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Medium-Term Senior Notes, Series N

Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc.

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Dual Directional Trigger PLUS Based on the Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. Due June-----, 2020

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The securities offered by this pricing supplement are unsecured debt securities issued by Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and guaranteed by Citigroup Inc. Unlike conventional debt securities, the securities do not pay interest and do not repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities offer a payment at maturity that may be greater than, equal to or less than the stated principal amount, depending on the performance of the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. (the “underlying shares”) from the initial share price to the final share price.

The securities offer leveraged exposure to a limited range of potential appreciation of the underlying shares, subject to the maximum upside return specified below. In addition, if the underlying shares depreciate within a limited range (not more than 20.00%), the securities provide for an unleveraged positive return at maturity based on the absolute value of that depreciation. In exchange for these features, investors in the securities must be willing to forgo (i) any appreciation of the underlying shares in excess of the maximum upside return specified below, (ii) positive participation in the absolute value of any depreciation in excess of 20.00% and (iii) any dividends that may be paid on the underlying shares. In addition, investors in the securities must be willing to accept full downside exposure to the underlying shares if they depreciate by more than 20.00%. **If the underlying shares depreciate by more than 20.00%, you will lose 1% of the stated principal amount of your securities for every 1% by which the final share price is less than the initial share price. There is no minimum payment at maturity.**

In order to obtain the modified exposure to the underlying shares that the securities provide, investors must be willing to accept (i) an investment that may have limited or no liquidity and (ii) the risk of not receiving any amount due under the securities if we and Citigroup Inc. default on our obligations. **All payments on the securities are subject**

to the credit risk of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc.

KEY TERMS

Issuer: Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Citigroup Inc.

Guarantee: All payments due on the securities are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Citigroup Inc.

Underlying shares: The shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. (NASDAQ symbol: "FB") (the "underlying share issuer")

Aggregate stated principal amount: \$

Stated principal amount: \$10.00 per security

Pricing date: May , 2018 (expected to be May 16, 2018)

Issue date: May , 2018 (three business days after the pricing date). See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in this pricing supplement for additional information.

Valuation date: May , 2020 (expected to be May 29, 2020), subject to postponement if such date is not a scheduled trading day or if certain market disruption events occur

Maturity date: June , 2020 (expected to be June 3, 2020)

For each \$10.00 stated principal amount security you hold at maturity:

If the final share price is **greater than or equal to** the initial share price:
\$10.00 + the leveraged return amount, subject to the maximum upside return

Payment at maturity: If the final share price is **less than** the initial share price but **greater than or equal to** the trigger price:
\$10.00 + (\$10.00 × the absolute share return)

If the final share price is **less than** the trigger price:
\$10.00 × the share performance factor

If the final share price is less than the trigger price, your payment at maturity will be less, and possibly significantly less, than \$8.00 per security. You should not invest in the securities unless you are willing and able to bear the risk of losing a significant portion of your investment.

Initial share price: , the closing price of the underlying shares on the pricing date

Final share price: The closing price of the underlying shares on the valuation date

Leveraged return amount: \$10.00 × the share percent change × the upside leverage

	factor		
Upside Leverage factor:	150.00%		
Maximum upside return:	\$3.05 per security (30.50% of the stated principal amount). If the underlying shares appreciate, the payment at maturity per security will not exceed \$10.00 <i>plus</i> the maximum upside return.		
Absolute share return:	The absolute value of the share percent change		
Share percent change:	The final share price <i>minus</i> the initial share price, <i>divided</i> by the initial share price		
Share performance factor:	The final share price <i>divided</i> by the initial share price		
Trigger price:	, 80.00% of the initial share price		
Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange		
CUSIP / ISIN:	17326K130 / US17326K1300		
Underwriter:	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (“CGMI”), an affiliate of the issuer, acting as principal		
Underwriting fee and issue price:	Issue price⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Underwriting fee	Proceeds to issuer
Per security:	\$10.00	\$0.20 ⁽²⁾ \$0.05 ⁽³⁾	\$9.75
Total:	\$	\$	\$

(1) Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. currently expects that the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date will be at least \$9.360 per security, which will be less than the issue price. The estimated value of the securities is based on CGMI’s proprietary pricing models and our internal funding rate. It is not an indication of actual profit to CGMI or other of our affiliates, nor is it an indication of the price, if any, at which CGMI or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you at any time after issuance. See “Valuation of the Securities” in this pricing supplement.

(2) CGMI, an affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and the underwriter of the sale of the securities, is acting as principal and will receive an underwriting fee of \$0.25 for each \$10.00 security sold in this offering. Certain selected dealers, including Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, and their financial advisors will collectively receive from CGMI a fixed selling concession of \$0.20 for each \$10.00 security they sell. Additionally, it is possible that CGMI and its affiliates may profit from expected hedging activity related to this offering, even if the value of the securities declines. See “Use of Proceeds and Hedging” in the accompanying prospectus.

