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PRICING SUPPLEMENT No. 953 dated November , 2017

(To Market Measure Supplement dated March 18, 2015,

Prospectus Supplement dated March 18, 2015

and Prospectus dated March 18, 2015) Wells Fargo & Company

**Medium-Term Notes, Series K** 

**Equity Index Linked Securities** 

Market Linked Securities Auto-Callable with Contingent Coupon and

**Contingent Downside** 

Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Lowest Performing of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index

#### and the EURO STOXX 50® Index due December 6, 2021

Linked to the **lowest performing** of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index (each referred to as an Index )

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not provide for fixed payments of interest, do not repay a fixed amount of principal at stated maturity and are subject to potential automatic call prior to stated maturity upon the terms described below. Whether the securities pay a contingent coupon, whether the securities are automatically called prior to stated maturity and, if they are not automatically called, whether you are repaid the original offering price of your securities at stated maturity will depend in each case on the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day. The lowest performing Index on any calculation day is the Index that has the lowest closing level on that calculation day as a percentage of its starting level

**Contingent Coupon.** The securities will pay a contingent coupon on a quarterly basis until the earlier of stated maturity or automatic call if, **and only if**, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the calculation day for that quarter is greater than or equal to its threshold level. However, if the closing level of the lowest performing Index on a calculation day is less than its threshold level, you will not receive any contingent coupon for the relevant quarter. If the closing level of the lowest performing Index is less than its threshold

level on every calculation day, you will not receive any contingent coupons throughout the entire term of the securities. The contingent coupon rate will be determined on the pricing date and will be within the range of 8.00% to 9.00% per annum

**Automatic Call.** If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any of the quarterly calculation days from June 2018 to September 2021, inclusive, is greater than or equal to its starting level, we will automatically call the securities for the original offering price plus a final contingent coupon payment

**Potential Loss of Principal.** If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity, you will receive the original offering price at stated maturity if, **and only if**, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level. If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level, you will lose more than 25%, and possibly all, of the original offering price of your securities

The threshold level for each Index is equal to 75% of its starting level

If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity, you will have full downside exposure to the lowest performing Index from its starting level if its closing level on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level, but you will not participate in any appreciation of any Index and will not receive any dividends on securities included in any Index

Your return on the securities will depend **solely** on the performance of the Index that is the lowest performing Index on each calculation day. You will not benefit in any way from the performance of the better performing Indices. Therefore, you will be adversely affected if **any Index** performs poorly, even if the other Indices perform favorably

All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo & Company, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in any Index for payment; if Wells Fargo & Company defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment

No exchange listing; designed to be held to maturity

On the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, the estimated value of the securities is approximately \$958.28 per security. While the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date may differ from the estimated value set forth above, we do not expect it to differ significantly absent a material change in market conditions or other relevant factors. In no event will the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date be less than \$943.28 per security. The estimated value of the securities was determined for us by Wells Fargo Securities, LLC using its proprietary pricing models. It is not an indication of actual profit to us or to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any of our other affiliates, nor is it an indication of the price, if any, at which Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you at any time after issuance. See Investment Description in this pricing supplement.

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See Risk Factors herein on page PRS-12.

The securities are unsecured obligations of Wells Fargo & Company and all payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo & Company. The securities are not deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this pricing supplement or the accompanying market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	<b>Original Offering Price</b>	Agent Discount <sup>(1)</sup>	Proceeds to Wells Fargo
Per Security	\$1,000.00	\$15.75	\$984.25
Total			

<sup>(1)</sup> Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company, is the agent for the distribution of the securities and is acting as principal. See Investment Description in this pricing supplement for further information.

# Wells Fargo Securities

**Contingent Downside** 

Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Lowest Performing of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell

2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index due December 6, 2021

#### **Investment Description**

The Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Lowest Performing of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index due December 6, 2021 are senior unsecured debt securities of Wells Fargo & Company (<u>Wells Fargo</u>) that do not provide for fixed payments of interest, do not repay a fixed amount of principal at stated maturity and are subject to potential automatic call upon the terms described in this pricing supplement. Whether the securities pay a quarterly contingent coupon, whether the securities are automatically called prior to stated maturity and, if they are not automatically called, whether you are repaid the original offering price of your securities at stated maturity will depend in each case upon the closing level of the **lowest performing** of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index (each referred to as an <u>Index</u>) on the relevant calculation day. The lowest performing Index on any calculation day is the Index that has the lowest closing level on that calculation day as a percentage of its starting level. The securities provide:

- (i) quarterly contingent coupon payments at a rate of 8.00% to 9.00% per annum (to be determined on the pricing date) until the earlier of stated maturity or automatic call if, and only if, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the applicable quarterly calculation day is greater than or equal to 75% of its starting level;
- (ii) the possibility of an automatic early call of the securities for an amount equal to the original offering price plus a final contingent coupon payment if the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any of the quarterly calculation days from June 2018 to September 2021, inclusive, is greater than or equal to its starting level; and
- (iii) if the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity:
  - (a) repayment of the original offering price if, **and only if**, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day has not declined by more than 25% from its starting level; and
  - (b) full exposure to the decline in the level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day from its starting level if the lowest performing Index has declined by more than 25% from its starting level.

If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any quarterly calculation day is less than 75% of its starting level, you will not receive any contingent coupon payment for that quarter. If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity and the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day has declined by more than 25% from its starting level, you will lose more than 25%, and

possibly all, of the original offering price of your securities at stated maturity. Accordingly, you will not receive any protection if the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day has declined by more than 25% from its starting level.

Any return on the securities will be limited to the sum of your contingent coupon payments, if any. You will not participate in any appreciation of any Index, but you will be fully exposed to the decline in the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day if the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity and the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day more than 25% from its starting level.

All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of Wells Fargo.

Your return on the securities will depend solely on the performance of the Index that is the lowest performing Index on each calculation day. You will not benefit in any way from the performance of the better performing Indices. Therefore, you will be adversely affected if any Index performs poorly, even if the other Indices perform favorably.

The securities are riskier than alternative investments linked to only one of the Indices or linked to a basket composed of each Index. Unlike those alternative investments, the securities will be subject to the full risks of each Index, with no offsetting benefit from the better performing Indices. The securities are designed for investors who understand and are willing to bear this additional risk in exchange for the potential contingent coupon payments that the securities offer. Because the securities may be adversely affected by poor performance by any Index, you should not invest in the securities unless you understand and are willing to accept the full downside risks of each Index.

**Contingent Downside** 

Principal at Risk Securities Linked to the Lowest Performing of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell

2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index due December 6, 2021

#### **Investment Description (Continued)**

The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is an equity index that is intended to provide an indication of the pattern of common stock price movement in the large capitalization segment of the United States equity market. The Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index is an equity index that is designed to reflect the performance of the small capitalization segment of the United States equity market. The EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index is an equity index that is composed of 50 component stocks of sector leaders in 11 Eurozone countries and is intended to provide an indication of the pattern of common stock price movement in the Eurozone.

You should read this pricing supplement together with the market measure supplement dated March 18, 2015, the prospectus supplement dated March 18, 2015 and the prospectus dated March 18, 2015 for additional information about the securities. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent it is different from that information. Certain defined terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the prospectus supplement.

You may access the market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus on the SEC website www.sec.gov as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filing for the relevant date on the SEC website):

Market Measure Supplement dated March 18, 2015 filed with the SEC on March 18, 2015: http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312515096591/d890724d424b2.htm

Prospectus Supplement dated March 18, 2015 and Prospectus dated March 18, 2015 filed with the SEC on March 18, 2015: <a href="http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312515096449/d890684d424b2.htm">http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/72971/000119312515096449/d890684d424b2.htm</a>

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2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index due December 6, 2021

#### **Investment Description (Continued)**

The original offering price of each security of \$1,000 includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date will be less than the original offering price. The costs included in the original offering price relate to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type.

The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities include (i) the agent discount, (ii) the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be one of our affiliates) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and (iii) hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the securities.

Our funding considerations take into account the higher issuance, operational and ongoing management costs of market-linked debt such as the securities as compared to our conventional debt of the same maturity, as well as our liquidity needs and preferences. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the securities based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than the interest rates implied by secondary market prices for our debt obligations and/or by other traded instruments referencing our debt obligations, which we refer to as our <u>secondary market rates</u>. As discussed below, our secondary market rates are used in determining the estimated value of the securities.

If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the securities were higher, the economic terms of the securities would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher. The estimated value of the securities as of the pricing date will be set forth in the final pricing supplement.

### Determining the estimated value

Our affiliate, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (<u>WFS</u>), calculated the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement based on its proprietary pricing models. Based on these pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions referred to in this section below, WFS determined an estimated value for the securities by estimating the value of the combination of hypothetical financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the securities, which combination consists of a non-interest bearing, fixed-income bond (the <u>debt</u> component ) and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the securities (the <u>derivative</u> component ).

The estimated value of the debt component is based on a reference interest rate, determined by WFS as of a recent date, that generally tracks our secondary market rates. Because WFS does not continuously calculate our reference interest rate, the reference interest rate used in the calculation of the estimated value of the debt component may be higher or lower than our secondary market rates at the time of that calculation. As noted above, we determine the

economic terms of the securities based upon an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than our secondary market rates. In contrast, in determining the estimated value of the securities, we value the debt component using a reference interest rate that generally tracks our secondary market rates. Because the reference interest rate is generally higher than the assumed funding rate, using the reference interest rate to value the debt component generally results in a lower estimated value for the debt component, which we believe more closely approximates a market valuation of the debt component than if we had used the assumed funding rate.

WFS calculated the estimated value of the derivative component based on a proprietary derivative-pricing model, which generated a theoretical price for the derivative instruments that constitute the derivative component based on various inputs, including the derivative component factors identified in Risk Factors The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways. These inputs may be market-observable or may be based on assumptions made by WFS in its discretion.

The estimated value of the securities determined by WFS is subject to important limitations. See Risk Factors The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate s Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers and Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests.

