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**Preliminary Pricing Supplement SUN-109**

**(To Prospectus dated April 27, 2016,  
Prospectus Supplement dated July 31, 2015 and  
Product Supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1  
dated August 4, 2015)**

**Subject to Completion**

**Preliminary Pricing  
Supplement  
dated May 15, 2017**

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Units	Pricing Date*	May , 2017
\$10 principal amount per unit	Settlement Date*	June , 2017
CUSIP No.	Maturity Date*	May , 2022

\* Subject to change based on the actual date the notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the "pricing date")

**Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index**

§ Maturity of approximately five years, if not called prior to maturity

§ Automatic call of the notes per unit at \$10.00 plus the applicable Call Premium ([\$0.80 to \$0.90] on the first Observation Date, [\$1.60 to \$1.80] on the second Observation Date, [\$2.40 to \$2.70] on the third Observation Date, and [\$3.20 to \$3.60] on the fourth Observation Date) if the Index is flat or increases above 100% of the Starting Value on the relevant Observation Date

§ The Observation Dates will occur approximately one year, two years, three years and four years after the pricing date

§ If the notes are not called, at maturity:

§ a return of 40% if the Index is flat or increases up to the Step Up Value

§ a return equal to the percentage increase in the Index if the Index increases above the Step Up Value

§ 1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Index beyond a 15% decline, with up to 85% of your principal at risk

§ All payments are subject to the credit risk of Deutsche Bank AG

§ No periodic interest payments

§ In addition to the underwriting discount set forth below, the notes include a hedging-related charge of \$0.075 per unit. See “Structuring the Notes”

§ Limited secondary market liquidity, with no exchange listing

**The notes are being issued by Deutsche Bank AG (“Deutsche Bank”) through its London Branch. There are important differences between the notes and a conventional debt security, including different investment risks and certain additional costs. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page TS-8 of this term sheet, page PS-7 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1, page PS-5 of the prospectus supplement and page 13 of the prospectus.**

**The initial estimated value of the notes as of the pricing date is expected to be between \$9.31 and \$9.56 per unit, which is less than the public offering price listed below. See “Summary” on the following page, “Risk Factors” beginning on page TS-8 of this term sheet and “Structuring the Notes” on page TS-15 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.**

By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the imposition of any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority. See “Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures” on page TS-4 of this term sheet.

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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.

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

For any purchase of 500,000 units or more in a single transaction by an individual investor or in combined (1) 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.

**The notes:**

**Are Not FDIC Insured    Are Not Bank Guaranteed    May Lose Value**

Merrill Lynch & Co.

May , 2017

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## Summary

The Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, due May , 2022 (the “notes”) are our senior unsecured obligations. The notes are not guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or secured by collateral. **The notes will rank equally and *pari passu* with the claims of all our other unsecured and unsubordinated creditors, subject to any statutory priority regime of the jurisdiction of our incorporation (or, in the case of notes issued by Deutsche Bank AG through a branch, of the law of the jurisdiction where the branch is established). Any payments due on the notes, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of Deutsche Bank and to any Resolution Measure (as described herein) imposed by the competent resolution authority.** The notes will be automatically called at the applicable Call Amount if the Observation Level of the Market Measure, which is the EURO STOXX 50® Index (the “Index”), is equal to or greater than the Call Level on the relevant Observation Date. If your notes are not automatically called, at maturity, the notes provide you with a Step Up Payment if the Ending Value of the Index is equal to or greater than its Starting Value, but is not greater than the Step Up Value. If the Ending Value is greater than the Step Up Value, you will participate on a 1-for-1 basis in the increase in the level of the Index above the Starting Value. If the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value but greater than or equal to the Threshold Value, you will receive the principal amount of your notes. If the Ending Value is less than the Threshold Value, you will lose a portion, which could be significant, of the principal amount of your notes. Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity or upon an automatic call, 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.

On the cover page of this term sheet, we have provided the initial estimated value range for the notes. Our initial estimated value of the notes was determined based on our valuation of two theoretical components of the notes: (i) a theoretical bond component and (ii) a theoretical derivative component. The value of the bond component of the notes is calculated based on an internal funding rate, which is determined primarily based on the rates at which our conventional debt securities of comparable maturity may trade, adjusted to account for our funding needs and objectives for the period matching the term of the notes. The value of the derivative component is calculated based on our internal pricing models using relevant parameter inputs.