(3) Reflects a structuring fee payable to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management by CGMI of \$0.05 for each security.

Investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See “Summary Risk Factors” beginning on page PS-5.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities or determined that this pricing supplement and the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

You should read this pricing supplement together with the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, each of which can be accessed via the hyperlinks below:

Product Supplement No. EA-02-06 dated April 7, 2017

Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus each dated

April 7, 2017

The securities 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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Additional Information

General: The terms of the securities are set forth in the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, as supplemented by this pricing supplement. The accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus contain important disclosures that are not repeated in this pricing supplement. For example, certain events may occur that could affect your payment at maturity or, in the case of a delisting of the underlying shares, could give us the right to call the securities prior to maturity for an amount that may be less than the stated principal amount. These events, including market disruption events and other events affecting the underlying shares, and their consequences are described in the accompanying product supplement in the sections “Description of the Securities—Certain Additional Terms for Securities Linked to Company Shares or ETF Shares—Consequences of a Market Disruption Event; Postponement of a Valuation Date,” “—Dilution and Reorganization Adjustments” and “—Delisting of Company Shares” and not in this pricing supplement. It is important that you read the accompanying product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus together with this pricing supplement before deciding whether to invest in the securities. Certain terms used but not defined in this pricing supplement are defined in the accompanying product supplement.

Dilution and Reorganization Adjustments. The initial share price and the trigger price are each a “Relevant Price” for purposes of the section “Description of the Securities—Certain Additional Terms for Securities Linked to Company Shares or ETF Shares—Dilution and Reorganization Adjustments” in the accompanying product supplement. Accordingly, the initial share price and the trigger price are each subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of any of the events described in that section.

Investment Summary

The securities can be used:

As an alternative to direct exposure to the underlying shares that enhances returns, subject to the maximum upside return, for a limited range of potential appreciation of the underlying shares;

To obtain a positive return for a limited range of negative performance of the underlying shares;

To potentially outperform the underlying shares in a bullish or moderately bearish scenario, without taking into account lost dividend yield; and

To achieve similar levels of upside exposure to the underlying shares as a direct investment, subject to the maximum upside return, while using fewer dollars by taking advantage of the upside leverage factor.

If the final share price is less than the trigger price, the securities are exposed on a 1-to-1 basis to the percentage decline of the final share price from the initial share price. Accordingly, investors may lose their entire initial investment in the securities.

Maturity:	Approximately 2 years
Upside Leverage factor:	150.00%, subject to the maximum upside return. The upside leverage factor applies only if the final share price is greater than the initial share price.
Maximum upside return:	\$3.05 per security (30.50% of the stated principal amount)
Minimum payment at maturity:	None
Trigger price:	80.00% of the initial share price
Interest:	None

Key Investment Rationale

The securities offer the potential for (i) a leveraged return at maturity if the underlying shares appreciate, subject to the maximum upside return, and (ii) if the underlying shares depreciate, an unleveraged positive return at maturity equal to the absolute value of the depreciation of the underlying shares, but only so long as the underlying shares do not depreciate by more than 20.00%. **Investors may lose their entire initial investment in the securities.** All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc.

Leveraged Upside Feature:	The securities offer the potential for a leveraged return at maturity if the underlying shares appreciate from the initial share price to the final share price, subject to the maximum upside return
Absolute Return Feature:	The securities offer the potential for an unleveraged positive return at maturity if the underlying shares depreciate, but not by more than 20.00%, so that the final share price is greater than or equal to the

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trigger price (80.00% of the initial share price)

**Upside Scenario
if the Underlying
Shares
Appreciate:**

The final share price is greater than the initial share price. In this case, you receive for each security that you hold the \$10.00 stated principal amount plus the leveraged return amount, subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security (30.50% of the stated principal amount). For example, if the final share price is 3% greater than the initial share price, the securities will provide a total return of 4.50% at maturity.

**Absolute Return
Scenario:**

The final share price is less than the initial share price but is greater than or equal to the trigger price. In this case, you receive a 1% positive return on the securities for each 1% negative return on the underlying shares. For example, if the final share price is 5% less than the initial share price, the securities will provide a positive return of 5% at maturity. The maximum return you may receive in this scenario is a positive 20% return at maturity.

**Downside
Scenario:**

The final share price is less than the trigger price. In this case, you would receive at least 20% less than the stated principal amount at maturity, and this decrease will be by an amount proportionate to the decline in the price of the underlying shares over the term of the securities. Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will be less than \$8.00 per security. For example, if the final share price is 50% less than the initial share price, you would receive at maturity 50% of the stated principal amount. There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities, and investors may lose their entire initial investment.

Hypothetical Examples

The diagram below illustrates your payment at maturity for a range of hypothetical percentage changes from the initial share price to the final share price.