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#### **Investment Description (Continued)**

#### Valuation of the securities after issuance

The estimated value of the securities is not an indication of the price, if any, at which WFS or any other person may be willing to buy the securities from you in the secondary market. The price, if any, at which WFS or any of its affiliates may purchase the securities in the secondary market will be based upon WFS s proprietary pricing models and will fluctuate over the term of the securities due to changes in market conditions and other relevant factors. However, absent changes in these market conditions and other relevant factors, except as otherwise described in the following paragraph, any secondary market price will be lower than the estimated value on the pricing date because the secondary market price will be reduced by a bid-offer spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate face amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding any related hedging transactions. Accordingly, unless market conditions and other relevant factors change significantly in your favor, any secondary market price for the securities is likely to be less than the original offering price.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities at any time up to the issue date or during the 4-month period following the issue date, the secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates will be increased by an amount reflecting a portion of the costs associated with selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities that are included in the original offering price. Because this portion of the costs is not fully deducted upon issuance, any secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates during this period will be higher than it would be if it were based solely on WFS s proprietary pricing models less the bid-offer spread and hedging unwind costs described above. The amount of this increase in the secondary market price will decline steadily to zero over this 4-month period. If you hold the securities through an account at WFS or any of its affiliates, we expect that this increase will also be reflected in the value indicated for the securities on your brokerage account statement.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities, WFS expects to provide those secondary market prices to any unaffiliated broker-dealers through which the securities are held and to commercial pricing vendors. If you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates, that broker-dealer may obtain market prices for the securities from WFS (directly or indirectly), but could also obtain such market prices from other sources, and may be willing to purchase the securities at any given time at a price that differs from the price at which WFS or any of its affiliates is willing to purchase the securities. As a result, if you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates on your brokerage account statement may be different than if you held your securities at WFS or any of its affiliates.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although WFS and/or its affiliates may buy the securities from investors, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop.

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**Investor Considerations** 

We have designed the securities for investors who:

seek an investment with contingent quarterly coupon payments at a rate of 8.00% to 9.00% per annum (to be determined on the pricing date) until the earlier of stated maturity or automatic call, if, **and only if**, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the applicable quarterly calculation day is greater than or equal to 75% of its starting level;

understand that if the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day has declined by more than 25% from its starting level, they will be fully exposed to the decline in the lowest performing Index from its starting level and will lose more than 25%, and possibly all, of the original offering price at stated maturity;

are willing to accept the risk that they may not receive any contingent coupon payment on one or more, or any, quarterly contingent coupon payment dates over the term of the securities and may lose all of the original offering price per security at maturity;

understand that the securities may be automatically called prior to stated maturity and that the term of the securities may be as short as approximately six months;

understand that the return on the securities will depend solely on the performance of the Index that is the lowest performing Index on each calculation day and that they will not benefit in any way from the performance of the better performing Indices;

understand that the securities are riskier than alternative investments linked to only one of the Indices or linked to a basket composed of each Index;

understand and are willing to accept the full downside risks of each Index;

are willing to forgo participation in any appreciation of any Index and dividends on securities included in the Indices; and

are willing to hold the securities to maturity.

The securities are not designed for, and may not be a suitable investment for, investors who:

seek a liquid investment or are unable or unwilling to hold the securities to maturity;

require full payment of the original offering price of the securities at stated maturity;

seek a security with a fixed term;

are unwilling to purchase securities with an estimated value as of the pricing date that is lower than the original offering price and that may be as low as the lower estimated value set forth on the cover page;

are unwilling to accept the risk that the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day may decline by more than 25% from its starting level;

seek certainty of current income over the term of the securities;

seek exposure to the upside performance of any or each Index;

seek exposure to a basket composed of each Index or a similar investment in which the overall return is based on a blend of the performances of the Indices, rather than solely on the lowest performing Index;

are unwilling to accept the risk of exposure to the large- and small-capitalization segments of the United States equity market and the Eurozone equity market;

are unwilling to accept the credit risk of Wells Fargo; or

prefer the lower risk of conventional fixed income investments with comparable maturities issued by companies with comparable credit ratings.

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2000<sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index due December 6, 2021

# Terms of the Securities

Market Measures:	The S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index, the Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Index and the EURO STOXX 50 <sup>®</sup> Index (each referred to as an <u>Index</u> , and collectively as t <u>he Ind</u> ices )
Pricing Date:	November 29, 2017.*
Issue Date:	December 4, 2017.* (T+3)
Original Offering Price: Contingent	\$1,000 per security. References in this pricing supplement to a <u>security</u> are to a security with an original offering price of \$1,000.
Coupon Payment:	On each contingent coupon payment date, you will receive a contingent coupon payment at a per annum rate equal to the contingent coupon rate if, <b>and only if</b> , the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the related calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level.
	If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any calculation day is less than its threshold level, you will not receive any contingent coupon payment on the related contingent coupon payment date. If the closing level of the lowest performing Index is less than its threshold level on all quarterly calculation days, you will not receive any contingent coupon payments over the term of the securities.

	Each quarterly contingent coupon payment, if any, will be calculated per security as follows: \$1,000 x contingent coupon rate x (90/360). Any contingent coupon payments will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent rounded upward.
Contingent Coupon Payment Dates:	Quarterly, on the third business day following each calculation day (as each such calculation day may be postponed pursuant to Postponement of a Calculation Day below, if applicable), provided that the contingent coupon payment date with respect to the final calculation day will be the stated maturity date. If a calculation day is postponed with respect to one or more Indices, the related contingent coupon payment date will be three business days after the last calculation day as postponed.
Contingent Coupon Rate:	The <u>contingent coupon rate</u> will be determined on the pricing date and will be within the range of 8.00% to 9.00% per annum.
Automatic Call:	If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any of the quarterly calculation days from June 2018 to September 2021, inclusive, is greater than or equal to its starting level, the securities will be automatically called, and on the related call settlement date you will be entitled to receive a cash payment per security in U.S. dollars equal to the original offering price per security plus a final contingent coupon payment. The securities will not be subject to automatic call until the second quarterly calculation day, which is approximately six months after the issue date.
	If the securities are automatically called, they will cease to be outstanding on the related call settlement date and you will have no further rights under the securities after such call settlement date. You will not receive any notice from us if the securities are automatically called.
Calculation Days:	Quarterly, on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of each March, June, September and December, commencing March 2018 and ending September 2021, and the final calculation day*, each subject to postponement as described below under Postponement of a Calculation Day. We refer to December 1, 2021* as the final calculation day.
Call Settlement	
Date:	

Three business days after the applicable calculation day (as such calculation day may be postponed pursuant to Postponement of a Calculation Day below, if applicable). If a calculation day is postponed with respect to one or more Indices, the related call settlement date will be three business days after the last calculation day as postponed.

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# **Terms of the Securities (Continued)**

	December 6, 2021*. If the final calculation day is postponed, the stated maturity date will be the later of (i) December 6, 2021* and (ii) three business days after the last final calculation day as
Stated Maturity	postponed. See Postponement of a Calculation Day below. If the stated maturity date is not a
	business day, the payment to be made on the stated maturity date will be made on the next
Date:	succeeding business day with the same force and effect as if it had been made on the stated
	maturity date. The securities are not subject to repayment at the option of any holder of the
	securities prior to the stated maturity date.
Payment at	If the securities are not automatically called prior to the stated maturity date, you will be entitled
	to receive on the stated maturity date a cash payment per security in U.S. dollars equal to the
Stated Maturity:	redemption amount (in addition to the final contingent coupon payment, if any). The <u>redemption</u>
	amount per security will equal:
	if the condition have been to the hermonian to her and the first extended in the is successful them.
	if the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level: \$1,000; or
	or equal to its threshold level. \$1,000, or
	if the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its
	threshold level:
	\$1,000 × performance factor of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day
	If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity and the ending level
	of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level,
	you will lose more than 25%, and possibly all, of the original offering price of your
	securities at stated maturity.
	Any return on the securities will be limited to the sum of your contingent coupon
	payments, if any. You will not participate in any appreciation of any Index, but you will
	have full downside exposure to the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day if
	the ending level of that Index is less than its threshold level.

# Edgar Filing: WELLS FARGO & COMPANY/MN - Form 424B2 All calculations with respect to the redemption amount will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth, with five one-millionths rounded upward (e.g., 0.000005 would be rounded to 0.00001); and the redemption amount will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent rounded upward. Lowest For any calculation day, the <u>lowest performing Index</u> will be the Index with the lowest performance factor on that calculation day (as such calculation day may be postponed for one or Performing more Indices pursuant to Postponement of a Calculation Day below, if applicable). Index: Performance With respect to an Index on any calculation day, its closing level on such calculation day divided by its starting level (expressed as a percentage). **Factor:** With respect to each Index, the <u>closing level</u> of that Index on any trading day means the official closing level of that Index reported by the relevant index sponsor on such trading day, as obtained by the calculation agent on such trading day from the licensed third-party market data vendor contracted by the calculation agent at such time; in particular, taking into account the decimal precision and/or rounding convention employed by such licensed third-party market **Closing Level:** data vendor on such date. Currently, the calculation agent obtains market data from Thomson Reuters Ltd., but the calculation agent may change its market data vendor at any time without notice. The foregoing provisions of this definition of closing level are subject to the provisions set forth below under Additional Terms of the Securities Market Disruption Events, Adjustments Discontinuance of an Index. to an Index and With respect to the S&P 500 Index: , its closing level on the pricing date. **Starting Level:** With respect to the Russell 2000 Index: , its closing level on the pricing date. With respect to the EURO STOXX 50 Index: , its closing level on the pricing date.

\*To the extent that we make any change to the expected pricing date or expected issue date, the calculation days and stated maturity date may also be changed in our discretion to ensure that the term of the securities remains the same.

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# **Terms of the Securities (Continued)**

Ending Level:	The <u>ending level</u> of an Index will be its closing level on the final calculation day.
Threshold	With respect to the S&P 500 Index: , which is equal to 75% of its starting level.
Level:	With respect to the Russell 2000 Index:, which is equal to 75% of its starting level.With respect to the EURO STOXX 50 Index:, which is equal to 75% of its starting level.
Postponement of a Calculation Day:	If any calculation day is not a trading day with respect to any Index, such calculation day for each Index will be postponed to the next succeeding day that is a trading day with respect to each Index. A calculation day for an Index is also subject to postponement due to the occurrence of a market disruption event with respect to such Index on such calculation day. See Additional Terms of the Securities Market Disruption Events.
	Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
Calculation	
Agent:	

No Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.
Material Tax Consequences:	For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income and certain estate tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities, see United States Federal Tax Considerations.
	Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company. The agent may resell the securities to other securities dealers at the original offering price of the securities less a concession not in excess of \$15.00 per security. Such securities dealers may include Wells Fargo Advisors ( <u>WFA</u> ) (the trade name of the retail brokerage business of our affiliates, Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC and Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC). In addition to the concession allowed to WFA, WFS will pay \$0.75 per security of the agent s discount to WFA as a distribution expense fee for each security sold by WFA.
Agent:	The agent or another affiliate of ours expects to realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models to the extent it assumes the risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities. If any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that dealer or its affiliate will expect to realize a profit projected by its proprietary pricing models from such hedging activities. Any such projected profit will be in addition to any discount, concession or distribution expense fee received in connection with the sale of the securities to you.
Denominations:	\$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000.
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#### Determining Payment On A Contingent Coupon Payment Date and at Maturity

If the securities have not been previously automatically called, on each quarterly contingent coupon payment date, you will either receive a contingent coupon payment or you will not receive a contingent coupon payment, depending on the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the related quarterly calculation day.

