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Wells Fargo & Company

Medium-Term Notes, Series S Equity Index Linked Securities

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Buffered Enhanced Return Securities

With Capped
Upside and
Buffered
Downside
(Principal at Risk
Securities Linked
to the MSCI EAFE
Index®)

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a payment on the stated maturity date (which will be set on the trade date and is expected to be the second scheduled business day following the determination date) that may be greater than, equal to or less than the \$1,000 face amount per security, depending on the performance of the MSCI EAFE Index® as measured from the trade date to the determination date (expected to be within the range of 23 and 26 months following the trade date). If the level of the MSCI EAFE Index® increases, the securities offer 1.8 times participation in that appreciation, subject to the maximum settlement amount (expected to be within the range of \$1,307.80 to \$1,361.08 for each \$1,000 face amount security). If the level of the MSCI EAFE Index® declines by up to the buffer amount of 15%, you will receive the face amount of your securities. However, if the level of the MSCI EAFE Index® declines by more than 15%, you will lose approximately 1.1765% of the face amount of your securities at maturity for every 1% by which the decline is more than 15%. In exchange for the upside leverage and downside buffer features, you must be willing to forgo (i) a return on the face amount of the securities in excess of the maximum return at maturity of 30.780% to 36.108% (which results from the maximum settlement amount of \$1,307.80 to \$1,361.08 per \$1,000 face amount security, to be set on the trade date), (ii) interest on the securities and (iii) dividends paid on the stocks included in the MSCI EAFE Index®. You must also be willing to accept the risk that, if the level of the MSCI EAFE Index® declines by more than 15%, you will lose some, and possibly all, of the face amount of your securities at maturity. All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo & Company, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in the MSCI EAFE Index® for payment. If Wells Fargo & Company defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment.

To determine your payment at stated maturity, we will calculate the underlier return, which is the percentage increase or decrease in the final underlier level on the determination date from the initial underlier level (set on the trade date). On the stated maturity date, for each \$1,000 face amount security:

if the underlier return is *positive* (the final underlier level is *greater than* the initial underlier level), you will receive an amount in cash equal to the *sum* of (i) \$1,000 *plus* (ii) the *product* of (a) \$1,000 *times* (b) the upside participation rate of 1.8 *times* (c) the underlier return, subject to the maximum settlement amount;

if the underlier return is zero or negative but not below -15% (the final underlier level is equal to or less than the initial underlier level but not by more than 15%), you will receive \$1,000; or

if the underlier return is *negative* and is *below* -15% (the final underlier level is *less than* the initial underlier level by more than 15%), you will lose approximately 1.1765% of the face amount of your securities for every 1% by which the underlier return is below -15%. In this case, you will receive an amount in cash equal to the *sum* of (i) \$1,000 *plus* (ii) the *product* of (a) approximately 1.1765 *times* (b) the *sum* of the underlier return *plus* 15% *times* (c) \$1,000. **This amount will be less than \$1,000 and may be zero.** 

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and are designed to be held to maturity.

On the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, the estimated value of the securities is approximately \$992.96 per \$1,000 face amount security. While the estimated value of the securities on the trade date may differ from the estimated value set forth above, we do not expect it to differ significantly absent a material change in market conditions or other relevant factors. In no event will the estimated value of the securities on the trade date be less than \$977.96 per \$1,000 face amount security. The estimated value of the securities was determined for us by Wells Fargo Securities, LLC using its proprietary pricing models. It is not an indication of actual profit to us or to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any of our other affiliates, nor is it an indication of the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you at any time after issuance. See "Investment Description" in this pricing supplement.

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See "Risk Factors" herein on page PRS-9.

The securities are unsecured obligations of Wells Fargo & Company, and all payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo & Company. If Wells Fargo & Company defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment. The securities are not deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this pricing supplement or the accompanying market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Original Offering Price Agent Discount<sup>(1)</sup> Proceeds to Wells Fargo

**Per Security** 

\$1,000.00\$0.00\$1,000.00

**Total** 

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company, is the agent for the distribution of the securities and is acting as principal. See "Investment Description" in this pricing supplement for (1) further information.

Wells Fargo Securities

#### **Investment Description**

The Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the MSCI EAFE Index® are senior unsecured debt securities of Wells Fargo & Company that do not pay interest or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a payment at maturity that may be greater than, equal to or less than the face amount of the securities depending on the performance of the MSCI EAFE Index® (the "underlier") from the initial underlier level to the final underlier level. The securities provide:

the possibility of a leveraged return at maturity if the level of the underlier increases from the initial underlier level (i) to the final underlier level, provided that the potential total return at maturity of the securities will be effectively capped by the maximum settlement amount;

- (ii) payment of the face amount at maturity if, and only if, the final underlier level is not less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount; and
- exposure to the decrease in the level of the underlier from the initial underlier level if the final underlier level is (iii) less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount, with exposure on a leveraged basis to any such decrease in excess of the buffer amount.

