent dates unless and until another U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement. In the event that a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date are determined to have occurred with respect to a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark as set forth in the preceding sentence, and we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) has selected a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, the provisions set forth in this section “–Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date” will apply to any such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement and references in this section to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark will mean such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement.

*U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Conforming Changes.* In connection with the implementation of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) will have the right to make U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time.

*No U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement.* In the event that a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date are determined to have occurred as set forth above, if we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that there is no U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement as of any relevant date of determination of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, then we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) will determine a substitute rate or substitute rate value to be used in place of the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark for that date of

determination after consulting such sources as we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) deems comparable to the sources (if any) on which such rate customarily was published by the administrator of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark or authorized distributors prior to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date or to the sources from which the administrator of such rate obtains the swap rate input data used by the administrator to calculate or publish such rate, or any other source or data we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines to be reasonable (including, if applicable, the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark that was most recently published by the administrator of such rate) for the purpose of determining such substitute rate or substitute rate value.

*Certain Defined Terms.* As used in this prospectus supplement with respect to any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and implementation of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark Replacement and U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Conforming Changes:

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark” with respect to a series of notes means, initially, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the applicable tenor(s) specified in the applicable supplement, provided that if a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the applicable U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> or then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, then the “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark” means the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement.

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement” means the sum of (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) as an industry-accepted replacement for the current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating-rate notes at such time and (b) the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment (if any).

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment” means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement for floating-rate notes at such time.

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Conforming Changes” means, with respect to any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, changes to (1) any interest determination dates, interest payment dates, or other relevant dates, business day convention or interest period, (2) the manner, timing and frequency of determining rates and amounts of interest that are payable on the applicable series of notes and the conventions relating to such determination and calculations with respect to interest, (3) the timing and frequency of making payments of interest, (4) rounding conventions, (5) tenors, and (6) any other terms or provisions of the applicable series of notes, in each case that we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines, from time to time, to be appropriate to reflect the determination and implementation of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement giving due consideration to any industry-accepted market practice (or, if we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines that implementation of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or determines that no market practice for use of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement exists, in such other manner as we or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) determines is appropriate).

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date” means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark:

- (A) in the case of clause (A) or (B) of the definition of “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event,” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark;
- (B) in the case of clause (C) of the definition of “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event,” if such statement or publication referenced therein indicates that the administrator or regulatory supervisor for the administrator has determined that such rate is no longer representative: (a) at the date of such statement or publication referenced therein, the date of such statement or publication; or (b) as of a specified future date, the first date on which such rate would ordinarily have been published or provided and is non-representative by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced therein, even if such rate continues to be published or provided on such date; or
- (C) in the case of clause (D) or (E) of the definition of “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event,” the date of such determination referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event giving rise to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time in respect of any determination, the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time for such determination.

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time” with respect to any determination of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for an applicable tenor for a series of U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> notes means the Relevant Time with respect to such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> on the relevant interest determination date; provided that if a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark and us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) has selected a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark Replacement, “U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Reference Time” will mean with respect to such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement, the time determined by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) in accordance with the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Conforming Changes.

“U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the current U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark:

- (A) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark;
- (B) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, the central bank for the currency of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>

Benchmark, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark, which states that the administrator of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark has ceased or will cease to provide such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark;

- (C) a public statement or publication of information by the administrator of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark announcing that such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark is no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative of the underlying market and economic reality that such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark is intended to measure, and that representativeness will not be restored;
- (D) a determination by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) that the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark has been permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (E) a determination by us or the calculation agent (after consulting with us) that (i) such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark as published is no longer an industry-accepted rate of interest for U.S. dollar-denominated floating-rate notes at such time or (ii) such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Benchmark as published is no longer an industry-accepted rate of interest in the derivatives market for hedging transactions related to U.S. dollar denominated floating-rate notes.

“Unadjusted U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement” means the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement excluding the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Adjustment (if any).

### ***Additional Information About SOFR***

As further described in this prospectus supplement, the interest rate on compounded SOFR notes and simple average SOFR notes will be determined by reference to a rate based on SOFR.

In general, the following discussion relating to SOFR is based on information available on the SOFR Administrator’s Website.

SOFR was selected by the FRBNY in 2017 as a replacement for U.S. LIBOR and since 2018 has been published by the FRBNY and is intended to be a broad measure of the cost of borrowing cash overnight collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities. The SOFR Administrator reports that SOFR includes all trades in the Broad General Collateral Rate, plus bilateral Treasury repurchase agreement (“repo”) transactions cleared through the delivery-versus-payment service offered by the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (the “FICC”), a subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). SOFR is filtered by FRBNY to remove a portion of the foregoing transactions considered to be “specials.” According to FRBNY, “specials” are repos for specific-issue collateral which take place at cash-lending rates below those for general collateral repos because cash providers are willing to accept a lesser return on their cash in order to obtain a particular security.

SOFR is calculated as a volume-weighted median of transaction-level tri-party repo data collected from The Bank of New York Mellon, which currently acts as the clearing bank for the

tri-party repo market, as well as General Collateral Finance Repo transaction data and data on bilateral U.S. Treasury repo transactions cleared through the FICC's delivery-versus-payment service. FRBNY notes that it obtains information from DTCC Solutions LLC, an affiliate of DTCC.

FRBNY currently publishes SOFR daily on each U.S. government securities business day at approximately 8:00 a.m. ET on the SOFR Administrator's Website. Historical data for an earlier period can be obtained on the SOFR Administrator's Website through the historical data search function.

### ***Additional Information about U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>***

In general, the following discussion relating to the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is based on information available on the IBA website.

The U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> represents the mid-price for interest rate swaps (the fixed leg) and swap spreads (the applicable mid-price minus a corresponding specified government bond yield) in USD in various tenors ranging from 1 year to 30 years at particular specified times of the day. In June 2020, IBA implemented a waterfall approach for the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> methodology, which the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> follows. Subsequently, the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> launched by IBA for use as a benchmark on November 8, 2021 in order to aid the market's transition to SOFR and away from U.S. Dollar LIBOR.

To calculate the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup>, IBA relies on eligible, executable prices and volumes provided by regulated, electronic, trading venues and, if such trading venues do not provide sufficient eligible input data, eligible dealer to client prices and volumes displayed electronically by trading venues. If there is insufficient eligible input data to calculate a rate in accordance with the foregoing sentence, IBA uses movement interpolation, where possible for applicable tenors, to calculate a rate. Where it is not possible to calculate a U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for an applicable tenor in accordance with the foregoing, then IBA's Insufficient Data Policy as set forth on the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> website will apply and "No Publication" will be published for the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> of the applicable tenor. The U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> for the various applicable tenors as reported on the ICE Report Center is expressed as an integer rounded to two decimal places; however, for purpose of calculations of interest with respect to the notes, such rate will be deemed to be expressed as a percentage.

The U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> is calculated on each weekday other than those set forth in IBA's ICE Swap Rate Holiday Calendar, which is available on the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> website, and published in the ICE Report Center, a link to which is available on the U.S. Dollar SOFR Ice Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> website. For any particular day, the only rate available for viewing on the ICE Report Center is the rate published for the preceding publication day.

### **Specific Terms and Provisions of the Notes**

The applicable supplement(s) for each offering of notes will contain terms of the offering and specific terms and provisions of those notes, in addition to the terms and provisions relating to interest rates set forth in preceding sections of this prospectus supplement, including:

- the specific designation of the notes;
- the issue price;
- the principal amount;

- the issue date;
- the stated maturity date, and any terms providing for the extension or postponement of the stated maturity date;
- the denominations or minimum denominations of the notes, if other than \$1,000;
- the currency or currencies, if not U.S. dollars, in which payments will be made on the notes;
- whether the note is a fixed-rate note, a floating-rate note or a fixed/floating rate note;
- if the notes will not be represented by a master global note;
- the method of determining and paying any interest, including any applicable interest rate basis or bases, any initial interest rate, or the method for determining any initial interest rate, any interest period demarcation dates, any interest reset dates, any payment dates, any observation periods, any applicable tenor, and any maximum or minimum rate of interest, as applicable;
- any spread or spread multiplier applicable to a floating-rate note or fixed/floating rate note;
- the method for the calculation and payment of principal and/or any premium, interest, and other amounts payable;
- the identification of or method of selecting any calculation agents, exchange rate agents, or any other agents for the notes;
- if applicable, the circumstances under which the note may be redeemed at our option or repaid at your option prior to the stated maturity date set forth on the face of the note, including any repayment date, redemption commencement date, redemption price, and redemption period;
- if applicable, the circumstances under which the maturity date set forth on the face of the note may be extended at our option or renewed at your option, including the extension or renewal periods and the final maturity date;
- whether the notes will be listed on any stock exchange; and
- if applicable, any other material terms of the note which are different from or in addition to those described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Each note will mature 365 days (one year) or more from the issue date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

### **Calculation Agents; Decisions and Determinations**

Calculations relating to floating-rate notes or floating-rate periods for fixed/floating rate notes, including calculations with respect to base rates, interest rates, accrued interest, and any other amounts payable applicable to the floating-rate notes or floating-rate periods for fixed/floating rate notes, will be made by the applicable calculation agent, which will be an institution that we appoint as our agent for this purpose. The calculation agent may be one of our affiliates or may be a non-affiliated entity that we appoint. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the

calculation agent will be one of our affiliates, including Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. We have entered into an agreement with Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. for purposes of its acting as calculation agent with respect to any applicable series of floating-rate notes or fixed/floating rate notes. We may appoint the calculation agent for a series of floating-rate notes or fixed/floating rate notes prior to the original issue date of such floating-rate notes or fixed/floating rate notes, in which event we will identify such calculation agent in the applicable supplement, or we may appoint the calculation agent after the original issue date of such floating-rate notes or fixed/floating rate notes but before the first date on which a calculation is required to be performed under the terms of such floating-rate notes or fixed/floating rate notes, without notice to the investors in the applicable series of notes. We may remove and/or appoint different calculation agents from time to time after the original issue date of a floating-rate note or fixed/floating rate note, or we may elect to act as the calculation agent with respect to such note, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of the change.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, any determination, decision or election that may be made by us or the applicable calculation agent or other designee of ours (which may be one of our affiliates) pursuant to the terms and provisions of the floating-rate notes or the fixed/floating rate notes set forth in this prospectus supplement or in the applicable supplement, and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection:

- will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error;
- will be made in our or the calculation agent's or our other designee's sole discretion, except if made by the calculation agent or our other designee in connection with (i) the SOFR benchmark transition provisions set forth under “—Floating-Rate Notes—Effect of a Benchmark Transition Event and Related Benchmark Replacement Date with Respect to SOFR” or (ii) the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions set forth under “—Floating-Rate Notes—Effect of a U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Transition Event and Related U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> Replacement Date”;
- if made by the calculation agent or our other designee in connection with the SOFR benchmark transition provisions or the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions (as described in the preceding bullet), will be made after consultation with us, and the calculation agent or our other designee will not make any such determination, decision or election to which we object; and
- notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Indenture or the applicable series of notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the relevant series of notes or any other party.

Any determination, decision or election pursuant to the SOFR benchmark transition provisions or the U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions (as described in the second bullet set forth in the list above) not made by our designee will be made by us on the basis as described above. The calculation agent shall have no responsibility for making, or any liability for not making any such determination, decision or election in connection with such SOFR benchmark transition provisions or such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions. In addition, we may designate an entity other than the calculation agent (which entity may be a calculation agent and/or our affiliate) to make any determination, decision or election that we have the right to make in connection with such SOFR benchmark transition provisions or such U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> transition provisions.

### **Paying and Transfer Agent; Security Registrar**

With respect to any series of notes denominated in U.S. dollars, we have appointed the trustee, acting through its corporate trust office, to act initially as our paying agent, security registrar and

transfer agent, pursuant to the Indenture. The trustee's corporate trust office currently is located at 4655 Salisbury Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

We may add, replace or terminate paying agents, transfer agents and/or security registrars in accordance with the Indenture, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such change. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the notes, and the paying agent may resign, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event.

## **Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable**

### ***Payments to Holders and Record Dates for Interest***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the provisions described in this section will apply to payments on the notes.

Subject to any applicable business day convention as described below or in the applicable supplement, interest payments, if applicable, on the notes will be made on each interest payment date applicable to, and at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of, the notes. Interest payable on any interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, will be paid to the registered holder of the note on the regular record date for that interest payment date, as described below. However, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the initial interest payment on a note issued between a regular record date and the interest payment date immediately following the regular record date will be made on the second interest payment date following the original issue date to the holder of record on the regular record date preceding the second interest payment date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the principal and interest payable at maturity, or earlier redemption, will be paid to the holder of the note at the time of payment by the paying agent.

Except as set forth in the following sentence, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the record date for any interest payment for a note in book-entry only form will be the date that is one business day prior to the applicable payment date. If the note is (i) in book-entry only form and held through DTC and is denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars or (ii) in a form that is other than book-entry only, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to the applicable interest payment date as originally scheduled to occur, whether or not such record date is a business day.

### ***Business Day Conventions***

If the applicable supplement specifies that one of the following business day conventions is applicable to a note, the interest payment dates (with respect to floating-rate notes other than those that use a "payment delay convention"), interest reset dates, interest period demarcation dates (with respect to floating-rate notes that use a "payment delay convention"), if applicable, and interest periods for that note will be affected and, consequently, may be adjusted as described below. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, any interest payment due at maturity or on a redemption date or repayment date will not be affected as described below.

- "Following business day convention (adjusted)" means, if an interest payment date or interest period demarcation date, if applicable, would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day (as described below), then such interest payment date or interest period demarcation date, as applicable, will be postponed to the next day that is a business day. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the related interest reset dates and interest periods also will be adjusted for non-business days.

- “Modified following business day convention (adjusted)” means, if an interest payment date or interest period demarcation date, if applicable, would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day, then such interest payment date or interest period demarcation date, as applicable, will be postponed to the next day that is a business day, except that, if the next succeeding business day falls in the next calendar month, then such interest payment date or interest period demarcation date, as applicable, will be advanced to the immediately preceding day that is a business day. In each case, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the related interest reset dates and interest periods also will be adjusted for non-business days.
- “Following unadjusted business day convention” means, if an interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, any payment due on such interest payment date will be postponed to the next day that is a business day; provided that interest due with respect to such interest payment date will not accrue from, and including, such interest payment date to and including the date of payment of such interest as so postponed. Interest reset dates and interest periods also are not adjusted for non-business days under the following unadjusted business day convention.
- “Modified following unadjusted business day convention” means, if an interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, any payment due on such interest payment date will be postponed to the next day that is a business day; provided that interest due with respect to such interest payment date will not accrue from, and including, such interest payment date to and including the date of payment of such interest as so postponed, and, provided further that, if such next succeeding business day would fall in the next succeeding calendar month, the date of payment with respect to such interest payment date will be advanced to the business day immediately preceding such interest payment date. Interest reset dates and interest periods also are not adjusted for non-business days under the modified following unadjusted business day convention.
- “Preceding business day convention” means, if an interest payment date would otherwise fall on a day that is not a business day, then such interest payment date will be advanced to the immediately preceding day that is a business day. If the preceding business day convention is specified in the applicable supplement to be “adjusted,” then the related interest reset dates and interest periods also will be adjusted for non-business days; however, if the preceding business day convention is specified in the applicable supplement to be “unadjusted,” then the related interest reset dates and interest periods will not be adjusted for non-business days.

In all cases, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, if the maturity date or any earlier redemption date or repayment date with respect to any note (other than a compounded SOFR note using the payment delay convention) falls on a day that is not a business day, any payment of principal and any premium, interest and other amounts otherwise due on such day, will be made on the next succeeding business day, and no interest on such payment will accrue for the period from and after such maturity date, redemption date or repayment date, as the case may be.

If no business day convention is specified in the applicable supplement, then, with respect to any interest period during which the note bears interest at a fixed rate, the following unadjusted business day convention will apply, and, with respect to any interest period during which the note bears interest at a floating rate, the modified following business day convention (adjusted) will apply. We also may specify and describe a different business day convention from those described above in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means, for any note, a day that meets all the following applicable requirements:

- for all notes, is any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or any other place of payment of the notes, and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed;
- for any U.S. Dollar SOFR ICE Swap Rate<sup>®</sup> note, compounded SOFR note or simple average SOFR note, also is not a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income department of its members be closed for the entire day for purpose of trading in U.S. government securities (a “U.S. government securities business day”);
- for any simple average federal funds (effective) rate note, also is a day of the work week other than a holiday observed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (a “New York banking day”); and
- for any note that has a specified currency other than U.S. dollars, also is not a day on which banking institutions generally are authorized or obligated by law, regulation, or executive order to close in the principal financial center of the country of the specified currency.

### ***Manner of Payment***

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal and any premium, interest, and other amounts payable on the notes in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the applicable paying agent and the applicable depository. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay any interest on notes in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the notes at the close of business on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar’s records. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable supplement, we will pay any principal and any premium, interest, and other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a note in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the holder of the note at the time of payment.

### ***Payment of Additional Amounts***

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the accompanying prospectus under “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Payment of Additional Amounts,” we will pay to the holder of notes that is a “non-U.S. person” (as defined in the accompanying prospectus under “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Payment of Additional Amounts”) additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on such notes will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a “net payment” on such notes means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the note. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

Except as specifically provided in the accompanying prospectus under “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Payment of Additional Amounts,” we will not be

required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, at any time before maturity if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts as a result of a change in, or an amendment to, United States tax laws or regulations, as described in the accompanying prospectus under “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Redemption for Tax Reasons,” subject to any required approvals as described below under “—Redemption.”

### **Redemption by Bank of America**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we have the option to redeem notes prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the notes prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price and method for redemption. See also “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Redemption” in the accompanying prospectus. The redemption of any note that is our eligible long-term debt (“LTD”) will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such redemption we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the total-loss absorbing capacity (“TLAC”) Rules.

### **Repayment at Option of Holder**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the notes can be repaid at the holder’s option prior to their stated maturity. If the notes may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the amount at which we will repay the notes and the procedure for repayment.

### **Reopenings**

We have the ability to “reopen,” or increase after the issuance date, the principal amount of a particular tranche or series of our notes without notice to the holders of existing notes by selling additional notes having the same terms, provided that such additional notes shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, any new notes of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest (if any) at a different date.

### **Other Provisions**

Any provisions with respect to the determination of an interest rate basis, the specification of interest rate basis, the calculation of the applicable interest rate, the amounts payable at maturity, earlier redemption or repayment, as the case may be, the interest payment dates, or any other related matters for a particular tranche of notes, may be modified as described in the applicable supplement.

### **Repurchase**

We, or our affiliates, may purchase at any time our notes by tender, in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. If we purchase notes in this manner, we have the discretion to hold, resell, or cancel any repurchased notes. The repurchase of any note that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such repurchase we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules.

## **Form, Exchange, Registration, and Transfer of Notes**

We will issue notes only in fully registered form, without coupons. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue notes in book-entry only form. This means that we will not issue certificated notes in definitive form to each beneficial owner. Instead, the notes will be in the form of a global note or a master global note, in fully registered form, registered and held in the name of and deposited with or on behalf of the applicable depository or a nominee of that depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the depository for the notes will be DTC. Such notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or any other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC and will be deposited with DTC. For notes denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the applicable supplement may specify that such notes will be cleared through Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg ("Clearstream"), rather than DTC. DTC, Euroclear, and Clearstream, as depositories for global securities, and some of their policies and procedures, are described under "Registration and Settlement—Depositories for Global Securities" in the accompanying prospectus. For more information about book-entry only notes and the procedures for registration, settlement, exchange, and transfer of book-entry only notes, see "Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Form and Denomination of Debt Securities" and "Registration and Settlement" in the accompanying prospectus.

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, your notes will be represented by a kind of global note that we refer to as a master global note. This kind of global note represents multiple notes that have different terms and are issued at different times. Each note evidenced by a master note will be identified by the trustee on a schedule to the master note. If we specify in the applicable supplement that your notes will not be represented by a master global note, then all notes represented by the same global note will have the same terms.

If we ever issue notes in definitive form, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, those notes will be in registered form, and the exchange, registration, or transfer of those notes will be governed by the Indenture and the procedures described under "Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Exchange, Registration, and Transfer" in the accompanying prospectus.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)**

We are offering the notes for sale on a continuing basis through the selling agents. The selling agents may act either on a principal basis or on an agency basis. We may offer the notes at varying prices relating to prevailing market prices at the time of resale, as determined by the selling agents, or, if so specified in the applicable supplement, for resale at a fixed public offering price. The applicable supplement will set forth the initial price for the notes, or whether they will be sold at varying prices.

If we sell notes on an agency basis, we will pay a commission to the selling agent to be negotiated at the time of sale. The commission will be determined at the time of sale and will be specified in the applicable supplement. Each selling agent will use its reasonable best efforts when we request it to solicit purchases of the notes as our agent.

Unless otherwise agreed and specified in the applicable supplement, if notes are sold to a selling agent acting as principal, for its own account, or for resale to one or more investors or other purchasers, including other broker-dealers, then any notes so sold will be purchased by that selling agent at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes less a commission that will be a percentage of the principal amount determined as described above. Notes sold in this manner may be resold by the selling agent to investors and other purchasers from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or the notes may be resold to other dealers for resale to investors. The selling agents may allow any portion of the discount received in connection with the purchase from us to the dealers, but the discount allowed to any dealer will not be in excess of the discount to be received by the selling agent from us. After the initial public offering of notes, the selling agent may change the public offering price or the discount allowed to dealers.

We also may sell notes directly to investors, without the involvement of any selling agent. In this case, we would not be obligated to pay any commission or discount in connection with the sale, and we would receive 100% of the principal amount of the notes so sold, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement.

We will name any selling agents or other persons through which we sell any notes, as well as any commissions or discounts payable to those selling agents or other persons, in the applicable supplement. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, our selling agent is BofA Securities, Inc. (“BofAS”). We will enter into a distribution agreement with BofAS that describes the offering of notes by them as agent and as principal. A form of distribution agreement will be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement forms a part. We also may accept offers to purchase notes through additional selling agents on substantially the same terms and conditions, including commissions, as would apply to purchases through BofAS under the distribution agreement. If a selling agent purchases notes as principal, that selling agent usually will be required to enter into a separate purchase agreement for the notes, and may be referred to in that purchase agreement and the applicable supplement, along with any other selling agents, as an “underwriter.”

We have the right to withdraw, cancel, or modify the offer made by this prospectus supplement without notice. We will have the sole right to accept offers to purchase notes, and we, in our absolute discretion, may reject any proposed purchase of notes in whole or in part. Each selling agent will have the right, in its reasonable discretion, to reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of notes through that selling agent.

Any selling agent participating in the distribution of the notes may be considered to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act. We have agreed to indemnify each selling

agent and certain other persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments that the selling agents may be required to make. We also have agreed to reimburse the selling agents for certain expenses.

The notes will not have an established trading market when issued, and we do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement. Any selling agent may purchase and sell notes in the secondary market from time to time. However, no selling agent is obligated to do so, and any selling agent may discontinue making a market in the notes at any time without notice. There is no assurance that there will be a secondary market for any of the notes.

To facilitate offerings of the notes by a selling agent that purchases notes as principal, and in accordance with industry practice, selling agents may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. Those transactions may include over-allotment, entering stabilizing bids, effecting syndicate-covering transactions, and imposing penalty bids to reclaim selling concessions allowed to a member of the syndicate or to a dealer, as follows:

- An over-allotment in connection with an offering creates a short position in the offered securities for the selling agent's own account.
- A selling agent may place a stabilizing bid to purchase a note for the purpose of pegging, fixing, or maintaining the price of that note.
- Selling agents may engage in syndicate-covering transactions to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of the notes by bidding for, and purchasing, the notes or any other securities in the open market in order to reduce a short position created in connection with the offering.
- The selling agent that serves as syndicate manager may impose a penalty bid on a syndicate member to reclaim a selling concession in connection with an offering when offered securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in syndicate-covering transactions, in stabilization transactions, or otherwise.

In connection with any offering of the notes, we may appoint a "stabilizing manager," in which case the stabilizing manager will be identified in the applicable supplement. The stabilizing manager (or persons acting on its behalf), if any, may over allot notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the applicable notes during the stabilization period at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilization action may not necessarily occur. Any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the applicable series of notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than 30 days after the date on which we receive the proceeds of the applicable offering of notes, or no later than 60 days after the date of allotment of the applicable series of notes, whichever is the earlier. Any stabilization action or over allotment must be conducted by the stabilizing manager (or persons acting on its behalf) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules and will be undertaken at the offices of the stabilizing manager (or persons acting on its behalf) and, if applicable, on the applicable securities exchange on which the applicable series of notes is listed (if any).

Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels. The selling agents are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time. The stabilizing manager (if any) may conduct these activities in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the stabilizing manager (if any) commences any of these transactions, it may discontinue them at any time.

BofAS, a selling agent and one of our affiliates, is a broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or “FINRA.” Each initial offering and any remarketing of notes involving any of our broker-dealer affiliates, including BofAS, will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 regarding a FINRA member firm’s offer and sale of securities of an affiliate. None of our broker-dealer affiliates that is a FINRA member will execute a transaction in the notes in a discretionary account without specific prior written approval of the customer. For more information, see “Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)—Conflicts of Interest” in the accompanying prospectus.

Following the initial distribution of any notes, our broker-dealer affiliates, including BofAS, may buy and sell the notes in market-making transactions as part of their business as a broker-dealer. Resales of this kind may occur in the open market or may be privately negotiated at prevailing market prices at the time of sale. Notes may be sold in connection with a remarketing after their purchase by one or more firms. Any of our affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

This prospectus supplement may be used by one or more of our affiliates in connection with offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the notes, including block positioning and block trades, to the extent permitted by applicable law. Any of our affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions. Notes sold in market-making transactions include notes issued after the date of this prospectus supplement as well as previously-issued securities.

Information about the trade and settlement dates, as well as the purchase price, for a market-making transaction will be provided to the purchaser in a separate confirmation of sale. Unless we or one of our selling agents informs you in the confirmation of sale that notes are being purchased in an original offering and sale, you may assume that you are purchasing the notes in a market-making transaction.

BofAS and other selling agents that we may name in the future, or their affiliates, have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking, commercial banking, and financial advisory transactions with us and our affiliates. These transactions are in the ordinary course of business for the selling agents and us and our respective affiliates. In these transactions, the selling agents or their affiliates receive customary fees and expenses.

In the applicable supplement, we will specify the settlement period for the offered notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if we specify a longer settlement cycle in the applicable supplement for an offering of notes, purchasers who wish to trade those notes on any date prior to two business days before delivery of the notes will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of the trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisors in connection with that election.

## **Selling Restrictions**

**General.** Each of the selling agents, severally and not jointly, has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that it has not and will not offer, sell, or deliver any note, directly or indirectly, or distribute this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or any other offering material relating to any of the notes, in any jurisdiction except under circumstances that will result in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and that will not impose any obligations on us except as set forth in the distribution agreement.

**Argentina.** We have not made, and will not make, any application to obtain an authorization from the *Comisión Nacional de Valores* (the “CNV”) for the public offering of the notes in Argentina. The CNV has not approved the notes, the offering, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or any other document relating to the offering or issuance of the notes. The selling agents have represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any of the notes in Argentina, except in transactions that will not constitute a public offering of the notes within the meaning of Sections 2 and 83 of Argentine Capital Markets Law No. 26,831, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified.

**Austria.** Any person who is in, or comes into, possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus understands and acknowledges that no action has been or will be taken which would allow a public offering (*öffentliches Angebot*) of the notes in Austria unless it is in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Austrian Capital Market Act (*Kapitalmarktgesetz*) and the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market (“EU Prospectus Regulation”). The notes are being sold in Austria exclusively to qualified investors within the meaning of section 1 paragraph 1 subparagraph 6 Austrian Capital Market Act or Article 2 lit. e) of the EU Prospectus Regulation (“qualified investors”) in reliance on the prospectus exemption set forth under the Austrian Capital Market Act or the EU Prospectus Regulation, and in accordance with Austrian securities, tax, and other applicable laws and regulations. In particular, no prospectus within the meaning of the Austrian Capital Market Act or the EU Prospectus Regulation has been, or will be published for the sale of the notes in Austria. Accordingly, the notes may not be offered, sold, or delivered to any person who is not a qualified investor and this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any other offering material is directed only at qualified investors and may not be distributed or made available to any other person in Austria. Any person who is not a qualified investor must not act or rely on this private offering memorandum or any of its contents. Any investment or investment activity to which this private offering memorandum relates is available only to qualified investors and will be engaged in only with qualified investors. Bank of America is a U.S. bank holding company and a financial holding company. Bank of America is not a bank under the Austrian Banking Act (*Bankwesengesetz*) and is not EU passported to perform banking business in Austria.

**Bermuda.** The notes being offered hereby are being offered on a private basis to investors. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not subject to, and have not received approval from, either the Bermuda Monetary Authority or the Bermuda Registrar of Companies and no statement to the contrary, explicit or implicit, is authorized to be made in this regard. The notes may be offered or sold in Bermuda only in compliance with the provisions of the Investment Business Act of 2003 of Bermuda and the Investment Funds Act 2006 of Bermuda which regulate the sale or promotion of fund interests or securities in Bermuda. Additionally, non-Bermudian persons (including companies) may not carry on or engage in any trade or business in Bermuda unless such persons are permitted to do so under applicable Bermuda legislation.

**Brazil.** The information contained in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus does not constitute an offering subject to registration, solicitation for an offer subject to registration, or intermediation of securities in the Federative Republic of Brazil and no registration or filing with respect to any securities or financial products described in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus has been made with the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (*Comissão de Valores Mobiliários, the “CVM”*). Unless a specific exemption applies, no public offer of securities or financial products described in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus should be made in Brazil without the applicable registration at the CVM.

**Canada.** Each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that in connection with the distribution of the notes it will sell the notes from outside Canada solely to purchasers purchasing as principal that are both “accredited investors” as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) and “permitted clients” as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*.

**Chile.** The notes have not been registered with the *Comisión para el Mercado Financiero* in Chile and may not be offered or sold publicly in Chile.

**The People’s Republic of China.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any other offering materials relating to the notes, have not been filed with or approved by the People’s Republic of China (for such purposes, not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) authorities, and is not an offer of securities (whether initial public offering or private placement) within the meaning of the Securities Law 2019 or other pertinent laws and regulations of the People’s Republic of China. No person is authorized to and no person may forward or deliver this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or any other offering materials relating to the notes, to the general public or unspecified recipients in the People’s Republic of China. There is no open market in the People’s Republic of China for the notes, and the notes may not be sold, transferred, offered for sale, pledged or encumbered in the People’s Republic of China unless permitted by the People’s Republic of China laws and regulations. The notes may also not be sold, transferred, offered for sale, pledged or encumbered to or for the account or benefit of any PRC investors except if they are permitted to make outbound investments by the PRC laws and regulations. The issuer, the guarantor (if applicable), and the selling agents may not verify the investor or account that is located outside the PRC on whose behalf all documents are executed, and the issuer, the guarantor (if applicable), and the selling agents will only rely on the offshore status of such investor or account.

**Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors.** Each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in relation thereto to any retail investor in the EEA. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments (as amended, “MiFID II”); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the “Insurance Distribution Directive”), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the “EU Prospectus Regulation”); and
- (b) the expression an “offer” includes 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.

**France.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (“AMF”).

Each of the selling agents has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that it has offered or sold and will offer or sell, directly or indirectly, notes to the public in France, and has distributed or caused to be distributed and will distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or any other offering material relating to the notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) within the meaning of Article 2(e) of Regulation 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market (the “EU Prospectus Regulation”), (b) a restricted group of investors (*cercle restreint d’investisseurs*) acting for their own account and/or (c) other investors in circumstances which do not require the publication by the offeror of a prospectus or of a summary information document (*document d’information synthétique*) pursuant to the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-2 and L.411-2-1 and Articles D.411-2 to D.411-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, the *Règlement général* of the AMF and other applicable regulations such as the EU Prospectus Regulation.

The direct or indirect resale of the notes to the public in France may be made only as provided by, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.411-2-1 and L.621-8 to L.621-8-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and Articles 5 and *seq.* of the EU Prospectus Regulation.

**Hong Kong.** In relation to each tranche of notes that we issue, each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (“Hong Kong”), by means of any document, any notes except for notes which are a “structured product” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the “SFO”) other than (i) to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the “C(WUMP)O”) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the C(WUMP)O; and
- (b) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation, or document relating to the notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

**Israel.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are 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. Subject to any applicable law, the notes offered hereunder may not be offered or sold to more than thirty-five offerees, in the aggregate, who are resident in the State of Israel, and who are not 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, any such offering document or other material has not been reviewed or approved by the Israel Securities Authority. Any material provided to an offeree 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. Any such material shall not be transferred to any other party without our prior written consent or the prior written consent of the selling agent(s).

Nothing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering document/marketing material or other 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 the notes. We or the selling agents do not recommend, advise or express any opinion with respect to the notes which are the subject matter of any such materials provided to an offeree, not with respect to the advisability of investing in the notes, nor with respect to the advisability of investment in any party affiliated thereto.

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.

**Italy.** The offering of the notes has not been registered with CONSOB—*Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (the Italian Companies and Exchange Commission) pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no such notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or of any other document relating to the notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined in Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter b), of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended (“CONSOB Regulation No. 11971”), pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998, as amended (the “Italian Financial Services Act”); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on offerings of securities to the public (pursuant to Article 100 of the Italian Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971).

Any offer, sale or delivery of the notes or distribution of copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other document relating to such notes in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Italian Financial Services Act, Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended (the “Consolidated Banking Act”), and CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of February 15, 2018 (as amended from time to time);
- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of Consolidated Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may require us or any entity offering the notes to provide data and information on the issue or the offer of the notes in the Republic of Italy; and

- (iii) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations, as well as with any regulations or requirements imposed by CONSOB, the Bank of Italy or other Italian authority.

*Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Italian Financial Services Act, concerning the circulation of financial products, where no exemption from the rules on offerings of securities to the public applies under (a) and (b) above, the subsequent distribution of the notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Italian Financial Services Act and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971. Furthermore, Article 100-bis of the Italian Financial Services Act affects the transferability of the notes in the Republic of Italy to the extent that any placing of the notes is made solely with qualified investors and the notes are then systematically resold to non-qualified investors on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing. Where this occurs, if a prospectus has not been published, purchasers of the notes who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may be entitled to declare such purchase null and void and to claim damages from any authorized intermediary at whose premises the notes were purchased, unless an exemption provided for by the Italian Financial Services Act applies.*

**Japan.** The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the “FIEA”). Each selling agent has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further selling agent or distributor appointed in respect of the notes will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person or resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan) or to others for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations, and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

If the solicitation constitutes qualified institutional investors solicitation (*tekikaku-kikan-toshika-muke-kanyu*) under Article 23-13, Paragraph 1 of the FIEA (the “QII Solicitation”), the notes are being solicited only to qualified institutional investors (the “QIIs”) as defined in Article 10 of the Cabinet Office Ordinance Concerning the Definition of Terms provided in Article 2 of the FIEA and the investor of any notes is prohibited from transferring such notes to any person in any way other than to QIIs. As the solicitation of offering constitutes QII Solicitation, no securities registration statement has been or will be filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEA.

If the solicitation constitutes small number of investors solicitation (*shoninzu-muke-kanyu*) under Article 23-13, Paragraph 4 of the FIEA (the “Small Number of Investors Solicitation”), the notes are being solicited only to a small number of potential investors (i.e., less than 50 offerees, except QIIs who are solicited pursuant to the QII Solicitation), and the investor of any notes (other than the above mentioned QII investors) is prohibited from transferring such notes to another person in any way other than as a whole to one transferee unless the total number of notes is less than 50 and the notes cannot be divided into any unit/denomination smaller than the unit/denomination represented on the note certificate therefor. As the offering constitutes Small Number of Investors Solicitation, no securities registration statement has been or will be filed under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEA.

**Mexico.** The notes have not been and will not be registered in the National Securities Registry (*Registro Nacional de Valores*). Therefore, the notes may not be offered or sold in the United Mexican States (“Mexico”) by any means except in circumstances which constitute a private offering (*oferta privada*) pursuant to Article 8 of the Securities Market Law (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*) and its regulations. All applicable provisions of the Securities Market Law must be

complied with in respect to anything done in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving Mexico.

This private offering relates to notes issued by Bank of America, an entity formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America. Bank of America does not hold any authorization, permit or license issued by any Mexican governmental agency, regulator or authority in order to operate as a financial entity in Mexico and is not subject to the supervision of Mexican financial authorities.

This private offering relates to notes issued or guaranteed by Bank of America, an entity incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America. None of Bank of America and its affiliates incorporated in various jurisdictions outside of Mexico hold any authorization, permit or license issued by any Mexican governmental agency, regulator or authority in order to operate as a financial entity in Mexico and none of such entities is subject to the supervision of Mexican financial authorities.

Any purchaser of the notes represents and warrants that (i) it is either (A) an Institutional Investor (*inversionista institucional*) within the meaning of the Mexican Securities Market Law (*Ley del Mercado de valores*) or (B) a Qualified Investor (*inversionista calificado*) within the meaning of the Mexican Securities Market Law (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*) and the regulations in effect as of the date hereof, and (ii) in the case of (A), the acquisition of the notes complies with its investment regime.

**Netherlands.** Any offer of the notes in any member state of the EEA must be made in accordance with an exemption under the EU Prospectus Regulation 2017/1129 (the “EU Prospectus Regulation”), as amended or replaced from time to time, from the requirement to make an approved prospectus generally available for the offering of the notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer of the notes in any EEA member state may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any selling agent to make an approved prospectus generally available pursuant to the EU Prospectus Regulation.

We do not have an authorization from the European Central Bank or Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.*) pursuant to the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (the “DFSA”) for the pursuit of the business of a credit institution in the Netherlands and therefore do not have a license pursuant to section 2.12(1), 2.13(1) or 2.20(1) of the DFSA

**New Zealand.** No action has been taken to permit the notes to be offered or sold to any retail investor, or otherwise under any regulated offer in terms of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (“FMCA”). In particular, no product disclosure statement under the FMCA has been prepared or lodged in New Zealand in relation to the notes.

No person may directly or indirectly offer, sell or deliver any notes in New Zealand, or distribute or publish in New Zealand any offering material or advertisement to any person in relation to any offer of notes, in New Zealand, other than to a “wholesale investor” as that term is defined in clause 3(2)(a), (c) or (d) of Schedule 1 to the FMCA, being a person who is:

- (i) an “investment business;”
- (ii) “large;” or
- (iii) a “government agency,”

in each case as defined in Schedule 1 to the FMCA.

No person may directly or indirectly offer, sell or deliver any notes (or any interest in any of the notes) to any person that:

- (i) is resident in New Zealand for New Zealand income tax purposes; or
- (ii) carries on business in New Zealand through a fixed establishment (as defined in the Income Tax Act 2007) in New Zealand and either:
  - (A) is a registered bank (as defined in the Income Tax Act 2007) not associated with us; or
  - (B) would hold the Notes for the purposes of a business it carries on in New Zealand through such fixed establishment,

unless such person certifies that they hold a valid certificate of exemption (or, on or after 1 April 2020, that they have RWT-exempt status (as defined in the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2017-18, Employment and Investment Income, and Remedial Matters) Act)) for New Zealand resident withholding tax purposes and provides a New Zealand tax file number to us.

**Philippines.** Under Republic Act No. 8799, known as the Securities Regulation Code of the Philippines (the “Securities Code”), and its implementing rules, securities, such as the notes, are not permitted to be sold or offered for sale or distribution within the Philippines unless such notes are approved for registration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Philippines or are otherwise exempt securities or sold pursuant to an exempt transaction.

To the extent that the Securities Code is deemed applicable to any offering of notes to Philippine investors, the notes are being offered pursuant to an exempt transaction under Section 10.1(1) or the qualified buyer exemption of the Securities Code.

**THE NOTES DESCRIBED HEREIN HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES. ANY FUTURE OFFER OR SALE THEREOF IS SUBJECT TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE UNLESS SUCH OFFER OR SALE QUALIFIES AS AN EXEMPT TRANSACTION.**

**Singapore.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act 2001, as amended or modified (the “SFA”). Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and 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 (as defined in Section 4A(1)(c) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA and, where applicable, the conditions specified in Regulation 3 of the Securities and Futures (Classes of Investors) Regulations 2018 or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

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

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A(1)(a) 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

- (b) 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,

securities (as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) or securities-based derivatives contracts (as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) 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:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(c)(ii) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 37A of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Securities and Securities-based Derivatives Contracts) Regulations 2018 of Singapore.

**South Korea.** The notes have not been registered with the Financial Services Commission of Korea for public offering in Korea. None of the notes may be offered, sold and delivered directly or indirectly, or offered or sold to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea except pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of Korea, including the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act and the decrees and regulations thereunder and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law of Korea and the decrees and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Foreign Exchange Transaction Law"). Without prejudice to the foregoing, the number of notes offered in Korea or to a resident in Korea shall be less than 50 and for a period of one year from the issue date of the notes, none of the notes may be divided resulting in an increased number of notes. Furthermore, the purchaser of the notes shall comply with all applicable regulatory requirements (including but not limited to requirements under the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law) in connection with the purchase of the notes.

**Spain.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any other document related to the notes, has not been and it is not envisaged to be approved by, registered or filed with or notified to the Spanish Securities Market Commission (*Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores*) or any other regulatory authority in Spain or in any other jurisdiction. It is not intended for the public offering or sale of the notes in Spain and does not constitute a prospectus (registration document or securities note) for the public offering of the notes in Spain.

The marketing, offering, sale, subsequent resale or delivery of the notes contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus (or any other document or copies thereto relating to the notes) in Spain shall not constitute a public offering of the notes in Spain, pursuant to the requirements set forth by Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 14, 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market (the "EU Prospectus Regulation"), Article 35 of the Royal Legislative Decree 4/2015 of 23 October of the Securities Markets (*Real Decreto Legislativo 4/2015, de 23 de octubre, por el que se aprueba el texto refundido de la Ley del Mercado de Valores*), as amended and restated (the "Securities Market Act") and Article 38 of Royal Decree 1310/2005, of 4 November, of 28 July on admission to trading of securities in official secondary markets, public

offerings and prospectus, (*Real Decreto 1310/2005, de 4 de noviembre, de 28 de julio, del Mercado de Valores, en materia de admisión a negociación de valores en mercados secundarios oficiales, de ofertas públicas de venta o suscripción y del folleto exigible a tales efectos*), (“RD 1310/2005”), as further amended, restated and supplemented from time to time.

Accordingly, no notes may be offered, sold, resold, delivered or marketed nor may any copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or any other document relating to the notes, be distributed in Spain and investors in the notes may not sell or offer such notes in Spain, other than in compliance with the EU Prospectus Regulation, the Securities Markets Act and the RD 1310/2005 and any other related legislation in force from time to time, so that any sale or offering of the notes is not classified as a public offering in Spain.

**Switzerland.** This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to the public or a solicitation to purchase or invest in the notes.

The notes have not been offered and will not be offered to the public in Switzerland, except that offers of notes may be made to the public in Switzerland under the following exemptions under the Swiss Financial Services Act (“FinSA”):

- (a) to any person which qualifies as a professional client within the meaning of the FinSA;
- (b) to fewer than 500 persons (other than professional clients as defined under the FinSA); or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 36 FinSA in combination with Article 44 of the Swiss Financial Services Ordinance (“FinSO”),

provided always that any such offer is conducted in a manner that it does not require us to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 35 FinSA.

The notes have not been and will not be listed or admitted to trading on a trading venue in Switzerland.

None of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes constitutes a prospectus within the meaning of FinSA and none of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any other offering or marketing materials in relation to the notes, are personal to each recipient and may not be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in or into Switzerland.

**Taiwan.** The notes may not be issued, sold, or offered in Taiwan. No subscription or other offer to purchase the notes shall be binding on us or (if applicable) the guarantor until received and accepted by us or any selling agent outside of Taiwan (the “Place of Acceptance”), and the purchase/sale contract arising therefrom shall be deemed a contract entered into in the Place of Acceptance.

**United Arab Emirates (excluding the Dubai International Financial Centre and the Abu Dhabi Global Market).** The Bank of America notes have not been and will not be offered, sold or publicly promoted or advertised in the United Arab Emirates (“UAE”) other than in compliance with rules and regulations issued by the UAE Securities and Commodities Authority (“SCA”) and the UAE Central Bank or any other relevant licensing authorities in the UAE, and any laws applicable in the UAE governing the issue, offering and sale of Bank of America notes

including, without limitation, the SCA Board of Directors Decision No. (3/R.M.) of 2017 Concerning the Organization of Promotion and Introduction, SCA Board of Directors' Decision No. (22/R.M.) of 2018 Concerning the Regulation of Derivatives Contracts and the UAE Central Bank Notice No. 3803 of 2009. The offering of these notes is strictly private and confidential and is only being issued to a limited number of institutional and individual investors in the UAE who are willing and able to conduct an independent investigation of the risks involved in an investment in such notes and must not be provided to any person other than the original recipient, and may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose, and accordingly does not constitute a public offer of securities in the UAE in accordance with the commercial companies law, Federal Law No. 2 of 2015 Concerning Commercial Companies (as amended), and SCA Resolution No. 3 R.M. of 2017 Regulating Promotions and Introductions or otherwise. Accordingly, the notes may not be offered to the public in the UAE.

The offering of the Bank of America notes has not been approved or licensed by the United Arab Emirates Central Bank, the SCA or any other relevant licensing authorities in the UAE, and accordingly does not constitute a public offer of securities in the UAE in accordance with the commercial companies law, Federal Law No. 2 of 2015 Concerning Commercial Companies (as amended), and SCA Resolution No. 3 R.M. of 2017 Regulating Promotions and Introductions or otherwise. Accordingly, the Bank of America notes may not be offered to the public in the UAE.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are strictly private and confidential and are being issued to a limited number of institutional and individual investors:

- (a) who fall within the exemptions set out in SCA Resolutions No. 9 R.M. of 2016 and No 3 R.M. of 2017 (except natural persons) and have confirmed the same;
- (b) upon their request and confirmation that they understand that the Bank of America notes have not been approved or licensed by or registered with the UAE Central Bank, the SCA or any other relevant licensing authorities or governmental agencies in the UAE; and
- (c) must not be provided to any person other than the original recipient, and may not be reproduced or used for any other purpose.

### ***United Kingdom.***

***Prohibition of sales to UK Retail Investors.*** Each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to any retail investor in the UK. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "EUWA") and the regulations made under the EUWA;
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act of 2000 (the "FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA and the regulations made under the EUWA;

- (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA and the regulations made under the EUWA; and
- (b) the expression an “offer” includes 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 for the notes.

