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**Prospectus Supplement dated April 30, 2015 and**

**Product Supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1 dated**

**September 28, 2015)**

|                                |   |                 |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Units                          | Pricing Date*   | January , 2016  |
| \$10 principal amount per unit | Settlement Date*  | February , 2016 |
| CUSIP No.                      | Maturity Date*  | March , 2017    |
|                                | *Subject to change based on the actual date the notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the pricing date ) |                 |

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**Accelerated Return Notes<sup>®</sup> Linked to the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index**

- ⌋ Maturity of approximately 14 months
- ⌋ 3-to-1 upside exposure to increases in the Index, subject to a capped return of [14.50% to 18.50%]
- ⌋ 1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Index, with up to 100% of your principal at risk
- ⌋ All payments occur at maturity and are subject to the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
- ⌋ No periodic interest payments
- ⌋ Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing
- ⌋ The notes are unsecured debt securities and are not savings accounts or insured deposits of a bank. The notes are not insured or guaranteed by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States, Canada, or any other jurisdiction

**The notes are being issued by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ( CIBC ). There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security, including different investment risks and certain additional costs. See Risk Factors and Additional Risk Factors beginning on page TS-6 of this term sheet and Risk Factors beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1.**

**The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.526 and \$9.689 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. See Summary on the following page, Risk Factors**

beginning on page TS-6 of this term sheet and Structuring the Notes on page TS-13 of this term sheet for additional information. The actual value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Note Prospectus (as defined below) is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

|   | <u>Per Unit</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Public offering price <sup>(1)(2)</sup> | \$ 10.00        | \$           |
| Underwriting discount <sup>(1)(2)</sup> | \$ 0.20         | \$           |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to CIBC      | \$ 9.80         | \$           |

- (1) For any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor or in combined transactions with the investor's household in this offering, the public offering price and the underwriting discount will be \$9.95 per unit and \$0.15 per unit, respectively. See Supplement to the Plan of Distribution below.
- (2) For any purchase by certain fee-based trusts and discretionary accounts managed by U.S. Trust operating through Bank of America, N.A., the public offering price and underwriting discount will be \$9.80 per unit and \$0.00 per unit, respectively.

**The notes:**

**Are Not FDIC Insured**

**Are Not Bank Guaranteed**

**May Lose Value**

**Merrill Lynch & Co.**

January , 2016

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### Summary

The Accelerated Return Notes® Linked to the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index, due March , 2017 (the notes ) are our senior unsecured debt securities. The notes are not guaranteed or insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency in the United States, Canada or any other jurisdiction or secured by collateral. **The notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of CIBC.** The notes provide you a leveraged return, subject to a cap, if the Ending Value of the Market Measure, which is the S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index (the Index ), is greater than the Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, you will lose all or a portion of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity, will be calculated based on the \$10 principal amount per unit and will depend on the performance of the Index, subject to our credit risk. See Terms of the Notes below.

The economic terms of the notes (including the Capped Value) are based on our internal funding rate, which is the rate we would pay to borrow funds through the issuance of market-linked notes, and the economic terms of certain related hedging arrangements. Our internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional fixed rate debt securities. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the hedging related charge described below, will reduce the economic terms of the notes to you and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. Due to these factors, the public offering price you pay to purchase the notes will be greater than the initial estimated value of the notes.

On the cover page of this term sheet, we have provided the initial estimated value range for the notes. This initial estimated value range was determined based on our pricing models. The initial estimated value as of the pricing date will be based on our internal funding rate on the pricing date, market conditions and other relevant factors existing at that time, and our assumptions about market parameters. For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see Structuring the Notes on page TS-13.