The economic terms of the notes (including the Call Premiums and Call Amounts) are based on the internal funding rate and the economic terms of certain related hedging arrangements. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities on equivalent terms. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes (which includes 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. The initial estimated value of the notes calculated on the pricing date will be set forth in the final term sheet made available to investors in the notes. For more information about the initial estimated value and the structuring of the notes, see “Structuring the Notes” on page TS-15.

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Terms of the Notes

Issuer:	Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch			[\$0.80 to \$0.90] per unit if called on May , 2018 (which represents a return of [8.00% to 9.00%] over the principal amount), [\$1.60 to \$1.80] per unit if called on May , 2019 (which represents a return of [16.00% to 18.00%] over the principal amount), [\$2.40 to \$2.70] per unit if called on May , 2020 (which represents a return of [24.00% to 27.00%] over the principal amount), and [\$3.20 to \$3.60] per unit if called on May , 2021 (which represents a return of [32.00% to 36.00%] over the principal amount).
Principal Amount:	\$10.00 per unit			
Term:	Approximately five years, if not called			
Market Measure:	The EURO STOXX 50® Index (Bloomberg symbol: “SX5E”), a price return index	Call Premiums:		
Starting Value:	The closing level of the Market Measure on the pricing date			The actual Call Premiums will be determined on the pricing date.
Observation Level:	The closing level of the Market Measure on the applicable Observation Date.	Ending Value:		The closing level of the Market Measure on the scheduled calculation day. The calculation day is subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-22 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.
Observation Dates:	May , 2018, May , 2019, May , 2020 and May , 2021, subject to postponement in the event of Market Disruption Events, as described beginning on page PS-21 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.	Step Up Value:		140% of the Starting Value, rounded to two decimal places.
		Step Up Payment:		\$4.00 per unit, which represents a return of 40% over the principal amount.
Call Level:	100% of the Starting Value	Threshold Value:		85% of the Starting Value, rounded to two decimal places.
Call Amounts (per Unit):	[\$10.80 to \$10.90] if called on May , 2018, [\$11.60 to \$11.80] if called on May , 2019, [\$12.40 to \$12.70] if called on May , 2020 and [\$13.20 to \$13.60] if called on May , 2021.	Calculation Day:		Approximately the fifth scheduled Market Measure Business Day immediately preceding the maturity date.
	The actual Call Amounts will be determined on the pricing date.	Fees and Charges:		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-15.
Call Settlement	Approximately the fifth business day following the applicable	Calculation Agent:		Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“MLPF&S”) and Deutsche Bank, acting jointly.

Dates: Observation Date, subject to postponement if the related Observation Date is postponed, as described beginning on page PS-21 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

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Determining Payment on the Notes

Automatic Call Provision

The notes will be called automatically on an Observation Date if the Observation Level on that Observation Date is equal to or greater than the Call Level. If the notes are called, you will receive \$10 per unit plus the applicable Call Premium.

Redemption Amount Determination

If the notes are not automatically called, on the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per unit determined as follows:

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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 SUN-1 dated August 4, 2015:  
[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006214/dp58457\\_424b2-sunequity.htm](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006214/dp58457_424b2-sunequity.htm)

§ Prospectus supplement dated July 31, 2015:  
[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006048/crt-dp58161\\_424b2.pdf](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000095010315006048/crt-dp58161_424b2.pdf)

§ Prospectus dated April 27, 2016:  
<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1159508/000119312516559607/d181910d424b21.pdf>

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. Delaware Trust Company, which acquired the corporate trust business of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, is the successor trustee of the notes. When you read the accompanying product supplement and prospectus supplement, please note that all references in such supplements to the prospectus dated July 31, 2015, or to any sections therein, should refer instead to the accompanying prospectus dated April 27, 2016 or to the corresponding sections of such prospectus, as applicable, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this term sheet have the meanings set forth in product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1. Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this document to “we,” “us,” “our” or similar references are to Deutsche Bank.

#### Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures

Under the German Recovery and Resolution Act, which became effective on January 1, 2015, the notes may be subject to any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority under relevant German and/or European laws or regulations if we become, or are deemed by the competent supervisory authority to have become, “non-viable” (as defined under the then applicable law) and are unable to continue our regulated banking activities without a Resolution Measure becoming applicable to us. A “Resolution Measure” may include: (i) a write down, including to zero, of any payment (or delivery obligations) on the notes; (ii) a conversion of the notes into ordinary shares of (a) the Issuer, (b) any group entity or (c) any bridge bank or other instruments of ownership of such entities qualifying as common equity tier 1 capital; and/or (iii) any other resolution measure, including, but not limited to, any transfer of the notes to another entity, the amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes or the cancellation of the notes. By acquiring the notes, you will be deemed irrevocably to agree:



to be bound by, to acknowledge and to accept any Resolution Measure and any amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes to give effect to any Resolution Measure;

· that you would have no claim or other right against us arising out of any Resolution Measure; and

that the imposition of any Resolution Measure will not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, under the senior indenture or for the purposes of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as set forth in the accompanying prospectus dated April 27, 2016.

*Please read "Risk Factors" in this term sheet and see the accompanying prospectus, including the risk factors beginning on page 13 of such prospectus, for further information.*

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Investor Considerations

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

§ You are willing to receive a return on your investment capped at the return represented by the applicable Call Premium if the relevant Observation Level is equal to or greater than the Call Level.

§ You anticipate that the notes will be automatically called or the level of the Index will increase from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

§ You are willing to risk a loss of principal and return if the notes are not automatically called and the level of the Index decreases from the Starting Value to an Ending Value that is below the Threshold Value.

§ 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, the 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 Call Amount or the Redemption Amount, as applicable.

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

§ You want to hold your notes for the full term.

§ You believe that the notes will not be automatically called and the level of the Index will decrease from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

§ You seek 100% principal repayment or preservation of capital.

§ 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.

§ You are unwilling to consent to be bound by any Resolution Measure

§ You are willing to consent to be bound by any Resolution Measure imposed by the competent resolution authority.

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. **These hypothetical values show a payout profile at maturity, which would only apply if the notes are not called on any Observation Date.**

**Autocallable Market-Linked Step Up Notes** This graph reflects the returns on the notes, based on a Threshold Value of 85% of the Starting Value, the Step Up Payment of \$4.00 per unit and a Step Up Value of 140% of the Starting Value. 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, assuming the notes are not called on any Observation Date. They illustrate the calculation of the Redemption Amount and total rate of return based on a hypothetical Starting Value of 100, a hypothetical Threshold Value of 85, a hypothetical Step Up Value of 140, the Step Up Payment of \$4.00 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, Threshold Value, Ending Value, Step Up Value, whether the notes are called on an Observation Date, 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.

Ending Value	Percentage Change from the Starting Value to the Ending Value	Redemption Amount per Unit	Total Rate of Return on the Notes
0.00	-100.00%	\$1.50	-85.00%

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50.00	-50.00%	\$6.50	-35.00%
60.00	-40.00%	\$7.50	-25.00%
70.00	-30.00%	\$8.50	-15.00%
80.00	-20.00%	\$9.50	-5.00%
85.00	(1) -15.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
90.00	-10.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
94.00	-6.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
97.00	-3.00%	\$10.00	0.00%
100.00	(2) 0.00%	\$14.00	(3) 40.00%
105.00	5.00%	\$14.00	40.00%
110.00	10.00%	\$14.00	40.00%
120.00	20.00%	\$14.00	40.00%
130.00	30.00%	\$14.00	40.00%
140.00	(4) 40.00%	\$14.00	40.00%
150.00	50.00%	\$15.00	50.00%
154.00	54.00%	\$15.40	54.00%
160.00	60.00%	\$16.00	60.00%

(1) This is the **hypothetical** Threshold Value.

(2) 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.

(3) This amount represents the sum of the principal amount and the Step Up Payment of \$4.00.

(4) This is the **hypothetical** Step Up Value.

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### Redemption Amount Calculation Examples

#### Example 1

The Ending Value is 60.00, or 60.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Threshold Value: 85.00

Ending Value: 60.00

Redemption Amount per unit

#### Example 2

The Ending Value is 95.00, or 95.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Threshold Value: 85.00

Ending Value: 95.00

Redemption Amount per unit = **\$10.00**, *the principal amount, since the Ending Value is less than the Starting Value, but is equal to or greater than the Threshold Value.*

#### Example 3

The Ending Value is 110.00, or 110.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Step Up Value: 140.00

Ending Value: 110.00

Redemption Amount per unit, *the principal amount plus the Step Up Payment, since the Ending Value is equal to or greater than the Starting Value, but less than the Step Up Value.*

**Example 4**

The Ending Value is 154.00, or 154.00% of the Starting Value:

Starting Value: 100.00

Step Up Value: 140.00

Ending Value: 154.00

Redemption Amount 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-7 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1, page PS-5 of the prospectus supplement and page 13 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.*

§ If the notes are not automatically called, 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.

§ Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and any 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.

§ The notes may be written down to zero, be converted into ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership or become subject to other Resolution Measures. You may lose some or all of your investment if any such measure becomes applicable to us. In a German insolvency proceeding or in the event of the imposition of Resolution Measures with respect to the Issuer, the Structured Debt Securities (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) are expected to be among the unsecured unsubordinated obligations that would bear losses after the Non-Structured Debt Securities (as defined in the accompanying prospectus). We expect the notes offered herein to be classified as Structured Debt Securities, but the competent regulatory authority or court may classify the notes differently. The imposition of any Resolution Measure does not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, the senior indenture or for the purposes of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or give you any other right to accelerate or terminate the notes. You may have limited or circumscribed rights to challenge any decision of the competent resolution authority to impose any Resolution Measure. *Please see “Consent to Potential Imposition of Resolution Measures” in this term sheet and the risk factors beginning on page 13 of the accompanying prospectus for more information.*

§ If the notes are called, your investment return is limited to the return represented by the applicable Call Premium.

§ Your investment return may be less than a comparable investment directly in the stocks included in the Index.

§ The initial estimated value of the notes is an estimate only, determined as of a particular point in time by reference to an internal funding rate and our pricing models. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would



pay when we issue conventional debt securities of comparable maturity. As a result of this difference, the initial estimated value of the notes would likely be lower if it were based on the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities of comparable maturity. This difference in funding rate, as well as the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes (which includes the hedging related charge described below), reduces the economic terms of the notes to you.

Our internal pricing models consider relevant parameter inputs such as expected interest and dividend rates and mid-market levels of price and volatility of the assets underlying the notes or any futures, options or swaps related to such underlying assets. Our pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, § which may prove to be incorrect. Because our pricing models may differ from other financial institutions' valuation models, and because funding rates taken into account by other financial institutions (including those with similar creditworthiness) may vary materially from the internal funding rate used by us, our initial estimated value of the notes may not be comparable to the initial estimated values of similar notes of other financial institutions.

The public offering price you pay for the notes will exceed the initial estimated value. The difference is due to the inclusion in the public offering price of the underwriting discount and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations § under the notes (which includes the hedging related charge described below), all as further described in "Structuring the Notes" on page TS-15. These factors are expected to reduce the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market and, together with various credit, market and economic factors over the term of the notes, including changes in the level of the Index, will affect the value of the notes in complex and unpredictable ways.

The initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date does not represent the price at which we, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in the secondary market at any time. Assuming no changes in market conditions or our creditworthiness and other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which we, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in § secondary market transactions, if at all, would generally be lower than both the public offering price and the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date. MLPF&S has advised us that any repurchases by them or their affiliates will be made at prices determined by reference to their pricing models and at their discretion. These prices will include MLPF&S's trading commissions and mark-ups and may differ materially from the initial estimated value of the notes determined by reference to our internal funding rate and pricing models.

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A trading market is not expected to develop for the notes. None of us, MLPF&S, or any of our respective affiliates 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.

Our business, hedging and trading activities, and those of MLPF&S and our respective affiliates (including trading in securities 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. Our economic interests in determining the initial estimated value of the notes on the pricing date and the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions, are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes.

§ The Index sponsor may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and has no obligation to consider your interests.

§ You will have no rights of a holder of the securities included in the Index, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.

§ 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 our ordinary shares are included in the Index, we, MLPF&S and our respective affiliates do not control any other company included in the Index, and have not verified any disclosure made by any other company.

§ Your return on the notes may be affected by factors affecting international securities markets, specifically changes in the Eurozone. In addition, although you will not obtain the benefit of any increase in the value of the euro against the U.S. dollar during the term of your notes that you would have received if you had owned the securities in the Index, the value of the notes may be adversely affected by general exchange rate movements in the market.

§ There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agents, one of which is us and one of which is MLPF&S. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agents.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the notes are uncertain, and may be adverse to you. § See "Summary Tax Consequences" below and "U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" beginning on page PS-30 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

Other Terms of the Notes

**Market Measure Business Day**

The following definition shall supersede and replace the definition of a “Market Measure Business Day” set forth in product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

A “Market Measure Business Day” means a day on which:

(A) the Eurex (or any successor) is open for trading; and

(B) the Index or any successor thereto is calculated and published.

