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The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

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Leveraged Buffered Basket-Linked Notes due

The notes will not bear interest. The amount that you will be paid on your notes on the stated maturity date (expected to be the third scheduled business day after the determination date) is based on the performance of a weighted basket comprised of the EURO STOXX 50® Index (37.00% weighting), the FTSE® 100 Index (23.00% weighting), TOPIX (23.00% weighting), the Swiss Market Index (9.00% weighting) and the S&P/ASX 200 Index (8.00% weighting) as measured from the trade date to and including the determination date (expected to be between 36 and 39 months after the trade date). The initial basket level is 100 and the final basket level will equal the *sum* of the products, as calculated for each basket index, of: (i) the final index level *divided* by (ii) the initial index level (set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of the basket index on the trade date) *multiplied* by (iii) the applicable initial weighted value for each basket index. If the final basket level on the determination date is greater than the initial basket level, the return on your notes will be positive. If the final basket level declines by up to 10.00% from the initial basket level, you will receive the face amount of your notes. **If the final basket level declines by more than 10.00% from the initial basket level, the return on your notes will be negative. You could lose your entire investment in the notes.**

To determine your payment at maturity, we will calculate the basket return, which is the percentage increase or decrease in the final basket level from the initial basket level. On the stated maturity date, for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes, you will receive an amount in cash equal to:

- if the basket return is positive (the final basket level is greater than the initial basket level), the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) \$1,000 times (b) the participation rate (expected to be between 1.09 and 1.19) times (c) the basket return;
- if the basket return is zero or negative but not below -10.00% (the final basket level is equal to or less than the initial basket level but not by more than 10.00%), \$1,000; or

- if the basket return is negative and is below -10.00% (the final basket level is less than the initial basket level by more than 10.00%), the sum of (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) the product of (a) approximately 1.1111 times (b) the sum of the basket return plus 10.00% times (c) \$1,000.

Declines in one basket index may offset increases in the other basket index. Due to the unequal weighting of each basket index, the performances of the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the FTSE® 100 Index and TOPIX will have a significantly larger impact on your return on the notes than the performance of the Swiss Market Index or the S&P/ASX 200 Index. Your investment in the notes involves certain risks, including, among other things, our credit risk. See page PS-12.

You should read the additional disclosure herein so that you may better understand the terms and risks of your investment.

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date (as determined by reference to pricing models used by Goldman, Sachs & Co. (GS&Co.) and taking into account our credit spreads) is expected to be between \$945 and \$965 per \$1,000 face amount, which will be less than the original issue price. The value of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted; however, the price (not including GS&Co.'s customary bid and ask spreads) at which GS&Co. would initially buy or sell notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do) and the value that GS&Co. will initially use for account statements and otherwise will equal approximately \$ per \$1,000 face amount, which will exceed the estimated value of your notes as determined by reference to these models. The amount of the excess will decline on a straight line basis over the period from the trade date through .

Original issue date:	, 2015	Original issue price:	100.00% of the face amount
Underwriting discount:	% of the face amount	Net proceeds to the issuer:	% of the face amount

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. The notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.

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The issue price, underwriting discount and net proceeds listed above relate to the notes we sell initially. We may decide to sell additional notes after the date of this pricing supplement, at issue prices and with underwriting discounts and net proceeds that differ from the amounts set forth above. The return (whether positive or negative) on your investment in notes will depend in part on the issue price you pay for such notes.

Goldman Sachs may use this prospectus in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, Goldman, Sachs & Co. or any other affiliate of Goldman Sachs may use this prospectus in a market-making transaction in a note after its initial sale. ***Unless Goldman Sachs or its agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.***

About Your Prospectus

The notes are part of the Medium-Term Notes, Series D program of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. This prospectus includes this pricing supplement and the accompanying documents listed below. This pricing supplement constitutes a supplement to the documents listed below and should be read in conjunction with such documents:

- Product supplement no. 3136 dated September 15, 2014
- General terms supplement dated September 26, 2014
- Prospectus supplement dated September 15, 2014
- Prospectus dated September 15, 2014

The information in this pricing supplement supersedes any conflicting information in the documents listed above. In addition, some of the terms or features described in the listed documents may not apply to your notes.

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

We refer to the notes we are offering by this pricing supplement as the offered notes or the notes. Each of the offered notes, including your notes, has the terms described below. Please note that in this pricing supplement, references to The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., we, our and us mean only The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and do not include its consolidated subsidiaries. Also, references to the accompanying prospectus mean the accompanying prospectus, dated September 15, 2014, as supplemented by the accompanying prospectus supplement, dated September 15, 2014, of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. relating to the Medium-Term Notes, Series D program of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., references to the accompanying general terms supplement mean the accompanying general terms supplement, dated September 26, 2014, of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and references to the accompanying product supplement no. 3136 mean the accompanying product supplement no. 3136, dated September 15, 2014, of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

This section is meant as a summary and should be read in conjunction with the section entitled General Terms of the Underlier-Linked Notes on page S-35 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136 and Supplemental Terms of the Notes on page S-13 of the accompanying general terms supplement. Please note that certain features, as noted below, described in the accompanying product supplement no. 3136 and general terms supplement are not applicable to the notes. This pricing supplement supersedes any conflicting provisions of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136 or the accompanying general terms supplement.

Key Terms

Issuer: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Basket underliers: the EURO STOXX 50® Index (Bloomberg symbol, SX5E Index), as published by STOXX Limited (STOXX); the FTSE® 100 Index (Bloomberg symbol, UKX Index), as published by FTSE International Limited (FTSE); the TOPIX (Bloomberg symbol, TPX Index), as maintained by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. (TSE); the Swiss Market Index (Bloomberg symbol, SMI Index), as published by SIX Group Ltd. (SIX Group); and the S&P/ASX 200 Index (Bloomberg symbol, AS51 Index), as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (S&P); see The Basket and the Basket Underliers on page PS-16

Specified currency: U.S. dollars (\$)

Terms to be specified in accordance with the accompanying product supplement no. 3136:

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- type of notes: notes linked to basket of underliers
- exchange rates: not applicable
- buffer level: yes, as described below
- cap level: not applicable
- averaging dates: not applicable
- interest: not applicable
- redemption right or price dependent redemption right: not applicable

Face amount: each note will have a face amount of \$1,000; \$ in the aggregate for all the offered notes; the aggregate face amount of the offered notes may be increased if the issuer, at its sole option, decides to sell an additional amount of the offered notes on a date subsequent to the date of this pricing supplement

Purchase at amount other than face amount: the amount we will pay you at the stated maturity date for your notes will not be adjusted based on the issue price you pay for your notes, so if you acquire notes at a premium (or discount) to face amount and hold them to the stated maturity date, it could affect your investment in a number of ways. The return on your investment in such notes will be lower (or higher) than it would have been had you purchased the notes at face amount. Also, the stated buffer level would not offer the same measure of protection to your investment as would be the case if you had purchased the notes at face amount. See [Additional Risk Factors Specific to Your Notes](#) If You Purchase Your Notes at a Premium to Face Amount, the Return on Your Investment Will Be Lower Than the Return on Notes Purchased at Face Amount and the Impact of Certain Key Terms of the Notes Will Be

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Negatively Affected on page PS-14 of this pricing supplement

Supplemental discussion of federal income tax consequences: you will be obligated pursuant to the terms of the notes in the absence of a change in law, an administrative determination or a judicial ruling to the contrary to characterize each note for all tax purposes as a pre-paid derivative contract in respect of the basket underliers, as described under Supplemental Discussion of Federal Income Tax Consequences on page S-42 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136. Pursuant to this approach, it is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP that upon the sale, exchange or maturity of your notes, it would be reasonable for you to recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between the amount of cash you receive at such time and your tax basis in your notes. Pursuant to Treasury regulations, Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) withholding (as described in United States Taxation Taxation of Debt Securities Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding in the accompanying prospectus) will generally apply to obligations that are issued on or after July 1, 2014; therefore, the notes will generally be subject to FATCA withholding. However, according to final Treasury regulations, the withholding tax described above will not apply to payments of gross proceeds from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the notes made before January 1, 2017.