**Step 1**: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day. The lowest performing Index on any calculation day is the Index with the lowest performance factor on that calculation day. The performance factor of an Index on a calculation day is its closing level on that calculation day as a percentage of its starting level (i.e., its closing level on that calculation day *divided by* its starting level).

**Step 2**: Determine whether a contingent coupon is paid on the applicable contingent coupon payment date based on the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day, as follows:

On the stated maturity date, if the securities have not been automatically called prior to the stated maturity date, you will receive (in addition to the final contingent coupon payment, if any) a cash payment per security (the redemption amount) calculated as follows:

**Step 1**: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day. The lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is the Index with the lowest performance factor on the final calculation day. The performance factor of an Index on the final calculation day is its ending level as a percentage of its starting level (i.e., its ending level *divided by* its starting level).

Step 2: Calculate the redemption amount based on the ending level of the lowest performing Index, as follows:

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#### **Hypothetical Payout Profile**

The following profile illustrates the potential payment at stated maturity on the securities (excluding the final contingent coupon payment, if any) for a range of hypothetical performances of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day from its starting level to its ending level, assuming the securities have not been automatically called prior to the stated maturity date. This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only. Your actual return will depend on the actual ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day and whether you hold your securities to stated maturity. The performance of the better performing Indices is not relevant to your return on the securities.

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#### **Risk Factors**

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities will involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, including the documents they incorporate by reference. As described in more detail below, the value of the securities may vary considerably before the stated maturity date due to events that are difficult to predict and are beyond our control. You should reach an investment decision only after you have carefully considered with your advisors the suitability of an investment in the securities in light of your particular circumstances.

# If The Securities Are Not Automatically Called Prior to Stated Maturity, You May Lose Some Or All Of The Original Offering Price Of Your Securities At Stated Maturity.

We will not repay you a fixed amount on your securities at stated maturity. If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity, you will receive a payment at stated maturity that will be equal to or less than the original offering price per security, depending on the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

If the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level, the payment you receive at stated maturity will be reduced by an amount equal to the decline in the level of the lowest performing Index from its starting level (expressed as a percentage of its starting level). The threshold level for each Index is 75% of its starting level. For example, if the securities are not automatically called and the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day has declined by 25.1% from its starting level to its ending level, you will not receive any benefit of the contingent downside protection feature and you will lose 25.1% of the original offering price per security. As a result, you will not receive any protection if the level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day declines significantly and you may lose some, and possibly all, of the original offering price per security at stated maturity, even if the level of the lowest performing Index is greater than or equal to its starting level or its threshold level at certain times during the term of the securities.

Even if the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is greater than its threshold level, the amount you receive at stated maturity will not exceed the original offering price, and your yield on the securities, taking into account any contingent coupon payments you may have received during the term of the securities, may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a traditional interest-bearing debt security of Wells Fargo or another issuer with a similar credit rating.

The Securities Do Not Provide For Fixed Payments Of Interest And You May Receive No Coupon Payments On One Or More Quarterly Contingent Coupon Payment Dates, Or Even Throughout The Entire Four-Year Term Of The Securities.

On each quarterly contingent coupon payment date you will receive a contingent coupon payment if, **and only if**, the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the related calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level. If the closing level of the lowest performing Index on any calculation day is less than its threshold level, you will not receive any contingent coupon payment on the related contingent coupon payment date, and if the closing level of the lowest performing Index is threshold level on each calculation day over the term of the securities, you will not receive any contingent coupon payments over the entire four-year term of the securities.

# The Securities Are Subject To The Full Risks Of Each Index And Will Be Negatively Affected If Any Index Performs Poorly, Even If The Other Indices Perform Favorably.

You are subject to the full risks of each Index. If any Index performs poorly, you will be negatively affected, even if the other Indices perform favorably. The securities are not linked to a basket composed of the Indices, where the better performance of some Indices could offset the poor performance of others. Instead, you are subject to the full risks of whichever Index is the lowest performing Index on each calculation day. As a result, the securities are riskier than an alternative investment linked to only one of the Indices or linked to a basket composed of each Index. You should not invest in the securities unless you understand and are willing to accept the full downside risks of each Index.

### Your Return On The Securities Will Depend Solely On The Performance Of The Index That Is The Lowest Performing Index On Each Calculation Day, And You Will Not Benefit In Any Way From The Performance Of The Better Performing Indices.

Your return on the securities will depend solely on the performance of the Index that is the lowest performing Index on each calculation day. Although it is necessary for each Index to close above its respective threshold level on the relevant calculation day in order for you to receive a quarterly contingent coupon payment and for you to be repaid the original offering price of your securities at maturity, you will not benefit in any way from the performance of the better performing Indices. The securities may underperform an alternative investment linked to a basket composed of the Indices, since in such case the performance of the better performing Indices

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would be blended with the performance of the lowest performing Index, resulting in a better return than the return of the lowest performing Index alone.

#### You Will Be Subject To Risks Resulting From The Relationship Between The Indices.

It is preferable from your perspective for the Indices to be correlated with each other so that their levels will tend to increase or decrease at similar times and by similar magnitudes. By investing in the securities, you assume the risk that the Indices will not exhibit this relationship. The less correlated the Indices, the more likely it is that any one of the Indices will be performing poorly at any time over the term of the securities. All that is necessary for the securities to perform poorly is for one of the Indices to perform poorly; the performance of the better performing Indices is not relevant to your return on the securities. It is impossible to predict what the relationship between the Indices will be over the term of the securities. Each Index represents a different equity market. The S&P 500 Index represents the large capitalization segment of the United States equity market, the Russell 2000 Index represents the small capitalization segment of the United States equity market and the EURO STOXX 50 Index represents the Eurozone equity market. These different equity markets may not perform similarly over the term of the securities.

### You May Be Fully Exposed To The Decline In The Lowest Performing Index On The Final Calculation Day From Its Starting Level, But Will Not Participate In Any Positive Performance Of Any Index.

Even though you will be fully exposed to a decline in the level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day if its ending level is below its threshold level, you will not participate in any increase in the level of any Index over the term of the securities. Your maximum possible return on the securities will be limited to the sum of the contingent coupon payments you receive, if any. Consequently, your return on the securities may be significantly less than the return you could achieve on an alternative investment that provides for participation in an increase in the level of any or each Index.

#### Higher Contingent Coupon Rates Are Associated With Greater Risk.

The securities offer contingent coupon payments at a higher rate, if paid, than the fixed rate we would pay on conventional debt securities of the same maturity. These higher potential contingent coupon payments are associated with greater levels of expected risk as of the pricing date as compared to conventional debt securities, including the risk that you may not receive a contingent coupon payment on one or more, or any, contingent coupon payment dates and the risk that you may lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of the original offering price per security at maturity. The volatility of the Indices and the correlation among the Indices are important factors affecting this risk. Volatility is a measurement of the size and frequency of daily fluctuations in the level of an Index, typically observed over a specified period of time. Volatility can be measured in a variety of ways, including on a historical basis or on an expected basis as implied by option prices in the market. Correlation is a measurement of the extent to which the

levels of the Indices tend to fluctuate at the same time, in the same direction and in similar magnitudes. Greater expected volatility of the Indices or lower expected correlation among the Indices as of the pricing date may result in a higher contingent coupon rate, but it also represents a greater expected likelihood as of the pricing date that the closing level of at least one Index will be less than its threshold level on one or more calculation days, such that you will not receive one or more, or any, contingent coupon payments during the term of the securities, and that the closing level of at least one Index will be less than its threshold level on the final calculation day such that you will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of the original offering price per security at maturity. In general, the higher the contingent coupon rate is relative to the fixed rate we would pay on conventional debt securities, the greater the expected risk that you will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of the original offering price per security at maturing the term of the securities and that you will lose a substantial portion, and possibly all, of the original offering price per security at maturity.

### You Will Be Subject To Reinvestment Risk.

If your securities are automatically called, the term of the securities may be reduced to as short as approximately six months. There is no guarantee that you would be able to reinvest the proceeds from an investment in the securities at a comparable return for a similar level of risk in the event the securities are automatically called prior to maturity.

#### The Securities Are Subject To The Credit Risk Of Wells Fargo.

The securities are our obligations and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. Any amounts payable under the securities are subject to our creditworthiness, and you will have no ability to pursue any securities included in any Index for payment. As a result, our actual and perceived creditworthiness may affect the value of the securities and, in the event we were to default on our obligations, you may not receive any amounts owed to you under the terms of the securities.

# The Estimated Value Of The Securities On The Pricing Date, Based On WFS s Proprietary Pricing Models, Will Be Less Than The Original Offering Price.

The original offering price of the securities includes certain costs that are borne by you. Because of these costs, the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date will be less than the original offering price. The costs included in the original offering price relate to

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selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities, as well as to our funding considerations for debt of this type. The costs related to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities include (i) the agent discount, (ii) the projected profit that our hedge counterparty (which may be one of our affiliates) expects to realize for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and (iii) hedging and other costs relating to the offering of the securities. Our funding considerations are reflected in the fact that we determine the economic terms of the securities based on an assumed funding rate that is generally lower than our secondary market rates. If the costs relating to selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities were lower, or if the assumed funding rate we use to determine the economic terms of the securities were higher, the economic terms of the securities would be more favorable to you and the estimated value would be higher.

