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#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

## TO THE PROSPECTUS DATED DECEMBER 11, 2014

\$1,000,000,000

### 4.500% Senior Notes due 2025

We are offering \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2025 (the notes ).

Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on January 23 and July 23 of each year, beginning on January 23, 2016. The notes will mature on July 23, 2025. We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time before their maturity date at the applicable price described under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be our senior obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. The notes are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any of our bank or non-bank subsidiaries and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated quotation system. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

### Investing in the notes involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-13.

	Per Note	Total
Price to public <sup>(1)</sup>	99.634%	\$ 996,340,000
Underwriting discount	0.550%	\$ 5,500,000
Proceeds to us <sup>(1)</sup>	99.084%	\$ 990,840,000

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from July 23, 2015.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company, for the benefit of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, S.A. and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., on or about July 23, 2015.

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch Citigroup

Morgan Stanley MUFG

Senior Co-Managers

Credit Agricole CIB RBC Capital Markets Scotiabank

Co-Managers

Academy Securities, Inc.

Blaylock Beal Van, LLC

CastleOak Securities, L.P.

Lebenthal Capital Markets

Mischler Financial Group, Inc.

Ramirez & Co., Inc.

The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which contains the terms of this offering of notes. The second part, the accompanying prospectus dated December 11, 2014, which is part of our Registration Statement on Form S-3, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering.

This prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in the accompanying prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, the

information in this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus relating to this offering in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

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Neither we nor any of the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus relating to this offering prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters is making an offer to sell or seeking offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where or to any person to whom the offer or sale is not permitted. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus that we may provide you in connection with this offering or other offering material filed by us with the SEC is accurate only as of the date of those documents or information, regardless of the time of delivery of the documents or information or the time of any sale of the securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and future growth prospects may have changed since those dates.

For investors outside the United States: Neither we nor any of the underwriters has done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus we may provide to you in connection with this offering in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any such free writing prospectus outside of the United States.

### **Certain Defined Terms**

Except as the context may otherwise require in this prospectus supplement, references to:

we, us, our and the Company are to SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL and its subsidiaries, which together represent the businesses that historically have conducted GE s North American retail finance business;

Synchrony are to SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL only;

GE are to General Electric Company and its subsidiaries;

GECC are to General Electric Capital Corporation (a subsidiary of GE) and its subsidiaries;

the Bank are to Synchrony Bank (a subsidiary of Synchrony), previously known as GE Capital Retail Bank;

the GECC Term Loan Facility are to the term loan agreement, dated as of July 30, 2014, among Synchrony, as borrower, GECC, as administrative agent, and the other Lenders party thereto, as amended;

the Bank Term Loan Facility are to the term loan agreement, dated as of July 30, 2014, among Synchrony, as borrower, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended; and

FICO score means a credit score developed by Fair Isaac & Co., which is widely used as a means of evaluating the likelihood that credit users will pay their obligations.

For a description of certain other terms we use, including active account and purchase volume, see the notes to Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Other Financial and Statistical Data in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. There is no standard industry definition for many of these terms, and other companies may define them differently than we do.

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We provide a range of credit products through programs we have established with a diverse group of national and regional retailers, local merchants, manufacturers, buying groups, industry associations and healthcare service providers, which, in our business and in this prospectus, we refer to as our partners. The terms of the programs all require cooperative efforts between us and our partners of varying natures and degrees to establish and operate the programs. Our use of the term partners to refer to these entities is not intended to, and does not, describe our legal relationship with them, imply that a legal partnership or other relationship exists between the parties or create any legal partnership or other relationship.

Synchrony and its logos and other trademarks referred to in this prospectus supplement, including, Optimize and CareCredit® belong to us. Solely for convenience, we refer to our trademarks in this prospectus supplement without the and symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights to our trademarks. Other service marks, trademarks and trade names referred to in this prospectus supplement are the property of their respective owners.

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### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully, including the information set forth in Risk Factors, our combined financial statements and the related notes thereto and the other information incorporated by reference herein, before making an investment decision.

### **Our Company**

We are one of the premier consumer financial services companies in the United States. Our roots in consumer finance trace back to 1932, and today we are the largest provider of private label credit cards in the United States based on purchase volume and receivables. We provide a range of credit products through programs we have established with a diverse group of national and regional retailers, local merchants, manufacturers, buying groups, industry associations and healthcare service providers, which we refer to as our partners. Through over 300,000 partner locations across the United States and Canada, and their websites and mobile applications, we offer their customers a variety of credit products to finance the purchase of goods and services. During 2014 and the first three months of 2015, we financed \$103.1 billion and \$23.1 billion of purchase volume, respectively, and at March 31, 2015, we had \$58.2 billion of loan receivables and 61.6 million active accounts. Our active accounts represent a geographically diverse group of both consumers and businesses, with an average FICO score of 710 for consumer active accounts at March 31, 2015. Our business has been profitable and resilient, including through the recent U.S. financial crisis and ensuing years. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had net earnings of \$2.1 billion and \$2.0 billion, respectively, representing a return on assets of 3.2% and 3.5%, respectively, and for the three months ended March 31, 2015, we had net earnings of \$552 million, representing a return on assets of 3.0%.

