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**Pricing Supplement** 

To underlying supplement No. 1 dated August 17, 2015,

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product supplement B dated July 31, 2015,

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prospectus supplement dated July 31, 2015 and

*Rule* 424(*b*)(2)

prospectus dated April 27, 2016

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Subject to Completion. Dated March 6, 2018

**Deutsche Bank** 

Structured Deutsche Bank AG

Investments \$ Knock-Out Notes Linked to the S&P 500® Index due September 11, 2019

General

The notes are designed for investors who seek a return at maturity linked to the performance of the S&P 500® Index (the "Underlying"). If the Final Level is greater than or equal to the Initial Level, investors will receive at maturity a return on the notes equal to the Underlying Return. If the Final Level is less than the Initial Level but greater than or equal to the Knock-Out Level (85.25% of the Initial Level), for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, investors will receive at maturity the Face Amount. However, if the Final Level is less than the Knock-Out Level, a Knock-Out Event occurs and, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, investors will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Level is less than the Initial Level. The notes do not pay any coupons or dividends and investors should be willing to lose a significant portion or all of their investment if a Knock-Out Event occurs. Any payment on the notes is subject to the credit of the Issuer.

·Senior unsecured obligations of Deutsche Bank AG due September 11, 2019

Minimum purchase of \$10,000. Minimum denominations of \$1,000 (the "**Face Amount**") and integral multiples thereof.

The notes are expected to price on or about March 9, 2018 (the "**Trade Date**") and are expected to settle on or about March 14, 2018 (the "**Settlement Date**").

#### **Key Terms**

Issuer: Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch Underlying: S&P 500® Index (Ticker: SPX)
Issue Price: 100% of the Face Amount

Knock-Out

A Knock-Out Event occurs if the Final Level is less than the Knock-Out Level.

Event:

85.25% of the Initial Level. The actual Knock-Out Level will be determined on the Trade Date and

Knock-Out Level:

will not be greater than 85.25% of the Initial Level.

Payment at

· If the Final Level is greater than or equal to the Initial Level, you will receive a cash payment

Maturity: at maturity per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Underlying Return)

- · If the Final Level is *less than* the Initial Level but a Knock-Out Event *has not* occurred (meaning the Final Level is greater than or equal to the Knock-Out Level), you will receive a cash payment at maturity equal to the Face Amount per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes.
- If a Knock-Out Event has occurred (meaning the Final Level is less than the Knock-Out Level), you will receive a cash payment at maturity per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes calculated as follows:

\$1,000 + (\$1,000 x Underlying Return)

If a Knock-Out Event has occurred, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, you will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Level is less than the Initial Level. In this circumstance, you will lose a significant portion or all of your investment at maturity. Any payment at maturity is subject to the credit of the Issuer.

(Key Terms continued on next page)

Investing in the notes involves a number of risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 7 of the accompanying product supplement, page PS-5 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and page 13 of the accompanying prospectus and "Selected Risk Considerations" beginning on page 9 of this pricing supplement.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date is approximately \$960.30 to \$980.30 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, which is less than the Issue Price. Please see "Issuer's Estimated Value of the Notes" on page 3 of this pricing supplement for additional information.

By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the imposition of any Resolution Measure (as defined below) by the competent resolution authority, which may include the write down of all, or a portion, of any payment on the notes or the conversion of the notes into ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership. If any Resolution Measure becomes applicable to us, you may lose some or all of your investment in the notes. Please see "Resolution Measures and Deemed Agreement" on page 4 of this pricing supplement for more information.

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

**Price to Public**<sup>(1)</sup> **Fees**<sup>(1)(2)</sup> **Proceeds to Issuer** 

**Per Note** \$1,000.00 \$12.50 \$987.50 **Total** \$ \$

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, which we refer to as JPMS LLC, or one of its affiliates will act as placement agents for the notes. The placement agents will forgo fees for sales to

fiduciary accounts. The total fees represent the amount that the placement agents receive from sales to accounts other than such fiduciary accounts. The placement agents will receive a fee from the Issuer that will not exceed \$12.50 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes.