# The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate s Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers.

The estimated value of the securities was determined for us by WFS using its proprietary pricing models and related market inputs and assumptions referred to above under Investment Description Determining the estimated value. Certain inputs to these models may be determined by WFS in its discretion. WFS s views on these inputs may differ from other dealers views, and WFS s estimated value of the securities may be higher, and perhaps materially higher, than the estimated value of the securities that would be determined by other dealers in the market. WFS s models and its inputs and related assumptions may prove to be wrong and therefore not an accurate reflection of the value of the securities.

# The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Not An Indication Of The Price, If Any, At Which WFS Or Any Other Person May Be Willing To Buy The Securities From You In The Secondary Market.

The price, if any, at which WFS or any of its affiliates may purchase the securities in the secondary market will be based on WFS s proprietary pricing models and will fluctuate over the term of the securities as a result of changes in the market and other factors described in the next risk factor. Any such secondary market price for the securities will also be reduced by a bid-offer spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate face amount of the securities to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding any related hedging transactions. Unless the factors described in the next risk factor change significantly in your favor, any such secondary market price for the securities is likely to be less than the original offering price.

If WFS or any of its affiliates makes a secondary market in the securities at any time up to the issue date or during the 4-month period following the issue date, the secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates will be increased by an amount reflecting a portion of the costs associated with selling, structuring, hedging and issuing the securities that are included in the original offering price. Because this portion of the costs is not fully deducted upon issuance, any secondary market price offered by WFS or any of its affiliates during this period will be higher than it

would be if it were based solely on WFS s proprietary pricing models less the bid-offer spread and hedging unwind costs described above. The amount of this increase in the secondary market price will decline steadily to zero over this 4-month period. If you hold the securities through an account at WFS or any of its affiliates, we expect that this increase will also be reflected in the value indicated for the securities on your brokerage account statement. If you hold your securities through an account at a broker-dealer other than WFS or any of its affiliates, the value of the securities on your brokerage account statement may be different than if you held your securities at WFS or any of its affiliates, as discussed above under Investment Description.

# The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways.

The value of the securities prior to stated maturity will be affected by the level of each Index at that time, interest rates at that time and a number of other factors, some of which are interrelated in complex ways. The effect of any one factor may be offset or magnified by the effect of another factor. The following factors, which we refer to as the <u>derivative component factors</u>, are expected to affect the value of the securities. When we refer to the <u>value</u> of your security, we mean the value you could receive for your security if you are able to sell it in the open market before the stated maturity date.

**Performance of the Indices.** The value of the securities prior to maturity will depend substantially on the level of each Index. The price at which you may be able to sell the securities before stated maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from their original offering price, if the level of the lowest performing Index at such time is less than, equal to or not sufficiently above its starting level or its threshold level.

**Interest Rates.** The value of the securities may be affected by changes in the interest rates in the U.S. markets.

**Volatility Of The Indices.** Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of market fluctuations. The value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the Indices changes.

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**Correlation Among The Indices.** Correlation refers to the extent to which the levels of the Indices tend to fluctuate at the same time, in the same direction and in similar magnitudes. The correlation among the Indices may be positive, zero or negative. The value of the securities is likely to decrease if the correlation among the Indices decreases.

**Time Remaining To Maturity.** The value of the securities at any given time prior to maturity will likely be different from that which would be expected based on the then-current levels of the Indices. This difference will most likely reflect a discount due to expectations and uncertainty concerning the levels of the Indices during the period of time still remaining to the stated maturity date.

**Dividend Yields On Securities Included In The Indices.** The value of the securities may be affected by the dividend yields on securities included in the Indices.

**Volatility Of Currency Exchange Rates**. Since the level of the EURO STOXX 50 Index is based on the value of its component stocks as expressed in a foreign currency, the value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and that foreign currency changes.

**Correlation Between Currency Exchange Rates And The EURO STOXX 50 Index**. Since the level of the EURO STOXX 50 Index is based on the value of its component stocks as expressed in a foreign currency, the value of the securities may be affected by changes in the correlation between the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and that foreign currency and the EURO STOXX 50 Index.

In addition to the derivative component factors, the value of the securities will be affected by actual or anticipated changes in our creditworthiness, as reflected in our secondary market rates. The value of the securities will also be limited by the automatic call feature because if the securities are automatically called, you will not receive the contingent coupon payments that would have accrued, if any, had the securities been called on a later calculation day or held until the stated maturity date. You should understand that the impact of one of the factors specified above, such as a change in interest rates, may offset some or all of any change in the value of the securities attributable to another factor, such as a change in the level of any or all of the Indices. Because numerous factors are expected to affect the value of the securities, changes in the level of the Indices may not result in a comparable change in the value of the securities.

The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And We Do Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although the agent and/or its affiliates may purchase the securities from holders, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop. Because we do not expect that any market makers will participate in a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to sell your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which the agent is willing to buy your securities.

If a secondary market does exist, it may be limited. Accordingly, there may be a limited number of buyers if you decide to sell your securities prior to stated maturity. This may affect the price you receive upon such sale. Consequently, you should be willing to hold the securities to stated maturity.

# Historical Levels Of The Indices Should Not Be Taken As An Indication Of The Future Performance Of The Indices During The Term Of The Securities.

The trading prices of the securities included in the Indices will determine the levels of the Indices and, therefore, whether the securities will be automatically called prior to stated maturity, the amount payable to you at maturity and whether contingent coupon payments will be made. As a result, it is impossible to predict whether the closing levels of the Indices will fall or rise compared to their respective starting levels. Trading prices of the securities included in the Indices will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors that can affect the markets in which those securities are traded and the values of those securities themselves. Accordingly, any historical levels of the Indices.

# Changes That Affect The Indices May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And The Amount You Will Receive At Stated Maturity.

The policies of an index sponsor concerning the calculation of the relevant Index and the addition, deletion or substitution of securities comprising such Index and the manner in which an index sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting such securities may affect the level of such Index and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities, the likelihood of the occurrence of an automatic call, the amount payable at maturity and whether contingent coupon payments will be made. An index sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the relevant Index or materially alter the methodology by which it calculates such Index. Any such actions could adversely affect the value of the securities.

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# We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In The Indices.

Actions by any company whose securities are included in an Index may have an adverse effect on the price of its security, the closing level of such Index on any calculation day, the ending level of such Index and the value of the securities. We are one of the companies included in the S&P 500 Index, but we are not affiliated with any of the other companies included in any Index. These companies will not be involved in the offering of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our or your interests into consideration for any reason. These companies will not receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities and will not be responsible for, and will not have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. These companies will not be involved with the administration, marketing or trading of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to any amounts to be paid to you on the securities.

# We And Our Affiliates Have No Affiliation With Any Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Their Public Disclosure Of Information.

We and our affiliates are not affiliated in any way with any Index sponsor and have no ability to control or predict their actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding the methods or policies relating to the calculation of the applicable Index. We have derived the information about the index sponsors and the Indices contained in this pricing supplement and the accompanying market measure supplement from publicly available information, without independent verification. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into each Index and the index sponsors. The index sponsors are not involved in the offering of the securities made hereby in any way and have no obligation to consider your interest as an owner of the securities in taking any actions that might affect the value of the securities.

# An Investment In The Securities Is Subject To Risks Associated With Investing In Stocks With A Small Market Capitalization.

The stocks that constitute the Russell 2000 Index are issued by companies with relatively small market capitalization. These companies often have greater stock price volatility, lower trading volume and less liquidity than large capitalization companies. As a result, the Russell 2000 Index may be more volatile than that of an equity index that does not track solely small capitalization stocks. Stock prices of small capitalization companies are also generally more vulnerable than those of large capitalization companies to adverse business and economic developments, and the stocks of small capitalization companies may be thinly traded, and be less attractive to many investors if they do not pay dividends. In addition, small capitalization companies are typically less well-established and less stable financially than large capitalization companies and may depend on a small number of key personnel, making them more vulnerable to loss of those individuals. Small capitalization companies tend to have lower revenues, less diverse

product lines, smaller shares of their target markets, fewer financial resources and fewer competitive strengths than large capitalization companies. These companies may also be more susceptible to adverse developments related to their products or services.

### An Investment In The Securities Is Subject To Risks Associated With Foreign Securities Markets.

The EURO STOXX 50 Index includes the stocks of foreign companies and you should be aware that investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities involve particular risks. Foreign securities markets may have less liquidity and may be more volatile than the U.S. securities markets, and market developments may affect foreign markets differently than U.S. securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize a foreign securities market, as well as cross-shareholdings in foreign companies, may affect trading prices and volumes in those markets. Also, there is generally less publicly available information about non-U.S. companies that are not subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and non-U.S. companies are subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements that differ from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies.

The prices and performance of securities of non-U.S. companies are subject to political, economic, financial, military and social factors which could negatively affect foreign securities markets, including the possibility of recent or future changes in a foreign government s economic, monetary and fiscal policies, the possible imposition of, or changes in, currency exchange laws or other laws or restrictions applicable to foreign companies or investments in foreign equity securities, the possibility of imposition of withholding taxes on dividend income, the possibility of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies, the possibility of outbreaks of hostility or political instability and the possibility of natural disaster or adverse public health developments. Moreover, the relevant non-U.S. economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in important respects, such as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, trade surpluses or deficits, capital reinvestment, resources and self-sufficiency.

The stocks included in the EURO STOXX 50 Index may be listed on a foreign stock exchange. A foreign stock exchange may impose trading limitations intended to prevent extreme fluctuations in individual security prices and may suspend trading in certain circumstances. These actions could limit variations in the closing level of the EURO STOXX 50 Index which could, in turn, adversely affect the value of the securities.

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# A Contingent Coupon Payment Date, A Call Settlement Date And The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed If A Calculation Day Is Postponed.

A calculation day (including the final calculation day) with respect to an Index will be postponed if the applicable originally scheduled calculation day is not a trading day with respect to any Index or if the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event has occurred or is continuing with respect to that Index on that calculation day. If such a postponement occurs with respect to a calculation day other than the final calculation day, then the related contingent coupon payment date or call settlement date, as applicable, will be postponed. If such a postponement occurs with respect to the final calculation day, the stated maturity date will be the later of (i) the initial stated maturity date and (ii) three business days after the last final calculation day as postponed.

# Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests.

You should be aware of the following ways in which our economic interests and those of any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities, which we refer to as a <u>participating dealer</u>, are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. In engaging in certain of the activities described below, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may take actions that may adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities, and in so doing they will have no obligation to consider your interests as an investor in the securities. Our affiliates may realize a profit from these activities even if investors do not receive a favorable investment return on the securities.