Our business benefits from longstanding and collaborative relationships with our partners, including some of the nation's leading retailers and manufacturers with well-known consumer brands, such as Lowe's, Walmart, Amazon and Ethan Allen. We believe our partner-centric business model has been successful because it aligns our interests with those of our partners and provides substantial value to both our partners and our customers. Our partners promote our credit products because they generate increased sales and strengthen customer loyalty. Our customers benefit from instant access to credit, discounts and promotional offers. We seek to differentiate ourselves through deep partner integration and our extensive marketing expertise. We have omni-channel (in-store, online and mobile) technology and marketing capabilities, which allow us to offer and deliver our credit products instantly to customers across multiple channels. For example, the purchase volume in our Retail Card platform from our online and mobile channels increased by \$2.0 billion, or 17.9%, to \$12.7 billion in 2014.

We offer our credit products primarily through our wholly-owned subsidiary, the Bank. Through the Bank, we offer, directly to retail and commercial customers, a range of deposit products insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), including certificates of deposit, individual retirement accounts, money market accounts and savings accounts, under our Optimizer<sup>+Plus</sup> brand. We also take deposits at the Bank through third-party securities brokerage firms that offer our FDIC-insured deposit products to their customers. We have expanded and continue to expand our online direct banking operations to increase our deposit base as a source of stable and diversified low cost funding for our credit activities. We had \$35.0 billion in deposits at March 31, 2015.

Retail Card is a leading provider of private label credit cards, and also provides Dual Cards and small and medium-sized business credit products. Payment Solutions is a leading provider of promotional financing for major consumer purchases, offering primarily private label credit cards and installment loans. CareCredit is a leading provider of promotional financing to consumers for elective healthcare procedures or services, such as dental,

veterinary, cosmetic, vision and audiology.

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# **Additional Information**

Our corporate headquarters and principal executive offices are located at 777 Long Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902. Our telephone number at that address is (203) 585-2400. Our internet address is www.synchronyfinancial.com. Information on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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# The Offering

Issuer SYNCHRONY FINANCIAL.

Notes offered \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.500% Senior Notes due

2025.

Maturity date The notes will mature on July 23, 2025.

Interest rate Interest on the notes will accrue at a rate of 4.500% per year.

Interest payment dates

Interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on

January 23 and July 23 of each year, beginning on January 23, 2016.

The notes will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations, and senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated to the notes. The notes will not be obligations of or guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including deposit liabilities of the Bank), as well as the indebtedness and other liabilities of our securitization entities, which means that creditors of our subsidiaries (including depositors of the Bank) and our securitization entities will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of March 31, 2015, we had \$10.2 billion of indebtedness that ranked equally with the notes, and our subsidiaries and securitization entities had outstanding \$51.0 billion of total liabilities, including \$48.8 billion of indebtedness and deposit liabilities (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities).

The indenture under which the notes will be issued will not limit our ability, or the ability of our subsidiaries, to incur senior, subordinated or secured debt, or our ability, or that of any of our subsidiaries, to incur other indebtedness and other liabilities or, subject to limited exceptions, issue preferred stock. As a holding company, we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries, particularly the Bank, to transfer funds to us to meet our obligations, including our obligations to pay interest on the notes. See

Risk Factors Risk Relating to This Offering We are a holding company and will rely significantly on dividends, distributions and other payments

Ranking

from the Bank to fund payments on the notes.

Optional redemption

At any time and from time to time prior to April 23, 2025 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), we may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option, on at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date for the notes to be redeemed; and

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(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of interest accrued to, but excluding, the redemption date for the notes to be redeemed), discounted to such redemption date, on a semi-annual basis, at the applicable Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date of the notes to be redeemed.

At any time and from time to time on or after April 23, 2025 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), we may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option, on at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date of the notes to be redeemed.

See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Sinking fund

None.

Denominations

The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Form of notes

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ). Beneficial interests in the notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Clearstream Banking, S.A. and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective United States depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC.

Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes in this offering will be \$990,340,000, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering (or equivalent cash amounts) to prepay outstanding principal amounts under the Bank Term Loan Facility, to invest in liquid assets to further increase the size of our liquidity portfolio or for such additional uses as we may determine. See Use of Proceeds.

Trustee The Bank of New York Mellon

Governing law The notes will be, and the indenture under which they will be issued is,

governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of

New York.

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No prior market

The notes are a new issue of securities and there is currently no established trading market for the notes. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. An active or liquid trading market may not develop for the notes. See Underwriting.

Risk factors

See the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page S-13 and under the caption Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments thereof, for a discussion of some of the factors you should consider before investing in the notes.

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### **Recent Developments**

# **Unaudited Financial Results for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015**

On July 17, 2015, we released unaudited financial results and other unaudited selected data for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015. The unaudited results described below may differ from our actual publicly reported results due to developments that may arise between now and the time we file our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2015 and the completion of the review by our independent registered public accounting firm.

You should read the information in this section, which contains only selected highlights of our second quarter results, in conjunction with the financial information in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015 and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are incorporated by reference herein.

Our announced net earnings were \$541 million and \$1,093 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. Below are selected highlights of our performance in the second quarter of 2015. These highlights are compared to the second quarter of 2014, except as otherwise noted:

Loan receivables grew \$6,558 million, or 12.0%, to \$61,431 million, driven by higher purchase volume growth and average active account growth, and included the acquisition of the BP portfolio during the quarter. The composition of our loan receivables growth remained broad-based across all sales platforms.

Net interest income increased \$187 million, or 6.9%, to \$2,907 million, driven by strong loan receivables growth, partially offset by higher interest expense from funding issued to increase liquidity in 2014.

Net interest margin declined 207 basis points to 15.77% primarily due to the impact of the significant increase in liquidity versus the prior year.