Cash settlement amount: for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes, we will pay you on the stated maturity date an amount in cash equal to:

- if the final basket level is *greater than* the initial basket level, the *sum* of (1) \$1,000 *plus* (2) the *product* of (i) \$1,000 *times* (ii) the upside participation rate *times* (iii) the basket return;
- if the final basket level is *equal to or less than* the initial basket level but *greater than or equal to* the buffer level, \$1,000; or
- if the final basket level is *less than* the buffer level, the *sum* of (1) \$1,000 *plus* (2) the *product* of (i) \$1,000 *times* (ii) the buffer rate *times* (iii) the *sum* of the basket return *plus* the buffer amount

Initial basket level: 100

Initial weighted value: the initial weighted value for each of the basket underliers is expected to equal the *product* of the initial weight of such basket underlier *times* the initial basket level. The initial weight of each basket underlier is shown in the table below:

Basket Underlier	Initial Weight in Basket
EURO STOXX 50® Index	37.00%
FTSE® 100 Index	23.00%

TOPIX	23.00%
Swiss Market Index	9.00%
S&P/ASX 200 Index	8.00%

Initial EURO STOXX 50® Index level (to be set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of such basket underlier on the trade date):

Initial FTSE® 100 Index level (to be set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of such basket underlier on the trade date):

Initial TOPIX level (to be set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of such basket underlier on the trade date):

Initial Swiss Market Index level (to be set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of such basket underlier on the trade date):

Initial S&P/ASX 200 Index level (to be set on the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of such basket underlier on the trade date):

Final EURO STOXX 50® Index level: the closing level of such basket underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day on page S-19 of the accompanying general terms supplement and subject to adjustment as provided under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Final FTSE® 100 Index level: the closing level of such basket underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day on page S-19 of the accompanying general terms supplement and subject to adjustment as provided under

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Supplemental Terms of the Notes Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Final TOPIX level: the closing level of such basket underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day on page S-19 of the accompanying general terms supplement and subject to adjustment as provided under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Final Swiss Market Index level: the closing level of such basket underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day on page S-19 of the accompanying general terms supplement and subject to adjustment as provided under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Final S&P/ASX 200 Index level: the closing level of such basket underlier on the determination date, except in the limited circumstances described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Consequences of a Market Disruption Event or a Non-Trading Day on page S-19 of the accompanying general terms supplement and subject to adjustment as provided under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Discontinuance or Modification of an Underlier on page S-23 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Final basket level: the *sum* of the following: (1) the final EURO STOXX 50® Index level *divided* by the initial EURO STOXX 50® Index level, *multiplied* by the initial weighted value of the EURO STOXX 50® Index *plus* (2) the final FTSE® 100 Index level *divided* by the initial FTSE® 100 Index level, *multiplied* by the initial weighted value of the FTSE® 100 Index *plus* (3) the final TOPIX level *divided* by the initial TOPIX level, *multiplied* by the initial weighted value of the TOPIX *plus* (4) the final Swiss Market Index level *divided* by the initial Swiss Market Index level, *multiplied* by the initial weighted value of the Swiss Market Index *plus* (5) the final S&P/ASX 200 Index level *divided* by the initial S&P/ASX 200 Index level, *multiplied* by the initial weighted value of the S&P/ASX 200 Index

Basket return: the *quotient* of (1) the final basket level *minus* the initial basket level *divided* by (2) the initial basket level, expressed as a percentage

Upside participation rate (to be set on the trade date): expected to be between 109.00% and 119.00%

Buffer level: 90.00% of the initial basket level

Buffer amount: 10.00%

Buffer rate: the *quotient* of the initial basket level *divided* by the buffer level, which equals approximately 111.11%

Trade date:

Original issue date (settlement date) (to be set on the trade date): expected to be the fifth scheduled business day following the trade date

Stated maturity date (to be set on the trade date): a specified date that is expected to be the third scheduled business day after the determination date, subject to adjustment as described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Stated Maturity Date on page S-13 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Determination date (to be set on the trade date): a specified date that is expected to be between 36 and 39 months after the trade date, subject to adjustment as described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Determination Date on page S-14 of the accompanying general terms supplement

No interest: the offered notes will not bear interest

No listing: the offered notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or interdealer quotation system

No redemption: the offered notes will not be subject to redemption right or price dependent redemption right

Closing level: as described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Special Calculation Provisions Closing Level on page S-27 of the accompanying general terms supplement

Business day: as described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Special Calculation Provisions Business Day on page

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Trading day: (i) with respect to each of the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the FTSE® 100 Index and the TOPIX, as described under Supplemental Terms of the Notes Special Calculation Provisions Trading Day on page S-27 of the accompanying general terms supplement and (ii) with respect to each of the Swiss Market Index and the S&P/ASX 200 Index, a day on which the respective principal securities markets for all of such basket underlier stocks are open for trading, such basket underlier sponsor is open for business and such basket underlier is calculated and published by such underlier sponsor. Although an underlier sponsor may publish an underlier level with respect to a basket underlier on a day when one or more of the principal securities markets for such basket underlier stocks are closed, that day would not be a trading day for purposes of such basket underlier.

Use of proceeds and hedging: as described under Use of Proceeds and Hedging on page S-40 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136

ERISA: as described under Employee Retirement Income Security Act on page S-49 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136

Supplemental plan of distribution: as described under Supplemental Plan of Distribution on page S-50 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136; The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. estimates that its share of the total offering expenses, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$.

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. expects to agree to sell to Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Goldman, Sachs & Co. expects to agree to purchase from The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the aggregate face amount of the offered notes specified on the front cover of this pricing supplement. Goldman, Sachs & Co. proposes initially to offer the notes to the public at the original issue price set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement. The underwriting discount set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement per \$1,000 face amount is comprised of \$ of underwriting fees and \$ of selling commission.

We expect to deliver the notes against payment therefor in New York, New York on , 2015, which is expected to be the fifth scheduled business day following the date of this pricing supplement and of the pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade notes on any date prior to three business days before delivery will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes are initially expected to settle in five business days (T + 5), to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

We have been advised by Goldman, Sachs & Co. that it intends to make a market in the notes. However, neither Goldman, Sachs & Co. nor any of our other affiliates that makes a market is obligated to do so and any of them may stop doing so at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity or trading market for the notes.

Calculation agent: Goldman, Sachs & Co.

CUSIP no.:

ISIN no.:

FDIC: the notes are not bank deposits and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank

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The following table, examples and chart are provided for purposes of illustration only. They should not be taken as an indication or prediction of future investment results and are intended merely to illustrate the impact that the various hypothetical basket closing levels or hypothetical closing levels of the basket underliers, as applicable, on the determination date could have on the cash settlement amount at maturity assuming all other variables remain constant.

The examples below are based on a range of final basket levels and closing levels of the basket underliers that are entirely hypothetical; no one can predict what the level of the basket will be on any day throughout the life of your notes, and no one can predict what the final basket level will be on the determination date. The basket underliers have been highly volatile in the past meaning that the levels of the basket underliers have changed considerably in relatively short periods and their performances cannot be predicted for any future period.

The information in the following examples reflects hypothetical rates of return on the offered notes assuming that they are purchased on the original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date. If you sell your notes in a secondary market prior to the stated maturity date, your return will depend upon the market value of your notes at the time of sale, which may be affected by a number of factors that are not reflected in the table below such as interest rates, the volatility of the basket underliers and our creditworthiness. In addition, the estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date (as determined by reference to pricing models used by Goldman, Sachs & Co.) will be less than the original issue price of your notes. For more information on the estimated value of your notes, see Additional Risk Factors Specific to Your Notes The Estimated Value of Your Notes At the Time the Terms of Your Notes Are Set On the Trade Date (as Determined By Reference to Pricing Models Used By Goldman, Sachs & Co.) Will Be Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes on page PS-12 of this pricing supplement. The information in the table also reflects the key terms and assumptions in the box below.

Key Terms and Assumptions		
Face amount		\$1,000
Upside participation rate		109.00%
Initial basket level		100
Buffer level		90.00% of the initial basket level
Buffer rate		Approximately 111.11%
Buffer amount		10.00%
Neither a market disruption event nor a non-trading day occurs with respect to any basket underlier on the originally scheduled determination date		
No change in or affecting any of the basket underlier indices or the methods by which any of the basket underlier sponsors calculates the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the FTSE® 100 Index, the TOPIX, the Swiss Market Index or the S&P/ASX 200 Index, respectively		
Notes purchased on original issue date at the face amount and held to the stated maturity date		

Moreover, we have not yet set the initial EURO STOXX 50® Index level, the initial FTSE® 100 Index level, the initial TOPIX level, the initial Swiss Market Index level or the initial S&P/ASX 200 Index level that will serve as the baselines for determining the

basket return and the amount, if any, that we will pay on your notes at maturity. We will not do so until the trade date. As a result, the actual initial EURO STOXX 50® Index level, the initial FTSE® 100 Index level, the initial TOPIX level, the initial Swiss Market Index level and the initial S&P/ASX 200 Index level may differ substantially from the current level of such basket underlier prior to the trade date and may be higher or lower than the actual closing level of each basket underlier on the trade date. They may also differ substantially from the level of such basket underlier at the time you purchase your notes.

For these reasons, the actual performance of the basket over the life of your notes, as well as the amount payable at maturity, if any, may bear little relation to the hypothetical examples shown below or to the historical level of each basket

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underlier shown elsewhere in this pricing supplement. For information about the historical level of each basket underlier during recent periods, see The Basket and the Basket Underliers Historical Closing Levels of the Basket Underliers below. Before investing in the offered notes, you should consult publicly available information to determine the level of the basket underliers between the date of this pricing supplement and the date of your purchase of the offered notes.