The calculation agent is our affiliate and may be required to make discretionary judgments that affect the return you receive on the securities. WFS, which is our affiliate, will be the calculation agent for the securities. As calculation agent, WFS will determine the closing level of each Index on each calculation day, the ending level of each Index, whether the securities are automatically called and whether you receive a contingent coupon payment on a contingent coupon payment date and may be required to make other determinations that affect the return you receive on the securities. In making these determinations, the calculation agent may be required to make discretionary judgments, including determining whether a market disruption event has occurred with respect to any Index on a scheduled calculation day, which may result in postponement of that calculation day with respect to that Index; determining the closing level of an Index if a market disruption event occurs with respect to that Index on that day; if an Index is discontinued, selecting a successor index or, if no successor index is available, determining the closing level of that Index on any calculation day and the ending level of that Index; and determining whether to adjust the closing level of an

Index on a calculation day in the event of certain changes in or modifications to that Index. In making these discretionary judgments, the fact that WFS is our affiliate may cause it to have economic interests that are adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities, and WFS s determinations as calculation agent may adversely affect your return on the securities.

*The estimated value of the securities was calculated by our affiliate and is therefore not an independent third-party valuation.* WFS calculated the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement, which involved discretionary judgments by WFS, as described under Risk Factors The Estimated Value Of The Securities Is Determined By Our Affiliate s Pricing Models, Which May Differ From Those Of Other Dealers above. Accordingly, the estimated value of the securities set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement is not an independent third-party valuation.

Research reports by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may be inconsistent with an investment in the securities and may adversely affect the levels of the Indices. Our affiliates or any participating dealer in the offering of the securities or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports on the Indices or the companies whose securities are included in an Index. This research is modified from time to time without notice and may, at present or in the future, express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the securities. Any research reports on the Indices or the companies are included in an Index could adversely affect the level of the applicable Index and, therefore, could adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. You are encouraged to derive information concerning the Indices from multiple sources and should not rely on the views expressed by us or our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. In addition, any research reports on the Indices or the companies whose securities are included in an Index published on or prior to the pricing date could result in an increase in the levels of the Indices on the pricing date, which would adversely affect investors in the securities by increasing the level at which each Index must close on each calculation day (including the final calculation day) in order for investors in the securities to receive a favorable return.

Business activities of our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates with the companies whose securities are included in an Index may adversely affect the level of such Index. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with the companies whose securities are included in an Index, including

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making loans to those companies (including exercising creditors remedies with respect to such loans), making equity investments in those companies or providing investment banking, asset management or other advisory services to those companies. These business activities could adversely affect the level of such Index and, therefore, could adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. In addition, in the course of these business activities, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may acquire non-public information about one or more of the companies whose securities are included in an Index. If our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates do acquire such non-public information, we and they are not obligated to disclose such non-public information to you.

*Hedging activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the levels of the Indices.* We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through one or more hedge counterparties, which may include our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. Pursuant to such hedging activities, our hedge counterparties may acquire securities included in an Index or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to the Indices or such securities. Depending on, among other things, future market conditions, the aggregate amount and the composition of such positions are likely to vary over time. To the extent that our hedge counterparties have a long hedge position in any of the securities included in an Index, or derivative or synthetic instruments related to the Indices or such securities, they may liquidate a portion of such holdings at or about the time of a calculation day or at or about the time of a change in the securities included in the Indices. These hedging activities could potentially adversely affect the levels of the Indices and, therefore, could adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

*Trading activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the levels of the Indices.* Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may engage in trading in the securities included in an Index and other instruments relating to the Indices or such securities on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these trading activities could potentially adversely affect the levels of the Indices and, therefore, could adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

A participating dealer or its affiliates may realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models in addition to any selling concession and/or distribution expense fee, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you. If any participating dealer or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that participating dealer or its affiliates will expect to realize a projected profit from such hedging activities and this projected profit will be in addition to any concession and/or distribution expense fee that the participating dealer realizes for the sale of the securities to

you. This additional projected profit may create a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you.

### The U.S. Federal Tax Consequences Of An Investment In The Securities Are Unclear.

There is no direct legal authority as to the proper U.S. federal tax treatment of the securities, and we do not intend to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the <u>IRS</u>). Consequently, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain, and the IRS or a court might not agree with the treatment of the securities as described in this pricing supplement under United States Federal Tax Considerations. If the IRS were successful in asserting an alternative treatment, the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the securities might be materially and adversely affected.

# Non-U.S. holders should note that persons having withholding responsibility in respect of the securities may withhold on any coupon payment paid to a non-U.S. holder, generally at a rate of 30%. To the extent that we have withholding responsibility in respect of the securities, we intend to so withhold.

In addition, Section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the <u>Code</u>), imposes a withholding tax of up to 30% on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to non-U.S. investors in respect of certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities. In light of IRS regulations providing a general exemption for financial instruments issued in 2017 that do not have a delta of one, as of the date of this preliminary pricing supplement the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m). However, information about the application of Section 871(m) to the securities will be updated in the final pricing supplement. Moreover, the IRS could challenge a conclusion that the securities should not be subject to withholding under Section 871(m).

We will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.

You should read carefully the discussion under United States Federal Tax Considerations in this pricing supplement and consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities.

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### **Hypothetical Returns**

### If the securities are automatically called:

If the securities are automatically called prior to stated maturity, you will receive the original offering price of your securities plus a final contingent coupon payment on the call settlement date. In the event the securities are automatically called, your total return on the securities will equal any contingent coupon payments received prior to the call settlement date and the contingent coupon payment received on the call settlement date.

### If the securities are not automatically called:

If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity, the following table illustrates, for a range of hypothetical performance factors of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day, the hypothetical redemption amount payable at stated maturity per security (excluding the final contingent coupon payment, if any). The performance factor of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is its ending level expressed as a percentage of its starting level (i.e., its ending level *divided by* its starting level).

Hypothetical performance factor of lowest performing Index on final calculation day	Hypothetical payment at stated maturity per security
175.00%	\$1,000.00
160.00%	\$1,000.00
150.00%	\$1,000.00
140.00%	\$1,000.00
130.00%	\$1,000.00
120.00%	\$1,000.00
110.00%	\$1,000.00
100.00%	\$1,000.00
90.00%	\$1,000.00
80.00%	\$1,000.00
75.00%	\$1,000.00
74.00%	\$740.00
70.00%	\$700.00
60.00%	\$600.00
50.00%	\$500.00
40.00%	\$400.00
25.00%	\$250.00

The above figures do not take into account contingent coupon payments, if any, received during the term of the securities. As evidenced above, in no event will you have a positive rate of return based solely on the redemption amount received at maturity; any positive return will be based solely on the contingent coupon payments, if any, received during the term of the securities.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only and may have been rounded for ease of analysis. If the securities are not automatically called prior to stated maturity, the actual amount you will receive at stated maturity will depend on the actual ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day. The performance of the better performing Indices is not relevant to your return on the securities.

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### **Hypothetical Contingent Coupon Payments**

Set forth below are three examples that illustrate how to determine whether a contingent coupon payment will be paid and whether the securities will be automatically called on a quarterly contingent coupon payment date prior to the stated maturity date. The examples do not reflect any specific quarterly contingent coupon payment date. The following examples reflect a hypothetical contingent coupon rate of 8.50% per annum (the midpoint of the specified range for the contingent coupon rate) and assume the hypothetical starting level, threshold level and closing levels for each Index indicated in the examples. The terms used for purposes of these hypothetical examples do not represent any actual starting level or threshold level. The hypothetical starting level of 100.00 for each Index has been chosen for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the actual starting level for any Index. The actual starting level and threshold level for each Index will be determined on the pricing date and will be set forth under Terms of the Securities above. For historical data regarding the actual closing levels of the Indices, see the historical information set forth under the sections titled The S&P 500 Index, The Russell 2000ndex and The EURO STOXX **©0**ndex below. These examples are for purposes of illustration only and the values used in the examples may have been rounded for ease of analysis.

Example 1. The closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level and less than its starting level. As a result, investors receive a contingent coupon payment on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date and the securities are not automatically called.

### **EURO**

	S&P 500 Index	Russell 2000 Index	STOXX 50
			Index
Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical closing level on relevant calculation day:	90.00	95.00	80.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (closing level on calculation day <i>divided by</i>			
	90.00%	95.00%	80.00%

### starting level):

<u>Step 1</u>: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

In this example, the EURO STOXX 50 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine whether a contingent coupon payment will be paid and whether the securities will be automatically called on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date.

Since the hypothetical closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is greater than or equal to its threshold level, but less than its starting level, you would receive a contingent coupon payment on the applicable contingent coupon payment date and the securities would not be automatically called. The contingent coupon payment would be equal to \$21.25 per security, which is the product of \$1,000  $\times$  8.50% per annum  $\times$  (90/360), rounded to the nearest cent.

Example 2. The closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is less than its threshold level. As a result, investors do not receive a contingent coupon payment on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date and the securities are not automatically called.

### **EURO STOXX**

	S&P 500 Index	Russell 2000 Index	
			50 Index
Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical closing level on relevant calculation day:	74.00	125.00	105.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (closing level on calculation day <i>divided by</i>			
	74.00%	125.00%	105.00%
starting level)•			

### starting level):

<u>Step 1</u>: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

In this example, the S&P 500 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

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### Hypothetical Contingent Coupon Payments (Continued)

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine whether a contingent coupon payment will be paid and whether the securities will be automatically called on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date.

Since the hypothetical closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is less than its threshold level, you would not receive a contingent coupon payment on the applicable contingent coupon payment date. In addition, the securities would not be automatically called, even though the closing levels of the better performing Indices on the relevant calculation day are greater than their starting levels. As this example illustrates, whether you receive a contingent coupon payment and whether the securities are automatically called on a quarterly contingent coupon payment date will depend solely on the closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day. The performance of the better performing Indices is not relevant to your return on the securities.

Example 3. The closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is greater than or equal to its starting level. As a result, the securities are automatically called on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date for the original offering price plus a final contingent coupon payment.

### EURO STOXX

	S&P 500 Index	Russell 2000 Index	
			50 Index
Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical closing level on relevant calculation day:	115.00	105.00	130.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (closing level on calculation day <i>divided by</i>			
	115.00%	105.00%	130.00%
starting level).			