#### Terms of the Notes

##### Issuer:

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ( CIBC )

##### Principal Amount:

\$10.00 per unit

##### Term:

Approximately 14 months

#### Redemption Amount Determination

On the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per unit determined as follows:

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Market Measure:</b>            | The S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index (Bloomberg symbol: SPSIRBK ), a price return index.  |
| <b>Starting Value:</b>            | The closing level of the Market Measure on the pricing date.  |
| <b>Ending Value:</b>              | The average of the closing levels of the Market Measure on each scheduled calculation day occurring during the Maturity Valuation Period. The calculation days are subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-17 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1. |
| <b>Participation Rate:</b>        | 300%  |
| <b>Capped Value:</b>              | [\$11.45 to \$11.85] per unit, which represents a return of [14% to 18%] over the principal amount. The actual Capped Value will be determined on the pricing date.   |
| <b>Maturity Valuation Period:</b> | Five scheduled calculation days shortly before the maturity date.   |
| <b>Fees and Charges:</b>          | The underwriting discount of \$0.20 per unit listed on the cover page and the hedging related charge of \$0.075 per unit described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-13.  |
| <b>Calculation Agent:</b>         | Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ( MLPF&S ).  |

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The terms and risks of the notes are contained in this term sheet and in the following:

Product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1 dated September 28, 2015:  
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1045520/000119312515330826/d93646d424b2.htm>

Prospectus dated April 30, 2015 and prospectus supplement dated April 30, 2015:  
<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1045520/000119312515161379/d916405d424b3.htm>

These documents (together, the Note Prospectus ) have been filed as part of a registration statement with the SEC, which may, without cost, be accessed on the SEC website as indicated above or obtained from MLPF&S by calling 1-800-294-1322.

Before you invest, you should read the Note Prospectus, including this term sheet, for information about us and this offering. Any prior or contemporaneous oral statements and any other written materials you may have received are superseded by the Note Prospectus. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this term sheet have the meanings set forth in product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this document to we, us, our, or similar references are to CIBC.

## Investor Considerations

**You may wish to consider an investment in the notes if:**

- You anticipate that the Index will increase moderately from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.
- You are willing to risk a loss of principal and return if the Index decreases from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.
- You accept that the return on the notes will be capped.
- You are willing to forgo the interest payments that are paid on conventional interest bearing debt securities.

- ⌋ You are willing to forgo dividends or other benefits of owning the stocks included in the Index.
- ⌋ You are willing to accept a limited or no market for sales prior to maturity, and understand that the market prices for the notes, if any, will be affected by various factors, including our actual and perceived creditworthiness, our internal funding rate and fees and charges on the notes.
- ⌋ You are willing to assume our credit risk, as issuer of the notes, for all payments under the notes, including the Redemption Amount.

**The notes may not be an appropriate investment for you if:**

- ⌋ You believe that the Index will decrease from the Starting Value to the Ending Value or that it will not increase sufficiently over the term of the notes to provide you with your desired return.
- ⌋ You seek principal repayment or preservation of capital.
- ⌋ You seek an uncapped return on your investment.
- ⌋ You seek interest payments or other current income on your investment.
- ⌋ You want to receive dividends or other distributions paid on the stocks included in the Index.
- ⌋ You seek an investment for which there will be a liquid secondary market.
- ⌋ You are unwilling or are unable to take market risk on the notes or to take our credit risk as issuer of the notes.

We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.



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Hypothetical Payout Profile and Examples of Payments at Maturity

The below graph is based on **hypothetical** numbers and values.

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This graph reflects the returns on the notes based on the Participation Rate of 300% and a Capped Value of \$11.65 per unit (the midpoint of the Capped Value range of [\$11.45 to \$11.85]). The green line reflects the returns on the notes, while the dotted gray line reflects the returns of a direct investment in the stocks included in the Index, excluding dividends.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only.

The following table and examples are for purposes of illustration only. They are based on **hypothetical** values and show **hypothetical** returns on the notes. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on a hypothetical Starting Value of 100, the Participation Rate of 300%, a Capped Value of \$11.65 per unit and a range of hypothetical Ending Values. **The actual amount you receive and the resulting total rate of return will depend on the actual Starting Value, Capped Value, Ending Value, and whether you hold the notes to maturity.** The following examples do not take into account any tax consequences from investing in the notes.

For recent actual levels of the Market Measure, see The Index section below. The Index is a price return index and as such the Ending Value will not include any income generated by dividends paid on the stocks included in the Index, which you would otherwise be entitled to receive if you invested in those stocks directly. In addition, all payments on the notes are subject to issuer credit risk.

