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US\$

Senior Medium-Term Notes, Series E

Buffered Bullish Enhanced Return Notes due February 7, 2020

Linked to the Ameriprise Investment Research Group 2019 Conviction List

The notes are designed for investors who seek a 200% leveraged positive return based on any appreciation in the value of an equally weighted basket (the “Basket”) consisting of the equity securities (each a “Basket Component”) of 10 publicly traded companies. These companies are the companies in the Ameriprise Investment Research Group (“IRG”) 2019 Conviction List, which were identified by Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. (“Ameriprise Financial”) as listed on page P-3 below. Investors should be willing to accept a payment at maturity that is capped at the Maximum Redemption Amount (as defined below), be willing to forgo periodic interest, and be willing to lose 1% of their principal amount for each 1% that the value of the Basket decreases by more than 5% from its value on the pricing date.

Investors in the notes may lose up to 95% of their principal amount at maturity.

The Maximum Redemption Amount will be \$1,175 for each \$1,000 in principal amount (a 17.50% return).

Any payment at maturity is subject to the credit risk of Bank of Montreal.

The notes do not bear interest. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

The offering is expected to price on or about January 28, 2019, and the notes are expected to settle through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about January 31, 2019.

The notes are scheduled to mature on or about February 7, 2020.

The CUSIP number of the notes is 06367WGP2.

Our subsidiary, BMO Capital Markets Corp. (“BMOCM”), is the agent for this offering. See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” below.

Investing in the notes involves risks, including those described in the “Selected Risk Considerations” section beginning on page P-4 of this pricing supplement, the “Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes” section

beginning on page PS-5 of the product supplement, and the “Risk Factors” section beginning on page S-1 of the prospectus supplement and on page 8 of the prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the accuracy of this pricing supplement, the product supplement, the prospectus supplement or the prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The notes will be our unsecured obligations and will not be savings accounts or deposits that are insured by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality or other entity.

On the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, the estimated initial value of the notes is \$985.90 per \$1,000 in principal amount. The estimated initial value of the notes on the pricing date may differ from this value but will not be less than \$970 per \$1,000 in principal amount. However, as discussed in more detail in this pricing supplement, the actual value of the notes at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy.

Price to Public⁽¹⁾ Agent’s Commission⁽¹⁾ Proceeds to Bank of Montreal

Per Note US\$1,000	US\$4.10	US\$995.90
Total US\$	US\$	US\$

⁽¹⁾ \$4.10 in principal amount per note will be received by Ameriprise Financial for its services acting as distributor of the notes.

BMO CAPITAL MARKETS

Key Terms of the Notes

Underlying Asset:	An equally weighted basket consisting of the equity securities of 10 publicly traded companies. The 10 Basket Components, their respective Weighting Percentages and their Initial Basket Component Levels are indicated in the table below.
Selection of the Basket:	The Basket Companies are the companies in the Ameriprise IRG 2019 Conviction List, which were identified by Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. (“Ameriprise Financial”). Ameriprise Financial’s senior equity analysts identified the Basket Companies as the ten U.S. equity securities that they believe have a relatively high likelihood of outperforming the S&P 500® Total Return Index over the next 12 months. See the section below, “The Basket Stocks.”
Payment at Maturity:	<p>If the Percentage Change multiplied by the Upside Leverage Factor is greater than or equal to the Maximum Return, the payment at maturity for each \$1,000 in principal amount of the notes will equal the Maximum Redemption Amount.</p> <p>If the Percentage Change multiplied by the Upside Leverage Factor is positive but is less than the Maximum Return, then the amount that the investors will receive at maturity will equal:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Principal Amount + [Principal Amount × (Percentage Change x Upside Leverage Factor)]</p> <p>If the Percentage Change is between 0% and -5% inclusive, then the payment at maturity will equal the principal amount of the notes.</p> <p>If the Percentage Change is less than -5%, the amount that the investors will receive at maturity will equal:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Principal Amount + [Principal Amount × (Percentage Change + Buffer Percentage)]</p>
Upside Leverage Factor:	200%
Maximum Return:	17.50%
Maximum Redemption Amount:	The payment at maturity will not exceed the Maximum Redemption Amount of \$1,175 per \$1,000 in principal amount of the notes.

Initial Level: Set to 100 on the pricing date.

Final Level: $\text{Initial Level} \times (1 + \text{Percentage Change})$

Buffer
Percentage: 5%

Percentage
Change: The sum of the Weighted Percentage Change for each Basket Component.