If the final underlier level is less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount, you will lose some, and possibly all, of the face amount of your securities at maturity. All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo.

The underlier is an equity index that is designed to measure equity performance in developed markets, excluding the United States and Canada.

You should read this pricing supplement together with the market measure supplement dated May 18, 2018, the prospectus supplement dated January 24, 2018 and the prospectus dated April 27, 2018 for additional information about the securities. When you read the accompanying prospectus supplement, please note that all references in such supplement to the prospectus dated November 3, 2017, or to any sections therein, should refer instead to the accompanying prospectus dated April 27, 2018 or to the corresponding sections of such prospectus, as applicable. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent it is different from that information. Certain defined terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the prospectus supplement.

You may access the market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus on the SEC website www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filing for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Market Measure Supplement dated May 18, 2018: https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312518167616/d593569d424b2.htm

Prospectus Supplement dated January 24, 2018: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312518018256/d466041d424b2.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312518018256/d466041d424b2.htm</a>

Prospectus dated April 27, 2018: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312518136909/d557983d424b2.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312518136909/d557983d424b2.htm</a>

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The original offering price of each security includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the securities on the trade date will be less than the original offering price. The costs included in the original offering price relate to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type.

The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities include (i) the agent discount (if any), (ii) the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be one of our affiliates or a dealer participating in the distribution of the securities) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and (iii) hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the securities.

Our funding considerations take into account the higher issuance, operational and ongoing management costs of market-linked debt such as the securities as compared to our conventional debt of the same maturity, as well as our liquidity needs and preferences. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the securities based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than the interest rates implied by secondary market prices for our debt obligations and/or by other traded instruments referencing our debt obligations, which we refer to as our "secondary market rates." As discussed below, our secondary market rates are used in determining the estimated value of the securities.

If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the securities were higher, the economic terms of the securities would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher. The estimated value of the securities as of the trade date will be set forth in the final pricing supplement.

#### Determining the estimated value

Our affiliate, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (<u>"WFS"</u>), calculated the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement based on its proprietary pricing models. Based on these pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions referred to in this section below, WFS determined an estimated value for the securities by estimating the value of the combination of hypothetical financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the securities, which combination consists of a non-interest bearing, fixed-income bond (the <u>"debt component"</u>) and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the securities (the <u>"derivative component"</u>).

The estimated value of the debt component is based on a reference interest rate, determined by WFS as of a recent date, that generally tracks our secondary market rates. Because WFS does not continuously calculate our reference interest rate, the reference interest rate used in the calculation of the estimated value of the debt component may be higher or lower than our secondary market rates at the time of that calculation. As noted above, we determine the economic terms of the securities based upon an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than our secondary market rates. In contrast, in determining the estimated value of the securities, we value the debt component using a reference interest rate that generally tracks our secondary market rates. Because the reference interest rate is generally higher than the assumed funding rate, using the reference interest rate to value the debt component generally results in a lower estimated value for the debt component, which we believe more closely approximates a market valuation of the debt component than if we had used the assumed funding rate.

WFS calculated the estimated value of the derivative component based on a proprietary derivative-pricing model, which generated a theoretical price for the derivative instruments that constitute the derivative component based on various inputs, including the "derivative component factors" identified in "Risk Factors—The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways." These inputs may be market-observable or may be based on assumptions made by WFS in its discretion.

The estimated value of the securities determined by WFS is subject to important limitations. See "Risk Factors—The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate's Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers" and "Risk Factors—Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests."

#### Valuation of the securities after issuance

The estimated value of the securities is not an indication of the price, if any, at which WFS or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you in the secondary market. The price, if any, at which WFS or any of its affiliates may purchase the securities in the secondary market will be based upon WFS's proprietary pricing models and will fluctuate over the term of the securities due to changes in market conditions and other relevant factors. However, absent changes in these market conditions and other relevant factors, except as otherwise described in the following paragraph, any secondary market price will be lower than the estimated value on the trade date because the secondary market price will be reduced by a bid-offer spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate face amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding any related hedging transactions.