### starting level):

<u>Step 1</u>: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

In this example, the Russell 2000 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day.

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine whether a contingent coupon payment will be paid and whether the securities will be automatically called on the applicable quarterly contingent coupon payment date.

Since the hypothetical closing level of the lowest performing Index on the relevant calculation day is greater than or equal to its starting level, the securities would be automatically called and you would receive the original offering

price plus a final contingent coupon payment on the applicable contingent coupon payment date, which is also referred to as the call settlement date. On the call settlement date, you would receive \$1,021.25 per security.

If the securities are automatically called prior to maturity, you will not receive any further payments after the call settlement date.

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### Hypothetical Payment at Stated Maturity

Set forth below are three examples of calculations of the redemption amount payable at stated maturity, assuming that the securities have not been automatically called prior to stated maturity and assuming the hypothetical starting level, threshold level and ending levels for each Index indicated in the examples. The terms used for purposes of these hypothetical examples do not represent any actual starting level or threshold level. The hypothetical starting level of 100.00 for each Index has been chosen for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the actual starting level for any Index. The actual starting level and threshold level for each Index will be determined on the pricing date and will be set forth under Terms of the Securities above. For historical data regarding the actual closing levels of the Indices, see the historical information set forth under the sections titled The S&P 500 Index, The Russell 2000 ndex and The EURO STOXX 50 Index below. These examples are for purposes of illustration only and the values used in the examples may have been rounded for ease of analysis.

Example 1. The ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is greater than its starting level, the redemption amount is equal to the original offering price of your securities at maturity and you receive a final contingent coupon payment:

			EURO STOXX
	S&P 500 Index	Russell 2000 Index	
			50 Index
Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical ending level:	145.00	135.00	125.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (ending level <i>divided by</i> starting level):	145.00%	135.00%	125.00%

Step 1: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

In this example, the EURO STOXX 50 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine the redemption amount based on the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

Since the hypothetical ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is greater than its hypothetical threshold level, the redemption amount would equal the original offering price. Although the hypothetical ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is significantly greater than its hypothetical starting level in this scenario, the redemption amount will not exceed the original offering price.

In addition to any contingent coupon payments received during the term of the securities, on the stated maturity date you would receive \$1,000 per security as well as a final contingent coupon payment.

Example 2. The ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its starting level but greater than its threshold level, the redemption amount is equal to the original offering price of your securities at maturity and you receive a final contingent coupon payment:

	S&P 500 Index	Russell 2000 Index	EURO STOXX 50
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Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical ending level:	80.00	115.00	110.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (ending level <i>divided by</i> starting level):	80.00%	115.00%	110.00%

<u>Step 1</u>: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

In this example, the S&P 500 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine the redemption amount based on the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

Since the hypothetical ending level of the lowest performing Index is less than its hypothetical starting level, but not by more than 25%, you would be repaid the original offering price of your securities at maturity.

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### Hypothetical Payment at Stated Maturity (Continued)

In addition to any contingent coupon payments received during the term of the securities, on the stated maturity date you would receive \$1,000 per security as well as a final contingent coupon payment.

Example 3. The ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level, the redemption amount is less than the original offering price of your securities at maturity and you do not receive a final contingent coupon payment:

		Russell 2000	EURO STOXX 50
	S&P 500 Index		
		Index	Index
Hypothetical starting level:	100.00	100.00	100.00
Hypothetical ending level:	120.00	45.00	90.00
Hypothetical threshold level:	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performance factor (ending level <i>divided by</i> starting level):	120.00%	45.00%	90.00%

<u>Step 1</u>: Determine which Index is the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

In this example, the Russell 2000 Index has the lowest performance factor and is, therefore, the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

<u>Step 2</u>: Determine the redemption amount based on the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day.

Since the hypothetical ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its hypothetical starting level by more than 25%, you would lose a portion of the original offering price of your securities and receive the redemption amount equal to \$450.00 per security, calculated as follows:

=  $1,000 \times$  performance factor of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day

= \$1,000 × 45.00%

= \$450.00

In addition to any contingent coupon payments received during the term of the securities, on the stated maturity date you would receive \$450.00 per security, but no final contingent coupon payment.

These examples illustrate that you will not participate in any appreciation of any Index, but will be fully exposed to a decrease in the lowest performing Index if the ending level of the lowest performing Index on the final calculation day is less than its threshold level, even if the ending levels of the other Indices have appreciated or have not declined below their respective threshold level.

To the extent that the starting level, threshold level and ending level of the lowest performing Index differ from the values assumed above, the results indicated above would be different.

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### **Additional Terms of the Securities**

Wells Fargo will issue the securities as part of a series of senior unsecured debt securities entitled Medium-Term Notes, Series K, which is more fully described in the prospectus supplement. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the market measure supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

### **Certain Definitions**

A <u>trading day</u> with respect to the S&P 500 Index or the Russell 2000 Index means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the relevant stock exchanges with respect to each security underlying such Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions and (ii) each related futures or options exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

A <u>trading day</u> with respect to the EURO STOXX 50 Index means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the relevant index sponsor is scheduled to the publish the level of the EURO STOXX 50 Index and (ii) each related futures or options exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

The <u>relevant stock exchange</u> for any security underlying an Index means the primary exchange or quotation system on which such security is traded, as determined by the calculation agent.

The <u>related futures or options exchange</u> for an Index means an exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the calculation agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Index.

### **Calculation Agent**

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, one of our subsidiaries, will act as calculation agent for the securities and may appoint agents to assist it in the performance of its duties. Pursuant to a calculation agent agreement, we may appoint a different calculation agent without your consent and without notifying you.

The calculation agent will determine whether the securities are automatically called prior to stated maturity, the amount of the payment you receive upon automatic call or at stated maturity and the contingent coupon payments, if any. In addition, the calculation agent will, among other things:

determine whether a market disruption event has occurred;

determine the closing levels of the Indices under certain circumstances;

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, by checking this box (i) the obligations of the above-signed to purchase the securities set forth in this Agreement to be purchased from the Company by the above-signed, and the obligations of the Company to sell such securities to the above-signed, shall be unconditional and all conditions to Closing shall be disregarded, (ii) the Closing shall occur on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Trading Day following the date of this Agreement and (iii) any condition to Closing contemplated by this Agreement (but prior to being disregarded by clause (i) above) that required delivery by the Company or the above-signed of any agreement, instrument, certificate or the like or purchase price (as applicable) shall no longer be a condition and shall instead be an unconditional obligation of the Company or the above-signed (as applicable) to deliver such agreement, instrument, certificate or the like or purchase price (as applicable) to such other party on the Closing Date.

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### Annex A

### **CLOSING STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the attached Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of the date hereto, the purchasers shall purchase up to \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Securities from Cesca Therapeutics Inc., a Delaware corporation (the <u>"Company</u>"). All funds will be wired into an account maintained by the Company. All funds will be disbursed in accordance with this Closing Statement.

Disbursement Date: \_\_\_\_, 2016

### I. PURCHASE PRICE

Gross Proceeds to be Received	\$
II. <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Amount Disbursed:	\$

**CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.** 

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

**WIRE INSTRUCTIONS:** 

To:

To:

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### Exhibit 10.2

August 3, 2016

Robin C. Stracey

President and Chief Executive Officer

2711 Citrus Road,

Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Dear Mr. Stracey:

This letter (the "Agreement") constitutes the agreement between Maxim Group LLC ("Maxim" or the "Placement Agent") and Cesca Therapeutics Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), that Maxim shall serve as the placement agent for the Company, on a best efforts basis, in connection with the proposed placement (the "Placement") of an aggregate of 600,000 shares of (the "Securities") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"). The terms of the Placement and the Securities shall be mutually agreed upon by the Company and the purchasers (each, a "Purchaser" and collectively, the "Purchasers") and nothing herein constitutes that Maxim would have the power or authority to bind the Company or any Purchaser or an obligation for the Company to issue any Securities or complete the Placement. This Agreement and the documents executed and delivered by the Company and the Purchasers in connection with the Placement, including but not limited to the Purchase Agreement and the Warrants, shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Transaction Documents." The date of the closing of the Placement shall be referred to herein as the "Closing Date." The Company expressly acknowledges and agrees that Maxim's obligations hereunder are on a reasonable best efforts basis only and that the execution of this Agreement does not constitute a commitment by Maxim to purchase the Securities and does not ensure the successful placement of the Securities or any portion thereof or the success of Maxim with respect to securing any other financing on behalf of the Company. The Placement Agent may retain other brokers or dealers to act as sub-agents or selected-dealers on its behalf in connection with the Placement. The sale of the Securities to any Purchaser will be evidenced by a securities purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") between the Company and such Purchaser in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company and Maxim. Capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Purchase Agreement. Prior to the signing of any Purchase Agreement, officers of the Company will be available to answer inquiries from prospective Purchasers.

<u>SECTION 1.</u> <u>REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE</u>. Each of the representations and warranties (together with any related disclosure schedules thereto) made by the Company to the Purchasers in that certain Purchase Agreements dated as of August 3, 2016, between the Company and each Purchaser, is hereby incorporated herein by reference (as though fully restated herein) and is, as of the date of this Agreement, hereby made to, and in favor of, the Placement Agent. Each of the representations and warranties (together with any related disclosure schedules thereto) made by the Company to Maxim in the Letter of Engagement dated August 2, 2016, between the Company and Maxim, is hereby incorporated herein by reference (as though fully restated herein) and is, as of the date of this Agreement, hereby made to, and in favor of, so of the date of this Agreement, hereby incorporated herein) and is, as of the date of this Agreement dated August 2, 2016, between the Company and Maxim, is hereby incorporated herein by reference (as though fully restated herein) and is, as of the date of this Agreement dated August 2, 2016, between the Company and Maxim, is hereby incorporated herein by reference (as though fully restated herein) and is, as of the date of this Agreement, hereby made to, and in favor of, the Placement Agent.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> <u>REPRESENTATIONS OF MAXIM</u>. Maxim represents and warrants that it (i) is a member in good standing of FINRA, (ii) is registered as a broker/dealer under the Exchange Act, (iii) is licensed as a broker/dealer under the laws of the States applicable to the offers and sales of the Securities by Maxim, (iv) is and will be a body corporate validly existing under the laws of its place of incorporation, and (v) has full power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement. Maxim will immediately notify the Company in writing of any change in its status as such. Maxim covenants that it will use its reasonable best efforts to conduct the transaction hereunder in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and the requirements of applicable law.