Also, the hypothetical examples shown below do not take into account the effects of applicable taxes. Because of the U.S. tax treatment applicable to your notes, tax liabilities could affect the after-tax rate of return on your notes to a comparatively greater extent than the after-tax return on the basket underliers.

The levels in the left column of the table below represent hypothetical basket levels and are expressed as percentages of the initial basket level. The amounts in the right column represent the hypothetical cash settlement amounts, based on the corresponding hypothetical final basket level (expressed as a percentage of the initial basket level), and are expressed as percentages of the face amount of a note (rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of a percent). Thus, a hypothetical cash settlement amount of 100.000% means that the value of the cash payment that we would deliver for each \$1,000 of the outstanding face amount of the offered notes on the stated maturity date would equal 100.000% of the face amount of a note, based on the corresponding hypothetical final basket level (expressed as a percentage of the initial basket level) and the assumptions noted above.

Hypothetical Final Basket Level (as Percentage of Initial Basket Level)	Hypothetical Cash Settlement Amount (as Percentage of Face Amount)
200.000%	209.000%
175.000%	181.750%
150.000%	154.500%
125.000%	127.250%
110.000%	110.900%
105.000%	105.450%
100.000%	100.000%
95.000%	100.000%
92.000%	100.000%
90.000%	100.000%
75.000%	83.333%
50.000%	55.556%
25.000%	27.778%
0.000%	0.000%

If, for example, the final basket level were determined to be 25.000% of the initial basket level, the cash settlement amount that we would deliver on your notes at maturity would be approximately 27.778% of the face amount of your notes, as shown in the table above. As a result, if you purchased your notes on the original issue date at the face amount and held them to the stated maturity date, you would lose approximately 72.222% of your investment (if you purchased your notes at a premium to face amount you would lose a correspondingly higher percentage of your investment).

The following chart also shows a graphical illustration of the hypothetical cash settlement amounts (expressed as a percentage of the face amount of your notes) that we would pay on your notes on the stated maturity date, if the final basket level (expressed as a

percentage of the initial basket level) were any of the hypothetical levels shown on the horizontal axis. The chart shows that any hypothetical final basket level (expressed as a percentage of the initial basket level) of less than 90.000% (the section left of the 90.000% marker on the horizontal axis) would result in a hypothetical cash settlement amount of less than 100.000% of the face amount of your notes (the section below the 100.000% marker on the vertical axis) and, accordingly, in a loss of principal to the holder of the notes.

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The following four examples illustrate the hypothetical cash settlement amount at maturity, on each note based on hypothetical final levels of the basket underliers, calculated based on the key terms and assumptions above. The levels in Column A represent the hypothetical initial level for each basket underlier, and the levels in Column B represent hypothetical final levels for each basket underlier. The percentages in Column C represent hypothetical final levels for each basket underlier in Column B expressed as percentages of the corresponding hypothetical initial levels in Column A. The amounts in Column D represent the applicable initial weighted value for each basket underlier, and the amounts in Column E represent the *products* of the percentages in Column C *times* the corresponding amounts in Column D. The final basket level for each example is shown beneath each example, and will equal the *sum* of the products shown in Column E. The basket return for each example is shown beneath the final basket level for such example, and will equal the *quotient* of (i) the final basket level for such example *minus* the initial basket level *divided* by (ii) the initial basket level, expressed as a percentage. The values below have been rounded for ease of analysis.

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	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Basket Underlier	Hypothetical Initial Level	Hypothetical Final Level	Column B / Column A	Initial Weighted Value	Column C x Column D
EURO STOXX 50® Index	3,500.00	3,535.00	101.00%	37.00	37.37
FTSE® 100 Index	6,500.00	6,630.00	102.00%	23.00	23.46
TOPIX	1,400.00	1,442.00	103.00%	23.00	23.69
Swiss Market Index	8,600.00	10,750.00	125.00%	9.00	11.25
S&P/ASX 200 Index	5,800.00	8,700.00	150.00%	8.00	12.00
				Final Basket Level:	107.77
				Basket Return:	7.77%

In this example, all of the hypothetical final levels for the basket underliers are greater than the applicable hypothetical initial levels, which results in the hypothetical final basket level being greater than the initial basket level of 100.00. Since the hypothetical final basket level was determined to be 107.77, the hypothetical cash settlement amount for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes will equal:

$$\text{Cash settlement amount} = \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times 109.00\% \times 7.77\%) = \$1,084.69$$

Example 2: The final basket level is less than the initial basket level, but greater than the buffer level. The cash settlement amount equals the \$1,000 face amount.

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Basket Underlier	Hypothetical Initial Level	Hypothetical Final Level	Column B / Column A	Initial Weighted Value	Column C x Column D
EURO STOXX 50® Index	3,500.00	3,325.00	95.00%	37.00	35.15
FTSE® 100 Index	6,500.00	6,175.00	95.00%	23.00	21.85
TOPIX	1,400.00	1,330.00	95.00%	23.00	21.85
Swiss Market Index	8,600.00	8,170.00	95.00%	9.00	8.55
S&P/ASX 200 Index	5,800.00	5,510.00	95.00%	8.00	7.60
				Final Basket Level:	95.00
				Basket Return:	-5.00%

In this example, all of the hypothetical final levels for the basket underliers are less than the applicable initial levels, which results in the hypothetical final basket level being less than the initial basket level of 100.00. Since the hypothetical final basket level of 95 is greater than the buffer level of 90.00% of the initial basket level but less than the initial basket level of 100, the hypothetical cash settlement amount for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes will equal the face amount of the note, or \$1,000.

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Example 3: The final basket level is less than the buffer level. The cash settlement amount is less than the \$1,000 face amount.

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Hypothetical				
Basket Underlier	Initial Level	Hypothetical Final Level	Column B / Column A	Initial Weighted Value	Column C x Column D
EURO STOXX 50® Index	3,500.00	1,750.00	50.00%	37.00	18.50
FTSE® 100 Index	6,500.00	6,500.00	100.00%	23.00	23.00
TOPIX	1,400.00	1,400.00	100.00%	23.00	23.00
Swiss Market Index	8,600.00	11,610.00	135.00%	9.00	12.15
S&P/ASX 200 Index	5,800.00	7,830.00	135.00%	8.00	10.80
				Final Basket Level:	87.45
				Basket Return:	-12.55%

In this example, the hypothetical final level of the EURO STOXX 50® Index is less than its hypothetical initial level, while the hypothetical final levels of the FTSE® 100 Index and TOPIX are equal to their applicable hypothetical initial levels and the hypothetical final levels of the Swiss Market Index and S&P/ASX 200 Index are greater than their applicable initial levels.

Because the basket is unequally weighted, increases in the lower weighted basket underliers will be offset by decreases in the more heavily weighted basket underliers. In this example, the large decline in the EURO STOXX 50® Index results in the hypothetical final basket level being less than the buffer level of 90.00% of the initial basket level even though the FTSE® 100 Index and TOPIX remained flat and the Swiss Market Index and the S&P/ASX 200 Index increased.

Since the hypothetical final basket level of 87.45 is less than the buffer level of 90.00% of the initial basket level, the hypothetical cash settlement amount for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes will equal:

$$\text{Cash settlement amount} = \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times 111.11\% \times (-12.55\% + 10.00\%)) = \$971.67$$

Example 4: The final basket level is less than the buffer level. The cash settlement amount is less than the \$1,000 face amount.

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
	Hypothetical				
Basket Underlier	Initial Level	Hypothetical Final Level	Column B / Column A	Initial Weighted Value	Column C x Column D
EURO STOXX 50® Index	3,500.00	1,750.00	50.00%	37.00	18.50
FTSE® 100 Index	6,500.00	3,900.00	60.00%	23.00	13.80

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TOPIX	1,400.00	840.00	60.00%	23.00	13.80
Swiss Market Index	8,600.00	5,590.00	65.00%	9.00	5.85
S&P/ASX 200 Index	5,800.00	3,190.00	55.00%	8.00	4.40
				Final Basket Level:	56.35
				Basket Return:	-43.65%

In this example, the hypothetical final levels for all of the basket underliers are less than the applicable hypothetical initial levels, which results in the hypothetical final basket level being less than the initial basket level of 100.00. Since the hypothetical final basket level of 56.35 is less than the buffer level of 90.00% of the initial basket level, the hypothetical cash settlement amount for each \$1,000 face amount of your notes will equal:

Cash settlement amount = \$1,000 + (\$1,000 × 111.11% × (-43.65% + 10.00%)) = \$626.11

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The cash settlement amounts shown above are entirely hypothetical; they are based on levels of the basket underliers that may not be achieved on the determination date and on assumptions that may prove to be erroneous. The actual market value of your notes on the stated maturity date or at any other time, including any time you may wish to sell your notes, may bear little relation to the hypothetical cash settlement amounts shown above, and these amounts should not be viewed as an indication of the financial return on an investment in the offered notes. The hypothetical cash settlement amounts on notes held to the stated maturity date in the examples above assume you purchased your notes at their face amount and have not been adjusted to reflect the actual issue price you pay for your notes. The return on your investment (whether positive or negative) in your notes will be affected by the amount you pay for your notes. If you purchase your notes for a price other than the face amount, the return on your investment will differ from, and may be significantly lower than, the hypothetical returns suggested by the above examples. Please read **Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Underlier-Linked Notes – The Market Value of Your Notes May Be Influenced by Many Unpredictable Factors** on page S-32 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136.