Accordingly, unless market conditions and other relevant factors change significantly in your favor, any secondary market price for the securities is likely to be less than the original offering price.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities at any time up to the original issue date or during the 3-month period following the trade date, the secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates will be increased by an amount reflecting a portion of the costs associated with selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities that are included in the original offering price. Because this portion of the costs is not fully deducted upon issuance, any secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates during this period will be higher than it would be if it were based solely on WFS's proprietary pricing models less the bid-offer spread and hedging unwind costs described above. The amount of this increase in the secondary market price will decline steadily to zero over this 3-month period. If you hold the securities through an account at WFS or any of its affiliates, we expect that this increase will also be reflected in the value indicated for the securities on your brokerage account statement.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities, WFS expects to provide those secondary market prices to any unaffiliated broker-dealers through which the securities are held and to commercial pricing vendors. If you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates, that broker-dealer may obtain market prices for the securities from WFS (directly or indirectly), but could also obtain such market prices from other sources, and may be willing to purchase the securities at any given time at a price that differs from the price at which WFS or any of its affiliates is willing to purchase the securities. As a result, if you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates, the value of the securities on your brokerage account statement may be different than if you held your securities at WFS or any of its affiliates.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although WFS and/or its affiliates may buy the securities from investors, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop.

#### **Investor Considerations**

We have designed the securities for investors who:

seek leveraged exposure at the upside participation rate to any upside performance of the underlier, as measured by the extent (if any) to which the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level, subject to the maximum settlement amount:

desire payment of the face amount at maturity so long as the final underlier level is not less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount;

desire to moderate any decline from the initial underlier level to the final underlier level in excess of the buffer amount through the buffer feature;

understand that the ability of the buffer feature to moderate any decline in the underlier in excess of the buffer amount is progressively reduced as the final underlier level declines because they will be exposed on a leveraged basis to any decline in the underlier in excess of the buffer amount;

understand that if the final underlier level is less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount, they will be exposed to the decrease in the underlier from the initial underlier level, subject to the buffer feature, and will lose some, and possibly all, of the face amount of the securities;

are willing to forgo interest payments on the securities and dividends on securities included in the underlier; and are willing to hold the securities until maturity.

The securities are not designed for, and may not be a suitable investment for, investors who:

seek a liquid investment or are unable or unwilling to hold the securities to maturity; are unwilling to accept the risk that the final underlier level may decrease from the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount:

seek uncapped exposure to the upside performance of the underlier;

seek certainty of receiving the face amount of the securities at stated maturity;

are unwilling to purchase securities with an estimated value as of the trade date that is lower than the original offering price and that may be as low as the lower estimated value set forth on the cover page;

seek current income:

are unwilling to accept the risk of exposure to foreign developed equity markets;

seek exposure to the underlier but are unwilling to accept the risk/return trade-offs inherent in the payment at stated maturity for the securities;

are unwilling to accept the credit risk of Wells Fargo to obtain exposure to the underlier generally, or to the exposure to the underlier that the securities provide specifically; or

prefer the lower risk of fixed income investments with comparable maturities issued by companies with comparable credit ratings.

Terms	of the	Secui	rities

**Underlier:** MSCI EAFE Index®

**Trade Date:** 

Original Issue Date Expected to be the fifth scheduled business day following the trade date. (settlement date):

Original Offering \$1,000 per security. **Price:** 

\$1,000 per security. References in this pricing supplement to a "security" are to a security with a face Face

amount of \$1,000. **Amount:** 

Cash Settlement **Amount:** 

On the stated maturity date, you will be entitled to receive a cash payment per security in U.S. dollars equal to the cash settlement amount. The "cash settlement amount" per security will equal:

if the final underlier level is greater than or equal to the cap level, the maximum settlement amount;

if the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level but less than the cap level, the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the upside participation rate times (c) the underlier return;

if the final underlier level is equal to or less than the initial underlier level but greater than or equal to the buffer level, \$1,000; or

if the final underlier level is *less than* the buffer level, the *sum* of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the *product* of (a) the buffer rate times (b) the sum of the underlier return plus the buffer amount times (c) \$1,000.

If the final underlier level is less than the buffer level, you will lose some, and possibly all, of the face amount of your securities at maturity.

All calculations with respect to the cash settlement amount will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth, with five one-millionths rounded upward (e.g., 0.000005 would be rounded to 0.00001); and the cash settlement amount will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent rounded upward.

**Stated Maturity Date:** 

The <u>"stated maturity date"</u> will be set on the trade date and is expected to be the second scheduled business day following the determination date. If the determination date is postponed, the stated maturity date will be postponed to the second business day after the determination date as postponed. See "—Determination Date" and "Additional Terms of the Securities—Market Disruption Events" for information about the circumstances that may result in a postponement of the determination date. If the stated maturity date is not a business day, any payment required to be made on the securities on the stated maturity date will be made on the next succeeding business day with the same force and effect as if it had been made on the stated maturity date. A <u>"business day"</u> means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in New York, New York. The securities are not subject to redemption by Wells Fargo or repayment at the option of any holder of the securities prior to the stated maturity date.