Investors in the securities will not receive any dividends on the underlying shares. The diagram and examples below do not show any effect of lost dividend yield over the term of the securities. See “Summary Risk Factors—Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlying shares” below.

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**Dual Directional Trigger PLUS Securities
Payment at Maturity Diagram**

n The Securities n The Underlying Shares

Your actual payment at maturity per security will depend on the actual initial share price and the actual trigger price, each of which will be determined on the pricing date, as well as the actual final share price. The examples below are intended to illustrate how your payment at maturity will depend on whether the final share price is greater than or less than the initial share price and by how much. The examples are based on a hypothetical initial share price of \$160.00 and a hypothetical trigger price of \$128.00.

Example 1—Upside Scenario A. The hypothetical final share price is \$168.00 (an approximately 5.00% increase from the hypothetical initial share price), which is **greater than** the hypothetical initial share price.

Payment at maturity per security = \$10 + the leveraged return amount, subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10 + (\$10 × the share percent change × the upside leverage factor), subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10 + (\$10 × 5.00% × 150.00%), subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10 + \$0.75, subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10.75

Because the underlying shares appreciated from the hypothetical initial share price to the hypothetical final share price and the leveraged return amount of \$0.75 per security results in a total return at maturity of 7.50%, which is less than the maximum upside return of 30.50%, your payment at maturity in this scenario would be equal to the \$10.00 stated principal amount per security *plus* the leveraged return amount, or \$10.75 per security.

Example 2—Upside Scenario B. The hypothetical final share price is \$240.00 (an approximately 50.00% increase from

the hypothetical initial share price), which is **greater than** the hypothetical initial share price.

Payment at maturity per security = \$10 + the leveraged return amount, subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10 + (\$10 × the share percent change × the upside leverage factor), subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$10 + (\$10 × 50.00% × 150.00%), subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

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= \$10 + \$7.50, subject to the maximum upside return of \$3.05 per security

= \$13.05

Because the underlying shares appreciated from the hypothetical initial share price to the hypothetical final share price and the leveraged return amount of \$7.50 per security would result in a total return at maturity of 75.00%, which is greater than the maximum upside return of 30.50%, your payment at maturity in this scenario would be equal to the \$10.00 stated principal amount per security *plus* the maximum upside return, or \$13.05 per security. In this scenario, an investment in the securities would underperform a hypothetical alternative investment providing 1-to-1 exposure to the appreciation of the underlying shares without a maximum return.

Example 3—Upside Scenario C. The hypothetical final share price is \$144.00 (an approximately 10.00% decrease from the hypothetical initial share price), which is **less than** the hypothetical initial share price but **greater than** the hypothetical trigger price.

Payment at maturity per security = \$10 + (\$10 × the absolute share return)

= \$10 + (\$10 × |-10.00%|)

= \$10 + \$1.00 = \$11.00

Because the underlying shares did not depreciate from the hypothetical initial share price to the hypothetical final share price by more than 20.00%, your payment at maturity in this scenario would reflect 1-to-1 exposure to the absolute value of the negative performance of the underlying shares.

Example 4—Downside Scenario. The hypothetical final share price is \$48.00 (an approximately 70.00% decrease from the hypothetical initial share price), which is **less than** the hypothetical trigger price.

Payment at maturity per security = \$10 × the share performance factor

= \$10 × 30.00%

= \$3.00

Because the underlying shares depreciated from the hypothetical initial share price to the hypothetical final share price by more than 20.00%, your payment at maturity in this scenario would reflect 1-to-1 downside exposure to the negative performance of the underlying shares.

Summary Risk Factors

An investment in the securities is significantly riskier than an investment in conventional debt securities. The securities are subject to all of the risks associated with an investment in our conventional debt securities that are guaranteed by Citigroup Inc., including the risk that we and Citigroup Inc. may default on our obligations under the securities, and are also subject to risks associated with the underlying shares. Accordingly, the securities are suitable only for investors who are capable of understanding the complexities and risks of the securities. You should consult your own financial, tax and legal advisors as to the risks of an investment in the securities and the suitability of the securities in light of your particular circumstances.

The following is a summary of certain key risk factors for investors in the securities. You should read this summary together with the more detailed description of risks relating to an investment in the securities contained in the section “Risk Factors Relating to the Securities” beginning on page EA-6 in the accompanying product supplement. You should also carefully read the risk factors included in the accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, including Citigroup Inc.’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which describe risks relating to the business of Citigroup Inc. more generally.

You may lose some or all of your investment. Unlike conventional debt securities, the securities do not repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, your payment at maturity will depend on the performance of the underlying shares. If the final share price is less than the trigger price, the absolute return feature will not apply and the payout at maturity will be at least 20.00% less than the stated principal amount of the securities, and you will lose 1% of the stated principal amount of the securities for every 1% by which the final share price is less than the initial share price. There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities, and you may lose up to all of your investment.