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## The Index

We have derived all information contained in this term sheet regarding the Index, including, without limitation, its make-up, method of calculation and changes in its components, from publicly available information. We have not participated in the preparation of, or verified, such publicly available information. Such information reflects the policies of, and is subject to change by STOXX Limited (“STOXX” or the “Index sponsor”). STOXX has no obligation to continue to publish, and may discontinue or suspend the publication of, the Index at any time. The consequences of STOXX discontinuing publication of the Index are discussed in the section entitled “Description of the Notes—Discontinuance of an Index” beginning on page PS-23 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1. None of us, the calculation agents or MLPF&S accepts any responsibility for the calculation, maintenance or publication of the Index or any successor index.

## The EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index

The Index is calculated, maintained and published by STOXX, which is owned by Deutsche Börse AG. Publication of the Index began on February 28, 1998, based on an initial index value of 1,000 on December 31, 1991. The Index is published in *The Wall Street Journal* and disseminated on the STOXX website. Information contained in the STOXX website is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered a part of, this term sheet.

## Index Composition and Maintenance

The Index is composed of 50 component stocks of market sector leaders from within the 19 EURO STOXX<sup>®</sup> Supersector indices, which represent the Eurozone portion of the STOXX Europe 600<sup>®</sup> Supersector indices. The STOXX Europe 600<sup>®</sup> Supersector indices contain the 600 largest stocks traded on the major exchanges of 17 European countries. The component stocks have a high degree of liquidity and represent the largest companies across all market sectors. The Index is calculated in euros.

The composition of the Index is reviewed annually, based on the closing stock data on the last trading day in August. The component stocks are announced the first trading day in September. Changes to the component stocks are implemented on the third Friday in September and are effective the following trading day. Changes in the composition of the Index are made to ensure that the Index includes the 50 market sector leaders from within the EURO STOXX Index.

The free float factors for each component stock used to calculate the Index, as described below, are reviewed, calculated and implemented on a quarterly basis and are fixed until the next quarterly review. Each component's weight is capped at 10% of the Index's total free float market capitalization.

The Index is also reviewed on an ongoing basis. Corporate actions (including initial public offerings, mergers and takeovers, spin-offs, delistings and bankruptcy) that affect the Index composition are immediately reviewed. Any changes are announced, implemented and effective in line with the type of corporate action and the magnitude of the effect.

#### Index Calculation

The Index is calculated with the Laspeyres formula, which measures the aggregate price changes in the component stocks against a fixed base quantity weight. The formula for calculating the Index value can be expressed as follows:

The "*free float market capitalization of the Index*" is equal to the sum of the products of the closing price, market capitalization and free float factor for each component stock as of the time the Index is being calculated.

The divisor for the Index is adjusted to maintain the continuity of the Index values across changes due to corporate actions. The following is a summary of the adjustments to any component stock made for corporate actions and the effect of such adjustment on the divisor, where an index divisor may decrease ( $\tilde{N}$ ) or increase (D) or keep constant (n) when corporate actions occur for a component stock. Assuming shareholders receive "*B*" new shares for every "*A*" share held for the following corporate actions:

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<b>Divisor</b>	<b>Corporate Action</b>	<b>Adjustment Formula</b>
$\tilde{N}$	Cash Dividend (applied for return index only)	$adjusted\ price = closing\ level - dividend\ announced\ by\ company \times (1 - withholding\ tax)$
$\tilde{N}$	Special Cash Dividend (applied for price and return indices only)	$adjusted\ price = closing\ level - dividend\ announced\ by\ company \times (1 - withholding\ tax)$  $adjusted\ price = closing\ level \times A/B$
n	Split and Reverse Split	$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares \times B/A$  $adjusted\ price = (closing\ level \times A + subscription\ price \times B)/(A + B)$
D	Rights Offering	$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares \times (A + B)/A$  $adjusted\ price = closing\ level \times A/(A + B)$
n	Stock Dividend	$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares \times (A + B)/A$  <i>Stock dividends from treasury stocks will be adjusted as cash dividends</i>
$\tilde{N}$	Stock Dividend (from treasury stock)	$adjusted\ price = (closing\ level - closing\ level \times B)/(A + B)$

