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The Bank of Nova Scotia

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Capped Buffered Enhanced Participation Notes, Series A

Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, Converted into U.S. Dollars

Due [•]

The notes will not bear interest. The amount that you will be paid on your notes at maturity (expected to be the 3rd business day after the valuation date) is based on the performance of the U.S. dollar value of the EURO STOXX 50® Index (the reference asset) as measured from the trade date to and including the valuation date (expected to be between 24 and 27 months after the trade date). We will determine the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset by multiplying the closing level of the reference asset on the relevant trading day by the USD/EUR exchange rate (expressed as the number of U.S. dollars per one euro) on that day. The initial level and the final level will incorporate this U.S. dollar adjustment. If the final level on the valuation date is greater than the initial level (set on the trade date), the return on your notes will be positive, subject to the maximum redemption amount (expected to be between \$1,214.50 and \$1,252.00 for each \$1,000 principal amount of your notes). **If the final level declines by up to 15.00% from the initial level, you will receive the principal amount of your notes. If the final level declines by more than 15.00% from the initial level, the return on your notes will be negative. Any payment on your notes is subject to the creditworthiness of The Bank of Nova Scotia.**

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To determine your payment at maturity, we will first calculate the percentage increase or decrease in the final level from the initial level (the percentage change). At maturity, for each \$1,000 principal amount of your notes:

- if the final level is *greater than* the initial level (the percentage change is positive), you will receive an amount in cash equal to the *sum* of (i) \$1,000 *plus* (ii) the *product* of (a) \$1,000 *times* (b) the percentage change *times* (c) 1.5, subject to the maximum redemption amount;
- if the final level is *equal* to the initial level or *less than* the initial level, but not by more than 15.00% (the percentage change is zero or negative, but *equal to or greater than* 15.00%) you will receive an amount in cash equal to \$1,000; or
- if the final level is *less than* the initial level by more than 15.00% (the percentage change is negative and is less than 15.00%), you will receive an amount in cash equal to the *sum* of (i) \$1,000 *plus* (ii) the *product* of (a) \$1,000 *times* (b) approximately 117.65% *times* (c) the *sum* of the percentage change *plus* 15.00%.

Any appreciation of the U.S. dollar between the trade date and the valuation date against the euro will negatively impact the return on the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset and the return on your notes.

Following the determination of the initial level, the amount you will be paid on your notes at maturity will not be affected by the closing level of the reference asset or the USD/EUR exchange rate on any day other than the valuation date. **In addition, no payments on your notes will be made prior to maturity.**

Investment in the notes involves certain risks. You should refer to Additional Risks in this pricing supplement and Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes beginning on page PS-5 of the accompanying product prospectus supplement and Risk Factors beginning on page S-2 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus.

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date is expected to be between \$950 and \$970 per \$1,000 principal amount, which will be less than the original issue price of your notes. For a discussion of the estimated value and the price at which Goldman, Sachs & Co. would initially buy or sell your notes, if it makes a market in the notes (which it is not obligated to do), see Additional Information Regarding Estimated Value of the Notes on page P-2 of this pricing supplement.

	Per Note	Total
Original Issue Price	100.00%	\$
Underwriting commissions	%	\$
Proceeds to The Bank of Nova Scotia	%	\$

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Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Dealer**

Pricing Supplement No. dated February [], 2016

The Capped Buffered Enhanced Participation Notes, Series A Linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index, Converted into U.S. Dollars Due [•] (the notes) offered hereunder are unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of The Bank of Nova Scotia (the Bank) and are subject to investment risks including possible loss of the principal amount invested due to the negative performance of the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset and the credit risk of The Bank of Nova Scotia. As used in this pricing supplement, the Bank, we, us or our refers to The Bank of Nova Scotia. The notes will not be listed on any U.S. securities exchange or automated quotation system.

The return on your notes will relate to the price return of the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset and will not include a total return or dividend component. The notes are derivative products based on the performance of the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset. The notes do not constitute a direct investment in any of the shares, units or other securities represented by the reference asset. By acquiring notes, you will not have a direct economic or other interest in, claim or entitlement to, or any legal or beneficial ownership of any such share, unit or security and will not have any rights as a shareholder, unitholder or other security holder of any of the issuers including, without limitation, any voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions.

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., our affiliate, will purchase the notes from us for distribution to other registered broker dealers or will offer the notes directly to investors. Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. or any of its affiliates or agents may use this pricing supplement in market-making transactions in notes after their initial sale. Unless we, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. or another of its affiliates or agents selling such notes to you informs you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this pricing supplement is being used in a market-making transaction. See Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest) in this pricing supplement and Supplemental Plan of Distribution on page PS-31 of the accompanying product prospectus supplement.