The securities do not pay interest. Unlike conventional debt securities, the securities do not pay interest or any other amounts prior to maturity. You should not invest in the securities if you seek current income during the term of the securities.

Your potential return on the securities is limited. If the final share price is greater than the initial share price, your potential total return on the securities at maturity is limited to the maximum upside return set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement. The return on the underlying shares from the initial share price to the final share price may significantly exceed the maximum upside return. Therefore, your return on the securities may be significantly less than the return you could have achieved on an alternative investment providing 1-to-1 exposure to the appreciation of the underlying shares without a maximum upside return. In addition, your potential for positive participation in the absolute value of any depreciation of the underlying shares is limited.

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Because the trigger price is equal to 80.00% of the initial share price, the return potential of the securities in the event that the underlying shares depreciate is limited to 20.00%. Any depreciation of the underlying shares in excess of 20.00% will result in a loss, rather than a positive return, on the securities.

Your payment at maturity depends on the closing price of the underlying shares on a single day. Because your payment at maturity depends on the closing price of the underlying shares solely on the valuation date, you are subject to the risk that the closing price of the underlying shares on that day may be lower, and possibly significantly lower, than on one or more other dates during the term of the securities. If you had invested in another instrument linked to the underlying shares that you could sell for full value at a time selected by you, or if the payment at maturity were based on an average of closing prices of the underlying shares, you might have achieved better returns.

The securities are subject to the credit risk of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc. If we default on our obligations under the securities and Citigroup Inc. defaults on its guarantee obligations, you may not receive anything owed to you under the securities.

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and you may not be able to sell them prior to maturity. The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the securities. CGMI currently intends to make a secondary market in relation to the securities and to provide an indicative bid price for the securities on a daily basis. Any indicative bid price for the securities provided by CGMI will be determined in CGMI's sole discretion, taking into account prevailing market conditions and other relevant factors, and will not be a representation by CGMI that the securities can be sold at that price, or at all. CGMI may suspend or terminate making a market and providing indicative bid prices without notice, at any time and for any reason. If CGMI suspends or terminates making a market, there may be no secondary market at all for the securities because it is likely that CGMI will be the only broker-dealer that is willing to buy your securities prior to maturity. Accordingly, an investor must be prepared to hold the securities until maturity.

The estimated value of the securities on the pricing date, based on CGMI's proprietary pricing models and our internal funding rate, will be less than the issue price. The difference is attributable to certain costs associated with selling, structuring and hedging the securities that are included in the issue price. These costs include (i) the selling concessions and structuring fees paid in connection with the offering of the securities, (ii) hedging and other costs incurred by us and our affiliates in connection with the offering of the securities and (iii) the expected profit (which may be more or less than actual profit) to CGMI or other of our affiliates in connection with hedging our obligations under the securities. These costs adversely affect the economic terms of the securities because, if they were lower, the economic terms of the securities would be more favorable to you. The economic terms of the securities are also likely to be adversely affected by the use of our internal funding rate, rather than our secondary market rate, to price the securities. See "The estimated value of the securities would be lower if it were calculated based on our secondary market rate" below.

The estimated value of the securities was determined for us by our affiliate using proprietary pricing models.

CGMI derived the estimated value disclosed on the cover page of this pricing supplement from its proprietary pricing models. In doing so, it may have made discretionary judgments about the inputs to its models, such as the volatility of the underlying shares, dividend yields on the underlying shares and interest rates. CGMI's views on these inputs may differ from your or others' views, and as an underwriter in this offering, CGMI's interests may conflict with yours. Both the models and the inputs to the models may prove to be wrong and therefore not an accurate reflection of the value of the securities. Moreover, the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement may differ from the value that we or our affiliates may determine for the securities for other purposes, including for accounting purposes. You should not invest in the securities because of the estimated value of the securities. Instead, you should be willing to hold the securities to maturity irrespective of the initial estimated value.

The estimated value of the securities would be lower if it were calculated based on our secondary market rate.

The estimated value of the securities included in this pricing supplement is calculated based on our internal funding rate, which is the rate at which we are willing to borrow funds through the issuance of the securities. Our internal funding rate is generally lower than our secondary market rate, which is the rate that CGMI will use in determining the value of the securities for purposes of any purchases of the securities from you in the secondary market. If the estimated value included in this pricing supplement were based on our secondary market rate, rather than our internal funding rate, it would likely be lower. We determine our internal funding rate based on factors such as the costs associated with the securities, which are generally higher than the costs associated with conventional debt securities, and our liquidity needs and preferences. Our internal funding rate is not an interest rate that we will pay to investors in the securities, which do not bear interest.