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### <u>SECTION 4</u>. <u>COMPENSATION</u>.

In consideration of the services to be provided for hereunder, the Company shall pay to the Placement Agent or their respective designees of the following compensation with respect to the Securities which they are placing:

(a) A placement fee equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds (the "Cash Fee") from the sale of the Securities in the Placement.

(b) Subject to compliance with FINRA Rule 5110(f)(2)(D), the Company also agrees to reimburse Maxim for all travel and other out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees of legal counsel related to this transaction, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The Company will reimburse Maxim directly out of the Closing of the Placement. In the event this Agreement shall terminate prior to the consummation of the Placement, Maxim shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses; provided, however, such expenses shall not exceed \$25,000.

(c) Upon the execution of this Agreement, the Company shall pay to Maxim \$15,000 (by check or wire transfer of immediately available funds) as an advance (the "Advance") against Maxim's anticipated accountable out-of-pocket expenses set forth in Section 4(b). Any unused portion of the Advance shall be returned to the Company in the event that the entire Advance is not expended within two business days after the Termination Date (as such term is defined herein).

(d) The Placement Agent reserves the right to reduce any item of compensation or adjust the terms thereof as specified herein in the event that a determination shall be made by FINRA to the effect that the Placement Agent's aggregate compensation is in excess of FINRA Rules or that the terms thereof require adjustment.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>. The Company agrees to the indemnification and other agreements set forth in the Indemnification Provisions (the <u>"Indemnification</u>") attached hereto as Addendum A, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference and shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

<u>SECTION 6.</u> <u>ENGAGEMENT TERM</u>. Maxim's engagement hereunder will be until the earlier of (i) the date a party terminates the engagement according to the terms of the next sentence, and (ii) the completion of

the Placement. The date of termination of this Agreement is referred to herein as the "**Termination Date**" and the period of time during which this Agreement remains in effect is referred to herein as the "**Term**." The engagement may be terminated at any time by either party upon 10 days written notice to the other party, effective upon receipt of written notice to that effect by the other party. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the provisions concerning the Company's obligation to pay any fees actually earned pursuant to Section 4 hereof and which are permitted to be reimbursed under FINRA Rule 5110(f)(2)(D), and the confidentiality, indemnification and contribution provisions contained herein and the Company's obligations contained in the Indemnification Provisions will survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

<u>SECTION 7</u>. <u>MAXIM INFORMATION</u>. The Company agrees that any information or advice rendered by Maxim in connection with this engagement is for the confidential use of the Company only in their evaluation of the Placement and, except as otherwise required by law, the Company will not disclose or otherwise refer to the advice or information in any manner without Maxim's prior written consent.

<u>SECTION 8.</u> <u>NO FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP</u>. This Agreement does not create, and shall not be construed as creating rights enforceable by any person or entity not a party hereto, except those entitled hereto by virtue of the Indemnification Provisions hereof. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Maxim is not and shall not be construed as a fiduciary of the Company and shall have no duties or liabilities to the equity holders or the creditors of the Company or any other person by virtue of this Agreement or the retention of Maxim hereunder, all of which are hereby expressly waived.

<u>SECTION 9.</u> <u>CLOSING</u>. The obligations of the Placement Agent, and the closing of the sale of the Securities hereunder are subject to the accuracy, when made and on the Closing Date, of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and its Subsidiaries contained herein and in the Purchase Agreement, to the accuracy of the statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company and its Subsidiaries of their obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional terms and conditions:

A. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission, and any request for additional information on the part of the Commission (to be included in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus or the Prospectus Supplement or otherwise) shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Placement Agent.

B. The Company has filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements or other documents required to be filed by the Company under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, during the three years preceding the date hereof (the foregoing materials filed during such three-year period, including the exhibits thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein, the "**SEC Reports**") on a timely basis (other than the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2015, which have since been filed) or has received a valid extension of such time of filing and has filed any such SEC Reports prior to the expiration of any such extension; as of their respective filing or amendment dates, the SEC Reports complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder; and as of their respective filing or amendment dates, the SEC Reports did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

C. The Placement Agent shall not have discovered and disclosed to the Company on or prior to the Closing Date that the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus or the Prospectus Supplement, or any amendment or supplement thereto contains an untrue statement of a fact which, in the opinion of counsel for the Placement Agent, is material or omits to state any fact which, in the opinion of such counsel, is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

D. All corporate proceedings and other legal matters incident to the authorization, form, execution, delivery and validity of each of this Agreement, the Securities, and all other legal matters relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to counsel for the Placement Agent, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel all documents and information that they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.

E. The Placement Agent shall have received as of the Closing Date the favorable opinions of legal counsel to the Company identified in the Purchase Agreement, dated as of such Closing Date, including, without limitation, a negative assurance letter from Company Counsel, addressed to the Placement Agent in form and substance satisfactory to the Placement Agent.

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F. (i) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries shall have sustained since the date of the latest audited or unaudited financial statements included in its SEC Reports, any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood, terrorist act or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth in or contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and (ii) since such date there shall not have been any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the business, general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries, otherwise than as set forth in or contemplated by the Purchase Agreement, the effect of which, in any such case described in clause (i) or (ii), is, in the judgment of the Placement Agent, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

G. The Common Stock is registered under the Exchange Act and, as of the Closing Date, the Common Stock shall be listed, admitted and authorized for trading on the NASDAQ Stock Market and satisfactory evidence of such action shall have been provided to the Placement Agent. The Company shall have taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of terminating the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act or delisting or suspending from trading the Common Stock from the NASDAQ Stock Market, nor has the Company received any information suggesting that the Commission or the NASDAQ Stock Market is contemplating terminating such registration.

H. Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and up to the Closing Date, there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) trading in securities generally on the NASDAQ Market shall have been suspended or minimum or maximum prices or maximum ranges for prices shall have been established on any such exchange or such market by the Commission or by such exchange or by any other regulatory body or governmental authority having jurisdiction, (ii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared by federal or state authorities or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, (iii) the United States shall have been an escalation in hostilities involving the United States, or there shall have been a declaration of a national emergency or war by the United States, or (iv) there shall have occurred any other calamity or crisis or any change in general economic, political or financial conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event in clause (iii) or (iv) makes it, in the sole judgment of the Placement Agent, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the sale or delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

I. No action shall have been taken and no statute, rule, regulation or order shall have been enacted, adopted or issued by any governmental agency or body which would, as of the Closing Date, prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or materially and adversely affect or potentially and adversely affect the business or operations of the Company; and no injunction, restraining order or order of any other nature by any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction shall have been issued as of the Closing Date which

would prevent the issuance or sale of the Securities or materially and adversely affect the business or operations of the Company.

J. The Company shall have entered into a Purchase Agreement with each of the Purchasers and such agreements shall be in full force and effect and shall contain representations, warranties and covenants of the Company as agreed between the Company and the Purchasers.

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K. FINRA shall have raised no objection to the fairness and reasonableness of the terms and arrangements of this Agreement. In addition, the Company shall, if requested by the Placement Agent, make or authorize Placement Agent's counsel to make on the Company's behalf, any Issuer Filing with FINRA as may be required with respect to the Placement and pay all filing fees required in connection therewith.

L. On or prior to the Closing Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Placement Agent such further information, certificates and documents as the Placement Agent may reasonably request.

M. The Company shall engage and maintain, at its expense, a nationally recognized independent PCAOB registered public accounting firm for a period of three (3) years after the Closing Date.

N. The Company shall engage and, for a period of three (3) years after the Closing Date, shall maintain, at its expense, a transfer agent and, if necessary under the jurisdiction of its incorporation or the rules of any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock will be listed, a registrar (which, if permitted by applicable laws and rules may be the same entity as the transfer agent) for the Common Stock, which transfer agent and/or registrar is reasonably acceptable to the Placement Agent.

If any of the conditions specified in this Section 9 shall not have been fulfilled when and as required by this Agreement, or if any of the certificates, opinions, written statements or letters furnished to the Placement Agent or to Placement Agent's counsel pursuant to this Section 9 shall not be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Placement Agent and to Placement Agent's counsel, all obligations of the Placement Agent hereunder may be cancelled by the Placement Agent at, or at any time prior to, the consummation of the Closing. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or orally. Any such oral notice shall be confirmed promptly thereafter in writing.

### SECTION 10. [RESERVED]

SECTION 11. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely in such State. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Any right to trial by jury with respect to any dispute arising under this Agreement or any transaction or conduct in connection herewith is waived. Each of the Placement Agent and the Company: (i) agrees that any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement and/or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be instituted exclusively in New York

Supreme Court, County of New York, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, (ii) waives any objection which it may have or hereafter to the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding, and (iii) irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of the New York Supreme Court, County of New York, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in any such suit, action or proceeding. Each of the Placement Agent and the Company further agrees to accept and acknowledge service of any and all process which may be served in any such suit, action or proceeding in the New York Supreme Court, County of New York, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and agrees that service of process upon the Company mailed by certified mail to the Company's address shall be deemed in every respect effective service of process upon the Company, in any such suit, action or proceeding, and service of process upon the Placement Agent mailed by certified mail to the Placement Agent's address shall be deemed in every respect effective service process upon the Placement Agent, in any such suit, action or proceeding. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by law. If either party shall commence an action or proceeding to enforce any provisions of a Transaction Document, then the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other party for its attorneys fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation and prosecution of such action or proceeding.

SECTION 12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/MISC. This Agreement (including the attached Indemnification Provisions) embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, relating to the subject matter hereof. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such determination will not affect such provision in any other respect or any other provision of this Agreement, which will remain in full force and effect. This Agreement may not be amended or otherwise modified or waived except by an instrument in writing signed by both Maxim and the Company. The representations, warranties, agreements and covenants contained herein shall survive the closing of the Placement and delivery of Securities. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to the other party, it being understood that both parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or a .pdf format file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or .pdf signature page were an original thereof. The Company agrees that the Placement Agent may rely upon, and is a third party beneficiary of, the representations and warranties, and applicable covenants set forth in any such purchase, subscription or other agreement with the Purchasers in the Placement. All amounts stated in this Agreement are in US dollars unless expressly stated.