Payments on the notes are economically equivalent to the amounts that would be paid on a combination of other instruments. For example, payments on the notes are economically equivalent to a combination of an interest-bearing bond bought by the holder and one or more options entered into between the holder and us (with one or more implicit option premiums paid over time). The discussion in this paragraph does not modify or affect the terms of the notes or the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the notes, as described elsewhere in this pricing supplement.

We cannot predict the actual final basket level on the determination date, nor can we predict the relationship between the level of each basket underlier and the market value of your notes at any time prior to the stated maturity date. The actual amount that a holder of the offered notes will receive, if any, on the stated maturity date and the rate of return on the offered notes will depend on the initial level of each basket underlier and the upside participation rate, which we will set on the trade date, and the actual basket return determined by the calculation agent as described above. Moreover, the assumptions on which the hypothetical returns are based may turn out to be inaccurate. Consequently, the amount of cash to be paid in respect of your notes, if any, on the stated maturity date may be very different from the hypothetical cash settlement amounts shown in the tables, examples and chart above.

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ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS SPECIFIC TO YOUR NOTES

An investment in your notes is subject to the risks described below, as well as the risks and considerations described in the accompanying prospectus dated September 15, 2014, the accompanying prospectus supplement dated September 15, 2014, under Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes in the accompanying general terms supplement, and under Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Underlier-Linked Notes in the accompanying product supplement no. 3136. You should carefully review these risks and considerations as well as the terms of the notes described herein and in the accompanying prospectus, dated September 15, 2014, as supplemented by the accompanying prospectus supplement, dated September 15, 2014, the accompanying general terms supplement, dated September 26, 2014, and the accompanying product supplement no. 3136, dated September 15, 2014, of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Your notes are a riskier investment than ordinary debt securities. Also, your notes are not equivalent to investing directly in the basket underlier stocks, i.e., the stocks comprising the basket underliers to which your notes are linked. You should carefully consider whether the offered notes are suited to your particular circumstances.

The Estimated Value of Your Notes At the Time the Terms of Your Notes Are Set On the Trade Date (as Determined By Reference to Pricing Models Used By Goldman, Sachs & Co.) Will Be Less Than the Original Issue Price Of Your Notes

The original issue price for your notes will exceed the estimated value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date, as determined by reference to Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s pricing models and taking into account our credit spreads. Such expected estimated value on the trade date is set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement; after the trade date, the estimated value as determined by reference to these models will be affected by changes in market conditions, our creditworthiness and other relevant factors. The price at which Goldman, Sachs & Co. would initially buy or sell your notes (if Goldman, Sachs & Co. makes a market, which it is not obligated to do), and the value that Goldman, Sachs & Co. will initially use for account statements and otherwise, will also exceed the estimated value of your notes as determined by reference to these models. As agreed by Goldman, Sachs & Co. and the distribution participants, the amount of this excess will decline on a straight line basis over the period from the date hereof through the applicable date set forth on the cover. Thereafter, if Goldman, Sachs & Co. buys or sells your notes it will do so at prices that reflect the estimated value determined by reference to such pricing models at that time. The price at which Goldman, Sachs & Co. will buy or sell your notes at any time also will reflect its then current bid and ask spread for similar sized trades of structured notes.

In estimating the value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date, as disclosed on the front cover of this pricing supplement, Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s pricing models consider certain variables, including principally our credit spreads, interest rates (forecasted, current and historical rates), volatility, price-sensitivity analysis and the time to maturity of the notes. These pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. As a result, the actual value you would receive if you sold your notes in the secondary market, if any, to others may differ, perhaps materially, from the estimated value of your notes determined by reference to our models due to, among other things, any differences in pricing models or assumptions used by others. See Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Underlier-Linked Notes The Market Value of Your Notes May Be Influenced by Many Unpredictable Factors on page S-32 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136.

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The difference between the estimated value of your notes as of the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date and the original issue price is a result of certain factors, including principally the underwriting discount and commissions, the expenses incurred in creating, documenting and marketing the notes, and an estimate of the difference between the amounts we pay to Goldman, Sachs & Co. and the amounts Goldman, Sachs & Co. pays to us in connection with your notes. We pay to Goldman, Sachs & Co. amounts based on what we would pay to holders of a non-structured note with a similar maturity. In return for such payment, Goldman, Sachs & Co. pays to us the amounts we owe under your notes.

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In addition to the factors discussed above, the value and quoted price of your notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted. If Goldman, Sachs & Co. makes a market in the notes, the price quoted by Goldman, Sachs & Co. would reflect any changes in market conditions and other relevant factors, including any deterioration in our creditworthiness or perceived creditworthiness. These changes may adversely affect the value of your notes, including the price you may receive for your notes in any market making transaction. To the extent that Goldman, Sachs & Co. makes a market in the notes, the quoted price will reflect the estimated value determined by reference to Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s pricing models at that time, plus or minus its then current bid and ask spread for similar sized trades of structured notes (and subject to the declining excess amount described above).

Furthermore, if you sell your notes, you will likely be charged a commission for secondary market transactions, or the price will likely reflect a dealer discount. This commission or discount will further reduce the proceeds you would receive for your notes in a secondary market sale.

There is no assurance that Goldman, Sachs & Co. or any other party will be willing to purchase your notes at any price and, in this regard, Goldman, Sachs & Co. is not obligated to make a market in the notes. See **Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Underlier-Linked Notes** **Your Notes May Not Have an Active Trading Market** on page S-31 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136.

The Notes Are Subject to the Credit Risk of the Issuer

Although the return on the notes will be based on the performance of the basket underliers, the payment of any amount due on the notes is subject to our credit risk. The notes are our unsecured obligations. Investors are dependent on our ability to pay all amounts due on the notes, and therefore investors are subject to our credit risk and to changes in the market's view of our creditworthiness. See **Description of the Notes We May Offer** **Information About Our Medium-Term Notes, Series D Program** **How the Notes Rank Against Other Debt** on page S-4 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

The Amount Payable on Your Notes Is Not Linked to the Level of Each Basket Underlier at Any Time Other than the Determination Date

The final basket level will be based on the closing levels of the basket underliers on the determination date (subject to adjustment as described elsewhere in this pricing supplement). Therefore, if the closing levels of the basket underliers dropped precipitously on the determination date, the cash settlement amount for your notes may be significantly less than it would have been had the cash settlement amount been linked to the closing levels of the basket underliers prior to such drop in the levels of the basket underliers. Although the actual levels of the basket underliers on the stated maturity date or at other times during the life of your notes may be higher than the closing levels of the basket underliers on the determination date, you will not benefit from the closing levels of the basket underliers at any time other than on the determination date.

You May Lose Your Entire Investment in the Notes

You can lose your entire investment in the notes. The cash payment on your notes, if any, on the stated maturity date will be based on the performance of a weighted basket comprised of the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the FTSE® 100 Index, the TOPIX, the Swiss Market Index and the S&P/ASX 200 Index as measured from the initial basket level of 100 to the final basket level on the determination date. If the final basket level for your notes is *less than* the buffer level, you will have a loss for each \$1,000 of the face amount of your notes equal to the *product* of the buffer rate *times* the sum of the basket return *plus* the buffer amount *times* \$1,000. Thus, you may lose your entire investment in the notes, which would include any premium to face amount you paid when you purchased the notes.

Also, the market price of your notes prior to the stated maturity date may be significantly lower than the purchase price you pay for your notes. Consequently, if you sell your notes before the stated maturity date, you may receive far less than the amount of your investment in the notes.

Your Notes Will Not Bear Interest

You will not receive any interest payments on your notes. As a result, even if the cash

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settlement amount payable for your notes on the stated maturity date exceeds the face amount of your notes, the overall return you earn on your notes may be less than you would have earned by investing in a non-indexed debt security of comparable maturity that bears interest at a prevailing market rate.

The Lower Performance of One Basket Underlier May Offset an Increase in the Other Basket Underlier

Declines in the level of one basket underlier may offset increases in the level of the other basket underlier. As a result, any return on the basket and thus on your notes may be reduced or eliminated, which will have the effect of reducing the amount payable in respect of your notes at maturity. In addition, because the basket underliers are not equally weighted, increases in the lower weighted basket underliers may be offset by even small decreases in the more heavily weighted basket underliers.