Because there is not an active market for traded instruments referencing our outstanding debt obligations, CGMI determines our secondary market rate based on the market price of traded instruments referencing the debt obligations of Citigroup Inc., our parent company and the guarantor of all payments due on the securities, but subject to adjustments that CGMI makes in its sole discretion. As a result, our secondary market rate is not a market-determined measure of our creditworthiness, but rather reflects

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the market's perception of our parent company's creditworthiness as adjusted for discretionary factors such as CGMI's preferences with respect to purchasing the securities prior to maturity.

The estimated value of the securities is not an indication of the price, if any, at which CGMI or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you in the secondary market. Any such secondary market price will fluctuate over the term of the securities based on the market and other factors described in the next risk factor. Moreover, unlike the estimated value included in this pricing supplement, any value of the securities determined for purposes of a secondary market transaction will be based on our secondary market rate, which will likely result in a lower value for the securities than if our internal funding rate were used. In addition, any secondary market price for the securities will be reduced by a bid-ask spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate stated principal amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding related hedging transactions. As a result, it is likely that any secondary market price for the securities will be less than the issue price.

The value of the securities prior to maturity will fluctuate based on many unpredictable factors. The value of your securities prior to maturity will fluctuate based on the price and volatility of the underlying shares and a number of other factors, including the dividend yields on the underlying shares, interest rates generally, the time remaining to maturity and our and/or Citigroup Inc.'s creditworthiness, as reflected in our secondary market rate. Changes in the price of the underlying shares may not result in a comparable change in the value of your securities. You should understand that the value of your securities at any time prior to maturity may be significantly less than the issue price.

Immediately following issuance, any secondary market bid price provided by CGMI, and the value that will be indicated on any brokerage account statements prepared by CGMI or its affiliates, will reflect a temporary upward adjustment. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will steadily decline to zero over the temporary adjustment period. See "Valuation of the Securities" in this pricing supplement.

Our offering of the securities does not constitute a recommendation of the underlying shares. The fact that we are offering the securities does not mean that we believe that investing in an instrument linked to the underlying shares is likely to achieve favorable returns. In fact, as we are part of a global financial institution, our affiliates may have positions (including short positions) in the underlying shares over the term of the securities or in instruments related to the underlying shares over the term of the securities and may publish research or express opinions, that in each case are inconsistent with an investment linked to the underlying shares. These and other activities of our affiliates may affect the price of the underlying shares in a way that has a negative impact on your interests as a holder of the securities.

The price of the underlying shares may be adversely affected by our or our affiliates' hedging and other trading activities. We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through CGMI or other of our affiliates, who may take positions directly in the underlying shares and other financial instruments related to the underlying shares and may adjust such positions during the term of the securities. Our affiliates also trade the underlying shares and other financial instruments related to the underlying shares on a regular basis (taking long or short positions or both), for their accounts, for other accounts under their management or to facilitate transactions on behalf of customers. These activities could affect the price of the underlying shares in a way that negatively affects the value of the securities. They could also result in substantial returns for us or our affiliates while the value of the securities declines.

We and our affiliates may have economic interests that are adverse to yours as a result of our affiliates' business activities. Our affiliates may currently or from time to time engage in business with the underlying share issuer, including extending loans to, making equity investments in or providing advisory services to the underlying share issuer. In the course of this business, we or our affiliates may acquire non-public information about the underlying share issuer, which we will not disclose to you. Moreover, if any of our affiliates is or becomes a creditor of the underlying share issuer, they may exercise any remedies against the underlying share issuer that are available to them without regard to your interests.

You will have no rights and will not receive dividends with respect to the underlying shares. As of May 1, 2018, the underlying share issuer does not pay regular dividends. However, that may change, and if the underlying share issuer starts to pay dividends during the term of the securities, you should understand that you will not receive any dividend payments with respect to any of the underlying shares under the securities. In addition, if any change to the underlying shares is proposed, such as an amendment to the underlying share issuer's organizational documents, you will not have the right to vote on such change. Any such change may adversely affect the market price of the underlying shares.

Even if the underlying share issuer pays a dividend that it identifies as special or extraordinary, no adjustment will be required under the securities for that dividend unless it meets the criteria specified in the accompanying product supplement. In general, an adjustment will not be made under the terms of the securities for any cash dividend paid on the underlying shares unless the amount of the dividend per underlying share, together with any other dividends paid in the same fiscal quarter, exceeds the dividend paid per underlying share in the most recent fiscal quarter by an amount equal to at least 10% of the

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closing price of the underlying shares on the date of declaration of the dividend. Any dividend will reduce the closing price of the underlying shares by the amount of the dividend per underlying share. If the underlying share issuer pays any dividend for which an adjustment is not made under the terms of the securities, holders of the securities will be adversely affected. See “Description of the Securities—Certain Additional Terms for Securities Linked to Company Shares or ETF Shares—Dilution and Reorganization Adjustments—Certain Extraordinary Cash Dividends” in the accompanying product supplement.