(2) Please see "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in this pricing supplement for more information about fees.

The notes are not deposits or savings accounts and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other U.S. or foreign governmental agency or instrumentality.

#### **JPMorgan**

#### **Placement Agent**

March , 2018

(*Key Terms continued from previous page*)

The performance of the Underlying from the Initial Level to the Final Level, calculated as follows:

Underlying Return:

Final Level - Initial Level

Initial Level

The Underlying Return may be positive, zero or negative.

Initial Level: The closing level of the Underlying on the Trade Date

The arithmetic average of the closing levels of the Underlying on each of the five Averaging Final Level:

Dates

Trade Date<sup>2</sup>: March 9, 2018 Settlement Date<sup>2</sup>: March 14, 2018

Averaging Dates<sup>1, 2</sup>: August 30, 2019, September 3, 2019, September 4, 2019, September 5, 2019 and September 6,

2019

Maturity Date<sup>1, 2</sup>: September 11, 2019

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Listing:

CUSIP / ISIN: 25155MKH3 / US25155MKH33

Subject to adjustment as described under "Description of Securities — Adjustments to Valuation Dates and Payment Dates" in the accompanying product supplement.

2 In the event that we make any changes to the expected Trade Date or Settlement Date, the Averaging Dates and Maturity Date may be changed so that the stated term of the notes remains the same.

#### **Issuer's Estimated Value of the Notes**

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes is equal to the sum of our valuations of the following two components of the notes: (i) a bond and (ii) an embedded derivative(s). The value of the bond component of the notes is calculated based on the present value of the stream of cash payments associated with a conventional bond with a principal amount equal to the Face Amount of notes, discounted at an internal funding rate, which is determined primarily based on our market-based yield curve, adjusted to account for our funding needs and objectives for the period matching the term of the notes. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional debt securities on equivalent terms. This difference in funding rate, as well as the agent's commissions, if any, and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the notes, reduces the economic terms of the notes to you and is expected to adversely affect the price at which you may be able to sell the notes in any secondary market. The value of the embedded derivative(s) is calculated based on our internal pricing models using relevant parameter inputs such as expected interest and dividend rates and mid-market levels of price and volatility of the assets underlying the notes or any futures, options or swaps related to such underlying assets. Our internal pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date (as disclosed on the cover of this pricing supplement) is less than the Issue Price of the notes. The difference between the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date is due to the inclusion in the Issue Price of the agent's commissions, if any, and the cost of hedging our obligations under the notes through one or more of our affiliates. Such hedging cost includes our or our affiliates' expected cost of providing such hedge, as well as the profit we or our affiliates expect to realize in consideration for assuming the risks inherent in providing such hedge.

The Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date does not represent the price at which we or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your notes in the secondary market at any time. Assuming no changes in market conditions or our creditworthiness and other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, would generally be lower than both the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date. Our purchase price, if any, in secondary market transactions will be based on the estimated value of the notes determined by reference to (i) the then-prevailing internal funding rate (adjusted by a spread) or another appropriate measure of our cost of funds and (ii) our pricing models at that time, less a bid spread determined after taking into account the size of the repurchase, the nature of the assets underlying the notes and then-prevailing market conditions. The price we report to financial reporting services and to distributors of our notes for use on customer account statements would generally be determined on the same basis. However, during the period of approximately six months beginning from the Trade Date, we or our affiliates may, in our sole discretion, increase the purchase price determined as described above by an amount equal to the declining differential between the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date, prorated over such period on a straight-line basis, for transactions that are individually and in the aggregate of the expected size for ordinary secondary market repurchases.