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

Additional Information Regarding Estimated Value of the Notes

The estimated value of your notes at the time the terms of your notes are set on the trade date is expected to be between \$950 and \$970 per \$1,000 principal amount, which is less than the original issue price of your notes. The pricing models used to determine the estimated value 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. The difference between the estimated value of your notes 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. (GS&Co.) and the amounts GS&Co. pay to us in connection with your notes. We pay to GS&Co. amounts based on what we would pay to holders of a non-structured note with a similar maturity. In return for such payment, GS&Co. pays to us the amount we owe under the notes.

The price at which GS&Co. will make a market in the notes (if it makes a market, which it is not obligated to do), and the value of your notes shown on your account statement, will be based on pricing models and variables similar to those used in determining the estimated value on the trade date. 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 is equal to approximately \$[•] per \$1,000 principal amount, which exceeds the estimated value of your notes on the trade date. The amount of the excess will decline on a straight line basis over the period from the trade date through [•].

We urge you to read the **Additional Risks** beginning on page P-16 of this pricing supplement.

Summary

The information in this Summary section is qualified by the more detailed information set forth in this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus, accompanying prospectus supplement, and accompanying product prospectus supplement, each filed with the SEC. See Additional Terms of Your Notes in this pricing supplement.

Issuer:	The Bank of Nova Scotia (the Bank)
CUSIP/ISIN:	CUSIP 064159HK5 / ISIN US064159HK53
Type of Notes:	Capped Buffered Enhanced Participation Notes, Series A
Reference Asset:	The EURO STOXX 50® Index (Bloomberg Ticker: SX5E)
Minimum Investment and Denominations:	\$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof
Principal Amount:	\$1,000 per note; \$[] in the aggregate for all the offered notes; the aggregate principal amount of the offered notes may be increased if the Bank, 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.
Original Issue Price:	100% of the principal amount of each note
Currency:	U.S. dollars
Underlying Currency:	Euro
Trade Date:	[•]
Original Issue Date:	[•] (to be determined on the trade date and expected to be the 5 th business day after the trade date).

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made against payment therefor on or about the 5th business day following the date of pricing of the notes (this settlement cycle being referred to as T+5). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, 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 the notes on the trade date will be required, by virtue of the fact that each note initially will settle in 5 business days (T+5), to specify

alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

Maturity Date: [•] (to be determined on the trade date and expected to be the 3rd business day after the valuation date), subject to adjustment as described in more detail under General Terms of the Notes Maturity Date on page PS-17 in the accompanying product prospectus supplement.

Principal at Risk: You may lose all or a substantial portion of your initial investment at maturity if there is a percentage decrease from the initial level to the final level of more than 15%.

Purchase at amount other than principal amount: The amount we will pay you on the maturity date for your notes will not be adjusted based on the original issue price you pay for your notes, so if you acquire notes at a premium (or discount) to principal amount and hold them to the 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 principal amount. Additionally, the maximum redemption amount would be triggered at a lower (or higher) percentage return than indicated below, relative to your initial investment. See **Additional Risks** If you purchase your notes at a premium to principal amount, the return on your investment will be lower than the return on notes purchased at principal amount and the impact of certain key terms of the notes will be negatively affected on page P-22 of this pricing supplement.

Fees and Expenses:

As part of the distribution of the notes, Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. or one of our affiliates will sell notes to GS&Co. at a discount reflecting commissions of \$[•] per \$1,000 principal amount of notes. The commissions per \$1,000 principal amount are comprised of \$[•] of fees and \$[•] of selling commission, to be set on the trade date. See **Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)** in this pricing supplement.

The price at which you purchase the notes includes costs that the Bank or its affiliates expect to incur and profits that the Bank or its affiliates expect to realize in connection with hedging activities related to the notes, as set forth below under **Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)**. These costs and profits will likely reduce the secondary market price, if any secondary market develops, for the notes. As a result, you may experience an immediate and substantial decline in the market value of your notes on the trade date. See **Additional Risks** Hedging activities by the Bank and GS&Co. may negatively impact investors in the notes and cause our respective interests and those of our clients and counterparties to be contrary to those of investors in the notes in this pricing supplement.

Payment at Maturity:

The payment at maturity will be based on the performance of the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset and will be calculated as follows:

- If the final level is greater than the initial level, then the payment at maturity will equal:
 - The lesser of (a) the principal amount + (principal amount x percentage change x participation rate) and (b) the maximum redemption amount
- If the final level is greater than or equal to the buffer level, but less than or equal to the initial level, then the payment at maturity will equal the principal amount

- If the final level is less than the buffer level, then the payment at maturity will equal:

- principal amount + [principal amount x buffer rate x (percentage change + buffer percentage)]

In this case you will suffer a loss on your initial investment in an amount equal to the buffer rate multiplied by the negative percentage change in excess of the buffer percentage. Accordingly, you could lose up to 100% of your initial investment.