The securities will not be adjusted for all events that could affect the price of the underlying shares. For example, we will not make any adjustment for ordinary dividends or extraordinary dividends that do not meet the criteria described above, partial tender offers or additional public offerings of the underlying shares. Moreover, the adjustments we do make may not fully offset the dilutive or adverse effect of the particular event. Investors in the securities may be adversely affected by such an event in a circumstance in which a direct holder of the underlying shares would not.

If the underlying shares are delisted, we may call the securities prior to maturity for an amount that may be less than the stated principal amount. If we exercise this call right, you will receive the amount described under “Description of the Securities—Certain Additional Terms for Securities Linked to Company Shares or ETF Shares—Delisting of Company Shares” in the accompanying product supplement. This amount may be less, and possibly significantly less, than the stated principal amount of the securities.

The securities may become linked to shares of an issuer other than the original underlying share issuer upon the occurrence of a reorganization event or upon the delisting of the underlying shares. For example, if the underlying share issuer enters into a merger agreement that provides for holders of underlying shares to receive stock of another entity, the stock of such other entity will become the underlying shares for all purposes of the securities upon consummation of the merger. Additionally, if the underlying shares are delisted and we do not exercise our call right, the calculation agent may, in its sole discretion, select shares of another issuer to be the underlying shares. See “Description of the Securities—Certain Additional Terms for Securities Linked to Company Shares or ETF Shares—Dilution and Reorganization Adjustments” and “—Delisting of Company Shares” in the accompanying product supplement.

The calculation agent, which is an affiliate of ours, will make important determinations with respect to the securities. If certain events occur, such as market disruption events, corporate events with respect to the underlying share issuer that may require a dilution adjustment or the delisting of the underlying shares, CGMI, as calculation agent, will be required to make discretionary judgments that could significantly affect what you receive at maturity. In making these judgments, the calculation agent’s interests as an affiliate of ours could be adverse to your interests as a holder of the securities.

The U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities are unclear. There is no direct legal authority regarding the proper U.S. federal tax treatment of the securities, and we do not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”). Consequently, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain, and the IRS or a court might not agree with the treatment of the securities as prepaid forward contracts. If the IRS were successful in asserting an alternative treatment of the securities, the tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities might be materially and adversely affected. As described below under “United States Federal Tax Considerations,” in 2007 the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar instruments. Any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax, possibly with retroactive effect.

In addition, Section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), imposes a withholding tax of up to 30% on “dividend equivalents” paid or deemed paid to non-U.S. investors in respect of certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities. In light of Treasury regulations, as modified by an IRS notice, that provide a general exemption for financial instruments issued in 2018 that do not have a “delta” of one, as of the date of this preliminary pricing supplement the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m). However, information about the application of Section 871(m) to the securities will be updated in the final pricing supplement. Moreover, the IRS could challenge a conclusion that the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m). If withholding applies to the securities, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.

You should read carefully the discussion under “United States Federal Tax Considerations” and “Risk Factors Relating to the Securities” in the accompanying product supplement and “United States Federal Tax Considerations” in this pricing supplement. You should also consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities, as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

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Information About Facebook, Inc.

Facebook, Inc. builds products that enable people to connect and share through mobile devices, personal computers and other surfaces. The Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Information provided to or filed with the SEC by Facebook, Inc. pursuant to the Exchange Act can be located by reference to the SEC file number 001-35551 through the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, information regarding Facebook, Inc. may be obtained from other sources including, but not limited to, press releases, newspaper articles and other publicly disseminated documents. The Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. trades on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the ticker symbol “FB.”

This pricing supplement relates only to the securities offered hereby and does not relate to the Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. or other securities of Facebook, Inc. We have derived all disclosures contained in this pricing supplement regarding Facebook, Inc. from the publicly available documents described above. In connection with the offering of the securities, none of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc., Citigroup Inc. or CGMI has participated in the preparation of such documents or made any due diligence inquiry with respect to Facebook, Inc.

The securities represent obligations of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. (guaranteed by Citigroup Inc.) only. Facebook, Inc. is not involved in any way in this offering and has no obligation relating to the securities or to holders of the securities.

Neither we nor any of our affiliates make any representation to you as to the performance of the Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc.

Historical Information

The graph below shows the closing price of the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. for each day such price was available from January 2, 2013 to May 1, 2018. The table that follows shows the high and low closing prices of, and dividends paid on, the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. for each quarter in that same period. We obtained the closing prices and other information below from Bloomberg L.P., without independent

verification. If certain corporate transactions occurred during the historical period shown below, including, but not limited to, spin-offs or mergers, then the closing prices of the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. shown below for the period prior to the occurrence of any such transaction have been adjusted by Bloomberg L.P. as if any such transaction had occurred prior to the first day in the period shown below. **You should not take the historical prices of the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. as an indication of future performance.**

Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. – Historical Closing Prices

January 2, 2013 to May 1, 2018

* The red line indicates the hypothetical trigger price of \$139.088, assuming the closing price on May 1, 2018 were the initial share price.