#### **Resolution Measures and Deemed Agreement**

On May 15, 2014, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union adopted a directive establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (commonly referred to as the "Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive"). The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive required each member state of the European Union to adopt and publish by December 31, 2014 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive. Germany adopted the Recovery and Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz, or the "Resolution Act"), which became effective on January 1, 2015. The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive and the Resolution Act provided national resolution authorities with a set of resolution powers to intervene in the event that a bank is failing or likely to fail and certain other conditions are met. From January 1, 2016, the power to initiate resolution measures applicable to significant banking groups (such as Deutsche Bank Group) in the European Banking Union has been transferred to the European Single Resolution Board which, based on the European Union regulation establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund (the "SRM Regulation"), works in close cooperation with the European Central Bank, the European Commission and the national resolution authorities. Pursuant to the SRM Regulation, the Resolution Act and other applicable rules and regulations, the notes may be subject to any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority if we become, or are deemed by the competent supervisory authority to have become, "non-viable" (as defined under the then applicable law) and are unable to continue our regulated banking activities without a Resolution Measure becoming applicable to us. By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the provisions set forth in the accompanying prospectus, which we have summarized below.

By acquiring the notes, you will be bound by and deemed irrevocably to consent to the imposition of any Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority. Under the relevant resolution laws and regulations as applicable to us from time to time, the notes may be subject to the powers exercised by the competent resolution authority to: (i) write down, including to zero, any payment (or delivery obligations) on the notes; (ii) convert the notes into ordinary shares of (a) the Issuer, (b) any group entity or (c) any bridge bank or other instruments of ownership of such entities qualifying as common equity tier 1 capital; and/or (iii) apply any other resolution measure including, but not limited to, any transfer of the notes to another entity, the amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes or the cancellation of the notes. We refer to each of these measures as a "Resolution Measure." A "group entity" refers to an entity that is included in the corporate group subject to a Resolution Measure. A "bridge bank" refers to a newly chartered German bank that would receive some or all of our assets, liabilities and material contracts, including those attributable to our branches and subsidiaries, in a resolution proceeding.

Furthermore, by acquiring the notes, you:

·are deemed irrevocably to have agreed, and you will agree: (i) to be bound by, to acknowledge and to accept any Resolution Measure and any amendment, modification or variation of the terms and conditions of the notes to give effect to any Resolution Measure; (ii) that you will have no claim or other right against us arising out of any Resolution Measure; and (iii) that the imposition of any Resolution Measure will not constitute a default or an event of default under the notes, under the senior indenture dated November 22, 2006 among us, Law Debenture Trust

Company of New York, as trustee, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as issuing agent, paying agent, authenticating agent and registrar, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "**Indenture**"), or for the purposes of, but only to the fullest extent permitted by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "**Trust Indenture Act**");

waive, to the fullest extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act and applicable law, any and all claims against the trustee and the paying agent, the issuing agent and the registrar (each, an "**indenture agent**") for, agree not to initiate a suit against the trustee or the indenture agents in respect of, and agree that the trustee and the indenture agents will not be liable for, any action that the trustee or the indenture agents take, or abstain from taking, in either case in accordance with the imposition of a Resolution Measure by the competent resolution authority with respect to the notes; and

will be deemed irrevocably to have: (i) consented to the imposition of any Resolution Measure as it may be imposed without any prior notice by the competent resolution authority of its decision to exercise such power with respect to the notes; (ii) authorized, directed and requested The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and any direct participant in DTC or other intermediary through which you hold such notes to take any and all necessary action, if required, to implement the imposition of any Resolution Measure with respect to the notes as it may be imposed, without any further action or direction on your part or on the part of the trustee or the indenture agents; and (iii) acknowledged and accepted that the Resolution Measure provisions described herein and in the "Resolution Measures" section of the accompanying prospectus are exhaustive on the matters described herein and therein to the exclusion of any other agreements,

rrangements or understandings between you and the Issuer relating to the terms and conditions of the notes.	
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Chongqing 800,000 tonnes alumina construction project	
4.754 billio	n
2.3 billio	n
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King Xian alumina project	
5.23 billio	n
3.7 billio	n

(iii)	
Zhongzhou Ore-dressing Bayer Process expansion construction project	
	2.992 billion
	2 billion
	2 0
(iv)	
(iv)	
Supplemental working capital	
	2 billion
	2 billion
Total:	
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	14.976 billion
	10 billion