***Other regulatory restrictions***

Each selling agent has represented and agreed, and each further selling agent appointed in connection with the notes will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) Bank of America notes with maturities less than one year: in relation to any notes where the issue of the notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by Bank of America:
  - (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and
  - (ii) it has not offered and sold and will not offer or sell any notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by Bank of America;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any notes in, from, or otherwise involving the UK.

***Uruguay.*** The notes have not been registered under Law No. 18.627 of December 2, 2009 with the Superintendence of Financial Services of the Central Bank of Uruguay. The notes are not available publicly in Uruguay and are offered only on a private basis to institutional investors and/or high net worth individuals only. No action may be taken in Uruguay that would render any offering of the notes a public offering in Uruguay. No Uruguayan regulatory authority has approved the notes or passed on our solvency or the solvency of the guarantor. In addition, any resale of the notes must be made in a manner that will not constitute a public offering in Uruguay. Investors in the notes confirm that they fully understand English and the content of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any other documents provided to such investors and therefore waive the need of being provided with a Spanish translation thereof.

*Los Productos no han sido registrados de acuerdo a Ley No. 18.627 de 2 de Diciembre de 2009 ante la Superintendencia de Servicios Financieros del Banco Central del Uruguay. Los Productos no están disponibles al público y en Uruguay solo han sido ofrecidos privadamente a inversores institucionales y/o particulares con un alto patrimonio. Ninguna acción puede ser tomada en el Uruguay que pudiere convertir a la presente oferta en una oferta pública en el Uruguay. Ninguna autoridad regulatoria en el Uruguay ha aprobado los Productos o aprobado solvencia del Emisor o del Garante. Adicionalmente, cualquier reventa de los Productos debe ser realizada en forma que no*

*constituya una oferta pública en el Uruguay. Los inversores del Productos confirman que comprenden cabalmente el idioma inglés y la información contenida en este documento y cualesquiera otros documentos entregados a dichos inversores, y en consecuencia renuncian a recibir una traducción al español.*

**Venezuela.** The notes have not been registered with the Superintendencia Nacional de Valores de Venezuela and are not being publicly offered in Venezuela. No document related to the offering of the notes, including this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, shall be interpreted to constitute an offer of securities or an offer or the rendering of any investment advice, securities brokerage, and/or banking services in Venezuela. Investors wishing to acquire the notes may use only funds located outside of Venezuela.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality of the notes will be passed upon for us by McGuireWoods LLP, Charlotte, North Carolina. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York or such other counsel as may be indicated in the applicable supplement will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the notes for the selling agents. Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York, is acting as counsel to BofAS and as special tax counsel to Bank of America. McGuireWoods LLP regularly performs legal services for us.

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PROSPECTUS



**\$15,000,000,000**

**Bank of America Corporation  
Senior Debt Securities**

**\$50,000,000,000**

**BofA Finance LLC  
Senior Debt Securities  
Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation from time to time may offer to sell up to \$15,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities in one or more series using this prospectus. In addition, BofA Finance LLC, a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation, from time to time may offer to sell up to \$50,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities in one or more series using this prospectus. Bank of America Corporation will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance LLC on its debt securities as described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides a general description of the senior debt securities of Bank of America Corporation, the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC, and the guarantee of the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation, and the manner in which these securities may be offered. These debt securities may be offered for sale from time to time in amounts, on terms and at prices as shall be determined in connection with such offer and sale. These terms and prices will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. When Bank of America Corporation or BofA Finance LLC sells a particular issue of its debt securities, it will provide one or more supplements to this prospectus describing the offering and the specific terms of those debt securities. You should read this prospectus and any applicable supplement or supplements carefully before you invest in the debt securities.

Bank of America Corporation and/or BofA Finance LLC will use this prospectus in the initial sale of their respective securities referenced above. In addition, BofA Securities, Inc., or any other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America Corporation and/or BofA Finance LLC, may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in any such securities after their initial sale. Unless you are informed otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.

**Potential purchasers of these securities should consider the information set forth in the “Risk Factors” section beginning on page 7.**

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*The debt securities of Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC offered by this prospectus and the guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank, are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and may involve investment risks, including possible loss of principal.*

*None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor any state securities commission, nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these debt securities and the related guarantees or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the “SEC,” utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the senior debt securities of Bank of America Corporation and the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and the guarantee of such senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation as described in this prospectus may be offered from time to time in one or more offerings. Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this prospectus to “debt securities” refer to the senior debt securities of Bank of America and/or the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC, as applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this prospectus to “securities” refer to the senior debt securities of Bank of America and/or the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and the related guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation, as applicable.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer and the manner in which these securities will be offered. Each time debt securities are offered and sold, the applicable issuer will provide one or more prospectus supplements, product supplements, prospectus addenda, pricing supplements (each of which may be referred to as a “term sheet”), and/or index supplements that describe the particular securities offering and the specific terms and provisions of the securities being offered. These documents also may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. In this prospectus, references to the “applicable supplement” mean the prospectus supplement or supplements and any applicable prospectus addendum, as well as any applicable pricing, product, or index supplement or supplements, that describe the particular securities being offered to you. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, you should rely on the information in the applicable supplement.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither Bank of America Corporation nor BofA Finance LLC has authorized anyone to provide any information other than the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable supplement or supplements. Neither Bank of America Corporation nor BofA Finance LLC takes responsibility for, or can provide assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may provide. No offer or sale of securities is being made in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, as well as information filed or to be filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is accurate only as of the date of the applicable document or other date referred to in that document. The business, financial condition, and results of operations of Bank of America Corporation may have changed since that date.

Capitalized or other terms used and defined in this prospectus are sometimes defined after their first use without a reference such as “as defined in this prospectus.”

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to “Bank of America” or “the Guarantor” are to Bank of America Corporation, excluding any of its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus to “BofA Finance” are to BofA Finance LLC, a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America, and not to Bank of America. References in this prospectus to “issuers” are to Bank of America and BofA Finance and to “issuer” is to Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, as issuer of the applicable debt securities. References in this prospectus to “we,” “our,” “us,” or similar references, are to Bank of America and/or BofA Finance LLC, as issuer of the applicable debt securities, as the context may require. References in this prospectus to “\$” and “dollars” are to the currency of the United States of America; and references in this prospectus to “€” and “euro” are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to Article 109g of the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary section provides a brief overview of Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC and material terms of the debt securities that may be offered and highlights other selected information from this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information that you should consider before investing in the debt securities that may be offered using this prospectus. To fully understand the debt securities that may be offered, you should read carefully:

- this prospectus, which provides a general description of the securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance that may be offered and the manner in which they will be offered;
- the applicable supplement, which describes the specific terms of the particular debt securities that Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, is offering, and which may supplement, update or change the information in this prospectus;
- the documents referred to in “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information about Bank of America, including its financial statements.

### **Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through its various bank and nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, it provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Bank of America’s principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

### **BofA Finance LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of selling debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or Bank of America’s other subsidiaries. The principal executive offices of BofA Finance are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

### **Bank of America Corporation Debt Securities**

Bank of America may use this prospectus to offer and sell up to \$15,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities from time to time in one or more series.

The debt securities will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. The debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture between Bank of America, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

See “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation” for a description of the general terms of the debt securities of Bank of America.

### **BofA Finance LLC Debt Securities**

BofA Finance may use this prospectus to offer and sell up to \$50,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its debt securities from time to time in one or more series. Bank of

America will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance on the debt securities that it offers as described herein.

The debt securities will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of BofA Finance and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. Bank of America's guarantee of these debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. These debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture among BofA Finance, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

See "Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC" for a description of the general terms of the debt securities of BofA Finance.

### **Form of Securities**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will issue the debt securities in book-entry only form through one or more depositories, such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear Bank SA/NV, or Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg, as identified in the applicable supplement. Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will issue the debt securities only in registered form. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the debt securities issued in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of the specified depository, rather than certificated securities in definitive form registered in the name of each individual owner. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, each sale of debt securities in book-entry only form will settle in immediately available funds through the specified depository.

A global security may be exchanged for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners only under the limited circumstances described in this prospectus and in the applicable supplement.

### **Payment Currencies**

All amounts payable in respect of the debt securities, including the purchase price, will be payable in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement.

### **Listing**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and BofA Finance will not list the debt securities being offered on a securities exchange nor will the debt securities be quoted on a quotation system.

### **Use of Proceeds**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities for general corporate purposes.

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from such loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

## **Distribution**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer the debt securities using this prospectus on a delayed or continuous basis:

- through underwriters;
- through dealers;
- through agents; or
- directly to purchasers.

The applicable supplement will describe the sale of specific debt securities and include any required information about the firms Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may use for such offering and the discounts or commissions paid for their services.

BofA Securities, Inc., and other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, may serve as underwriter, dealer, or agent for Bank of America and/or BofA Finance for offerings of debt securities.

## **Market-Making by Affiliates**

Following the initial distribution of an offering of debt securities, BofA Securities, Inc., and other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, may offer and sell such debt securities in the course of their businesses as broker-dealers. BofA Securities, Inc. and any such other broker-dealer affiliates may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable supplement also will be used in connection with these market-making transactions. Sales in any of these market-making transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

If you purchase securities in a market-making transaction, you will receive information about the purchase price and your trade and settlement dates in a separate confirmation of sale.

## RISK FACTORS

*This section summarizes some specific risks and investment considerations with respect to an investment in the securities offered using this prospectus. This summary does not describe all of the risks and investment considerations with respect to such an investment, including risks and considerations relating to a prospective investor's particular circumstances. For information regarding risks and uncertainties that may materially affect Bank of America's business and results, please refer to the information under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You also should review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that Bank of America will file after the date of this prospectus, together with the risk factors set forth in any applicable supplement for a particular offering of securities. Prospective investors should consult their own financial, legal, tax, and other professional advisors as to the risks associated with an investment in the securities and the suitability of the investment for the investor.*

### **Risks Relating to Regulatory Resolution Strategies and Long-Term Debt Requirements**

**A resolution under Bank of America's single point of entry resolution strategy could materially adversely affect its liquidity and financial condition and its ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's payment obligations on the BofA Finance debt securities.**

Bank of America is required periodically to submit a plan to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve") describing its resolution strategy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. In Bank of America's current plan, its preferred resolution strategy is a single point of entry ("SPOE") strategy. This strategy provides that only Bank of America (the parent holding company) would file for bankruptcy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and contemplates providing certain key operating subsidiaries with sufficient capital and liquidity to operate through severe stress and to enable such subsidiaries to continue operating or be wound down in a solvent manner following a Bank of America bankruptcy. Bank of America has entered into intercompany arrangements governing the contribution of most of its capital and liquidity with these key subsidiaries. As part of these arrangements, Bank of America has transferred most of its assets (and has agreed to transfer additional assets) to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary in exchange for a subordinated note. Certain of Bank of America's remaining assets secure its ongoing obligations under these intercompany arrangements. The wholly-owned holding company subsidiary also has provided Bank of America with a committed line of credit that, in addition to Bank of America's cash, dividends and interest payments, including interest payments Bank of America receives in respect of the subordinated note, may be used to fund Bank of America's obligations. These intercompany arrangements include provisions to terminate the line of credit and forgive the subordinated note and require Bank of America to contribute its remaining financial assets to the wholly-owned holding company subsidiary if Bank of America's projected liquidity resources deteriorate so severely that resolution becomes imminent, which could materially and adversely affect Bank of America's liquidity and ability to meet its payment obligations, including on its debt securities and under its guarantee of payment obligations of BofA Finance on the debt securities. In addition, Bank of America's preferred resolution strategy could result in holders of BofA Finance's debt securities being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a bankruptcy proceeding or other resolution scenarios or plans.

Under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the “Financial Reform Act”), when a global systemically important banking organization (“G-SIB”), such as Bank of America, is in default or danger of default, the FDIC may be appointed receiver in order to conduct an orderly liquidation of such institution. In the event of such appointment, the FDIC could, among other things, invoke the orderly liquidation authority, instead of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, if the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury makes certain financial distress and systemic risk determinations. In 2013, the FDIC issued a notice describing its preferred SPOE strategy for resolving a G-SIB. Under this approach, the FDIC could replace Bank of America with a bridge holding company, which could continue operations and result in an orderly resolution of the underlying bank, but whose equity would be held solely for the benefit of Bank of America’s creditors. The FDIC’s single point of entry strategy may result in holders of Bank of America’s debt securities suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a bankruptcy proceeding or a different resolution strategy. To the extent that Bank of America is resolved under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or the FDIC’s orderly liquidation authority, third-party creditors of Bank of America’s subsidiaries may receive significant or full recoveries on their claims while holders of Bank of America’s debt securities could face significant or complete losses.

**If Bank of America enters into a resolution proceeding, holders of its debt securities would be at risk of absorbing its losses.**

If Bank of America enters a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Financial Reform Act, its losses would be imposed first on holders of its equity securities and thereafter on holders of its unsecured debt, including its debt securities, and some or all of such securities could be significantly reduced or eliminated as a result of such resolution proceeding.

Under Bank of America’s SPOE resolution strategy, and the single point of entry strategy preferred by the FDIC under Title II of the Financial Reform Act, the value that would be distributed to holders of its unsecured debt, including its debt securities, may not be sufficient to repay all or part of the principal amount and interest on such debt, and holders of such debt could receive no consideration at all under these resolution scenarios. Either of these resolution strategies could result in holders of Bank of America’s debt securities being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a different resolution strategy. Although SPOE is Bank of America’s preferred resolution strategy, neither Bank of America nor a bankruptcy court would be obligated to follow its SPOE strategy. Additionally, the FDIC is not obligated to follow its SPOE strategy to resolve Bank of America under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. For more information regarding the financial consequences of any such resolution proceeding, see “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Financial Consequences to Unsecured Debtholders of Single Point of Entry Resolution Strategy” below.

**Bank of America is subject to the Federal Reserve’s final rules requiring U.S. G-SIBs to maintain minimum amounts of long-term debt meeting specified eligibility requirements.**

Under the rules of the Federal Reserve relating to total loss-absorbing capacity (the “TLAC Rules”), Bank of America, as a U.S. G-SIB, is required to, among other things, maintain minimum amounts of unsecured external long-term debt satisfying certain eligibility criteria (“eligible LTD”) and other loss-absorbing capacity for the purpose of absorbing its losses in a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Financial Reform Act. Any senior long-term debt must include terms required by the TLAC Rules in order to qualify as eligible LTD. Actions required to comply with the TLAC Rules could impact Bank of America’s funding and liquidity risk management plans.

## **Risks Relating to Debt Securities Generally**

**BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues.**

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary of Bank of America, has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities that are guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus and other debt securities of BofA Finance guaranteed by Bank of America, and is dependent upon Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries to meet its obligations under the debt securities in the ordinary course. However, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders in respect of such claims in any such proceeding will be limited to those available under Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, and any obligations under that guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law, and senior in right of payment to Bank of America's subordinated obligations. Holders of BofA Finance's debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America's guarantee of the debt securities, and holders of the debt securities should accordingly assume that in any bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding, they would not have priority over, and should be treated equally with, the claims of all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America, including claims of holders of unsecured senior debt securities issued by Bank of America.

**Bank of America's ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will depend upon its receipt of funds from its subsidiaries, and applicable laws and regulations, and actions taken under Bank of America's resolution plan, could restrict the ability of its subsidiaries to transfer such funds.**

Bank of America is a holding company and conducts substantially all of its operations through its subsidiaries. Bank of America depends on dividends and other distributions, loans and other payments from its subsidiaries to fund payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance. Any inability of these subsidiaries to pay dividends or make payments to Bank of America may adversely affect its cash flow and financial condition. Many of these subsidiaries, including bank and broker-dealer subsidiaries, are subject to laws that restrict dividend payments or authorize regulatory bodies to block or reduce the flow of funds from those subsidiaries to Bank of America or to Bank of America's other subsidiaries. In addition, Bank of America's bank and broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to restrictions on their ability to lend or transact with affiliates and to minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements. Lower earnings in Bank of America's subsidiaries can reduce the amount of funds available to Bank of America as a holding company. Adverse business and economic conditions, including changes in interest and currency exchange rates, illiquidity or volatility in areas where Bank of America has concentrated credit risk, and a failure in or breach of Bank of America's operational or security systems or infrastructure, could affect Bank of America's business and results of operations. Intercompany arrangements Bank of America has entered into in connection with its resolution planning could restrict the amount of funding available to it from its subsidiaries under certain adverse conditions, as described below under "—A resolution under Bank of America's single point of entry resolution strategy could materially adversely affect its liquidity and financial condition and its ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's payment obligations on the BofA Finance debt securities." These restrictions could prevent those Bank of America subsidiaries from paying dividends or making other distributions to Bank of America or otherwise providing funds to Bank of America that Bank of America needs in order to

make payments under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance. In addition, Bank of America's right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of its subsidiaries upon such subsidiary's liquidation or otherwise, will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that any of Bank of America's claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized.

**Bank of America's obligations on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be structurally subordinated to liabilities of Bank of America's subsidiaries.**

Because Bank of America is a holding company, its right to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary, including BofA Finance, upon such subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent Bank of America may itself be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. As a result, Bank of America's obligations under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of Bank of America's subsidiaries, and claimants under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities should look only to Bank of America's assets for payments. Further, creditors of Bank of America's subsidiaries recapitalized pursuant to Bank of America's resolution plan generally would be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the subsidiaries, including Bank of America's contributed assets. In addition, any obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be unsecured and, therefore, in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding, will effectively rank junior to Bank of America's secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations.

**Holders of the debt securities of Bank of America and claimants under Bank of America's guarantees of the BofA Finance debt securities could be at greater risk of being structurally subordinated if Bank of America sells or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to one or more of its majority-owned subsidiaries.**

Bank of America and BofA Finance each may sell, convey or transfer all or substantially all of its assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiaries of Bank of America in which Bank of America and/or one or more of Bank of America's subsidiaries owns more than 50% of the combined voting power, and under the indentures under which the debt securities will be issued, including the provisions thereof relating to Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, such subsidiary or subsidiaries will not be required to assume the obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities, the obligations of BofA Finance under its debt securities or the obligations of Bank of America under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance, as the case may be. In any such event, Bank of America will remain the sole obligor on its debt securities, BofA Finance will remain the sole obligor on its debt securities and Bank of America will remain the sole obligor on such guarantee, as the case may be. In such event, creditors of any such subsidiary or subsidiaries would have additional assets from which to recover on their claims, while obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities, as the case may be, would be structurally subordinated to creditors of such subsidiary or subsidiaries with respect to such transferred assets. See "Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America—Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets" and "Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance—Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets" below for more information.

**Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross-acceleration with other indebtedness of Bank of America or BofA Finance; events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution proceedings relating to Bank of America and covenant breach by Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the guaranteed debt securities of BofA Finance.**

Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross-acceleration with other indebtedness of Bank of America or BofA Finance. In addition, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance that are guaranteed by Bank of America. Furthermore, it will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance if the guarantee thereof by Bank of America ceases to be in full force and effect for any reason. Therefore, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America (in the absence of any such event occurring with respect to BofA Finance) will not permit BofA Finance's debt securities to be declared due and payable. In addition, a breach of a covenant by Bank of America (including, for example, a breach of Bank of America's covenants with respect to mergers or the sale of all or substantially all its assets), will not permit BofA Finance's debt securities to be declared due and payable. The value you receive on the debt securities may be significantly less than what you otherwise would have received had the debt securities been declared due and payable immediately upon certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America or the breach of a covenant by Bank of America or upon Bank of America's guarantee ceasing to be in full force and effect.

**Events for which acceleration rights under Bank of America's senior debt securities may be exercised are more limited than those available pursuant to the terms of its outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017.**

In response to the TLAC Rules, on January 13, 2017, Bank of America modified the terms of its senior debt securities to be issued on or after that date to, among other things, limit the circumstances under which the payment of the principal amount of such senior debt securities can be accelerated (unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement).

All or substantially all of Bank of America's outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017 (the "Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities") provide acceleration rights for nonpayment or bankruptcy. The Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities also provide acceleration rights if Bank of America defaults in the performance of its covenants in those senior debt securities or the indenture under which those securities were issued. In addition, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities do not require a 30-day cure period before a nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and acceleration rights become exercisable with respect to such nonpayment.

However, under the BAC Senior Indenture (as defined below), unless Bank of America specifies otherwise in the applicable supplement, payment of the principal amount of its senior debt securities issued under such indenture:

- may be accelerated only (i) if Bank of America defaults in the payment of the principal of or interest on those senior debt securities and, in each case, the default continues for a period of 30 days, or (ii) upon Bank of America's voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy and, in the case of Bank of America's involuntary bankruptcy, the event continues for a period of 60 days; and
- may not be accelerated if Bank of America defaults in the performance of any other covenants contained in such debt securities or the BAC Senior Indenture.

As a result of these differing provisions, if Bank of America breaches or otherwise defaults in the performance of a covenant (other than a payment covenant) that applies both to senior debt securities that it issued on or after January 13, 2017 and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities would have acceleration rights that would not be available to the holders of its other senior debt securities. In addition, if Bank of America fails to pay principal when due with respect to its senior debt securities issued on or after on or after January 13, 2017 and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, an event of default would occur immediately with respect to the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities (and the exercise of acceleration rights could proceed immediately in accordance with the provisions of the indenture under which those senior debt securities were issued), while the holders of its other senior debt securities must wait for the 30-day cure period to expire before such nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and any acceleration rights are triggered with respect to such nonpayment. Any repayment of the principal amount of Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities following the exercise of acceleration rights in circumstances in which such rights are not available to the holders of Bank of America's other senior debt securities (including its senior debt securities offered by this prospectus) could adversely affect its ability to make timely payments on such other senior debt securities thereafter.

**The market value of the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be less than the principal amount of such debt securities.**

The market for, and market value of, the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be affected by a number of factors. These factors include:

- the method of calculating the principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on the debt securities;
- the time remaining to maturity of the debt securities;
- the aggregate amount outstanding of the relevant debt securities;
- any redemption or repayment features of the debt securities;
- the level, direction, and volatility of market interest rates generally;
- general economic conditions of the capital markets in the United States;
- geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory and judicial events that affect the financial markets generally; and
- any market-making activities with respect to the debt securities.

Often, the only way to liquidate your investment in the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance prior to maturity will be to sell the debt securities. At that time, there may be a very illiquid market for the debt securities or no market at all. If you sell your debt securities prior to maturity, you may receive less than the principal amount of such debt securities.

**Redemption of the debt securities of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance prior to maturity may result in a reduced return on your investment.**

The terms of the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may permit or require redemption of the debt securities prior to maturity. That redemption may occur at a time when prevailing interest rates are relatively low. As a result, a holder of the redeemed debt securities may not be able to invest the redemption proceeds in a new investment that yields a similar return.

**Actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of Bank of America may affect the value of the Bank of America's debt securities and BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities.**

Bank of America's credit ratings are an assessment of its ability to pay its obligations, including its obligations under its debt securities and its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities. Consequently, Bank of America's perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated changes in its credit ratings may affect the market value of Bank of America's debt securities and BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities. However, because the return on Bank of America's securities generally depends upon factors in addition to its ability to pay its obligations, an improvement in Bank of America's credit rating will not reduce the other investment risks, if any, related to Bank of America's debt securities or BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities.

**Bank of America and/or BofA Finance cannot assure you that a trading market for your debt securities will ever develop or be maintained.**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may not list the debt securities on any securities exchange. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance can predict how these debt securities will trade in the secondary market or whether that market will be liquid or illiquid. The number of potential buyers of Bank of America's and/or BofA Finance's debt securities in any secondary market may be limited. Although any underwriters, dealers or agents may purchase and sell these debt securities in the secondary market from time to time, these underwriters, dealers or agents will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue making a market for the securities at any time without giving Bank of America and/or BofA Finance notice. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance can assure you that a secondary market for its debt securities will develop, or that if one develops, it will be maintained.

**The hedging activities of affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may create conflicts of interest with you.**

Bank of America, BofA Finance or one or more of their broker-dealer affiliates, including BofA Securities, Inc., may engage in trading activities that are not for your account or on your behalf. These trading activities may present a conflict of interest between the interest of holders of the debt securities and the interests Bank of America, BofA Finance and their affiliates may have in its proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions, including block trades, for its other customers, and in accounts under Bank of America's management. These trading activities could influence secondary trading (if any) in the debt securities, or otherwise could be adverse to the interests of a beneficial owner of the debt securities.

**Risks Relating to Debt Securities Denominated in a Currency Other than the Investor's Home Currency**

*Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may issue debt securities denominated in, or with respect to which principal, interest and/or other amounts payable are payable in, a currency other than the currency of the country in which you reside or the currency in which you conduct your business or activities (the "home currency"). If you intend to invest in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors as to the currency risks related to your investment. Such debt securities are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about the significant terms and conditions of such debt securities, foreign currency transactions or financial matters in general.*

**An investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency involves currency-related risks.**

An investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency entails significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in debt securities that are payable solely in your home currency. These risks include possible significant changes in rates of exchange between your home currency and the applicable specified currency of the debt securities, and the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls or other conditions by applicable governmental entities. These risks generally depend on factors over which Bank of America and BofA Finance have no control, such as economic and political events and the supply of and demand for the relevant currencies in the global markets.

**Changes in currency exchange rates can be volatile and may adversely affect an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency.**

In recent years, exchange rates between certain foreign currencies have been highly volatile. This volatility may continue and could spread to other currencies in the future. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could affect adversely an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, and such changes in exchange rates may vary considerably during the life of those debt securities. Depreciation of the applicable specified currency for a series of debt securities against your home currency could result in a decrease in your home currency equivalent value of payments on such debt securities, including the principal or other amounts payable at maturity or the redemption amount payable upon those debt securities. That in turn could cause the market value such debt securities to fall.

**Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will not adjust debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency to compensate for changes in foreign currency exchange rates.**

Except as described below or in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will not make any adjustment in or change to the terms of debt securities denominated or payable in currencies other than your home currency for changes in the foreign currency exchange rate for the relevant specified currency for a series of debt securities, including any devaluation, revaluation, or imposition of exchange or other regulatory controls or taxes, or for other developments affecting that currency or any other currency. Consequently, you will bear the risk that your investment may be affected adversely by these types of events.

**Government policy can adversely affect foreign currency exchange rates and an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency.**

Foreign currency exchange rates either can float or be fixed by sovereign governments. Governments or governmental bodies, including the European Central Bank, may intervene from time to time in their economies to alter the exchange rate or exchange characteristics of their currencies. For example, a central bank may intervene to devalue or revalue a currency or to replace an existing currency. In addition, a government may impose regulatory controls or taxes to affect the exchange rate of its currency or may issue a new currency or replace an existing currency. As a result, the amounts payable on and rate of return of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency could be affected significantly and unpredictably by governmental actions. Even in the absence of governmental action directly affecting currency exchange rates, political or economic developments in the country or region issuing the specified currency for an applicable series of debt securities or elsewhere could result in

significant and sudden changes in the exchange rate between your home currency and the specified currency. Changes in exchange rates could affect the value of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency as participants in the global currency markets move to buy or sell the specified currency or your home currency in reaction to these developments.

If a governmental authority imposes exchange controls or other conditions, such as taxes on the exchange or transfer of the specified currency, there may be limited availability of the specified currency for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency at their maturity or on any other payment date. In addition, the ability of a holder to move currency freely out of the country in which payment in the currency is received or to convert the currency at a freely determined market rate could be limited by governmental actions.

**Debt securities denominated or payable in currencies other than U.S. dollars permit Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to make payments in U.S. dollars if Bank of America nor BofA Finance is able to obtain the specified currency.**

The terms of any series of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars provide that Bank of America and/or BofA Finance has the right to make a payment in U.S. dollars instead of the specified currency, if at or about the time when the payment on such series of debt securities comes due, the specified currency is subject to convertibility, transferability, market disruption, or other conditions affecting its availability because of circumstances beyond the control of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance. These circumstances could include the imposition of exchange controls, inability of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to obtain the specified currency because of a disruption in the currency markets for the specified currency, or unavailability because the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the relevant country or for settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community. In addition, if the specified currency for a series of debt securities has been replaced by a new currency, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will have the option to choose whether it makes payments on such series of debt securities in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars. In either case, the exchange rate used to make payment in U.S. dollars or the replacement currency, if any, may be based on limited information and would involve significant discretion on the part of the exchange rate agent, which may be an affiliate of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, to be appointed by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance. As a result, the value of the payment in the home currency of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be less than the value of the payment you would have received in the specified currency if the specified currency had been available. The exchange rate agent generally will not have any liability for its determinations.

See “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Payments Due in Other Currencies—Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies” and “Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Payments Due in Other Currencies—Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies” below. Any payment in respect of the debt securities so made in U.S. dollars where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the relevant indenture or the debt securities. If your home currency is not U.S. dollars, any such payment will expose you to the significant risks described above in this section “—Risks Relating to Debt Securities Denominated in a Currency Other Than an Investor’s Home Currency.”

**An investor may bear currency exchange risk in a lawsuit for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars.**

Any debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture or the BofA Finance Indenture (as defined below) will be governed by New York law. Under Section 27 of the New York Judiciary Law, a state court in the State of New York rendering a judgment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars and governed by New York law would be required to render the judgment in such non-U.S. currency. In turn, the judgment would be converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of entry of the judgment. Consequently, in a lawsuit for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a non-U.S. currency and governed by New York law, you would bear currency exchange risk until judgment is entered, which could be a long time.

In courts outside of New York, you may not be able to obtain judgment in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars. For example, a judgment for money in an action based on debt securities denominated or payable in a non-U.S. currency in many other U.S. federal or state courts ordinarily would be enforced in the United States only in U.S. dollars. The date and method used to determine the rate of conversion of the specified currency into U.S. dollars will depend on various factors, including which court renders the judgment.

**Information about foreign currency exchange rates may not be indicative of future performance.**

If Bank of America or BofA Finance issues debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, it may include in the applicable supplement information about historical exchange rates for the relevant currency or currencies. Any information about exchange rates that Bank of America or BofA Finance may provide will be furnished as a matter of information only, and you should not regard the information as indicative of the range of, or trends in, fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may occur in the future.

## **BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through various bank and nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, Bank of America provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Its principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## **BOFA FINANCE LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of providing Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries with financing by issuing debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or those subsidiaries. BofA Finance's principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bank of America's working capital needs;
- the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, Bank of America subsidiaries;
- possible reductions, redemptions, repayments or repurchases of outstanding indebtedness or equity securities;
- the possible acquisitions of, or investments in, other financial institutions or other businesses; and
- other uses in the ordinary course of conducting its business.

Until Bank of America designates the use of these net proceeds, it will invest them temporarily. From time to time, it may engage in additional financings as it determines appropriate based on its needs and prevailing market conditions. These additional financings may include the sale of other securities.

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from such loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

In this “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation” section, “we,” “us” or “our” refer only to Bank of America Corporation and not to any of its affiliates, including BofA Finance LLC; and references to “debt securities” refer only to senior debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation and not to any debt securities issued by any subsidiary or affiliate.

### **General**

We may issue debt securities, and such debt securities will not be secured by any of our property or assets. As a result, by owning a debt security, you are one of our unsecured creditors.

The debt securities will constitute part of our senior debt, will be issued under our BAC Senior Indenture described below, and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law.

This section of the prospectus provides a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BAC Senior Indenture (as defined below) and certain specific terms of debt securities that may be applicable if so specified in the applicable supplement for such debt securities.

### **Financial Consequences to Unsecured Debtholders of Single Point of Entry Resolution Strategy**

We are subject to the TLAC Rules, which aim to improve the resiliency and resolvability of U.S. global systemically important bank holding companies (“covered BHCs”), including Bank of America, in the event of failure or material financial distress. The TLAC Rules include the requirement that each covered BHC maintain a minimum amount of eligible LTD and other loss-absorbing capacity. The eligible LTD would absorb the covered BHC’s losses, following the depletion of its equity, upon its entry into a resolution proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or a resolution proceeding administered by the FDIC under Title II of the Financial Reform Act.

Under Title I of the Financial Reform Act, we are required by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC to periodically submit a plan for a rapid and orderly resolution under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. Our preferred resolution strategy under this plan is our SPOE strategy under which only Bank of America would enter bankruptcy proceedings. Under this strategy, and pursuant to existing intercompany arrangements under which we have transferred most of our assets to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary, which holds the equity interests in our key operating subsidiaries, we would contribute our remaining financial assets, less a holdback to cover our bankruptcy expenses, to this wholly-owned holding company subsidiary prior to filing for bankruptcy. We would then file for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to an order from the bankruptcy court under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, we, as debtor-in-possession, would transfer our subsidiaries to a newly-formed entity (“NewCo”) that would be held in trust for the sole and exclusive benefit of our bankruptcy estate.

Under our SPOE resolution strategy, the obligations of Bank of America on its unsecured debt, including the debt securities offered pursuant to this prospectus, would not be assumed by NewCo; instead, the claims on such obligations would be left behind in the bankruptcy proceeding. After the transferred subsidiaries were stabilized, NewCo’s residual value in the form of shares or proceeds from the sale of shares would be distributed to the holders of claims against the bankruptcy estate in accordance with the priority of their claims, including to holders of our debt securities.

In 2013, the FDIC issued a notice describing its similar preferred SPOE recapitalization model for resolving a global systemically important banking group, such as Bank of America, under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. Under Title II, when a covered BHC is in default or danger of default, the FDIC may be appointed receiver in order to conduct an orderly liquidation of such institution as an alternative to resolution of the entity under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code if the Secretary of the Treasury makes certain financial distress and systemic risk determinations. Pursuant to the single point of entry recapitalization model, the FDIC would use its power to create a “bridge entity” for the covered BHC; transfer the systemically important and viable parts of the covered BHC’s business to the bridge entity; recapitalize those subsidiaries using assets of the covered BHC that have been transferred to the bridge entity; and exchange external debt claims against the covered BHC, including claims of holders of our debt securities and other unsecured debt, for equity in the bridge entity. This strategy would allow operating subsidiaries of the covered BHC to continue to operate and impose losses on stockholders and creditors of the covered BHC, which could include holders of our debt securities.

## **The Indenture**

The debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture, which is a contract between us and the applicable trustee. The debt securities will be issued under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities dated as of June 27, 2018 (as supplemented from time to time, the “BAC Senior Indenture”) between us, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

The trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture has two principal functions:

- First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. However, there are limitations on the extent to which the trustee may act on your behalf, which we describe below under “—Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.”
- Second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, including the delivery of interest and other payments and notices.

The BAC Senior Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series of debt securities. The BAC Senior Indenture and the debt securities also do not limit our ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities. This means that we may issue additional debt securities and other securities at any time without your consent and without notifying you. In addition, the BAC Senior Indenture does not contain provisions protecting holders against a decline in our credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalizations, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, or restructuring. If our credit quality declines as a result of an event of this type, or otherwise, any ratings of our debt securities then outstanding may be withdrawn or downgraded.

This section is a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BAC Senior Indenture. We have filed the BAC Senior Indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. See “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information on how to obtain a copy of the BAC Senior Indenture. Whenever we refer to the defined terms of the BAC Senior Indenture in this section of this prospectus or in a supplement hereto without defining them, the terms have the meanings given to them in the BAC Senior Indenture. You must look to the BAC Senior Indenture for the most complete description of the information summarized in this prospectus.

## **Form and Denomination of Debt Securities**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in book-entry only form. Debt securities in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee. Accordingly, the depository or its nominee will be the registered holder of all the debt securities represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global security will do so through participants in the depository's securities clearing system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. We describe the procedures applicable to book-entry only securities below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. We may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. We call this kind of global security a master global security. The applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities will be represented by a master global security.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue our debt securities in fully registered form. If we issue a debt security in bearer form, we will describe the special considerations applicable to bearer securities in the applicable supplement. Some of the features that we describe in this prospectus may not apply to bearer securities.

Our debt securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency as may be specified in the applicable supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000.

## **Payment for Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities**

For any debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (referred to as "non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities"), the initial investors will be required to pay for the debt securities in that foreign currency. The applicable selling agent may arrange for the conversion of U.S. dollars into the applicable foreign currency to facilitate payment for the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by U.S. purchasers desiring to make the initial payment in U.S. dollars. Any such conversion will be made by that selling agent on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and charges as it may establish from time to time in accordance with its regular foreign exchange procedures, and subject to U.S. laws and regulations. All costs of any such conversion for the initial purchase of the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities will be borne by the initial investors using those conversion arrangements. We describe some of those investment considerations relating to securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars above under the heading "Risk Factors."

## **Different Series of Debt Securities**

We may issue our debt securities from time to time in one or more series with the same or different maturities. We also may "reopen" a series of our debt securities. This means that we can increase the principal amount of a series of our debt securities by selling additional debt securities with the same terms, provided that such additional debt securities shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We may do so without notice to the existing holders of debt securities of that series. However, any new debt securities of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest (if any) at a different date.

This section of the prospectus summarizes the material terms of the debt securities that are common to all series under the BAC Senior Indenture. We will describe the financial and other specific terms of the series of debt securities being offered in the applicable supplement. The applicable supplement also may describe any differences from the material terms described in this prospectus. If there are any differences between the applicable supplement and this prospectus, the applicable supplement will control.

The terms of your series of debt securities as described in the applicable supplement may include the following:

- the title and type of the debt securities;
- the principal amount of the debt securities;
- the minimum denominations, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000;
- the percentage of the stated principal amount at which the debt securities will be sold and, if applicable, the method of determining the price;
- the person to whom any interest is payable, if other than the registered holder of the debt securities;
- the maturity date or dates;
- any interest rate or rates, which may be fixed or floating, and the method used to calculate that interest;
- the base rate that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on floating rate debt securities;
- any interest payment dates, the regular record dates for the interest payment dates, the dates from which interest will begin to accrue, and the applicable business day convention;
- the place or places where payments on the debt securities may be made and the place or places where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- any date or dates on or after which the debt securities may be redeemed, repurchased, or repaid in whole or in part at our option or the option of the holder, and the periods, prices, terms, and conditions of that redemption, repurchase, or repayment;
- if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if their maturity is accelerated;
- the currency of principal, any premium, any interest, and any other amounts payable on the debt securities, if other than U.S. dollars;
- if the debt securities will be issued in other than book-entry only form;
- the identification of or method of selecting any calculation agents, exchange rate agents, or any other agents for the debt securities;
- any provisions for the discharge of our obligations relating to the debt securities by the deposit of funds or U.S. government obligations;

- any provisions relating to the extension or renewal of the maturity date of the debt securities;
- if the debt securities will be represented by a master global security;
- if the debt securities will be listed on any securities exchange; or
- any other terms of the debt securities that are permitted under the BAC Senior Indenture.

## **Types of Debt Securities**

We may issue the types of debt securities described in this section, and we also may issue debt securities that do not bear interest (which we refer to as “zero coupon notes”).

### ***Fixed-Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that bear interest at one or more fixed rates of interest, as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed-rate notes.” We also may issue fixed-rate notes that combine principal and interest payments in installment payments over the life of the notes which we refer to as “amortizing notes.” We will make payments on fixed-rate notes as described below under the heading “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable” and in the applicable supplement.

### ***Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that will bear interest at a floating rate of interest determined by reference to one or more interest rate bases, referred to as the “base rate.” We refer to these debt securities as “floating rate notes.” The base rate for a series of floating rate notes will be specified in, and will be determined in accordance with the specific formula and/or applicable terms and provisions set forth in, the applicable supplement.

### ***Fixed/Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue a debt security with elements of each of the fixed-rate and floating rate notes described above. For example, a debt security may bear interest at a fixed rate for some interest periods and at a floating rate in other interest periods. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed/floating rate notes.” We will describe the determination of interest or other amounts payable for any of these debt securities in the applicable supplement.

## **Original Issue Discount Notes**

Any of the types of notes described above may be an original issue discount note. Original issue discount notes are debt securities that are issued at a price lower than their stated principal amount or lower than their minimum guaranteed repayment amount at maturity. Original issue discount notes may be zero coupon notes or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. Amounts payable in the event of redemption, repayment or upon an acceleration of the maturity of an original issue discount note will be determined in accordance with the terms of that debt security, as described in the applicable supplement. That amount normally is less than the amount payable at the maturity date. A debt security issued at a discount to its principal may, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, be considered an original issue discount

note, regardless of the amount payable upon redemption or acceleration of maturity. See “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Taxation of Debt Securities” below for a summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning an original issue discount note.

## **Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable**

### ***Paying Agents***

We may appoint one or more financial institutions to act as our paying agents. Initially, under the BAC Senior Indenture we have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to act as our paying agent with respect to the debt securities through its corporate trust office currently located at 4655 Salisbury Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. We may add, replace or terminate any paying agent from time to time in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such change. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the debt securities, and the paying agent may resign, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event.

### ***Payments to Holders and Record Dates for Interest***

We refer to each date on which interest is payable on a debt security as an “interest payment date.” Subject to any applicable business day convention set forth in the applicable supplement, interest payments on the debt securities will be made on each interest payment date applicable to, and at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of, the applicable debt securities. Interest payable on any interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, will be paid to the registered holder of the debt security at the close of business on the regular record date for that interest payment date. However, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the initial interest payment on a debt security issued between a regular record date and the interest payment date immediately following the regular record date will be made on the second interest payment date following the original issue date to the holder of record on the regular record date preceding the second interest payment date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the principal and interest payable at maturity, or earlier redemption, will be paid to the holder of the debt security at the time of payment by the paying agent.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the record date for any interest payment for a debt security in book-entry only form will be the date that is one business day prior to the payment date, unless such debt security is a non-U.S. dollar denominated debt security held through DTC, in which case the record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day. If the debt security is in a form that is other than book-entry only, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or any other place of payment of the applicable debt security, and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

### ***Payments Due in U.S. Dollars***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will be denominated, and payments with respect to the debt securities will be made, in U.S. dollars. Unless

we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due in U.S. dollars.

We will make payments on debt securities in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder.

An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

*Indirect owners should contact their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.*

We will pay any interest on debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar's records. We will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### ***Payments Due in Other Currencies***

#### ***General***

If any of the debt securities are denominated, or if principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on any of the debt securities is payable, in a foreign currency, the specified currency, as well as any additional investment considerations, risk factors, restrictions, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to that series of debt securities and the specified currency will be described in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, and except as described below, holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities are not entitled to receive payments in U.S. dollars of an amount due in another currency, either on a global debt security or a debt security in definitive form.

We will make payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in book-entry only form in the applicable specified currency in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder. An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

#### ***Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities Held Through DTC***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, holders of beneficial interests in non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities through a participant in The Depository Trust Company, or "DTC," will receive payments in U.S. dollars, unless they elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the applicable foreign currency. If a holder of such beneficial interests through DTC does not make an election through its DTC participant to receive payments in the

applicable foreign currency, the exchange rate agent for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities to be appointed by us will convert payments to that holder into U.S. dollars, and all costs of those conversions will be borne by that holder by deduction from the applicable payments.

The holder of a beneficial interest in global non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant may elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the foreign currency by notifying the DTC participant through which it holds its beneficial interests on or prior to the fifteenth business day prior to the record date for the applicable debt securities of (1) that holder's election to receive all or a portion of the payment in the applicable foreign currency and (2) wire transfer instructions to an account for the applicable foreign currency outside the United States. DTC must be notified of the election and wire transfer instructions (a) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (b) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. DTC will notify the trustee or other applicable paying agent of the election and wire transfer instructions (1) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. If complete instructions are forwarded to and received by DTC through a DTC participant and forwarded by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent and received on or prior to the dates described above, the holder will receive payment in the applicable foreign currency outside DTC; otherwise, only U.S. dollar payments will be made by the trustee or other applicable paying agent to DTC.

For holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant not electing payment in the applicable foreign currency, the U.S. dollar amount of any payment will be the amount of the applicable foreign currency otherwise payable, converted into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate prevailing as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date, less any costs incurred by the exchange rate agent for that conversion unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement. The costs of those conversions will be shared pro rata among the holders of beneficial interests in the applicable global debt securities receiving U.S. dollar payments in the proportion of their respective holdings. The exchange rate agent, to be appointed by us at the time of issuance for such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant, will make those conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

If an exchange rate quotation is unavailable from the entity or source ordinarily used by the exchange rate agent in the normal course of business, the exchange rate agent will obtain a quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank in New York City, which may be an affiliate of the exchange rate agent or another entity selected by the exchange rate agent for that purpose after consultation with us. If no quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank is available, payment will be made in the applicable foreign currency to the account or accounts specified by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent, unless the applicable foreign currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control.

#### *Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies*

If, at or about the time of payment of any principal, premium or interest on a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, the relevant specified currency is not legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in the country issuing the currency as of the original issue date of such debt security or is otherwise unavailable, and the relevant specified currency has been replaced by another currency that has become legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in such country (a "replacement currency"), any amount payable pursuant to such debt security may be paid, at our option, in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars, at a rate of exchange which

takes into account the conversion, at the rate prevailing on the most recent date on which official conversion rates were quoted or set by the national government or other authority responsible for issuing the replacement currency, from the specified currency to the replacement currency or to U.S. dollars, if applicable, and, if necessary, the conversion of the replacement currency into U.S. dollars at the rate prevailing on the date of such conversion. In this circumstance, we will appoint a financial institution to act as exchange rate agent for purposes of making the required conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the relevant specified currency may not be available to us for making payments of principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. This could occur due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, or if the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the country issuing that currency or by public institutions within the international banking community for the settlement of transactions. If the specified currency is unavailable and has not been replaced, and unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, we may satisfy our obligations to holders of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by making those payments due in the relevant specified currency on the date of payment in U.S. dollars. The amount of such payments made in U.S. dollars will be determined by an exchange rate agent to be appointed by us on the basis of the noon dollar buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of the specified currency or currencies in which a payment on any such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities was to be made, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is referred to as the “market exchange rate,” or such other rate as may be set forth in the applicable supplement. If that rate of exchange is not then available or is not published for a particular payment currency, the market exchange rate will be based on the highest bid quotation in The City of New York received by the exchange rate agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding the applicable payment date from three recognized foreign exchange dealers for the purchase by the quoting dealer:

- of the specified currency for U.S. dollars for settlement on the payment date;
- in the aggregate amount of the specified currency payable to those holders or beneficial owners of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities; and
- at which the applicable dealer commits to execute a contract.