Initial Underlier Level:

, the closing level of the underlier on the trade date.

Closing Level:

The "closing level" of the underlier on any trading day means the official closing level of the underlier reported by the underlier sponsor (as defined below) on such trading day, as obtained by the calculation agent on such trading day from the licensed third-party market data vendor contracted by the calculation agent at such time; in particular, taking into account the decimal precision and/or rounding convention employed by such licensed third-party market data vendor on such date. Currently, the calculation agent obtains market data from Thomson Reuters Ltd., but the calculation agent may change its market data vendor at any time without notice. The foregoing provisions of this definition of "closing level" are subject to the provisions set forth herein under "Additional Terms of the Securities—Market Disruption Events," "—Adjustments to the Underlier" and "—Discontinuance of the Underlier."

Final Underlier

The "final underlier level" will be the closing level of the underlier on the determination date.

Level:

Underlier Return:

The "underlier return" will be the *quotient* of (i) the final underlier level *minus* the initial underlier level

divided by (ii) the initial underlier level, expressed as a percentage.

Maximum Settlement Amount: The "maximum settlement amount" will be set on the trade date and will be within the range of 130.780% to 136.108% of the face amount per security (\$1,307.80 to \$1,361.08 per security). As a result of the maximum settlement amount, the maximum return on the face amount of the securities at maturity will be 30.780% to 36.108% of the face amount.

Cap The "cap level" will be set on the trade date and will be within the range of 117.10% to 120.06% of the initial

**Level:** underlier level.

**Buffer Level:** , which is equal to 85% of the initial underlier level.

**Buffer Amount: 15%** 

Buffer Rate: The "buffer rate" will be equal to the initial underlier level divided by the buffer level, or 100%

divided by 85%, which is approximately 1.1765.

**Upside** 

**Participation Rate:** 1.8

**Determination**Date:

The determination date will be determined on the trade date and is scheduled to be between 23 and 26 months following the trade date. If the originally scheduled determination date is not a trading day, the determination date will be postponed to the next succeeding trading day. The determination date is also subject to postponement due to the occurrence of a market disruption event. See "Additional Terms of the Securities—Market Disruption Events."

Trading Day:

A <u>"trading day"</u> means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the underlier sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of the underlier and (ii) each related futures or options exchange (as defined below) is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

Calculation Agent: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

**No Listing:** The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

**Material Tax** For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income and certain estate tax consequences of the **Consequences:** ownership and disposition of the securities, see "United States Federal Tax Considerations."

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company. The agent may resell the securities to other securities dealers at the original offering price of the securities.

The agent or another affiliate of ours expects to realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing **Agent:** models to the extent it assumes the risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities. If any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that dealer or its affiliate will expect to realize a profit projected by its proprietary pricing models from such hedging activities. Any such projected profit will be in addition to any discount or concession received in connection with the sale of the securities to you.

**Denominations:** \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000.

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### **Hypothetical Payout Profile**

The following profile is based on a hypothetical maximum settlement amount of 133.444% of the face amount or \$1,334.44 per security (the midpoint of the specified range for the maximum settlement amount), an upside participation rate of 1.8, a buffer level equal to 85% of the initial underlier level, a buffer rate of approximately 1.1765 and a buffer amount of 15%. This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only. Your actual return will depend on the actual final underlier level, the actual maximum settlement amount and whether you hold your securities to maturity.

#### **Risk Factors**

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities will involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, including the documents they incorporate by reference. As described in more detail below, the value of the securities may vary considerably before the stated maturity date due to events that are difficult to predict and are beyond our control. You should reach an investment decision only after you have carefully considered with your advisors the suitability of an investment in the securities in light of your particular circumstances.

#### You May Lose Up To All Of Your Investment.

We will not repay you a fixed amount on the securities on the stated maturity date. The cash settlement amount will depend on the direction of and percentage change in the final underlier level relative to the initial underlier level and the other terms of the securities. Because the level of the underlier will be subject to market fluctuations, the cash settlement amount you receive may be more or less, and possibly significantly less, than the original offering price of your securities.

If the final underlier level is less than the initial underlier level by more than the buffer amount, the cash settlement amount will be less than the face amount per security and you will be exposed on a leveraged basis to the decline in the underlier beyond the buffer amount. As a result, you may receive less than, and possibly lose all of, the face amount per security at maturity even if the level of the underlier is greater than or equal to the initial underlier level or the buffer level at certain points during the term of the securities.