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		If the actual net proceeds raised in			
		the A Share Issue are less than the			
		amount proposed to be utilized as			
		set out above, the Company will			
		make up the shortfall by its own			
		means. If the time at which the			
		proceeds raised does not match the			
		implementation schedule of the			
		projects, the Company may utilize			
		other funds first and swap them			
		with the proceeds raised when the			
		funds are in place.			
	(10)	Arrangements with regard to the			
		cumulated profits not distributed:			
		The new A Shareholders after			
		completion of the A Share Issue and			
		existing Shareholders will share the			
		cumulated profits not distributed			
		prior to the A Share Issue.			
	(11)	Period of validity of the A Share			
		Issue resolutions: 12 months from			
		the date of the resolutions passed at			
		the respective EGM, A Share Class			
		Meeting and H Share Class			
		Meeting.			
2.	Тос	consider and approve "Detailed			
	Plan	for the Private Offering of A			
		res", a copy of which is set out in			
	App	endix I of the Circular;			

	SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS	For <sup>(Note 4)</sup>	Against <sup>(Note</sup>	Abstain <sup>(Note</sup>
at co Is T th at tc th	to consider and approve the following authorizations to the Board in connection with the proposed A Share issue:  CHAT: The Board and the persons to be fully authorized by the Board be authorized to deal with specific matters relating to the private offering of A Shares aursuant to the A Share Issue, including:			
(1	to formulate and implement the specific proposal for the A Share Issue, to determine the number of shares to be issued, the issue price the target subscribers, the time for the issue, the commencement and the end of the issue period and all other matters relating to the A Sha Issue;			
(2	to revise the above approvals for the purpose of complying with relevant laws and regulations or the requirements of the relevant securities regulatory authorities (except those matters which are required to be approved afresh at a general meeting pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations and the Articles of Association), and to adjust the projects for which proceeds are to be utilized before the A Share Issue, taking into account factors such as the approve of the projects by the relevant authorities, the change in relevant market conditions and the change the conditions for implementing the projects for which the proceeds are to be utilized;	al in ne		
(3	to sign any document relating to the A Share Issue and to complete the procedures for all necessary or			

	appropriate applications, submissions, registrations and filings in relation to the A Share Issue;	
(4)	to execute, amend, supplement, deliver, submit and implement all agreements and application documents in relation to the A Share Issue application and approval process;	
(5)	to amend the Articles of Association and handle the relevant trade and industry amendment registration upon completion of the A Share Issue, and all other matters in relation to the A Share Issue;	
(6)	to adjust or reduce the proposed amount of proceeds to be applied in any one or more projects in the event that the actual amount of the net proceeds raised is less than the total proposed amount of proceeds to be applied, and to apply the unused proceeds to supplement the Company's working capital in the event that the actual amount of capital applied to the projects is less than the actual amount of net proceeds raised;	
(7)	to handle matters relating to the listing on the Shanghai Stock Exchange of the A Shares issued pursuant to the A Share Issue upon completion of the A Share Issue;	
(8)	to deal with, in its absolute discretion, all other matters relating to the A Share Issue; and	
(9)	The authorizations in items (1) to (7) above will be valid from the date of approval of the A Share Issue at the EGM and Class Meetings and will continue to be valid while the matters relating thereto subsist, and	

I	the authorizations under the other		İ
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I	items above will be valid for 12		
I	months following the date of		
I	approval of the A Share Issue at the		
ı	EGM and Class Meetings.		