Provision for loan losses increased \$59 million, or 8.7%, to \$740 million, largely due to loan receivables growth.

Loans 30+ days past due as a percentage of period-end loan receivables improved 29 basis points to 3.53%.

Net charge-offs as a percentage of total average loan receivables improved 25 basis points to 4.63%.

Other income increased \$8 million, or 7.1%, to \$120 million, driven by strong growth in interchange revenue and a pre-tax gain of \$20 million due to portfolio sales, which were partially offset by higher loyalty and rewards costs associated with program initiatives.

Other expense increased \$8 million, or 1.0%, to \$805 million (and our efficiency ratio decreased to 33.5%), primarily driven by investments in growth and infrastructure build in preparation for separation from GE, partially offset by consumer remediation expense in the second quarter of 2014.

Deposits grew to \$38 billion, up \$7 billion, or 24%, and now comprise 61% of funding sources compared to 57% at June 30, 2014.

Our period-end balance sheet remained strong with total liquidity (liquid assets and undrawn securitization capacity) at \$20 billion, or 26%, of total assets.

We announced new program agreements with Mattress Firm, Newegg and Stash Hotel Rewards. We also extended our Retail Card program agreement with Chevron and renewed a strategic CareCredit endorsement with the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

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# **Summary Historical Financial Information**

The following tables set forth selected historical consolidated and combined financial information. The selected historical consolidated and combined financial information at and for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is unaudited and has been derived from our unaudited historical consolidated and combined financial statements included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015 which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The selected historical consolidated and combined financial information at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 has been derived from our historical consolidated and combined financial statements, which have been audited by KPMG LLP and are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The selected historical combined financial information at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and for the year ended December 31, 2010 is unaudited and has been derived from our historical combined financial information not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. Additionally, our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for any future period. You should read this information in conjunction with the information under Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our historical condensed consolidated and/or combined financial statements and the related notes thereto, which are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in our quarterly reports on Form 10-O which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Synchrony is a holding company for the legal entities that historically conducted GE s North American retail finance business. Synchrony was incorporated in Delaware on September 12, 2003, but prior to April 1, 2013, conducted no business. During the period from April 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013, as part of a regulatory restructuring, substantially all of the assets and operations of GE s North American retail finance business, including the Bank, were transferred to Synchrony. The remaining assets and operations of that business subsequently have been transferred to Synchrony.

We have prepared our historical combined financial statements as if Synchrony had conducted GE s North American retail finance business throughout all relevant periods. Our historical combined financial information and statements include the assets, liabilities and operations of GE s North American retail finance business.

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# **Condensed Consolidated and Combined Statements of Earnings Information**

		Months ded						
	March 31,			Years En	ded Decen	mber 31,		
(\$ in millions, except per share data)	2015	2014	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	
Interest income	\$3,150	\$ 2,933	\$12,242	\$11,313	\$ 10,309	\$ 9,141	\$8,760	
Interest expense	275	190	922	742	745	932	1,094	
Net interest income	2,875	2,743	11,320	10,571	9,564	8,209	7,666	
Retailer share arrangements	(660)	(594)	(2,575)	(2,373)	(1,984)	(1,428)	(989)	
Net interest income, after retailer share								
arrangements	2,215	2,149	8,745	8,198	7,580	6,781	6,677	
Provision for loan losses	687	764	2,917	3,072	2,565	2,258	3,151	
Net interest income, after retailer share								
arrangements and provision for loan	1 500	1 205	£ 0 <b>2</b> 0	5 10C	5.015	4 500	2.506	
losses	1,528	1,385	5,828	5,126	5,015	4,523	3,526	
Other avenue	101 746	115 610	485	500	484	497	481	
Other expense	740	010	2,927	2,484	2,123	2,010	1,978	
Earnings before provision for income								
taxes	883	890	3,386	3,142	3,376	3,010	2,029	
Provision for income taxes	331	332	1,277	1,163	1,257	1,120	760	
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Net earnings	\$ 552	\$ 558	\$ 2,109	\$ 1,979	\$ 2,119	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,269	
Weighted average shares outstanding (in millions)								
Basic	833.8	705.3	757.4	705.3	705.3	705.3	705.3	
Diluted	835.0	705.3	757.6	705.3	705.3	705.3	705.3	
Earnings per share							, , , , ,	
Basic	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.79	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.81	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.68	\$ 1.80	
Diluted	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.79	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.81	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.68	\$ 1.80	

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# **Condensed Consolidated and Combined Statements of Financial Position Information**

	M	At		A 4	Dogombon	21	
(\$ in millions)	IVI	arch 31, 2015	2014	2013	December 3 2012	2011 <sup>(1)</sup>	2010
Assets:		2013	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Cash and equivalents	\$	11,218	\$ 11,828	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,187	\$ 219
Investment securities	Ψ	3,121	1,598	236	193	198	116
Loan receivables		58,248	61,286	57,254	52,313	47,741	45,230
Allowance for loan losses		(3,255)	(3,236)	(2,892)	(2,274)	(2,052)	(2,362)
Loan receivables held for sale		359	332	(-,-,-)	(=,= : ·)	(=,==)	(=,= ==)
Goodwill		949	949	949	936	936	938
Intangible assets, net		557	519	300	255	252	227
Other assets		1,524	2,431	919	705	1,853	4,438
Assets of discontinued operations							1,847
Total assets	\$	72,721	\$75,707	\$59,085	\$53,462	\$50,115	\$50,653
Liabilities and Equity:							
Total deposits	\$	34,950	\$ 34,955	\$25,719	\$ 18,804	\$ 17,832	\$13,798
Total borrowings		24,060	27,460	24,321	27,815	25,890	30,936
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2,675	2,814	3,085	2,261	2,065	1,600
Liabilities of discontinued operations							13
Total liabilities		61,685	65,229	53,125	48,880	45,787	46,347
Total equity		11,036	10,478	5,960	4,582	4,328	4,306
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Total liabilities and equity	\$	72,721	\$ 75,707	\$ 59,085	\$ 53,462	\$ 50,115	\$ 50,653

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<sup>(1)</sup> In 2011, we completed the sale of a discontinued business operation. The selected earnings information presented above is of continuing operations.