One of the dealers providing quotations may be the exchange rate agent unless the exchange rate agent is our affiliate. If those bid quotations are not available, the exchange rate agent will determine the market exchange rate at its sole discretion in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

The above provisions do not apply if a specified currency is unavailable because it has been replaced by the euro. If the euro has been substituted for a specified currency of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, we may, at our option, or will, if required by applicable law, without the consent of the holders of the affected debt securities, pay the principal of and any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in euro instead of the specified currency, in conformity with legally applicable measures taken pursuant to, or by virtue of, the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended. Any payment made in U.S. dollars, an applicable replacement currency, or in euro as described above where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the BAC Senior Indenture or the applicable debt securities.

The exchange rate agent to be appointed by us may be one of our affiliates, and, from time to time after the initial appointment of an exchange rate agent, we may appoint one or more different exchange rate agents for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security without your consent and without notifying you of the change. The exchange rate agent will determine the applicable rate of exchange that would apply to a payment made in U.S. dollars or a replacement currency in its sole discretion unless we state in the applicable supplement that any determination requires our approval. Absent manifest error, those determinations will be final and binding on you and us.

For purposes of the above discussion about currency conversions and payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

*Indirect owners of a debt security with a specified currency other than U.S. dollars should contact their banks or brokers for information about how to receive payments in the specified currency or in U.S. dollars.*

#### *Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Securities in Definitive Form*

We will pay any interest on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar’s records. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

#### **No Sinking Fund**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. This means that we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay the debt securities.

#### **Redemption**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price, the method for redemption, and the date or dates upon which we may redeem the debt securities. Debt securities to be redeemed in part may only be redeemed in increments of their minimum denomination. The redemption of any debt security that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such redemption we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules.

#### ***Notice of Redemption***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we may exercise our right to redeem debt securities by giving notice to the holders under the BAC Senior Indenture at least 5 business

days but not more than 60 calendar days before the specified redemption date. The notice will specify:

- the date fixed for redemption;
- the redemption price (or, if not then ascertainable, the manner of calculation thereof);
- the CUSIP number and any other identifying number of the debt securities to be redeemed;
- the amount to be redeemed, if less than all of the outstanding debt securities of a series are to be redeemed;
- the place of payment for the debt securities to be redeemed;
- that interest (if any) accrued on the debt securities to be redeemed will be paid as specified in the notice; and
- that, subject to satisfaction of any conditions to such redemption set forth in the notice of redemption and unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date fixed for redemption, interest (if any) will cease to accrue on the debt securities to be redeemed.

Such redemption may be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, in which case the notice of redemption will describe each condition and, if applicable, state that the redemption date may, in our discretion, be delayed until such time as any or all conditions have been satisfied, or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all of the conditions have not been satisfied by the redemption date stated in the notice of redemption, or by the redemption date as it may be delayed in our discretion.

If notice of redemption has been given in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture, the debt securities being redeemed shall, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions to the redemption as specified in the notice of redemption, become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption.

So long as a depository is the record holder of the applicable debt securities to be redeemed, we, or the trustee on our behalf if we so request, will deliver any notice of our election to exercise our redemption right only to that depository.

## **Repayment**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the debt securities can be repaid at the holder's option prior to their stated maturity. If the debt securities may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the applicable repayment price or prices, the procedures for repayment and the date or dates on or after which the holder can request repayment.

## **Repurchase**

We may purchase at any time and from time to time, including through a subsidiary or affiliate of ours, outstanding debt securities by tender, in the open market, or by private agreement. The repurchase of any debt security that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such repurchase we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules. We, or our affiliates, have the discretion to hold or resell any repurchased debt securities. We also have the discretion to cancel any repurchased debt securities.

## **Exchange, Registration, and Transfer**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry only, form. Debt securities in global form may be exchanged for debt securities in definitive form only in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the BAC Senior Indenture. Debt securities represented by a master note may be exchanged by us at any time upon our request to the trustee for one or more other debt securities in global form, as described in the relevant debt securities.

Subject to the terms of the BAC Senior Indenture, debt securities of any series in definitive form may be exchanged at the option of the holder for other debt securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and type in any authorized denominations.

Debt securities in definitive form may be presented for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate and maintain. The security registrar or the transfer agent will make the registration of transfer only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange or transfer. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the authenticating agent, security registrar and transfer agent for the debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture. We may change the security registrar or the transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any security registrar or transfer agent acts at any time, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event. We will be required to maintain a security registrar and transfer agent in each place of payment for each series of debt securities. At any time, we may designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

We will not be required to (1) issue, exchange, or register the transfer of any debt security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days before the date on which we deliver the notice of redemption, or (2) exchange or register the transfer of any debt security (i) that was selected, called, or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part or (ii) as to which the holder has exercised any right to require us to repay such debt security, except the portion to remain outstanding of any debt security being repaid in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration, and transfer of book-entry only securities, see “Registration and Settlement” below.

## **Sale or Issuance of Capital Stock of Principal Subsidiary Bank**

The BAC Senior Indenture prohibits the issuance, sale, or other disposition of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions:

- sales or other dispositions of directors’ qualifying shares;
- sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to the disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, we would own at least 80% of each class of the capital stock of that Principal Subsidiary Bank;

- sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction;
- any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank of additional shares of its capital stock, securities convertible into shares of its capital stock, or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock, to its stockholders at any price, so long as before that sale we owned, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and immediately after the sale, we owned, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of securities of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as we owned before the sale of additional securities; and
- any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to us or our wholly owned subsidiary.

A “Principal Subsidiary Bank” is defined in the BAC Senior Indenture as any subsidiary bank with total assets equal to more than 10% of our total consolidated assets. As of the date of this prospectus, Bank of America, N.A. is our only Principal Subsidiary Bank.

### **Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets**

The BAC Senior Indenture generally permits a consolidation or merger between us and another entity, subject to certain requirements. It also permits the sale, conveyance or transfer by us of all or substantially all of our assets, subject to certain requirements. These transactions are permitted if:

- the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes all of our obligations under the BAC Senior Indenture; and
- immediately after the transaction, we (or any successor entity) are not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BAC Senior Indenture.

The foregoing requirements do not apply in the case of a sale, conveyance or transfer by us of all or substantially all of our assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect subsidiaries in which we and/or one or more of our subsidiaries own more than 50% of the combined voting power.

Upon any consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or transfer of this kind (other than, where permitted as described above, a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our assets to our direct or indirect subsidiary or subsidiaries in which we own more than 50% of the combined voting power as described in the preceding paragraph), the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us in the BAC Senior Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the BAC Senior Indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our rights and powers under the BAC Senior Indenture.

### **Waiver of Covenants**

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture may waive compliance with some of the covenants or conditions of the BAC Senior Indenture.

## **Modification of the Indenture**

We and the trustee may modify the BAC Senior Indenture and the rights of the holders of the debt securities with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of all series of outstanding debt securities under the BAC Senior Indenture affected by the modification.

No modification may extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium of, or reduce the rate of interest, or extend the time of payment of interest or other amounts due, on any debt security without the consent of each holder affected by the modification. No modification may reduce the percentage of debt securities that is required to consent to modification of the BAC Senior Indenture without the consent of all holders of the debt securities outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture.

In addition, we and the trustee may execute supplemental indentures in some circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding debt securities.

For purposes of determining the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding at any time in connection with any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver under the BAC Senior Indenture, (1) the principal amount of any debt security issued with original issue discount is that amount of principal that would be due and payable at that time upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the original issue discount note, and (2) the principal amount of a debt security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit is the U.S. dollar equivalent on the date of original issuance of the debt security, determined as specified in the applicable supplement for that debt security.

## **Meetings and Action by Securityholders**

The trustee may call a meeting in its discretion, or upon request by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities, by giving notice. If a meeting of holders is duly held, any resolution raised or decision taken in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series.

## **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches**

The BAC Senior Indenture defines an event of default for a series of debt securities as any one of the following events:

- our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- our failure to pay interest on any debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation; and
- any other events of default specified for a series of debt securities pursuant to the BAC Senior Indenture.

Any additional or different events of default for a series of debt securities will be specified in the applicable supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, if an event of default under the BAC Senior Indenture occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture (or, in the case of an event of default with respect to a series of debt securities under the BAC Senior Indenture, the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected) may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities are issued with original issue discount, such amount as described in the applicable supplement, of all debt securities (or the outstanding debt securities of all series affected, as the case may be) to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding (or of all series affected, as the case may be), in some circumstances, may annul the declaration of acceleration and waive past defaults.

With respect to a failure on our part to observe or perform any of the covenants or agreements contained in the debt securities or in the BAC Senior Indenture (other than those for which acceleration rights are available as discussed above), which failure continues for a period of 90 days after the date on which written notice of such failure is given (a “covenant breach”), the trustee and the holders of the debt securities may pursue certain remedies as described below or as set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, an event of default will not occur under our debt securities, and neither the trustee nor the holders of any debt securities will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such debt securities, as a result of a covenant breach. In addition, an event of default will not occur, and neither the trustee nor the holders of such debt securities will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such debt securities, as a result of our failure to pay principal of or premium on such debt securities when due and payable until such default has continued for a period of 30 days.

We are required periodically to file with the trustee a certificate stating that we are not in default under any of the terms of the BAC Senior Indenture.

### **Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee**

If (i) we fail to pay the principal of or any premium on any debt securities, or (ii) we are over 30 calendar days late on an interest payment on the debt securities, the trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities, the amount which is due and payable on those debt securities, including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. If we fail to pay such required amount on demand, the trustee may take appropriate action, including instituting judicial proceedings against us.

In addition, a holder of our debt securities also may file suit to enforce our obligation to make payment of principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on such debt securities regardless of the actions taken by the trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of each series of the affected debt securities then outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture. The trustee may decline to act if the direction is contrary to law and in certain other circumstances set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture. The trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the BAC Senior Indenture at the request or direction of the holders of the debt securities unless the holders offer the trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities.

## **Limitation on Suits**

The BAC Senior Indenture provides that no individual holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under the BAC Senior Indenture, except actions for payment of overdue principal and interest, unless the following actions have occurred:

- the holder must have previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default or covenant breach;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture must have (1) requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default or covenant breach and (2) offered the trustee indemnity against liabilities incurred by the trustee for taking such action, which indemnity is reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- the trustee must have failed to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the request referred to above; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture must not have given direction to the trustee inconsistent with the request of the holders referred to above.

However, the holder of any debt securities will have an absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the senior debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce this payment.

## **Payment of Additional Amounts**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, we will pay to the holder of any debt security that is a “non-U.S. person” additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on that debt security will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a “net payment” on a debt security means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the debt security. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

However, notwithstanding our obligation, if so specified, to pay additional amounts, we will not be required to pay additional amounts in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (15) below, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

- (1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident, or otherwise;
  - having had such a relationship in the past; or
  - being considered as having had such a relationship.

- (2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
- being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
  - being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
  - having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
  - having or having had a qualified business unit which has the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.
- (3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being or having been a:
- personal holding company;
  - foreign personal holding company;
  - private foundation or other tax-exempt organization;
  - passive foreign investment company;
  - controlled foreign corporation; or
  - corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.
- (4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote.
- (5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being a bank extending credit under a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, “beneficial owner” includes, without limitation, a holder and a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

- (6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a debt security that is:
- A fiduciary;
  - A partnership;

- A limited liability company;
- Another fiscally transparent entity; or
- Not the sole beneficial owner of the debt security, or any portion of the debt security.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner, or member of the partnership, limited liability company, or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner, or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

- (7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner of the debt security or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation, or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment, or other governmental charge by statute or regulation of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.
- (8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on a debt security by us or any paying agent.
- (9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.
- (10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of a debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.
- (11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any:
  - estate tax;
  - inheritance tax;
  - gift tax;
  - sales tax;
  - excise tax;
  - transfer tax;
  - wealth tax;

- personal property tax; or
  - any similar tax, assessment, or other governmental charge.
- (12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the applicable security if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.
- (13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Section 1471 through Section 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any successor provision), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.
- (14) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the payment being treated as a dividend or dividend equivalent for U.S. tax purposes.
- (15) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (14) above.

Except as specifically provided in this section, we will not be required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

For purposes of determining whether the payment of additional amounts is required, the term “U.S. person” means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; any corporation, partnership, or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States; any estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of that income; and any trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust. Additionally, for this purpose, “non-U.S. person” means a person who is not a U.S. person, and “United States” means the United States of America, including each state of the United States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions, and other areas within its jurisdiction.

### **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the debt securities in whole, but not in part, at any time before maturity, if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts, as described above under “—Payment of Additional Amounts,” as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of the applicable supplement for the issuance of those debt securities. If we exercise such right to redeem the debt securities, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will give not less than 5 business days’ nor more than 60 calendar days’ notice to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture and to the holders of the debt securities.

In connection with any notice of redemption for tax reasons, we will deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture any required certificate, request, or order.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, any debt securities redeemed for tax reasons will be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such debt securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

## **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, the provisions for full defeasance and covenant defeasance described below will apply to the debt securities of a series if certain conditions are satisfied.

### ***Full Defeasance***

If there is a change in the U.S. federal income tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a series. This is called full defeasance. For us to do so, among other conditions set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture, each of the following must occur:

- We must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities when due;
- There must be a change in current U.S. federal income tax law or an Internal Revenue Service ruling that lets us make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid those debt securities ourselves. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit, and our legal release from your debt security, would be treated as though we took back your debt security and gave you your share of the cash and notes or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on your debt security; and
- We must deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming the tax law treatment described above.

If we ever fully defeased your debt security, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for payments on your debt security.

### ***Covenant Defeasance***

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from restrictive covenants relating to your debt security. This is called covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants. In order to achieve covenant defeasance for a series of debt securities, among other conditions set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture, we must do both of the following:

- We must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities on their due dates; and

- We must deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that under current U.S. federal income tax law we may make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid the debt securities ourselves.

If we achieve covenant defeasance with respect to your debt security, you can still look to us for repayment of your debt security in the event of any shortfall in the trust deposit. You should note, however, that if one of the remaining events of default occurred, such as our bankruptcy, and your debt security became immediately due and payable, there may be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indenture**

The BAC Senior Indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to the debt securities of such series, if at any time:

- We have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all debt securities of such series; or
- All debt securities of such series not delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and we have irrevocably deposited with the trustee or the applicable paying agent as trust funds for the entire amount in cash due with respect to such debt securities on or after the date of such deposit, including at maturity or upon redemption of all such debt securities, including principal and any premium, interest and other amounts payable, and any mandatory sinking fund payments, on the dates on which such payments are due and payable.

The trustee, on our demand, accompanied by an officer's certificate of ours and an opinion of counsel and at our cost and expense, will execute proper instruments acknowledging such satisfaction of and discharging the BAC Senior Indenture with respect to such debt securities.

### **Notices**

We or the trustee on our behalf, if so requested, will provide the holders with any required notices by first-class mail to the addresses of the holders as they appear in the security register. So long as a depository is the record holder of a series of debt securities with respect to which a notice is given, we or the trustee, if so requested, will deliver the notice only to that depository in accordance with the procedures of that depository then in place.

### **Concerning the Trustee**

We and certain of our affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. We expect to continue these business transactions. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is initially serving as the trustee for the debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates also serve as trustee for a number of series of outstanding indebtedness of us and our affiliates under other indentures. Consequently, if an actual or potential event of default occurs with respect to any of these securities, the trustee may be considered to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. In that

case, the trustee may be required to resign under the BAC Senior Indenture, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. For this purpose, a “potential” event of default means an event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving us default notice or for the default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded. In addition, the trustee can resign for any reason by giving at least 30 calendar days’ written notice of resignation, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. The trustee will remain the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture until a successor is appointed.

### **Governing Law**

The BAC Senior Indenture is and the debt securities will be governed by New York law.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF BOFA FINANCE LLC

In this “Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC” section, “we,” “us” or “our” refer only to BofA Finance LLC and not to any of its affiliates, including Bank of America Corporation; references to “Guarantor” refer only to Bank of America Corporation and not to any of its subsidiaries or affiliates; and references to “debt securities” refer only to senior debt securities issued by BofA Finance LLC and not to any debt securities issued by any subsidiary or affiliate, including Bank of America Corporation.

### General

We may issue debt securities, and such debt securities will not be secured by any of our property or assets. As a result, by owning a debt security, you are one of our unsecured creditors. The debt securities will constitute part of our senior debt, will be issued under our BofA Finance Indenture described below, and will rank equally in right of payment with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time. The payment obligations of BofA Finance under the debt securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus. Bank of America’s guarantee of the debt securities will be its unsecured senior obligation and will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America outstanding from time to time.

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary, has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities guaranteed by Bank of America, and is dependent upon Bank of America and/or Bank of America’s other subsidiaries to meet its obligations under the debt securities in the ordinary course. However, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Holders of BofA Finance’s debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America’s guarantee of the debt securities. See “Risk Factors—BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues” above and “—Bank of America Guarantee” below.

This section of the prospectus provides a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BofA Finance Indenture (as defined below) and certain specific terms of debt securities that may be applicable if so specified in the applicable supplement for such debt securities.

### The Indenture

The debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture, which is a contract between us and the applicable trustee. The debt securities will be issued under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities dated as of August 23, 2016 (as supplemented from time to time, the “BofA Finance Indenture”) among us, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

The trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture has two principal functions:

- First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us or the Guarantor if we or the Guarantor default. However, there are limitations on the extent to which the trustee may act on your behalf, which we describe below under “—Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.”
- Second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, including the delivery of interest and other payments and notices.

The BofA Finance Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series of debt securities. The BofA Finance Indenture and the debt securities also do not limit our ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities. This means that we may issue additional debt securities and other securities at any time without your consent and without notifying you.

We have filed the BofA Finance Indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. See “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information on how to obtain a copy of the BofA Finance Indenture. Whenever we refer to the defined terms of the BofA Finance Indenture in this section of this prospectus or in a supplement hereto without defining them, the terms have the meanings given to them in the BofA Finance Indenture. You must look to the BofA Finance Indenture for the most complete description of the information summarized in this prospectus.

### **Form and Denomination of Debt Securities**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in book-entry only form. Debt securities in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee. Accordingly, the depository or its nominee will be the registered holder of all the debt securities represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global security will do so through participants in the depository’s securities clearing system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. We describe the procedures applicable to book-entry only securities below under the heading “Registration and Settlement.”

Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. We may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. We call this kind of global security a master global security. The applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities will be represented by a master global security.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue our debt securities in fully registered form. If we issue a debt security in bearer form, we will describe the special considerations applicable to bearer securities in the applicable supplement. Some of the features that we describe in this prospectus may not apply to bearer securities.

Our debt securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency as may be specified in the applicable supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000.

### **Payment for Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities**

For any debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (referred to as “non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities”), the initial investors will be required to pay for the debt securities in that foreign currency. The applicable selling agent may arrange for the conversion of U.S. dollars into the applicable foreign currency to facilitate payment for the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by U.S. purchasers desiring to make the initial payment in U.S. dollars. Any such conversion will be made by that selling agent on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and charges as it may establish from time to time in accordance with its

regular foreign exchange procedures, and subject to U.S. laws and regulations. All costs of any such conversion for the initial purchase of the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities will be borne by the initial investors using those conversion arrangements. We describe some of those investment considerations relating to securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars above under the heading “Risk Factors.”

## **Different Series of Debt Securities**

We may issue our debt securities from time to time in one or more series with the same or different maturities. We also may “reopen” a series of our debt securities. This means that we can increase the principal amount of a series of our debt securities by selling additional debt securities with the same terms, provided that such additional debt securities shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We may do so without notice to the existing holders of debt securities of that series. However, any new debt securities of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest (if any) at a different date.

This section of the prospectus summarizes the material terms of the debt securities that are common to all series under the BofA Finance Indenture. We will describe the financial and other specific terms of the series of debt securities being offered in the applicable supplement. The applicable supplement also may describe any differences from the material terms described in this prospectus. If there are any differences between the applicable supplement and this prospectus, the applicable supplement will control.

The terms of your series of debt securities as described in the applicable supplement may include the following:

- the title and type of the debt securities;
- the principal amount of the debt securities;
- the minimum denominations, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000;
- the percentage of the stated principal amount at which the debt securities will be sold and, if applicable, the method of determining the price;
- the person to whom any interest is payable, if other than the registered holder of the debt securities;
- the maturity date or dates;
- any interest rate or rates, which may be fixed or floating, and the method used to calculate that interest;
- the base rate that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on floating rate debt securities;
- any index or other reference asset or assets that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on the debt securities and the manner in which those amounts will be determined;
- any interest payment dates, the regular record dates for the interest payment dates, the dates from which interest will begin to accrue, and the applicable business day convention;

- the place or places where payments on the debt securities may be made and the place or places where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- any date or dates on or after which the debt securities may be redeemed, repurchased, or repaid in whole or in part at our option or the option of the holder, and the periods, prices, terms, and conditions of that redemption, repurchase, or repayment;
- if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if their maturity is accelerated;
- the currency of principal, any premium, any interest, and any other amounts payable on the debt securities, if other than U.S. dollars;
- if the debt securities will be issued in other than book-entry only form;
- the identification of or method of selecting any calculation agents, exchange rate agents, or any other agents for the debt securities;
- any provisions for the discharge of our obligations relating to the debt securities by the deposit of funds or U.S. government obligations;
- any provisions relating to the extension or renewal of the maturity date of the debt securities;
- if the debt securities will be represented by a master global security;
- if the debt securities will be listed on any securities exchange; or
- any other terms of the debt securities that are permitted under the BofA Finance Indenture.

## **Types of Debt Securities**

We may issue the types of debt securities described in this section, and we also may issue debt securities that do not bear interest (which we refer to as “zero coupon notes”).

### ***Fixed-Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that bear interest at one or more fixed rates of interest, as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed-rate notes.” We also may issue fixed-rate notes that combine principal and interest payments in installment payments over the life of the notes which we refer to as “amortizing notes.” We will make payments on fixed-rate notes as described below under the heading “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable” and in the applicable supplement.

### ***Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that will bear interest at a floating rate of interest determined by reference to one or more interest rate bases, referred to as the “base rate.” We refer to these debt securities as “floating rate notes.” The base rate for a series of floating rate notes will be specified in, and will be determined in accordance with the specific formula and/or applicable terms and provisions set forth in, the applicable supplement.

### ***Indexed Notes***

We may issue debt securities that provide that the rate of return, including the principal and/or any premium, interest, or other amounts payable, is determined by reference, either directly or indirectly, to the price or performance of one or more interest rates, equity securities, indices, exchange traded funds, commodities, currency exchange rates, futures contracts or any other rates, instruments, assets, market measures or other factors or any other measure of economic or financial risk or value, or one or more baskets, indices or other combinations of the foregoing, in each case as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these as “indexed notes.” Information relating to indexed notes, including terms and provisions thereof and information relating to payments thereon, will be set forth in the applicable supplement.

### ***Fixed/Floating Rate/Indexed Notes***

We may issue a debt security with elements of each of the fixed-rate, floating rate, and/or indexed notes described above. For example, a debt security may bear interest at a fixed rate for some interest periods and at a floating rate in other interest periods or at a rate linked to an index for some interest periods. Similarly, a debt security may provide for a payment of principal at maturity linked to an index and also may bear interest at a fixed or floating rate or at a rate linked to an index. We will describe the determination of interest or other amounts payable for any of these debt securities in the applicable supplement.

### **Original Issue Discount Notes**

Any of the types of notes described above may be an original issue discount note. Original issue discount notes are debt securities that are issued at a price lower than their stated principal amount or lower than their minimum guaranteed repayment amount at maturity. Original issue discount notes may bear no interest or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. Amounts payable in the event of redemption, repayment or upon an acceleration of the maturity of an original issue discount note will be determined in accordance with the terms of that debt security, as described in the applicable supplement. That amount normally is less than the amount payable at the maturity date. A debt security issued at a discount to its principal may, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, be considered an original issue discount note, regardless of the amount payable upon redemption or acceleration of maturity. See “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Taxation of Debt Securities” below for a summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning an original issue discount note.

### **Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable**

#### ***Paying Agents***

We may appoint one or more financial institutions to act as our paying agents. Initially, under the BofA Finance Indenture we have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to act as our paying agent with respect to the debt securities through its corporate trust office currently located at 4655 Salisbury Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. We may add, replace or terminate any paying agent from time to time in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such change. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the debt securities, and the paying agent may resign, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event.

### ***Payments to Holders and Record Dates for Interest***

We refer to each date on which interest is payable on a debt security as an “interest payment date.” Subject to any applicable business day convention set forth in the applicable supplement, interest payments on the debt securities will be made on each interest payment date applicable to, and at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of, the applicable debt securities. Interest payable on any interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, will be paid to the registered holder of the debt security at the close of business on the regular record date for that interest payment date. However, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the initial interest payment on a debt security issued between a regular record date and the interest payment date immediately following the regular record date will be made on the second interest payment date following the original issue date to the holder of record on the regular record date preceding the second interest payment date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the principal and interest payable at maturity, or earlier redemption, will be paid to the holder of the debt security at the time of payment by the paying agent.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the record date for any interest payment for a debt security in book-entry only form will be the date that is one business day prior to the payment date, unless such debt security is a non-U.S. dollar denominated debt security held through DTC, in which case the record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day. If the debt security is in a form that is other than book-entry only, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or any other place of payment of the applicable debt security, and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

### ***Payments Due in U.S. Dollars***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will be denominated, and payments with respect to the debt securities will be made, in U.S. dollars. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due in U.S. dollars.

We will make payments on debt securities in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder.

An indirect owner’s right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading “Registration and Settlement.”

*Indirect owners should contact their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.*

We will pay any interest on debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar’s records. We will pay

principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### ***Payments Due in Other Currencies***

#### **General**

If any of the debt securities are denominated, or if principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on any of the debt securities is payable, in a foreign currency, the specified currency, as well as any additional investment considerations, risk factors, restrictions, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to that series of debt securities and the specified currency will be described in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, and except as described below, holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities are not entitled to receive payments in U.S. dollars of an amount due in another currency, either on a global debt security or a debt security in definitive form.

We will make payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in book-entry only form in the applicable specified currency in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder. An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

#### **Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities Held Through DTC**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, holders of beneficial interests in non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities through a participant in The Depository Trust Company, or "DTC," will receive payments in U.S. dollars, unless they elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the applicable foreign currency. If a holder of such beneficial interests through DTC does not make an election through its DTC participant to receive payments in the applicable foreign currency, the exchange rate agent for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities to be appointed by us will convert payments to that holder into U.S. dollars, and all costs of those conversions will be borne by that holder by deduction from the applicable payments.

The holder of a beneficial interest in global non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant may elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the foreign currency by notifying the DTC participant through which it holds its beneficial interests on or prior to the fifteenth business day prior to the record date for the applicable debt securities of (1) that holder's election to receive all or a portion of the payment in the applicable foreign currency and (2) wire transfer instructions to an account for the applicable foreign currency outside the United States. DTC must be notified of the election and wire transfer instructions (a) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (b) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. DTC will notify the trustee or other applicable paying agent of the election and wire transfer instructions (1) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. If complete instructions are forwarded to and received by DTC through a DTC participant and forwarded by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent and received on or prior to the dates described above, the holder will

receive payment in the applicable foreign currency outside DTC; otherwise, only U.S. dollar payments will be made by the trustee or other applicable paying agent to DTC.

For holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant not electing payment in the applicable foreign currency, the U.S. dollar amount of any payment will be the amount of the applicable foreign currency otherwise payable, converted into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate prevailing as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date, less any costs incurred by the exchange rate agent for that conversion unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement. The costs of those conversions will be shared pro rata among the holders of beneficial interests in the applicable global debt securities receiving U.S. dollar payments in the proportion of their respective holdings. The exchange rate agent, to be appointed by us at the time of issuance for such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant, will make those conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

If an exchange rate quotation is unavailable from the entity or source ordinarily used by the exchange rate agent in the normal course of business, the exchange rate agent will obtain a quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank in New York City, which may be an affiliate of the exchange rate agent or another entity selected by the exchange rate agent for that purpose after consultation with us. If no quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank is available, payment will be made in the applicable foreign currency to the account or accounts specified by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent, unless the applicable foreign currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control.

#### *Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies*

If, at or about the time of payment of any principal, premium or interest on a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, the relevant specified currency is not legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in the country issuing the currency as of the original issue date of such debt security or is otherwise unavailable, and the relevant specified currency has been replaced by another currency that has become legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in such country (a “replacement currency”), any amount payable pursuant to such debt security may be paid, at our option, in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars, at a rate of exchange which takes into account the conversion, at the rate prevailing on the most recent date on which official conversion rates were quoted or set by the national government or other authority responsible for issuing the replacement currency, from the specified currency to the replacement currency or to U.S. dollars, if applicable, and, if necessary, the conversion of the replacement currency into U.S. dollars at the rate prevailing on the date of such conversion. In this circumstance, we will appoint a financial institution to act as exchange rate agent for purposes of making the required conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the relevant specified currency may not be available to us for making payments of principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. This could occur due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, or if the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the country issuing that currency or by public institutions within the international banking community for the settlement of transactions. If the specified currency is unavailable and has not been replaced, and unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, we may satisfy our obligations to holders of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by making those payments due in the relevant specified currency on the date of

payment in U.S. dollars. The amount of such payments made in U.S. dollars will be determined by an exchange rate agent to be appointed by us on the basis of the noon dollar buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of the specified currency or currencies in which a payment on any such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities was to be made, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is referred to as the “market exchange rate,” or such other rate as may be set forth in the applicable supplement. If that rate of exchange is not then available or is not published for a particular payment currency, the market exchange rate will be based on the highest bid quotation in The City of New York received by the exchange rate agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding the applicable payment date from three recognized foreign exchange dealers for the purchase by the quoting dealer:

- of the specified currency for U.S. dollars for settlement on the payment date;
- in the aggregate amount of the specified currency payable to those holders or beneficial owners of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities; and
- at which the applicable dealer commits to execute a contract.

One of the dealers providing quotations may be the exchange rate agent unless the exchange rate agent is our affiliate. If those bid quotations are not available, the exchange rate agent will determine the market exchange rate at its sole discretion in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

The above provisions do not apply if a specified currency is unavailable because it has been replaced by the euro. If the euro has been substituted for a specified currency of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, we may, at our option, or will, if required by applicable law, without the consent of the holders of the affected debt securities, pay the principal of and any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in euro instead of the specified currency, in conformity with legally applicable measures taken pursuant to, or by virtue of, the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended. Any payment made in U.S. dollars, an applicable replacement currency, or in euro as described above where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the BofA Finance Indenture or the applicable debt securities.

The exchange rate agent to be appointed by us may be one of our affiliates, and, from time to time after the initial appointment of an exchange rate agent, we may appoint one or more different exchange rate agents for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security without your consent and without notifying you of the change. The exchange rate agent will determine the applicable rate of exchange that would apply to a payment made in U.S. dollars or a replacement currency in its sole discretion unless we state in the applicable supplement that any determination requires our approval. Absent manifest error, those determinations will be final and binding on you and us.

For purposes of the above discussion about currency conversions and payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

*Indirect owners of a debt security with a specified currency other than U.S. dollars should contact their banks or brokers for information about how to receive payments in the specified currency or in U.S. dollars.*

### *Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Securities in Definitive Form*

We will pay any interest on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar's records. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### **No Sinking Fund**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. This means that we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay the debt securities.

### **Redemption**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price, the method for redemption, and the date or dates upon which we may redeem the debt securities. Debt securities to be redeemed in part may only be redeemed in increments of their minimum denomination.

### ***Notice of Redemption***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we may exercise our right to redeem debt securities by giving notice to the holders under the BofA Finance Indenture at least 5 business days but not more than 60 calendar days before the specified redemption date. The notice will specify:

- the date fixed for redemption;
- the redemption price (or, if not then ascertainable, the manner of calculation thereof);
- the CUSIP number and any other identifying number of the debt securities to be redeemed;
- the amount to be redeemed, if less than all of the outstanding debt securities of a series are to be redeemed;
- the place of payment for the debt securities to be redeemed;
- that interest (if any) accrued on the debt securities to be redeemed will be paid as specified in the notice; and
- that interest (if any) will cease to accrue on the debt securities to be redeemed.

If notice of redemption has been given in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture, the debt securities being redeemed shall become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption.

So long as a depository is the record holder of the applicable debt securities to be redeemed, we, or the trustee on our behalf if we so request, will deliver any notice of our election to exercise our redemption right only to that depository.

### **Repayment**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the debt securities can be repaid at the holder's option prior to their stated maturity. If the debt securities may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the applicable repayment price or prices, the procedures for repayment and the date or dates on or after which the holder can request repayment.

### **Repurchase**

We may purchase at any time and from time to time, including through a subsidiary or affiliate of ours, outstanding debt securities by tender, in the open market, or by private agreement. We, or our affiliates, have the discretion to hold or resell any repurchased debt securities. We also have the discretion to cancel any repurchased debt securities.

### **Bank of America Guarantee**

Pursuant to the BofA Finance Indenture, Bank of America fully and unconditionally guarantees, on an unsecured basis, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest and all other amounts payable on the debt securities issued by BofA Finance, when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or upon redemption, repayment or acceleration, in accordance with the terms of the debt securities and the BofA Finance Indenture. If for any reason BofA Finance does not make any required payment on the debt securities when due, Bank of America will make such payment, on demand, at the same place and in the same manner that applies to payments made by BofA Finance under the BofA Finance Indenture. The guarantee is of payment and not of collection.

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities guaranteed by Bank of America. In addition, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders will be limited to those available under Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, and any obligations under that guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America. Holders of BofA Finance's debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America's guarantee of the debt securities. See "Risk Factors—BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues."

Bank of America's obligations under its guarantee of the debt securities are unconditional and absolute.

If BofA Finance were to merge into Bank of America, under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, the guarantee would terminate.

### **Exchange, Registration, and Transfer**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry only, form. Debt securities in global form may be exchanged for debt securities

in definitive form only in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the BofA Finance Indenture. Debt securities represented by a master note may be exchanged by us at any time upon our request to the trustee for one or more other debt securities in global form, as described in the relevant debt securities.

Subject to the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, debt securities of any series in definitive form may be exchanged at the option of the holder for other debt securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and type in any authorized denominations.

Debt securities in definitive form may be presented for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate and maintain. The security registrar or the transfer agent will make the registration of transfer only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange or transfer. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the authenticating agent, security registrar and transfer agent for the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture. We may change the security registrar or the transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any security registrar or transfer agent acts at any time, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event. We will be required to maintain a security registrar and transfer agent in each place of payment for each series of debt securities. At any time, we may designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

We will not be required to (1) issue, exchange, or register the transfer of any debt security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days before the date on which we deliver the notice of redemption, or (2) exchange or register the transfer of any debt security (i) that was selected, called, or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part or (ii) as to which the holder has exercised any right to require us to repay such debt security, except the portion to remain outstanding of any debt security being repaid in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration, and transfer of book-entry only securities, see “Registration and Settlement” below.

### **Sale or Issuance of Capital Stock of Principal Subsidiary Bank**

The BofA Finance Indenture provides that, subject to the provisions of the BofA Finance Indenture described below relating to the merger or sale of assets of the Guarantor, the Guarantor will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or permit the issuance of, or permit a subsidiary to sell, assign, transfer or dispose of, any shares of capital stock, or any securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions:

- sales or other dispositions of directors’ qualifying shares;
- sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to the disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, the Guarantor would own at least 80% of each class of the capital stock of that Principal Subsidiary Bank;

- sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction;
- any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank of additional shares of its capital stock, securities convertible into shares of its capital stock, or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock, to its stockholders at any price, so long as before that sale the Guarantor owned, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and immediately after the sale, the Guarantor owned, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of securities of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned before the sale of additional securities; and
- any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to the Guarantor or its wholly-owned subsidiary.

A “Principal Subsidiary Bank” is defined in the BofA Finance Indenture as any bank that is a subsidiary of the Guarantor with total assets equal to more than 10% of the Guarantor’s and its subsidiaries’ total consolidated assets. As of the date of this prospectus, Bank of America, N.A. is the Guarantor’s only Principal Subsidiary Bank.

### **Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets**

Under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, we are, and the Guarantor is, permitted to merge or consolidate with another entity, subject to certain requirements. We are, and the Guarantor is, also permitted to sell, convey or transfer all or substantially all of our or its assets, subject to certain requirements. These transactions are permitted if:

- with respect to us:
  - the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes all of our obligations under the BofA Finance Indenture and the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture; and
  - immediately after the transaction, we (or any successor entity) are not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BofA Finance Indenture.
- with respect to the Guarantor:
  - the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than Bank of America, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes the guarantee obligations under the BofA Finance Indenture; and
  - immediately after the transaction, Bank of America (or any successor guarantor) is not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BofA Finance Indenture.

With respect to debt securities issued on or after December 30, 2019, the foregoing requirements do not apply in the case of a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our or the Guarantor’s assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect subsidiaries of Bank of America in which Bank of America and/or one or more of Bank of America’s subsidiaries owns more than 50% of the combined voting power.

Upon any consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or transfer of this kind (other than, where permitted as described above, a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our or the Guarantor's assets to Bank of America's direct or indirect subsidiary or subsidiaries in which Bank of America owns more than 50% of the combined voting power as described in the preceding paragraph), the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us or the Guarantor, as the case may be, in the BofA Finance Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to that BofA Finance Indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our or Bank of America's rights and powers under the BofA Finance Indenture, as the case may be. If BofA Finance were to merge into Bank of America, under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, the guarantee would terminate.

### **Waiver of Covenants**

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture may waive compliance with some of the covenants or conditions of the BofA Finance Indenture.

### **Modification of the Indenture**

We, the Guarantor, and the trustee may modify the BofA Finance Indenture and the rights of the holders of the debt securities with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of all series of outstanding debt securities under the BofA Finance Indenture affected by the modification.

No modification may extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium of, or reduce the rate of interest, or extend the time of payment of interest or other amounts due, on any debt security without the consent of each holder affected by the modification. No modification may reduce the percentage of debt securities that is required to consent to modification of the BofA Finance Indenture without the consent of all holders of the debt securities outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture.

In addition, we, the Guarantor, and the trustee may execute supplemental indentures in some circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding debt securities.

For purposes of determining the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding at any time in connection with any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver under the BofA Finance Indenture, (1) the principal amount of any debt security issued with original issue discount is that amount of principal that would be due and payable at that time upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the original issue discount note, and (2) the principal amount of a debt security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit is the U.S. dollar equivalent on the date of original issuance of the debt security, determined as specified in the applicable supplement for that debt security.

### **Meetings and Action by Securityholders**

The trustee may call a meeting in its discretion, or upon request by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities, by giving notice. If a meeting of holders is duly held, any resolution raised or decision taken in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series.

## **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, an event of default for any particular debt securities of any series includes any one of the following events:

- our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any such debt securities when due and payable;
- our failure to pay interest or other amounts due (other than principal, premium, if any, or other amounts payable at maturity or upon redemption) on any such debt securities when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 calendar days;
- our breach of any of our other covenants contained in such debt securities or in the BofA Finance Indenture, that is not cured within 90 calendar days after written notice to us by the trustee of the BofA Finance Indenture, or to us and the trustee of the BofA Finance Indenture by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of all debt securities then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture and affected by the breach;
- specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation; or
- any other event of default provided with respect to such debt securities.

Any additional or different events of default for a series of debt securities will be specified in the applicable supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, if an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture and affected by such event of default (or, in the case of an event of default under the BofA Finance Indenture relating to specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation, the holders of 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities) may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities are issued with original issue discount, a specified portion of the principal amount, of all affected debt securities (or all debt securities, as the case may be) to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the affected debt securities then outstanding, in some circumstances, may annul the declaration of acceleration and waive past defaults.

We and the Guarantor are required periodically to file with the trustee a certificate stating that we or the Guarantor, as the case may be, are not in default under any of the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture.

## **Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee**

If (i) we fail to pay the principal of or any premium on any debt securities, or (ii) we are over 30 calendar days late on an interest payment or other amounts due (other than principal, any premium, or other amounts payable at maturity or upon redemption) on the debt securities, the trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities, the amount which is due and payable on those debt securities, including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. If we fail to pay such required amount on demand, the trustee may take appropriate action, including instituting judicial proceedings against us.

In addition, a holder of our debt securities also may file suit to enforce our obligation to make payment of principal, and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on such debt securities regardless of the actions taken by the trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of each series of the affected debt securities then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture. The trustee may decline to act if the direction is contrary to law and in certain other circumstances set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture. The trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the BofA Finance Indenture at the request or direction of the holders of the debt securities unless the holders offer the trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities.

### **Limitation on Suits**

The BofA Finance Indenture provides that no individual holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under the BofA Finance Indenture, except actions for payment of overdue principal or any premium, interest or other amounts due, unless the following actions have occurred:

- the holder must have previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default or covenant breach;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture must have (1) requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default or covenant breach and (2) offered the trustee indemnity against liabilities incurred by the trustee for taking such action, which indemnity is reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- the trustee must have failed to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the request referred to above; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture must not have given direction to the trustee inconsistent with the request of the holders referred to above.

However, the holder of any debt securities will have an absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the senior debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce this payment.

### **Payment of Additional Amounts**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, we will pay to the holder of any debt security that is a “non-U.S. person” additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on that debt security will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a “net payment” on a debt security means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the debt security. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

However, notwithstanding our obligation, if so specified, to pay additional amounts, we will not be required to pay additional amounts in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (15) below, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

- (1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident, or otherwise;
  - having had such a relationship in the past; or
  - being considered as having had such a relationship.
- (2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
  - being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
  - having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
  - having or having had a qualified business unit which has the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.
- (3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being or having been a:
  - personal holding company;
  - foreign personal holding company;
  - private foundation or other tax-exempt organization;
  - passive foreign investment company;
  - controlled foreign corporation; or
  - corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.
- (4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote.
- (5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being a bank extending credit under a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, “beneficial owner” includes, without limitation, a holder and a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

(6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a debt security that is:

- A fiduciary;
- A partnership;
- A limited liability company;
- Another fiscally transparent entity; or
- Not the sole beneficial owner of the debt security, or any portion of the debt security.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner, or member of the partnership, limited liability company, or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner, or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

(7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner of the debt security or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation, or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment, or other governmental charge by statute or regulation of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.

(8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on a debt security by us or any paying agent.

(9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of a debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any:

- estate tax;

- inheritance tax;
- gift tax;
- sales tax;
- excise tax;
- transfer tax;
- wealth tax;
- personal property tax; or
- any similar tax, assessment, or other governmental charge.

(12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the applicable security if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.

(13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Section 1471 through Section 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any successor provision), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.

(14) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the payment being treated as a dividend or dividend equivalent for U.S. tax purposes.

(15) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (14) above.

Except as specifically provided in this section, we will not be required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

For purposes of determining whether the payment of additional amounts is required, the term “U.S. person” means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; any corporation, partnership, or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States; any estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of that income; and any trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust. Additionally, for this purpose, “non-U.S. person” means a person who is not a U.S. person, and “United States” means the United States of America, including each state of the United States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions, and other areas within its jurisdiction.

### **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the debt securities in whole, but not in part, at any time before maturity, if we have or will become obligated to pay additional

amounts, as described above under “—Payment of Additional Amounts,” as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of the applicable supplement for the issuance of those debt securities. If we exercise such right to redeem the debt securities, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will give not less than 5 business days’ nor more than 60 calendar days’ notice to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture and to the holders of the debt securities.

In connection with any notice of redemption for tax reasons, we will deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture any required certificate, request, or order.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, any debt securities redeemed for tax reasons will be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such debt securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

### **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, the provisions for full defeasance and covenant defeasance described below will apply to the debt securities of a series if certain conditions are satisfied.

#### ***Full Defeasance***

If there is a change in the U.S. federal income tax law, as described below, Bank of America and BofA Finance can legally release themselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a series. This is called full defeasance. For us to do so, among other conditions set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture, each of the following must occur:

- We or Bank of America must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities when due;
- There must be a change in current U.S. federal income tax law or an Internal Revenue Service ruling that lets us make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid those debt securities ourselves. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit, and our legal release from your debt security, would be treated as though we took back your debt security and gave you your share of the cash and notes or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on your debt security; and
- We or Bank of America must deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming the tax law treatment described above.

If we ever fully defeased your debt security, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for payments on your debt security.

#### ***Covenant Defeasance***

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from restrictive covenants relating to your debt security. This is called

covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants. In order to achieve covenant defeasance for a series of debt securities, among other conditions set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture, we must do both of the following:

- We or Bank of America must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities on their due dates; and
- We must deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid the debt securities ourselves.

If we achieve covenant defeasance with respect to your debt security, you can still look to us for repayment of your debt security in the event of any shortfall in the trust deposit. You should note, however, that if one of the remaining events of default occurred, such as our bankruptcy, and your debt security became immediately due and payable, there may be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indenture**

The BofA Finance Indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to the debt securities of such series, if at any time:

- We have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all debt securities of such series; or
- All debt securities of such series not delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and we or the Guarantor has irrevocably deposited with the trustee or the applicable paying agent as trust funds for the entire amount in cash due with respect to such debt securities on or after the date of such deposit, including at maturity or upon redemption of all such debt securities, including principal and any premium, interest and other amounts payable, and any mandatory sinking fund payments, on the dates on which such payments are due and payable.

The trustee, on our or the Guarantor's demand, accompanied by an officer's certificate of ours or the Guarantor's and an opinion of counsel and at our or the Guarantor's cost and expense, will execute proper instruments acknowledging such satisfaction of and discharging the BofA Finance Indenture with respect to such debt securities.

### **Notices**

We or the trustee on our behalf, if so requested, will provide the holders with any required notices by first-class mail to the addresses of the holders as they appear in the security register. So long as a depository is the record holder of a series of debt securities with respect to which a notice is given, we or the trustee, if so requested, will deliver the notice only to that depository in accordance with the procedures of that depository then in place.

## **Concerning the Trustee**

Bank of America and certain of its affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. We expect to continue these business transactions. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is initially serving as the trustee for the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates also serve as trustee for a number of series of outstanding indebtedness of Bank of America and its affiliates under other indentures. Consequently, if an actual or potential event of default occurs with respect to any of these securities, the trustee may be considered to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. In that case, the trustee may be required to resign under the BofA Finance Indenture, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. For this purpose, a “potential” event of default means an event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving us default notice or for the default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded. In addition, the trustee can resign for any reason by giving at least 30 calendar days’ written notice of resignation, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. The trustee will remain the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture until a successor is appointed.