**Percentage Change from****the Starting Value to the****Total Rate of Return on the**

| <b>Ending Value</b>   | <b>Ending Value</b> | <b>Redemption Amount per Unit</b> | <b>Notes</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 0.00                  | -100.00%            | \$0.00                            | -100.00%     |
| 50.00                 | -50.00%             | \$5.00                            | -50.00%      |
| 80.00                 | -20.00%             | \$8.00                            | -20.00%      |
| 90.00                 | -10.00%             | \$9.00                            | -10.00%      |
| 94.00                 | -6.00%              | \$9.40                            | -6.00%       |
| 97.00                 | -3.00%              | \$9.70                            | -3.00%       |
| 100.00 <sup>(1)</sup> | 0.00%               | \$10.00                           | 0.00%        |
| 102.00                | 2.00%               | \$10.60                           | 6.00%        |
| 103.00                | 3.00%               | \$10.90                           | 9.00%        |
| 105.00                | 5.00%               | \$11.50                           | 15.00%       |
| 110.00                | 10.00%              | \$11.65 <sup>(2)</sup>            | 16.50%       |
| 120.00                | 20.00%              | \$11.65                           | 16.50%       |
| 130.00                | 30.00%              | \$11.65                           | 16.50%       |
| 140.00                | 40.00%              | \$11.65                           | 16.50%       |
| 150.00                | 50.00%              | \$11.65                           | 16.50%       |
| 160.00                | 60.00%              | \$11.65                           | 16.50%       |

- (1) The **hypothetical** Starting Value of 100 used in these examples has been chosen for illustrative purposes only, and does not represent a likely actual Starting Value for the Market Measure.
- (2) The Redemption Amount per unit cannot exceed the **hypothetical** Capped Value.

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**Redemption Amount Calculation Examples**

**Example 1**

The Ending Value is 80.00, or 80.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00  
Ending Value: 80.00

= **\$8.00** Redemption Amount per unit

**Example 2**

The Ending Value is 103.00, or 103.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00  
Ending Value: 103.00

= **\$10.90** Redemption Amount per unit

**Example 3**

The Ending Value is 130.00, or 130.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00  
Ending Value: 130.00

= **\$19.00**, however, because the Redemption Amount for the notes cannot exceed the Capped Value, the Redemption Amount will be **\$11.65 per unit**

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### Risk Factors

*There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security. An investment in the notes involves significant risks, including those listed below. You should carefully review the more detailed explanation of risks relating to the notes in the Risk Factors sections beginning on page PS-6 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1, page S-1 of the prospectus supplement, and page 1 of the prospectus identified above. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting, and other advisors before you invest in the notes.*

- ⌋ Depending on the performance of the Index as measured shortly before the maturity date, your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.
- ⌋ Your return on the notes may be less than the yield you could earn by owning a conventional fixed or floating rate debt security of comparable maturity.
- ⌋ Your investment return is limited to the return represented by the Capped Value and may be less than a comparable investment directly in the stocks included in the Index.
- ⌋ 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. If we become insolvent or are unable to pay our obligations, you may lose your entire investment.
- ⌋ Our initial estimated value of the notes will be lower than the public offering price of the notes. The public offering price of the notes will exceed our initial estimated value because costs associated with selling and structuring the notes, as well as hedging the notes, all as further described in Structuring the Notes on page TS-13, are included in the public offering price of the notes.
- ⌋ Our initial estimated value does not represent future values of the notes and may differ from others estimates. Our initial estimated value is only an estimate, which will be determined by reference to our internal pricing models when the terms of the notes are set. This estimated value will be based on market conditions and other relevant factors existing at that time, our internal funding rate on the pricing date and our assumptions about market parameters, which can include volatility, dividend rates, interest rates and other factors. Different pricing models and assumptions could provide valuations for the notes that are greater or less than our initial estimated value. In addition, market conditions and other relevant factors in the future may change, and any assumptions may prove to be incorrect. On future dates, the market value of the notes could change significantly based on, among other things, changes in market conditions, including

the value of the Market Measure, our creditworthiness, interest rate movements and other relevant factors, which may impact the price at which we or any agents would be willing to buy notes from you in any secondary market transactions. Our estimated value does not represent a minimum price at which we or our agents would be willing to buy your notes in any secondary market (if any exists) at any time.