Ñ Stock Dividend of a Different Company Security  $adjusted\ price = (closing\ level \times A - price\ of\ different\ company\ security \times B)/A$

$adjusted\ price = [closing\ level - dividend\ announced\ by\ company \times (1 - withholding\ tax)] \times A/B$

Ñ Return of Capital and Share Consolidation

$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares \times B/A$

$adjusted\ price = (closing\ level - dividend\ announced\ by\ company) \times A/B$

$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares \times B/A$

Ñ Repurchase Shares/Self-Tender

$adjusted\ price = \frac{(price\ before\ tender \times old\ number\ of\ shares) - (tender\ price \times number\ of\ tendered\ shares)}{}$

$new\ number\ of\ shares$

$new\ number\ of\ shares = old\ number\ of\ shares - number\ of\ tendered\ shares$

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Ñ Spinoff

$$\text{adjusted price} = (\text{closing level} \times A - \text{price of spinoff shares} \times B)/A$$

Shareholders receive *B* new shares from the distribution and *C* new shares from the rights

offering for every *A* shares held:

if rights are applicable after stock distribution (one action applicable to other):

$$\text{adjusted price} = \frac{\text{closing level} \times A + \text{subscription price} \times C \times (1 + B/A)}{A}$$

$$(A + B) \times (1 + C/A)$$

Combination Stock  
 D Distribution (Dividend or Split) and  
 Rights Offering

$$\text{new number of shares} = \text{old number of shares} \times [(A + B) \times (1 + C/A)]/A$$

if stock distribution is applicable after rights (one action applicable to other):

$$\text{adjusted price} = \frac{\text{closing level} \times A + \text{subscription price} \times C}{A}$$

$$(A + C) \times (1 + B/A)$$

$$\text{new number of shares} = \text{old number of shares} \times [(A + C) \times (1 + B/A)]$$



$$\text{adjusted price} = \frac{\text{closing level} \times A + \text{subscription price} \times C}{A + B + C}$$

Stock  
D Distribution and Rights (not mutually applicable)

$$A + B + C$$

$$\text{new number of shares} = \text{old number of shares} \times (A + B + C)$$

*The following graph shows the daily historical performance of the Index in the period from January 1, 2008 through May 11, 2017. 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 May 11, 2017, the closing level of the Index was 3,623.55.*

#### **Historical Performance of the Index**

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*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.

### **License Agreement**

We have entered into an agreement with STOXX providing us and certain of our affiliates or subsidiaries identified in that agreement with a non-exclusive license and, for a fee, with the right to use the Index, which is owned and published by STOXX, in connection with certain securities, including the notes.

STOXX and its licensors (the “Licensors”) have no relationship to us, other than the licensing of the Index and the related trademarks for use in connection with the notes.

STOXX and its Licensors do not sponsor, endorse, sell or promote the notes; recommend that any person invest in the notes; have any responsibility or liability for or make any decisions about the timing, amount or pricing of the notes; have any responsibility or liability for the administration, management or marketing of the notes; or consider the needs of the notes or the owners of the notes in determining, composing or calculating the Index or have any obligation to do so.

STOXX and its Licensors will not have any liability in connection with the notes. Specifically, STOXX and its Licensors do not make any warranty, express or implied and disclaim any and all warranty about: the results to be obtained by the notes, the owners of the notes or any other person in connection with the use of the Index and the data included in the Index; the accuracy or completeness of the Index and its data; and the merchantability and the fitness for a particular purpose or use of the Index and its data. STOXX and its Licensors will have no liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions in the Index or its data. Under no circumstances will STOXX or its Licensors be liable for any lost profits or indirect, punitive, special or consequential damages or losses, even if STOXX or its Licensors knows that they might occur. The licensing agreement between us and STOXX is solely for our benefit and the benefit of STOXX and not for the benefit of the owners of the notes or any other third parties.

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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 has advised us that they or their affiliates 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 estimated value of the notes at the time of repurchase. 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, the remaining term of the notes, and our creditworthiness. 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 estimated value of the notes at the time of repurchase.

MLPF&S has also advised us that, if you hold your notes in a MLPF&S account, 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. 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 Deutsche Bank 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; and

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).

Please contact your Merrill Lynch financial advisor if you have any questions about the application of these provisions to your specific circumstances or think you are eligible.

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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 note is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities of comparable maturity. 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.