Even if the final underlier level is greater than the initial underlier level, the amount you receive at stated maturity may only be slightly greater than the face amount, and your yield on the securities may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a traditional interest-bearing debt security of Wells Fargo or another issuer with a similar credit rating with the same stated maturity date.

# Your Return Will Be Limited By The Maximum Settlement Amount And May Be Lower Than The Return On A Direct Investment In The Underlier.

Your return on the securities will be subject to a maximum settlement amount. The opportunity to participate in the possible increases in the level of the underlier through an investment in the securities will be limited because the cash settlement amount will not exceed the maximum settlement amount. Furthermore, the effect of the upside participation rate will be progressively reduced for all final underlier levels exceeding the final underlier level at which the maximum settlement amount is reached, which we refer to as the cap level.

### No Periodic Interest Will Be Paid On The Securities.

No periodic payments of interest will be made on the securities. However, if the agreed-upon tax treatment is successfully challenged by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), you may be required to recognize taxable income over the term of the securities. You should review the section of this pricing supplement entitled "United States Federal Tax Considerations."

The Stated Maturity Date Of The Securities Is A Pricing Term And Will Be Determined By Us On The Trade Date.

We will not fix the stated maturity date until the trade date. The stated maturity date is expected to be the second scheduled business day following the determination date. Therefore, the term of the securities could be as short as the low end of the range and as long as the high end of the range for the determination date set forth on the cover page. You should be willing to hold your securities for up to the high end of the range set forth on the cover page. The stated maturity date selected by us could have an impact on the value of the securities.

### The Securities Are Subject To The Credit Risk Of Wells Fargo.

The securities are our obligations and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. Any amounts payable under the securities are subject to our creditworthiness, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in the underlier for payment. As a result, our actual and perceived creditworthiness may affect the value of the securities and, in the event we were to default on our obligations, you may not receive any amounts owed to you under the terms of the securities.

### Holders Of The Securities Have Limited Rights Of Acceleration.

Payment of principal on the securities may be accelerated only in the case of payment defaults that continue for a period of 30 days or certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, whether voluntary or involuntary. If you purchase the securities, you will have no right to accelerate the payment of principal on the securities if we fail in the performance of any of our obligations under the securities, other than the obligations to pay principal and interest on the securities. See "Description of Notes—Events of Default and Covenant Breaches" in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

# Holders Of The Securities Could Be At Greater Risk For Being Structurally Subordinated If We Convey, Transfer Or Lease All Or Substantially All Of Our Assets To One Or More Of Our Subsidiaries.

Under the indenture, we may convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our assets to one or more of our subsidiaries. In that event, third-party creditors of our subsidiaries would have additional assets from which to recover on their claims while holders of the securities would be structurally subordinated to creditors of our subsidiaries with respect to such assets. See "Description of Notes—Consolidation, Merger or Sale" in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

# The Estimated Value Of The Securities On The Trade Date, Based On WFS's Proprietary Pricing Models, Will Be Less Than The Original Offering Price.

The original offering price of the securities includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the securities on the trade date will be less than the original offering price. The costs included in the original offering price relate to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type. The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities include (i) the agent discount (if any), (ii) the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be one of our affiliates or a dealer participating in the distribution of the securities) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and (iii) hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the securities. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the securities based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than our secondary market rates. If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the securities were higher, the economic terms of the securities would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher.

## The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate's Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers.

The estimated value of the securities was determined for us by WFS using its proprietary pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions referred to above under "Investment Description—Determining the estimated value." Certain inputs to these models may be determined by WFS in its discretion. WFS's views on these inputs may differ from other dealers' views, and WFS's estimated value of the securities may be higher, and perhaps materially higher, than the estimated value of the securities that would be determined by other dealers in the market. WFS's models and its inputs and related assumptions may prove to be wrong and therefore not an accurate reflection of the value of the securities.

# The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Not An Indication Of The Price, If Any, At Which WFS Or Any Other Person May Be Willing To Buy The Securities From You In The Secondary Market.