- i Our initial estimated value of the notes will not be determined by reference to credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. The internal funding rate to be used in the determination of our initial estimated value of the notes generally represents a discount from the credit spreads for our conventional fixed-rate debt. The discount is based on, among other things, our view of the funding value of the notes as well as the higher issuance, operational and ongoing liability management costs of the notes in comparison to those costs for our conventional fixed-rate debt. If we were to use the interest rate implied by our conventional fixed-rate debt, we would expect the economic terms of the notes to be more favorable to you. Consequently, our use of an internal funding rate for market-linked notes would have an adverse effect on the economic terms of the notes, the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date, and any secondary market prices of the notes.
- i A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. Neither we nor MLPF&S is obligated to make a market for, or to repurchase, the notes. There is no assurance that any party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price in any secondary market.
- i Our business, hedging and trading activities, and those of MLPF&S and our respective affiliates (including trades in shares of companies included in the Index), and any hedging and trading activities we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates engage in for our clients' accounts, may affect the market value and return of the notes and may create conflicts of interest with you.
- i The Index sponsor may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and has no obligation to consider your interests.
- i You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Index, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.
- i While we, MLPF&S or our respective affiliates may from time to time own securities of companies included in the Index, except to the extent that the common stock of Bank of America Corporation (the parent company of MLPF&S) is included in the Index, we, MLPF&S and our respective affiliates do not control any company included in the Index, and have not verified any disclosure made by any other company.

- i There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agent.
  
- i The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to a holder of the notes. See Summary of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences below and U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary beginning on page PS-29 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1. For a discussion of the Canadian federal income tax consequences of investing in the notes, see Certain Income Tax Consequences Certain Canadian Income Tax Considerations in the prospectus supplement dated April 30, 2015, as supplemented by the discussion under Summary of Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations herein.

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Additional Risk Factors

**The stocks included in the Index are concentrated in one sector.**

All of the stocks included in the Index are issued by companies in the financial services sector, and more specifically, the regional banking sector. As a result, the stocks that will determine the performance of the notes are concentrated in one sector. Although an investment in the notes will not give holders any ownership or other direct interests in the stocks underlying the Index, the return on an investment in the notes will be subject to certain risks associated with a direct equity investment in companies in the regional banking sector, including those discussed below. In addition, profitability of these companies is largely dependent on the availability and cost of capital funds, and can fluctuate significantly when interest rates change. Credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers can negatively impact the sector. Bank may also be subject to severe price competition. The regional banking industry is highly competitive and failure to maintain or increase market share may result in lost market share. Accordingly, by investing in the notes, you will not benefit from the diversification which could result from an investment linked to companies that operate in multiple sectors.

**Economic conditions have adversely impacted the stock prices of many companies in the financial services sector, and may do so during the term of the notes.**

In recent years, economic conditions in the U.S. have resulted, and may continue to result, in significant losses among many companies that operate in the financial services sector. These conditions have also resulted, and may continue to result, in a high degree of volatility in the stock prices of financial institutions, and substantial fluctuations in the profitability of these companies. Numerous financial services companies have experienced substantial decreases in the value of their assets, taken action to raise capital (including the issuance of debt or equity securities), or even ceased operations. Further, companies in the financial services sector have been subject to unprecedented government actions and regulation, which may limit the scope of their operations, the types of loans and other financial commitments they can make, the interest rates and fees they can charge, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain, and, in turn, result in a decrease in value of these companies. Any of these factors may have an adverse impact on the level of the Index. As a result, the level of the Index may be adversely affected by economic, political, or regulatory events affecting the financial services sector or one of the sub-sectors of the financial services sector. This in turn could adversely impact the market value of the notes and decrease the Redemption Amount.

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### The Index

All disclosures contained in this term sheet regarding the Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation, and changes in its components, have been derived from publicly available sources. The information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by, S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (the Index sponsor). The Index sponsor, which licenses the copyright and all other rights to the Index, has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue publication of, the Index. The consequences of the Index sponsor discontinuing publication of the Index are discussed in the section entitled Description of ARNs Discontinuance of an Index on page PS-19 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1. None of us, the calculation agent, or MLPF&S accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of the Index or any successor index.

