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the graph below. An Investor is bullish but wants to maximize return In the event that equity market performance  
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index. considerations While these strategies may meet investors' needs for income, the limits on downside participation offered at maturity are conditional on the underlying equity asset not trading below the barrier level shortly before maturity. It is also worth highlighting that investors do not receive any additional return based on the performance of the underlying equity asset at maturity over and above the coupon payments paid throughout the term of the note. All coupons and payments at maturity are subject to the issuer's credit and are therefore dependent on the Issuer's ability to pay at the time. **Autocallable Conditional Coupon Notes** These notes pay a conditional coupon if the underlying market is above the coupon barrier level on the relevant observation date. The notes are automatically called at a price equal to the original investment amount if the level of the underlying equity asset as of the relevant observation date is

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investor from a stated decline in the performance of the underlying equity asset at maturity. For example, a note with a 30% buffer limits the investor's exposure to the first 30% drop in the underlying equity asset at maturity. If the underlying equity asset were to suffer a loss beyond 30%, the investor would only participate in the drop beyond 30%, e.g. for a drop of 50% in the underlying equity asset, the investor would incur a loss reflecting 20% of the decline. Buffer strategies, when combined with boosters or enhanced return features, offer investors the ability to enhance returns while providing insulation from the initial loss of a stated amount. Considerations: While this strategy manages the risk of a market fall, the benefits of the buffer are only realized at maturity. The investor is exposed to any loss on the underlying equity asset beyond the buffer. All payments at maturity are subject to the issuer's credit and are therefore dependent on the issuer's ability to pay at the time. Barrier: Barriers offer protection that is conditional on the performance of the underlying equity asset on the maturity date. For example, if a note includes a 30% barrier at maturity, as long as the underlying equity asset does not drop by 30% or more at maturity, investors will receive back their original investment. If the underlying equity asset were to drop by 30% or more, investors would fully participate in the drop and lose principal in line with the drop in the underlying equity asset. This is unlike unbuffered strategies, where investors would only participate in the incremental drop beyond 30%.

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estimated value does not represent the future value of the ELN. ELNs will not be listed on any securities exchange. While the relevant issuer or its affiliate will generally endeavor to maintain a secondary market, they are not obligated to do so. The issuer or its affiliate may cease any market-making activities at any time. Even if a secondary market for the ELNs develops, it may not provide significant liquidity or trade at prices advantageous to the investor. The price at which an investor may be able to sell ELNs prior to maturity, if at all, may be at a substantial discount from the principal amount of the ELNs, even in cases where the closing price of the underlying equity asset has appreciated since the trade date. In addition, investors will not receive the benefit of any contingent repayment of principal if they sell ELNs before the maturity date. The potential returns described in the relevant offering documents assume the ELNs, which are not designed to be short-term trading instruments, are held to maturity. The return on ELNs may be lower than the return an investor could earn on other investments during the same term. Even if the return on an ELN is positive, it may be less than the return an investor could earn if it bought a conventional debt security of the relevant issuer. Investing in ELNs is not the same as owning the underlying equity asset (or any security or other component including in the underlying equity asset) directly. For instance, investors usually will not receive or be entitled to receive any dividend payments or other distributions on the underlying equity asset. Investors will also not have any voting rights or any other rights that a holder of the underlying equity asset may have. The activities of the relevant issuer or its affiliates may conflict with an investor's interests and may adversely affect the value of the ELNs. Many economic and market factors will influence the value of the ELNs, including but not limited to, interest and yield rates in the market, time to maturity of the ELNs, expected volatility of the underlying equity asset, and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events. While the offering documents will typically contain a summary of the expected U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the ELNs, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the ELNs may be complex and uncertain. Prospective investors should consult with their tax advisor before investing in any ELN to determine the effects based on their individual circumstances.

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secondary market, if any, prior to maturity may be at a substantial discount from the investor's initial investment. Typically, the market value of an ELN will only fully reflect the return formula at or close to maturity. Prior to maturity, a variety of factors may cause the market value of an ELN to be less than the principal amount, or less than the amount that may be expected to be paid at maturity. Prior to investing, potential investors should review the relevant offering documents for details specific to the ELN offering. How It Works  
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