You Have No Shareholder Rights or Rights to Receive Any Basket Underlier Stock

Investing in your notes will not make you a holder of any of the basket underlier stocks. Neither you nor any other holder or owner of your notes will have any voting rights, any right to receive dividends or other distributions, any rights to make a claim against the basket underlier stocks or any other rights with respect to the basket underlier stocks. Your notes will be paid in cash and you will have no right to receive delivery of any basket underlier stocks.

We May Sell an Additional Aggregate Face Amount of the Notes at a Different Issue Price

At our sole option, we may decide to sell an additional aggregate face amount of the notes subsequent to the date of this pricing supplement. The issue price of the notes in the subsequent sale may differ substantially (higher or lower) from the issue price you paid as provided on the cover of this pricing supplement.

If You Purchase Your Notes at a Premium to Face Amount, the Return on Your Investment Will Be Lower Than the Return on Notes Purchased at Face Amount and the Impact of Certain Key Terms of the Notes Will Be Negatively Affected

The cash settlement amount will not be adjusted based on the issue price you pay for the notes. If you purchase notes at a price that differs from the face amount of the notes, then the return on your investment in such notes held to the stated maturity date will differ from, and may be substantially less than, the return on notes purchased at face amount. If you purchase your notes at a premium to face amount and hold them to the stated maturity date the return on your investment in the notes will be lower than it would have been had you purchased the notes at face amount or a discount to face amount. In addition, the impact of the buffer level on the return on your investment will depend upon the price you pay for your notes relative to face amount. For example, if you purchase your notes at a premium to face amount, the buffer level, while still providing some protection for the return on the notes, will allow a greater percentage decrease in your investment in the notes than would have been the case for notes purchased at face amount or a discount to face amount.

An Investment in the Offered Notes Is Subject to Risks Associated with Foreign Securities

You should be aware that investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities involve particular risks. The foreign securities markets whose stocks comprise the basket underliers may have less liquidity and may be more volatile than U.S. or other securities markets and market developments may affect foreign markets differently from U.S. or other securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize the foreign securities markets, 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 foreign companies than about those U.S. companies that are subject to the reporting requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and foreign companies are subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements that differ from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies.

Securities prices in foreign countries are subject to political, economic, financial and social factors that apply in those geographical regions. These factors, which could negatively affect those securities markets, include the possibility of recent or future changes in a foreign government's economic 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 and the possibility of

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fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies, the possibility of outbreaks of hostility and political instability and the possibility of natural disaster or adverse public health development in the region. Moreover, foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in important respects such as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resources and self-sufficiency.

Your Notes May Be Subject to an Adverse Change in Tax Treatment in the Future

The Internal Revenue Service announced on December 7, 2007 that it is considering issuing guidance regarding the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of an instrument such as your notes that are currently characterized as pre-paid derivative contracts, and any such guidance could adversely affect the tax treatment and the value of your notes. Among other things, the Internal Revenue Service may decide to require the holders to accrue ordinary income on a current basis and recognize ordinary income on payment at maturity, and could subject non-U.S. investors to withholding tax. Furthermore, in 2007, legislation was introduced in Congress that, if enacted, would have required holders that acquired instruments such as your notes after the bill was enacted to accrue interest income over the term of such notes even though there will be no interest payments over the term of such notes. It is not possible to predict whether a similar or identical bill will be enacted in the future, or whether any such bill would affect the tax treatment of such notes. We describe these developments in more detail under Supplemental Discussion of Federal Income Tax Consequences on page S-42 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136. You should consult your tax advisor about this matter. Except to the extent otherwise provided by law, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. intends to continue treating the notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes in accordance with the treatment described under Supplemental Discussion of Federal Income Tax Consequences on page S-42 of the accompanying product supplement no. 3136 unless and until such time as Congress, the Treasury Department or the Internal Revenue Service determine that some other treatment is more appropriate.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding May Apply to Payments on Your Notes, Including as a Result of the Failure of the Bank or Broker Through Which You Hold the Notes to Provide Information to Tax Authorities

Please see the discussion under United States Taxation Taxation of Debt Securities Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding in the accompanying prospectus for a description of the applicability of FATCA to payments made on your notes.

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THE BASKET AND THE BASKET UNDERLIERS

The Basket

The basket is comprised of five basket underliers with the following initial weights within the basket: the EURO STOXX 50® Index (37.00% weighting), the FTSE® 100 Index (23.00% weighting), the TOPIX (23.00% weighting), the Swiss Market Index (9.00% weighting) and the S&P/ASX 200 Index (8.00% weighting).

The EURO STOXX 50® Index

The EURO STOXX 50® Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 50 European blue-chip stocks and was created by and is sponsored and maintained by STOXX Limited. Publication of the EURO STOXX 50 Index began on February 26, 1998, based on an initial index value of 1,000 at December 31, 1991. The level of the EURO STOXX 50® Index is disseminated on the STOXX Limited website. STOXX Limited is under no obligation to continue to publish the index and may discontinue publication of it at any time. Additional information regarding the EURO STOXX 50® Index may be obtained from the STOXX Limited website: <http://www.stoxx.com>. We are not incorporating by reference the website or any material it includes in this pricing supplement.

The top ten constituent stocks of the EURO STOXX 50® Index as of February 16, 2015, by weight, are: Total S.A. (5.17%), Bayer AG (4.78%), Sanofi (4.78%), Daimler AG (3.81%), Anheuser-Busch InBev N.V. (3.76%), Banco Santander S.A. (3.65%), BASF SE (3.51%), Siemens AG (3.46%), Allianz SE (3.10%) and SAP SE (2.67%); constituent weights may be found at http://www.stoxx.com/download/indices/factsheets/sx5e_fs.pdf under Factsheets and Methodologies and are updated periodically.

As of February 16, 2015, the sixteen industry sectors which comprise the EURO STOXX 50® Index represent the following weights in the index: Automobiles & Parts (6.91%), Banks (17.17%), Chemicals (10.12%), Construction & Materials (2.18%), Food & Beverage (5.34%), Health Care (5.72%), Industrial Goods & Services (9.04%), Insurance (7.48%), Media (1.22%), Oil & Gas (7.89%), Personal & Household Goods (6.33%), Real Estate (1.16%), Retail (2.12%), Technology (5.46%), Telecommunications (6.15%) and Utilities (5.72%); industry weightings may be found at http://www.stoxx.com/download/indices/factsheets/sx5e_fs.pdf under Factsheets and Methodologies and are updated periodically. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Sector designations are determined by the basket underlier sponsor using criteria it has selected or developed. Index sponsors may use very different standards for determining sector designations. In addition, many companies operate in a number of sectors, but are listed in only one sector and the basis on which that sector is selected may also differ. As a result, sector comparisons between indices with different index sponsors may reflect differences in methodology as well as actual differences in the sector composition of the indices.

As of February 16, 2015, the seven countries which comprise the EURO STOXX 50® Index represent the following weights in the index: Belgium (3.76%), Finland (1.22%), France (35.37%), Germany (32.74%), Italy (7.47%), Netherlands (7.50%) and Spain (11.94%); country weightings may be found at http://www.stoxx.com/download/indices/factsheets/sx5e_fs.pdf under Factsheets and Methodologies and are updated periodically.

The above information supplements the description of the EURO STOXX 50® Index found in the accompanying general terms supplement. This information was derived from information prepared by the basket underlier sponsor, however, the percentages we have listed above are approximate and may not match the information available on the basket underlier sponsor's website due to subsequent corporation actions or other activity relating to a particular stock. For more details about the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the basket underlier sponsor and license agreement between the basket underlier sponsor and the issuer, see "The Underliers EURO STOXX 50® Index" on page S-67 of the accompanying general terms supplement.

The EURO STOXX 50® is the intellectual property of STOXX Limited, Zurich, Switzerland and/or its licensors ("Licensors"), which is used under license. The securities or other financial instruments based on the index are in no way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by STOXX and its Licensors and neither STOXX nor its Licensors shall have any liability with respect thereto.

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The FTSE® 100 Index

The FTSE® 100 Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 100 most highly capitalized U.K.-listed blue chip companies traded on the London Stock Exchange. The index was developed with a base level of 1,000 as of December 30, 1983. The FTSE® 100 Index is calculated, published and disseminated by FTSE International Limited, a company owned by the London Stock Exchange Plc (the Exchange) that we refer to as FTSE. Additional information on the FTSE® 100 Index is available from the following website: www.ftse.com/uk. We are not incorporating by reference the website or any material it includes in this pricing supplement. FTSE is under no obligation to continue to publish the FTSE® 100 Index and may discontinue publication of the FTSE® 100 Index at any time.