### General

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the regional banks sub-industry portion of the S&P Total Market Index ( S&P TMI ), an index that measures the performance of the U.S. equity market. The S&P TMI includes all U.S. common equities listed on the NYSE (including NYSE Arca), the NYSE MKT, the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the NASDAQ Select Market and the NASDAQ Capital Market. Each of the component stocks in the Index is a constituent company within the regional banks sub-industry portion of the S&P TMI.

The Index was launched in September 2011. As of November 30, 2015, it included 90 index components, with a mean market capitalization of approximately \$4.5 billion.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Index, companies must be in the S&P TMI, and must be included in the relevant Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sub-industry. The GICS was developed to establish a global standard for categorizing companies into sectors and industries. In addition, companies must satisfy one of the two following combined size and liquidity criteria:

1. float-adjusted market capitalization above US\$500 million and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 90%;  
or
2. float-adjusted market capitalization above US\$400 million and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 150%.

All companies satisfying these requirements are included in the Index. The total number of companies in the Index should be at least 35. If there are fewer than 35 companies, companies from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries that meet the market capitalization and liquidity thresholds above are included in order of their float-adjusted market capitalization to reach 35 constituents. Minimum market capitalization requirements may be relaxed to ensure there are at least 22 companies in the Index as of each rebalancing effective date.

Eligibility factors include:



Market Capitalization: Float-adjusted market capitalization should be at least US\$400 million for inclusion in the Index. Existing index components must have a float-adjusted market capitalization of US\$300 million to remain in the Index at each rebalancing.

Liquidity: The liquidity measurement used is a liquidity ratio, defined as dollar value traded over the previous 12-months divided by the float-adjusted market capitalization as of the Index rebalancing reference date. Constituents having a float-adjusted market capitalization above US\$500 million must have a liquidity ratio greater than 90% to be eligible for addition to the Index. Constituents having a float-adjusted market capitalization between US\$400 and US\$500 million must have a liquidity ratio greater than 150% to be eligible for addition to the Index. Existing Index constituents must have a liquidity ratio greater than 50% to remain in the Index at the quarterly rebalancing. The length of time to evaluate liquidity is reduced to the available trading period for IPOs or spin-offs that do not have 12 months of trading history.

Domicile: U.S. companies only.

Takeover Restrictions: At the discretion of the Index sponsor, constituents with shareholder ownership restrictions defined in company organizational documents may be deemed ineligible for inclusion in the Index. Ownership restrictions preventing entities from replicating the index weight of a company may be excluded from the eligible universe or removed from the Index.

Turnover: At times a company may appear to temporarily violate one or more of the addition criteria. However, the addition criteria are for addition to the Index, not for continued membership. As a result, an index constituent that appears to violate the criteria for addition to the Index will not be deleted unless ongoing conditions warrant a change in the composition of the Index.

### **Computation of the Index**

The Index is equally-weighted, with adjustments to individual constituent weights to ensure concentration and liquidity requirements, and calculated by the divisor methodology used in all of the Index sponsor's equity indices.

The initial divisor is set to have a base index value of 1,000 on June 20, 2003. The index value is calculated as the index market value divided by the index divisor:

$$\text{Index Value} = \text{Index Market Value} / \text{Divisor}$$

In order to maintain index series continuity, the divisor is also adjusted at each rebalancing.

$$(\text{Index Value}) \text{ before rebalancing} = (\text{Index Value}) \text{ after rebalancing}$$

Therefore,

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*(Divisor) after rebalancing = (Index Market Value) after rebalancing / (Index Value) before rebalancing*

At each quarterly rebalancing, the constituents underlying the Index are initially equally-weighted using closing prices as of the second Friday of the last month of the quarter as the reference price. Adjustments are then made to ensure that there are no constituents whose weight in the Index is more than can be traded in a single day for a US\$2 billion portfolio.