## **Governing Law**

The BofA Finance Indenture is and the debt securities and the guarantee will be governed by New York law.

## REGISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will issue the debt securities in registered, and not bearer, form. This means that Bank of America's and/or BofA Finance's obligation runs to the holder of the security named on the face of the security. Each debt security issued in registered form will be represented either by a certificate issued in definitive form to a particular investor or by one or more global securities representing the entire series of securities.

Bank of America and BofA Finance refer to those persons who have debt securities registered in their own names, on the books that Bank of America, BofA Finance or the trustee or other agent maintain for this purpose, as the "holders" of those debt securities. These persons are the legal holders of the debt securities. Bank of America and BofA Finance refer to those who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in debt securities that are not registered in their own names as indirect owners or beneficial owners of those debt securities. As discussed below, indirect owners are not legal holders, and investors in debt securities issued in global, or book-entry only, form or in street name will be indirect owners.

A global security may represent one or any number of individual debt securities. Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. This kind of global security is called a master global security. Each debt security evidenced by a master global security will be identified by the trustee on a schedule to such master global security. Your prospectus supplement or applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities are represented by a master global security.

### **Book-Entry Only Issuance**

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry, form. This means that securities in definitive form will not be issued to investors. Instead, global securities in registered form representing the entire series of debt securities will be issued. Each global security will be registered in the name of a financial institution or clearing system that holds the global security as depository on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in that depository's book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the global securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Because debt securities issued in global form are registered in the name of the depository, Bank of America and BofA Finance will recognize only the depository as the holder of the debt securities. This means that Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will make all payments on the debt securities, including deliveries of any property other than cash, to the depository. The depository passes along the payments it receives from Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to its participants, which in turn pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depository and its participants are not obligated to pass these payments along under the terms of the debt securities. Instead, they do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers.

As a result, investors will not own debt securities issued in book-entry only form directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker, or other financial institution that participates in the depository's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant in the depository's book-entry system. As long as the debt securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect owners, and not holders, of the debt securities. The depository will not have knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities.

## **Definitive Securities**

In the future, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may cancel a global security or may issue debt securities initially in non-global, or definitive, form. Bank of America and BofA Finance do not expect to exchange global securities for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners of the global securities representing the debt securities except in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the relevant indenture.

## **Street Name Owners**

If certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners are issued, investors may choose to hold their debt securities in their own names or in street name. Debt securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker, or other financial institution that the investor chooses, and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those debt securities through an account that he or she maintains at that institution.

For debt securities held in street name, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers, and other financial institutions in whose names the debt securities are registered as the holders of those debt securities, and Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will make all payments on those debt securities, including deliveries of any property other than cash, to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold debt securities in street name will be indirect owners, not holders, of those debt securities.

## **Legal Holders**

Bank of America's and BofA Finance's obligations, as well as the obligations of the trustee under any indenture and the obligations, if any, of any other third parties employed by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance or the trustee, run only to the holders of the debt securities. Bank of America and BofA Finance do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, who hold the debt securities in street name, or who hold the debt securities by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect owner of a debt security or has no choice because the debt securities are being issued only in global form. For example, once Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, makes a payment or gives a notice to the holder, it has no further responsibility for that payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect owners, but does not do so. Similarly, if Bank of America or BofA Finance want to obtain the approval of the holders for any purpose, such as to amend an indenture for a series of debt securities or to relieve it of the consequences of a default or of its obligation to comply with a particular provision of an indenture, it would seek the approval only from the holders, and not the indirect owners, of the relevant debt securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect owners is up to the holders.

When Bank of America or BofA Finance refers to "you" in this prospectus, it means those who invest in the debt securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect owners of those debt securities. When Bank of America or BofA Finance refers to "your debt securities" in this prospectus, it means the debt securities in which you will hold a direct or indirect interest.

## **Special Considerations for Indirect Owners**

If you hold debt securities through a bank, broker, or other financial institution, either in book-entry only form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- how it handles payments on your debt securities and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you the debt securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;
- how it would exercise rights under the debt securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the debt securities are in book-entry only form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

## **Depositories for Global Securities**

Each debt security issued in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security that Bank of America or BofA Finance deposits with and registers in the name of one or more financial institutions or clearing systems, which Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will select, or their nominees. A financial institution or clearing system that is selected for this purpose is called the "depository" for that debt security. A debt security usually will have only one depository, but it may have more.

Each series of debt securities will have one or more of the following as the depositories:

- The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which is known as "DTC";
- a financial institution holding the debt securities on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV, which is known as "Euroclear";
- a financial institution holding the debt securities on behalf of Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg, which is known as "Clearstream, Luxembourg"; and
- any other clearing system or financial institution identified in the applicable supplement.

The depositories named above also may be participants in one another's clearing systems. For example, if DTC is the depository for a global security, investors may hold beneficial interests in that security through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as DTC participants.

The depository or depositories for your debt securities will be named in the applicable supplement. If no depository is named, the depository will be DTC.

### ***The Depository Trust Company***

The following is based on information made publicly available by DTC:

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, DTC will act as securities depository for the securities. The securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name

of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or any other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered security certificate will be issued for each issue of the securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of the issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of the issue. One or more global securities that represent multiple series of debt securities may also be issued.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly ("indirect participants"). The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). Information on that website is not included or incorporated by reference herein.

Purchases of the securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each security ("beneficial owner") is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, beneficial owners of securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the securities for its benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's Money Market Instrument ("MMI") procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

Any payments of principal, any premium, interest, or other amounts on the securities will be made to Cede & Co., or any other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us, on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of these participants and not of DTC or its nominee, us, the trustee, or any other agent or party, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time. Payment of dividends or principal and any premium or interest to Cede & Co. (or any other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable. Disbursement of the payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of the payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of the direct or indirect participants.

Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will send any redemption notices to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities of a series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the issue to be redeemed.

A beneficial owner shall give notice to elect to have its securities repurchased through the participant through which it holds its beneficial interest in the security to the applicable trustee or tender agent. The beneficial owner shall effect delivery of its securities by causing the direct participant to transfer its interest in the securities on DTC's records. The requirement for physical delivery of securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the securities are transferred by the direct participant on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered securities to the applicable trustee or agent's DTC account.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository for the securities at any time by giving Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, reasonable notice. If this occurs, and if a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will print and deliver definitive securities.

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that

event, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will print and deliver definitive securities to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for its accuracy.

### ***Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg***

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders (each such account holder, a "participant" and collectively, the "participants"). Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other. Euroclear is incorporated under the laws of Belgium and Clearstream, Luxembourg is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are worldwide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant of either system.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may be depositories for a global security sold or traded outside the United States. In addition, if DTC is the depository for a global security, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may hold interests in the global security as participants in DTC. As long as any global security is held by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as depository, you may hold an interest in the global security only through an organization that participates, directly or indirectly, in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. If Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is the depository for a global security and there is no depository in the United States, you will not be able to hold interests in that global security through any securities clearing system in the United States.

Payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to the securities made through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg must comply with the rules and procedures of those clearing systems. Those clearing systems could change their rules and procedures at any time. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance has control over those clearing systems or their participants, and neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for their activities. Transactions between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, on one hand, and participants in DTC, on the other hand, when DTC is the depository, also would be subject to DTC's rules and procedures.

Investors will be able to make and receive through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other transactions involving any securities

held through those clearing systems only on days when those clearing systems are open for business. Those clearing systems may not be open for business on days when banks, brokers, and other institutions are open for business in the United States. In addition, because of time-zone differences, U.S. investors who hold their interests in the securities through these clearing systems and wish to transfer their interests, or to receive or make a payment or delivery or exercise any other right with respect to their interests, on a particular day may find that the transaction will not be effected until the next business day in Brussels or Luxembourg, as applicable. Thus, investors who wish to exercise rights that expire on a particular day may need to act before the expiration date. In addition, investors who hold their interests through both DTC and Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg may need to make special arrangements to finance any purchases or sales of their interests between the United States and European clearing systems, and those transactions may settle later than would be the case for transactions within one clearing system.

The information in this section concerning Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg has been obtained from sources that are believed to be reliable, but neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for its accuracy.

### **Special Considerations for Global Securities**

As an indirect owner, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the depository and those of the investor's financial institution or other intermediary through which it holds its interest (e.g., Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, if DTC is the depository), as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance recognizes this type of investor or any intermediary as a holder of debt securities. Instead, Bank of America and BofA Finance deal only with the depository that holds the global security.

If debt securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the debt securities to be registered in his or her own name, and cannot obtain physical certificates for his or her interest in the debt securities, except in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the indenture governing the relevant securities;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities, as described above under “—Legal Holders”;
- under existing industry practices, if Bank of America, BofA Finance or the trustee requests any action of owners of beneficial interests in any global security or if an owner of a beneficial interest in any global security desires to give instructions or take any action that a holder of an interest in a global security is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture, DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, would authorize the participants owning the relevant beneficial interests to give instructions or take such action, and such participants would authorize indirect holders to give or take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of such indirect holders;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in definitive form;

- an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the debt securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective; furthermore, as Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg act on behalf of their respective participants only, who in turn may act on behalf of their respective clients, the ability of beneficial owners who are not participants with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to pledge interests in any global security to persons or entities that are not participants with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or otherwise take action in respect of interests in any global security, may be limited;
- the depository's policies will govern payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security, and those policies may change from time to time;
- Bank of America, BofA Finance, the trustee, or any other agents will not be responsible for any aspect of the depository's policies, actions, or records of ownership interests in a global security;
- Bank of America, BofA Finance, the trustee, or any other agents do not supervise the depository in any way;
- the depository will require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and
- financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system and through which an investor holds its interest in the global securities, directly or indirectly, also may have their own policies affecting payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to the debt securities. Those policies may change from time to time. For example, if you hold an interest in a global security through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg when DTC is the depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, will require those who purchase and sell interests in that debt security through them to use immediately available funds and comply with other policies and procedures, including deadlines for giving instructions as to transactions that are to be effected on a particular day. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance monitors or is responsible for the policies or actions or records of ownership interests of any of those intermediaries.

## U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of certain of the debt securities that we are offering. The following discussion is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury Department (“Treasury”) (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below. This section constitutes the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP, United States tax counsel to Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC.

This summary is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a particular holder in light of its investment or tax circumstances or to holders subject to special tax rules, such as: partnerships, or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, subchapter S corporations, any government (or instrumentality or agency thereof), banks, financial institutions, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, trusts and estates, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that have elected to use the mark-to-market method of tax accounting for their securities, persons holding the debt securities as part of an integrated investment, including a “straddle,” “hedge,” “constructive sale,” or “conversion transaction,” persons (other than Non-U.S. Holders) whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar, and persons subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code. This summary does not address special rules applicable to a person required for U.S. federal income tax purposes to conform the timing of income accruals with respect to the debt securities to its financial statements under Section 451(b) of the Code. This summary also does not include any description of the tax laws of any state or local governments, or of any foreign government, that may be applicable to a particular holder. This summary also may not apply to all forms of debt securities that we may issue. If the tax consequences associated with a particular form of debt security are different than those described below, they will be described in the applicable supplement.

Although certain of the debt securities will be issued by BofA Finance, they will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as if they were issued by Bank of America. Accordingly, throughout this discussion, references to “we,” “our” or “us” are generally to Bank of America unless the context requires otherwise. References to “debt securities” refer only to debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation or BofA Finance LLC.

This discussion applies only to holders who, except as otherwise specifically noted, will purchase the debt securities offered in this prospectus upon original issuance and will hold such securities as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment.

*You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of these securities, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.*

As used in this prospectus, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of the debt securities offered in this prospectus that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

As used in this prospectus, the term “Non-U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner that is not a U.S. Holder and is not a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds the debt securities offered in this prospectus, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership and accordingly, this summary does not apply to partnerships. A partner of a partnership holding the debt securities should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to the partner of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition by the partnership of the debt securities.

## **General**

### ***Consequences to U.S. Holders***

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to U.S. Holders of debt securities.

*Payment of Stated Interest.* Except as described below in the case of interest on a debt security issued with original issue discount, as defined below under “—Original Issue Discount,” stated interest on a debt security generally will be included in the income of a U.S. Holder as interest income at the time it is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will be ordinary income.

*Original Issue Discount.* Some of our debt securities may be issued with original issue discount (“OID”). U.S. Holders of debt securities issued with OID, other than short-term debt securities with a maturity of one year or less from its date of issue (after taking into account the last possible date that the debt security could be outstanding under its terms), will be subject to special tax accounting rules, as described in greater detail below. For tax purposes, OID is the excess of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt instrument over its “issue price.” The “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt security is the sum of all payments required to be made on the debt security other than “qualified stated interest” payments, as defined below. The “issue price” of a debt security is generally the first offering price to the public at which a substantial amount of the issue was sold (ignoring sales to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers). The term “qualified stated interest” generally means stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property (other than debt instruments of the issuer), or that is treated as constructively received, at least annually at a single fixed rate or, under certain circumstances, at a variable rate. If a debt security bears interest during any accrual period at a rate below the rate applicable for the remaining term of the debt security (for example, debt securities with teaser rates or interest

holidays), interest payable at the lowest stated fixed rate generally is qualified stated interest and the excess, if any, is included in the stated redemption price at maturity for purposes of determining whether the debt security will be issued with original issue discount.

A U.S. Holder of a debt security with a maturity of more than one year from its date of issue that has been issued with OID (an “OID debt security”) is generally required to include any qualified stated interest payments in income as interest at the time such interest is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular accounting method for tax purposes, as described above under “—Payment of Stated Interest.” A U.S. Holder of an OID debt security is generally required to include in income the sum of the daily accruals of the OID for the debt security for each day during the taxable year (or portion of the taxable year) in which the U.S. Holder held the OID debt security, regardless of such holder’s regular method of accounting. Thus, a U.S. Holder may be required to include OID in income in advance of the receipt of some or all of the related cash payments. The daily portion is determined by allocating the OID for each day of the accrual period. An accrual period may be of any length and the accrual periods may even vary in length over the term of the OID debt security, provided that each accrual period is no longer than one year and each scheduled payment of principal or interest occurs either on the first day of an accrual period or on the final day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period is equal to the excess of: (1) the product of the “adjusted issue price” of the OID debt security at the beginning of the accrual period and its yield to maturity (computed generally on a constant yield method and compounded at the end of each accrual period, taking into account the length of the particular accrual period) over (2) the amount of any qualified stated interest allocable to the accrual period. OID allocable to a final accrual period is the difference between the amount payable at maturity, other than a payment of qualified stated interest, and the adjusted issue price at the beginning of the final accrual period. Special rules will apply for calculating OID for an initial short accrual period. The “adjusted issue price” of an OID debt security at the beginning of any accrual period is the sum of the issue price of the OID debt security plus the amount of OID allocable to all prior accrual periods reduced by any payments received on the OID debt security that were not qualified stated interest. Under these rules, a U.S. Holder generally will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID in successive accrual periods.

If the excess of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt security over its “issue price” is less than 1/4 of 1% of the debt instrument’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years from its issue date to its maturity, or weighted average maturity in the case of debt securities with more than one principal payment (“de minimis OID”), the debt security is not treated as issued with OID. The weighted average maturity is the sum of the following amounts determined for each payment under the debt security other than a payment of qualified stated interest: (i) the number of complete years from the issue date of the debt security until the payment is made, multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the payment and the denominator of which is the debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity. A U.S. Holder generally must include the de minimis OID in income at the time payments, other than qualified stated interest, on the debt securities are made in proportion to the amount paid (unless the U.S. Holder makes the election described below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount”). Any amount of de minimis OID that is included in income in this manner will be treated as capital gain.

*Debt Securities Subject to Early Redemption.* A debt security subject to redemption prior to maturity may be subject to rules that differ from the general rules described above for purposes of determining the yield and maturity of the debt security (which may affect whether the debt security is treated as issued with OID and, if so, the timing of accrual of the OID). Under applicable Treasury regulations, we will generally be presumed to exercise an option to redeem a debt security if the exercise of the option will lower the yield on the debt security. Conversely, a U.S. Holder will generally be presumed to exercise an option to require us to repurchase a debt security if the

exercise of the option will increase the yield on the debt security. If such an option is not in fact exercised, the debt security will be treated, solely for purposes of calculating OID, as if it were redeemed and a new debt security were issued on the presumed exercise date for an amount equal to the debt security's "adjusted issue price" on that date.

Under these rules, if a debt security provides for a fixed rate of interest that increases over the term of the debt security, the debt security's issue price is not below its stated principal amount and we have an option to redeem the debt security for an amount equal to the stated principal amount (plus accrued interest, if any) prior to the first date on which an increased rate of interest is in effect, the yield on the debt security will be lowered if we redeem the debt security before the initial increase in the interest rate, and therefore our redemption option will be treated as exercised. Since the debt security will therefore be treated as if it were redeemed and reissued prior to the initial increase in the interest rate, the debt security will not be treated as issued with OID. If a debt security is not treated as issued with OID and if, contrary to the presumption in the applicable Treasury regulations, we do not redeem the debt security before the initial increase in the interest rate, the same analysis will apply to all subsequent increases in the interest rate. This means that the debt security that is deemed reissued will be treated as redeemed prior to any subsequent increase in the interest rate, and therefore as issued without OID. If such a deemed reissuance occurs when the remaining term of the debt security is one year or less, it is possible that the debt security would thereafter be treated as a short-term debt instrument. See "—Short-Term Debt Securities" below.

Additional rules applicable to debt securities with OID that are denominated in or determined by reference to a currency other than the U.S. dollar are described under "—Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities" below.

*Variable Rate Debt Securities.* In the case of a debt security that is a variable rate debt security, special rules apply. A debt security will qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument" under Treasury regulations if (i) the debt security's issue price does not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments by more than the lesser of: (a) 0.015 multiplied by the product of the total noncontingent principal payments and the number of complete years to maturity from the issue date, or (b) 15% of the total noncontingent principal payments; and (ii) the debt security provides for stated interest, compounded or paid at least annually, only at one or more qualified floating rates, a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates, a single objective rate, or a single fixed rate and a single objective rate that is a qualified inverse floating rate.

Generally, a rate is a qualified floating rate if: (i) (a) variations in the value of the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous variations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the debt security is denominated; or (b) the rate is equal to such a rate multiplied by either a fixed multiple that is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35 or a fixed multiple greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35 increased or decreased by a fixed rate, and (ii) the value of the rate on any date during the term of the debt security is set no earlier than three months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than one year following that first day. If a debt security provides for two or more qualified floating rates that are within 0.25 percentage points of each other on the issue date or can reasonably be expected to have approximately the same values throughout the term of the debt security, the qualified floating rates together constitute a single qualified floating rate. A debt security will not have a variable rate that is a qualified floating rate, however, if the variable rate of interest is subject to one or more minimum or maximum rate floors or ceilings or one or more governors limiting the amount of increase or decrease unless such floor, ceiling, or governor is fixed throughout the term of the debt security or is not reasonably expected as of the issue date to significantly affect the yield on the debt security.

Generally, an objective rate is a rate that is (i) not a qualified floating rate, (ii) is determined using a single fixed formula that is based on objective financial or economic information that is not within the control of the issuer or a related party, and (iii) the value of the rate on any date during the term of the debt security is set no earlier than three months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than one year following that first day. If it is reasonably expected that the average value of the variable rate during the first half of the term of a debt security will be either significantly less than or significantly greater than the average value of the rate during the final half of the term of the debt security, then the debt security will not have a variable rate that is an objective rate. An objective rate is a qualified inverse floating rate if that rate is equal to a fixed rate minus a qualified floating rate and variations in the rate can reasonably be expected to inversely reflect contemporaneous variations in the qualified floating rate.

A debt security will also have a variable rate that is a single qualified floating rate or an objective rate if interest on the debt security is stated at a fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less followed by either a qualified floating rate or an objective rate for a subsequent period, and the value of the qualified floating rate or objective rate is intended to approximate the fixed rate (which is presumed if (a) the fixed rate and (b) the qualified floating rate or objective rate have values on the issue date of the debt security that do not differ by more than 0.25 percentage points).

In the case of a debt security that provides for stated interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a variable rate that is a single qualified floating rate or objective rate, or one of those rates after a single fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less (as described above), all stated interest on the debt security is treated as qualified stated interest. In that case, both the debt security's yield to maturity and qualified stated interest will be determined, solely for purposes of calculating the accrual of OID, if any, as though the debt security will bear interest in all periods throughout its term (in the case of a single qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate) at a fixed rate generally equal to the value of the rate on the issue date or, in the case of an objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate), the rate that reflects the yield to maturity that is reasonably expected for the debt security (the "fixed rate substitute"). A U.S. holder should then recognize OID, if any, that is calculated based on the debt security's assumed yield to maturity. If the interest actually accrued or paid during an accrual period exceeds or is less than the assumed fixed interest, the qualified stated interest allocable to that period is increased or decreased, as applicable.

If a debt security provides for stated interest at (x) multiple floating rates or (y) one or more floating rates in addition to a single fixed rate (other than a single fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less (as described above)), the interest and OID accruals on the debt security must be determined by (i) determining a fixed rate substitute for each qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate provided under the debt security (as described above), (ii) constructing the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument, using the fixed rate substitutes, (iii) determining the amount of qualified stated interest and OID with respect to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument, and (iv) making appropriate adjustments to qualified stated interest or OID for actual variable rates during the applicable accrual period.

In the case of a debt security that provides for stated interest either at one or more qualified floating rates or at a qualified inverse floating rate and also provides for stated interest at a single fixed rate other than at a single fixed rate for an initial period (as described above), the interest and OID accruals on the debt security must be determined by using the method described above. However, the debt security will be treated, for purposes of the first three steps of the determination, as if the debt security had provided for a qualified floating rate, or a qualified inverse floating rate, rather than the fixed rate. The qualified floating rate, or qualified inverse floating rate, that replaces the fixed rate must be such that the fair market value of the debt security as of the issue date approximates the fair market value of an otherwise identical debt

instrument that provides for the qualified floating rate, or qualified inverse floating rate, rather than the fixed rate.

*Acquisition Premium.* If a U.S. Holder purchases an OID debt security for an amount greater than its adjusted issue price (as determined above) at the purchase date and less than or equal to the sum of all amounts, other than qualified stated interest, payable on the OID debt security after the purchase date, the excess is “acquisition premium.” Under these rules, in general, the amount of OID which must be included in income for the debt security for any taxable year (or any portion of a taxable year in which the debt security is held) will be reduced (but not below zero) by the portion of the acquisition premium allocated to the period. The amount of acquisition premium allocated to each period is determined by multiplying the OID that otherwise would have been included in income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the cost over the adjusted issue price of the OID debt security and the denominator of which is the excess of the OID debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity over its adjusted issue price.

*Amortizable Bond Premium.* If a U.S. Holder purchases a debt security (including an OID debt security) for an amount in excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the debt security after the purchase date, other than qualified stated interest, such holder will be considered to have purchased such debt security with “amortizable bond premium” equal in amount to such excess. A U.S. Holder may elect to amortize such premium as an offset to interest income using a constant yield method over the remaining term of the debt security based on the U.S. Holder’s yield to maturity with respect to the debt security.

A U.S. Holder generally may use the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period to offset interest required to be included in the U.S. Holder’s income under its regular method of accounting with respect to the debt security in that accrual period. If the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the amount of interest allocable to such accrual period, such excess would be allowed as a deduction for such accrual period, but only to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s prior interest inclusions on the debt security that have not been offset previously by bond premium. Any excess is generally carried forward and allocable to the next accrual period.

If a debt security may be redeemed by us prior to its maturity date, the amount of amortizable bond premium will be based on the amount payable at the applicable redemption date, but only if use of the redemption date (in lieu of the stated maturity date) results in a smaller amortizable bond premium for the period ending on the redemption date.

An election to amortize bond premium applies to all taxable debt obligations held by the U.S. Holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies and thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. Generally, a holder may make an election to include in income its entire return on a debt security (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the debt security over the amount paid for the debt security by such holder) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest, as discussed below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.” If a holder makes such an election for a debt security with amortizable bond premium, such election will result in a deemed election to amortize bond premium for all of the holder’s debt instruments with amortizable bond premium and may be revoked only with the permission of the IRS.

A U.S. Holder that elects to amortize bond premium will be required to reduce its tax basis in the debt security by the amount of the premium amortized during its holding period. OID debt securities purchased at a premium will not be subject to the OID rules described above. If a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond premium, the amount of bond premium will be included in its tax basis in the debt security. Therefore, if a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond

premium and it holds the debt security to maturity, the premium generally will be treated as capital loss when the debt security matures.

*Market Discount.* If a U.S. Holder purchases a debt security for an amount that is less than its stated redemption price at maturity, or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, such holder will be considered to have purchased the debt security with “market discount.” Any payment, other than qualified stated interest, or any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security with market discount generally will be treated as ordinary interest income to the extent of the market discount not previously included in income that accrued on the debt security during such holder’s holding period. In general, market discount is treated as accruing on a straight-line basis over the term of the debt security unless an election is made to accrue the market discount under a constant yield method. In addition, a U.S. Holder may be required to defer, until the maturity of the debt security or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction, the deduction of a portion of the interest paid on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry the debt security in an amount not exceeding the accrued market discount on the debt security.

A U.S. Holder may elect to include market discount in income currently as it accrues (on either a straight-line or constant yield basis), in lieu of treating a portion of any gain realized on a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of the debt security as ordinary income. If an election is made to include market discount on a current basis, the interest deduction deferral rule described above will not apply. If a U.S. Holder makes such an election, it will apply to all market discount debt instruments acquired by such holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. The election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult with their own tax advisors before making this election.

If the difference between the stated redemption price at maturity of a debt security or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, and the amount paid for the debt security is less than 1/4 of 1% of the debt instrument’s stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, multiplied by the number of remaining complete years to the debt security’s maturity (“de minimis market discount”), the debt security is not treated as issued with market discount.

Generally, a holder may make an election to include in income its entire return on a debt security (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the debt security over the amount paid for the debt security by such holder) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest, as discussed below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.” If a holder makes such an election for a debt security with market discount, the holder will be required to include market discount in income currently as it accrues on a constant yield basis for all market discount debt instruments acquired by such holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and such election may be revoked only with the permission of the IRS.

*Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.* A U.S. Holder may elect to include in income all interest that accrues on a debt security using the constant-yield method applicable to OID described above, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. For purposes of this election, interest includes stated interest, acquisition discount, OID, de minimis OID, market discount, de minimis market discount, and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortizable bond premium or acquisition premium, each as described herein. If this election is made for a debt security, then, to apply the constant-yield method: (i) the issue price of the debt security will equal its cost, (ii) the issue date of the debt security will be the date it was acquired, and (iii) no payments on the debt security will be treated as payments of qualified stated interest. A U.S. Holder must make this election for the taxable year in which the debt security was acquired, and may not revoke the

election without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult with their own tax advisors before making this election.

*Debt Securities That Trade “Flat.”* We expect that certain debt securities will trade in the secondary market with accrued interest. However, we may issue debt securities with terms and conditions that would make it likely that such debt securities would trade “flat” in the secondary market, which means that upon a sale of a debt security a U.S. Holder would not be paid a separate amount that reflects the accrued but unpaid interest with respect to such debt security. Nevertheless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a portion of the sales proceeds equal to the interest accrued with respect to such debt security from the last interest payment date to the sale date must be treated as interest income rather than as an amount realized upon the sale. Accordingly, a U.S. Holder that sells such a debt security between interest payment dates would be required to recognize interest income and, in certain circumstances, would recognize a capital loss (the deductibility of which is subject to limitations) on the sale of the debt security. Concurrently, a U.S. Holder that purchases such a debt security between interest payment dates would not be required to include in income that portion of any interest payment received that is attributable to interest that accrued prior to the purchase. Such payment is generally treated as a return of capital which reduces the U.S. Holder’s remaining cost basis in the debt security. However, interest that accrues after the purchase date is included in income in the year received or accrued (depending on the U.S. Holder’s accounting method). U.S. Holders that purchase such debt securities between interest payment dates should consult their own tax advisors concerning such holder’s adjusted tax basis in the debt security and whether such debt securities should be treated as having been purchased with market discount, as described above.

*Short-Term Debt Securities.* Some of our debt securities may be issued with maturities of one year or less from the date of issue (after taking into account the last possible date that the debt security could be outstanding under its terms), which we refer to as short-term debt securities. Treasury regulations provide that no payments of interest on a short-term debt security are treated as qualified stated interest. Accordingly, in determining the amount of discount on a short-term debt security, all interest payments, including stated interest, are included in the short-term debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity.

In general, individual and certain other U.S. Holders using the cash basis method of tax accounting are not required to include accrued discount on short-term debt securities in income currently unless they elect to do so, but they are required to include any stated interest in income as the interest is received, except to the extent already included under such election. However, a cash basis U.S. Holder will be required to treat any gain realized on a sale, exchange, or retirement of the short-term debt security as ordinary income to the extent such gain does not exceed the discount accrued with respect to the short-term debt security, which will be determined on a straight-line basis unless the holder makes an election to accrue the discount under the constant-yield method, through the date of sale, exchange or retirement. Any gain in excess of this amount will be treated as short-term capital gain. Any loss recognized will be treated as a capital loss. In addition, a cash basis U.S. Holder that does not elect to include accrued discount in income currently will not be allowed to deduct any of the interest paid or accrued on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry a short-term debt security (in an amount not exceeding the deferred income), but instead will be required to defer deductions for such interest until the deferred income is realized upon the maturity of the short-term debt security or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a cash-basis U.S. Holder of a short-term debt security may elect to include accrued discount in income on a current basis. If this election is made, the limitation on the deductibility of interest described above will not apply.

A U.S. Holder using the accrual method of tax accounting generally will be required to include accrued discount on a short-term debt security in income on a current basis, on either a straight-

line basis or, at the election of the holder, under the constant-yield method based on daily compounding.

Regardless of whether a U.S. Holder is a cash-basis or accrual-basis holder it may elect to include accrued “acquisition discount” with respect to a short-term debt security in income on a current basis. Acquisition discount is the excess of the remaining redemption amount of the short-term debt security at the time of acquisition over the purchase price. Acquisition discount will be treated as accruing on a straight-line basis or, at the election of the holder, under a constant yield method based on daily compounding. If a U.S. Holder elects to include accrued acquisition discount in income, the rules for including OID will not apply. In addition, the market discount rules described above will not apply to short-term debt securities.

*Sale, Exchange, or Retirement of Debt Securities.* Upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued interest not previously included in income if the debt security is disposed of between interest payment dates, which will be included in income as interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the debt security. The amount realized by the U.S. Holder will include the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any other property received for the debt security. A U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in a debt security generally will be the cost of the debt security to such U.S. Holder, increased by any OID, market discount, de minimis OID, de minimis market discount, or any discount with respect to a short-term debt security previously included in income with respect to the debt security, and decreased by the amount of any premium previously amortized to reduce interest on the debt security and the amount of any payment (other than a payment of qualified stated interest) received in respect of the debt security.

Except as discussed above with respect to market discount, or as described below with respect to debt securities subject to contingencies and Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the debt security has been held for more than one year. Net long-term capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. Holder is generally taxed at preferential rates. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

*Reopenings.* Treasury regulations provide specific rules regarding whether additional debt instruments issued in a reopening will be considered part of the same issue, with the same issue price and yield to maturity, as the original debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Except as provided otherwise in an applicable supplement, we expect that additional debt securities issued by us in any reopening will be issued such that they will be considered part of the original issuance to which they relate.

*Debt Securities Subject to Contingencies.* Certain of the debt securities may provide for an alternative payment schedule or schedules applicable upon the occurrence of a contingency or contingencies, other than a remote or incidental contingency, whether such contingency relates to payments of interest or of principal. In addition, subject to the discussion above under “—Debt Securities Subject to Early Redemption,” certain of the debt securities may contain provisions permitting them to be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at our option and/or at the option of the holder. Debt securities containing these features may be characterized as “contingent payment debt instruments” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If the debt securities are properly characterized as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such debt securities generally will be subject to Treasury

regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. Under those regulations, a U.S. Holder will be required to report OID based on a “comparable yield” and a “projected payment schedule,” both as described below, established by us for determining interest accruals and adjustments with respect to the debt security. A U.S. Holder that does not use the “comparable yield” and follow the “projected payment schedule” to calculate its OID on a debt security must timely disclose and justify the use of other estimates to the IRS. No payments on a contingent payment debt instrument are treated as qualified stated interest.

A “comparable yield” with respect to a debt security generally is the yield at which we could issue a fixed-rate debt instrument with terms similar to those of the debt security (taking into account for this purpose the level of subordination, term, timing of payments, and general market conditions, but ignoring any adjustments for liquidity or the riskiness of the contingencies with respect to the debt security). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a comparable yield must not be less than the applicable U.S. federal rate based on the overall maturity of the debt security.

A “projected payment schedule” with respect to a debt security generally is a series of projected payments, the amount and timing of which would produce a yield to maturity on that debt security equal to the comparable yield. This projected payment schedule will consist of a projection for tax purposes of each non-contingent and contingent payment.

Based on the comparable yield and the projected payment schedule of the debt securities, a U.S. Holder of a debt security (regardless of its tax accounting method) generally will be required to accrue as OID the sum of the daily portions of interest on the debt security for each day in the taxable year on which the holder held the debt security, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the difference, if any, between the actual and projected amount of any contingent payments on the debt security, as set forth below. The daily portions of interest for a debt security are determined by allocating to each day in an accrual period the ratable portion of interest on the debt security that accrues in the accrual period. The amount of interest on the debt security that accrues in an accrual period is the product of the comparable yield on the debt security (adjusted to reflect the length of the accrual period) and the adjusted issue price of the debt security at the beginning of the accrual period. The adjusted issue price of a debt security at the beginning of the first accrual period will equal its issue price (as described above). For any subsequent accrual period, the adjusted issue price will be (i) the sum of the issue price of the debt security and any interest previously accrued on the debt security by a holder (without regard to any positive or negative adjustments, described below) minus (ii) the amount of any projected payments on the debt security for previous accrual periods.

A U.S. Holder of a debt security generally will be required to include in income OID in excess of actual cash payments received for certain taxable years. In addition to the accrued OID, a U.S. Holder will be required to recognize interest income equal to the amount of any positive adjustment for a debt security for the taxable year in which a contingent payment is paid (including a payment of interest at maturity). A positive adjustment is the excess of actual payments in respect of contingent payments over the projected amount of contingent payments. A U.S. Holder also will be required to account for any “negative adjustment” for a taxable year in which a contingent payment is paid. A negative adjustment is the excess of the projected amounts of contingent payments over actual payments in respect of the contingent payments. A net negative adjustment is the amount by which total negative adjustments in a taxable year exceed total positive adjustments in such taxable year. A net negative adjustment (i) will first reduce the amount of interest for the debt security that a U.S. Holder would otherwise be required to include in income in the taxable year, and (ii) to the extent of any excess, will result in an ordinary loss equal to that portion of the excess as does not exceed the excess of (a) the amount of all previous interest inclusions under the debt security over (b) the total amount of the U.S. Holder’s net negative adjustments treated as ordinary loss on the debt security in prior taxable years. A net negative adjustment is not treated as a

deductible miscellaneous itemized deduction under Section 67 of the Code. Any net negative adjustment in excess of the amounts described above in (i) and (ii) will be carried forward to offset future interest income on the debt security or to reduce the amount realized on a sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the debt security.

If a contingent payment becomes fixed (within the meaning of applicable Treasury regulations) more than six months before its due date, a positive or negative adjustment, as appropriate, is made to reflect the difference between the present value of the amount that is fixed and the present value of the projected amount. The present value of each amount is determined by discounting the amount from the date the payment is due to the date the payment becomes fixed, using a discount rate equal to the comparable yield. If all contingent payments on the debt security become fixed, substantially contemporaneously, applicable Treasury regulations provide that, with regard to contingent payments that become fixed on a day that is more than six months before their due date, U.S. Holders should take into account positive or negative adjustments in respect of such contingent payments over the period to which they relate in a reasonable manner. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a payment (including an amount payable at maturity) will be treated as fixed if (and when) all remaining contingencies with respect to it are remote or incidental within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in the debt security and the character of any gain or loss on the sale of the debt security will also be affected. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the application of these special rules, including as to what would be a "reasonable manner" in their particular situation.

We expect that the applicable supplement will include a table that sets forth the following information with respect to the principal amount of the debt securities for each of the applicable accrual periods through the maturity date of the debt securities: (i) the amount of interest deemed to have accrued during the accrual period, and (ii) the total amount of interest deemed to have accrued from the original issue date through the end of the accrual period. The table will be based upon a projected payment schedule and a comparable yield. The comparable yield will be determined based upon market conditions as of the date of the applicable supplement. The comparable yield is likely to change between the date of any preliminary supplement and the date of the related final supplement. Therefore, the projected payment schedule included in any preliminary supplement will be subject to change. We will determine the actual projected payment schedule and the actual comparable yield on the pricing date. Any tax accrual table included in a preliminary supplement will be revised, and the revised table will be set forth in the final supplement prepared in connection with the initial sale of the debt securities.

Upon a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security prior to maturity, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition and that holder's tax basis in the debt security. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in a debt security generally will equal the cost of that debt security, increased by the amount of OID previously accrued by the holder for that debt security (without regard to any positive or negative adjustments) and reduced by any projected payments for previous periods on the debt securities. A U.S. Holder generally will treat any gain as interest income, and will treat any loss as ordinary loss to the extent of the excess of previous interest inclusions over the total negative adjustments previously taken into account as ordinary losses, and the balance as long-term or short-term capital loss depending upon the U.S. Holder's holding period for the debt security. The deductibility of capital losses by a U.S. Holder is subject to limitations.

U.S. Holders considering the purchase of debt securities with these features should carefully examine the applicable supplement and should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of the purchase, ownership and disposition of such debt securities.

*Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities.* Additional considerations apply to a U.S. Holder of a debt security payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (“foreign currency”).

We refer to these securities as “Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities.” In the case of payments of stated interest, U.S. Holders using the cash method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security (other than OID or market discount) when the payment of interest is received. The U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment is determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date the payment is received, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted to U.S. dollars at that time. The U.S. dollar value will be the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the foreign currency received. The U.S. Holder will not recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss with respect to the receipt of such payment.

U.S. Holders using the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the amount of interest income that has accrued and is otherwise required to be taken into account with respect to a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security during an accrual period. The U.S. dollar value of the accrued income will be determined by translating the income at the average rate of exchange for the accrual period or, with respect to an accrual period that spans two taxable years, at the average rate for the partial period within the taxable year. A U.S. Holder may elect, however, to translate the accrued interest income using the exchange rate on the last day of the accrual period or, with respect to an accrual period that spans two taxable years, using the exchange rate on the last day of the taxable year. If the last day of an accrual period is within five business days of the date of receipt of the accrued interest, a U.S. Holder may translate the interest using the exchange rate on the date of receipt. The above election will apply to all other debt obligations held by the U.S. Holder and the election may not be changed without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors before making the above election. Upon receipt of an interest payment (including, upon the sale of the debt security, the receipt of proceeds which include amounts attributable to accrued interest previously included in income), the holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the U.S. dollar value of such payment (determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date such payment is received) and the U.S. dollar value of the interest income previously included in income with respect to such payment. This gain or loss will be treated as ordinary income or loss.

OID on a debt security that is also a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be determined for any accrual period in the applicable foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars, in the same manner as interest income accrued by a holder on the accrual basis, as described above (regardless of such holder’s regular method of tax accounting). A U.S. Holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss when OID is paid (including, upon the sale of such debt security, the receipt of proceeds which include amounts attributable to OID previously included in income) to the extent of the difference between the U.S. dollar value of such payment (determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date such payment is received) and the U.S. dollar value of the accrued OID (determined in the same manner as for accrued interest). For these purposes, all receipts on a debt security will be viewed: (i) first, as the receipt of any stated interest payment called for under the terms of the debt security, (ii) second, as receipts of previously accrued OID (to the extent thereof), with payments considered made for the earliest accrual periods first, and (iii) third, as the receipt of principal.

The amount of market discount on Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities includible in income generally will be determined by translating the market discount determined in the foreign currency into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt

Security is retired or otherwise disposed of. If a U.S. Holder elected to accrue market discount currently, then the amount which accrues is determined in the foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars on the basis of the average exchange rate in effect during such accrual period. A U.S. Holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss with respect to market discount which is accrued currently using the approach applicable to the accrual of interest income as described above.

Amortizable bond premium on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be computed in the applicable foreign currency. If a U.S. Holder elected to amortize the premium, the amortizable bond premium will reduce interest income in the applicable foreign currency. At the time bond premium is amortized, foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be realized based on the difference between spot rates at such time and the time of acquisition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. If a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond premium, the bond premium computed in the foreign currency must be translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the maturity date and such bond premium will constitute a capital loss which may be offset or eliminated by foreign currency exchange gain.

If a U.S. Holder purchases a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security with previously owned foreign currency, foreign currency exchange gain or loss (which will be treated as ordinary income or loss) will be recognized in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the tax basis in the foreign currency and the U.S. dollar fair market value of the foreign currency used to purchase the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, determined on the date of purchase.

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other taxable disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid interest not previously included in income, which will be treated as a payment of interest for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the adjusted tax basis in the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. The adjusted tax basis in a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will equal the amount paid for the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, increased by the amounts of any market discount or OID previously included in income with respect to the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security and reduced by any amortized acquisition or other premium and any principal payments received in respect of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. The amount of any payment in or adjustments measured by foreign currency will be equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date of the purchase or adjustment. The amount realized will be based on the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date the payment is received or the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is disposed of (or deemed disposed of as a result of a material change in the terms of the debt security). If, however, a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is traded on an established securities market and the U.S. Holder uses the cash basis method of tax accounting, the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized will be determined by translating the foreign currency payment at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of the purchase or sale. A U.S. Holder that uses the accrual basis method of tax accounting may elect the same treatment with respect to the purchase and sale of Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities traded on an established securities market, provided that the election is applied consistently. This election cannot be changed without the consent of the IRS.

Except with respect to market discount as discussed above, and the foreign currency rules discussed below, gain or loss recognized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other taxable disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition, the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security has been held for more than one year. Net long-term

capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. Holder is generally taxed at preferential rates. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

A portion of the gain or loss with respect to the principal amount of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security may be treated as foreign currency exchange gain or loss. Foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be treated as ordinary income or loss. For these purposes, the principal amount of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is the purchase price for the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security calculated in the foreign currency on the date of purchase, and the amount of exchange gain or loss recognized is equal to the difference between (i) the U.S. dollar value of the principal amount determined on the date of the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security and (ii) the U.S. dollar value of the principal amount determined on the date the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security was purchased. The amount of foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be limited to the amount of overall gain or loss realized on the disposition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security.

The tax basis in foreign currency received as interest on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency determined at the spot rate in effect on the date the foreign currency is received. The tax basis in foreign currency received on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency, determined at the time of the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition. As discussed above, if the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities are traded on an established securities market, a cash basis U.S. Holder (or, upon election, an accrual basis U.S. Holder) will determine the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition. Accordingly, in such case, no foreign currency exchange gain or loss will result from currency fluctuations between the trade date and settlement date of a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition. Any gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of foreign currency (including its exchange for U.S. dollars or its use to purchase debt securities) will be ordinary income or loss.

Special rules may apply to Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities that are also treated as contingent payment debt instruments. For the special treatment, if any, of Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities that are also contingent payment debt securities, see the applicable supplement.

*Additional Medicare Tax on Unearned Income.* Certain U.S. Holders, including individuals, estates and trusts, are subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on unearned income. For individual U.S. Holders, the additional Medicare tax applies to the lesser of (i) “net investment income” or (ii) the excess of “modified adjusted gross income” over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly or \$125,000 if married and filing separately). “Net investment income” generally equals the taxpayer’s gross investment income reduced by the deductions that are allocable to such income. Investment income generally includes passive income such as interest and capital gains. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the debt securities.

### ***Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders***

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to Non-U.S. Holders of debt securities. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. and non-U.S. tax considerations of acquiring, holding, and disposing of debt securities.

*Payments of Interest.* Under current U.S. federal income tax law and subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), principal (and premium, if any) and interest payments, including any OID, that are received from us or our agent and that are not effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States, or a permanent establishment maintained in the United States if certain tax treaties apply, generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax except as provided below. Interest, including any OID, may be subject to a 30% withholding tax (or less under an applicable treaty, if any) if:

- a Non-U.S. Holder actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;
- a Non-U.S. Holder is a “controlled foreign corporation” for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is related to us (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership;
- a Non-U.S. Holder is a bank extending credit under a loan agreement in the ordinary course of its trade or business;
- the interest payments on the debt security are determined by reference to the income, profits, changes in the value of property or other attributes of the debtor or a related party (other than payments that are based on the value of a security or index of securities that are, and will continue to be, actively traded within the meaning of Section 1092(d) of the Code, and that are not nor will be a “United States real property interest” as described in Section 897(c)(1) or 897(g) of the Code); or
- the Non-U.S. Holder does not satisfy the certification requirements described below.

A Non-U.S. Holder generally will satisfy the certification requirements if either: (A) the Non-U.S. Holder certifies to the applicable withholding agent, under penalties of perjury, that it is a non-United States person and provides its name and address (which certification may generally be made on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, or a successor form), or (B) a securities clearing organization, bank, or other financial institution that holds customer securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a “financial institution”) and holds the debt security certifies to the applicable withholding agent under penalties of perjury that either it or another financial institution has received the required statement from the Non-U.S. Holder certifying that it is a non-United States person and furnishes us with a copy of the statement.

Payments not meeting the requirements set forth above and thus subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax may nevertheless be exempt from withholding (or subject to withholding at a reduced rate) if the Non-U.S. Holder provides the applicable withholding agent with a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form) claiming an exemption from, or reduction in, withholding under the benefit of a tax treaty, or IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on the debt securities is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States as discussed below. To claim benefits under an income tax treaty, a Non-U.S. Holder must obtain a taxpayer identification number and certify as to its eligibility under the appropriate treaty’s limitations on benefits article. In addition, special rules may apply to claims for treaty benefits made by Non-U.S. Holders that are entities rather than individuals. A Non-U.S. Holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. federal withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

*Sale, Exchange, or Retirement of Debt Securities.* A Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on any capital gain or market discount realized on

the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of debt securities, provided that: (a) the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States, or a permanent establishment maintained in the United States if certain tax treaties apply, (b) in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is an individual, the Non-U.S. Holder is not present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the debt security, and (c) the Non-U.S. Holder is not subject to tax pursuant to certain provisions of U.S. federal income tax law applicable to certain expatriates. An individual Non-U.S. Holder who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of sale, exchange, or other disposition of a debt security, provided that certain other conditions are met, will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on the gain realized on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of such debt security.

