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Market Linked Securities

Market Linked Securities Auto-Callable with Fixed Percentage Buffered Downside

Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the S&P 500® Index due January 3, 2023

Term Sheet to Pricing Supplement dated December 28, 2018

Summary of terms

Issuer Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Term 4 years (autocallable annually)

Market Measure S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg ticker symbol SPX) (the Index)

Pricing Date December 28, 2018

Issue Date January 3, 2019

Principal Amount \$1,000 per security (100% of par)

Automatic Call

Investment description

- Linked to the S&P 500® Index

- Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest at a specified rate, do not repay a fixed amount of principal at stated maturity and are subject to potential automatic call upon the terms described below. Any return you receive on the securities and whether they are automatically called will depend on the performance of the Index

- If the closing level of the Index on any call date is greater than or equal to the starting level, the securities will be automatically called, and on the related call settlement date, you will receive the principal amount plus the call premium applicable to that call date

| Call Date | Call Premium |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 3, 2020 | 7.25% of the principal amount |
| January 4, 2021 | 14.50% of the principal amount |
| January 3, 2022 | 21.75% of the principal amount |
| December 23, 2022 | 29.00% of the principal amount |

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If the closing level of the Index on any call date (including the final calculation day) is greater than or equal to the starting level, the securities will be automatically called for the principal amount plus the call premium applicable to that call date. See Call dates and call premiums in this term sheet

- If the securities are not automatically called prior to the final calculation day, the payment at stated maturity will be based upon the closing level of the Index on the final calculation day as compared to the starting level and could be greater than, equal to or less than the principal amount per security as follows:

If the level of the Index does not change or increases:

Call Dates

January 3, 2020; January 4, 2021; January 3, 2022; and December 23, 2022 (the final calculation day)

The securities will be automatically called for the principal amount plus the call premium applicable to the final calculation day described above

Call Settlement Date

Five business days after the applicable call date (if the securities are called on the last call date, the call settlement date will be the stated maturity date)

If the level of the Index decreases, but the decrease is not by more than 10%:

You will be repaid the principal amount

Payment at Stated Maturity

See How the payment at stated maturity is calculated in this term sheet

If the level of the Index decreases by more than 10%:

Stated Maturity Date

January 3, 2023

You will receive less than the principal amount and will have 1-to-1 downside exposure to the decrease in the level of the Index in excess of 10%

Starting Level

2,485.74

- Investors may lose up to 90% of the principal amount

Ending Level

The closing level of the Index on the final calculation day

- All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and you will have no ability to pursue the securities included in the Index for payment; if Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment

Threshold Level

2,237.166, 90% of the starting level

- No periodic interest payments or dividends

- No exchange listing; designed to be held to the applicable call settlement date or stated maturity

Calculation Agent

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Denominations

\$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Agent's Commission

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3.15%; dealers, including those using the trade name Wells Fargo Advisors (WFA), may receive a selling concession of up to 1.75% and WFA will receive a distribution expense fee of 0.075%

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The Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Pricing Date is \$947.40 per security. The estimated value of the securities is not an indication of actual profit to the Issuer or to any of the Issuer's affiliates, nor is it an indication of the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Wells Fargo Securities) or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you at any time after issuance. See "The Estimated Value of the Securities" in the accompanying pricing supplement.

Investing in the securities involves significant risks. See "Selected Risk Considerations" in this term sheet and "Risk Factors" in the accompanying pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus.

This term sheet does not provide all of the information that an investor should consider prior to making an investment decision.

Investors should carefully review the pricing supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus before making a decision to invest in the securities.

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Hypothetical payout profile

The profile to the right illustrates the potential payment on the securities for a range of hypothetical percentage changes in the closing level of the Index from the pricing date to the applicable call date (including the final calculation day). The profile is based on a call premium of 7.25% for the first call date, 14.50% for the second call date, 21.75% for the third call date and 29.00% for the final call date and the threshold level equal to 90% of the starting level.

This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only. Your actual return will depend on (i) whether the securities are automatically called; (ii) if the securities are automatically called, the actual call date on which the securities are called; (iii) if the securities are not automatically called, the actual ending level; and (iv) whether you hold your securities to the call settlement date or stated maturity.

Hypothetical returns

If the securities are automatically called:

| Hypothetical Call Date on which Securities are Automatically Called | Hypothetical Payment Per Security on Related Call Settlement Date | Hypothetical Pre-Tax Total Rate of Return |
|---|---|---|
| 1st call date | \$1,072.50 | 7.25% |
| 2nd call date | \$1,145.00 | 14.50% |
| 3rd call date | \$1,217.50 | 21.75% |
| 4th call date | \$1,290.00 | 29.00% |

If the securities are not automatically called:

| Hypothetical Ending Level | Hypothetical Percentage Change From the Hypothetical Starting Level to the Hypothetical Ending Level | Hypothetical Payment at Stated Maturity per Security | Hypothetical Pre-Tax Total Rate of Return |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| 99.99 | -0.01% | \$1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 95.00 | -5.00% | \$1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 90.00 | -10.00% | \$1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 89.00 | -11.00% | \$990.00 | -1.00% |
| 80.00 | -20.00% | \$900.00 | -10.00% |
| 75.00 | -25.00% | \$850.00 | -15.00% |
| 50.00 | -50.00% | \$600.00 | -40.00% |
| 25.00 | -75.00% | \$350.00 | -65.00% |
| 0.00 | -100.00% | \$100.00 | -90.00% |

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Assumes a hypothetical starting level of 100.00. The actual starting level is set forth under [Summary of terms](#) above.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only and may have been rounded for ease of analysis. The actual amount you receive upon an automatic call or at stated maturity and the resulting pre-tax rate of return will depend on (i) whether the securities are automatically called; (ii) if the securities are automatically called, the actual call date on which the securities are called; and (iii) if the securities are not automatically called, the actual ending level.