<u>SECTION 13</u>. <u>NOTICES</u>. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (a) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is sent to the email address specified on the signature pages attached hereto prior to 6:30 p.m. (New York City time) on a business day, (b) the next business day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is sent to the email address on the signature pages attached hereto on a day that is not a business day or later than 6:30 p.m. (New York City time) on any business day, (c) the third business day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. internationally recognized air courier service, or (d) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given. The address for such notices and communications shall be as set forth on the signature pages hereto.

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Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth our agreement by signing and returning to Maxim the enclosed copy of this Agreement.

Very truly yours,

### Maxim GROUP LLC

By:

Name: Clifford A. Teller Title: Executive Managing Director,

Investment Banking

Address for notice: 405 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10174 Attention: James Siegel, General Counsel

Email: jsiegel@maximgrp.com

Accepted and Agreed to as of

the date first written above:

### **CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.**

By:

Name: Robin C. Stracey Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Address for notice:

2711 Citrus Road,

Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Email: rstracey@cescatherapeutics.com

[Signature Page to Placement Agency Agreement]

### ADDENDUM A

### **INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS**

In connection with the engagement of Maxim Group LLC ("Maxim") by Cesca Therapeutics Inc. (the <u>"Company</u>") pursuant to a letter agreement dated August 3, 2016 between the Company and Maxim, as it may be amended from time to time in writing (the <u>"Agreement</u>"), the Company hereby agrees as follows:

The Company hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Maxim, its officers, directors, principals, employees, affiliates, and stockholders, and their successors and assigns, harmless from and against any and all loss, claim, damage, liability, deficiencies, actions, suits, proceedings, costs and legal expenses or expense whatsoever (including, but not limited to, reasonable legal fees and other expenses and reasonable disbursements incurred in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending any action, suit or proceeding, including any inquiry or investigation, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever, or in appearing or preparing for appearance as witness in any proceeding, including any pretrial proceeding such as a deposition) (collectively the "Losses") arising out of, based upon, or in any way related or attributed to, (i) any breach of a representation, warranty or covenant by the Company contained in this Agreement; or (ii) any activities or services performed hereunder by Maxim related to the transaction referred to in the Agreement, unless it is finally judicially determined in a court of competent jurisdiction that such Losses were the primary and direct result of the willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith of Maxim in performing the services hereunder.

If Maxim receives written notice of the commencement of any legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to which the Company is or may be obligated to provide indemnification pursuant to this Section 2, Maxim shall, within twenty (20) days of the receipt of such written notice, give the Company written notice thereof (a "Claim Notice"). Failure to give such Claim Notice within such twenty (20) day period shall not constitute a waiver by Maxim of its right to indemnity hereunder with respect to such action, suit or proceeding; provided, however, the indemnification hereunder may be limited by any such failure to provide a Claim Notice to the Company that materially prejudices the Company. Upon receipt by the Company of a Claim Notice from Maxim with respect to any claim for indemnification which is based upon a claim made by a third party ("Third Party Claim"), the Company may assume the defense of the Third Party Claim with counsel of its own choosing, as described below. Maxim shall cooperate in the defense of the Third Party Claim and shall furnish such records, information and testimony and attend all such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trial and appeals as may be reasonably required in connection therewith. Maxim shall have the right to employ its own counsel in any such action which shall be at the Company's expense if (i) the Company and Maxim shall have mutually agreed in writing to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the Company shall have failed in a timely manner to assume the defense and employ counsel or experts reasonably satisfactory to Maxim in such litigation or proceeding or (iii) the named parties to any such litigation or proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include the Company and Maxim and representation of the Company and Maxim by the same counsel or experts would, in the reasonable opinion

of Maxim, be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between the Company and Maxim. The Company shall not satisfy or settle any Third Party Claim for which indemnification has been sought and is available hereunder, without the prior written consent of Maxim, which consent shall not be delayed and which shall not be required if Maxim is granted a release in connection therewith. The indemnification provisions hereunder shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

The Company further agrees, upon demand by Maxim, to promptly reimburse Maxim for, or pay, any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense as to which Maxim has been indemnified herein with such reimbursement to be made currently as any loss, damage, liability or expense is incurred by Maxim. Notwithstanding the provisions of the aforementioned Indemnification, any such reimbursement or payment by the Company of fees, expenses, or disbursements incurred by Maxim shall be repaid by Maxim in the event of any proceeding in which a final judgment (after all appeals or the expiration of time to appeal) is entered in a court of competent jurisdiction against Maxim based solely upon its gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in the performance of its duties hereunder, and provided further, that the Company shall not be required to make reimbursement or payment for any settlement effected without the Company's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

If for any reason the foregoing indemnification is unavailable or is insufficient to hold such indemnified party harmless, the Company agrees to contribute the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as to reflect not only the relative benefits received by the Company, as the case may be, on the one hand, and Maxim, on the other hand, but also the relative fault of the Company and Maxim as well as any relevant equitable considerations. In no event shall Maxim contribute in excess of the fees actually received by it pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

For purposes of this Agreement, each officer, director, stockholder, and employee or affiliate of Maxim and each person, if any, who controls Maxim (or any affiliate) within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall have the same rights as Maxim with respect to matters of indemnification by the Company hereunder.

### Maxim GROUP LLC

By:

Name: Clifford A. Teller Title: Executive Managing Director,

**Investment Banking** 

Accepted and Agreed to as of

the date first written above:

### CESCA THERAPEUTICS INC.

By:

Name: Robin C. Stracey Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Sig Page to Indemnification Provisions

Pursuant to Placement Agency Agreement]

### Exhibit 5.1

August 3, 2016

Cesca Therapeutics Inc.

2711 Citrus Road

Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 File No. 333-212314

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Cesca Therapeutics Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the above captioned Registration Statement on Form S-3 ("Registration Statement"), relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"), as amended, of up to 600,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share ("Common Stock") pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement dated August 3, 2016 to the Prospectus dated July 22, 2016 (together, the "Prospectus"). Such securities are being issued and sold pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 3, 2016 (the "Securities Purchase Agreement"), by and among the Company and the purchasers named on the signature pages thereto.

For purposes of this opinion, we have examined such documents and reviewed such questions of law as we have considered necessary and appropriate for the purposes of our opinion set forth below. In rendering our opinion, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures and the conformity to authentic originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. We have also assumed the legal capacity for all purposes relevant hereto of all natural persons and, with respect to all parties to agreements or instruments relevant hereto other than the Company, that such parties had the requisite power and authority (corporate or otherwise) to execute, deliver and perform such agreements or instruments, that such agreements or instruments have been duly authorized by all requisite action (corporate or otherwise), executed and delivered by such parties and that such agreements or instruments are the valid, binding and enforceable obligations of such parties. As to questions of fact material to our opinions, we have relied upon certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, upon issuance, delivery, and payment therefor pursuant to the terms of the Securities Purchases Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

Our opinions expressed above are limited to the Delaware General Corporation Law and the federal laws of the United States of America.

We consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed as of the date hereof and to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" contained in the Prospectus constituting part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act, the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder or Item 509 of Regulation S-K.

This opinion letter is rendered as of the date first written above and we disclaim any obligation to advise you of facts, circumstances, events or developments which hereafter may be brought to our attention and which may alter, affect or modify the opinion expressed herein. Our opinion is expressly limited to the matters set forth above and we render no opinion, whether by implication or otherwise, as to any other matters relating to the Company or the securities described above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

Exhibit 99.1

# CESCA THERAPEUTICS ANNOUNCES PRICING OF \$2.5 MILLION REGISTERED DIRECT OFFERING

Rancho Cordova, CA, – August 4, 2016 – Cesca Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ:KOOL), an autologous cell-based regenerative medicine company, today announced that it has entered into definitive subscription agreements with institutional investors to purchase 600,000 shares of common stock at a purchase price per share of \$4.10 for gross proceeds of approximately \$2.5 million in a registered direct offering. No warrants were issued to investors in the offering. The closing of the transaction is expected to occur on August 9, 2016, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Maxim Group LLC is acting as the exclusive placement agent for the offering.

Cesca intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general working capital purposes.

The common shares are being offered by Cesca pursuant to a shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (file no. 333-212314), which was declared effective on August 1, 2016 by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The common shares may be offered only by means of a prospectus, including a prospectus supplement, forming a part of the effective registration statement. A prospectus supplement relating to the offering of the common shares will be filed with the SEC and will be available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

### About Cesca Therapeutics Inc.

Cesca Therapeutics Inc. (<u>www.cescatherapeutics.com</u>) is engaged in the research, development, and commercialization of cellular therapies and delivery systems for use in regenerative medicine. The Company is a leader in the development and manufacture of automated blood and bone marrow processing systems that enable the separation, processing and preservation of cell and tissue therapeutics. These include:

**The SurgWerks<sup>TM</sup> System** (in development) - a proprietary system comprised of the SurgWerks Processing Platform, including devices and analytics, and indication-specific SurgWerks Procedure Kits for use in regenerative stem cell therapy at the point-of-care for vascular and orthopedic diseases.

**The CellWerks<sup>™</sup> System** (in development) - a proprietary cell processing system with associated analytics for intra-laboratory preparation of adult stem cells from bone marrow or blood.

**The AutoXpress® System** (AXP<sup>®</sup>) - a proprietary automated device and companion sterile disposable for concentrating hematopoietic stem cells from cord blood.

**The MarrowXpress<sup>TM</sup> System** (MXP<sup>TM</sup>) - a derivative product of the AXP and its accompanying sterile disposable for the isolation and concentration of hematopoietic stem cells from bone marrow.

**The BioArchive® System** - an automated cryogenic device used by cord blood banks for the cryopreservation and storage of cord blood stem cell concentrate for future use.

Manual bag sets for use in the processing and cryogenic storage of cord blood.

## Forward-Looking Statements and Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

This press release includes statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current views and assumptions, speak only as of the date hereof and are subject to change. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by words such as "may," "could," "potential," "continue," "belief," "sugge "look forward to," "intend," and similar expressions and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding with investors fulfilling their obligations to purchase the securities, our ability to satisfy its conditions to close the offering, and our intended use of proceeds. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially and adversely from those expressed or implied in such statements. A more complete description of risks that could cause actual events to differ from the outcomes predicted by these forward-looking statements is set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and in other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, and you should consider each of those factors when evaluating the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason, except as required by law.

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