*Income Effectively Connected with a Trade or Business within the United States.* If a Non-U.S. Holder of a debt security is engaged in the conduct of a trade or business within the United States and if interest (including any OID) on the debt security, or gain realized on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the debt security, is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if certain tax treaties apply, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), the Non-U.S. Holder, although exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax (provided that the certification requirements discussed above are satisfied), generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest (including any OID) or gain on a net income basis in the same manner as if it were a U.S. Holder. Non-U.S. Holders should read the material under the heading “—Consequences to U.S. Holders” for a description of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, and disposing of debt securities. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, it may also be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or such lower rate provided by an applicable U.S. income tax treaty) of a portion of its earnings and profits for the taxable year that are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States, subject to certain adjustments.

*Dividend Equivalent Payments.* A “dividend equivalent” payment is treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and such payments generally would be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax if paid to a Non-U.S. Holder. Under Treasury regulations, payments (including deemed payments) with respect to equity-linked instruments (“ELIs”) that are “specified ELIs” may be treated as dividend equivalents if such specified ELIs reference an interest in an “underlying security,” which is generally any interest in an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a payment with respect to such interest could give rise to a U.S. source dividend. IRS guidance provides that withholding on dividend equivalent payments will not apply to specified ELIs that are not delta-one instruments and that are issued before January 1, 2025. However, it is possible that the debt securities could be treated as deemed reissued for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the occurrence of certain events affecting a reference asset or the debt securities, and following such occurrence the debt securities could be treated as subject to withholding on dividend equivalent payments. Non-U.S. Holders that enter, or have entered, into other transactions in respect of the reference assets or the debt securities should consult their tax advisors as to the application of the dividend equivalent withholding tax in the context of the debt securities and their other transactions. If any payments are treated as dividend equivalents subject to withholding, we (or the applicable paying agent) would be entitled to withhold taxes without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

### ***Convertible, Renewable, Extendible, Indexed, and Other Debt Securities***

Special U.S. federal income tax rules are applicable to certain other debt securities, including contingent Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities, debt securities that may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common or preferred stock or other securities or debt or

equity securities of one or more third parties, debt securities the payments on which are determined or partially determined by reference to any index and other debt securities that are subject to the rules governing contingent payment obligations, any renewable and extendible debt securities and any debt securities providing for the periodic payment of principal over the life of the debt security. The material U.S. federal income tax considerations with respect to these debt securities will be discussed in the applicable supplement.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

In general, in the case of a U.S. Holder, other than certain exempt holders, we and other payors are required to report to the IRS all payments of principal, any premium, and interest on the debt security, and the accrual of OID on an OID debt security. In addition, we and other payors generally are required to report to the IRS any payment of proceeds of the sale of a debt security before maturity. Additionally, backup withholding generally will apply to any payments, including payments of OID, if a U.S. Holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number and certify that the taxpayer identification number is correct, the U.S. Holder is notified by the IRS that it has failed to report all interest and dividends required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax returns or a U.S. Holder does not certify that it has not underreported its interest and dividend income.

In the case of a Non-U.S. Holder, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to payments made if the Non-U.S. Holder provides the required certification that it is not a United States person, or the Non-U.S. Holder otherwise establishes an exemption, provided that the payor or withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a United States person, or that the conditions of any exemption are not satisfied. However, we and other payors are required to report payments of interest on the debt securities on IRS Form 1042-S even if the payments are not otherwise subject to information reporting requirements.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

### **Reportable Transactions**

Applicable Treasury regulations require taxpayers that participate in "reportable transactions" to disclose their participation to the IRS by attaching Form 8886 to their U.S. federal tax returns and to retain a copy of all documents and records related to the transaction. In addition, "material advisors" with respect to such a transaction may be required to file returns and maintain records, including lists identifying investors in the transactions, and to furnish those records to the IRS upon demand. A transaction may be a "reportable transaction" based on any of several criteria, one or more of which may be present with respect to an investment in the securities that we are offering. Whether an investment in these securities constitutes a "reportable transaction" for any investor depends on the investor's particular circumstances. The Treasury regulations provide that, in addition to certain other transactions, a "loss transaction" constitutes a "reportable transaction." A "loss transaction" is any transaction resulting in the taxpayer claiming a loss under Section 165 of the Code, in an amount equal to or in excess of certain threshold amounts, subject to certain exceptions. The Treasury regulations specifically provide that a loss resulting from a "Section 988 transaction" will constitute a Section 165 loss, and certain exceptions will not be available if the loss from sale or exchange is treated as ordinary under Section 988. In general, certain securities issued in a foreign currency will be subject to the rules governing foreign currency exchange gain or loss. Therefore, losses realized with respect to such a security may constitute a Section 988 transaction, and a holder of such a security that recognizes exchange loss in an amount that

exceeds the loss threshold amount applicable to that holder may be required to file Form 8886. Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning any possible disclosure obligation they may have with respect to their investment in the securities that we are offering and should be aware that, should any “material advisor” determine that the return filing or investor list maintenance requirements apply to such a transaction, they would be required to comply with these requirements.

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”)**

Legislation commonly known as “FATCA” (sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code) imposes a 30% U.S. withholding tax on certain U.S. source payments, including interest (and OID), dividends, other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gain, profits, and income, and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of property of a type which can produce U.S. source interest or dividends (“Withholdable Payments”), if paid to a foreign financial institution (including amounts paid to a foreign financial institution on behalf of a holder), unless such institution enters into an agreement with the Treasury to collect and provide to the Treasury certain information regarding U.S. financial account holders, including certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners, with such institution or otherwise complies with FATCA. FATCA also generally imposes a withholding tax of 30% on Withholdable Payments made to a non-financial foreign entity unless such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial U.S. owners of the entity. Under certain circumstances, a holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

These withholding and reporting requirements generally apply to U.S. source periodic payments and to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or redemption. However, under proposed Treasury regulations (the preamble to which specifies that taxpayers are permitted to rely on them pending finalization), no withholding under FATCA will apply to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or redemption (other than income treated as U.S.-source “fixed or determinable annual or periodical” income). If we (or an applicable withholding agent) determine withholding under FATCA is appropriate, we (or such agent) will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate, without being required to pay any additional amounts in respect of such withholding. Foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the debt securities, preferred stock, depositary shares, or common stock.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may sell the debt securities offered using this prospectus:

- through underwriters;
- through dealers;
- through agents; or
- directly to purchasers.

The underwriters, dealers, or agents may include BofA Securities, Inc. (“BofAS”) or any of our other broker-dealer affiliates.

Each supplement relating to an offering of debt securities will state the terms of the offering, including:

- the names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents;
- the public offering or purchase price of the offered debt securities and the net proceeds that we will receive from the sale;
- any underwriting discounts and commissions or other items constituting underwriters’ compensation;
- any discounts, commissions, or fees allowed or paid to dealers or agents; and
- any securities exchange on which the offered debt securities may be listed.

### **Distribution Through Underwriters**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities from time to time to one or more underwriters who would purchase the debt securities as principal for resale to the public, either on a firm commitment or best efforts basis. If Bank of America or BofA Finance sells debt securities to underwriters, it will enter into an agreement with them at the time of sale and will name them in the applicable supplement. In connection with these sales, the underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters also may receive commissions from purchasers of debt securities for whom they may act as agent. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the underwriters will not be obligated to purchase the debt securities unless the conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement are satisfied, and if the underwriters purchase any of the debt securities, they will be required to purchase all of the offered debt securities. The underwriters may acquire the debt securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or varying prices determined at the time of sale. The underwriters may sell the offered debt securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive discounts, concessions, or commissions from the underwriters as well as from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

## **Distribution Through Dealers**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities from time to time to one or more dealers who would purchase the debt securities as principal. The dealers then may resell the offered debt securities to the public at fixed or varying prices to be determined by those dealers at the time of resale. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will set forth the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction in the applicable supplement.

## **Distribution Through Agents**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities on a continuous basis through agents that become parties to an underwriting or distribution agreement. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will name any agent involved in the offer and sale, and describe any commissions payable by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance in the applicable supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the agent will be acting on a best efforts basis during the appointment period.

## **Direct Sales**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may sell directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters, as defined in the Securities Act, for any resale of the debt securities. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will describe the terms of any sales of this kind in the applicable supplement.

## **General Information**

Underwriters, dealers, or agents participating in an offering of debt securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the offered debt securities for whom they act as agent, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer to sell debt securities either at a fixed price or at prices that may vary, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. Debt securities may be sold in connection with a remarketing after their purchase by one or more firms including our affiliates, acting as principal for their own accounts or as our agent.

In connection with an underwritten offering of the debt securities, the underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. The underwriters may enter bids for, and purchase, debt securities in the open market in order to stabilize the price of the debt securities. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the debt securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. In addition, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the debt securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed debt securities in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions, or otherwise. These activities may cause the price of the debt securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. Those activities, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Ordinarily, each issue of debt securities will be a new issue, and there will be no established trading market for any debt security prior to its original issue date. Bank of America and/or BofA

Finance may not list any particular series of debt securities on a securities exchange or quotation system. Any underwriters to whom or agents through whom the offered securities are sold for offering and sale may make a market in the offered debt securities. However, any underwriters or agents that make a market will not be obligated to do so and may stop doing so at any time without notice. Bank of America and BofA Finance cannot assure you that there will be a liquid trading market for the offered debt securities.

Under agreements entered into with Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, underwriters and agents may be entitled to indemnification by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution for payments the underwriters or agents may be required to make.

In the applicable supplement, we will specify the settlement period for the offered debt securities. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if Bank of America and/or BofA Finance specify a longer settlement cycle in the applicable supplement for an offering of debt securities, purchasers who wish to trade those debt securities on any date prior to two business days before delivery of such debt securities, will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of the trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisors in connection with that election.

### **Market-Making Transactions by Affiliates**

Following the initial distribution of debt securities, broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, including BofAS, may buy and sell the debt securities in secondary market transactions as part of their business as broker-dealers. Resales of this kind may occur in the open market or may be privately negotiated, at prevailing market prices at the time of resale or at related or negotiated prices. This prospectus and any related supplements may be used by one or more affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance in connection with these market-making transactions to the extent permitted by applicable law. Affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

The aggregate initial offering price specified on the cover of the applicable supplement will relate to the initial offering of debt securities not yet issued as of the date of this prospectus. This amount does not include any debt securities to be sold in market-making transactions. The debt securities to be sold in market-making transactions include debt securities issued after the date of this prospectus.

Information about the trade and settlement dates, as well as the purchase price, for a market-making transaction will be provided to the purchaser in a separate confirmation of sale.

Unless Bank of America, BofA Finance or their respective agent informs you in your confirmation of sale that the debt security is being purchased in its original offering and sale, you may assume that you are purchasing the debt security in a market-making transaction.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

BofAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America and an affiliate of BofA Finance, and unless otherwise set forth in the applicable supplement, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will receive the net proceeds of any offering in which BofAS participates as an underwriter, dealer or agent. The offer and sale of any debt securities by BofAS, or any other broker-dealer affiliate of Bank of America or BofA Finance that is a member of the Financial

Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or “FINRA,” will comply with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 regarding a FINRA member firm’s offer and sale of securities of an affiliate. As required by FINRA Rule 5121, any such offer and sale will not be made to any discretionary account without the prior approval of the customer.

The maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not be greater than 8% of the initial gross proceeds from the sale of any debt security being sold.

The underwriters, agents and their affiliates may engage in financial or other business transactions with Bank of America and its subsidiaries and BofA Finance in the ordinary course of business.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, one or more of the underwriters, dealers or agents and/or their respective 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. These investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of Bank of America or its affiliates, including BofA Finance. These underwriters, dealers, agents, or their affiliates, that have a lending relationship with Bank of America routinely hedge their credit exposure to Bank of America consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these parties would hedge such exposure to Bank of America by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities of Bank of America, including potentially the debt securities offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the debt securities offered hereby. These broker-dealers or their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such debt securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such debt securities and instruments.

## ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

A fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) (each, an “ERISA Plan”), should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the ERISA plan’s particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the debt securities. Among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether such an investment is in accordance with the documents governing the ERISA plan and whether the investment is appropriate for the ERISA plan in view of its overall investment policy and diversification of its portfolio. A fiduciary should also consider whether an investment in the debt securities may constitute a “prohibited transaction,” as described below.

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit ERISA Plans, as well as plans, accounts and other arrangements described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code (including, without limitation, individual retirement accounts and retirement plans covering self-employed persons) that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code, and entities whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of an ERISA Plan’s or such plan’s, account’s or arrangement’s investment in such entities (including, without limitation, as applicable, insurance company general accounts) (the foregoing, together with ERISA Plans, “Plans”), from engaging in certain transactions involving “plan assets” with parties that are “parties in interest” under ERISA or “disqualified persons” under the Code with respect to the Plans (referred to as “prohibited transactions”).

Because of its business, the issuers and certain of their affiliates may each be considered a “party in interest” or a “disqualified person” with respect to many Plans on account of being a service provider to such Plans. As a result, a prohibited transaction may arise if the debt securities are acquired by or on behalf of a Plan unless the debt securities are acquired and held pursuant to an available exemption.

In this regard, the U.S. Department of Labor has issued certain prohibited transaction class exemptions (“PTCEs”) that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from or occurring in connection with the acquisition or holding of the debt securities. Those PTCEs include PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts) and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers). In addition, Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code provide an exemption for the purchase and sale of securities and related lending transactions, provided that neither the issuer of the securities nor any of its affiliates has or exercises any discretionary authority or control or renders any investment advice with respect to the assets of any Plan involved in the transaction and provided further that the Plan receives no less, nor pays no more, than adequate consideration in connection with the transaction (the so-called “Service Provider Exemption”). There can be no assurance that any of these class or statutory exemptions will be available with respect to transactions involving the debt securities.

Governmental, church, non-U.S. and other plans (collectively, “Non-ERISA Arrangements”) are generally not subject to the fiduciary responsibility or prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, but may be subject to similar restrictions under state, federal, local or non-U.S. laws (“Similar Laws”). Fiduciaries of Non-ERISA Arrangements should consult with their counsel regarding the potential consequences of an investment in the debt securities under any applicable Similar Laws before acquiring the debt securities.

Accordingly, debt securities may not be acquired or held by any Plan unless one of the following exemptions (or another available exemption) applies to such acquisition and holding: PTCE 96-23,

PTCE 95-60, PTCE 91-38, PTCE 90-1, PTCE 84-14 and the Service Provider Exemption. Each purchaser of the debt securities (or any interest therein) will be deemed to have represented and warranted on each day including the date of its acquisition of such debt securities (or interest therein) through and including the date of disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) that:

- (a) it is not a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement;
- (b) if it is a Plan, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code; or
- (c) if it is a Non-ERISA Arrangement, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) will not violate any Similar Law and are not otherwise prohibited.

Moreover, any purchaser that is a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement or is acquiring the debt securities on behalf of a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, including any fiduciary purchasing on behalf of a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its acquisition and holding of the debt securities that (a) none of the issuers, the underwriters, the dealers, the agents or their respective affiliates (collectively, the “Sellers”) is a “fiduciary” (under Section 3(21) of ERISA or any Similar Laws, or under any final or proposed regulations thereunder) in connection with the initial offerings of the debt securities, (b) no information provided by any Seller constitutes advice that has formed a primary basis for any investment decision by or on behalf of such purchaser in connection with the debt securities and the transactions contemplated with respect to the debt securities, and (c) such purchaser recognizes and agrees that any communication from any Seller to such purchaser with respect to the debt securities is not intended by the Seller to be impartial investment advice and is rendered in its capacity as a seller of the debt securities and not as a fiduciary to such purchaser.

*This discussion is a general summary of some of the rules which apply to Plans and Non-ERISA Arrangements and their related investment vehicles as of the date of this prospectus. The rules governing investments by Plans and Non-ERISA Arrangements may change frequently, and the Sellers have no duty to, nor will they, inform you about any changes to such rules if and when they occur. This summary does not describe all of the rules or other considerations that may be relevant to the investment in the debt securities by Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements. The description above is not, and should not be construed as, legal advice or a legal opinion.*

*Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties imposed upon persons involved in prohibited transactions, it is important that any person considering the purchase of the debt securities with the assets of any Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement consult with its counsel regarding the consequences under ERISA and the Code, or any applicable Similar Law, of the acquisition and holding of the debt securities and the availability of exemptive relief under any class or statutory exemptions. The sale of the debt securities to a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement is in no respect a representation by any Seller that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement.*

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Bank of America and BofA Finance have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC relating to the debt securities of Bank of America and the debt securities of BofA Finance to be offered and sold using this prospectus. You should refer to this registration statement and its exhibits for additional information about Bank of America and BofA Finance. This prospectus summarizes material provisions of certain contracts and other documents and may not contain all of the information that you may find important. You should review the full text of these contracts and other documents, which have been included as exhibits to the registration statement.

Bank of America files annual, quarterly, and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may inspect Bank of America's filings over the Internet at the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The reports and other information Bank of America files with the SEC also are available at its website, [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com). The SEC's web address and Bank of America's web address are included as inactive textual references only. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information on those websites is not part of this prospectus.

The SEC allows Bank of America to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information Bank of America files with the SEC. This means that:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- Bank of America can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information that Bank of America files with the SEC automatically will update and supersede this incorporated information and information in this prospectus.

Bank of America incorporates by reference the documents listed below which were filed with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act:

- its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021;
- its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022 and September 30, 2022; and
- its current reports on Form 8-K filed January 19, 2022, January 25, 2022, January 31, 2022, February 4, 2022, February 25, 2022, April 18, 2022, April 22, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 18, 2022, September 14, 2022, October 7, 2022, October 17, 2022 and December 16, 2022 (in each case, other than documents or information that is furnished but deemed not to have been filed).

Bank of America also incorporates by reference into this prospectus reports that it will file under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the period after the filing of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement and after the date of this prospectus until the termination of the offerings of securities covered by this prospectus, but not any information that may be furnished but that is not deemed to be filed.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus. Bank of America's business, financial position, and results of operations may have changed since that date.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above, at no cost, by contacting Bank of America at the following address or telephone number:

Bank of America Corporation  
Fixed Income Investor Relations  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065  
1-866-607-1234

BofA Finance is a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America, and Bank of America fully and unconditionally guarantees the debt securities issued by BofA Finance.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable supplements constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. You may find these statements by looking for words such as “plan,” “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “project,” “potential,” “possible,” or other similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as “will,” “should,” “would,” and “could.”

All forward-looking statements, by their nature, are subject to risks and uncertainties. Bank of America’s actual results may differ materially from those set forth in its forward-looking statements. As a large, international financial services company, Bank of America faces risks that are inherent in the businesses and market places in which it operates. Information regarding important factors that could cause its future financial performance to vary from that described in its forward-looking statements is contained in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, under the captions “Item 1A. Risk Factors” and “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated in this prospectus by reference. See “Where You Can Find More Information” above for information about how to obtain a copy of Bank of America’s annual report.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates they are made.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Bank of America or any person on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance undertakes any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality of the securities being registered will be passed upon for Bank of America and BofA Finance by McGuireWoods LLP, Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the underwriters or agents by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York or such other counsel as may be indicated in the applicable supplement. Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York, is acting as counsel to BofAS and as special tax counsel to Bank of America and BofA Finance. McGuireWoods LLP regularly performs legal services for Bank of America and its affiliates.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Bank of America Corporation and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.



**Bank of America Corporation  
Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series P**

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT  
December 30, 2022  
(Including Prospectus  
Dated December 30, 2022)**

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**BofA Securities, Inc.**

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## PROSPECTUS

# BANK OF AMERICA

**\$15,000,000,000**

## **Bank of America Corporation Senior Debt Securities**

**\$50,000,000,000**

## **BofA Finance LLC Senior Debt Securities Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation from time to time may offer to sell up to \$15,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities in one or more series using this prospectus. In addition, BofA Finance LLC, a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation, from time to time may offer to sell up to \$50,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities in one or more series using this prospectus. Bank of America Corporation will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance LLC on its debt securities as described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides a general description of the senior debt securities of Bank of America Corporation, the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC, and the guarantee of the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation, and the manner in which these securities may be offered. These debt securities may be offered for sale from time to time in amounts, on terms and at prices as shall be determined in connection with such offer and sale. These terms and prices will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. When Bank of America Corporation or BofA Finance LLC sells a particular issue of its debt securities, it will provide one or more supplements to this prospectus describing the offering and the specific terms of those debt securities. You should read this prospectus and any applicable supplement or supplements carefully before you invest in the debt securities.

Bank of America Corporation and/or BofA Finance LLC will use this prospectus in the initial sale of their respective securities referenced above. In addition, BofA Securities, Inc., or any other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America Corporation and/or BofA Finance LLC, may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in any such securities after their initial sale. Unless you are informed otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.

**Potential purchasers of these securities should consider the information set forth in the “Risk Factors” section beginning on page 7.**

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*The debt securities of Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC offered by this prospectus and the guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank, are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and may involve investment risks, including possible loss of principal.*

*None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, nor any state securities commission, nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these debt securities and the related guarantees or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the “SEC,” utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the senior debt securities of Bank of America Corporation and the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and the guarantee of such senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation as described in this prospectus may be offered from time to time in one or more offerings. Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this prospectus to “debt securities” refer to the senior debt securities of Bank of America and/or the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC, as applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, all references in this prospectus to “securities” refer to the senior debt securities of Bank of America and/or the senior debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and the related guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC by Bank of America Corporation, as applicable.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer and the manner in which these securities will be offered. Each time debt securities are offered and sold, the applicable issuer will provide one or more prospectus supplements, product supplements, prospectus addenda, pricing supplements (each of which may be referred to as a “term sheet”), and/or index supplements that describe the particular securities offering and the specific terms and provisions of the securities being offered. These documents also may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. In this prospectus, references to the “applicable supplement” mean the prospectus supplement or supplements and any applicable prospectus addendum, as well as any applicable pricing, product, or index supplement or supplements, that describe the particular securities being offered to you. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, you should rely on the information in the applicable supplement.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither Bank of America Corporation nor BofA Finance LLC has authorized anyone to provide any information other than the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable supplement or supplements. Neither Bank of America Corporation nor BofA Finance LLC takes responsibility for, or can provide assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may provide. No offer or sale of securities is being made in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, as well as information filed or to be filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is accurate only as of the date of the applicable document or other date referred to in that document. The business, financial condition, and results of operations of Bank of America Corporation may have changed since that date.

Capitalized or other terms used and defined in this prospectus are sometimes defined after their first use without a reference such as “as defined in this prospectus.”

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to “Bank of America” or “the Guarantor” are to Bank of America Corporation, excluding any of its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus to “BofA Finance” are to BofA Finance LLC, a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America, and not to Bank of America. References in this prospectus to “issuers” are to Bank of America and BofA Finance and to “issuer” is to Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, as issuer of the applicable debt securities. References in this prospectus to “we,” “our,” “us,” or similar references, are to Bank of America and/or BofA Finance LLC, as issuer of the applicable debt securities, as the context may require. References in this prospectus to “\$” and “dollars” are to the currency of the United States of America; and references in this prospectus to “€” and “euro” are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to Article 109g of the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary section provides a brief overview of Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC and material terms of the debt securities that may be offered and highlights other selected information from this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information that you should consider before investing in the debt securities that may be offered using this prospectus. To fully understand the debt securities that may be offered, you should read carefully:

- this prospectus, which provides a general description of the securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance that may be offered and the manner in which they will be offered;
- the applicable supplement, which describes the specific terms of the particular debt securities that Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, is offering, and which may supplement, update or change the information in this prospectus;
- the documents referred to in “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information about Bank of America, including its financial statements.

### **Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through its various bank and nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, it provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Bank of America’s principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

### **BofA Finance LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of selling debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or Bank of America’s other subsidiaries. The principal executive offices of BofA Finance are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

### **Bank of America Corporation Debt Securities**

Bank of America may use this prospectus to offer and sell up to \$15,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its senior debt securities from time to time in one or more series.

The debt securities will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. The debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture between Bank of America, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

See “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation” for a description of the general terms of the debt securities of Bank of America.

### **BofA Finance LLC Debt Securities**

BofA Finance may use this prospectus to offer and sell up to \$50,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its debt securities from time to time in one or more series. Bank of

America will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance on the debt securities that it offers as described herein.

The debt securities will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of BofA Finance and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. Bank of America's guarantee of these debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. These debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture among BofA Finance, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

See "Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC" for a description of the general terms of the debt securities of BofA Finance.

### **Form of Securities**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will issue the debt securities in book-entry only form through one or more depositories, such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear Bank SA/NV, or Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg, as identified in the applicable supplement. Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will issue the debt securities only in registered form. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the debt securities issued in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of the specified depository, rather than certificated securities in definitive form registered in the name of each individual owner. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, each sale of debt securities in book-entry only form will settle in immediately available funds through the specified depository.

A global security may be exchanged for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners only under the limited circumstances described in this prospectus and in the applicable supplement.

### **Payment Currencies**

All amounts payable in respect of the debt securities, including the purchase price, will be payable in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement.

### **Listing**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and BofA Finance will not list the debt securities being offered on a securities exchange nor will the debt securities be quoted on a quotation system.

### **Use of Proceeds**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities for general corporate purposes.

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from such loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

## **Distribution**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer the debt securities using this prospectus on a delayed or continuous basis:

- through underwriters;
- through dealers;
- through agents; or
- directly to purchasers.

The applicable supplement will describe the sale of specific debt securities and include any required information about the firms Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may use for such offering and the discounts or commissions paid for their services.

BofA Securities, Inc., and other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, may serve as underwriter, dealer, or agent for Bank of America and/or BofA Finance for offerings of debt securities.

## **Market-Making by Affiliates**

Following the initial distribution of an offering of debt securities, BofA Securities, Inc., and other broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, may offer and sell such debt securities in the course of their businesses as broker-dealers. BofA Securities, Inc. and any such other broker-dealer affiliates may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable supplement also will be used in connection with these market-making transactions. Sales in any of these market-making transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

If you purchase securities in a market-making transaction, you will receive information about the purchase price and your trade and settlement dates in a separate confirmation of sale.

## RISK FACTORS

*This section summarizes some specific risks and investment considerations with respect to an investment in the securities offered using this prospectus. This summary does not describe all of the risks and investment considerations with respect to such an investment, including risks and considerations relating to a prospective investor's particular circumstances. For information regarding risks and uncertainties that may materially affect Bank of America's business and results, please refer to the information under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You also should review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that Bank of America will file after the date of this prospectus, together with the risk factors set forth in any applicable supplement for a particular offering of securities. Prospective investors should consult their own financial, legal, tax, and other professional advisors as to the risks associated with an investment in the securities and the suitability of the investment for the investor.*

### **Risks Relating to Regulatory Resolution Strategies and Long-Term Debt Requirements**

**A resolution under Bank of America's single point of entry resolution strategy could materially adversely affect its liquidity and financial condition and its ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's payment obligations on the BofA Finance debt securities.**

Bank of America is required periodically to submit a plan to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve") describing its resolution strategy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. In Bank of America's current plan, its preferred resolution strategy is a single point of entry ("SPOE") strategy. This strategy provides that only Bank of America (the parent holding company) would file for bankruptcy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and contemplates providing certain key operating subsidiaries with sufficient capital and liquidity to operate through severe stress and to enable such subsidiaries to continue operating or be wound down in a solvent manner following a Bank of America bankruptcy. Bank of America has entered into intercompany arrangements governing the contribution of most of its capital and liquidity with these key subsidiaries. As part of these arrangements, Bank of America has transferred most of its assets (and has agreed to transfer additional assets) to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary in exchange for a subordinated note. Certain of Bank of America's remaining assets secure its ongoing obligations under these intercompany arrangements. The wholly-owned holding company subsidiary also has provided Bank of America with a committed line of credit that, in addition to Bank of America's cash, dividends and interest payments, including interest payments Bank of America receives in respect of the subordinated note, may be used to fund Bank of America's obligations. These intercompany arrangements include provisions to terminate the line of credit and forgive the subordinated note and require Bank of America to contribute its remaining financial assets to the wholly-owned holding company subsidiary if Bank of America's projected liquidity resources deteriorate so severely that resolution becomes imminent, which could materially and adversely affect Bank of America's liquidity and ability to meet its payment obligations, including on its debt securities and under its guarantee of payment obligations of BofA Finance on the debt securities. In addition, Bank of America's preferred resolution strategy could result in holders of BofA Finance's debt securities being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a bankruptcy proceeding or other resolution scenarios or plans.

Under Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the “Financial Reform Act”), when a global systemically important banking organization (“G-SIB”), such as Bank of America, is in default or danger of default, the FDIC may be appointed receiver in order to conduct an orderly liquidation of such institution. In the event of such appointment, the FDIC could, among other things, invoke the orderly liquidation authority, instead of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, if the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury makes certain financial distress and systemic risk determinations. In 2013, the FDIC issued a notice describing its preferred SPOE strategy for resolving a G-SIB. Under this approach, the FDIC could replace Bank of America with a bridge holding company, which could continue operations and result in an orderly resolution of the underlying bank, but whose equity would be held solely for the benefit of Bank of America’s creditors. The FDIC’s single point of entry strategy may result in holders of Bank of America’s debt securities suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a bankruptcy proceeding or a different resolution strategy. To the extent that Bank of America is resolved under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or the FDIC’s orderly liquidation authority, third-party creditors of Bank of America’s subsidiaries may receive significant or full recoveries on their claims while holders of Bank of America’s debt securities could face significant or complete losses.

**If Bank of America enters into a resolution proceeding, holders of its debt securities would be at risk of absorbing its losses.**

If Bank of America enters a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Financial Reform Act, its losses would be imposed first on holders of its equity securities and thereafter on holders of its unsecured debt, including its debt securities, and some or all of such securities could be significantly reduced or eliminated as a result of such resolution proceeding.

Under Bank of America’s SPOE resolution strategy, and the single point of entry strategy preferred by the FDIC under Title II of the Financial Reform Act, the value that would be distributed to holders of its unsecured debt, including its debt securities, may not be sufficient to repay all or part of the principal amount and interest on such debt, and holders of such debt could receive no consideration at all under these resolution scenarios. Either of these resolution strategies could result in holders of Bank of America’s debt securities being in a worse position and suffering greater losses than would have been the case under a different resolution strategy. Although SPOE is Bank of America’s preferred resolution strategy, neither Bank of America nor a bankruptcy court would be obligated to follow its SPOE strategy. Additionally, the FDIC is not obligated to follow its SPOE strategy to resolve Bank of America under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. For more information regarding the financial consequences of any such resolution proceeding, see “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Financial Consequences to Unsecured Debtholders of Single Point of Entry Resolution Strategy” below.

**Bank of America is subject to the Federal Reserve’s final rules requiring U.S. G-SIBs to maintain minimum amounts of long-term debt meeting specified eligibility requirements.**

Under the rules of the Federal Reserve relating to total loss-absorbing capacity (the “TLAC Rules”), Bank of America, as a U.S. G-SIB, is required to, among other things, maintain minimum amounts of unsecured external long-term debt satisfying certain eligibility criteria (“eligible LTD”) and other loss-absorbing capacity for the purpose of absorbing its losses in a resolution proceeding under either the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or Title II of the Financial Reform Act. Any senior long-term debt must include terms required by the TLAC Rules in order to qualify as eligible LTD. Actions required to comply with the TLAC Rules could impact Bank of America’s funding and liquidity risk management plans.

## **Risks Relating to Debt Securities Generally**

**BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues.**

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary of Bank of America, has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities that are guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus and other debt securities of BofA Finance guaranteed by Bank of America, and is dependent upon Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries to meet its obligations under the debt securities in the ordinary course. However, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders in respect of such claims in any such proceeding will be limited to those available under Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, and any obligations under that guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law, and senior in right of payment to Bank of America's subordinated obligations. Holders of BofA Finance's debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America's guarantee of the debt securities, and holders of the debt securities should accordingly assume that in any bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding, they would not have priority over, and should be treated equally with, the claims of all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America, including claims of holders of unsecured senior debt securities issued by Bank of America.

**Bank of America's ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will depend upon its receipt of funds from its subsidiaries, and applicable laws and regulations, and actions taken under Bank of America's resolution plan, could restrict the ability of its subsidiaries to transfer such funds.**

Bank of America is a holding company and conducts substantially all of its operations through its subsidiaries. Bank of America depends on dividends and other distributions, loans and other payments from its subsidiaries to fund payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance. Any inability of these subsidiaries to pay dividends or make payments to Bank of America may adversely affect its cash flow and financial condition. Many of these subsidiaries, including bank and broker-dealer subsidiaries, are subject to laws that restrict dividend payments or authorize regulatory bodies to block or reduce the flow of funds from those subsidiaries to Bank of America or to Bank of America's other subsidiaries. In addition, Bank of America's bank and broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to restrictions on their ability to lend or transact with affiliates and to minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements. Lower earnings in Bank of America's subsidiaries can reduce the amount of funds available to Bank of America as a holding company. Adverse business and economic conditions, including changes in interest and currency exchange rates, illiquidity or volatility in areas where Bank of America has concentrated credit risk, and a failure in or breach of Bank of America's operational or security systems or infrastructure, could affect Bank of America's business and results of operations. Intercompany arrangements Bank of America has entered into in connection with its resolution planning could restrict the amount of funding available to it from its subsidiaries under certain adverse conditions, as described below under "—A resolution under Bank of America's single point of entry resolution strategy could materially adversely affect its liquidity and financial condition and its ability to make payments on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's payment obligations on the BofA Finance debt securities." These restrictions could prevent those Bank of America subsidiaries from paying dividends or making other distributions to Bank of America or otherwise providing funds to Bank of America that Bank of America needs in order to

make payments under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance. In addition, Bank of America's right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of its subsidiaries upon such subsidiary's liquidation or otherwise, will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that any of Bank of America's claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized.

**Bank of America's obligations on its debt securities and under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be structurally subordinated to liabilities of Bank of America's subsidiaries.**

Because Bank of America is a holding company, its right to participate in any distribution of the assets of any subsidiary, including BofA Finance, upon such subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent Bank of America may itself be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. As a result, Bank of America's obligations under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of Bank of America's subsidiaries, and claimants under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities should look only to Bank of America's assets for payments. Further, creditors of Bank of America's subsidiaries recapitalized pursuant to Bank of America's resolution plan generally would be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of the subsidiaries, including Bank of America's contributed assets. In addition, any obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities will be unsecured and, therefore, in a bankruptcy or similar proceeding, will effectively rank junior to Bank of America's secured obligations to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations.

**Holders of the debt securities of Bank of America and claimants under Bank of America's guarantees of the BofA Finance debt securities could be at greater risk of being structurally subordinated if Bank of America sells or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to one or more of its majority-owned subsidiaries.**

Bank of America and BofA Finance each may sell, convey or transfer all or substantially all of its assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiaries of Bank of America in which Bank of America and/or one or more of Bank of America's subsidiaries owns more than 50% of the combined voting power, and under the indentures under which the debt securities will be issued, including the provisions thereof relating to Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, such subsidiary or subsidiaries will not be required to assume the obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities, the obligations of BofA Finance under its debt securities or the obligations of Bank of America under its guarantee of the debt securities of BofA Finance, as the case may be. In any such event, Bank of America will remain the sole obligor on its debt securities, BofA Finance will remain the sole obligor on its debt securities and Bank of America will remain the sole obligor on such guarantee, as the case may be. In such event, creditors of any such subsidiary or subsidiaries would have additional assets from which to recover on their claims, while obligations of Bank of America under its debt securities or under its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities, as the case may be, would be structurally subordinated to creditors of such subsidiary or subsidiaries with respect to such transferred assets. See "Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America—Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets" and "Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance—Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets" below for more information.

**Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross-acceleration with other indebtedness of Bank of America or BofA Finance; events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution proceedings relating to Bank of America and covenant breach by Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the guaranteed debt securities of BofA Finance.**

Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross-acceleration with other indebtedness of Bank of America or BofA Finance. In addition, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance that are guaranteed by Bank of America. Furthermore, it will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance if the guarantee thereof by Bank of America ceases to be in full force and effect for any reason. Therefore, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America (in the absence of any such event occurring with respect to BofA Finance) will not permit BofA Finance's debt securities to be declared due and payable. In addition, a breach of a covenant by Bank of America (including, for example, a breach of Bank of America's covenants with respect to mergers or the sale of all or substantially all its assets), will not permit BofA Finance's debt securities to be declared due and payable. The value you receive on the debt securities may be significantly less than what you otherwise would have received had the debt securities been declared due and payable immediately upon certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America or the breach of a covenant by Bank of America or upon Bank of America's guarantee ceasing to be in full force and effect.

**Events for which acceleration rights under Bank of America's senior debt securities may be exercised are more limited than those available pursuant to the terms of its outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017.**

In response to the TLAC Rules, on January 13, 2017, Bank of America modified the terms of its senior debt securities to be issued on or after that date to, among other things, limit the circumstances under which the payment of the principal amount of such senior debt securities can be accelerated (unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement).

All or substantially all of Bank of America's outstanding senior debt securities issued prior to January 13, 2017 (the "Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities") provide acceleration rights for nonpayment or bankruptcy. The Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities also provide acceleration rights if Bank of America defaults in the performance of its covenants in those senior debt securities or the indenture under which those securities were issued. In addition, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities do not require a 30-day cure period before a nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and acceleration rights become exercisable with respect to such nonpayment.

However, under the BAC Senior Indenture (as defined below), unless Bank of America specifies otherwise in the applicable supplement, payment of the principal amount of its senior debt securities issued under such indenture:

- may be accelerated only (i) if Bank of America defaults in the payment of the principal of or interest on those senior debt securities and, in each case, the default continues for a period of 30 days, or (ii) upon Bank of America's voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy and, in the case of Bank of America's involuntary bankruptcy, the event continues for a period of 60 days; and
- may not be accelerated if Bank of America defaults in the performance of any other covenants contained in such debt securities or the BAC Senior Indenture.

As a result of these differing provisions, if Bank of America breaches or otherwise defaults in the performance of a covenant (other than a payment covenant) that applies both to senior debt securities that it issued on or after January 13, 2017 and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities would have acceleration rights that would not be available to the holders of its other senior debt securities. In addition, if Bank of America fails to pay principal when due with respect to its senior debt securities issued on or after on or after January 13, 2017 and the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities, an event of default would occur immediately with respect to the Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities (and the exercise of acceleration rights could proceed immediately in accordance with the provisions of the indenture under which those senior debt securities were issued), while the holders of its other senior debt securities must wait for the 30-day cure period to expire before such nonpayment of principal becomes an event of default and any acceleration rights are triggered with respect to such nonpayment. Any repayment of the principal amount of Pre-2017 Senior Debt Securities following the exercise of acceleration rights in circumstances in which such rights are not available to the holders of Bank of America's other senior debt securities (including its senior debt securities offered by this prospectus) could adversely affect its ability to make timely payments on such other senior debt securities thereafter.

**The market value of the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be less than the principal amount of such debt securities.**

The market for, and market value of, the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be affected by a number of factors. These factors include:

- the method of calculating the principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on the debt securities;
- the time remaining to maturity of the debt securities;
- the aggregate amount outstanding of the relevant debt securities;
- any redemption or repayment features of the debt securities;
- the level, direction, and volatility of market interest rates generally;
- general economic conditions of the capital markets in the United States;
- geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory and judicial events that affect the financial markets generally; and
- any market-making activities with respect to the debt securities.

Often, the only way to liquidate your investment in the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance prior to maturity will be to sell the debt securities. At that time, there may be a very illiquid market for the debt securities or no market at all. If you sell your debt securities prior to maturity, you may receive less than the principal amount of such debt securities.

**Redemption of the debt securities of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance prior to maturity may result in a reduced return on your investment.**

The terms of the debt securities of Bank of America and BofA Finance may permit or require redemption of the debt securities prior to maturity. That redemption may occur at a time when prevailing interest rates are relatively low. As a result, a holder of the redeemed debt securities may not be able to invest the redemption proceeds in a new investment that yields a similar return.

**Actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of Bank of America may affect the value of the Bank of America's debt securities and BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities.**

Bank of America's credit ratings are an assessment of its ability to pay its obligations, including its obligations under its debt securities and its guarantee of BofA Finance's debt securities. Consequently, Bank of America's perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated changes in its credit ratings may affect the market value of Bank of America's debt securities and BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities. However, because the return on Bank of America's securities generally depends upon factors in addition to its ability to pay its obligations, an improvement in Bank of America's credit rating will not reduce the other investment risks, if any, related to Bank of America's debt securities or BofA Finance's guaranteed debt securities.

**Bank of America and/or BofA Finance cannot assure you that a trading market for your debt securities will ever develop or be maintained.**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may not list the debt securities on any securities exchange. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance can predict how these debt securities will trade in the secondary market or whether that market will be liquid or illiquid. The number of potential buyers of Bank of America's and/or BofA Finance's debt securities in any secondary market may be limited. Although any underwriters, dealers or agents may purchase and sell these debt securities in the secondary market from time to time, these underwriters, dealers or agents will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue making a market for the securities at any time without giving Bank of America and/or BofA Finance notice. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance can assure you that a secondary market for its debt securities will develop, or that if one develops, it will be maintained.

**The hedging activities of affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may create conflicts of interest with you.**

Bank of America, BofA Finance or one or more of their broker-dealer affiliates, including BofA Securities, Inc., may engage in trading activities that are not for your account or on your behalf. These trading activities may present a conflict of interest between the interest of holders of the debt securities and the interests Bank of America, BofA Finance and their affiliates may have in its proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions, including block trades, for its other customers, and in accounts under Bank of America's management. These trading activities could influence secondary trading (if any) in the debt securities, or otherwise could be adverse to the interests of a beneficial owner of the debt securities.

**Risks Relating to Debt Securities Denominated in a Currency Other than the Investor's Home Currency**

*Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may issue debt securities denominated in, or with respect to which principal, interest and/or other amounts payable are payable in, a currency other than the currency of the country in which you reside or the currency in which you conduct your business or activities (the "home currency"). If you intend to invest in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors as to the currency risks related to your investment. Such debt securities are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about the significant terms and conditions of such debt securities, foreign currency transactions or financial matters in general.*

**An investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency involves currency-related risks.**

An investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency entails significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in debt securities that are payable solely in your home currency. These risks include possible significant changes in rates of exchange between your home currency and the applicable specified currency of the debt securities, and the imposition or modification of foreign exchange controls or other conditions by applicable governmental entities. These risks generally depend on factors over which Bank of America and BofA Finance have no control, such as economic and political events and the supply of and demand for the relevant currencies in the global markets.

**Changes in currency exchange rates can be volatile and may adversely affect an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency.**

In recent years, exchange rates between certain foreign currencies have been highly volatile. This volatility may continue and could spread to other currencies in the future. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could affect adversely an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, and such changes in exchange rates may vary considerably during the life of those debt securities. Depreciation of the applicable specified currency for a series of debt securities against your home currency could result in a decrease in your home currency equivalent value of payments on such debt securities, including the principal or other amounts payable at maturity or the redemption amount payable upon those debt securities. That in turn could cause the market value such debt securities to fall.

**Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will not adjust debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency to compensate for changes in foreign currency exchange rates.**

Except as described below or in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will not make any adjustment in or change to the terms of debt securities denominated or payable in currencies other than your home currency for changes in the foreign currency exchange rate for the relevant specified currency for a series of debt securities, including any devaluation, revaluation, or imposition of exchange or other regulatory controls or taxes, or for other developments affecting that currency or any other currency. Consequently, you will bear the risk that your investment may be affected adversely by these types of events.

**Government policy can adversely affect foreign currency exchange rates and an investment in debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency.**

Foreign currency exchange rates either can float or be fixed by sovereign governments. Governments or governmental bodies, including the European Central Bank, may intervene from time to time in their economies to alter the exchange rate or exchange characteristics of their currencies. For example, a central bank may intervene to devalue or revalue a currency or to replace an existing currency. In addition, a government may impose regulatory controls or taxes to affect the exchange rate of its currency or may issue a new currency or replace an existing currency. As a result, the amounts payable on and rate of return of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency could be affected significantly and unpredictably by governmental actions. Even in the absence of governmental action directly affecting currency exchange rates, political or economic developments in the country or region issuing the specified currency for an applicable series of debt securities or elsewhere could result in

significant and sudden changes in the exchange rate between your home currency and the specified currency. Changes in exchange rates could affect the value of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency as participants in the global currency markets move to buy or sell the specified currency or your home currency in reaction to these developments.

If a governmental authority imposes exchange controls or other conditions, such as taxes on the exchange or transfer of the specified currency, there may be limited availability of the specified currency for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency at their maturity or on any other payment date. In addition, the ability of a holder to move currency freely out of the country in which payment in the currency is received or to convert the currency at a freely determined market rate could be limited by governmental actions.

**Debt securities denominated or payable in currencies other than U.S. dollars permit Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to make payments in U.S. dollars if Bank of America nor BofA Finance is able to obtain the specified currency.**

The terms of any series of debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars provide that Bank of America and/or BofA Finance has the right to make a payment in U.S. dollars instead of the specified currency, if at or about the time when the payment on such series of debt securities comes due, the specified currency is subject to convertibility, transferability, market disruption, or other conditions affecting its availability because of circumstances beyond the control of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance. These circumstances could include the imposition of exchange controls, inability of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to obtain the specified currency because of a disruption in the currency markets for the specified currency, or unavailability because the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the relevant country or for settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community. In addition, if the specified currency for a series of debt securities has been replaced by a new currency, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will have the option to choose whether it makes payments on such series of debt securities in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars. In either case, the exchange rate used to make payment in U.S. dollars or the replacement currency, if any, may be based on limited information and would involve significant discretion on the part of the exchange rate agent, which may be an affiliate of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, to be appointed by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance. As a result, the value of the payment in the home currency of Bank of America and BofA Finance may be less than the value of the payment you would have received in the specified currency if the specified currency had been available. The exchange rate agent generally will not have any liability for its determinations.