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Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc.	High	Low	Dividends
2013			
First Quarter	\$32.46	\$25.14	\$0.00000
Second Quarter	\$28.97	\$22.90	\$0.00000
Third Quarter	\$51.24	\$24.37	\$0.00000
Fourth Quarter	\$57.96	\$44.82	\$0.00000
2014			
First Quarter	\$72.03	\$53.53	\$0.00000
Second Quarter	\$67.60	\$56.14	\$0.00000
Third Quarter	\$79.04	\$62.76	\$0.00000
Fourth Quarter	\$81.45	\$72.63	\$0.00000
2015			
First Quarter	\$85.31	\$74.05	\$0.00000
Second Quarter	\$88.86	\$77.46	\$0.00000
Third Quarter	\$98.39	\$82.09	\$0.00000
Fourth Quarter	\$109.01	\$90.95	\$0.00000
2016			
First Quarter	\$116.14	\$94.16	\$0.00000
Second Quarter	\$120.50	\$108.76	\$0.00000
Third Quarter	\$131.05	\$114.00	\$0.00000
Fourth Quarter	\$133.28	\$115.05	\$0.00000
2017			
First Quarter	\$142.65	\$116.86	\$0.00000
Second Quarter	\$155.07	\$139.39	\$0.00000
Third Quarter	\$173.51	\$148.43	\$0.00000
Fourth Quarter	\$183.03	\$168.42	\$0.00000
2018			
First Quarter	\$193.09	\$152.22	\$0.00000

Second Quarter (through May 1, 2018) \$174.16 \$155.10 \$0.00000

The closing price of the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. on May 1, 2018 was \$173.86.

We make no representation as to the amount of dividends, if any, that may be paid on the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc. in the future. In any event, as an investor in the securities, you will not be entitled to receive dividends, if any, that may be payable on the shares of Class A Common Stock of Facebook, Inc.

United States Federal Tax Considerations

You should read carefully the discussion under “United States Federal Tax Considerations” and “Risk Factors Relating to the Securities” in the accompanying product supplement and “Summary Risk Factors” in this pricing supplement.

In the opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, which is based on current market conditions, a security should be treated as a prepaid forward contract for U.S. federal income tax purposes. By purchasing a security, you agree (in the absence of an administrative determination or judicial ruling to the contrary) to this treatment. There is uncertainty regarding this treatment, and the IRS or a court might not agree with it.

Assuming this treatment of the securities is respected and subject to the discussion in “United States Federal Tax Considerations” in the accompanying product supplement, the following U.S. federal income tax consequences should result under current law:

You should not recognize taxable income over the term of the securities prior to maturity, other than pursuant to a sale or exchange.

Upon a sale or exchange of a security (including retirement at maturity), you should recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and your tax basis in the security. Such gain or loss should be long-term capital gain or loss if you held the security for more than one year.

Subject to the discussions below under “Possible Withholding Under Section 871(m) of the Code” and in “United States Federal Tax Considerations” in the accompanying product supplement, if you are a Non-U.S. Holder (as defined in the accompanying product supplement) of the securities, you generally should not be subject to U.S. federal withholding or income tax in respect of any amount paid to you with respect to the securities, provided that (i) income in respect of the securities is not effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and (ii) you comply with the applicable certification requirements.

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Principal at Risk Securities

In 2007, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on the U.S. federal income tax treatment of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar instruments. The notice focuses in particular on whether to require holders of these instruments to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; whether short-term instruments should be subject to any such accrual regime; the relevance of factors such as the exchange-traded status of the instruments and the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. investors should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” regime, which very generally can operate to recharacterize certain long-term capital gain as ordinary income and impose an interest charge. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. persons should be subject to withholding tax, possibly with retroactive effect.

Possible Withholding Under Section 871(m) of the Code. As discussed under “United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders” in the accompanying product supplement, Section 871(m) of the Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (“Section 871(m)”) generally impose a 30% withholding tax on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities (“U.S. Underlying Equities”) or indices that include U.S. Underlying Equities. Section 871(m) generally applies to instruments that substantially replicate the economic performance of one or more U.S. Underlying Equities, as determined based on tests set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations (a “Specified Security”). However, the regulations, as modified by an IRS notice, exempt financial instruments issued in 2018 that do not have a “delta” of one. Based on the terms of the securities and representations provided by us, our counsel is of the opinion that the securities should not be treated as transactions that have a “delta” of one within the meaning of the regulations with respect to any U.S. Underlying Equity and, therefore, should not be Specified Securities subject to withholding tax under Section 871(m).

