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Market Linked Securities

Market Linked Securities Leveraged Upside Participation to a Cap and Fixed Percentage Buffered Downside

Principal at Risk Securities Linked to an Equity Index Basket due November 3, 2020

Term Sheet to Preliminary Pricing Supplement dated April 4, 2019

Summary of terms

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| Issuer | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce |
| Term | 1.5 years |
| Market Measure | An equally weighted basket (the Basket) comprised of the S&P 500® Index (50%) (the SPX) and EURO STOXX 50® Index (50%) (the SX5E) (each, a Basket Component) |
| Pricing Date | April 30, 2019* |
| Issue Date | May 3, 2019* |
| Principal Amount | \$1,000 per security (100% of par) |
| Redemption Amount | See How the Redemption Amount is calculated in this term sheet |
| Stated Maturity Date | November 3, 2020* |
| Starting Level | 100 |
| Ending Level | See How the Ending Level is calculated on page 3 |
| Capped Value | 114% to 118% of the principal amount (\$1,140.00 to \$1,180.00 per security), to be determined on the Pricing Date |
| Threshold Level | 90, which is 90% of the Starting Level |
| Participation Rate | 125% |
| Final Valuation Date | October 27, 2020* |
| Calculation Agent | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce |
| Denominations | \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof |
| Agent's Commission | Up to 3.00%; dealers including those using the trade name Wells Fargo Advisors (WFA), may receive a selling concession of up to 1.50% and WFA will receive a distribution expense fee of 0.075% |
| CUSIP / ISIN | 13605WQJ3 / US13605WQJ35 |

Investment description

- Linked to an equally weighted equity index basket comprised of the S&P 500® Index (50%) and the EURO STOXX 50® Index (50%).

- Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest at a specified rate or repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a Redemption Amount that may be greater than, equal to or less than the principal amount of the securities, depending on the performance of the Basket from the Starting Level to the Ending Level.

- The Redemption Amount will reflect the following terms:

If the value of the Basket increases:

You will receive the principal amount plus 125% participation in the upside performance of the Basket, subject to a maximum total return at maturity of 14% to 18% (to be determined on the Pricing Date) of the principal amount

If the value of the Basket decreases, but the decrease is not by more than 10%, or does not change:

You will be repaid the principal amount

If the value of the Basket decreases by more than 10%:

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

*To the extent that the Issuer makes any change to the expected Pricing Date or expected Issue Date, the Final Valuation Date and Stated Maturity Date may also be changed in the Issuer's discretion to ensure that the term of the securities remains the same.

The Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the date of the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement, based on the Issuer's internal pricing models, is expected to be between \$958.50 and \$992.70 per security. While the estimated value of the securities on the Pricing Date may differ from the estimated value set forth above, the Issuer does not expect it to differ significantly absent a material change in market conditions or other relevant factors. The final pricing supplement relating to the securities will set forth the Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Pricing Date, which will not be less than \$958.50 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 preliminary pricing supplement.

Investing in the securities involves significant risks. See Selected Risk Considerations in this term sheet and Risk Factors beginning on page PRS-9 of the accompanying preliminary pricing supplement, page S-1 of the underlying supplement, page S-1 of the prospectus supplement and page 1 of the prospectus.

This introductory 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 preliminary pricing supplement, the underlying supplement, the prospectus supplement and the prospectus before making a decision to invest in the securities.

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Hypothetical payout profile

The profile to the right is based on a hypothetical Capped Value of 116.00% of the principal amount or \$1,160.00 per \$1,000 security (the midpoint of the specified range for the Capped Value), a participation rate of 125% and a 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 the actual Ending Level, the actual Capped Value, and whether you hold your securities to maturity.

Hypothetical returns

| Hypothetical Ending Level | Hypothetical percentage change from the Starting Level to the hypothetical Ending Level | Hypothetical Redemption Amount per security(1) | Hypothetical pre-tax total rate of return |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| 175.00 | 75.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 150.00 | 50.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 140.00 | 40.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 130.00 | 30.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 120.00 | 20.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 115.00 | 15.00% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 112.80 | 12.80% | \$1,160.00 | 16.00% |
| 105.00 | 5.00% | \$1,062.50 | 6.25% |
| 100.00(2) | 0.00% | \$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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- (1) Assumes a hypothetical Capped Value of 116.00% of the principal amount, or \$1,160.00 per security (the midpoint of the specified range of the Capped Value).
- (2) The Starting Level.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only and may have been rounded for ease of analysis. The actual amount you receive on the Stated Maturity Date and the resulting pre-tax rates of return will depend on the actual Ending Level and Capped Value.

How the Redemption Amount is calculated

The Redemption Amount will be determined as follows:

- If the Ending Level is greater than the Starting Level, the Redemption Amount will be equal to the lesser of:

(i) \$1,000 *plus*

(ii) the Capped Value

- If the Ending Level is less than or equal to the Starting Level, but greater than or equal to the Threshold Level, the Redemption Amount will be equal to \$1,000

- If the Ending Level is less than the Threshold Level, the Redemption Amount will be equal to \$1,000 *minus*

In such a case, you will lose up to 90% of your principal amount.

How the Ending Level is calculated

The Ending Level will be calculated based on the weighted returns of the Basket Components and will be equal to the product of (i) 100 and (ii) an amount equal to 1 plus the sum of: (A) 50% of the Component Return of the SPX and (B) 50% of the Component Return of the SX5E.

The Component Return of a Basket Component will be equal to:

$$\frac{\text{Final Component Level} - \text{Initial Component Level}}{\text{Initial Component Level}}$$

Initial Component Level

where,

- the Initial Component Level will be the Closing Level of such Basket Component on the Pricing Date; and
- the Final Component Level will be the Closing Level of such Basket Component on the Final Valuation Date.

Selected risk considerations

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

- If The Ending Level Is Less Than The Threshold Level, You Will Receive At Maturity Less, And Up To 90% Less, Than The Principal Amount Of Your Securities.
- Your Return Will Be Limited By The Capped Value And May Be Lower Than The Return On A Direct Investment In The Securities Included In The Basket Components.
- Your Return On The Securities Could Be Less Than If You Owned Securities Included In The Basket Components.
- No Periodic Interest Will Be Paid On The Securities.
- Changes In The Levels Of The Basket Components May Offset Each Other.
- 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 Will Not Be 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 Will Be 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 Is 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.
- An Investment In The Securities Is Subject To Risks Associated With Investing In International Securities Markets.
- The Securities Will Not Be Adjusted For Changes In Exchange Rates.
- The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed In Certain Circumstances.
- 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.

Not suitable for all investors

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Consult your tax advisor

Investors should review carefully the accompanying pricing supplement, underlying 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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