Dated this	day of	Signature(s)(Note 5):
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#### Notes:

- 1. Please insert the number of shares registered in your name(s) to which the proxy form relates. If no number is inserted, this form of proxy will be deemed to relate to all the shares in the capital of the Company registered in your name(s).
- 2. Please insert the full name(s) (in Chinese or in English, as shown in the register of members) and registered address(es) in **BLOCK LETTERS**.
- 3. If any proxy other than the Chairman of the Meeting is preferred, delete the words "the Chairman of the Meeting or" and insert the name and address of the proxy desired in the space provided. A shareholder may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. ANY ALTERATION MADE TO THIS FORM OF PROXY MUST BE DULY INITIALLED BY THE PERSON(S) WHO SIGN(S) IT.
- 4. IMPORTANT: IF YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR ANY RESOLUTION, TICK IN THE BOX MARKED "FOR". IF YOU WISH TO VOTE AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION, TICK IN THE BOX MARKED "AGAINST". IF YOU WISH TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON ANY RESOLUTION, TICK IN THE BOX MARKED: "ABSTAIN". ANY ABSTAIN VOTE OR WAIVER TO VOTE SHALL BE DISREGARDED AS VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE RESULT OF THAT RESOLUTION. Failure to tick the box will entitle your proxy to cast your vote at his discretion. Your proxy will also be entitled to vote at his discretion on any resolutions properly put to the 2009 Second Class Meeting of holders of H Shares other than those referred to in the notice convening the 2009 Second Class Meeting of holders of H Shares.

- 5. This form of proxy must be signed by you or your attorney duly authorised in writing or, in the case of a legal person, must either be executed under its seal or under the hand of a legal representative or other attorney duly authorised to sign the same. If this form of proxy is signed by an attorney of the appointer, the power of attorney authorising that attorney to sign, or other document of authorisation, must be notarially certified.
- 6. Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the Meeting, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders is present at the Meeting, personally or by proxy, then one of the persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- 7. To be valid, for holders of H shares, this form of proxy, together with the notarially certified power of attorney or other document of authorisation, must be delivered to Hong Kong Registrars Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.

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# About the Company

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do so or at a price advantageous to you. Because we do not expect other dealers to make a secondary market for the notes, the price at which you may be able to sell your notes is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates are willing to buy the notes. If, at any time, we or our affiliates do not act as market makers, it is likely that there would be little or no secondary market in the notes. If you have to sell your notes prior to maturity, you may not be able to do so or you may have to sell them at a substantial loss, even in cases where the level of the Underlying has increased since the Trade Date.

Many Economic and Market Factors Will AFFECT the Value of the Notes — While we expect that, generally, the ·level of the Underlying will affect the value of the notes more than any other single factor, the value of the notes prior to maturity will also be affected by a number of other factors that may either offset or magnify each other, including:

the expected volatility of the Underlying;

	0	the time remaining to the maturity of the notes;
0	the mark	et prices and dividend rates of the stocks composing the Underlying;
	o	the composition of the Underlying;
	0	interest rates and yields in the markets generally;
geopolitical conditions and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the Underlyion the markets generally;		
	o	supply and demand for the notes; and
O	our creditwort	hiness, including actual or anticipated downgrades in our credit ratings.

During the term of the notes, it is possible that their value may decline significantly due to the factors described above even if the level of the Underlying remains unchanged from the Initial Level, and any sale prior to the Maturity Date could result in a substantial loss to you. You must hold the notes to maturity to receive the stated payout from the Issuer.

Trading and Other Transactions by Us, JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. or Our or Its Affiliates in the Equity and Equity Derivative Markets May Impair the Value of the Notes — We or our affiliates expect to hedge our exposure from the notes by entering into equity and equity derivative transactions, such as over-the-counter options, futures or exchange-traded instruments. We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may also engage in trading in instruments linked or related to the Underlying on a regular basis as part of our or their general broker-dealer and other businesses, for proprietary accounts, for other accounts under management or to facilitate transactions for customers, including block transactions. Such trading and hedging activities may adversely affect the level of the Underlying and, therefore, make it less likely that you will receive a positive return on your investment in the notes. It is possible that we, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates could receive substantial returns from these hedging and trading activities while the value of the notes declines. We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may also issue or underwrite other securities or financial or derivative instruments with returns linked or related to the Underlying. To the extent that we, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates serve as issuer, agent or underwriter for such securities or financial or derivative instruments, our, JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s or our or its affiliates' interests with respect to such products may be adverse to those of the holders of the notes. Introducing competing products into the marketplace in this manner could adversely affect the level of the Underlying and the value of the notes. Any of the foregoing activities described in this paragraph may reflect trading strategies that differ from, or are in direct opposition to, investors' trading and investment strategies related to the notes.