The price, if any, at which WFS or any of its affiliates may purchase the securities in the secondary market will be based on WFS's proprietary pricing models and will fluctuate over the term of the securities as a result of changes in the market and other factors described in the next risk factor. Any such secondary market price for the securities will also be reduced by a bid-offer spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate face amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding any related hedging transactions. Unless the factors described in the next risk factor change significantly in your favor, any such secondary market price for the securities is likely to be less than the original offering price.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities at any time up to the original issue date or during the 3-month period following the trade date, the secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates

will be increased by an amount reflecting a portion of the costs associated with selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities that are included in the original offering price. Because this portion of the costs is not fully deducted upon issuance, any secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates during this period will be higher than it would be if it were based solely on WFS's proprietary pricing models less the bid-offer spread and hedging unwind costs described above. The amount of this increase in the secondary market price will decline steadily to zero over this 3-month period. If you hold the securities through an account at WFS or any of its affiliates, we expect that this increase will also be reflected in the value indicated for the securities on your brokerage account statement. If you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates, the value of the securities on your brokerage account statement may be different than if you held your securities at WFS or any of its affiliates, as discussed above under "Investment Description—Valuation of the securities after issuance."

# The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways.

The value of the securities prior to stated maturity will be affected by the level of the underlier at that time, interest rates at that time and a number of other factors, some of which are interrelated in complex ways. The effect of any one factor may be offset or magnified by the effect of another factor. The following factors, which we refer to as the "derivative component factors," are expected to affect the value of the securities. When we refer to the "value" of your security, we mean the value that you could receive for your security if you are able to sell it in the open market before the stated maturity date.

**Underlier Performance.** The value of the securities prior to maturity will depend substantially on the then-current level of the underlier. The price at which you may be able to sell the securities before stated maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from their original offering price, if the level of the underlier at such time is less than, equal to or not sufficiently above the initial underlier level.

**Interest Rates.** The value of the securities may be affected by changes in the interest rates in the U.S. markets. **Volatility Of The Underlier.** Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of market fluctuations. The value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the underlier changes.

**Time Remaining To Maturity.** The value of the securities at any given time prior to maturity will likely be different from that which would be expected based on the then-current level of the underlier. This difference will most likely reflect a discount due to expectations and uncertainty concerning the level of the underlier during the period of time still remaining to the stated maturity date. In general, as the time remaining to maturity decreases, the value of the securities will approach the amount that could be payable at maturity based on the then-current level of the underlier. **Dividend Yields On The Securities Included In The Underlier.** The value of the securities may be affected by the dividend yields on securities included in the underlier.

**Currency Exchange Rates.** Because the underlier includes securities quoted in one or more foreign currencies and the level of the underlier is based on the U.S. dollar value of such securities, the value of the securities may be affected if the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and any such foreign currency changes.

In addition to the derivative component factors, the value of the securities will be affected by actual or anticipated changes in our creditworthiness, as reflected in our secondary market rates. You should understand that the impact of one of the factors specified above, such as a change in interest rates, may offset some or all of any change in the value of the securities attributable to another factor, such as a change in the level of the underlier. Because several factors are expected to affect the value of the securities, changes in the level of the underlier may not result in a comparable change in the value of the securities. We anticipate that the value of the securities will always be at a discount to the maximum settlement amount.

# The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And We Do Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although the agent and/or its affiliates may purchase the securities from holders, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop. Because we do not expect that any market makers will participate in a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to sell your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which the agent is willing to buy your securities.

If a secondary market does exist, it may be limited. Accordingly, there may be a limited number of buyers if you decide to sell your securities prior to stated maturity. This may affect the price you receive upon such sale. Consequently, you should be willing to hold the securities to stated maturity.

### Your Return On The Securities Could Be Less Than If You Owned Securities Included In The Underlier.

Your return on the securities will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the securities included in the underlier and received the dividends and other payments paid on those securities. This is in part because the cash settlement amount payable at stated maturity will be determined by reference to the final underlier level, which will be calculated by reference to the prices of the securities in the underlier without taking into consideration the value of dividends and other payments paid on those securities. In addition, the cash settlement amount will not be greater than the maximum settlement amount.

Historical Levels Of The Underlier Should Not Be Taken As An Indication Of The Future Performance Of The Underlier During The Term Of The Securities.

The trading prices of the securities included in the underlier will determine the cash settlement amount payable at maturity to you. As a result, it is impossible to predict whether the closing level of the underlier will fall or rise compared to the initial underlier level. Trading prices of the securities included in the underlier will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors that can affect the markets in which those securities are traded and the values of those securities themselves. Accordingly, any historical levels of the underlier do not provide an indication of the future performance of the underlier.

# Changes That Affect The Underlier May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And The Amount You Will Receive At Stated Maturity.

The policies of the underlier sponsor concerning the calculation of the underlier and the addition, deletion or substitution of securities comprising the underlier and the manner in which the underlier sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting such securities may affect the level of the underlier and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities and the cash settlement amount payable at maturity. The underlier sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the underlier or materially alter the methodology by which it calculates the underlier. Any such actions could adversely affect the value of the securities.