The Index sponsor calculates a maximum basket liquidity weight for each constituent in the Index using the ratio of its three-month average daily value traded to US\$2 billion. Each constituent's weight in the Index is then compared to its maximum basket liquidity weight and is set to the lesser of its maximum basket liquidity weight or its initial equal weight. All excess weight is redistributed across the Index to the uncapped component stocks.

If necessary, a final adjustment is made to ensure that no constituent in the Index has a weight greater than 4.5%. This step of the iterative weighting process may force the weight of those stocks limited to their maximum basket liquidity weight to exceed that weight. In such cases, the Index sponsor will make no further adjustments. If the Index contains exactly 22 companies as of the rebalancing effective date, the Index will be equally weighted without basket liquidity constraints.

### **Index Maintenance**

Index maintenance will follow that of the S&P TMI. The membership of the Index is reviewed quarterly. Rebalancing occurs after the closing on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The reference date for additions and deletions is after the closing of the last trading date of the previous month. Closing prices as of the second Friday of the last month of the quarter are used for setting Index weights. However, a company will be deleted from the Index if the S&P TMI drops the constituent. Unless a constituent deletion causes the number of companies in the Index to fall below 22, no addition will be made to the Index until the next rebalancing. At that time, the entire Index will be rebalanced based on all eligibility criteria, including the minimum number of companies. If a constituent deletion causes the number of companies in the Index to fall below 22, an addition is made assuming the weight of the dropped stock. When a stock is removed from the Index at a price of \$0.00, the stock's replacement will be added to the Index at the weight using the previous day's closing value, or the most immediate prior business day that the deleted stock was not valued at \$0.00. In case of GICS changes, where a company does not belong to the regional banks sub-industry after the classification change, it is removed from the Index at the next rebalancing.

The treatment of corporate actions is the same as in the S&P TMI. In case of a spin-off, generally both the parent company and spin-off companies will remain in the Index until the next rebalancing, regardless of whether they conform to the theme of the Index. When there is no market-determined price available for the spin-off company, the spin-off company is added to the Index at zero price at the close of the day before the ex-date. In the case of a rights offering, the price is adjusted to the price of the parent company minus (the price of the rights subscription/rights ratio). The Index Shares change so that the company's weight remains the same as its weight before the spin-off. In case of stock dividend, stock split or reverse stock split, the Index Shares are multiplied by and price is divided by the split factor. Share issuance, share repurchase, equity offering or warrant conversion will not cause an Index adjustment. When special dividends are paid, the price of the stock making the special dividend payment is reduced

by the per share special dividend amount after the close of trading on the day before the dividend ex-date.

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*The following graph shows the daily historical performance of the Index in the period from January 1, 2008 through December 16, 2015. We obtained this historical data from Bloomberg L.P. We have not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg L.P. On December 16, 2015, the closing level of the Index was 1,340.43.*

### Historical Performance of the Index

*This historical data on the Index is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Index or what the value of the notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the level of the Index during any period set forth above is not an indication that the level of the Index is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the notes.*

Before investing in the notes, you should consult publicly available sources for the levels of the Index.

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Supplement to the Plan of Distribution

Under our distribution agreement with MLPF&S, MLPF&S will purchase the notes from us as principal at the public offering price indicated on the cover of this term sheet, less the indicated underwriting discount.

We may deliver the notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on a date that is greater than three business days following the pricing date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if the initial settlement of the notes occurs more than three business days from the pricing date, purchasers who wish to trade the notes more than three business days prior to the original issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. In the original offering of the notes, the notes will be sold in minimum investment amounts of 100 units. If you place an order to purchase the notes, you are consenting to MLPF&S acting as a principal in effecting the transaction for your account.

MLPF&S will not receive an underwriting discount for notes sold to certain fee-based trusts and fee-based discretionary accounts managed by U.S. Trust operating through Bank of America, N.A.