FTSE® 100 Index

Index Stock Weighting by Sector as of January 22, 2015

<u>Sector:*</u>	<u>Percentage (%)**</u>
Financials	22.43%
Consumer Goods	16.67%
Oil & Gas	14.68%
Basic Materials	7.62%
Health Care	9.84%
Consumer Services	10.47%
Industrials	7.14%
Telecommunications	5.65%
Utilities	4.36%
Technology	1.14%

* Sector designations are determined by the index sponsor using criteria it has selected or developed. Index sponsors may use very different standards for determining sector designations. In addition, many companies operate in a number of sectors, but are listed in only one sector and the basis on which that sector is selected may also differ. As a result, sector comparisons between indices with different index sponsors may reflect differences in methodology as well as actual differences in the sector composition of the indices.

** Information provided by FTSE. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The top ten constituent stocks of the FTSE® 100 Index as of January 22, 2015, by weight, are: HSBC Holdings PLC (6.85%); Royal Dutch Shell PLC (4.96%); BP PLC (4.52%); GlaxoSmithKline PLC (4.19%); British American Tobacco PLC (4.03%); Vodafone Group PLC (3.67%); AstraZeneca PLC (3.43%); Royal Dutch Shell PLC (3.20%); Diageo PLC (2.83%) and Lloyds Banking Group PLC (2.37%).

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The above information supplements the description of the basket underlier found in the accompanying general terms supplement. This information was derived from information prepared by the basket underlier sponsor, however, the percentages we have listed above are approximate and may not match the information available on the basket underlier sponsor's website due to subsequent corporation actions or other activity relating to a particular stock. For more details about the basket underlier, the basket underlier sponsor and license agreement between the basket underlier sponsor and the issuer, see The Underliers' FTSE® 100 Index on page S-62 of the accompanying general terms supplement.

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TOPIX

The TOPIX, also known as the Tokyo Price Index, is a capitalization weighted index of all the domestic common stocks listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc., which we refer to as the TSE. Domestic stocks admitted to the TSE are assigned either to the TSE First Section Index, the TSE Second Section Index or the TSE Mothers Index. Stocks listed in the First Section, which number approximately 1,700, are among the most actively traded stocks on the TSE. The TOPIX is supplemented by the sub-basket components of the 33 industry sectors and was developed with a base index value of 100 as of January 4, 1968. The TOPIX is calculated and published by TSE. Additional information about the TOPIX is available on the following website:

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<http://www.tse.or.jp/english/market/topix/index.html>. We are not incorporating by reference the website or any material it includes in this pricing supplement.

TOPIX

Basket Underlier Stock Weighting by Sector as of January 31, 2015

<u>Sector:*</u>	<u>Percentage (%)**</u>
Air Transportation	0.68%
Banks	8.62%
Chemicals	6.24%
Construction	2.64%
Electric Appliances	12.77%
Electric Power & Gas	2.18%
Fishery, Agriculture & Forestry	0.08%
Foods	4.21%
Glass & Ceramics Products	0.92%
Information & Communication	7.00%
Insurance	2.40%
Iron & Steel	1.53%
Land Transportation	4.26%
Machinery	5.15%
Marine Transportation	0.35%
Metal Products	0.65%
Mining	0.42%
Nonferrous Metals	0.93%
Oil & Coal Products	0.47%
Other Financing Business	1.14%
Other Products	1.32%
Pharmaceutical	4.95%
Precision Instruments	1.49%
Pulp & Paper	0.24%
Real Estate	2.85%
Retail Trade	4.28%
Rubber Products	1.01%
Securities & Commodity Futures	1.30%
Services	3.01%
Textiles & Apparels	0.80%
Transportation Equipments	11.89%
Warehousing & Harbor Transportation	0.23%
Services	
Wholesale Trade	3.97%

* Sector designations are determined by the basket underlier sponsor using criteria it has selected or developed. Index sponsors may use very different standards for determining sector designations. In addition, many companies operate in a number of sectors, but are listed in only one sector and the basis on which that sector is selected may also differ. As a result, sector comparisons between indices with different index sponsors may reflect differences in methodology as well as actual differences in the sector composition of the indices.

** Information provided by TSE. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

The above information supplements the description of the TOPIX found in the accompanying general terms supplement. For more details about the TOPIX, the basket underlier sponsor and the license agreement between the basket underlier sponsor and the issuer, see The Underliers TOPIX on page S-70 of the accompanying general terms supplement.

The TOPIX Value and the TOPIX Marks are subject to the proprietary rights owned by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. and the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. owns all rights and know-how relating to the TOPIX such as calculation, publication and use of the TOPIX Value and relating to the TOPIX Marks. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. shall reserve the rights to change the methods of calculation or publication, to cease the calculation or publication of the TOPIX Value or to change the TOPIX Marks or cease the use thereof. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. makes no warranty or representation whatsoever, either as to the results stemmed from the use of the TOPIX Value and the TOPIX Marks or as to the figure at which the TOPIX Value stands on any particular day. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. gives no assurance regarding accuracy or completeness of the TOPIX Value and data contained therein. Further, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. shall not be liable for the miscalculation, incorrect publication, delayed or interrupted publication of the TOPIX Value. No securities are in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. shall not bear any obligation to give an explanation of the securities or an advice on investments to any purchaser of the securities or to the public. The Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. neither selects specific stocks or groups thereof nor takes into account any needs of the issuing company or any purchaser of the securities, for calculation of the TOPIX Value. Including but not limited to the foregoing, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. shall not be responsible for any damage resulting from the issue and sale of the securities.

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Swiss Market Index (SMI®)

The SMI®, which we also refer to in this description as the index :

- was first launched with a base level of 1,500 as of June 30, 1988; and
- is sponsored, calculated, published and disseminated by SIX Group Ltd., certain of its subsidiaries, and the Management Committee of the SIX Swiss Exchange (the Exchange).

The index is a price return float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index of the 20 largest stocks traded on the Swiss Stock Exchange. The Exchange has outsourced certain aspects of the benchmark determination process, essentially the development and maintenance of its indices as described below, to STOXX Limited in Zurich, Switzerland. All matters regarding the index that require a decision, including regarding processes outsourced to STOXX, are submitted to the Management Committee. The Management Committee of SIX Swiss Exchange is supported by an Index Commission (advisory board) in all index-related matters, notably in connection with changes to the index rules and adjustments, additions and exclusions outside of the established review and acceptance period. The Index Commission meets at least twice annually.

As of January 22, 2015, the top ten constituents of the index (and their respective weightings in the index) were: Novartis AG (22.45%); Nestle SA (22.15%); Roche Holding AG (17.61%); UBS AG (5.34%); Zurich Insurance Group (4.53%); ABB Ltd (4.17%); Cie Financiere Richemont SA (3.95%); Credit Suisse Group AG (3.11%); Syngenta AG (2.81%) and Swiss Re AG (2.81%).

As of January 22, 2015, the ICB industry sectors in the index (and their respective weights) were: Basic Materials (4.20%), Consumer Goods (27.23%), Financials (16.65%), Health Care (41.17%), Industrials (8.90%), Oil & Gas (0.50%) and Telecommunications (1.35%) (may not sum to 100% due to rounding). Sector designations are determined by the index sponsor using criteria it has selected or developed. Index sponsors may use very different standards for determining sector designations. In addition, many companies operate in a number of sectors, but are listed in only one sector and the basis on which that sector is selected may also differ. As a result, sector comparisons between indices with different index sponsors may reflect differences in methodology as well as actual differences in the sector composition of the indices.

SMI® Composition and Selection Criteria

The index is comprised of the 20 highest ranked stocks traded on the Swiss Stock Exchange that have a free float of 20% or more and that are not investment companies. The equity universe is largely Swiss domestic companies, although in some cases foreign issuers with a primary listing on the Swiss Stock Exchange that submit to certain reporting requirements or investment companies that do not hold any shares of any other eligible company and that have a primary listing on the Swiss Stock Exchange may be included.

The ranking of each security is determined by a combination of the following criteria:

- average free-float market capitalization (compared to the capitalization of the entire Swiss Stock Exchange index family),
and
- cumulative on order book turnover (compared to the total turnover of the Swiss Stock Exchange index family).

Each of these two factors is assigned a 50% weighting in ranking the stocks eligible for the index.

The index is reconstituted annually after prior notice of at least two months on the third Friday in September after the close of trading. The reconstitution is based on data from the previous July 1 through June 30. Provisional interim selection (ranking) lists are also published following the end of the third, fourth and first financial quarters.

In order to reduce turnover, an index constituent will not be replaced unless it is ranked below 23 or, if it is ranked 21 or 22, if another share ranks 18 or higher. If a company has primary listings on several exchanges and less

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than 50% of that company's total turnover is generated on the Swiss Stock Exchange, it will not be included in the index unless it ranks at least 18 or better on the selection list solely on the basis of its turnover on those exchanges on which it has a primary listing (i.e., without considering its free float).