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as expects, intends, anticipates. believes, targets, estimates, will or words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking stat plans, seeks. include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the outlook for our future business and financial performance, such as those contained in Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Business Trends and Conditions in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. Forward-looking statements are based on management s current expectations and assumptions, and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. As a result, actual results could differ materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include global political, economic, business, competitive, market, regulatory and other factors and risks, such as:

the impact of macroeconomic conditions and whether industry trends we have identified develop as anticipated;

retaining existing partners and attracting new partners, concentration of our platform revenue in a small number of Retail Card partners, promotion and support of our products by our partners, and financial performance of our partners;

our need for additional financing, higher borrowing costs and adverse financial market conditions impacting our funding and liquidity, and any reduction in our credit ratings;

our ability to securitize our loans, occurrence of an early amortization of our securitization facilities, loss of the right to service or subservice our securitized loans, and lower payment rates on our securitized loans;

our reliance on dividends, distributions and other payments from the Bank;

our ability to grow our deposits in the future;

changes in market interest rates and the impact of any margin compression;

effectiveness of our risk management processes and procedures, reliance on models which may be inaccurate or misinterpreted, our ability to manage our credit risk, the sufficiency of our allowance for loan losses and the accuracy of the assumptions or estimates used in preparing our financial statements;

our ability to offset increases in our costs in retailer share arrangements;				
competition in the consumer finance industry;				
our concentration in the U.S. consumer credit market;				
our ability to successfully develop and commercialize new or enhanced products and services;				
our ability to realize the value of strategic investments;				
reductions in interchange fees;				
fraudulent activity;				
cyber-attacks or other security breaches;				
failure of third parties to provide various services that are important to our operations;				
disruptions in the operations of our computer systems and data centers;				
international risks and compliance and regulatory risks and costs associated with international operations;				
catastrophic events;				
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alleged infringement of intellectual property rights of others and our ability to protect our intellectual property;

litigation and regulatory actions;

damage to our reputation;

our ability to attract, retain and motivate key officers and employees;

tax legislation initiatives or challenges to our tax positions and state sales tax rules and regulations;

significant and extensive regulation, supervision, examination and enforcement of our business by governmental authorities, the impact of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the impact of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau s regulation of our business;

changes to our methods of offering our CareCredit products;

impact of capital adequacy rules;

restrictions that limit the Bank s ability to pay dividends;

regulations relating to privacy, information security and data protection as well as anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing laws;

use of third-party vendors and ongoing third-party business relationships;

effect of GECC being subject to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve Board ) both as a savings and loan holding company and as a systemically important financial institution;

GE not completing the Separation as planned or at all, GE s inability to obtain the GE SLHC Deregistration and GE continuing to have significant control over us;

completion by the Federal Reserve Board of a review (with satisfactory results) of our preparedness to operate on a standalone basis, independently of GE, and Federal Reserve Board approval required for us to

continue to be a savings and loan holding company, including the timing of the approval and the imposition of any significant additional capital or liquidity requirements;

our need to establish and significantly expand many aspects of our operations and infrastructure;

delays in receiving or failure to receive Federal Reserve Board agreement required for us to be treated as a financial holding company after GE obtains savings and loan holding company deregistration;

loss of association with GE s strong brand and reputation;

limited right to use the GE brand name and logo and need to establish a new brand;

GE has significant control over us;

terms of our arrangements with GE may be more favorable than what we will be able to obtain from unaffiliated third parties;

obligations associated with being a public company;

our incremental cost of operating as a standalone public company could be substantially more than anticipated;

GE could engage in businesses that compete with us, and conflicts of interest may arise between us and GE; and

failure caused by us of GE s distribution of our common stock to its stockholders in exchange for its common stock to qualify for tax-free treatment, which may result in significant tax liabilities to GE for which we may be required to indemnify GE.

See Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act,

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including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments thereof, for a further description of these and other factors. For the reasons described above, we caution you against relying on any forward-looking statements, which should also be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included elsewhere in this prospectus, including in Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement, and under the caption. Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments thereof. You should not consider any list of such factors to be an exhaustive statement of all of the risks, uncertainties, or potentially inaccurate assumptions that could cause our current expectations or beliefs to change. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as otherwise may be required by the federal securities laws.

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## **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the following risks and those included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments thereof, before investing in the notes. These risks could materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition and cause the trading price of the notes to decline. You could lose part or all of your investment.

# **Risks Relating to This Offering**

We are a holding company and will rely significantly on dividends, distributions and other payments from the Bank to fund payments on the notes.

As a holding company, we will rely significantly on dividends, distributions and other payments from the Bank to fund any payments on the notes and our other obligations, as well as to fund any dividends to our stockholders and repurchases of our stock. Accordingly, our ability to make payments on the notes depends upon the earnings of and the distribution of funds from our subsidiaries, including the Bank. Restrictions on our subsidiaries—ability to distribute cash to us could materially affect our ability to pay principal and interest on our indebtedness, including the notes.