Payments on the notes, including the amount you receive at maturity or upon an automatic call, will be calculated based on the \$10 principal amount per unit and will depend on the performance of the Index. In order to meet these payment obligations, at the time we issue the notes, we expect 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, which may include us, MLPF&S and one of our respective 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 us, MLPF&S or any other hedge providers.

For further information, see “Risk Factors—General Risks Relating to the Notes” beginning on page PS-7 and “Use of Proceeds and Hedging” on page PS-18 of product supplement EQUITY INDICES SUN-1.

### Summary Tax Consequences

In the opinion of our special tax counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, which is based on prevailing market conditions, it is more likely than not that the notes will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as prepaid financial contracts that are not debt. Generally, if this treatment is respected, (i) you should not recognize taxable income or loss prior to the maturity or other taxable disposition of your notes (including pursuant to a call) and (ii) the gain or loss on your notes should be capital gain or loss and should be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the notes for more than one year. The Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) or a court might not agree with this

treatment, however, in which case the timing and character of income or loss on your notes could be materially and adversely affected.

In 2007, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar instruments. The notice focuses in particular on whether beneficial owners of these instruments should be required to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; the relevance of factors such as the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” regime, which very generally can operate to recharacterize certain long-term capital gain as ordinary income and impose a notional interest charge. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the notes, possibly with retroactive effect.

Withholding under legislation commonly referred to as “FATCA” might (if the notes were recharacterized as debt instruments) apply to amounts treated as interest paid with respect to the notes, as well as to payments of gross proceeds of a taxable disposition, including upon an automatic call or at maturity, of a note. However, under a recent IRS notice, this regime will not apply to payments of gross proceeds (other than any amount treated as interest) with respect to dispositions occurring before January 1, 2019. You should consult your tax advisor regarding the potential application of FATCA to the notes.

Section 871(m) of the Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (“Section 871(m)”) generally impose a 30% withholding tax (unless an income tax treaty applies) on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to non-U.S. holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities or indices that include U.S. equities. Section 871(m) provides certain exceptions to this withholding regime, including for instruments linked to certain broad-based indices that meet requirements set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations (such an index, a “Qualified Index”). Additionally, the applicable regulations exclude from the scope of Section 871(m) instruments issued in 2017 that do not have a delta of one with respect to underlying securities that could pay U.S.-source dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes (each, an “Underlying Security”). Based on certain determinations made by us, we expect that Section 871(m) will not apply to the notes with regard to non-U.S. holders. Our determination is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS may disagree with this determination. Section 871(m) is complex and its application may depend on your particular circumstances, including whether you enter into other transactions with respect to an Underlying Security. If necessary, further information regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) will be provided in the pricing supplement for the notes. You should consult your tax advisor regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the notes.

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You should review carefully the section of the accompanying product supplement entitled “U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.” The preceding discussion, when read in combination with that section, constitutes the full opinion of our special tax counsel regarding the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the notes.

Under current law, the United Kingdom will not impose withholding tax on payments made with respect to the notes.

For a discussion of certain German tax considerations relating to the notes, you should refer to the section in the accompanying prospectus supplement entitled “Taxation by Germany of Non-Resident Holders.”

**You should consult your tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the notes (including possible alternative treatments and the issues presented by the 2007 notice), as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.**

#### Where You Can Find More Information

We have filed a registration statement (including a product supplement, a prospectus supplement and a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this term sheet relates. Before you invest, you should read the Note Prospectus, including this term sheet, and the other documents that we have filed with the SEC, for more complete information about us and this offering. You may get these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, we, any agent, or any dealer participating in this offering will arrange to send you these documents if you so request by calling MLPF&S toll-free at 1-800-294-1322.

#### Market-Linked Investments Classification

*MLPF&S has advised us that it classifies certain market-linked investments (the “Market-Linked Investments”) into categories, each with different investment characteristics. The following description is meant solely for informational purposes and is not intended to represent any particular Enhanced Return Market-Linked Investment or guarantee any performance.*

Enhanced Return Market-Linked Investments are short- to medium-term investments that offer you a way to enhance exposure to a particular market view without taking on a similarly enhanced level of market downside risk. They can

be especially effective in a flat to moderately positive market (or, in the case of bearish investments, a flat to moderately negative market). In exchange for the potential to receive better-than market returns on the linked asset, you must generally accept market downside risk and capped upside potential. As these investments are not market downside protected, and do not assure full repayment of principal at maturity, you need to be prepared for the possibility that you may lose all or part of your investment.

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