## We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In The Underlier.

Actions by any company whose securities are included in the underlier may have an adverse effect on the price of its security, the final underlier level and the value of the securities. We are not affiliated with any of the companies included in the underlier. These companies will have no obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our or your interests into consideration for any reason. These companies will not receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities and will not be responsible for, and will not have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. These companies will not be involved with the administration, marketing or trading of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to any amounts to be paid to you on the securities.

## We And Our Affiliates Have No Affiliation With The Underlier Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Its Public Disclosure Of Information.

We and our affiliates are not affiliated in any way with the underlier sponsor and have no ability to control or predict its actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding the methods or policies relating to the calculation of the underlier. We have derived the information about the underlier sponsor and the underlier contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying market measure supplement from publicly available information, without independent verification. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into the underlier and the underlier sponsor. The underlier sponsor is not involved in the offering of the securities made hereby in any way and has no obligation to consider your interest as an owner of the securities in taking any actions that might affect the value of the securities.

### An Investment In The Securities Is Subject To Risks Associated With Foreign Securities Markets.

The underlier includes the securities of foreign companies and you should be aware that investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities involve particular risks. Foreign securities markets may have less liquidity and may be more volatile than the U.S. securities markets, and market developments may affect foreign markets differently than U.S. securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize a foreign securities market, as well as cross-shareholdings in foreign companies, may affect trading prices and volumes in those markets. Also, there is generally less publicly available information about non-U.S. companies that are not subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and non-U.S. companies are subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements that differ from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies.

The prices and performance of securities of non-U.S. companies are subject to political, economic, financial, military and social factors which could negatively affect foreign securities markets, including the possibility of recent or future changes in a foreign government's economic, monetary and fiscal policies, the possible imposition of, or changes in, currency exchange laws or other laws or restrictions applicable to foreign companies or investments in foreign equity securities, the possibility of imposition of withholding taxes on dividend income, the possibility of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies, the possibility of outbreaks of hostility or political instability and the possibility of natural disaster or adverse public health developments. Moreover, the relevant non-U.S. economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in important respects, such as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, trade surpluses or deficits, capital reinvestment, resources and self-sufficiency.

The securities included in the underlier may be listed on a foreign stock exchange. A foreign stock exchange may impose trading limitations intended to prevent extreme fluctuations in individual security prices and may suspend trading in certain circumstances. These actions could limit variations in the closing level of the underlier which could, in turn, adversely affect the value of the securities.

### **Exchange Rate Movements May Impact The Value Of The Securities.**

The securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars. Since the value of securities included in the underlier is quoted in a currency other than U.S. dollars and, as per the underlier, is converted into U.S. dollars, the amount payable on the securities on the stated maturity date will depend in part on the relevant exchange rates.

#### The Stated Maturity Date Will Be Postponed If The Determination Date Is Postponed.

The determination date will be postponed if the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event has occurred or is continuing on the determination date or if the originally scheduled determination date is not a trading day. If such a postponement occurs, the stated maturity date will be postponed until two business days after the postponed determination date.

## Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests.

You should be aware of the following ways in which our economic interests and those of any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities, which we refer to as a "participating dealer," are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. In engaging in certain of the activities described below, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may take actions that may adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities, and in so doing they will have no obligation to consider your interests as an investor in the securities. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may realize a profit from these activities even if investors do not receive a favorable investment return on the securities.

The calculation agent is our affiliate and may be required to make discretionary judgments that affect the return you receive on the securities. WFS, which is our affiliate, will be the calculation agent for the securities. As calculation agent, WFS will determine the final underlier level and may be required to make other determinations that affect the return you receive on the securities at maturity. In making these determinations, the calculation agent may be required to make discretionary judgments, including determining whether a market disruption event has occurred on the scheduled determination date, which may result in postponement of the determination date; determining the final underlier level if the determination date is postponed to the last day to which it may be postponed and a market disruption event occurs on that day; if the underlier is discontinued, selecting a successor underlier or, if no successor underlier is available, determining the final underlier level; and determining whether to adjust the closing level on the determination date in the event of certain changes in or modifications to the underlier. In making these discretionary judgments, the fact that WFS is our affiliate may cause it to have economic interests that are adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities, and WFS's determinations as calculation agent may adversely affect your return on the securities.

The estimated value of the securities was calculated by our affiliate and is therefore not an independent third-party valuation. WFS calculated the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement, which involved discretionary judgments by WFS, as described under "Risk Factors—The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate's Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers" above. Accordingly, the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement is not an independent third-party valuation.