The ability of the Bank to make dividends and other distributions and payments to us is subject to regulation by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board. Limitations on the amounts we receive from the Bank could impact our liquidity and our ability to fund payments on the notes when due. See Item 1A. Risk Factors Risks Relating to Regulation We may pay dividends or repurchase our common stock, which may reduce the amount of funds available to satisfy our indebtedness; the Bank is subject to restrictions that limit its ability to pay dividends to us, which could limit our ability to make payments on our indebtedness in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

In addition, the terms of our indebtedness do not restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to incur indebtedness or enter into other agreements that may restrict or prohibit our subsidiaries from distributing cash to us. We cannot assure you that the indebtedness of our subsidiaries or other agreements to which our subsidiaries are a party will permit our subsidiaries to distribute sufficient cash to us to fund payments on the notes when due.

## The notes will be effectively subordinated to any secured debt we may incur.

The notes are unsecured unsubordinated obligations of Synchrony and will rank equally in right of payment with all its other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. As a result, the indebtedness represented by the notes will effectively be subordinated to any secured indebtedness Synchrony may incur, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. As of March 31, 2015, Synchrony had no secured indebtedness outstanding, and \$10,243 million of indebtedness that ranked equally with the notes.

In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, or other bankruptcy proceeding, any secured creditors would have a superior claim to the extent of their collateral. If any of the foregoing occur, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes.

The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and will be effectively subordinated to the debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. However, the notes will be obligations exclusively of Synchrony and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including deposit liabilities of the Bank), as well as the indebtedness and other liabilities of our securitization entities,

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which means that creditors of our subsidiaries (including depositors of the Bank) and our securitization entities will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of March 31, 2015, our subsidiaries and securitization entities had outstanding \$50,996 million of total liabilities, including \$48,767 million of indebtedness and deposit liabilities (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities).

In the event of the dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, or other bankruptcy proceeding of a subsidiary or securitization entity, creditors of that subsidiary or securitization entity would generally have the right to be paid in full before any distribution is made to us or the holders of the notes. If any of the foregoing occur, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes.

There are no covenants in the indenture governing the notes relating to our ability to incur future indebtedness or pay dividends, and there are limited restrictions on our ability to engage in other activities, any of which could adversely affect our ability to pay our obligations under the notes.

The indenture governing the notes does not prohibit us from incurring substantial additional indebtedness in the future. We are also permitted to incur additional secured indebtedness that would be effectively senior to the notes. The indenture governing the notes also permits unlimited additional borrowings by our subsidiaries or securitization entities that are effectively senior to the notes and, subject to certain exceptions, permits our subsidiaries to issue equity interests that have priority over our interests in the subsidiaries. If we incur additional indebtedness or liabilities, our ability to pay our obligations on the notes could be adversely affected. We expect that we will from time to time incur additional debt and other liabilities.

In addition, the indenture does not contain any restrictive covenants limiting our ability to issue or repurchase securities, pay dividends or make any payments on junior or other indebtedness. Our ability to use our funds for numerous purposes may limit the funds available to pay our obligations under the notes.

There are no financial covenants in the indenture. You are not protected under the indenture in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, change of control, restructuring, merger or similar transaction that may adversely affect you, except to the extent described under Description of Debt Securities Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets in the accompanying prospectus.

### We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes.

Our ability to make scheduled payments of principal and interest or to satisfy our obligations in respect of our indebtedness or to refinance our indebtedness will depend on our future operating performance. Prevailing economic conditions (including interest rates), regulatory constraints, including, among other things, on distributions to us from the Bank and required capital levels with respect to the Bank, and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control, will also affect our ability to meet these needs. We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flows from operations, or obtain future borrowings in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, or to fund our other liquidity needs. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity. We may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness when needed on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

## Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in the notes.

The credit ratings of the notes may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure and other factors on any trading market for, or trading value of, the notes. However, actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect any trading market for, or trading value of, the notes.

Agency credit ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency s rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency s rating.

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# An active trading market for the notes may not develop.

The notes constitute a new issue of securities, for which there is no existing market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the notes in any automated dealer quotation system. We cannot provide you with any assurance regarding whether a trading market for the notes will develop, the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes or the price at which holders may be able to sell their notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and any market-making with respect the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. If no active trading market develops in the notes, you may be unable to resell your notes at any price or at their fair market value.

## Changes in our credit ratings or the debt markets could adversely affect the trading price of the notes.

The trading price of the notes depends on many factors, including:

the number of holders of the notes; changes in or issuance of new credit ratings for us or our asset-backed securities; the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes; the prevailing interest rates being paid by other companies similar to us; general market conditions; our financial condition, financial performance and future prospects; domestic and international economic factors unrelated to our performance; changes in or failure to meet our publicly disclosed expectations as to our future financial performance; downgrades in securities analysts estimates of our financial performance, operating results that vary from the expectations of securities analysts or investors or lack of research and reports by industry analysts; operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;

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any future sales of our common stock or other securities;

additions or departures of key personnel;
actions or announcements by our competitors;
reputational issues;
regulatory and tax actions;
changes in our capital structure or dividend policy, including as a result of the Separation, regulatory requirements, future issuances of securities, sales of large blocks of common stock by our stockholders (including GE), or our incurrence of additional debt;
announcements or actions taken by GE as our principal stockholder;
the market prices for our equity securities; and
other matters discussed elsewhere in Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and under the caption Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, including our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments thereof.