Maintenance of the Index

Constituent Changes. In the case of major market changes as a result of capital events such as mergers or new listings, the Management Committee of SIX Swiss Exchange can decide at the request of the Index Commission that a security should be admitted to the index outside the annual review period as long as it clearly fulfills the criteria for inclusion. For the same reasons, a security can also be excluded if the requirements for admission to the index are no longer fulfilled. As a general rule, extraordinary acceptances into the index take place after a three-month period on a quarterly basis after the close of trading on the third Friday of March, June, September and December (for example, a security listed on or before the 5th trading day prior to the end of November cannot be included until the following March). An announced insolvency is deemed to be an extraordinary event and the security will be removed from the index five trading days prior notice if the circumstances permit such notice.

Number of Shares and Free Float. The securities included in the index are weighted according to their free float. This means that shares deemed to be in firm hands are subtracted from the total market capitalization of that company. The free float is calculated on the basis of outstanding shares. Issued and outstanding equity capital is, as a rule, the total amount of equity capital that has been fully subscribed and wholly or partially paid in and documented in the Commercial Register. Not counting as issued and outstanding equity capital are the approved capital and the conditional capital of a company. The free float is calculated on the basis of listed shares only. If a company offers several different categories of listed participation rights, each is treated separately for the purposes of index calculation.

Fundamentally deemed to be shares held in firm hands are shareholdings that have been acquired by one person or a group of persons in companies domiciled in Switzerland and which, upon exceeding 5%, have been reported to the Exchange. Shares of persons and groups of persons who are subject to a shareholder agreement which is binding for more than 5% of the listed shares or who, according to publicly known facts, have a long-term interest in a company are also deemed to be in firm hands.

For the calculation of the number of shares in firm hands, the Exchange may also use other sources than the reports submitted to it. In particular, the Exchange may use data gained from issuer surveys that it conducts itself.

In general, shares held by custodian nominees, trustee companies, investment funds, pension funds and investment companies are deemed free-floating regardless of whether a report has been made to the Exchange. The Exchange classifies at its own discretion persons and groups of persons who, because of their area of activity or the absence of important information, cannot be clearly assigned.

The free-float rule applies only to bearer shares and registered shares. Capital issued in the form of participation certificates (Partizipationsscheine) and bonus certificates (Genusssscheine) is taken into full account in calculating the index because it does not confer voting rights.

The number of securities in the index and the free-float factors are adjusted after the close of trading on four adjustment dates per year, the third Friday of March, June, September and December. Such changes are provisionally pre-announced at least one month before the adjustment date, although the index sponsor reserves the right to take account of recent changes up to five trading days before the adjustment date in the actual adjustment.

In order to avoid frequent slight changes to the weighting and to maintain the stability of the index, any extraordinary change of the total number of outstanding securities or the free float will only result in an extraordinary adjustment if it exceeds 10% and 5% respectively, occurs from one trading to the next and is in conjunction with a corporate action.

After a takeover, the index sponsor may, in exceptional cases, adjust the free float of the company in question upon publication of the end results after a five-day notification period or may exclude the security from the relevant index

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family. When an insolvency has been announced, an extraordinary adjustment will be made and the affected security will be removed from the index after five trading days' notice, and a replacement will be determined based on the current selection list.

The index sponsor reserves the right to make an extraordinary adjustment, in exceptional cases, without observing the notification period.

Calculation of the Index

The index sponsor calculates the index using the Laspeyres formula, with a weighted arithmetic mean of a defined number of securities issues. The formula for calculating the index value can be expressed as follows:

$$\text{Swiss Market Index} = \frac{\text{Free Float Market Capitalization of the SMI®}}{\text{Divisor}}$$

The free float market capitalization of the SMI® is equal to the sum of the product of the last-paid price, the number of shares, the free float factor and, if a foreign stock is included, the current CHF exchange rate as of the time the index value is being calculated. (As of October 3, 2014, all stocks in the index are denominated in Swiss Francs, known as CHF). The index value is calculated in real time and is updated whenever a trade is made in a component stock. Where any index component stock price is unavailable on any trading day, the index sponsor will use the last reported price for such component stock. Only prices from the Exchange's electronic order book are used in calculating the index.

Divisor Value and Adjustments

The divisor is a technical number used to calculate the index and is adjusted to reflect changes in market capitalization due to corporate events. The divisor value as of January 22, 2015 is 120.683108.

Below are common corporate events and their impact on the divisor of the index.

Event	Divisor Change?
Regular cash dividend	No
Repayments of capital through reduction of a share's par value	No
	Yes

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Special dividends, anniversary bonds and other extraordinary payments that, contrary to the company's usual dividend policy, are paid out or declared extraordinary.	
Share dividends (company's own shares)	No
Share dividend (shares of another company)	Yes

The index sponsor reserves the right to respond to any other corporate events with divisor adjustments or, in extraordinary circumstances, to depart from the provisions set forth above.

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S&P/ASX 200

The S&P/ASX 200, which we also refer to in this description as the index :

- was first launched in 1979 by the Australian Securities Exchange and was acquired and re-launched by its current index sponsor on April 3, 2000; and
- is sponsored, calculated, published and disseminated by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a part of McGraw Hill Financial (S&P).

The index includes 200 companies and covers approximately 80% of the Australian equity market by market capitalization. As discussed below, the S&P/ASX 200 is not limited solely to companies having their primary operations or headquarters in Australia or to companies having their primary listing on the Australian Securities Exchange, which we refer to as the ASX. All ordinary and preferred shares (if such preferred shares are not of a fixed income nature) listed on the ASX, including secondary listings, are eligible for the index. Hybrid stocks such as convertible stocks, bonds, warrants, preferred stock that provides a guaranteed fixed return and listed investment companies are not eligible for inclusion. Stocks currently under consideration for merger or acquisition are not eligible for inclusion or promotion to the index.

As of January 22, 2015, the top 10 index stocks by weight were the following: Commonwealth Bank Australia (10.22%), Westpac Banking Corp (7.81%), BHP Billiton Ltd. (6.85%), ANZ Banking Group (6.49%), National Australia Bank Ltd. (6.13%), Telstra Corp Ltd. (5.67%), Wesfarmers Ltd. (3.62%), CSL Ltd. (2.96%), Woolworths Ltd. (2.90%) and Rio Tinto Ltd. (1.82%).

As of January 22, 2015, the 10 GICS industry sectors represented by stocks in the index include: Consumer Discretionary (3.85%), Consumer Staples (7.56%), Energy (4.71%), Financials (47.19%), Health Care (5.78%), Industrials (7.27%), Information Technology (0.74%), Materials (14.79%), Telecommunication Services (6.15%) and Utilities (1.97%). Sector designations are determined by the index sponsor using criteria it has selected or developed. Index sponsors may use very different standards for determining sector designations. In addition, many companies operate in a number of sectors, but are listed in

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only one sector and the basis on which that sector is selected may also differ. As a result, sector comparisons between indices with different index sponsors may reflect differences in methodology as well as actual differences in the sector composition of the indices.

As of January 22, 2015, the countries of domicile included in the index and their relative weights were: Australia (98.95%), United States (0.46%), New Zealand (0.34%), United Kingdom (0.21%) and Singapore (one constituent with a rounded weighting of 0.03%).

The S&P/ASX 200 Index is intended to provide exposure to the largest 200 eligible securities that are listed on the ASX by float-adjusted market capitalization. Constituent companies for the S&P/ASX 200 Index are chosen based on market capitalization, public float and liquidity. All index-eligible securities that have their primary or secondary listing on the ASX are included in the initial selection of stocks from which the 200 index stocks may be selected.

The float-adjusted market capitalization of companies is determined based on the daily average market capitalization over the last six months. The security's price history over the last six months, the latest available shares on issue and the investable weight factor, which we refer to as the IWF, are the factors relevant to the calculation of daily average market capitalization. The IWF is a variable that is primarily used to determine the available float of a security for ASX listed securities.

Number of Shares

When considering the index eligibility of securities for inclusion or promotion into S&P/ASX indices, the number of index securities under consideration is based upon the latest available ASX quoted securities. For domestic securities (companies incorporated in Australia and traded on the ASX, companies incorporated overseas but exclusively listed on the ASX and companies incorporated overseas and traded on other markets but most of its trading activity is on the ASX), this figure is purely based upon the latest available data from the ASX.

Foreign-domiciled securities may quote the total number of securities on the ASX that is representative of their global equity capital; whereas other foreign-domiciled securities may quote securities on the ASX on a partial basis that represents their Australian equity capital. In order to overcome this inconsistency, S&P will quote the number of index securities that are represented by CHESS Depositary Interests (CDIs) for a foreign entity. When CDIs are not issued, S&P will use the total securities held on the Australian register (CHESS and, where supplied, the issuer sponsored register). This quoted number for a foreign entity is representative of the Australian equity capital, thereby allowing the index to be reflective of the Australian market.