Closing Level:

As used herein, the closing level of the reference asset on any date will be determined based upon the closing level published on the Bloomberg page SX5E<Index> or any successor page on Bloomberg or any successor service, as applicable, on such date.

Initial Level:

The closing level of the reference asset multiplied by the underlying currency exchange rate, each as calculated on the trade date.

Final Level: The closing level of the reference asset multiplied by the underlying currency exchange rate, each as calculated on the valuation date. In certain special circumstances, the final level will be determined by the calculation agent, in its discretion, and such determinations will, under certain circumstances, be confirmed by an independent calculation expert. See General Terms of the Notes Unavailability of the Level of the Reference Asset on a Valuation Date and General Terms of the Notes Market Disruption Events beginning on page PS-18 and Appointment of Independent Calculation Experts beginning on page PS-22, in the accompanying product prospectus supplement.

Underlying Currency Exchange Rate: For the underlying currency on any date of determination, the official mid-WM Reuters fixing at 4 pm London Time, expressed as the number of U.S. dollars per one unit of the underlying currency, and if such price is not available, as may be determined by the calculation agent.

Percentage Change: The percentage change, expressed as a percentage, with respect to the payment at maturity, is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{final level} - \text{initial level}}{\text{initial level}}$$

initial level

For the avoidance of doubt, the percentage change may be a negative value.

Participation Rate: 150.00%

Buffer Level: 85.00% of the initial level

Buffer Percentage: 15.00%

Buffer Rate: the *quotient* of the initial level *divided* by the buffer level, which equals approximately 117.65%

Maximum Redemption Amount: Expected to be \$1,214.50-\$1,252.00, which equals principal amount x 121.45%-125.20% (The actual maximum redemption amount to be determined on trade date). The maximum redemption amount sets a cap on appreciation of the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset of 14.30%-16.80%.

Valuation Date: [•] (to be determined on the trade date and expected to be approximately 24-27 months after the trade date).

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The valuation date could be delayed by the occurrence of a market disruption event. See General Terms of the Notes Market Disruption Events beginning on page PS-19 in the accompanying product prospectus supplement.

Form of Notes:

Book-entry

Calculation Agent:

Scotia Capital Inc., an affiliate of the Bank

Status:

The notes will constitute direct, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Bank ranking *pari passu* with all other direct, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Bank from time to time outstanding (except as otherwise prescribed by law). Holders will not have the benefit of any insurance under the

provisions of the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act*, the U.S. *Federal Deposit Insurance Act* or under any other deposit insurance regime of any jurisdiction.

Tax Redemption:	The Bank (or its successor) may redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price determined by the calculation agent in a manner reasonably calculated to preserve your and our relative economic position, if it is determined that changes in tax laws or their interpretation will result in the Bank (or its successor) becoming obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the notes. See Tax Redemption below.
Listing:	The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quotation system.
Use of Proceeds:	General corporate purposes
Clearance and Settlement:	Depository Trust Company
Business Day:	New York and Toronto
Terms Incorporated:	All of the terms appearing above the item under the caption General Terms of the Notes beginning on page PS-14 in the accompanying product prospectus supplement, as modified by this pricing supplement.

INVESTING IN THE NOTES INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT RISKS. YOU MAY LOSE ALL OR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF YOUR INVESTMENT. ANY PAYMENT ON THE NOTES, INCLUDING ANY REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, IS SUBJECT TO THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF THE BANK. IF THE BANK WERE TO DEFAULT ON ITS PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY AMOUNTS OWED TO YOU UNDER THE NOTES AND YOU COULD LOSE YOUR ENTIRE INVESTMENT.

ADDITIONAL TERMS OF YOUR NOTES

You should read this pricing supplement together with the prospectus dated December 1, 2014, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2014 and the product prospectus supplement (Equity Linked Index Notes, Series A) dated July 9, 2015, relating to our Senior Note Program, Series A, of which these notes are a part. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this pricing supplement will have the meanings given to them in the product prospectus supplement. In the event of any conflict, this pricing supplement will control. ***The notes may vary from the terms described in the accompanying prospectus, accompanying prospectus supplement and accompanying product prospectus supplement in several important ways. You should read this pricing supplement carefully, including the documents incorporated by reference herein.***

This pricing supplement, together with the documents listed below, contains the terms of the notes and supersedes all 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, brochures or other educational materials of ours. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes in the accompanying product prospectus supplement, as the notes involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisors before you invest in the notes. You may access these documents on the SEC website at www.sec.gov as follows (or if that address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website).