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The condition of the financial markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future. Such fluctuations could have an adverse effect on the trading price of the notes. In addition, credit rating agencies continually review their ratings for the companies that they follow, including us. The credit rating agencies also evaluate the consumer finance industry as a whole and may change their credit rating for us based on their overall view of our industry. A negative change in our rating or that of other peer companies could have an adverse effect on the trading price of the notes.

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## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes in this offering will be \$990,340,000, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering (or equivalent cash amounts) to prepay outstanding amounts under the Bank Term Loan Facility, to invest in liquid assets to further increase the size of our liquidity portfolio or for such additional uses as we may determine.

Borrowings under the Bank Term Loan Facility were used to increase our capital, to invest in liquid assets to increase the size of our liquidity portfolio and to pay fees and expenses related to our initial public offering, the Separation and related transactions. The Bank Term Loan Facility currently bears interest at a rate of 2.088%, and matures on August 5, 2019.

Certain of the underwriters in this offering and/or their respective affiliates are also lenders and, in some cases, agents or managers for the lenders under the Bank Term Loan Facility and, as a result, will receive a portion of any net proceeds from this offering used to pay down amounts outstanding under the Bank Term Loan Facility. See Underwriting Relationships with Underwriters.

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# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

For purposes of determining the historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings before provision for income taxes, plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of (i) interest expense on all indebtedness, including amortization of debt expense, discounts and premiums and (ii) the portion of rental expense that is representative of the interest factor.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Years Ended December 31,					
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010		
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	4.1x	4.6x	5.1x	5.4x	4.2x	2.8x		

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## **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The following description supplements and, to the extent it is inconsistent, replaces the description of the general provisions of the notes and the indenture under Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus. This description of the notes and the description under Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the provisions of the base indenture, the third supplemental indenture and the form of notes that are or will be filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which the accompanying prospectus forms a part, and to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act ). We urge you to read the base indenture, the third supplemental indenture and the forms of notes because they, and not these descriptions of the notes and debt securities, will define your rights as holders of the notes.

As used in this description of the notes, we, our, us and Synchrony refer to Synchrony Financial and not to any of our subsidiaries.

### General

We will issue the notes under an indenture (the base indenture), dated as of August 11, 2014, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the trustee), as heretofore supplemented and as further supplemented by a third supplemental indenture (the supplemental indenture), to be dated as of July 23, 2015, between us and the trustee. We refer to the base indenture, as supplemented by the supplemental indenture, as the indenture. The trustee will initially be the security registrar and paying agent for the notes.

On August 11, 2014, we issued \$500.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.875% Senior Notes due 2017, \$1,100.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.000% Senior Notes due 2019, \$750.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.750% Senior Notes due 2021 and \$1,250.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.250% Senior Notes due 2024. On February 2, 2015, we issued \$750.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.700% Senior Notes due 2020 and \$250.0 million in aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Senior Notes due 2020.

The notes are initially limited to \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount. The notes will mature at par on July 23, 2025.

When we use the term business day, we mean any calendar day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which commercial banking institutions are not required to be open for business in The City of New York, New York.

The notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking funds.

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of DTC and in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

In addition to the notes, we may issue from time to time other series of debt securities under the indenture consisting of debentures, notes or other unsecured, unsubordinated evidences of indebtedness, including convertible notes, but such other series will be separate from the notes. The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities or any other debt (whether secured or unsecured, or whether subordinated or unsubordinated) which we may incur.

We may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes, except for the public offering price, the issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date and initial interest accrual date. Any such

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additional notes, together with the notes offered by this prospectus, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture; *provided* that if the additional notes are not fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the notes offered by this prospectus, the additional notes will be issued under a separate CUSIP number. No additional notes may be issued if an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes.

We will maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York where we will pay the principal and premium, if any, on the notes and you may present the notes for registration of transfer and exchange. We have designated the office of the trustee located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286 for this purpose.

## **Interest**

Interest on the notes will accrue from July 23, 2015 and is payable semi-annually in arrears on January 23 and July 23 of each year, beginning on January 23, 2016 (each, an interest payment date ), to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the January 8 and July 8 (whether or not a business day), respectively, immediately prior to each interest payment date at the annual rate of 4.500% per year; *provided* that the interest due on redemption or at maturity (whether or not an interest payment date) will be paid to the person to whom principal is payable.

For any full semi-annual period in respect of the notes, the amount of interest will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. For any period shorter than a full semi-annual period, the amount of interest will be calculated on the basis of a 30-day month, and, for any period less than a month, the amount of interest will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed per 30-day month. If any scheduled interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, then payment of interest payable on such interest payment date will be postponed to the next succeeding day which is a business day, and no interest on such payment will accrue for the period from and after such scheduled interest payment date.

If the maturity date or a redemption date for the notes falls on a date that is not a business day, then the related payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be made on the next succeeding business day, and no interest on such payment will accrue for the period from the maturity date or such redemption date, as the case may be.

# Ranking

The notes will be our direct, unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations, and senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated to the notes.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. However, the notes will be obligations exclusively of Synchrony Financial and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries (including deposit liabilities of the Bank), as well as the indebtedness and other liabilities of our securitization entities, which means that creditors of our subsidiaries (including depositors of the Bank) and our securitization entities will be paid from their assets before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. At March 31, 2015, our subsidiaries and securitization entities had outstanding \$50,996 million of total liabilities, including \$48,767 million of indebtedness and deposit liabilities (excluding, in each case, intercompany liabilities).