Weighted
Percentage
Change: With respect to each Basket Component, the product of (a) its Weighting Percentage and (b) its Component Change.

With respect to each Basket Component:

Component Change:

Final Basket Component Level – Initial Basket Component Level

Initial Basket Component Level

Initial Basket
Component
Level: With respect to each Basket Component, its closing price on the pricing date. The Initial Basket Component Level of each Basket Component is subject to adjustment as described in the section “General Terms of the Notes—Anti-dilution Adjustments” of the product supplement.

Final Basket Component
Level: With respect to each Basket Component, its closing price on the Valuation Date.

The Basket:

<u>Basket Components</u>	<u>Bloomberg Tickers</u>	<u>Weighting Percentage</u>	<u>Initial Basket Component Levels</u>
American Tower Corporation	AMT	1/10th	[\$]
Cisco Systems, Inc.	CSCO	1/10th	[\$]
EOG Resources, Inc.	EOG	1/10th	[\$]
Hasbro, Inc.	HAS	1/10th	[\$]
Humana Inc.	HUM	1/10th	[\$]
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	JPM	1/10th	[\$]
Medtronic, PLC	MDT	1/10th	[\$]
NVIDIA Corporation	NVDA	1/10th	[\$]
Constellation Brands, Inc.	STZ	1/10th	[\$]
Wabtec Corporation	WAB	1/10th	[\$]

Pricing Date: On or about January 28, 2019.

Settlement Date: On or about January 31, 2019, as determined on the pricing date.

Valuation Date: On or about February 4, 2020, as determined on the pricing date.

Maturity Date: On or about February 7, 2020, as determined on the pricing date.

Automatic Redemption: Not applicable

Calculation Agent: BMOCM

Selling Agent: BMOCM

The pricing date and the settlement date are subject to change. The actual pricing date, settlement date, Valuation Date and Maturity Date will be set forth in the final pricing supplement.

We may use this pricing supplement in the initial sale of the notes. In addition, BMOCM or another of our affiliates may use this pricing supplement in market-making transactions in any notes after their initial sale. ***Unless our agent or we inform you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this pricing supplement is being used in a market-making transaction.***

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Payoff Example

The following table shows the hypothetical payout profile of an investment in the notes, reflecting the Buffer Percentage of 5%, the Upside Leverage Factor of 200% and the Maximum Redemption Amount of \$1,175. Please see the hypothetical examples below for more detailed examples.

Additional Terms of the Notes

You should read this pricing supplement together with the product supplement dated May 1, 2017, the prospectus supplement dated September 23, 2018 and the prospectus dated April 27, 2017. **This pricing supplement, together with the documents listed below, contains the terms of the notes and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials including preliminary or indicative pricing terms, correspondence, trade ideas, structures for implementation, sample structures, fact sheets, brochures or other educational materials of ours or the agent.** You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in “Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes” in the product supplement, as the notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the notes.

You may access these documents on the SEC website at www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Product supplement dated May 1, 2017:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/927971/000121465917002869/c427173424b5.htm>

Prospectus supplement dated September 23, 2018:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/927971/000119312518280416/d624491d424b5.htm>

Prospectus dated April 27, 2017:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/927971/000119312517142728/d254784d424b2.htm>

References in the above product supplement to the prospectus supplement will be deemed to be references to the prospectus supplement dated September 23, 2018.

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC website is 927971. As used in this pricing supplement, “we,” “us” or “our” refers to Bank of Montreal.

We have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this document relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and the other documents that we have filed with the SEC for more complete information about us and this offering. You may obtain these

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documents free of charge by visiting the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Alternatively, we will arrange to send to you the prospectus (as supplemented by the prospectus supplement and product supplement) if you request it by calling our agent toll-free at 1-877-369-5412.

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Selected Risk Considerations

An investment in the notes involves significant risks. Investing in the notes is not equivalent to investing directly in the Basket or the Basket Components. These risks are explained in more detail in the “Additional Risk Factors Relating to the Notes” section of the product supplement.

Your investment in the notes may result in a loss. — You may lose some or substantially all of your investment in the notes. The minimum percentage of your principal that you are entitled to receive under the terms of the notes is only 5.00%. The payment at maturity will be based on the Percentage Change of the Basket, and whether the Percentage Change on the Valuation Date is less than -5%. If the Percentage Change is less than -5%, you will lose 1% of the principal amount of your notes for each 1% that the Percentage Change is less than 5%. **Accordingly, you could lose up to 95% of the principal amount of the notes.**