See “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Payments Due in Other Currencies—Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies” and “Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable—Payments Due in Other Currencies—Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies” below. Any payment in respect of the debt securities so made in U.S. dollars where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the relevant indenture or the debt securities. If your home currency is not U.S. dollars, any such payment will expose you to the significant risks described above in this section “—Risks Relating to Debt Securities Denominated in a Currency Other Than an Investor’s Home Currency.”

**An investor may bear currency exchange risk in a lawsuit for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars.**

Any debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture or the BofA Finance Indenture (as defined below) will be governed by New York law. Under Section 27 of the New York Judiciary Law, a state court in the State of New York rendering a judgment on debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars and governed by New York law would be required to render the judgment in such non-U.S. currency. In turn, the judgment would be converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of entry of the judgment. Consequently, in a lawsuit for payment on debt securities denominated or payable in a non-U.S. currency and governed by New York law, you would bear currency exchange risk until judgment is entered, which could be a long time.

In courts outside of New York, you may not be able to obtain judgment in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars. For example, a judgment for money in an action based on debt securities denominated or payable in a non-U.S. currency in many other U.S. federal or state courts ordinarily would be enforced in the United States only in U.S. dollars. The date and method used to determine the rate of conversion of the specified currency into U.S. dollars will depend on various factors, including which court renders the judgment.

**Information about foreign currency exchange rates may not be indicative of future performance.**

If Bank of America or BofA Finance issues debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than your home currency, it may include in the applicable supplement information about historical exchange rates for the relevant currency or currencies. Any information about exchange rates that Bank of America or BofA Finance may provide will be furnished as a matter of information only, and you should not regard the information as indicative of the range of, or trends in, fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may occur in the future.

## **BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through various bank and nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, Bank of America provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Its principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## **BOFA FINANCE LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of providing Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries with financing by issuing debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or those subsidiaries. BofA Finance's principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Bank of America's working capital needs;
- the funding of investments in, or extensions of credit to, Bank of America subsidiaries;
- possible reductions, redemptions, repayments or repurchases of outstanding indebtedness or equity securities;
- the possible acquisitions of, or investments in, other financial institutions or other businesses; and
- other uses in the ordinary course of conducting its business.

Until Bank of America designates the use of these net proceeds, it will invest them temporarily. From time to time, it may engage in additional financings as it determines appropriate based on its needs and prevailing market conditions. These additional financings may include the sale of other securities.

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America's other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from such loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

In this “Description of Debt Securities of Bank of America Corporation” section, “we,” “us” or “our” refer only to Bank of America Corporation and not to any of its affiliates, including BofA Finance LLC; and references to “debt securities” refer only to senior debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation and not to any debt securities issued by any subsidiary or affiliate.

### **General**

We may issue debt securities, and such debt securities will not be secured by any of our property or assets. As a result, by owning a debt security, you are one of our unsecured creditors.

The debt securities will constitute part of our senior debt, will be issued under our BAC Senior Indenture described below, and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law.

This section of the prospectus provides a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BAC Senior Indenture (as defined below) and certain specific terms of debt securities that may be applicable if so specified in the applicable supplement for such debt securities.

### **Financial Consequences to Unsecured Debtholders of Single Point of Entry Resolution Strategy**

We are subject to the TLAC Rules, which aim to improve the resiliency and resolvability of U.S. global systemically important bank holding companies (“covered BHCs”), including Bank of America, in the event of failure or material financial distress. The TLAC Rules include the requirement that each covered BHC maintain a minimum amount of eligible LTD and other loss-absorbing capacity. The eligible LTD would absorb the covered BHC’s losses, following the depletion of its equity, upon its entry into a resolution proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or a resolution proceeding administered by the FDIC under Title II of the Financial Reform Act.

Under Title I of the Financial Reform Act, we are required by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC to periodically submit a plan for a rapid and orderly resolution under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. Our preferred resolution strategy under this plan is our SPOE strategy under which only Bank of America would enter bankruptcy proceedings. Under this strategy, and pursuant to existing intercompany arrangements under which we have transferred most of our assets to a wholly-owned holding company subsidiary, which holds the equity interests in our key operating subsidiaries, we would contribute our remaining financial assets, less a holdback to cover our bankruptcy expenses, to this wholly-owned holding company subsidiary prior to filing for bankruptcy. We would then file for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to an order from the bankruptcy court under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, we, as debtor-in-possession, would transfer our subsidiaries to a newly-formed entity (“NewCo”) that would be held in trust for the sole and exclusive benefit of our bankruptcy estate.

Under our SPOE resolution strategy, the obligations of Bank of America on its unsecured debt, including the debt securities offered pursuant to this prospectus, would not be assumed by NewCo; instead, the claims on such obligations would be left behind in the bankruptcy proceeding. After the transferred subsidiaries were stabilized, NewCo’s residual value in the form of shares or proceeds from the sale of shares would be distributed to the holders of claims against the bankruptcy estate in accordance with the priority of their claims, including to holders of our debt securities.

In 2013, the FDIC issued a notice describing its similar preferred SPOE recapitalization model for resolving a global systemically important banking group, such as Bank of America, under Title II of the Financial Reform Act. Under Title II, when a covered BHC is in default or danger of default, the FDIC may be appointed receiver in order to conduct an orderly liquidation of such institution as an alternative to resolution of the entity under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code if the Secretary of the Treasury makes certain financial distress and systemic risk determinations. Pursuant to the single point of entry recapitalization model, the FDIC would use its power to create a “bridge entity” for the covered BHC; transfer the systemically important and viable parts of the covered BHC’s business to the bridge entity; recapitalize those subsidiaries using assets of the covered BHC that have been transferred to the bridge entity; and exchange external debt claims against the covered BHC, including claims of holders of our debt securities and other unsecured debt, for equity in the bridge entity. This strategy would allow operating subsidiaries of the covered BHC to continue to operate and impose losses on stockholders and creditors of the covered BHC, which could include holders of our debt securities.

## **The Indenture**

The debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture, which is a contract between us and the applicable trustee. The debt securities will be issued under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities dated as of June 27, 2018 (as supplemented from time to time, the “BAC Senior Indenture”) between us, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

The trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture has two principal functions:

- First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us if we default. However, there are limitations on the extent to which the trustee may act on your behalf, which we describe below under “—Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.”
- Second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, including the delivery of interest and other payments and notices.

The BAC Senior Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series of debt securities. The BAC Senior Indenture and the debt securities also do not limit our ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities. This means that we may issue additional debt securities and other securities at any time without your consent and without notifying you. In addition, the BAC Senior Indenture does not contain provisions protecting holders against a decline in our credit quality resulting from takeovers, recapitalizations, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, or restructuring. If our credit quality declines as a result of an event of this type, or otherwise, any ratings of our debt securities then outstanding may be withdrawn or downgraded.

This section is a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BAC Senior Indenture. We have filed the BAC Senior Indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. See “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information on how to obtain a copy of the BAC Senior Indenture. Whenever we refer to the defined terms of the BAC Senior Indenture in this section of this prospectus or in a supplement hereto without defining them, the terms have the meanings given to them in the BAC Senior Indenture. You must look to the BAC Senior Indenture for the most complete description of the information summarized in this prospectus.

## **Form and Denomination of Debt Securities**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in book-entry only form. Debt securities in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee. Accordingly, the depository or its nominee will be the registered holder of all the debt securities represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global security will do so through participants in the depository's securities clearing system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. We describe the procedures applicable to book-entry only securities below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. We may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. We call this kind of global security a master global security. The applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities will be represented by a master global security.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue our debt securities in fully registered form. If we issue a debt security in bearer form, we will describe the special considerations applicable to bearer securities in the applicable supplement. Some of the features that we describe in this prospectus may not apply to bearer securities.

Our debt securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency as may be specified in the applicable supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000.

## **Payment for Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities**

For any debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (referred to as "non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities"), the initial investors will be required to pay for the debt securities in that foreign currency. The applicable selling agent may arrange for the conversion of U.S. dollars into the applicable foreign currency to facilitate payment for the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by U.S. purchasers desiring to make the initial payment in U.S. dollars. Any such conversion will be made by that selling agent on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and charges as it may establish from time to time in accordance with its regular foreign exchange procedures, and subject to U.S. laws and regulations. All costs of any such conversion for the initial purchase of the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities will be borne by the initial investors using those conversion arrangements. We describe some of those investment considerations relating to securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars above under the heading "Risk Factors."

## **Different Series of Debt Securities**

We may issue our debt securities from time to time in one or more series with the same or different maturities. We also may "reopen" a series of our debt securities. This means that we can increase the principal amount of a series of our debt securities by selling additional debt securities with the same terms, provided that such additional debt securities shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We may do so without notice to the existing holders of debt securities of that series. However, any new debt securities of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest (if any) at a different date.

This section of the prospectus summarizes the material terms of the debt securities that are common to all series under the BAC Senior Indenture. We will describe the financial and other specific terms of the series of debt securities being offered in the applicable supplement. The applicable supplement also may describe any differences from the material terms described in this prospectus. If there are any differences between the applicable supplement and this prospectus, the applicable supplement will control.

The terms of your series of debt securities as described in the applicable supplement may include the following:

- the title and type of the debt securities;
- the principal amount of the debt securities;
- the minimum denominations, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000;
- the percentage of the stated principal amount at which the debt securities will be sold and, if applicable, the method of determining the price;
- the person to whom any interest is payable, if other than the registered holder of the debt securities;
- the maturity date or dates;
- any interest rate or rates, which may be fixed or floating, and the method used to calculate that interest;
- the base rate that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on floating rate debt securities;
- any interest payment dates, the regular record dates for the interest payment dates, the dates from which interest will begin to accrue, and the applicable business day convention;
- the place or places where payments on the debt securities may be made and the place or places where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- any date or dates on or after which the debt securities may be redeemed, repurchased, or repaid in whole or in part at our option or the option of the holder, and the periods, prices, terms, and conditions of that redemption, repurchase, or repayment;
- if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if their maturity is accelerated;
- the currency of principal, any premium, any interest, and any other amounts payable on the debt securities, if other than U.S. dollars;
- if the debt securities will be issued in other than book-entry only form;
- the identification of or method of selecting any calculation agents, exchange rate agents, or any other agents for the debt securities;
- any provisions for the discharge of our obligations relating to the debt securities by the deposit of funds or U.S. government obligations;

- any provisions relating to the extension or renewal of the maturity date of the debt securities;
- if the debt securities will be represented by a master global security;
- if the debt securities will be listed on any securities exchange; or
- any other terms of the debt securities that are permitted under the BAC Senior Indenture.

## **Types of Debt Securities**

We may issue the types of debt securities described in this section, and we also may issue debt securities that do not bear interest (which we refer to as “zero coupon notes”).

### ***Fixed-Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that bear interest at one or more fixed rates of interest, as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed-rate notes.” We also may issue fixed-rate notes that combine principal and interest payments in installment payments over the life of the notes which we refer to as “amortizing notes.” We will make payments on fixed-rate notes as described below under the heading “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable” and in the applicable supplement.

### ***Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that will bear interest at a floating rate of interest determined by reference to one or more interest rate bases, referred to as the “base rate.” We refer to these debt securities as “floating rate notes.” The base rate for a series of floating rate notes will be specified in, and will be determined in accordance with the specific formula and/or applicable terms and provisions set forth in, the applicable supplement.

### ***Fixed/Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue a debt security with elements of each of the fixed-rate and floating rate notes described above. For example, a debt security may bear interest at a fixed rate for some interest periods and at a floating rate in other interest periods. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed/floating rate notes.” We will describe the determination of interest or other amounts payable for any of these debt securities in the applicable supplement.

## **Original Issue Discount Notes**

Any of the types of notes described above may be an original issue discount note. Original issue discount notes are debt securities that are issued at a price lower than their stated principal amount or lower than their minimum guaranteed repayment amount at maturity. Original issue discount notes may be zero coupon notes or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. Amounts payable in the event of redemption, repayment or upon an acceleration of the maturity of an original issue discount note will be determined in accordance with the terms of that debt security, as described in the applicable supplement. That amount normally is less than the amount payable at the maturity date. A debt security issued at a discount to its principal may, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, be considered an original issue discount

note, regardless of the amount payable upon redemption or acceleration of maturity. See “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—General—Consequences to U.S. Holders” below for a summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning an original issue discount note.

## **Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable**

### ***Paying Agents***

We may appoint one or more financial institutions to act as our paying agents. Initially, under the BAC Senior Indenture we have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to act as our paying agent with respect to the debt securities through its corporate trust office currently located at 4655 Salisbury Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. We may add, replace or terminate any paying agent from time to time in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such change. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the debt securities, and the paying agent may resign, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event.

### ***Payments to Holders and Record Dates for Interest***

We refer to each date on which interest is payable on a debt security as an “interest payment date.” Subject to any applicable business day convention set forth in the applicable supplement, interest payments on the debt securities will be made on each interest payment date applicable to, and at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of, the applicable debt securities. Interest payable on any interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, will be paid to the registered holder of the debt security at the close of business on the regular record date for that interest payment date. However, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the initial interest payment on a debt security issued between a regular record date and the interest payment date immediately following the regular record date will be made on the second interest payment date following the original issue date to the holder of record on the regular record date preceding the second interest payment date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the principal and interest payable at maturity, or earlier redemption, will be paid to the holder of the debt security at the time of payment by the paying agent.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the record date for any interest payment for a debt security in book-entry only form will be the date that is one business day prior to the payment date, unless such debt security is a non-U.S. dollar denominated debt security held through DTC, in which case the record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day. If the debt security is in a form that is other than book-entry only, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or any other place of payment of the applicable debt security, and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

### ***Payments Due in U.S. Dollars***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will be denominated, and payments with respect to the debt securities will be made, in U.S. dollars. Unless

we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due in U.S. dollars.

We will make payments on debt securities in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder.

An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

*Indirect owners should contact their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.*

We will pay any interest on debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar's records. We will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### ***Payments Due in Other Currencies***

#### **General**

If any of the debt securities are denominated, or if principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on any of the debt securities is payable, in a foreign currency, the specified currency, as well as any additional investment considerations, risk factors, restrictions, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to that series of debt securities and the specified currency will be described in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, and except as described below, holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities are not entitled to receive payments in U.S. dollars of an amount due in another currency, either on a global debt security or a debt security in definitive form.

We will make payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in book-entry only form in the applicable specified currency in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder. An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

#### **Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities Held Through DTC**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, holders of beneficial interests in non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities through a participant in The Depository Trust Company, or "DTC," will receive payments in U.S. dollars, unless they elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the applicable foreign currency. If a holder of such beneficial interests through DTC does not make an election through its DTC participant to receive payments in the

applicable foreign currency, the exchange rate agent for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities to be appointed by us will convert payments to that holder into U.S. dollars, and all costs of those conversions will be borne by that holder by deduction from the applicable payments.

The holder of a beneficial interest in global non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant may elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the foreign currency by notifying the DTC participant through which it holds its beneficial interests on or prior to the fifteenth business day prior to the record date for the applicable debt securities of (1) that holder's election to receive all or a portion of the payment in the applicable foreign currency and (2) wire transfer instructions to an account for the applicable foreign currency outside the United States. DTC must be notified of the election and wire transfer instructions (a) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (b) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. DTC will notify the trustee or other applicable paying agent of the election and wire transfer instructions (1) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. If complete instructions are forwarded to and received by DTC through a DTC participant and forwarded by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent and received on or prior to the dates described above, the holder will receive payment in the applicable foreign currency outside DTC; otherwise, only U.S. dollar payments will be made by the trustee or other applicable paying agent to DTC.

For holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant not electing payment in the applicable foreign currency, the U.S. dollar amount of any payment will be the amount of the applicable foreign currency otherwise payable, converted into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate prevailing as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date, less any costs incurred by the exchange rate agent for that conversion unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement. The costs of those conversions will be shared pro rata among the holders of beneficial interests in the applicable global debt securities receiving U.S. dollar payments in the proportion of their respective holdings. The exchange rate agent, to be appointed by us at the time of issuance for such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant, will make those conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

If an exchange rate quotation is unavailable from the entity or source ordinarily used by the exchange rate agent in the normal course of business, the exchange rate agent will obtain a quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank in New York City, which may be an affiliate of the exchange rate agent or another entity selected by the exchange rate agent for that purpose after consultation with us. If no quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank is available, payment will be made in the applicable foreign currency to the account or accounts specified by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent, unless the applicable foreign currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control.

#### *Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies*

If, at or about the time of payment of any principal, premium or interest on a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, the relevant specified currency is not legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in the country issuing the currency as of the original issue date of such debt security or is otherwise unavailable, and the relevant specified currency has been replaced by another currency that has become legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in such country (a "replacement currency"), any amount payable pursuant to such debt security may be paid, at our option, in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars, at a rate of exchange which

takes into account the conversion, at the rate prevailing on the most recent date on which official conversion rates were quoted or set by the national government or other authority responsible for issuing the replacement currency, from the specified currency to the replacement currency or to U.S. dollars, if applicable, and, if necessary, the conversion of the replacement currency into U.S. dollars at the rate prevailing on the date of such conversion. In this circumstance, we will appoint a financial institution to act as exchange rate agent for purposes of making the required conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the relevant specified currency may not be available to us for making payments of principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. This could occur due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, or if the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the country issuing that currency or by public institutions within the international banking community for the settlement of transactions. If the specified currency is unavailable and has not been replaced, and unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, we may satisfy our obligations to holders of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by making those payments due in the relevant specified currency on the date of payment in U.S. dollars. The amount of such payments made in U.S. dollars will be determined by an exchange rate agent to be appointed by us on the basis of the noon dollar buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of the specified currency or currencies in which a payment on any such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities was to be made, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is referred to as the “market exchange rate,” or such other rate as may be set forth in the applicable supplement. If that rate of exchange is not then available or is not published for a particular payment currency, the market exchange rate will be based on the highest bid quotation in The City of New York received by the exchange rate agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding the applicable payment date from three recognized foreign exchange dealers for the purchase by the quoting dealer:

- of the specified currency for U.S. dollars for settlement on the payment date;
- in the aggregate amount of the specified currency payable to those holders or beneficial owners of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities; and
- at which the applicable dealer commits to execute a contract.

One of the dealers providing quotations may be the exchange rate agent unless the exchange rate agent is our affiliate. If those bid quotations are not available, the exchange rate agent will determine the market exchange rate at its sole discretion in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

The above provisions do not apply if a specified currency is unavailable because it has been replaced by the euro. If the euro has been substituted for a specified currency of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, we may, at our option, or will, if required by applicable law, without the consent of the holders of the affected debt securities, pay the principal of and any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in euro instead of the specified currency, in conformity with legally applicable measures taken pursuant to, or by virtue of, the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended. Any payment made in U.S. dollars, an applicable replacement currency, or in euro as described above where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the BAC Senior Indenture or the applicable debt securities.

The exchange rate agent to be appointed by us may be one of our affiliates, and, from time to time after the initial appointment of an exchange rate agent, we may appoint one or more different exchange rate agents for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security without your consent and without notifying you of the change. The exchange rate agent will determine the applicable rate of exchange that would apply to a payment made in U.S. dollars or a replacement currency in its sole discretion unless we state in the applicable supplement that any determination requires our approval. Absent manifest error, those determinations will be final and binding on you and us.

For purposes of the above discussion about currency conversions and payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

*Indirect owners of a debt security with a specified currency other than U.S. dollars should contact their banks or brokers for information about how to receive payments in the specified currency or in U.S. dollars.*

#### *Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Securities in Definitive Form*

We will pay any interest on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar’s records. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

#### **No Sinking Fund**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. This means that we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay the debt securities.

#### **Redemption**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price, the method for redemption, and the date or dates upon which we may redeem the debt securities. Debt securities to be redeemed in part may only be redeemed in increments of their minimum denomination. The redemption of any debt security that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such redemption we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules.

#### ***Notice of Redemption***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we may exercise our right to redeem debt securities by giving notice to the holders under the BAC Senior Indenture at least 5 business

days but not more than 60 calendar days before the specified redemption date. The notice will specify:

- the date fixed for redemption;
- the redemption price (or, if not then ascertainable, the manner of calculation thereof);
- the CUSIP number and any other identifying number of the debt securities to be redeemed;
- the amount to be redeemed, if less than all of the outstanding debt securities of a series are to be redeemed;
- the place of payment for the debt securities to be redeemed;
- that interest (if any) accrued on the debt securities to be redeemed will be paid as specified in the notice; and
- that, subject to satisfaction of any conditions to such redemption set forth in the notice of redemption and unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date fixed for redemption, interest (if any) will cease to accrue on the debt securities to be redeemed.

Such redemption may be subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, in which case the notice of redemption will describe each condition and, if applicable, state that the redemption date may, in our discretion, be delayed until such time as any or all conditions have been satisfied, or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all of the conditions have not been satisfied by the redemption date stated in the notice of redemption, or by the redemption date as it may be delayed in our discretion.

If notice of redemption has been given in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture, the debt securities being redeemed shall, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions to the redemption as specified in the notice of redemption, become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption.

So long as a depository is the record holder of the applicable debt securities to be redeemed, we, or the trustee on our behalf if we so request, will deliver any notice of our election to exercise our redemption right only to that depository.

## **Repayment**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the debt securities can be repaid at the holder's option prior to their stated maturity. If the debt securities may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the applicable repayment price or prices, the procedures for repayment and the date or dates on or after which the holder can request repayment.

## **Repurchase**

We may purchase at any time and from time to time, including through a subsidiary or affiliate of ours, outstanding debt securities by tender, in the open market, or by private agreement. The repurchase of any debt security that is our eligible LTD will require the prior approval of the Federal Reserve if after such repurchase we would fail to satisfy our requirements as to eligible LTD or total loss-absorbing capacity under the TLAC Rules. We, or our affiliates, have the discretion to hold or resell any repurchased debt securities. We also have the discretion to cancel any repurchased debt securities.

## **Exchange, Registration, and Transfer**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry only, form. Debt securities in global form may be exchanged for debt securities in definitive form only in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the BAC Senior Indenture. Debt securities represented by a master note may be exchanged by us at any time upon our request to the trustee for one or more other debt securities in global form, as described in the relevant debt securities.

Subject to the terms of the BAC Senior Indenture, debt securities of any series in definitive form may be exchanged at the option of the holder for other debt securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and type in any authorized denominations.

Debt securities in definitive form may be presented for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate and maintain. The security registrar or the transfer agent will make the registration of transfer only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange or transfer. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the authenticating agent, security registrar and transfer agent for the debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture. We may change the security registrar or the transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any security registrar or transfer agent acts at any time, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event. We will be required to maintain a security registrar and transfer agent in each place of payment for each series of debt securities. At any time, we may designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

We will not be required to (1) issue, exchange, or register the transfer of any debt security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days before the date on which we deliver the notice of redemption, or (2) exchange or register the transfer of any debt security (i) that was selected, called, or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part or (ii) as to which the holder has exercised any right to require us to repay such debt security, except the portion to remain outstanding of any debt security being repaid in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration, and transfer of book-entry only securities, see “Registration and Settlement” below.

## **Sale or Issuance of Capital Stock of Principal Subsidiary Bank**

The BAC Senior Indenture prohibits the issuance, sale, or other disposition of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions:

- sales or other dispositions of directors’ qualifying shares;
- sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to the disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, we would own at least 80% of each class of the capital stock of that Principal Subsidiary Bank;

- sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction;
- any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank of additional shares of its capital stock, securities convertible into shares of its capital stock, or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock, to its stockholders at any price, so long as before that sale we owned, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and immediately after the sale, we owned, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of securities of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as we owned before the sale of additional securities; and
- any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to us or our wholly owned subsidiary.

A “Principal Subsidiary Bank” is defined in the BAC Senior Indenture as any subsidiary bank with total assets equal to more than 10% of our total consolidated assets. As of the date of this prospectus, Bank of America, N.A. is our only Principal Subsidiary Bank.

### **Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets**

The BAC Senior Indenture generally permits a consolidation or merger between us and another entity, subject to certain requirements. It also permits the sale, conveyance or transfer by us of all or substantially all of our assets, subject to certain requirements. These transactions are permitted if:

- the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes all of our obligations under the BAC Senior Indenture; and
- immediately after the transaction, we (or any successor entity) are not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BAC Senior Indenture.

The foregoing requirements do not apply in the case of a sale, conveyance or transfer by us of all or substantially all of our assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect subsidiaries in which we and/or one or more of our subsidiaries own more than 50% of the combined voting power.

Upon any consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or transfer of this kind (other than, where permitted as described above, a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our assets to our direct or indirect subsidiary or subsidiaries in which we own more than 50% of the combined voting power as described in the preceding paragraph), the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us in the BAC Senior Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to the BAC Senior Indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our rights and powers under the BAC Senior Indenture.

### **Waiver of Covenants**

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture may waive compliance with some of the covenants or conditions of the BAC Senior Indenture.

## **Modification of the Indenture**

We and the trustee may modify the BAC Senior Indenture and the rights of the holders of the debt securities with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of all series of outstanding debt securities under the BAC Senior Indenture affected by the modification.

No modification may extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium of, or reduce the rate of interest, or extend the time of payment of interest or other amounts due, on any debt security without the consent of each holder affected by the modification. No modification may reduce the percentage of debt securities that is required to consent to modification of the BAC Senior Indenture without the consent of all holders of the debt securities outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture.

In addition, we and the trustee may execute supplemental indentures in some circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding debt securities.

For purposes of determining the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding at any time in connection with any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver under the BAC Senior Indenture, (1) the principal amount of any debt security issued with original issue discount is that amount of principal that would be due and payable at that time upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the original issue discount note, and (2) the principal amount of a debt security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit is the U.S. dollar equivalent on the date of original issuance of the debt security, determined as specified in the applicable supplement for that debt security.

## **Meetings and Action by Securityholders**

The trustee may call a meeting in its discretion, or upon request by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities, by giving notice. If a meeting of holders is duly held, any resolution raised or decision taken in accordance with the BAC Senior Indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series.

## **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches**

The BAC Senior Indenture defines an event of default for a series of debt securities as any one of the following events:

- our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- our failure to pay interest on any debt securities of that series when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
- specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation; and
- any other events of default specified for a series of debt securities pursuant to the BAC Senior Indenture.

Any additional or different events of default for a series of debt securities will be specified in the applicable supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, if an event of default under the BAC Senior Indenture occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture (or, in the case of an event of default with respect to a series of debt securities under the BAC Senior Indenture, the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected) may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities are issued with original issue discount, such amount as described in the applicable supplement, of all debt securities (or the outstanding debt securities of all series affected, as the case may be) to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding (or of all series affected, as the case may be), in some circumstances, may annul the declaration of acceleration and waive past defaults.

With respect to a failure on our part to observe or perform any of the covenants or agreements contained in the debt securities or in the BAC Senior Indenture (other than those for which acceleration rights are available as discussed above), which failure continues for a period of 90 days after the date on which written notice of such failure is given (a “covenant breach”), the trustee and the holders of the debt securities may pursue certain remedies as described below or as set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, an event of default will not occur under our debt securities, and neither the trustee nor the holders of any debt securities will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such debt securities, as a result of a covenant breach. In addition, an event of default will not occur, and neither the trustee nor the holders of such debt securities will have the right to accelerate the payment of principal of such debt securities, as a result of our failure to pay principal of or premium on such debt securities when due and payable until such default has continued for a period of 30 days.

We are required periodically to file with the trustee a certificate stating that we are not in default under any of the terms of the BAC Senior Indenture.

### **Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee**

If (i) we fail to pay the principal of or any premium on any debt securities, or (ii) we are over 30 calendar days late on an interest payment on the debt securities, the trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities, the amount which is due and payable on those debt securities, including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. If we fail to pay such required amount on demand, the trustee may take appropriate action, including instituting judicial proceedings against us.

In addition, a holder of our debt securities also may file suit to enforce our obligation to make payment of principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on such debt securities regardless of the actions taken by the trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of each series of the affected debt securities then outstanding under the BAC Senior Indenture may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture. The trustee may decline to act if the direction is contrary to law and in certain other circumstances set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture. The trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the BAC Senior Indenture at the request or direction of the holders of the debt securities unless the holders offer the trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities.

## **Limitation on Suits**

The BAC Senior Indenture provides that no individual holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under the BAC Senior Indenture, except actions for payment of overdue principal and interest, unless the following actions have occurred:

- the holder must have previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default or covenant breach;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture must have (1) requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default or covenant breach and (2) offered the trustee indemnity against liabilities incurred by the trustee for taking such action, which indemnity is reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- the trustee must have failed to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the request referred to above; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture must not have given direction to the trustee inconsistent with the request of the holders referred to above.

However, the holder of any debt securities will have an absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the senior debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce this payment.

## **Payment of Additional Amounts**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, we will pay to the holder of any debt security that is a “non-U.S. person” additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on that debt security will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a “net payment” on a debt security means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the debt security. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

However, notwithstanding our obligation, if so specified, to pay additional amounts, we will not be required to pay additional amounts in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (15) below, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

- (1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident, or otherwise;
  - having had such a relationship in the past; or
  - being considered as having had such a relationship.

- (2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
- being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
  - being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
  - having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
  - having or having had a qualified business unit which has the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.
- (3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being or having been a:
- personal holding company;
  - foreign personal holding company;
  - private foundation or other tax-exempt organization;
  - passive foreign investment company;
  - controlled foreign corporation; or
  - corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.
- (4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote.
- (5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being a bank extending credit under a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, “beneficial owner” includes, without limitation, a holder and a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

- (6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a debt security that is:
- A fiduciary;
  - A partnership;

- A limited liability company;
- Another fiscally transparent entity; or
- Not the sole beneficial owner of the debt security, or any portion of the debt security.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner, or member of the partnership, limited liability company, or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner, or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

- (7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner of the debt security or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation, or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment, or other governmental charge by statute or regulation of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.
- (8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on a debt security by us or any paying agent.
- (9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.
- (10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of a debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.
- (11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any:
  - estate tax;
  - inheritance tax;
  - gift tax;
  - sales tax;
  - excise tax;
  - transfer tax;
  - wealth tax;

- personal property tax; or
  - any similar tax, assessment, or other governmental charge.
- (12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the applicable security if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.
- (13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Section 1471 through Section 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any successor provision), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.
- (14) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the payment being treated as a dividend or dividend equivalent for U.S. tax purposes.
- (15) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (14) above.

Except as specifically provided in this section, we will not be required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

For purposes of determining whether the payment of additional amounts is required, the term “U.S. person” means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; any corporation, partnership, or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States; any estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of that income; and any trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust. Additionally, for this purpose, “non-U.S. person” means a person who is not a U.S. person, and “United States” means the United States of America, including each state of the United States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions, and other areas within its jurisdiction.

### **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the debt securities in whole, but not in part, at any time before maturity, if we have or will become obligated to pay additional amounts, as described above under “—Payment of Additional Amounts,” as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of the applicable supplement for the issuance of those debt securities. If we exercise such right to redeem the debt securities, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will give not less than 5 business days’ nor more than 60 calendar days’ notice to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture and to the holders of the debt securities.

In connection with any notice of redemption for tax reasons, we will deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture any required certificate, request, or order.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, any debt securities redeemed for tax reasons will be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such debt securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

## **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, the provisions for full defeasance and covenant defeasance described below will apply to the debt securities of a series if certain conditions are satisfied.

### ***Full Defeasance***

If there is a change in the U.S. federal income tax law, as described below, we can legally release ourselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a series. This is called full defeasance. For us to do so, among other conditions set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture, each of the following must occur:

- We must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities when due;
- There must be a change in current U.S. federal income tax law or an Internal Revenue Service ruling that lets us make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid those debt securities ourselves. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit, and our legal release from your debt security, would be treated as though we took back your debt security and gave you your share of the cash and notes or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on your debt security; and
- We must deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming the tax law treatment described above.

If we ever fully defeased your debt security, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for payments on your debt security.

### ***Covenant Defeasance***

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from restrictive covenants relating to your debt security. This is called covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants. In order to achieve covenant defeasance for a series of debt securities, among other conditions set forth in the BAC Senior Indenture, we must do both of the following:

- We must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities on their due dates; and

- We must deliver to the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that under current U.S. federal income tax law we may make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid the debt securities ourselves.

If we achieve covenant defeasance with respect to your debt security, you can still look to us for repayment of your debt security in the event of any shortfall in the trust deposit. You should note, however, that if one of the remaining events of default occurred, such as our bankruptcy, and your debt security became immediately due and payable, there may be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indenture**

The BAC Senior Indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to the debt securities of such series, if at any time:

- We have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all debt securities of such series; or
- All debt securities of such series not delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and we have irrevocably deposited with the trustee or the applicable paying agent as trust funds for the entire amount in cash due with respect to such debt securities on or after the date of such deposit, including at maturity or upon redemption of all such debt securities, including principal and any premium, interest and other amounts payable, and any mandatory sinking fund payments, on the dates on which such payments are due and payable.

The trustee, on our demand, accompanied by an officer's certificate of ours and an opinion of counsel and at our cost and expense, will execute proper instruments acknowledging such satisfaction of and discharging the BAC Senior Indenture with respect to such debt securities.

### **Notices**

We or the trustee on our behalf, if so requested, will provide the holders with any required notices by first-class mail to the addresses of the holders as they appear in the security register. So long as a depository is the record holder of a series of debt securities with respect to which a notice is given, we or the trustee, if so requested, will deliver the notice only to that depository in accordance with the procedures of that depository then in place.

### **Concerning the Trustee**

We and certain of our affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. We expect to continue these business transactions. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is initially serving as the trustee for the debt securities issued under the BAC Senior Indenture. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates also serve as trustee for a number of series of outstanding indebtedness of us and our affiliates under other indentures. Consequently, if an actual or potential event of default occurs with respect to any of these securities, the trustee may be considered to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. In that

case, the trustee may be required to resign under the BAC Senior Indenture, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. For this purpose, a “potential” event of default means an event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving us default notice or for the default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded. In addition, the trustee can resign for any reason by giving at least 30 calendar days’ written notice of resignation, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. The trustee will remain the trustee under the BAC Senior Indenture until a successor is appointed.

### **Governing Law**

The BAC Senior Indenture is and the debt securities will be governed by New York law.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF BOFA FINANCE LLC

In this “Description of Debt Securities of BofA Finance LLC” section, “we,” “us” or “our” refer only to BofA Finance LLC and not to any of its affiliates, including Bank of America Corporation; references to “Guarantor” refer only to Bank of America Corporation and not to any of its subsidiaries or affiliates; and references to “debt securities” refer only to senior debt securities issued by BofA Finance LLC and not to any debt securities issued by any subsidiary or affiliate, including Bank of America Corporation.

### General

We may issue debt securities, and such debt securities will not be secured by any of our property or assets. As a result, by owning a debt security, you are one of our unsecured creditors. The debt securities will constitute part of our senior debt, will be issued under our BofA Finance Indenture described below, and will rank equally in right of payment with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time. The payment obligations of BofA Finance under the debt securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus. Bank of America’s guarantee of the debt securities will be its unsecured senior obligation and will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America outstanding from time to time.

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary, has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities guaranteed by Bank of America, and is dependent upon Bank of America and/or Bank of America’s other subsidiaries to meet its obligations under the debt securities in the ordinary course. However, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Holders of BofA Finance’s debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America’s guarantee of the debt securities. See “Risk Factors—BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues” above and “—Bank of America Guarantee” below.

This section of the prospectus provides a summary of the material terms and provisions of the BofA Finance Indenture (as defined below) and certain specific terms of debt securities that may be applicable if so specified in the applicable supplement for such debt securities.

### The Indenture

The debt securities are governed by a document called an indenture, which is a contract between us and the applicable trustee. The debt securities will be issued under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities dated as of August 23, 2016 (as supplemented from time to time, the “BofA Finance Indenture”) among us, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.

The trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture has two principal functions:

- First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us or the Guarantor if we or the Guarantor default. However, there are limitations on the extent to which the trustee may act on your behalf, which we describe below under “—Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.”
- Second, the trustee performs administrative duties for us, including the delivery of interest and other payments and notices.

The BofA Finance Indenture does not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities that we may issue or the number of series or the aggregate amount of any particular series of debt securities. The BofA Finance Indenture and the debt securities also do not limit our ability to incur other indebtedness or to issue other securities. This means that we may issue additional debt securities and other securities at any time without your consent and without notifying you.

We have filed the BofA Finance Indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. See “Where You Can Find More Information” below for information on how to obtain a copy of the BofA Finance Indenture. Whenever we refer to the defined terms of the BofA Finance Indenture in this section of this prospectus or in a supplement hereto without defining them, the terms have the meanings given to them in the BofA Finance Indenture. You must look to the BofA Finance Indenture for the most complete description of the information summarized in this prospectus.

### **Form and Denomination of Debt Securities**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in book-entry only form. Debt securities in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee. Accordingly, the depository or its nominee will be the registered holder of all the debt securities represented by the global security. Those who own beneficial interests in a global security will do so through participants in the depository’s securities clearing system, and the rights of these indirect owners will be governed solely by the applicable procedures of the depository and its participants. We describe the procedures applicable to book-entry only securities below under the heading “Registration and Settlement.”

Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. We may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. We call this kind of global security a master global security. The applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities will be represented by a master global security.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue our debt securities in fully registered form. If we issue a debt security in bearer form, we will describe the special considerations applicable to bearer securities in the applicable supplement. Some of the features that we describe in this prospectus may not apply to bearer securities.

Our debt securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in another currency as may be specified in the applicable supplement. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the debt securities will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000.

### **Payment for Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities**

For any debt securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (referred to as “non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities”), the initial investors will be required to pay for the debt securities in that foreign currency. The applicable selling agent may arrange for the conversion of U.S. dollars into the applicable foreign currency to facilitate payment for the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by U.S. purchasers desiring to make the initial payment in U.S. dollars. Any such conversion will be made by that selling agent on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and charges as it may establish from time to time in accordance with its

regular foreign exchange procedures, and subject to U.S. laws and regulations. All costs of any such conversion for the initial purchase of the non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities will be borne by the initial investors using those conversion arrangements. We describe some of those investment considerations relating to securities denominated or payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars above under the heading “Risk Factors.”

## **Different Series of Debt Securities**

We may issue our debt securities from time to time in one or more series with the same or different maturities. We also may “reopen” a series of our debt securities. This means that we can increase the principal amount of a series of our debt securities by selling additional debt securities with the same terms, provided that such additional debt securities shall be fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We may do so without notice to the existing holders of debt securities of that series. However, any new debt securities of this kind may have a different offering price and may begin to bear interest (if any) at a different date.

This section of the prospectus summarizes the material terms of the debt securities that are common to all series under the BofA Finance Indenture. We will describe the financial and other specific terms of the series of debt securities being offered in the applicable supplement. The applicable supplement also may describe any differences from the material terms described in this prospectus. If there are any differences between the applicable supplement and this prospectus, the applicable supplement will control.

The terms of your series of debt securities as described in the applicable supplement may include the following:

- the title and type of the debt securities;
- the principal amount of the debt securities;
- the minimum denominations, if other than \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000;
- the percentage of the stated principal amount at which the debt securities will be sold and, if applicable, the method of determining the price;
- the person to whom any interest is payable, if other than the registered holder of the debt securities;
- the maturity date or dates;
- any interest rate or rates, which may be fixed or floating, and the method used to calculate that interest;
- the base rate that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on floating rate debt securities;
- any index or other reference asset or assets that will be used to determine the amounts of any payments on the debt securities and the manner in which those amounts will be determined;
- any interest payment dates, the regular record dates for the interest payment dates, the dates from which interest will begin to accrue, and the applicable business day convention;

- the place or places where payments on the debt securities may be made and the place or places where the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- any date or dates on or after which the debt securities may be redeemed, repurchased, or repaid in whole or in part at our option or the option of the holder, and the periods, prices, terms, and conditions of that redemption, repurchase, or repayment;
- if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if their maturity is accelerated;
- the currency of principal, any premium, any interest, and any other amounts payable on the debt securities, if other than U.S. dollars;
- if the debt securities will be issued in other than book-entry only form;
- the identification of or method of selecting any calculation agents, exchange rate agents, or any other agents for the debt securities;
- any provisions for the discharge of our obligations relating to the debt securities by the deposit of funds or U.S. government obligations;
- any provisions relating to the extension or renewal of the maturity date of the debt securities;
- if the debt securities will be represented by a master global security;
- if the debt securities will be listed on any securities exchange; or
- any other terms of the debt securities that are permitted under the BofA Finance Indenture.

## **Types of Debt Securities**

We may issue the types of debt securities described in this section, and we also may issue debt securities that do not bear interest (which we refer to as “zero coupon notes”).

### ***Fixed-Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that bear interest at one or more fixed rates of interest, as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these debt securities as “fixed-rate notes.” We also may issue fixed-rate notes that combine principal and interest payments in installment payments over the life of the notes which we refer to as “amortizing notes.” We will make payments on fixed-rate notes as described below under the heading “—Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable” and in the applicable supplement.

### ***Floating Rate Notes***

We may issue debt securities that will bear interest at a floating rate of interest determined by reference to one or more interest rate bases, referred to as the “base rate.” We refer to these debt securities as “floating rate notes.” The base rate for a series of floating rate notes will be specified in, and will be determined in accordance with the specific formula and/or applicable terms and provisions set forth in, the applicable supplement.

### ***Indexed Notes***

We may issue debt securities that provide that the rate of return, including the principal and/or any premium, interest, or other amounts payable, is determined by reference, either directly or indirectly, to the price or performance of one or more interest rates, equity securities, indices, exchange traded funds, commodities, currency exchange rates, futures contracts or any other rates, instruments, assets, market measures or other factors or any other measure of economic or financial risk or value, or one or more baskets, indices or other combinations of the foregoing, in each case as specified in the applicable supplement. We refer to these as “indexed notes.” Information relating to indexed notes, including terms and provisions thereof and information relating to payments thereon, will be set forth in the applicable supplement.

### ***Fixed/Floating Rate/Indexed Notes***

We may issue a debt security with elements of each of the fixed-rate, floating rate, and/or indexed notes described above. For example, a debt security may bear interest at a fixed rate for some interest periods and at a floating rate in other interest periods or at a rate linked to an index for some interest periods. Similarly, a debt security may provide for a payment of principal at maturity linked to an index and also may bear interest at a fixed or floating rate or at a rate linked to an index. We will describe the determination of interest or other amounts payable for any of these debt securities in the applicable supplement.

### **Original Issue Discount Notes**

Any of the types of notes described above may be an original issue discount note. Original issue discount notes are debt securities that are issued at a price lower than their stated principal amount or lower than their minimum guaranteed repayment amount at maturity. Original issue discount notes may bear no interest or may bear interest at a rate that is below market rates at the time of issuance. Amounts payable in the event of redemption, repayment or upon an acceleration of the maturity of an original issue discount note will be determined in accordance with the terms of that debt security, as described in the applicable supplement. That amount normally is less than the amount payable at the maturity date. A debt security issued at a discount to its principal may, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, be considered an original issue discount note, regardless of the amount payable upon redemption or acceleration of maturity. See “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—General—Consequences to U.S. Holders” below for a summary of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning an original issue discount note.

### **Payment of Principal, Interest, and Other Amounts Payable**

#### ***Paying Agents***

We may appoint one or more financial institutions to act as our paying agents. Initially, under the BofA Finance Indenture we have appointed The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to act as our paying agent with respect to the debt securities through its corporate trust office currently located at 4655 Salisbury Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. We may add, replace or terminate any paying agent from time to time in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such change. In addition, we may decide to act as our own paying agent with respect to some or all of the debt securities, and the paying agent may resign, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event.

### ***Payments to Holders and Record Dates for Interest***

We refer to each date on which interest is payable on a debt security as an “interest payment date.” Subject to any applicable business day convention set forth in the applicable supplement, interest payments on the debt securities will be made on each interest payment date applicable to, and at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of, the applicable debt securities. Interest payable on any interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, will be paid to the registered holder of the debt security at the close of business on the regular record date for that interest payment date. However, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the initial interest payment on a debt security issued between a regular record date and the interest payment date immediately following the regular record date will be made on the second interest payment date following the original issue date to the holder of record on the regular record date preceding the second interest payment date. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the principal and interest payable at maturity, or earlier redemption, will be paid to the holder of the debt security at the time of payment by the paying agent.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the record date for any interest payment for a debt security in book-entry only form will be the date that is one business day prior to the payment date, unless such debt security is a non-U.S. dollar denominated debt security held through DTC, in which case the record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day. If the debt security is in a form that is other than book-entry only, and unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the fifteenth calendar day prior to such interest payment date, whether or not such record date is a business day.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York, Charlotte, North Carolina, or any other place of payment of the applicable debt security, and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

### ***Payments Due in U.S. Dollars***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will be denominated, and payments with respect to the debt securities will be made, in U.S. dollars. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due in U.S. dollars.

We will make payments on debt securities in book-entry only form in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder.

An indirect owner’s right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading “Registration and Settlement.”

*Indirect owners should contact their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments on their debt securities.*

We will pay any interest on debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar’s records. We will pay

principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### ***Payments Due in Other Currencies***

#### *General*

If any of the debt securities are denominated, or if principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on any of the debt securities is payable, in a foreign currency, the specified currency, as well as any additional investment considerations, risk factors, restrictions, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to that series of debt securities and the specified currency will be described in the applicable supplement.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will follow the practices described in this section when we pay amounts that are due on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, and except as described below, holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities are not entitled to receive payments in U.S. dollars of an amount due in another currency, either on a global debt security or a debt security in definitive form.

We will make payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in book-entry only form in the applicable specified currency in accordance with arrangements then in place between the paying agent and the depository or its nominee, as holder. An indirect owner's right to receive those payments will be governed by the rules and practices of the depository and its participants, as described below under the heading "Registration and Settlement."

#### *Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Debt Securities Held Through DTC*

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, holders of beneficial interests in non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities through a participant in The Depository Trust Company, or "DTC," will receive payments in U.S. dollars, unless they elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the applicable foreign currency. If a holder of such beneficial interests through DTC does not make an election through its DTC participant to receive payments in the applicable foreign currency, the exchange rate agent for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities to be appointed by us will convert payments to that holder into U.S. dollars, and all costs of those conversions will be borne by that holder by deduction from the applicable payments.