The number of CDIs or shares of a foreign entity quoted on the ASX can experience more volatility than is typically the case for ordinary shares on issue. Therefore, an average number on issue will be applied over a six-month period.

Where CDI information is not supplied to the ASX by the company or the company's share register, estimates for Australian equity capital will be drawn from CHES data and, ultimately, registry-sourced data.

IWF

The IWF represents the float-adjusted portion of a stock's equity capital. Therefore, any strategic holdings that are classified as either corporate, private or government holdings reduce the IWF which, in turn, results in a reduction in the float-adjusted market capital. Shares owned by founders, directors of the company, trusts, venture capitalists and other companies are also excluded. These are also deemed strategic holders, and are considered long-term holders of a stock's equity. Any strategic shareholdings that are greater than 5% of total issued shares are excluded from the relevant float.

The IWF ranges between 0 and 1, is calculated as $1 - \text{Sum of the \% held by strategic shareholders who possess 5\% or more of issued shares}$, and is an adjustment factor that accounts for the publicly available shares of a company. A company must have a minimum IWF of 0.3 to be eligible for index inclusion.

S&P Dow Jones Indices identifies the following shareholders whose holdings are considered to be control blocks and are subject to float adjustment:

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1. Government and government agencies;
2. Controlling and strategic shareholders/partners;
3. Any other entities or individuals which hold more than 5%; excluding insurance companies, securities companies and investment funds;
4. Other restricted portions such as treasury stocks.

Liquidity Test

Only stocks that are regularly traded are eligible for inclusion. Eligible stocks are considered for index inclusion based on their stock median liquidity (median daily value traded divided by its average float-adjusted market capitalization for the last six months) relative to the market capitalization weighted average of the stock median liquidities of the 500 constituents of the All Ordinaries index, another member of the S&P/ASX index family.

Index Maintenance

S&P rebalances the index constituents quarterly to ensure adequate market capitalization and liquidity based on the previous six months' worth of data. Quarterly review changes take effect the third Friday of March, June, September and December. Eligible stocks are considered for index inclusion based on their float-adjusted market capitalization rank relative to the stated quota of 200 securities. For example, a stock that is currently in the S&P/ASX 300 and is ranked at 175, based on float-adjusted market capitalization, within the universe of eligible securities may be considered for inclusion into the index, provided that liquidity hurdles are met.

In order to limit the level of index turnover, eligible securities will only be considered for index inclusion once another stock is excluded due to a sufficiently low rank and/or liquidity, based on the float-adjusted market capitalization. Potential index inclusions and exclusions need to satisfy buffer requirements in terms of the rank of the stock relative to a given index. The buffers are established to limit the level of index turnover that may take place at each quarterly rebalancing.

Between rebalancing dates, an index addition is generally made only if a vacancy is created by an index deletion. Index additions are made according to float-adjusted market capitalization and liquidity. An initial public offering is added to the index only when an appropriate vacancy occurs and is subject to proven liquidity for at least two months. An exception may be made for extraordinary large offerings where sizeable trading volumes justify index inclusion.

Deletions can occur between index rebalancing dates due to acquisitions, mergers and spin-offs or due to suspension or bankruptcies. The decision to remove a stock from the index will be made once there is sufficient evidence that the transaction will be completed. Stocks that are removed due to mergers & acquisitions activity are removed from the index at the cash offer price for cash-only offers. Otherwise the best available price in the market is used.

Share numbers for all index constituents are updated quarterly and are rounded to the nearest thousand. The update to the number of issued shares will be considered if the change is at least 5% of the float adjusted shares or A\$ 100 million in value.

Share updates for foreign-domiciled securities will take place annually at the March rebalancing. The update to the number of index shares will only take place when the 6-month average of CDIs or the total securities held in the Australian branch of the issuer sponsored register (where supplied) and in CHESS, as of the March rebalancing, differs from the current index shares by either 5% or a market-cap dollar amount greater than A\$ 100 million. Where CDI information is not supplied to the ASX by the company or the company's share register, estimates for Australian equity capital will be drawn from CHESS data and, ultimately, registry-sourced data.

Intra quarter share changes are implemented at the effective date or as soon as reliable information is available; however, they will only take place in the following circumstances:

- Changes in a company's float-adjusted shares of 5% or more due to market-wide shares issuance;

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- Rights issues, bonus issues and other major corporate actions; and
- Share issues resulting from index companies merging and major off-market buy-backs.

Share changes due to mergers or acquisitions are implemented when the transaction occurs, even if both of the companies are not in the same index and regardless of the size of the change.

IWFs are reviewed annually as part of the September quarterly review. However, any event that alters the float of a security in excess of 5% will be implemented as soon as practicable by an adjustment to the IWF.

The function of the IWF is also to manage the index weight of foreign-domiciled securities that quote shares on the basis of CDIs. Due to the volatility that is displayed by CDIs, unusually large changes in the number of CDIs on issue could result. Where this is the case, the IWF may be used to limit the effect of unusually large changes in the average number of CDIs (and, thereby, limit the potential to manipulate this figure). Where the Australian Index Committee sees fit to apply the IWF in this manner, the rationale for the decision will be announced to the market. This will be reviewed annually at the March-quarter index rebalancing date.

Index Calculation

The index is calculated using a base-weighted aggregate methodology. The value of the index on any day for which an index value is published is determined by a fraction, the numerator of which is the *sum* for all index stocks of the products of the price of each stock in the index *times* the number of shares of such stock included in the index *times* that stock's IWF, and the denominator of which is the divisor, which is described more fully below.

In order to prevent the value of the index from changing due to corporate actions, all corporate actions may require S&P to make an index or divisor adjustment. This helps maintain the value of the index and ensures that the movement of the index does not reflect the corporate actions of the individual companies that comprise the index.

The table below summarizes the types of index adjustments and indicates whether the corporate action will require a divisor adjustment:

**Type of
Corporate
Action**

**Index
Treatment**

**Divisor
Adjustment
Required**

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Cash dividend	None	No
Special Cash Dividend	Price adjustment needed	Yes
Stock dividend and/or split	Shares are multiplied by and price is divided by the split factor	No
Stock dividend from class A shares into existing class B shares, both of which are included in the index	Adjustment for price of A; adjustment for shares in B	Yes
Stock dividend of different class, same company and is not included in the index	Price adjustment	Yes
Reverse Split	Adjustment for price and shares	No
Rights Offering	Adjustment for price and shares	Yes
Rights offering for a new line	Adjustment for price	Yes
New share issuance	Adjustment for shares	Yes
Reduction of capital	Share adjustment	Yes
New addition to index	Share adjustment	Yes

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Type of Corporate Action	Index Treatment	Divisor Adjustment Required
Deletion from index	Share adjustment	Yes
Merger (acquisition by index company for stock)	Share increase	Yes

In situations where an exchange is forced to close early due to unforeseen events, such as computer or electric power failures, weather conditions or other events, S&P will calculate the closing price of the indices based on (1) the closing prices published by the exchange, or (2) if no closing price is available, the last regular trade reported for each security before the exchange closed. If the exchange fails to open due to unforeseen circumstances, S&P treats this closure as a standard market holiday. The index will use the prior day's closing prices and shifts any corporate actions to the following business day. If all exchanges fail to open or in other extreme circumstances, S&P may determine not to publish the index for that day.

S&P reserves the right to recalculate the index under certain limited circumstances. S&P may choose to recalculate and republish an index if it is found to be incorrect or inconsistent within two trading days of the publication of the index level in question for one of the following reasons:

1. Incorrect or revised closing price
2. Missed corporate event
3. Late announcement of a corporate event
4. Incorrect application of corporate action or index methodology

Any other restatement or recalculation of an index is only done under extraordinary circumstances to reduce or avoid possible market impact or disruption as solely determined by the Index Committee.

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The graphs below show the daily historical closing levels of the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the FTSE® 100 Index, the TOPIX, the Swiss Market Index and the S&P/ASX 200 Index from February 26, 2005 through February 26, 2015. The graphs are for illustrative purposes only. We obtained the closing levels in the graphs below from Bloomberg Financial Services, without independent verification.

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Historical Basket Levels

The following graph is based on the basket closing level for the period from February 26, 2005 through February 26, 2015 assuming that the basket closing level was 100 on February 26, 2005. We derived the basket closing levels based on the method to calculate the basket closing level as described in this pricing supplement and on actual closing levels of the relevant basket underliers on the relevant date. The basket closing level has been normalized such that its hypothetical level on February 26, 2005 was 100. As noted in this pricing supplement, the initial basket level will be set at 100 on the trade date. The basket closing level can increase or decrease due to changes in the levels of the basket underliers.

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