Prospectus dated December 1, 2014:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/9631/000089109214008992/e61582_424b3.htm

Prospectus Supplement dated December 1, 2014:

<https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/9631/000089109214008993/e61583-424b3.htm>

Product Prospectus Supplement (Equity Linked Index Notes, Series A) dated July 9, 2015:

INVESTOR SUITABILITY

The notes may be suitable for you if:

- You fully understand the risks inherent in an investment in the notes, including the risk of losing all or a substantial portion of your initial investment.
- You understand that your return on the notes is subject to changes in both the underlying currency exchange rate and the reference asset, meaning you could have a negative return even if the unadjusted level of the reference asset appreciates.
- You can tolerate a loss of up to 100% of your initial investment and are willing to make an investment that may have an accelerated downside risk greater than the downside market risk of an investment in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset or in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset constituent stocks, subject to the buffer percentage.
- You believe that the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset will appreciate over the term of the notes and that the appreciation is unlikely to exceed the cap on appreciation within the maximum redemption amount (the actual maximum redemption amount will be determined on the trade date).
- You are willing to hold the notes to maturity, a term of approximately 24 to 27 months, and accept that there may be little or no secondary market for the notes.

- You understand and accept that your potential return is limited to the maximum redemption amount and you would be willing to invest in the notes if the maximum redemption amount was set equal to the bottom of the range indicated above (the actual maximum redemption amount will be set on the trade date).
- You can tolerate fluctuations in the price of the notes prior to maturity that may be similar to or exceed the downside fluctuations in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset.
- You do not seek current income from your investment.
- You are willing to assume the credit risk of the Bank for all payments under the notes, and understand that if the Bank defaults on its obligations you may not receive any amounts due to you including any repayment of principal.

The notes may not be suitable for you if:

- You do not fully understand the risks inherent in an investment in the notes, including the risk of losing all or a substantial portion of your initial investment.
- You do not understand that your return on the notes is subject to changes in both the underlying currency exchange rate and the reference asset, meaning you could have a negative return even if the unadjusted level of the reference asset appreciates.
- You require an investment designed to guarantee a full return of principal at maturity.

- You cannot tolerate a loss of all or a substantial portion of your initial investment and are not willing to make an investment that may have an accelerated downside risk greater than downside market risk of an investment in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset or in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset constituent stocks, subject to the buffer percentage.
- You believe that the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset will decline during the term of the notes and the final level will likely be less than the buffer level, or you believe the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset will appreciate over the term of the notes and that the appreciation is likely to equal or exceed the cap on appreciation within the maximum redemption amount (the actual maximum redemption amount will be determined on the trade date).
- You seek an investment that has unlimited return potential without a cap on appreciation and you would be unwilling to invest in the notes if the maximum redemption amount was set equal to the bottom of the range indicated above (the actual maximum redemption amount will be set on the trade date).
- You cannot tolerate fluctuations in the price of the notes prior to maturity that may be similar to or exceed the downside fluctuations in the U.S. dollar value of the reference asset.
- You seek current income from your investment or prefer to receive dividends paid on the stocks included in the reference asset.
- You are unable or unwilling to hold the notes to maturity, a term of approximately 24 to 27 months, or you seek an investment for which there will be a secondary market.
- You are not willing to assume the credit risk of the Bank for all payments under the notes.

The investor suitability considerations identified above are not exhaustive. Whether or not the notes are a suitable investment for you will depend on your individual circumstances and you should reach an investment decision only after you and your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisors have carefully considered the suitability of an investment in the notes in light of your particular circumstances. You should also review Additional Risks in this pricing supplement and the Additional Risk Factors Specific to the Notes beginning on page PS-5 of the accompanying product prospectus supplement and Risk Factors beginning on page S-2 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and Risk Factors on page 6 of the accompanying prospectus for risks related to an investment in the notes.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND ACCELERATION

If the notes have become immediately due and payable following an event of default (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) with respect to the notes, the calculation agent will determine the default amount as described below.

Default Amount

The default amount for your notes on any day (except as provided in the last sentence under *Default Quotation Period* below) will be an amount, in the specified currency for the principal of your notes, equal to the cost of having a qualified financial institution, of the kind and selected as described below, expressly assume all our payment and other obligations with respect to your notes as of that day and as if no default or acceleration had occurred, or to undertake other obligations providing substantially equivalent economic value to you with respect to your notes. That cos