As a holding company, we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries, particularly the Bank, to transfer funds to us to meet our obligations, including our obligations to pay interest on the notes. See Risk Factors Risk Relating to This

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other payments from the Bank to fund payments on the notes in this prospectus supplement. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes.

At March 31, 2015, Synchrony Financial had no secured indebtedness outstanding, and \$10,243 million of indebtedness that ranked equally with the notes. The indenture does not limit our ability, or the ability of our subsidiaries, to incur senior, subordinated or secured debt, or our ability, or that of any of our subsidiaries, to incur other indebtedness and other liabilities or, subject to limited exceptions, issue preferred stock.

## **Optional Redemption**

At any time and from time to time prior to April 23, 2025 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), we may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option, as set forth below. We may redeem such notes at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date for the notes to be redeemed; and
- (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of the interest accrued to, but excluding, the redemption date for the notes to be redeemed), discounted to such redemption date, on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at the applicable Treasury Rate plus 35 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date of the notes to be redeemed.

At any time and from time to time on or after April 23, 2025 (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), we may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date of the notes to be redeemed.

We will mail (or otherwise deliver in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC) notice of any redemption of the notes to the registered address of each holder of the notes to be redeemed at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the applicable redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term ( Remaining Life ) of the notes that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by us, which may be one of the Reference Treasury Dealers.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated or their respective affiliates which are primary U.S. Government securities dealers in New York City (a Primary Treasury Dealer), and their respective successors, plus two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us; *provided* that if any of the foregoing or their affiliates shall cease to be a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices

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for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

# **Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon is the trustee with respect to the notes. The trustee is one of a number of banks with which we and our subsidiaries maintain banking and trust relationships in the ordinary course of business.

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# CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following discussion describes U.S. federal income tax consequences to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) of ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion is limited to Non-U.S. Holders who hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ). This description is based on the Code, administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and existing and proposed Treasury regulations, and interpretations of the foregoing, changes to any of which subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement may affect the tax consequences described herein. The description does not discuss all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to Non-U.S. Holders in light of their particular circumstances. Moreover, this discussion is for general information only and does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to you in light of your particular circumstances, nor does it discuss special tax provisions, which may apply to you and holders of your equity, if applicable, if you are subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, such as for certain financial institutions or financial services entities, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, dealers in securities or currencies, entities that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, controlled passive foreign investment companies, former U.S. citizens or long-term residents, persons foreign corporations, deemed to sell the notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code, and persons that hold the notes as part of a straddle, conversion transaction, or other integrated investment. In addition, this discussion does not address the Medicare tax on certain investment income, any state, local or foreign tax laws or any U.S. federal tax law other than U.S. federal income tax law (such as gift or estate tax laws).

You are urged to consult with your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of the notes, as well as the application of any state, local, and foreign income and other tax laws.

As used in this section, a Non-U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of the notes that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia,

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or

a trust (i) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) that has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

If you are an individual, you may, in certain cases, be deemed to be a resident alien, as opposed to a nonresident alien, by virtue of being present in the United States (i) for at least 183 days during the calendar year, or (ii) for at least 31 days in the calendar year and for an aggregate of at least 183 days during the three-year period ending in the current calendar year. For purposes of (ii), all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year, and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year are counted. Resident

aliens are subject to U.S. federal income tax as if they were U.S. citizens.

If any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a beneficial owner of the notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Special rules may apply if a Non-U.S. Holder is a controlled foreign corporation or passive foreign investment company, as defined under the Code, and to certain expatriates or former long-term residents of the United States. If you fall within any of the foregoing categories, you should consult with your own tax advisor about the tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of the notes.

# U.S. Federal Withholding Tax

Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and FATCA (as defined below), U.S. federal withholding tax will not apply to any payment of principal or interest on the notes, provided that in the case of interest:

you do not actually (or constructively) own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock within the meaning of the Code and the Treasury regulations;

you are not a controlled foreign corporation that is related, directly or indirectly, to us through stock ownership; and

(a) you provide your name, address and certain other information on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or a suitable substitute form), and certify, under penalties of perjury, that you are not a U.S. person or (b) you hold your notes through certain foreign intermediaries or certain foreign partnerships and certain certification requirements are satisfied.

Interest payments that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by you within the United States (and, where an applicable tax treaty so provides, are also attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you) are not subject to the U.S. federal withholding tax, but instead are subject to U.S. federal income tax, as described below.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest will be subject to a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax unless a tax treaty applies or the interest payments are effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business. If a tax treaty applies to you, you may be eligible for a reduction of or exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax. To claim any exemption from or reduction of the 30% withholding tax, you should provide a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or a suitable substitute form), claiming a reduction of or an exemption from withholding tax under an applicable tax treaty or a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or a suitable substitute form) stating that such payments are not subject to withholding tax because they are effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

## U.S. Federal Income Tax

Any gain, other than amounts attributable to accrued interest which is taxable as set forth above, realized on the disposition of a note (including a redemption or retirement) will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless such gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, where an applicable tax treaty so provides, is also attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by you).