Call dates and call premiums

| <u>Call Date</u> | <u>Call Premium</u> | <u>Payment per Security upon an Automatic Call</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| January 3, 2020 | 7.25% of the principal amount | \$1,072.50 |
| January 4, 2021 | 14.50% of the principal amount | \$1,145.00 |
| January 3, 2022 | 21.75% of the principal amount | \$1,217.50 |
| December 23, 2022 | 29.00% of the principal amount | \$1,290.00 |

The last call date is the final calculation day, and payment upon an automatic call on the final calculation day, if applicable, will be made on the stated maturity date.

How the payment at stated maturity is calculated

If the closing level of the Index is less than the starting level on each of the four call dates, the securities will not be automatically called, and on the stated maturity date, you will receive a payment at stated maturity per security determined as follows:

- If the ending level is less than the starting level, but greater than or equal to the threshold level, the payment at stated maturity will be equal to \$1,000
- If the ending level is less than the threshold level, the payment at stated maturity will be equal to \$1,000 *minus*

Any positive return on the securities will be limited to the applicable call premium, even if the closing level of the Index significantly exceeds the starting level on the applicable call date. You will not participate in any appreciation of the Index beyond the applicable call premium. If the securities are not automatically called prior to the final calculation day and the ending level is less than the threshold level, you will receive less, and possibly 90% less, than the principal amount of your securities at stated maturity.

* The graph above sets forth daily closing levels of the Index for the period from January 1, 2013 to December 28, 2018. The closing level on December 28, 2018 was 2,485.74. The historical performance of the Index is not an indication of the future performance of the Index during the term of the securities.

Selected risk considerations

The risks set forth below are discussed in detail in the Risk Factors section in the accompanying pricing supplement, the prospectus supplement and prospectus. Please review those risk disclosures carefully.

- If The Securities Are Not Automatically Called And The Ending Level Is Less Than The Threshold Level, You Will Receive At Stated Maturity Less, And Up To 90% Less, Than The Principal Amount Of Your Securities.
- The Potential Return On The Securities Is Limited To The Call Premium.
- You Will Be Subject To Reinvestment Risk.
- Your Return On The Securities Could Be Less Than If You Owned Securities Included In The Index.
- No Periodic Interest Will Be Paid On The Securities.
- The Securities Are Subject To The Credit Risk Of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways.
- The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Not An Indication Of The Price, If Any, At Which Wells Fargo Securities Or Any Other Person May Be Willing To Buy The Securities From You In The Secondary Market.
- Our Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Lower Than The Principal Amount Of The Securities.
- Our Estimated Value Does Not Represent Future Values Of The Securities And May Differ From Others Estimates.
- Our Estimated Value Was Not Determined By Reference To Credit Spreads For Our Conventional Fixed-Rate Debt.
- The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And We Do Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.
- Historical Levels Of The Index Should Not Be Taken As An Indication Of The Future Performance Of The Index During The Term Of The Securities.
- Changes That Affect The Index May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And The Amount You Will Receive At Stated Maturity.
- We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In The Index.
- We, Wells Fargo Securities, And Our Respective Affiliates Have No Affiliation With The Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Its Public Disclosure Of Information.

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- A Call Settlement Date And The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed If A Calculation Day Is Postponed.
- We Or One Of Our Affiliates Will Be The Calculation Agent And, As A Result, Potential Conflicts Of Interest Could Arise.
- Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Of Securities Will Potentially Be Adverse To Your Interests.
- The U.S. Federal Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Are Unclear.
- There Can Be No Assurance That The Canadian Federal Income Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Will Not Change In The Future.
- The Amount You Receive On The Securities Will Depend Upon The Performance Of The Index And Therefore The Securities Are Subject To The Following Risks, As Discussed In More Detail In The Prospectus Supplement:
 - *The Issuer of a Security or Currency That Comprises an Index Could Take Actions That May Adversely Affect an Indexed Note.*
 - *Investors in Indexed Notes Will Have No Ownership of the Underlying Securities.*
 - *An Index to Which a Note Is Linked Could Be Changed or Become Unavailable.*

Not suitable for all investors

Investment suitability must be determined individually for each investor. The securities described herein are not a suitable investment for all investors. In particular, no investor should purchase the securities unless they understand and are able to bear the associated market, liquidity and yield risks. Unless market conditions and other relevant factors change significantly in your favor, a sale of the securities prior to maturity is likely to result in sale proceeds that are substantially less than the principal amount of the securities. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Wells Fargo Securities and their respective affiliates are not obligated to purchase the securities from you at any time prior to maturity.

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

Consult your tax advisor

Investors should review carefully the accompanying pricing supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus and consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular circumstances, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or foreign jurisdiction.

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