MLPF&S may repurchase and resell the notes, with repurchases and resales being made at prices related to then-prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices, and these prices will include MLPF&S's trading commissions and mark-ups. MLPF&S may act as principal or agent in these market-making transactions; however, it is not obligated to engage in any such transactions. At MLPF&S's discretion, for a short, undetermined initial period after the issuance of the notes, MLPF&S may offer to buy the notes in the secondary market at a price that may exceed the initial estimated value of the notes. Any price offered by MLPF&S for the notes will be based on then-prevailing market conditions and other considerations, including the performance of the Index and the remaining term of the notes. However, none of us, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates is obligated to purchase your notes at any price or at any time, and we cannot assure you that we, MLPF&S or any of our respective affiliates will purchase your notes at a price that equals or exceeds the initial estimated value of the notes.

The value of the notes shown on your account statement will be based on MLPF&S's estimate of the value of the notes if MLPF&S or another of its affiliates were to make a market in the notes, which it is not obligated to do. That estimate will be based upon the price that MLPF&S may pay for the notes in light of then-prevailing market conditions, and other considerations, as mentioned above, and will include transaction costs. At certain times, this price may be higher than or lower than the initial estimated value of the notes.

The distribution of the Note Prospectus in connection with these offers or sales will be solely for the purpose of providing investors with the description of the terms of the notes that was made available to investors in connection with their initial offering. Secondary market investors should not, and will not be authorized to, rely on the Note Prospectus for information regarding CIBC or for any purpose other than that described in the immediately preceding sentence.



An investor's household, as referenced on the cover of this term sheet, will generally include accounts held by any of the following, as determined by MLPF&S in its discretion and acting in good faith based upon information then available to MLPF&S:

the investor's spouse (including a domestic partner), siblings, parents, grandparents, spouse's parents, children and grandchildren, but excluding accounts held by aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews or any other family relationship not directly above or below the individual investor;

a family investment vehicle, including foundations, limited partnerships and personal holding companies, but only if the beneficial owners of the vehicle consist solely of the investor or members of the investor's household as described above;

a trust where the grantors and/or beneficiaries of the trust consist solely of the investor or members of the investor's household as described above; provided that, purchases of the notes by a trust generally cannot be aggregated together with any purchases made by a trustee's personal account.

Purchases in retirement accounts will not be considered part of the same household as an individual investor's personal or other non-retirement account, except for individual retirement accounts ( IRAs ), simplified employee pension plans ( SEPs ), savings incentive match plan for employees ( SIMPLEs ), and single-participant or owners only accounts (i.e., retirement accounts held by self-employed individuals, business owners or partners with no employees other than their spouses).

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### Structuring the Notes

The notes are our debt securities, the return on which is linked to the performance of the Index. As is the case for all of our debt securities, including our market-linked notes, the economic terms of the notes reflect our actual or perceived creditworthiness at the time of pricing. The internal funding rate we use in pricing the market-linked notes is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional fixed-rate debt securities of comparable maturity. This difference is based on, among other things, our view of the funding value of the notes as well as the higher issuance, operational and ongoing liability management costs of the notes in comparison to those costs for our conventional fixed-rate debt. This generally relatively lower internal funding rate, which is reflected in the economic terms of the notes, along with the fees and charges associated with market-linked notes, typically results in the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date being less than their public offering price.

At maturity, we are required to pay the Redemption Amount to holders of the notes, which will be calculated based on the performance of the Index and the \$10 per unit principal amount. In order to meet these payment obligations, at the time we issue the notes, we may choose to enter into certain hedging arrangements (which may include call options, put options or other derivatives) with MLPF&S or one of its affiliates. The terms of these hedging arrangements are determined by seeking bids from market participants, including MLPF&S and its affiliates, and take into account a number of factors, including our creditworthiness, interest rate movements, the volatility of the Index, the tenor of the notes and the tenor of the hedging arrangements. The economic terms of the notes and their initial estimated value depend in part on the terms of these hedging arrangements.

MLPF&S has advised us that the hedging arrangements will include a hedging related charge of approximately \$0.075 per unit, reflecting an estimated profit to be credited to MLPF&S from these transactions. Since hedging entails risk and may be influenced by unpredictable market forces, additional profits and losses from these hedging arrangements may be realized by MLPF&S or any third party hedge providers.

For further information, see [Risk Factors](#) [General Risks Relating to ARNs](#) beginning on page PS-6 and [Use of Proceeds and Hedging](#) on page PS-15 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1.