A determination that the securities are not subject to Section 871(m) is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS may disagree with this treatment. Moreover, Section 871(m) is complex and its application may depend on your particular circumstances. For example, if you enter into other transactions relating to a U.S. Underlying Equity, you could be subject to withholding tax or income tax liability under Section 871(m) even if the securities are not Specified Securities subject to Section 871(m) as a general matter. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the securities.

This information is indicative and will be updated in the final pricing supplement or may otherwise be updated by us in writing from time to time. Non-U.S. Holders should be warned that Section 871(m) may apply to the securities based on circumstances as of the pricing date for the securities and, therefore, it is possible that the securities will be subject to withholding tax under Section 871(m).

If withholding tax applies to the securities, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.

You should read the section entitled “United States Federal Tax Considerations” in the accompanying product supplement. The preceding discussion, when read in combination with that section, constitutes the full opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP regarding the material U.S. federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the securities.

You should also consult your tax adviser regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal income and estate tax consequences of an investment in the securities and any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

Supplemental Plan of Distribution

CGMI, an affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and the underwriter of the sale of the securities, is acting as principal and will receive an underwriting fee of \$0.25 for each \$10.00 security sold in this offering. From this underwriting fee, CGMI will pay selected dealers not affiliated with CGMI, including Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, and their financial advisors collectively a fixed selling concession of \$0.20 for each \$10.00 security they sell. In addition, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management will receive a structuring fee of \$0.05 for each security they sell.

CGMI is an affiliate of ours. Accordingly, this offering will conform with the requirements addressing conflicts of interest when distributing the securities of an affiliate set forth in Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Client accounts over which Citigroup Inc. or its subsidiaries have investment discretion will not be permitted to purchase the securities, either directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the client.

Secondary market sales of securities typically settle two business days after the date on which the parties agree to the sale. Because the issue date for the securities is more than two business days after the pricing date, investors who wish to sell the securities at any time prior to the second business day preceding the issue date will be required to specify an alternative settlement date for the secondary market sale to prevent a failed settlement. Investors should consult their own investment advisers in this regard.

See “Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest” in the accompanying product supplement and “Plan of Distribution” in each of the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus for additional information.

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A portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used to hedge our obligations under the securities. We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through CGMI or other of our affiliates. CGMI or such other of our affiliates may profit from this expected hedging activity even if the value of the securities declines. This hedging activity could affect the closing price of the underlying shares and, therefore, the value of and your return on the securities. For additional information on the ways in which our counterparties may hedge our obligations under the securities, see “Use of Proceeds and Hedging” in the accompanying prospectus.

Valuation of the Securities

CGMI calculated the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement based on proprietary pricing models. CGMI’s proprietary pricing models generated an estimated value for the securities by estimating the value of a hypothetical package of financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the securities, which consists of a fixed-income bond (the “bond component”) and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the securities (the “derivative component”). CGMI calculated the estimated value of the bond component using a discount rate based on our internal funding rate. CGMI calculated the estimated value of the derivative component based on a proprietary derivative-pricing model, which generated a theoretical price for the instruments that constitute the derivative component based on various inputs, including the factors described under “Summary Risk Factors—The value of the securities prior to maturity will fluctuate based on many unpredictable factors” in this pricing supplement, but not including our or Citigroup Inc.’s creditworthiness. These inputs may be market-observable or may be based on assumptions made by CGMI in its discretionary judgment.

The estimated value of the securities is a function of the terms of the securities and the inputs to CGMI’s proprietary pricing models. As of the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, it is uncertain what the estimated value of the securities will be on the pricing date because it is uncertain what the values of the inputs to CGMI’s proprietary pricing models will be on the pricing date.

For a period of approximately three months following issuance of the securities, the price, if any, at which CGMI would be willing to buy the securities from investors, and the value that will be indicated for the securities on any brokerage account statements prepared by CGMI or its affiliates (which value CGMI may also publish through one or more financial information vendors), will reflect a temporary upward adjustment from the price or value that would otherwise be determined. This temporary upward adjustment represents a portion of the hedging profit expected to be realized by CGMI or its affiliates over the term of the securities. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will decline to zero on a straight-line basis over the three-month temporary adjustment period. However, CGMI is not obligated to buy the securities from investors at any time. See “Summary Risk Factors—The securities will not be listed

on any securities exchange and you may not be able to sell them prior to maturity.”

Certain Selling Restrictions

Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors

The securities may not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression “retail investor” means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
 - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “MiFID II”); or
 - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
 - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC; and

(b) the expression “offer” includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities.

Contact

Clients of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management may contact their local Morgan Stanley branch office or the Morgan Stanley principal executive offices at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036 (telephone number (212) 762-9666). All other clients may contact their local brokerage representative.

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