The holder of a beneficial interest in global non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant may elect to receive payments on those debt securities in the foreign currency by notifying the DTC participant through which it holds its beneficial interests on or prior to the fifteenth business day prior to the record date for the applicable debt securities of (1) that holder's election to receive all or a portion of the payment in the applicable foreign currency and (2) wire transfer instructions to an account for the applicable foreign currency outside the United States. DTC must be notified of the election and wire transfer instructions (a) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (b) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. DTC will notify the trustee or other applicable paying agent of the election and wire transfer instructions (1) on or prior to the fifth business day after the record date for any payment of interest and (2) on or prior to the tenth business day prior to the date for any payment of principal. If complete instructions are forwarded to and received by DTC through a DTC participant and forwarded by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent and received on or prior to the dates described above, the holder will

receive payment in the applicable foreign currency outside DTC; otherwise, only U.S. dollar payments will be made by the trustee or other applicable paying agent to DTC.

For holders of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant not electing payment in the applicable foreign currency, the U.S. dollar amount of any payment will be the amount of the applicable foreign currency otherwise payable, converted into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate prevailing as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date, less any costs incurred by the exchange rate agent for that conversion unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement. The costs of those conversions will be shared pro rata among the holders of beneficial interests in the applicable global debt securities receiving U.S. dollar payments in the proportion of their respective holdings. The exchange rate agent, to be appointed by us at the time of issuance for such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities held through a DTC participant, will make those conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

If an exchange rate quotation is unavailable from the entity or source ordinarily used by the exchange rate agent in the normal course of business, the exchange rate agent will obtain a quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank in New York City, which may be an affiliate of the exchange rate agent or another entity selected by the exchange rate agent for that purpose after consultation with us. If no quotation from a leading foreign exchange bank is available, payment will be made in the applicable foreign currency to the account or accounts specified by DTC to the trustee or other applicable paying agent, unless the applicable foreign currency is unavailable due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control.

#### *Unavailability of Currencies and Replacement Currencies*

If, at or about the time of payment of any principal, premium or interest on a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, the relevant specified currency is not legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in the country issuing the currency as of the original issue date of such debt security or is otherwise unavailable, and the relevant specified currency has been replaced by another currency that has become legal tender for the payment of public and private debts in such country (a “replacement currency”), any amount payable pursuant to such debt security may be paid, at our option, in the replacement currency or in U.S. dollars, at a rate of exchange which takes into account the conversion, at the rate prevailing on the most recent date on which official conversion rates were quoted or set by the national government or other authority responsible for issuing the replacement currency, from the specified currency to the replacement currency or to U.S. dollars, if applicable, and, if necessary, the conversion of the replacement currency into U.S. dollars at the rate prevailing on the date of such conversion. In this circumstance, we will appoint a financial institution to act as exchange rate agent for purposes of making the required conversions in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the relevant specified currency may not be available to us for making payments of principal of or any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities. This could occur due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control, or if the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the country issuing that currency or by public institutions within the international banking community for the settlement of transactions. If the specified currency is unavailable and has not been replaced, and unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, we may satisfy our obligations to holders of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities by making those payments due in the relevant specified currency on the date of

payment in U.S. dollars. The amount of such payments made in U.S. dollars will be determined by an exchange rate agent to be appointed by us on the basis of the noon dollar buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of the specified currency or currencies in which a payment on any such non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities was to be made, published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is referred to as the “market exchange rate,” or such other rate as may be set forth in the applicable supplement. If that rate of exchange is not then available or is not published for a particular payment currency, the market exchange rate will be based on the highest bid quotation in The City of New York received by the exchange rate agent at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding the applicable payment date from three recognized foreign exchange dealers for the purchase by the quoting dealer:

- of the specified currency for U.S. dollars for settlement on the payment date;
- in the aggregate amount of the specified currency payable to those holders or beneficial owners of non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities; and
- at which the applicable dealer commits to execute a contract.

One of the dealers providing quotations may be the exchange rate agent unless the exchange rate agent is our affiliate. If those bid quotations are not available, the exchange rate agent will determine the market exchange rate at its sole discretion in accordance with prevailing market practice and the terms of the applicable debt security and with any applicable arrangements between us and the exchange rate agent.

The above provisions do not apply if a specified currency is unavailable because it has been replaced by the euro. If the euro has been substituted for a specified currency of the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security, we may, at our option, or will, if required by applicable law, without the consent of the holders of the affected debt securities, pay the principal of and any premium, interest or other amounts payable on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in euro instead of the specified currency, in conformity with legally applicable measures taken pursuant to, or by virtue of, the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended. Any payment made in U.S. dollars, an applicable replacement currency, or in euro as described above where the required payment is in an unavailable specified currency will not constitute an event of default under the BofA Finance Indenture or the applicable debt securities.

The exchange rate agent to be appointed by us may be one of our affiliates, and, from time to time after the initial appointment of an exchange rate agent, we may appoint one or more different exchange rate agents for the relevant non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security without your consent and without notifying you of the change. The exchange rate agent will determine the applicable rate of exchange that would apply to a payment made in U.S. dollars or a replacement currency in its sole discretion unless we state in the applicable supplement that any determination requires our approval. Absent manifest error, those determinations will be final and binding on you and us.

For purposes of the above discussion about currency conversions and payments on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the term “business day” means any weekday that is not a legal holiday in New York, New York or Charlotte, North Carolina and is not a day on which banking institutions in those cities are authorized or required by law or regulation to be closed.

*Indirect owners of a debt security with a specified currency other than U.S. dollars should contact their banks or brokers for information about how to receive payments in the specified currency or in U.S. dollars.*

### *Non-U.S. Dollar-Denominated Securities in Definitive Form*

We will pay any interest on non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt securities in definitive form on each interest payment date other than the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, by, in our discretion, wire transfer of immediately available funds or check mailed to holders of the debt securities on the applicable record date at the address appearing on our or the security registrar's records. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will pay principal and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable at the maturity date, or earlier redemption date, of a non-U.S. dollar-denominated debt security in definitive form by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the registered holders of the debt security at the time of payment.

### **No Sinking Fund**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, our debt securities will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. This means that we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay the debt securities.

### **Redemption**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity. If we may redeem the debt securities prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the redemption price, the method for redemption, and the date or dates upon which we may redeem the debt securities. Debt securities to be redeemed in part may only be redeemed in increments of their minimum denomination.

### ***Notice of Redemption***

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we may exercise our right to redeem debt securities by giving notice to the holders under the BofA Finance Indenture at least 5 business days but not more than 60 calendar days before the specified redemption date. The notice will specify:

- the date fixed for redemption;
- the redemption price (or, if not then ascertainable, the manner of calculation thereof);
- the CUSIP number and any other identifying number of the debt securities to be redeemed;
- the amount to be redeemed, if less than all of the outstanding debt securities of a series are to be redeemed;
- the place of payment for the debt securities to be redeemed;
- that interest (if any) accrued on the debt securities to be redeemed will be paid as specified in the notice; and
- that interest (if any) will cease to accrue on the debt securities to be redeemed.

If notice of redemption has been given in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture, the debt securities being redeemed shall become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption.

So long as a depository is the record holder of the applicable debt securities to be redeemed, we, or the trustee on our behalf if we so request, will deliver any notice of our election to exercise our redemption right only to that depository.

### **Repayment**

The applicable supplement will indicate whether the debt securities can be repaid at the holder's option prior to their stated maturity. If the debt securities may be repaid prior to their stated maturity, the applicable supplement will indicate the applicable repayment price or prices, the procedures for repayment and the date or dates on or after which the holder can request repayment.

### **Repurchase**

We may purchase at any time and from time to time, including through a subsidiary or affiliate of ours, outstanding debt securities by tender, in the open market, or by private agreement. We, or our affiliates, have the discretion to hold or resell any repurchased debt securities. We also have the discretion to cancel any repurchased debt securities.

### **Bank of America Guarantee**

Pursuant to the BofA Finance Indenture, Bank of America fully and unconditionally guarantees, on an unsecured basis, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) and any interest and all other amounts payable on the debt securities issued by BofA Finance, when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or upon redemption, repayment or acceleration, in accordance with the terms of the debt securities and the BofA Finance Indenture. If for any reason BofA Finance does not make any required payment on the debt securities when due, Bank of America will make such payment, on demand, at the same place and in the same manner that applies to payments made by BofA Finance under the BofA Finance Indenture. The guarantee is of payment and not of collection.

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and has no operations other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities guaranteed by Bank of America. In addition, BofA Finance will have no assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of such debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders will be limited to those available under Bank of America's guarantee of such debt securities, and any obligations under that guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America. Holders of BofA Finance's debt securities will have recourse only to a single claim against Bank of America and its assets under Bank of America's guarantee of the debt securities. See "Risk Factors—BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, has no independent assets, operations or revenues."

Bank of America's obligations under its guarantee of the debt securities are unconditional and absolute.

If BofA Finance were to merge into Bank of America, under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, the guarantee would terminate.

### **Exchange, Registration, and Transfer**

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry only, form. Debt securities in global form may be exchanged for debt securities

in definitive form only in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the BofA Finance Indenture. Debt securities represented by a master note may be exchanged by us at any time upon our request to the trustee for one or more other debt securities in global form, as described in the relevant debt securities.

Subject to the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, debt securities of any series in definitive form may be exchanged at the option of the holder for other debt securities of the same series and of an equal aggregate principal amount and type in any authorized denominations.

Debt securities in definitive form may be presented for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent that we designate and maintain. The security registrar or the transfer agent will make the registration of transfer only if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. There will not be a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with the exchange or transfer. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the authenticating agent, security registrar and transfer agent for the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture. We may change the security registrar or the transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any security registrar or transfer agent acts at any time, in each case without your consent and without notifying you of such event. We will be required to maintain a security registrar and transfer agent in each place of payment for each series of debt securities. At any time, we may designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities.

We will not be required to (1) issue, exchange, or register the transfer of any debt security of any series to be redeemed for a period of 15 days before the date on which we deliver the notice of redemption, or (2) exchange or register the transfer of any debt security (i) that was selected, called, or is being called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part or (ii) as to which the holder has exercised any right to require us to repay such debt security, except the portion to remain outstanding of any debt security being repaid in part.

For a discussion of restrictions on the exchange, registration, and transfer of book-entry only securities, see “Registration and Settlement” below.

### **Sale or Issuance of Capital Stock of Principal Subsidiary Bank**

The BofA Finance Indenture provides that, subject to the provisions of the BofA Finance Indenture described below relating to the merger or sale of assets of the Guarantor, the Guarantor will not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or permit the issuance of, or permit a subsidiary to sell, assign, transfer or dispose of, any shares of capital stock, or any securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank (as defined below) or of any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, with the following exceptions:

- sales or other dispositions of directors’ qualifying shares;
- sales or other dispositions for fair market value, if, after giving effect to the disposition and to conversion of any shares or securities convertible into capital stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, the Guarantor would own at least 80% of each class of the capital stock of that Principal Subsidiary Bank;

- sales or other dispositions made in compliance with an order of a court or regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction;
- any sale by a Principal Subsidiary Bank of additional shares of its capital stock, securities convertible into shares of its capital stock, or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of its capital stock, to its stockholders at any price, so long as before that sale the Guarantor owned, directly or indirectly, securities of the same class and immediately after the sale, the Guarantor owned, directly or indirectly, at least as great a percentage of each class of securities of the Principal Subsidiary Bank as it owned before the sale of additional securities; and
- any issuance of shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of capital stock, of a Principal Subsidiary Bank or any subsidiary which owns shares of capital stock, or securities convertible into or options, warrants, or rights to acquire capital stock, of any Principal Subsidiary Bank, to the Guarantor or its wholly-owned subsidiary.

A “Principal Subsidiary Bank” is defined in the BofA Finance Indenture as any bank that is a subsidiary of the Guarantor with total assets equal to more than 10% of the Guarantor’s and its subsidiaries’ total consolidated assets. As of the date of this prospectus, Bank of America, N.A. is the Guarantor’s only Principal Subsidiary Bank.

### **Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets**

Under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, we are, and the Guarantor is, permitted to merge or consolidate with another entity, subject to certain requirements. We are, and the Guarantor is, also permitted to sell, convey or transfer all or substantially all of our or its assets, subject to certain requirements. These transactions are permitted if:

- with respect to us:
  - the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes all of our obligations under the BofA Finance Indenture and the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture; and
  - immediately after the transaction, we (or any successor entity) are not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BofA Finance Indenture.
- with respect to the Guarantor:
  - the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than Bank of America, is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state or the District of Columbia and expressly assumes the guarantee obligations under the BofA Finance Indenture; and
  - immediately after the transaction, Bank of America (or any successor guarantor) is not in default in the performance of any covenant or condition under the BofA Finance Indenture.

With respect to debt securities issued on or after December 30, 2019, the foregoing requirements do not apply in the case of a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our or the Guarantor’s assets to one or more entities that are direct or indirect subsidiaries of Bank of America in which Bank of America and/or one or more of Bank of America’s subsidiaries owns more than 50% of the combined voting power.

Upon any consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance or transfer of this kind (other than, where permitted as described above, a sale, conveyance or transfer of all or substantially all of our or the Guarantor's assets to Bank of America's direct or indirect subsidiary or subsidiaries in which Bank of America owns more than 50% of the combined voting power as described in the preceding paragraph), the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us or the Guarantor, as the case may be, in the BofA Finance Indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to that BofA Finance Indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our or Bank of America's rights and powers under the BofA Finance Indenture, as the case may be. If BofA Finance were to merge into Bank of America, under the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture, the guarantee would terminate.

### **Waiver of Covenants**

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture may waive compliance with some of the covenants or conditions of the BofA Finance Indenture.

### **Modification of the Indenture**

We, the Guarantor, and the trustee may modify the BofA Finance Indenture and the rights of the holders of the debt securities with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate principal amount of all series of outstanding debt securities under the BofA Finance Indenture affected by the modification.

No modification may extend the fixed maturity of, reduce the principal amount or redemption premium of, or reduce the rate of interest, or extend the time of payment of interest or other amounts due, on any debt security without the consent of each holder affected by the modification. No modification may reduce the percentage of debt securities that is required to consent to modification of the BofA Finance Indenture without the consent of all holders of the debt securities outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture.

In addition, we, the Guarantor, and the trustee may execute supplemental indentures in some circumstances without the consent of any holders of outstanding debt securities.

For purposes of determining the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding at any time in connection with any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver under the BofA Finance Indenture, (1) the principal amount of any debt security issued with original issue discount is that amount of principal that would be due and payable at that time upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the original issue discount note, and (2) the principal amount of a debt security denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit is the U.S. dollar equivalent on the date of original issuance of the debt security, determined as specified in the applicable supplement for that debt security.

### **Meetings and Action by Securityholders**

The trustee may call a meeting in its discretion, or upon request by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities, by giving notice. If a meeting of holders is duly held, any resolution raised or decision taken in accordance with the BofA Finance Indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series.

## **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration; Covenant Breaches**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, an event of default for any particular debt securities of any series includes any one of the following events:

- our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any such debt securities when due and payable;
- our failure to pay interest or other amounts due (other than principal, premium, if any, or other amounts payable at maturity or upon redemption) on any such debt securities when due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 calendar days;
- our breach of any of our other covenants contained in such debt securities or in the BofA Finance Indenture, that is not cured within 90 calendar days after written notice to us by the trustee of the BofA Finance Indenture, or to us and the trustee of the BofA Finance Indenture by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of all debt securities then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture and affected by the breach;
- specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation; or
- any other event of default provided with respect to such debt securities.

Any additional or different events of default for a series of debt securities will be specified in the applicable supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, if an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture and affected by such event of default (or, in the case of an event of default under the BofA Finance Indenture relating to specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency, or liquidation, the holders of 25% in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities) may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities are issued with original issue discount, a specified portion of the principal amount, of all affected debt securities (or all debt securities, as the case may be) to be due and payable immediately. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the affected debt securities then outstanding, in some circumstances, may annul the declaration of acceleration and waive past defaults.

We and the Guarantor are required periodically to file with the trustee a certificate stating that we or the Guarantor, as the case may be, are not in default under any of the terms of the BofA Finance Indenture.

## **Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee**

If (i) we fail to pay the principal of or any premium on any debt securities, or (ii) we are over 30 calendar days late on an interest payment or other amounts due (other than principal, any premium, or other amounts payable at maturity or upon redemption) on the debt securities, the trustee can demand that we pay to it, for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities, the amount which is due and payable on those debt securities, including any interest incurred because of our failure to make that payment. If we fail to pay such required amount on demand, the trustee may take appropriate action, including instituting judicial proceedings against us.

In addition, a holder of our debt securities also may file suit to enforce our obligation to make payment of principal, and any premium, interest, or other amounts payable on such debt securities regardless of the actions taken by the trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of each series of the affected debt securities then outstanding under the BofA Finance Indenture may direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture. The trustee may decline to act if the direction is contrary to law and in certain other circumstances set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture. The trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the BofA Finance Indenture at the request or direction of the holders of the debt securities unless the holders offer the trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against costs, expenses and liabilities.

### **Limitation on Suits**

The BofA Finance Indenture provides that no individual holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under the BofA Finance Indenture, except actions for payment of overdue principal or any premium, interest or other amounts due, unless the following actions have occurred:

- the holder must have previously given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default or covenant breach;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture must have (1) requested the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such event of default or covenant breach and (2) offered the trustee indemnity against liabilities incurred by the trustee for taking such action, which indemnity is reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- the trustee must have failed to institute proceedings within 60 days after receipt of the request referred to above; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of such outstanding debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture must not have given direction to the trustee inconsistent with the request of the holders referred to above.

However, the holder of any debt securities will have an absolute right to receive payment of principal of and any premium and interest on the senior debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce this payment.

### **Payment of Additional Amounts**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, and subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, we will pay to the holder of any debt security that is a “non-U.S. person” additional amounts to ensure that every net payment on that debt security will not be less, due to the payment of U.S. withholding tax, than the amount then otherwise due and payable. For this purpose, a “net payment” on a debt security means a payment by us or any paying agent, including payment of principal and interest, after deduction for any present or future tax, assessment, or other governmental charge of the United States (other than a territory or possession). These additional amounts will constitute additional interest on the debt security. For this purpose, U.S. withholding tax means a withholding tax of the United States, other than a territory or possession.

However, notwithstanding our obligation, if so specified, to pay additional amounts, we will not be required to pay additional amounts in any of the circumstances described in items (1) through (15) below, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement.

- (1) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - having a relationship with the United States as a citizen, resident, or otherwise;
  - having had such a relationship in the past; or
  - being considered as having had such a relationship.
- (2) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security:
  - being treated as present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States;
  - being treated as having been present in or engaged in a trade or business in the United States in the past;
  - having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States; or
  - having or having had a qualified business unit which has the U.S. dollar as its functional currency.
- (3) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being or having been a:
  - personal holding company;
  - foreign personal holding company;
  - private foundation or other tax-exempt organization;
  - passive foreign investment company;
  - controlled foreign corporation; or
  - corporation which has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.
- (4) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security owning or having owned, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote.
- (5) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner of the debt security being a bank extending credit under a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of items (1) through (5) above, “beneficial owner” includes, without limitation, a holder and a fiduciary, settlor, partner, member, shareholder, or beneficiary of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder.

(6) Additional amounts will not be payable to any beneficial owner of a debt security that is:

- A fiduciary;
- A partnership;
- A limited liability company;
- Another fiscally transparent entity; or
- Not the sole beneficial owner of the debt security, or any portion of the debt security.

However, this exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only to the extent that a beneficiary or settlor in relation to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner, partner, or member of the partnership, limited liability company, or other fiscally transparent entity, would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner, partner, or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment.

(7) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the failure of the beneficial owner of the debt security or any other person to comply with applicable certification, identification, documentation, or other information reporting requirements. This exception to the obligation to pay additional amounts will apply only if compliance with such requirements is required as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment, or other governmental charge by statute or regulation of the United States or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party.

(8) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is collected or imposed by any method other than by withholding from a payment on a debt security by us or any paying agent.

(9) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of a change in law, regulation, or administrative or judicial interpretation that becomes effective more than 15 days after the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(10) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the presentation by the beneficial owner of a debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which such payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later.

(11) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any:

- estate tax;

- inheritance tax;
- gift tax;
- sales tax;
- excise tax;
- transfer tax;
- wealth tax;
- personal property tax; or
- any similar tax, assessment, or other governmental charge.

(12) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any paying agent from a payment of principal or interest on the applicable security if such payment can be made without such withholding by any other paying agent.

(13) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the application of Section 1471 through Section 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any successor provision), any regulation, pronouncement, or agreement thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time.

(14) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the payment being treated as a dividend or dividend equivalent for U.S. tax purposes.

(15) Additional amounts will not be payable if a payment on a debt security is reduced as a result of any combination of items (1) through (14) above.

Except as specifically provided in this section, we will not be required to make any payment of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge imposed by any government, political subdivision, or taxing authority of that government.

For purposes of determining whether the payment of additional amounts is required, the term “U.S. person” means any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; any corporation, partnership, or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States; any estate if the income of such estate falls within the federal income tax jurisdiction of the United States regardless of the source of that income; and any trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust. Additionally, for this purpose, “non-U.S. person” means a person who is not a U.S. person, and “United States” means the United States of America, including each state of the United States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions, and other areas within its jurisdiction.

### **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, we may redeem the debt securities in whole, but not in part, at any time before maturity, if we have or will become obligated to pay additional

amounts, as described above under “—Payment of Additional Amounts,” as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision or any authority of the United States having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of the applicable supplement for the issuance of those debt securities. If we exercise such right to redeem the debt securities, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, we will give not less than 5 business days’ nor more than 60 calendar days’ notice to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture and to the holders of the debt securities.

In connection with any notice of redemption for tax reasons, we will deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture any required certificate, request, or order.

Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable supplement, any debt securities redeemed for tax reasons will be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such debt securities, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption.

### **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

If we so specify in the applicable supplement, the provisions for full defeasance and covenant defeasance described below will apply to the debt securities of a series if certain conditions are satisfied.

#### ***Full Defeasance***

If there is a change in the U.S. federal income tax law, as described below, Bank of America and BofA Finance can legally release themselves from all payment and other obligations on the debt securities of a series. This is called full defeasance. For us to do so, among other conditions set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture, each of the following must occur:

- We or Bank of America must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities when due;
- There must be a change in current U.S. federal income tax law or an Internal Revenue Service ruling that lets us make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid those debt securities ourselves. Under current U.S. federal income tax law, the deposit, and our legal release from your debt security, would be treated as though we took back your debt security and gave you your share of the cash and notes or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on your debt security; and
- We or Bank of America must deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming the tax law treatment described above.

If we ever fully defeased your debt security, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for payments on your debt security.

#### ***Covenant Defeasance***

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from restrictive covenants relating to your debt security. This is called

covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants. In order to achieve covenant defeasance for a series of debt securities, among other conditions set forth in the BofA Finance Indenture, we must do both of the following:

- We or Bank of America must deposit in trust with the trustee for the benefit of the holders of those debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, and any other payments on those debt securities on their due dates; and
- We must deliver to the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that under current U.S. federal income tax law, we may make the above deposit without causing the beneficial owners to be taxed on those debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and repaid the debt securities ourselves.

If we achieve covenant defeasance with respect to your debt security, you can still look to us for repayment of your debt security in the event of any shortfall in the trust deposit. You should note, however, that if one of the remaining events of default occurred, such as our bankruptcy, and your debt security became immediately due and payable, there may be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

### **Satisfaction and Discharge of the Indenture**

The BofA Finance Indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to the debt securities of such series, if at any time:

- We have delivered to the trustee for cancellation all debt securities of such series; or
- All debt securities of such series not delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and we or the Guarantor has irrevocably deposited with the trustee or the applicable paying agent as trust funds for the entire amount in cash due with respect to such debt securities on or after the date of such deposit, including at maturity or upon redemption of all such debt securities, including principal and any premium, interest and other amounts payable, and any mandatory sinking fund payments, on the dates on which such payments are due and payable.

The trustee, on our or the Guarantor's demand, accompanied by an officer's certificate of ours or the Guarantor's and an opinion of counsel and at our or the Guarantor's cost and expense, will execute proper instruments acknowledging such satisfaction of and discharging the BofA Finance Indenture with respect to such debt securities.

### **Notices**

We or the trustee on our behalf, if so requested, will provide the holders with any required notices by first-class mail to the addresses of the holders as they appear in the security register. So long as a depository is the record holder of a series of debt securities with respect to which a notice is given, we or the trustee, if so requested, will deliver the notice only to that depository in accordance with the procedures of that depository then in place.

## **Concerning the Trustee**

Bank of America and certain of its affiliates have from time to time maintained deposit accounts and conducted other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. We expect to continue these business transactions. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is initially serving as the trustee for the debt securities issued under the BofA Finance Indenture. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and its affiliates also serve as trustee for a number of series of outstanding indebtedness of Bank of America and its affiliates under other indentures. Consequently, if an actual or potential event of default occurs with respect to any of these securities, the trustee may be considered to have a conflicting interest for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. In that case, the trustee may be required to resign under the BofA Finance Indenture, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. For this purpose, a “potential” event of default means an event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving us default notice or for the default having to exist for a specific period of time were disregarded. In addition, the trustee can resign for any reason by giving at least 30 calendar days’ written notice of resignation, and we would be required to appoint a successor trustee. The trustee will remain the trustee under the BofA Finance Indenture until a successor is appointed.

## **Governing Law**

The BofA Finance Indenture is and the debt securities and the guarantee will be governed by New York law.

## REGISTRATION AND SETTLEMENT

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will issue the debt securities in registered, and not bearer, form. This means that Bank of America's and/or BofA Finance's obligation runs to the holder of the security named on the face of the security. Each debt security issued in registered form will be represented either by a certificate issued in definitive form to a particular investor or by one or more global securities representing the entire series of securities.

Bank of America and BofA Finance refer to those persons who have debt securities registered in their own names, on the books that Bank of America, BofA Finance or the trustee or other agent maintain for this purpose, as the "holders" of those debt securities. These persons are the legal holders of the debt securities. Bank of America and BofA Finance refer to those who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in debt securities that are not registered in their own names as indirect owners or beneficial owners of those debt securities. As discussed below, indirect owners are not legal holders, and investors in debt securities issued in global, or book-entry only, form or in street name will be indirect owners.

A global security may represent one or any number of individual debt securities. Generally, all debt securities represented by the same global security will have the same terms. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple debt securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. This kind of global security is called a master global security. Each debt security evidenced by a master global security will be identified by the trustee on a schedule to such master global security. Your prospectus supplement or applicable supplement will indicate whether your debt securities are represented by a master global security.

### **Book-Entry Only Issuance**

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will issue each debt security in global, or book-entry, form. This means that securities in definitive form will not be issued to investors. Instead, global securities in registered form representing the entire series of debt securities will be issued. Each global security will be registered in the name of a financial institution or clearing system that holds the global security as depository on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in that depository's book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the global securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Because debt securities issued in global form are registered in the name of the depository, Bank of America and BofA Finance will recognize only the depository as the holder of the debt securities. This means that Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will make all payments on the debt securities, including deliveries of any property other than cash, to the depository. The depository passes along the payments it receives from Bank of America and/or BofA Finance to its participants, which in turn pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depository and its participants are not obligated to pass these payments along under the terms of the debt securities. Instead, they do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers.

As a result, investors will not own debt securities issued in book-entry only form directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker, or other financial institution that participates in the depository's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant in the depository's book-entry system. As long as the debt securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect owners, and not holders, of the debt securities. The depository will not have knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities.

## **Definitive Securities**

In the future, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may cancel a global security or may issue debt securities initially in non-global, or definitive, form. Bank of America and BofA Finance do not expect to exchange global securities for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners of the global securities representing the debt securities except in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the relevant indenture.

## **Street Name Owners**

If certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners are issued, investors may choose to hold their debt securities in their own names or in street name. Debt securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker, or other financial institution that the investor chooses, and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those debt securities through an account that he or she maintains at that institution.

For debt securities held in street name, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as the case may be, will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers, and other financial institutions in whose names the debt securities are registered as the holders of those debt securities, and Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will make all payments on those debt securities, including deliveries of any property other than cash, to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold debt securities in street name will be indirect owners, not holders, of those debt securities.

## **Legal Holders**

Bank of America's and BofA Finance's obligations, as well as the obligations of the trustee under any indenture and the obligations, if any, of any other third parties employed by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance or the trustee, run only to the holders of the debt securities. Bank of America and BofA Finance do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, who hold the debt securities in street name, or who hold the debt securities by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect owner of a debt security or has no choice because the debt securities are being issued only in global form. For example, once Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, makes a payment or gives a notice to the holder, it has no further responsibility for that payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect owners, but does not do so. Similarly, if Bank of America or BofA Finance want to obtain the approval of the holders for any purpose, such as to amend an indenture for a series of debt securities or to relieve it of the consequences of a default or of its obligation to comply with a particular provision of an indenture, it would seek the approval only from the holders, and not the indirect owners, of the relevant debt securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect owners is up to the holders.

When Bank of America or BofA Finance refers to "you" in this prospectus, it means those who invest in the debt securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the holders or only indirect owners of those debt securities. When Bank of America or BofA Finance refers to "your debt securities" in this prospectus, it means the debt securities in which you will hold a direct or indirect interest.

## **Special Considerations for Indirect Owners**

If you hold debt securities through a bank, broker, or other financial institution, either in book-entry only form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- how it handles payments on your debt securities and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you the debt securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;
- how it would exercise rights under the debt securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the debt securities are in book-entry only form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

## **Depositories for Global Securities**

Each debt security issued in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security that Bank of America or BofA Finance deposits with and registers in the name of one or more financial institutions or clearing systems, which Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will select, or their nominees. A financial institution or clearing system that is selected for this purpose is called the "depository" for that debt security. A debt security usually will have only one depository, but it may have more.

Each series of debt securities will have one or more of the following as the depositories:

- The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which is known as "DTC";
- a financial institution holding the debt securities on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV, which is known as "Euroclear";
- a financial institution holding the debt securities on behalf of Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg, which is known as "Clearstream, Luxembourg"; and
- any other clearing system or financial institution identified in the applicable supplement.

The depositories named above also may be participants in one another's clearing systems. For example, if DTC is the depository for a global security, investors may hold beneficial interests in that security through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as DTC participants.

The depository or depositories for your debt securities will be named in the applicable supplement. If no depository is named, the depository will be DTC.

### ***The Depository Trust Company***

The following is based on information made publicly available by DTC:

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable supplement, DTC will act as securities depository for the securities. The securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name

of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or any other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered security certificate will be issued for each issue of the securities, each in the aggregate principal amount of the issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of the issue. One or more global securities that represent multiple series of debt securities may also be issued.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered under Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly ("indirect participants"). The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com). Information on that website is not included or incorporated by reference herein.

Purchases of the securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each security ("beneficial owner") is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the security documents. For example, beneficial owners of securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the securities for its benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's Money Market Instrument ("MMI") procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an omnibus proxy to Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

Any payments of principal, any premium, interest, or other amounts on the securities will be made to Cede & Co., or any other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us, on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of these participants and not of DTC or its nominee, us, the trustee, or any other agent or party, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time. Payment of dividends or principal and any premium or interest to Cede & Co. (or any other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable. Disbursement of the payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of the payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of the direct or indirect participants.

Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will send any redemption notices to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities of a series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the issue to be redeemed.

A beneficial owner shall give notice to elect to have its securities repurchased through the participant through which it holds its beneficial interest in the security to the applicable trustee or tender agent. The beneficial owner shall effect delivery of its securities by causing the direct participant to transfer its interest in the securities on DTC's records. The requirement for physical delivery of securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the securities are transferred by the direct participant on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered securities to the applicable trustee or agent's DTC account.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository for the securities at any time by giving Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, reasonable notice. If this occurs, and if a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will print and deliver definitive securities.

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that

event, Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, as applicable, will print and deliver definitive securities to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for its accuracy.

### ***Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg***

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders (each such account holder, a "participant" and collectively, the "participants"). Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other. Euroclear is incorporated under the laws of Belgium and Clearstream, Luxembourg is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are worldwide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant of either system.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may be depositories for a global security sold or traded outside the United States. In addition, if DTC is the depository for a global security, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may hold interests in the global security as participants in DTC. As long as any global security is held by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as depository, you may hold an interest in the global security only through an organization that participates, directly or indirectly, in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. If Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is the depository for a global security and there is no depository in the United States, you will not be able to hold interests in that global security through any securities clearing system in the United States.

Payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to the securities made through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg must comply with the rules and procedures of those clearing systems. Those clearing systems could change their rules and procedures at any time. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance has control over those clearing systems or their participants, and neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for their activities. Transactions between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, on one hand, and participants in DTC, on the other hand, when DTC is the depository, also would be subject to DTC's rules and procedures.

Investors will be able to make and receive through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other transactions involving any securities

held through those clearing systems only on days when those clearing systems are open for business. Those clearing systems may not be open for business on days when banks, brokers, and other institutions are open for business in the United States. In addition, because of time-zone differences, U.S. investors who hold their interests in the securities through these clearing systems and wish to transfer their interests, or to receive or make a payment or delivery or exercise any other right with respect to their interests, on a particular day may find that the transaction will not be effected until the next business day in Brussels or Luxembourg, as applicable. Thus, investors who wish to exercise rights that expire on a particular day may need to act before the expiration date. In addition, investors who hold their interests through both DTC and Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg may need to make special arrangements to finance any purchases or sales of their interests between the United States and European clearing systems, and those transactions may settle later than would be the case for transactions within one clearing system.

The information in this section concerning Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg has been obtained from sources that are believed to be reliable, but neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance takes responsibility for its accuracy.

### **Special Considerations for Global Securities**

As an indirect owner, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the depository and those of the investor's financial institution or other intermediary through which it holds its interest (e.g., Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, if DTC is the depository), as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance recognizes this type of investor or any intermediary as a holder of debt securities. Instead, Bank of America and BofA Finance deal only with the depository that holds the global security.

If debt securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the debt securities to be registered in his or her own name, and cannot obtain physical certificates for his or her interest in the debt securities, except in the limited circumstances described in the relevant debt securities or in the indenture governing the relevant securities;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities, as described above under “—Legal Holders”;
- under existing industry practices, if Bank of America, BofA Finance or the trustee requests any action of owners of beneficial interests in any global security or if an owner of a beneficial interest in any global security desires to give instructions or take any action that a holder of an interest in a global security is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture, DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, would authorize the participants owning the relevant beneficial interests to give instructions or take such action, and such participants would authorize indirect holders to give or take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of such indirect holders;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance companies and other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in definitive form;

- an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the debt securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective; furthermore, as Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg act on behalf of their respective participants only, who in turn may act on behalf of their respective clients, the ability of beneficial owners who are not participants with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to pledge interests in any global security to persons or entities that are not participants with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or otherwise take action in respect of interests in any global security, may be limited;
- the depository's policies will govern payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security, and those policies may change from time to time;
- Bank of America, BofA Finance, the trustee, or any other agents will not be responsible for any aspect of the depository's policies, actions, or records of ownership interests in a global security;
- Bank of America, BofA Finance, the trustee, or any other agents do not supervise the depository in any way;
- the depository will require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and
- financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system and through which an investor holds its interest in the global securities, directly or indirectly, also may have their own policies affecting payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices, and other matters relating to the debt securities. Those policies may change from time to time. For example, if you hold an interest in a global security through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg when DTC is the depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, will require those who purchase and sell interests in that debt security through them to use immediately available funds and comply with other policies and procedures, including deadlines for giving instructions as to transactions that are to be effected on a particular day. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. Neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance monitors or is responsible for the policies or actions or records of ownership interests of any of those intermediaries.

## U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of certain of the debt securities that we are offering. The following discussion is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury Department (“Treasury”) (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below. This section constitutes the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP, United States tax counsel to Bank of America Corporation and BofA Finance LLC.

This summary is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a particular holder in light of its investment or tax circumstances or to holders subject to special tax rules, such as: partnerships, or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, subchapter S corporations, any government (or instrumentality or agency thereof), banks, financial institutions, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, trusts and estates, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that have elected to use the mark-to-market method of tax accounting for their securities, persons holding the debt securities as part of an integrated investment, including a “straddle,” “hedge,” “constructive sale,” or “conversion transaction,” persons (other than Non-U.S. Holders) whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar, and persons subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code. This summary does not address special rules applicable to a person required for U.S. federal income tax purposes to conform the timing of income accruals with respect to the debt securities to its financial statements under Section 451(b) of the Code. This summary also does not include any description of the tax laws of any state or local governments, or of any foreign government, that may be applicable to a particular holder. This summary also may not apply to all forms of debt securities that we may issue. If the tax consequences associated with a particular form of debt security are different than those described below, they will be described in the applicable supplement.

Although certain of the debt securities will be issued by BofA Finance, they will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as if they were issued by Bank of America. Accordingly, throughout this discussion, references to “we,” “our” or “us” are generally to Bank of America unless the context requires otherwise. References to “debt securities” refer only to debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation or BofA Finance LLC.

This discussion applies only to holders who, except as otherwise specifically noted, will purchase the debt securities offered in this prospectus upon original issuance and will hold such securities as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment.

*You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of these securities, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.*

As used in this prospectus, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of the debt securities offered in this prospectus that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

As used in this prospectus, the term “Non-U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner that is not a U.S. Holder and is not a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds the debt securities offered in this prospectus, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership and accordingly, this summary does not apply to partnerships. A partner of a partnership holding the debt securities should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to the partner of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition by the partnership of the debt securities.

## **General**

### ***Consequences to U.S. Holders***

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to U.S. Holders of debt securities.

*Payment of Stated Interest.* Except as described below in the case of interest on a debt security issued with original issue discount, as defined below under “—Original Issue Discount,” stated interest on a debt security generally will be included in the income of a U.S. Holder as interest income at the time it is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will be ordinary income.

*Original Issue Discount.* Some of our debt securities may be issued with original issue discount (“OID”). U.S. Holders of debt securities issued with OID, other than short-term debt securities with a maturity of one year or less from its date of issue (after taking into account the last possible date that the debt security could be outstanding under its terms), will be subject to special tax accounting rules, as described in greater detail below. For tax purposes, OID is the excess of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt instrument over its “issue price.” The “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt security is the sum of all payments required to be made on the debt security other than “qualified stated interest” payments, as defined below. The “issue price” of a debt security is generally the first offering price to the public at which a substantial amount of the issue was sold (ignoring sales to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers). The term “qualified stated interest” generally means stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property (other than debt instruments of the issuer), or that is treated as constructively received, at least annually at a single fixed rate or, under certain circumstances, at a variable rate. If a debt security bears interest during any accrual period at a rate below the rate applicable for the remaining term of the debt security (for example, debt securities with teaser rates or interest

holidays), interest payable at the lowest stated fixed rate generally is qualified stated interest and the excess, if any, is included in the stated redemption price at maturity for purposes of determining whether the debt security will be issued with original issue discount.

A U.S. Holder of a debt security with a maturity of more than one year from its date of issue that has been issued with OID (an “OID debt security”) is generally required to include any qualified stated interest payments in income as interest at the time such interest is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular accounting method for tax purposes, as described above under “—Payment of Stated Interest.” A U.S. Holder of an OID debt security is generally required to include in income the sum of the daily accruals of the OID for the debt security for each day during the taxable year (or portion of the taxable year) in which the U.S. Holder held the OID debt security, regardless of such holder’s regular method of accounting. Thus, a U.S. Holder may be required to include OID in income in advance of the receipt of some or all of the related cash payments. The daily portion is determined by allocating the OID for each day of the accrual period. An accrual period may be of any length and the accrual periods may even vary in length over the term of the OID debt security, provided that each accrual period is no longer than one year and each scheduled payment of principal or interest occurs either on the first day of an accrual period or on the final day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period is equal to the excess of: (1) the product of the “adjusted issue price” of the OID debt security at the beginning of the accrual period and its yield to maturity (computed generally on a constant yield method and compounded at the end of each accrual period, taking into account the length of the particular accrual period) over (2) the amount of any qualified stated interest allocable to the accrual period. OID allocable to a final accrual period is the difference between the amount payable at maturity, other than a payment of qualified stated interest, and the adjusted issue price at the beginning of the final accrual period. Special rules will apply for calculating OID for an initial short accrual period. The “adjusted issue price” of an OID debt security at the beginning of any accrual period is the sum of the issue price of the OID debt security plus the amount of OID allocable to all prior accrual periods reduced by any payments received on the OID debt security that were not qualified stated interest. Under these rules, a U.S. Holder generally will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID in successive accrual periods.

If the excess of the “stated redemption price at maturity” of a debt security over its “issue price” is less than 1/4 of 1% of the debt instrument’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years from its issue date to its maturity, or weighted average maturity in the case of debt securities with more than one principal payment (“de minimis OID”), the debt security is not treated as issued with OID. The weighted average maturity is the sum of the following amounts determined for each payment under the debt security other than a payment of qualified stated interest: (i) the number of complete years from the issue date of the debt security until the payment is made, multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the payment and the denominator of which is the debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity. A U.S. Holder generally must include the de minimis OID in income at the time payments, other than qualified stated interest, on the debt securities are made in proportion to the amount paid (unless the U.S. Holder makes the election described below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount”). Any amount of de minimis OID that is included in income in this manner will be treated as capital gain.

*Debt Securities Subject to Early Redemption.* A debt security subject to redemption prior to maturity may be subject to rules that differ from the general rules described above for purposes of determining the yield and maturity of the debt security (which may affect whether the debt security is treated as issued with OID and, if so, the timing of accrual of the OID). Under applicable Treasury regulations, we will generally be presumed to exercise an option to redeem a debt security if the exercise of the option will lower the yield on the debt security. Conversely, a U.S. Holder will generally be presumed to exercise an option to require us to repurchase a debt security if the

exercise of the option will increase the yield on the debt security. If such an option is not in fact exercised, the debt security will be treated, solely for purposes of calculating OID, as if it were redeemed and a new debt security were issued on the presumed exercise date for an amount equal to the debt security's "adjusted issue price" on that date.

Under these rules, if a debt security provides for a fixed rate of interest that increases over the term of the debt security, the debt security's issue price is not below its stated principal amount and we have an option to redeem the debt security for an amount equal to the stated principal amount (plus accrued interest, if any) prior to the first date on which an increased rate of interest is in effect, the yield on the debt security will be lowered if we redeem the debt security before the initial increase in the interest rate, and therefore our redemption option will be treated as exercised. Since the debt security will therefore be treated as if it were redeemed and reissued prior to the initial increase in the interest rate, the debt security will not be treated as issued with OID. If a debt security is not treated as issued with OID and if, contrary to the presumption in the applicable Treasury regulations, we do not redeem the debt security before the initial increase in the interest rate, the same analysis will apply to all subsequent increases in the interest rate. This means that the debt security that is deemed reissued will be treated as redeemed prior to any subsequent increase in the interest rate, and therefore as issued without OID. If such a deemed reissuance occurs when the remaining term of the debt security is one year or less, it is possible that the debt security would thereafter be treated as a short-term debt instrument. See "—Short-Term Debt Securities" below.

Additional rules applicable to debt securities with OID that are denominated in or determined by reference to a currency other than the U.S. dollar are described under "—Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities" below.

*Variable Rate Debt Securities.* In the case of a debt security that is a variable rate debt security, special rules apply. A debt security will qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument" under Treasury regulations if (i) the debt security's issue price does not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments by more than the lesser of: (a) 0.015 multiplied by the product of the total noncontingent principal payments and the number of complete years to maturity from the issue date, or (b) 15% of the total noncontingent principal payments; and (ii) the debt security provides for stated interest, compounded or paid at least annually, only at one or more qualified floating rates, a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates, a single objective rate, or a single fixed rate and a single objective rate that is a qualified inverse floating rate.

Generally, a rate is a qualified floating rate if: (i) (a) variations in the value of the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous variations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the debt security is denominated; or (b) the rate is equal to such a rate multiplied by either a fixed multiple that is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35 or a fixed multiple greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35 increased or decreased by a fixed rate, and (ii) the value of the rate on any date during the term of the debt security is set no earlier than three months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than one year following that first day. If a debt security provides for two or more qualified floating rates that are within 0.25 percentage points of each other on the issue date or can reasonably be expected to have approximately the same values throughout the term of the debt security, the qualified floating rates together constitute a single qualified floating rate. A debt security will not have a variable rate that is a qualified floating rate, however, if the variable rate of interest is subject to one or more minimum or maximum rate floors or ceilings or one or more governors limiting the amount of increase or decrease unless such floor, ceiling, or governor is fixed throughout the term of the debt security or is not reasonably expected as of the issue date to significantly affect the yield on the debt security.

Generally, an objective rate is a rate that is (i) not a qualified floating rate, (ii) is determined using a single fixed formula that is based on objective financial or economic information that is not within the control of the issuer or a related party, and (iii) the value of the rate on any date during the term of the debt security is set no earlier than three months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than one year following that first day. If it is reasonably expected that the average value of the variable rate during the first half of the term of a debt security will be either significantly less than or significantly greater than the average value of the rate during the final half of the term of the debt security, then the debt security will not have a variable rate that is an objective rate. An objective rate is a qualified inverse floating rate if that rate is equal to a fixed rate minus a qualified floating rate and variations in the rate can reasonably be expected to inversely reflect contemporaneous variations in the qualified floating rate.

A debt security will also have a variable rate that is a single qualified floating rate or an objective rate if interest on the debt security is stated at a fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less followed by either a qualified floating rate or an objective rate for a subsequent period, and the value of the qualified floating rate or objective rate is intended to approximate the fixed rate (which is presumed if (a) the fixed rate and (b) the qualified floating rate or objective rate have values on the issue date of the debt security that do not differ by more than 0.25 percentage points).

In the case of a debt security that provides for stated interest that is unconditionally payable at least annually at a variable rate that is a single qualified floating rate or objective rate, or one of those rates after a single fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less (as described above), all stated interest on the debt security is treated as qualified stated interest. In that case, both the debt security's yield to maturity and qualified stated interest will be determined, solely for purposes of calculating the accrual of OID, if any, as though the debt security will bear interest in all periods throughout its term (in the case of a single qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate) at a fixed rate generally equal to the value of the rate on the issue date or, in the case of an objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate), the rate that reflects the yield to maturity that is reasonably expected for the debt security (the "fixed rate substitute"). A U.S. holder should then recognize OID, if any, that is calculated based on the debt security's assumed yield to maturity. If the interest actually accrued or paid during an accrual period exceeds or is less than the assumed fixed interest, the qualified stated interest allocable to that period is increased or decreased, as applicable.