Research reports by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may be inconsistent with an investment in the securities and may adversely affect the level of the underlier. Our affiliates or any dealer participating in the offering of the securities or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports on the underlier or the companies whose securities are included in the underlier. This research is modified from time to time without notice and may, at present or in the future, express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the securities. Any research reports on the underlier or the companies whose securities are included in the underlier could adversely affect the level of the underlier and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. You are encouraged to derive information concerning the underlier from multiple sources and should not rely on the views expressed by us or our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. In addition, any research reports on the underlier or the companies whose securities are included in the underlier published on or prior to the trade date could result in an increase in the level of the underlier on the trade date, which would adversely affect investors in the securities by increasing the level at which the underlier must close

on the determination date in order for investors in the securities to receive a favorable return.

Business activities of our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates with the companies whose securities are included in the underlier may adversely affect the level of the underlier. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with the companies whose securities are included in the underlier, including making loans to those companies (including exercising creditors' remedies with respect to such loans), making equity investments in those companies or providing investment banking, asset management or other advisory services to those companies. These business activities could adversely affect the level of the underlier and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. In addition, in the course of these business activities, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may acquire non-public information about one or more of the companies whose securities are included PRS-13

in the underlier. If our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates do acquire such non-public information, we and they are not obligated to disclose such non-public information to you.

Hedging activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the underlier. We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through one or more hedge counterparties, which may include our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. Pursuant to such hedging activities, our hedge counterparties may acquire securities included in the underlier or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to the underlier or such securities. Depending on, among other things, future market conditions, the aggregate amount and the composition of such positions are likely to vary over time. To the extent that our hedge counterparties have a long hedge position in any of the securities included in the underlier, or derivative or synthetic instruments related to the underlier or such securities, they may liquidate a portion of such holdings at or about the time of the determination date or at or about the time of a change in the securities included in the underlier. These hedging activities could potentially adversely affect the level of the underlier and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

Trading activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the level of the underlier. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may engage in trading in the securities included in the underlier and other instruments relating to the underlier or such securities on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these trading activities could potentially adversely affect the level of the underlier and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

A participating dealer or its affiliates may realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models in addition to any selling concession, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you. If any participating dealer or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that participating dealer or its affiliates will expect to realize a projected profit from such hedging activities. If a participating dealer receives a concession for the sale of the securities to you, this projected hedging profit will be in addition to the concession, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you.

The U.S. Federal Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Are Unclear.

There is no direct legal authority regarding the proper U.S. federal tax treatment of the securities, and we do not plan to request a ruling from the IRS. Consequently, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain, and the IRS or a court might not agree with the treatment of the securities as prepaid derivative contracts that are "open transactions" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the IRS were successful in asserting an alternative treatment of the securities, the tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities might be materially and adversely affected.

Section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes a withholding tax of up to 30% on "dividend equivalents" paid or deemed paid to non-U.S. investors in respect of certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities. In light of Treasury regulations, as modified by an IRS notice, that provide a general exemption for financial instruments issued prior to January 1, 2021 that do not have a "delta" of one, as of the date of this preliminary pricing supplement the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m). However, information about the application of Section 871(m) to the securities will be updated in the final pricing supplement. Moreover, the IRS could challenge a conclusion that the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m). If withholding applies to the securities, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.

In addition, 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. 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 securities, including the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax, possibly with

retroactive effect. You should read carefully the discussion under "United States Federal Tax Considerations" in this pricing supplement. You should also consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities, as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

### **Determining Payment at Stated Maturity**

On the stated maturity date, you will receive a cash payment per security (the cash settlement amount) calculated as follows:

You will receive per security an amount greater than \$1,000 calculated as follows:

Is the final

underlier level sum of (i) \$1,000

plus (ii) the

greater than the product of (a)

\$1,000 times (b)

initial underlier the upside

participation rate

level? of 1.8 times (c) the

underlier return

but not more than the maximum settlement amount.

Is the final

underlier level You will receive

equal to or per security:

greater than the \$1,000

buffer level?

You will lose approximately 1.1765% of the face amount of your securities for every 1% by which the underlier return is below -15%. You will receive an amount of cash equal to:

The sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) approximately 1.1765 times (b) the sum of the underlier return plus 15% times (c) \$1,000.

In this case, you will lose some, and possibly all, of the face amount per security.

### **Hypothetical Returns**

The following table illustrates, for a hypothetical maximum settlement amount of 133.444% of the face amount or \$1,334.44 per security (the midpoint of the specified range of the maximum settlement amount) and a range of hypothetical final underlier levels:

the hypothetical percentage change from the hypothetical initial underlier level to the hypothetical final underlier level; and

the hypothetical pre-tax total return.

**Hypothetical pre-tax total** 

Hypothetical underlier return return