If you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States (and, if a tax treaty applies, if you maintain a permanent establishment within the United States) and interest or gain on the notes is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if a tax treaty applies, attributable to such permanent establishment), you will be subject to U.S. federal income tax (but not U.S. withholding tax assuming, in the case of interest, a properly executed Form W-8ECI (or a suitable substitute form) is provided) on such interest or gain on a net income basis in generally the same manner as if you were a U.S. person. In addition, in certain circumstances, if you are a foreign corporation you may be subject to a 30% (or, if a tax treaty applies, such lower rate as provided) branch profits tax.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Interest paid to a Non-U.S. Holder must be reported annually to the IRS and to the Non-U.S. Holder. Copies of these information returns also may be made available to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of various treaties or agreements for the exchange of information. Unless the Non-U.S. Holder is an exempt recipient, interest paid on the notes and the gross proceeds from a

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taxable disposition of the notes may be subject to additional information reporting and may also be subject to U.S. federal backup withholding (at a rate of 28%) if such Non-U.S. Holder fails to comply with applicable U.S. information reporting and certification requirements. Provision of any IRS Form W-8 appropriate to the Non-U.S. Holder s circumstances will generally satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding as well.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts so withheld under the backup withholding rules will be refunded by the IRS or credited against the Non-U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

## Other Withholding Requirements

Non-U.S. Holders of the notes may be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (commonly referred to as FATCA). This withholding tax may apply if a Non-U.S. Holder (or any foreign intermediary that receives a payment on a Non-U.S. Holder s behalf) does not comply with certain U.S. informational reporting requirements, such compliance usually evidenced by delivery of a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN-E. The payments potentially subject to this withholding tax include interest on, and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, the notes. If FATCA is not complied with, the withholding tax described above will apply to gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the notes (including a redemption or retirement) on or after January 1, 2017 and to all interest. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify these requirements. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the notes.

You should consult your own tax advisor as to particular tax consequences to you of acquiring, holding, and disposing of the notes, including the applicability and effect of other United States federal, state, local or foreign tax laws, and of any proposed changes in applicable law.

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# **UNDERWRITING**

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, the underwriters named below, for whom Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are acting as representatives, have severally agreed to purchase, and Synchrony has agreed to sell to them, severally, the principal amount of notes indicated below:

Name	Principal Amount of Notes	
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$	290,000,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		
Incorporated		290,000,000
Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.		145,000,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC		145,000,000
Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc.		20,000,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC		20,000,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.		20,000,000
Academy Securities, Inc.		10,000,000
Blaylock Beal Van, LLC		10,000,000
CastleOak Securities, L.P.		10,000,000
Lebenthal & Co., LLC		10,000,000
Mischler Financial Group, Inc.		10,000,000
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.		10,000,000
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.		10,000,000
Total	\$	1,000,000,000

Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC are the joint book-running managers of this offering.

The underwriters are offering the notes subject to their acceptance of the notes from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the several underwriters to pay for and accept delivery of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by their counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to take and pay for all of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus if any such notes are taken. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or this offering may be terminated.

The underwriters initially propose to offer the notes directly to the public at the public offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may offer the notes to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of 0.350% of the principal amount of the notes. Any underwriter may allow, and such dealers may reallow, a concession not in excess of 0.200% of the principal amount of the notes to other underwriters or to certain dealers. After the initial offering of the notes, the offering price and other selling terms may from time to time be varied by the representatives. The offering of the notes by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The underwriting discount will be determined by negotiations among us and the representatives and are a percentage of the offering price to the public. Among the factors to be considered in determining the underwriting discount will be the size of this offering, the nature of the security to be offered and the underwriting discount charged in comparable transactions.

The following table shows the per note and total underwriting discount to be paid to the underwriters.

	Underwriti	ng Discount
Per Note		0.550%
Total	\$	5,500,000

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The estimated offering expenses are approximately \$500,000, which includes legal, accounting and printing costs and various other fees associated with this offering. All offering expenses will be payable by us.

A prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus in electronic format may be made available on web sites maintained by one or more underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate notes to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the joint book-running managers to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

The notes constitute a new issue of securities, for which there is no existing market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the notes in any automated dealer quotation system. We cannot provide you with any assurance regarding whether a trading market for the notes will develop, the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes or the price at which holders may be able to sell their notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, the underwriters are not obligated to do so, and any market-making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. If no active trading market develops in the notes, you may be unable to resell your notes at any price or at their fair market value.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while this offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives or their respective affiliates have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters, as well as other purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We and the underwriters have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

# **Selling Restrictions**

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus come are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an

offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

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## European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State ), from and including the date on which the European Union Prospectus Directive (the EU Prospectus Directive ) was implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date ) an offer of securities described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be made to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the EU Prospectus Directive, except that, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, an offer of securities described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the EU Prospectus Directive;

to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the EU Prospectus Directive); or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the EU Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of securities described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus shall result in a requirement for the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the EU Prospectus Directive. For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of securities to the public in relation to any securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the EU Prospectus Directive in that Member State. The expression EU Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and any amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State, and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

## **Switzerland**

The notes may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes or this offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to this offering, the Company or the notes have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this document will not be filed with, and the offer of notes will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA

(FINMA), and the offer of notes has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (CISA). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of notes.

# **United Kingdom**

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of

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Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia ( Corporations Act )) in relation to the notes has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission ( ASIC ). This document has not been lodged with ASIC and is only directed to certain categories of exempt persons. Accordingly, if you receive this document in Australia:

- (a) you confirm and warrant that you are either:
- (i) a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;
- (ii) a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant s certificate to us which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;
- (iii) a person associated with the Company under section 708(12) of the Corporations Act; or
- (iv) a professional investor within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act, and to the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor, associated person or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this document is void and incapable of acceptance; and
- (b) you warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the notes for resale in Australia within 12 months of the notes being issued unless a