If a debt security provides for stated interest at (x) multiple floating rates or (y) one or more floating rates in addition to a single fixed rate (other than a single fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less (as described above)), the interest and OID accruals on the debt security must be determined by (i) determining a fixed rate substitute for each qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate provided under the debt security (as described above), (ii) constructing the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument, using the fixed rate substitutes, (iii) determining the amount of qualified stated interest and OID with respect to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument, and (iv) making appropriate adjustments to qualified stated interest or OID for actual variable rates during the applicable accrual period.

In the case of a debt security that provides for stated interest either at one or more qualified floating rates or at a qualified inverse floating rate and also provides for stated interest at a single fixed rate other than at a single fixed rate for an initial period (as described above), the interest and OID accruals on the debt security must be determined by using the method described above. However, the debt security will be treated, for purposes of the first three steps of the determination, as if the debt security had provided for a qualified floating rate, or a qualified inverse floating rate, rather than the fixed rate. The qualified floating rate, or qualified inverse floating rate, that replaces the fixed rate must be such that the fair market value of the debt security as of the issue date approximates the fair market value of an otherwise identical debt

instrument that provides for the qualified floating rate, or qualified inverse floating rate, rather than the fixed rate.

*Acquisition Premium.* If a U.S. Holder purchases an OID debt security for an amount greater than its adjusted issue price (as determined above) at the purchase date and less than or equal to the sum of all amounts, other than qualified stated interest, payable on the OID debt security after the purchase date, the excess is “acquisition premium.” Under these rules, in general, the amount of OID which must be included in income for the debt security for any taxable year (or any portion of a taxable year in which the debt security is held) will be reduced (but not below zero) by the portion of the acquisition premium allocated to the period. The amount of acquisition premium allocated to each period is determined by multiplying the OID that otherwise would have been included in income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the cost over the adjusted issue price of the OID debt security and the denominator of which is the excess of the OID debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity over its adjusted issue price.

*Amortizable Bond Premium.* If a U.S. Holder purchases a debt security (including an OID debt security) for an amount in excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the debt security after the purchase date, other than qualified stated interest, such holder will be considered to have purchased such debt security with “amortizable bond premium” equal in amount to such excess. A U.S. Holder may elect to amortize such premium as an offset to interest income using a constant yield method over the remaining term of the debt security based on the U.S. Holder’s yield to maturity with respect to the debt security.

A U.S. Holder generally may use the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period to offset interest required to be included in the U.S. Holder’s income under its regular method of accounting with respect to the debt security in that accrual period. If the amortizable bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the amount of interest allocable to such accrual period, such excess would be allowed as a deduction for such accrual period, but only to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s prior interest inclusions on the debt security that have not been offset previously by bond premium. Any excess is generally carried forward and allocable to the next accrual period.

If a debt security may be redeemed by us prior to its maturity date, the amount of amortizable bond premium will be based on the amount payable at the applicable redemption date, but only if use of the redemption date (in lieu of the stated maturity date) results in a smaller amortizable bond premium for the period ending on the redemption date.

An election to amortize bond premium applies to all taxable debt obligations held by the U.S. Holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies and thereafter acquired by the U.S. Holder and may be revoked only with the consent of the IRS. Generally, a holder may make an election to include in income its entire return on a debt security (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the debt security over the amount paid for the debt security by such holder) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest, as discussed below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.” If a holder makes such an election for a debt security with amortizable bond premium, such election will result in a deemed election to amortize bond premium for all of the holder’s debt instruments with amortizable bond premium and may be revoked only with the permission of the IRS.

A U.S. Holder that elects to amortize bond premium will be required to reduce its tax basis in the debt security by the amount of the premium amortized during its holding period. OID debt securities purchased at a premium will not be subject to the OID rules described above. If a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond premium, the amount of bond premium will be included in its tax basis in the debt security. Therefore, if a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond

premium and it holds the debt security to maturity, the premium generally will be treated as capital loss when the debt security matures.

*Market Discount.* If a U.S. Holder purchases a debt security for an amount that is less than its stated redemption price at maturity, or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, such holder will be considered to have purchased the debt security with “market discount.” Any payment, other than qualified stated interest, or any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security with market discount generally will be treated as ordinary interest income to the extent of the market discount not previously included in income that accrued on the debt security during such holder’s holding period. In general, market discount is treated as accruing on a straight-line basis over the term of the debt security unless an election is made to accrue the market discount under a constant yield method. In addition, a U.S. Holder may be required to defer, until the maturity of the debt security or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction, the deduction of a portion of the interest paid on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry the debt security in an amount not exceeding the accrued market discount on the debt security.

A U.S. Holder may elect to include market discount in income currently as it accrues (on either a straight-line or constant yield basis), in lieu of treating a portion of any gain realized on a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of the debt security as ordinary income. If an election is made to include market discount on a current basis, the interest deduction deferral rule described above will not apply. If a U.S. Holder makes such an election, it will apply to all market discount debt instruments acquired by such holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. The election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult with their own tax advisors before making this election.

If the difference between the stated redemption price at maturity of a debt security or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, and the amount paid for the debt security is less than 1/4 of 1% of the debt instrument’s stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of an OID debt security, its adjusted issue price, multiplied by the number of remaining complete years to the debt security’s maturity (“de minimis market discount”), the debt security is not treated as issued with market discount.

Generally, a holder may make an election to include in income its entire return on a debt security (i.e., the excess of all remaining payments to be received on the debt security over the amount paid for the debt security by such holder) in accordance with a constant yield method based on the compounding of interest, as discussed below under “—Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.” If a holder makes such an election for a debt security with market discount, the holder will be required to include market discount in income currently as it accrues on a constant yield basis for all market discount debt instruments acquired by such holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and such election may be revoked only with the permission of the IRS.

*Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount.* A U.S. Holder may elect to include in income all interest that accrues on a debt security using the constant-yield method applicable to OID described above, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. For purposes of this election, interest includes stated interest, acquisition discount, OID, de minimis OID, market discount, de minimis market discount, and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortizable bond premium or acquisition premium, each as described herein. If this election is made for a debt security, then, to apply the constant-yield method: (i) the issue price of the debt security will equal its cost, (ii) the issue date of the debt security will be the date it was acquired, and (iii) no payments on the debt security will be treated as payments of qualified stated interest. A U.S. Holder must make this election for the taxable year in which the debt security was acquired, and may not revoke the

election without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult with their own tax advisors before making this election.

*Debt Securities That Trade “Flat.”* We expect that certain debt securities will trade in the secondary market with accrued interest. However, we may issue debt securities with terms and conditions that would make it likely that such debt securities would trade “flat” in the secondary market, which means that upon a sale of a debt security a U.S. Holder would not be paid a separate amount that reflects the accrued but unpaid interest with respect to such debt security. Nevertheless, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a portion of the sales proceeds equal to the interest accrued with respect to such debt security from the last interest payment date to the sale date must be treated as interest income rather than as an amount realized upon the sale. Accordingly, a U.S. Holder that sells such a debt security between interest payment dates would be required to recognize interest income and, in certain circumstances, would recognize a capital loss (the deductibility of which is subject to limitations) on the sale of the debt security. Concurrently, a U.S. Holder that purchases such a debt security between interest payment dates would not be required to include in income that portion of any interest payment received that is attributable to interest that accrued prior to the purchase. Such payment is generally treated as a return of capital which reduces the U.S. Holder’s remaining cost basis in the debt security. However, interest that accrues after the purchase date is included in income in the year received or accrued (depending on the U.S. Holder’s accounting method). U.S. Holders that purchase such debt securities between interest payment dates should consult their own tax advisors concerning such holder’s adjusted tax basis in the debt security and whether such debt securities should be treated as having been purchased with market discount, as described above.

*Short-Term Debt Securities.* Some of our debt securities may be issued with maturities of one year or less from the date of issue (after taking into account the last possible date that the debt security could be outstanding under its terms), which we refer to as short-term debt securities. Treasury regulations provide that no payments of interest on a short-term debt security are treated as qualified stated interest. Accordingly, in determining the amount of discount on a short-term debt security, all interest payments, including stated interest, are included in the short-term debt security’s stated redemption price at maturity.

In general, individual and certain other U.S. Holders using the cash basis method of tax accounting are not required to include accrued discount on short-term debt securities in income currently unless they elect to do so, but they are required to include any stated interest in income as the interest is received, except to the extent already included under such election. However, a cash basis U.S. Holder will be required to treat any gain realized on a sale, exchange, or retirement of the short-term debt security as ordinary income to the extent such gain does not exceed the discount accrued with respect to the short-term debt security, which will be determined on a straight-line basis unless the holder makes an election to accrue the discount under the constant-yield method, through the date of sale, exchange or retirement. Any gain in excess of this amount will be treated as short-term capital gain. Any loss recognized will be treated as a capital loss. In addition, a cash basis U.S. Holder that does not elect to include accrued discount in income currently will not be allowed to deduct any of the interest paid or accrued on any indebtedness incurred or maintained to purchase or carry a short-term debt security (in an amount not exceeding the deferred income), but instead will be required to defer deductions for such interest until the deferred income is realized upon the maturity of the short-term debt security or its earlier disposition in a taxable transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a cash-basis U.S. Holder of a short-term debt security may elect to include accrued discount in income on a current basis. If this election is made, the limitation on the deductibility of interest described above will not apply.

A U.S. Holder using the accrual method of tax accounting generally will be required to include accrued discount on a short-term debt security in income on a current basis, on either a straight-

line basis or, at the election of the holder, under the constant-yield method based on daily compounding.

Regardless of whether a U.S. Holder is a cash-basis or accrual-basis holder it may elect to include accrued “acquisition discount” with respect to a short-term debt security in income on a current basis. Acquisition discount is the excess of the remaining redemption amount of the short-term debt security at the time of acquisition over the purchase price. Acquisition discount will be treated as accruing on a straight-line basis or, at the election of the holder, under a constant yield method based on daily compounding. If a U.S. Holder elects to include accrued acquisition discount in income, the rules for including OID will not apply. In addition, the market discount rules described above will not apply to short-term debt securities.

*Sale, Exchange, or Retirement of Debt Securities.* Upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued interest not previously included in income if the debt security is disposed of between interest payment dates, which will be included in income as interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the debt security. The amount realized by the U.S. Holder will include the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any other property received for the debt security. A U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in a debt security generally will be the cost of the debt security to such U.S. Holder, increased by any OID, market discount, de minimis OID, de minimis market discount, or any discount with respect to a short-term debt security previously included in income with respect to the debt security, and decreased by the amount of any premium previously amortized to reduce interest on the debt security and the amount of any payment (other than a payment of qualified stated interest) received in respect of the debt security.

Except as discussed above with respect to market discount, or as described below with respect to debt securities subject to contingencies and Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the debt security has been held for more than one year. Net long-term capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. Holder is generally taxed at preferential rates. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

*Reopenings.* Treasury regulations provide specific rules regarding whether additional debt instruments issued in a reopening will be considered part of the same issue, with the same issue price and yield to maturity, as the original debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Except as provided otherwise in an applicable supplement, we expect that additional debt securities issued by us in any reopening will be issued such that they will be considered part of the original issuance to which they relate.

*Debt Securities Subject to Contingencies.* Certain of the debt securities may provide for an alternative payment schedule or schedules applicable upon the occurrence of a contingency or contingencies, other than a remote or incidental contingency, whether such contingency relates to payments of interest or of principal. In addition, subject to the discussion above under “—Debt Securities Subject to Early Redemption,” certain of the debt securities may contain provisions permitting them to be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at our option and/or at the option of the holder. Debt securities containing these features may be characterized as “contingent payment debt instruments” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If the debt securities are properly characterized as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such debt securities generally will be subject to Treasury

regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. Under those regulations, a U.S. Holder will be required to report OID based on a “comparable yield” and a “projected payment schedule,” both as described below, established by us for determining interest accruals and adjustments with respect to the debt security. A U.S. Holder that does not use the “comparable yield” and follow the “projected payment schedule” to calculate its OID on a debt security must timely disclose and justify the use of other estimates to the IRS. No payments on a contingent payment debt instrument are treated as qualified stated interest.

A “comparable yield” with respect to a debt security generally is the yield at which we could issue a fixed-rate debt instrument with terms similar to those of the debt security (taking into account for this purpose the level of subordination, term, timing of payments, and general market conditions, but ignoring any adjustments for liquidity or the riskiness of the contingencies with respect to the debt security). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a comparable yield must not be less than the applicable U.S. federal rate based on the overall maturity of the debt security.

A “projected payment schedule” with respect to a debt security generally is a series of projected payments, the amount and timing of which would produce a yield to maturity on that debt security equal to the comparable yield. This projected payment schedule will consist of a projection for tax purposes of each non-contingent and contingent payment.

Based on the comparable yield and the projected payment schedule of the debt securities, a U.S. Holder of a debt security (regardless of its tax accounting method) generally will be required to accrue as OID the sum of the daily portions of interest on the debt security for each day in the taxable year on which the holder held the debt security, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the difference, if any, between the actual and projected amount of any contingent payments on the debt security, as set forth below. The daily portions of interest for a debt security are determined by allocating to each day in an accrual period the ratable portion of interest on the debt security that accrues in the accrual period. The amount of interest on the debt security that accrues in an accrual period is the product of the comparable yield on the debt security (adjusted to reflect the length of the accrual period) and the adjusted issue price of the debt security at the beginning of the accrual period. The adjusted issue price of a debt security at the beginning of the first accrual period will equal its issue price (as described above). For any subsequent accrual period, the adjusted issue price will be (i) the sum of the issue price of the debt security and any interest previously accrued on the debt security by a holder (without regard to any positive or negative adjustments, described below) minus (ii) the amount of any projected payments on the debt security for previous accrual periods.

A U.S. Holder of a debt security generally will be required to include in income OID in excess of actual cash payments received for certain taxable years. In addition to the accrued OID, a U.S. Holder will be required to recognize interest income equal to the amount of any positive adjustment for a debt security for the taxable year in which a contingent payment is paid (including a payment of interest at maturity). A positive adjustment is the excess of actual payments in respect of contingent payments over the projected amount of contingent payments. A U.S. Holder also will be required to account for any “negative adjustment” for a taxable year in which a contingent payment is paid. A negative adjustment is the excess of the projected amounts of contingent payments over actual payments in respect of the contingent payments. A net negative adjustment is the amount by which total negative adjustments in a taxable year exceed total positive adjustments in such taxable year. A net negative adjustment (i) will first reduce the amount of interest for the debt security that a U.S. Holder would otherwise be required to include in income in the taxable year, and (ii) to the extent of any excess, will result in an ordinary loss equal to that portion of the excess as does not exceed the excess of (a) the amount of all previous interest inclusions under the debt security over (b) the total amount of the U.S. Holder’s net negative adjustments treated as ordinary loss on the debt security in prior taxable years. A net negative adjustment is not treated as a

deductible miscellaneous itemized deduction under Section 67 of the Code. Any net negative adjustment in excess of the amounts described above in (i) and (ii) will be carried forward to offset future interest income on the debt security or to reduce the amount realized on a sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the debt security.

If a contingent payment becomes fixed (within the meaning of applicable Treasury regulations) more than six months before its due date, a positive or negative adjustment, as appropriate, is made to reflect the difference between the present value of the amount that is fixed and the present value of the projected amount. The present value of each amount is determined by discounting the amount from the date the payment is due to the date the payment becomes fixed, using a discount rate equal to the comparable yield. If all contingent payments on the debt security become fixed, substantially contemporaneously, applicable Treasury regulations provide that, with regard to contingent payments that become fixed on a day that is more than six months before their due date, U.S. Holders should take into account positive or negative adjustments in respect of such contingent payments over the period to which they relate in a reasonable manner. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a payment (including an amount payable at maturity) will be treated as fixed if (and when) all remaining contingencies with respect to it are remote or incidental within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in the debt security and the character of any gain or loss on the sale of the debt security will also be affected. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the application of these special rules, including as to what would be a "reasonable manner" in their particular situation.

We expect that the applicable supplement will include a table that sets forth the following information with respect to the principal amount of the debt securities for each of the applicable accrual periods through the maturity date of the debt securities: (i) the amount of interest deemed to have accrued during the accrual period, and (ii) the total amount of interest deemed to have accrued from the original issue date through the end of the accrual period. The table will be based upon a projected payment schedule and a comparable yield. The comparable yield will be determined based upon market conditions as of the date of the applicable supplement. The comparable yield is likely to change between the date of any preliminary supplement and the date of the related final supplement. Therefore, the projected payment schedule included in any preliminary supplement will be subject to change. We will determine the actual projected payment schedule and the actual comparable yield on the pricing date. Any tax accrual table included in a preliminary supplement will be revised, and the revised table will be set forth in the final supplement prepared in connection with the initial sale of the debt securities.

Upon a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a debt security prior to maturity, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition and that holder's tax basis in the debt security. A U.S. Holder's tax basis in a debt security generally will equal the cost of that debt security, increased by the amount of OID previously accrued by the holder for that debt security (without regard to any positive or negative adjustments) and reduced by any projected payments for previous periods on the debt securities. A U.S. Holder generally will treat any gain as interest income, and will treat any loss as ordinary loss to the extent of the excess of previous interest inclusions over the total negative adjustments previously taken into account as ordinary losses, and the balance as long-term or short-term capital loss depending upon the U.S. Holder's holding period for the debt security. The deductibility of capital losses by a U.S. Holder is subject to limitations.

U.S. Holders considering the purchase of debt securities with these features should carefully examine the applicable supplement and should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. Holder of the purchase, ownership and disposition of such debt securities.

*Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities.* Additional considerations apply to a U.S. Holder of a debt security payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars (“foreign currency”).

We refer to these securities as “Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities.” In the case of payments of stated interest, U.S. Holders using the cash method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security (other than OID or market discount) when the payment of interest is received. The U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payment is determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date the payment is received, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted to U.S. dollars at that time. The U.S. dollar value will be the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the foreign currency received. The U.S. Holder will not recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss with respect to the receipt of such payment.

U.S. Holders using the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be required to include in income the U.S. dollar value of the amount of interest income that has accrued and is otherwise required to be taken into account with respect to a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security during an accrual period. The U.S. dollar value of the accrued income will be determined by translating the income at the average rate of exchange for the accrual period or, with respect to an accrual period that spans two taxable years, at the average rate for the partial period within the taxable year. A U.S. Holder may elect, however, to translate the accrued interest income using the exchange rate on the last day of the accrual period or, with respect to an accrual period that spans two taxable years, using the exchange rate on the last day of the taxable year. If the last day of an accrual period is within five business days of the date of receipt of the accrued interest, a U.S. Holder may translate the interest using the exchange rate on the date of receipt. The above election will apply to all other debt obligations held by the U.S. Holder and the election may not be changed without the consent of the IRS. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors before making the above election. Upon receipt of an interest payment (including, upon the sale of the debt security, the receipt of proceeds which include amounts attributable to accrued interest previously included in income), the holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the U.S. dollar value of such payment (determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date such payment is received) and the U.S. dollar value of the interest income previously included in income with respect to such payment. This gain or loss will be treated as ordinary income or loss.

OID on a debt security that is also a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be determined for any accrual period in the applicable foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars, in the same manner as interest income accrued by a holder on the accrual basis, as described above (regardless of such holder’s regular method of tax accounting). A U.S. Holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss when OID is paid (including, upon the sale of such debt security, the receipt of proceeds which include amounts attributable to OID previously included in income) to the extent of the difference between the U.S. dollar value of such payment (determined by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate for such foreign currency on the date such payment is received) and the U.S. dollar value of the accrued OID (determined in the same manner as for accrued interest). For these purposes, all receipts on a debt security will be viewed: (i) first, as the receipt of any stated interest payment called for under the terms of the debt security, (ii) second, as receipts of previously accrued OID (to the extent thereof), with payments considered made for the earliest accrual periods first, and (iii) third, as the receipt of principal.

The amount of market discount on Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities includible in income generally will be determined by translating the market discount determined in the foreign currency into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt

Security is retired or otherwise disposed of. If a U.S. Holder elected to accrue market discount currently, then the amount which accrues is determined in the foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars on the basis of the average exchange rate in effect during such accrual period. A U.S. Holder will recognize foreign currency exchange gain or loss with respect to market discount which is accrued currently using the approach applicable to the accrual of interest income as described above.

Amortizable bond premium on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be computed in the applicable foreign currency. If a U.S. Holder elected to amortize the premium, the amortizable bond premium will reduce interest income in the applicable foreign currency. At the time bond premium is amortized, foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be realized based on the difference between spot rates at such time and the time of acquisition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. If a U.S. Holder does not elect to amortize bond premium, the bond premium computed in the foreign currency must be translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the maturity date and such bond premium will constitute a capital loss which may be offset or eliminated by foreign currency exchange gain.

If a U.S. Holder purchases a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security with previously owned foreign currency, foreign currency exchange gain or loss (which will be treated as ordinary income or loss) will be recognized in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the tax basis in the foreign currency and the U.S. dollar fair market value of the foreign currency used to purchase the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, determined on the date of purchase.

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other taxable disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid interest not previously included in income, which will be treated as a payment of interest for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the adjusted tax basis in the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. The adjusted tax basis in a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will equal the amount paid for the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security, increased by the amounts of any market discount or OID previously included in income with respect to the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security and reduced by any amortized acquisition or other premium and any principal payments received in respect of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security. The amount of any payment in or adjustments measured by foreign currency will be equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date of the purchase or adjustment. The amount realized will be based on the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date the payment is received or the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is disposed of (or deemed disposed of as a result of a material change in the terms of the debt security). If, however, a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is traded on an established securities market and the U.S. Holder uses the cash basis method of tax accounting, the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized will be determined by translating the foreign currency payment at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of the purchase or sale. A U.S. Holder that uses the accrual basis method of tax accounting may elect the same treatment with respect to the purchase and sale of Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities traded on an established securities market, provided that the election is applied consistently. This election cannot be changed without the consent of the IRS.

Except with respect to market discount as discussed above, and the foreign currency rules discussed below, gain or loss recognized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other taxable disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition, the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security has been held for more than one year. Net long-term

capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. Holder is generally taxed at preferential rates. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

A portion of the gain or loss with respect to the principal amount of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security may be treated as foreign currency exchange gain or loss. Foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be treated as ordinary income or loss. For these purposes, the principal amount of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security is the purchase price for the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security calculated in the foreign currency on the date of purchase, and the amount of exchange gain or loss recognized is equal to the difference between (i) the U.S. dollar value of the principal amount determined on the date of the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security and (ii) the U.S. dollar value of the principal amount determined on the date the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security was purchased. The amount of foreign currency exchange gain or loss will be limited to the amount of overall gain or loss realized on the disposition of the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security.

The tax basis in foreign currency received as interest on a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency determined at the spot rate in effect on the date the foreign currency is received. The tax basis in foreign currency received on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Security will be equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency, determined at the time of the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition. As discussed above, if the Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities are traded on an established securities market, a cash basis U.S. Holder (or, upon election, an accrual basis U.S. Holder) will determine the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency by translating the foreign currency received at the spot rate of exchange on the settlement date of the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition. Accordingly, in such case, no foreign currency exchange gain or loss will result from currency fluctuations between the trade date and settlement date of a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition. Any gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of foreign currency (including its exchange for U.S. dollars or its use to purchase debt securities) will be ordinary income or loss.

Special rules may apply to Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities that are also treated as contingent payment debt instruments. For the special treatment, if any, of Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities that are also contingent payment debt securities, see the applicable supplement.

*Additional Medicare Tax on Unearned Income.* Certain U.S. Holders, including individuals, estates and trusts, are subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on unearned income. For individual U.S. Holders, the additional Medicare tax applies to the lesser of (i) “net investment income” or (ii) the excess of “modified adjusted gross income” over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly or \$125,000 if married and filing separately). “Net investment income” generally equals the taxpayer’s gross investment income reduced by the deductions that are allocable to such income. Investment income generally includes passive income such as interest and capital gains. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the debt securities.

### ***Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders***

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to Non-U.S. Holders of debt securities. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. and non-U.S. tax considerations of acquiring, holding, and disposing of debt securities.

*Payments of Interest.* Under current U.S. federal income tax law and subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), principal (and premium, if any) and interest payments, including any OID, that are received from us or our agent and that are not effectively connected with the conduct by the Non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States, or a permanent establishment maintained in the United States if certain tax treaties apply, generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax except as provided below. Interest, including any OID, may be subject to a 30% withholding tax (or less under an applicable treaty, if any) if:

- a Non-U.S. Holder actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;
- a Non-U.S. Holder is a “controlled foreign corporation” for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is related to us (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership;
- a Non-U.S. Holder is a bank extending credit under a loan agreement in the ordinary course of its trade or business;
- the interest payments on the debt security are determined by reference to the income, profits, changes in the value of property or other attributes of the debtor or a related party (other than payments that are based on the value of a security or index of securities that are, and will continue to be, actively traded within the meaning of Section 1092(d) of the Code, and that are not nor will be a “United States real property interest” as described in Section 897(c)(1) or 897(g) of the Code); or
- the Non-U.S. Holder does not satisfy the certification requirements described below.

A Non-U.S. Holder generally will satisfy the certification requirements if either: (A) the Non-U.S. Holder certifies to the applicable withholding agent, under penalties of perjury, that it is a non-United States person and provides its name and address (which certification may generally be made on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, or a successor form), or (B) a securities clearing organization, bank, or other financial institution that holds customer securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a “financial institution”) and holds the debt security certifies to the applicable withholding agent under penalties of perjury that either it or another financial institution has received the required statement from the Non-U.S. Holder certifying that it is a non-United States person and furnishes us with a copy of the statement.

Payments not meeting the requirements set forth above and thus subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax may nevertheless be exempt from withholding (or subject to withholding at a reduced rate) if the Non-U.S. Holder provides the applicable withholding agent with a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form) claiming an exemption from, or reduction in, withholding under the benefit of a tax treaty, or IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on the debt securities is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States as discussed below. To claim benefits under an income tax treaty, a Non-U.S. Holder must obtain a taxpayer identification number and certify as to its eligibility under the appropriate treaty’s limitations on benefits article. In addition, special rules may apply to claims for treaty benefits made by Non-U.S. Holders that are entities rather than individuals. A Non-U.S. Holder that is eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. federal withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.

*Sale, Exchange, or Retirement of Debt Securities.* A Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on any capital gain or market discount realized on

the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of debt securities, provided that: (a) the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States, or a permanent establishment maintained in the United States if certain tax treaties apply, (b) in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is an individual, the Non-U.S. Holder is not present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the debt security, and (c) the Non-U.S. Holder is not subject to tax pursuant to certain provisions of U.S. federal income tax law applicable to certain expatriates. An individual Non-U.S. Holder who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of sale, exchange, or other disposition of a debt security, provided that certain other conditions are met, will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on the gain realized on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of such debt security.

*Income Effectively Connected with a Trade or Business within the United States.* If a Non-U.S. Holder of a debt security is engaged in the conduct of a trade or business within the United States and if interest (including any OID) on the debt security, or gain realized on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the debt security, is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if certain tax treaties apply, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), the Non-U.S. Holder, although exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax (provided that the certification requirements discussed above are satisfied), generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest (including any OID) or gain on a net income basis in the same manner as if it were a U.S. Holder. Non-U.S. Holders should read the material under the heading “—Consequences to U.S. Holders” for a description of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, and disposing of debt securities. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, it may also be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or such lower rate provided by an applicable U.S. income tax treaty) of a portion of its earnings and profits for the taxable year that are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States, subject to certain adjustments.

*Dividend Equivalent Payments.* A “dividend equivalent” payment is treated as a dividend from sources within the United States and such payments generally would be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax if paid to a Non-U.S. Holder. Under Treasury regulations, payments (including deemed payments) with respect to equity-linked instruments (“ELIs”) that are “specified ELIs” may be treated as dividend equivalents if such specified ELIs reference an interest in an “underlying security,” which is generally any interest in an entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a payment with respect to such interest could give rise to a U.S. source dividend. IRS guidance provides that withholding on dividend equivalent payments will not apply to specified ELIs that are not delta-one instruments and that are issued before January 1, 2025. However, it is possible that the debt securities could be treated as deemed reissued for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the occurrence of certain events affecting a reference asset or the debt securities, and following such occurrence the debt securities could be treated as subject to withholding on dividend equivalent payments. Non-U.S. Holders that enter, or have entered, into other transactions in respect of the reference assets or the debt securities should consult their tax advisors as to the application of the dividend equivalent withholding tax in the context of the debt securities and their other transactions. If any payments are treated as dividend equivalents subject to withholding, we (or the applicable paying agent) would be entitled to withhold taxes without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

### ***Convertible, Renewable, Extendible, Indexed, and Other Debt Securities***

Special U.S. federal income tax rules are applicable to certain other debt securities, including contingent Non-U.S. Dollar Denominated Debt Securities, debt securities that may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common or preferred stock or other securities or debt or

equity securities of one or more third parties, debt securities the payments on which are determined or partially determined by reference to any index and other debt securities that are subject to the rules governing contingent payment obligations, any renewable and extendible debt securities and any debt securities providing for the periodic payment of principal over the life of the debt security. The material U.S. federal income tax considerations with respect to these debt securities will be discussed in the applicable supplement.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

In general, in the case of a U.S. Holder, other than certain exempt holders, we and other payors are required to report to the IRS all payments of principal, any premium, and interest on the debt security, and the accrual of OID on an OID debt security. In addition, we and other payors generally are required to report to the IRS any payment of proceeds of the sale of a debt security before maturity. Additionally, backup withholding generally will apply to any payments, including payments of OID, if a U.S. Holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number and certify that the taxpayer identification number is correct, the U.S. Holder is notified by the IRS that it has failed to report all interest and dividends required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax returns or a U.S. Holder does not certify that it has not underreported its interest and dividend income.

In the case of a Non-U.S. Holder, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to payments made if the Non-U.S. Holder provides the required certification that it is not a United States person, or the Non-U.S. Holder otherwise establishes an exemption, provided that the payor or withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a United States person, or that the conditions of any exemption are not satisfied. However, we and other payors are required to report payments of interest on the debt securities on IRS Form 1042-S even if the payments are not otherwise subject to information reporting requirements.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

### **Reportable Transactions**

Applicable Treasury regulations require taxpayers that participate in "reportable transactions" to disclose their participation to the IRS by attaching Form 8886 to their U.S. federal tax returns and to retain a copy of all documents and records related to the transaction. In addition, "material advisors" with respect to such a transaction may be required to file returns and maintain records, including lists identifying investors in the transactions, and to furnish those records to the IRS upon demand. A transaction may be a "reportable transaction" based on any of several criteria, one or more of which may be present with respect to an investment in the securities that we are offering. Whether an investment in these securities constitutes a "reportable transaction" for any investor depends on the investor's particular circumstances. The Treasury regulations provide that, in addition to certain other transactions, a "loss transaction" constitutes a "reportable transaction." A "loss transaction" is any transaction resulting in the taxpayer claiming a loss under Section 165 of the Code, in an amount equal to or in excess of certain threshold amounts, subject to certain exceptions. The Treasury regulations specifically provide that a loss resulting from a "Section 988 transaction" will constitute a Section 165 loss, and certain exceptions will not be available if the loss from sale or exchange is treated as ordinary under Section 988. In general, certain securities issued in a foreign currency will be subject to the rules governing foreign currency exchange gain or loss. Therefore, losses realized with respect to such a security may constitute a Section 988 transaction, and a holder of such a security that recognizes exchange loss in an amount that

exceeds the loss threshold amount applicable to that holder may be required to file Form 8886. Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning any possible disclosure obligation they may have with respect to their investment in the securities that we are offering and should be aware that, should any “material advisor” determine that the return filing or investor list maintenance requirements apply to such a transaction, they would be required to comply with these requirements.

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”)**

Legislation commonly known as “FATCA” (sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code) imposes a 30% U.S. withholding tax on certain U.S. source payments, including interest (and OID), dividends, other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gain, profits, and income, and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of property of a type which can produce U.S. source interest or dividends (“Withholdable Payments”), if paid to a foreign financial institution (including amounts paid to a foreign financial institution on behalf of a holder), unless such institution enters into an agreement with the Treasury to collect and provide to the Treasury certain information regarding U.S. financial account holders, including certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners, with such institution or otherwise complies with FATCA. FATCA also generally imposes a withholding tax of 30% on Withholdable Payments made to a non-financial foreign entity unless such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial U.S. owners of the entity. Under certain circumstances, a holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

These withholding and reporting requirements generally apply to U.S. source periodic payments and to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or redemption. However, under proposed Treasury regulations (the preamble to which specifies that taxpayers are permitted to rely on them pending finalization), no withholding under FATCA will apply to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or redemption (other than income treated as U.S.-source “fixed or determinable annual or periodical” income). If we (or an applicable withholding agent) determine withholding under FATCA is appropriate, we (or such agent) will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate, without being required to pay any additional amounts in respect of such withholding. Foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the debt securities, preferred stock, depositary shares, or common stock.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may sell the debt securities offered using this prospectus:

- through underwriters;
- through dealers;
- through agents; or
- directly to purchasers.

The underwriters, dealers, or agents may include BofA Securities, Inc. (“BofAS”) or any of our other broker-dealer affiliates.

Each supplement relating to an offering of debt securities will state the terms of the offering, including:

- the names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents;
- the public offering or purchase price of the offered debt securities and the net proceeds that we will receive from the sale;
- any underwriting discounts and commissions or other items constituting underwriters’ compensation;
- any discounts, commissions, or fees allowed or paid to dealers or agents; and
- any securities exchange on which the offered debt securities may be listed.

### **Distribution Through Underwriters**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities from time to time to one or more underwriters who would purchase the debt securities as principal for resale to the public, either on a firm commitment or best efforts basis. If Bank of America or BofA Finance sells debt securities to underwriters, it will enter into an agreement with them at the time of sale and will name them in the applicable supplement. In connection with these sales, the underwriters may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts and commissions. The underwriters also may receive commissions from purchasers of debt securities for whom they may act as agent. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the underwriters will not be obligated to purchase the debt securities unless the conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement are satisfied, and if the underwriters purchase any of the debt securities, they will be required to purchase all of the offered debt securities. The underwriters may acquire the debt securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or varying prices determined at the time of sale. The underwriters may sell the offered debt securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive discounts, concessions, or commissions from the underwriters as well as from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

## **Distribution Through Dealers**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities from time to time to one or more dealers who would purchase the debt securities as principal. The dealers then may resell the offered debt securities to the public at fixed or varying prices to be determined by those dealers at the time of resale. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will set forth the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction in the applicable supplement.

## **Distribution Through Agents**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer and sell debt securities on a continuous basis through agents that become parties to an underwriting or distribution agreement. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will name any agent involved in the offer and sale, and describe any commissions payable by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance in the applicable supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the agent will be acting on a best efforts basis during the appointment period.

## **Direct Sales**

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may sell directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters, as defined in the Securities Act, for any resale of the debt securities. Bank of America and/or BofA Finance will describe the terms of any sales of this kind in the applicable supplement.

## **General Information**

Underwriters, dealers, or agents participating in an offering of debt securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the offered debt securities for whom they act as agent, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may offer to sell debt securities either at a fixed price or at prices that may vary, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. Debt securities may be sold in connection with a remarketing after their purchase by one or more firms including our affiliates, acting as principal for their own accounts or as our agent.

In connection with an underwritten offering of the debt securities, the underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. The underwriters may enter bids for, and purchase, debt securities in the open market in order to stabilize the price of the debt securities. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the debt securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. In addition, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the debt securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed debt securities in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions, or otherwise. These activities may cause the price of the debt securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. Those activities, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Ordinarily, each issue of debt securities will be a new issue, and there will be no established trading market for any debt security prior to its original issue date. Bank of America and/or BofA

Finance may not list any particular series of debt securities on a securities exchange or quotation system. Any underwriters to whom or agents through whom the offered securities are sold for offering and sale may make a market in the offered debt securities. However, any underwriters or agents that make a market will not be obligated to do so and may stop doing so at any time without notice. Bank of America and BofA Finance cannot assure you that there will be a liquid trading market for the offered debt securities.

Under agreements entered into with Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, underwriters and agents may be entitled to indemnification by Bank of America and/or BofA Finance against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution for payments the underwriters or agents may be required to make.

In the applicable supplement, we will specify the settlement period for the offered debt securities. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if Bank of America and/or BofA Finance specify a longer settlement cycle in the applicable supplement for an offering of debt securities, purchasers who wish to trade those debt securities on any date prior to two business days before delivery of such debt securities, will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of the trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisors in connection with that election.

### **Market-Making Transactions by Affiliates**

Following the initial distribution of debt securities, broker-dealer affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance, including BofAS, may buy and sell the debt securities in secondary market transactions as part of their business as broker-dealers. Resales of this kind may occur in the open market or may be privately negotiated, at prevailing market prices at the time of resale or at related or negotiated prices. This prospectus and any related supplements may be used by one or more affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance in connection with these market-making transactions to the extent permitted by applicable law. Affiliates of Bank of America and/or BofA Finance may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

The aggregate initial offering price specified on the cover of the applicable supplement will relate to the initial offering of debt securities not yet issued as of the date of this prospectus. This amount does not include any debt securities to be sold in market-making transactions. The debt securities to be sold in market-making transactions include debt securities issued after the date of this prospectus.

Information about the trade and settlement dates, as well as the purchase price, for a market-making transaction will be provided to the purchaser in a separate confirmation of sale.

Unless Bank of America, BofA Finance or their respective agent informs you in your confirmation of sale that the debt security is being purchased in its original offering and sale, you may assume that you are purchasing the debt security in a market-making transaction.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

BofAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America and an affiliate of BofA Finance, and unless otherwise set forth in the applicable supplement, Bank of America or BofA Finance, as applicable, will receive the net proceeds of any offering in which BofAS participates as an underwriter, dealer or agent. The offer and sale of any debt securities by BofAS, or any other broker-dealer affiliate of Bank of America or BofA Finance that is a member of the Financial

Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or “FINRA,” will comply with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 regarding a FINRA member firm’s offer and sale of securities of an affiliate. As required by FINRA Rule 5121, any such offer and sale will not be made to any discretionary account without the prior approval of the customer.

The maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not be greater than 8% of the initial gross proceeds from the sale of any debt security being sold.

The underwriters, agents and their affiliates may engage in financial or other business transactions with Bank of America and its subsidiaries and BofA Finance in the ordinary course of business.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, one or more of the underwriters, dealers or agents and/or their respective 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. These investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of Bank of America or its affiliates, including BofA Finance. These underwriters, dealers, agents, or their affiliates, that have a lending relationship with Bank of America routinely hedge their credit exposure to Bank of America consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these parties would hedge such exposure to Bank of America by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities of Bank of America, including potentially the debt securities offered hereby. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the debt securities offered hereby. These broker-dealers or their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such debt securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such debt securities and instruments.

## ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

A fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) (each, an “ERISA Plan”), should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the ERISA plan’s particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the debt securities. Among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether such an investment is in accordance with the documents governing the ERISA plan and whether the investment is appropriate for the ERISA plan in view of its overall investment policy and diversification of its portfolio. A fiduciary should also consider whether an investment in the debt securities may constitute a “prohibited transaction,” as described below.

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit ERISA Plans, as well as plans, accounts and other arrangements described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code (including, without limitation, individual retirement accounts and retirement plans covering self-employed persons) that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code, and entities whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of an ERISA Plan’s or such plan’s, account’s or arrangement’s investment in such entities (including, without limitation, as applicable, insurance company general accounts) (the foregoing, together with ERISA Plans, “Plans”), from engaging in certain transactions involving “plan assets” with parties that are “parties in interest” under ERISA or “disqualified persons” under the Code with respect to the Plans (referred to as “prohibited transactions”).

Because of its business, the issuers and certain of their affiliates may each be considered a “party in interest” or a “disqualified person” with respect to many Plans on account of being a service provider to such Plans. As a result, a prohibited transaction may arise if the debt securities are acquired by or on behalf of a Plan unless the debt securities are acquired and held pursuant to an available exemption.

In this regard, the U.S. Department of Labor has issued certain prohibited transaction class exemptions (“PTCEs”) that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from or occurring in connection with the acquisition or holding of the debt securities. Those PTCEs include PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts) and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers). In addition, Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code provide an exemption for the purchase and sale of securities and related lending transactions, provided that neither the issuer of the securities nor any of its affiliates has or exercises any discretionary authority or control or renders any investment advice with respect to the assets of any Plan involved in the transaction and provided further that the Plan receives no less, nor pays no more, than adequate consideration in connection with the transaction (the so-called “Service Provider Exemption”). There can be no assurance that any of these class or statutory exemptions will be available with respect to transactions involving the debt securities.

Governmental, church, non-U.S. and other plans (collectively, “Non-ERISA Arrangements”) are generally not subject to the fiduciary responsibility or prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, but may be subject to similar restrictions under state, federal, local or non-U.S. laws (“Similar Laws”). Fiduciaries of Non-ERISA Arrangements should consult with their counsel regarding the potential consequences of an investment in the debt securities under any applicable Similar Laws before acquiring the debt securities.

Accordingly, debt securities may not be acquired or held by any Plan unless one of the following exemptions (or another available exemption) applies to such acquisition and holding: PTCE 96-23,

PTCE 95-60, PTCE 91-38, PTCE 90-1, PTCE 84-14 and the Service Provider Exemption. Each purchaser of the debt securities (or any interest therein) will be deemed to have represented and warranted on each day including the date of its acquisition of such debt securities (or interest therein) through and including the date of disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) that:

- (a) it is not a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement;
- (b) if it is a Plan, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code; or
- (c) if it is a Non-ERISA Arrangement, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such debt securities (or interest therein) will not violate any Similar Law and are not otherwise prohibited.

Moreover, any purchaser that is a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement or is acquiring the debt securities on behalf of a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, including any fiduciary purchasing on behalf of a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its acquisition and holding of the debt securities that (a) none of the issuers, the underwriters, the dealers, the agents or their respective affiliates (collectively, the “Sellers”) is a “fiduciary” (under Section 3(21) of ERISA or any Similar Laws, or under any final or proposed regulations thereunder) in connection with the initial offerings of the debt securities, (b) no information provided by any Seller constitutes advice that has formed a primary basis for any investment decision by or on behalf of such purchaser in connection with the debt securities and the transactions contemplated with respect to the debt securities, and (c) such purchaser recognizes and agrees that any communication from any Seller to such purchaser with respect to the debt securities is not intended by the Seller to be impartial investment advice and is rendered in its capacity as a seller of the debt securities and not as a fiduciary to such purchaser.

*This discussion is a general summary of some of the rules which apply to Plans and Non-ERISA Arrangements and their related investment vehicles as of the date of this prospectus. The rules governing investments by Plans and Non-ERISA Arrangements may change frequently, and the Sellers have no duty to, nor will they, inform you about any changes to such rules if and when they occur. This summary does not describe all of the rules or other considerations that may be relevant to the investment in the debt securities by Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements. The description above is not, and should not be construed as, legal advice or a legal opinion.*

*Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties imposed upon persons involved in prohibited transactions, it is important that any person considering the purchase of the debt securities with the assets of any Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement consult with its counsel regarding the consequences under ERISA and the Code, or any applicable Similar Law, of the acquisition and holding of the debt securities and the availability of exemptive relief under any class or statutory exemptions. The sale of the debt securities to a Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement is in no respect a representation by any Seller that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement.*

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Bank of America and BofA Finance have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC relating to the debt securities of Bank of America and the debt securities of BofA Finance to be offered and sold using this prospectus. You should refer to this registration statement and its exhibits for additional information about Bank of America and BofA Finance. This prospectus summarizes material provisions of certain contracts and other documents and may not contain all of the information that you may find important. You should review the full text of these contracts and other documents, which have been included as exhibits to the registration statement.

Bank of America files annual, quarterly, and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may inspect Bank of America's filings over the Internet at the SEC's website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The reports and other information Bank of America files with the SEC also are available at its website, [www.bankofamerica.com](http://www.bankofamerica.com). The SEC's web address and Bank of America's web address are included as inactive textual references only. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information on those websites is not part of this prospectus.

The SEC allows Bank of America to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information Bank of America files with the SEC. This means that:

- incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;
- Bank of America can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information that Bank of America files with the SEC automatically will update and supersede this incorporated information and information in this prospectus.

Bank of America incorporates by reference the documents listed below which were filed with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act:

- its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021;
- its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022 and September 30, 2022; and
- its current reports on Form 8-K filed January 19, 2022, January 25, 2022, January 31, 2022, February 4, 2022, February 25, 2022, April 18, 2022, April 22, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 18, 2022, September 14, 2022, October 7, 2022, October 17, 2022 and December 16, 2022 (in each case, other than documents or information that is furnished but deemed not to have been filed).

Bank of America also incorporates by reference into this prospectus reports that it will file under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the period after the filing of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement and after the date of this prospectus until the termination of the offerings of securities covered by this prospectus, but not any information that may be furnished but that is not deemed to be filed.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus. Bank of America's business, financial position, and results of operations may have changed since that date.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above, at no cost, by contacting Bank of America at the following address or telephone number:

Bank of America Corporation  
Fixed Income Investor Relations  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255-0065  
1-866-607-1234

BofA Finance is a consolidated finance subsidiary of Bank of America, and Bank of America fully and unconditionally guarantees the debt securities issued by BofA Finance.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable supplements constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. You may find these statements by looking for words such as “plan,” “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “project,” “potential,” “possible,” or other similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as “will,” “should,” “would,” and “could.”

All forward-looking statements, by their nature, are subject to risks and uncertainties. Bank of America’s actual results may differ materially from those set forth in its forward-looking statements. As a large, international financial services company, Bank of America faces risks that are inherent in the businesses and market places in which it operates. Information regarding important factors that could cause its future financial performance to vary from that described in its forward-looking statements is contained in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, under the captions “Item 1A. Risk Factors” and “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” and in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated in this prospectus by reference. See “Where You Can Find More Information” above for information about how to obtain a copy of Bank of America’s annual report.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates they are made.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Bank of America or any person on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, neither Bank of America nor BofA Finance undertakes any obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality of the securities being registered will be passed upon for Bank of America and BofA Finance by McGuireWoods LLP, Charlotte, North Carolina, and for the underwriters or agents by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York or such other counsel as may be indicated in the applicable supplement. Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York, is acting as counsel to BofAS and as special tax counsel to Bank of America and BofA Finance. McGuireWoods LLP regularly performs legal services for Bank of America and its affiliates.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Bank of America Corporation and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.