WE, JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. OR OUR OR ITS AFFILIATES MAY PUBLISH RESEARCH, EXPRESS OPINIONS OR PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH INVESTING IN OR HOLDING THE NOTES. Any Such Research, Opinions or Recommendations Could Adversely Affect the LEVEL of the Underlying and the Value of the notes — We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may publish research from time to time on financial markets and other matters that could adversely affect the level of the Underlying and the value of the notes, or express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the notes. Any research, opinions or recommendations expressed by us, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may not be consistent with each other and may be modified from time to time without notice. You should make your own independent investigation of the merits of investing in the notes and the Underlying.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** — We and our affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the notes, including acting as calculation agent, hedging our obligations under the notes and determining the Issuer's estimated value of the notes on the Trade Date and the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the notes from you in secondary market transactions. In performing these roles, our economic interests and those of our affiliates are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the notes. The calculation agent will determine, among other things, all values, prices and levels required to be determined for the purposes of the notes on any relevant date or time. The calculation agent will also be responsible for determining whether a market disruption event has occurred as well as, in some circumstances, the prices or levels related to the Underlying that affect whether a Knock-Out Event has occurred. Any determination by the calculation agent could adversely affect the return on the notes.

## THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE NOTES ARE

UNCERTAIN — There is no direct legal authority regarding the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of the notes, and we do not plan to request a ruling from the IRS. Consequently, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the notes are uncertain, and the IRS or a court might not agree with the treatment of the notes as prepaid financial contracts that are not debt. If the IRS were successful in asserting an alternative treatment for the notes, the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the notes could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, as described above under "Tax Consequences," 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 notes, possibly with retroactive effect. You should review carefully the section of the accompanying product supplement entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences," and consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the notes (including possible alternative treatments and the issues presented by the 2007 notice), as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

# **Use of Proceeds and Hedging**

Part of the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the notes will be used in connection with hedging our obligations under the notes through one or more of our affiliates. The hedging or trading activities of our affiliates on or prior to the Trade Date or an Averaging Date could adversely affect the level of the Underlying and, as a result, could decrease the amount you may receive on the notes at maturity.

#### **Historical Information**

The following graph sets forth the historical performance of the S&P 500® Index based on its daily closing levels from March 2, 2013 through March 2, 2018. The closing level of the Underlying on March 2, 2018 was 2,691.25. The graph below also indicates by a broken line a hypothetical Knock-Out Level equal to 85.25% of the closing level of the Underlying on March 2, 2018. The actual Initial Level and Knock-Out Level will be determined on the Trade Date. We obtained the historical closing levels of the Underlying below from Bloomberg L.P. and we have not participated in the preparation of, or verified, such information.

The historical closing levels of the Underlying should not be taken as an indication of future performance and no assurance can be given as to the closing level of the Underlying on any of the Averaging Dates. We cannot give you assurance that the performance of the Underlying will result in the return of any of your investment.

## **Supplemental Plan of Distribution**

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and JPMS LLC or one of its affiliates will act as placement agents for the notes. The placement agents will receive a fee from the Issuer that will not exceed \$12.50 per \$1,000 Face Amount of notes, but will forgo any fees for sales to certain fiduciary accounts. See "Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" in the accompanying product supplement.

The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For these purposes, (a) a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); (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 the 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 notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the European Economic Area has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area may may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

#### **Settlement**

We expect to deliver the notes against payment for the notes on the Settlement Date indicated above, which is expected to be a day that is greater than two business days following the Trade Date. Under Rule 15c6–1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if the Settlement Date is more than two business days after the Trade Date, purchasers who wish to transact in the notes more than two business days prior to the Settlement Date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.