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### Summary of Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations

In the opinion of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, our Canadian tax counsel, the following summary describes the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the Canadian Tax Act ) generally applicable at the date hereof to a purchaser who acquires beneficial ownership of a note pursuant to this term sheet and who for the purposes of the Canadian Tax Act and the regulations thereto and at all relevant times: (a) is neither resident nor deemed to be resident in Canada; (b) deals at arm's length with CIBC and any transferee resident (or deemed to be resident) in Canada to whom the purchaser disposes of the note; (c) does not use or hold and is not deemed to use or hold the note in, or in the course of, carrying on a business in Canada; (d) is entitled to receive all payments (including any interest and principal) made on the note, and (e) is not a, and deals at arm's length with any, specified shareholder of CIBC for purposes of the thin capitalization rules in the Canadian Tax Act (a Non-Resident Holder ). A specified shareholder for these purposes generally includes a person who (either alone or together with persons with whom that person is not dealing at arm's length for the purposes of the Canadian Tax Act) owns or has the right to acquire or control or is otherwise deemed to own 25% or more of CIBC's shares determined on a votes or fair market value basis. Special rules which apply to non-resident insurers carrying on business in Canada and elsewhere are not discussed in this summary.

This summary is supplemental to and should be read together with the description of material Canadian federal income tax considerations relevant to a Non-Resident Holder owning notes under Certain Income Tax Consequences Certain Canadian Income Tax Considerations in the accompanying prospectus supplement and a Non-Resident Holder should carefully read that description as well.

Based on Canadian tax counsel's understanding of the Canada Revenue Agency's administrative policies and having regard to the terms of the notes, interest payable on the notes should not be considered to be participating debt interest as defined in the Canadian Tax Act and accordingly, a Non-Resident Holder should not be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax in respect of amounts paid or credited or deemed to have been paid or credited by CIBC on a note as, on account of or in lieu of payment of, or in satisfaction of, interest.

Non-Resident Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the consequences to them of a disposition of the notes to a person with whom they are not dealing at arm's length for purposes of the Canadian Tax Act.

### Summary of U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion is a brief summary of the material U.S. federal income consequences relating to an investment in the notes. The following summary is not complete and is both qualified and supplemented by, or in some cases supplements, the discussion entitled U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary beginning on page PS-29 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1, which you should carefully review prior to investing the notes.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in the notes are uncertain. No statutory, judicial or administrative authority directly discusses how the notes should be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In the opinion of our tax counsel, Mayer Brown LLP, it would generally be reasonable to treat the notes as prepaid cash-settled derivative contracts. Pursuant to the terms of the notes, you agree to treat the notes in this manner for all

U.S. federal income tax purposes. If your notes are so treated, you should generally recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, redemption or payment on maturity in an amount equal to the difference between the amount you receive at such time and the amount that you paid for your notes. Such gain or loss should generally be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held your notes for more than one year.

The characterization described above is not binding on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) or the courts. Thus, it is possible that the IRS would seek to characterize your notes in a manner that results in tax consequences to you that are different from those described above or in the accompanying product supplement. For a more detailed discussion of certain alternative characterizations with respect to your notes and certain other considerations with respect to your investment in the notes, you should consider the discussion set forth in U.S. Federal Income Tax Summary of the product supplement. We are not responsible for any adverse consequences that you may experience as a result of any alternative characterization of the notes for U.S. federal income tax or other tax purposes.

Regarding the discussion in the product supplement EQUITY INDICES ARN-1 with respect to a dividend equivalent payment made with respect to a U.S. stock or equity-linked debt instrument under the section entitled Non-U.S. Holders, we believe that the notes should be treated as an equity-linked instrument and since it is issued prior to 2017, it should be exempt from the withholding tax rules specified for dividend equivalents.

You should consult your tax advisor as to the tax consequences of such characterization and any possible alternative characterizations of the notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes. You should also consult your tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax and other tax consequences of your investment in the notes in your particular circumstances, including the application of state, local or other tax laws and the possible effects of changes in federal or other tax laws.

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### Where You Can Find More Information

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