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index. considerations While these strategies may meet investors' needs for income, the limits on downside participation offered at maturity are conditional on the underlying equity asset not trading below the barrier level shortly before maturity. It is also worth highlighting that investors do not receive any additional return based on the performance of the underlying equity asset at maturity over and above the coupon payments paid throughout the term of the note. All coupons and payments at maturity are subject to the issuer's credit and are therefore dependent on the Issuer's ability to pay at the time. Autocallable Conditional Coupon Notes These notes pay a conditional coupon if the underlying market is above the coupon barrier level on the relevant observation date. The notes are automatically called at a price equal to the original investment amount if the level of the underlying equity asset as of the relevant observation date is

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investor from a stated decline in the performance of the underlying equity asset at maturity. For example, a note with a 30% buffer limits the investor's exposure to the first 30% drop in the underlying equity asset at maturity. If the underlying equity asset were to suffer a loss beyond 30%, the investor would only participate in the drop beyond 30%, e.g. for a drop of 50% in the underlying equity asset, the investor would incur a loss reflecting 20% of the decline. Buffer strategies, when combined with boosters or enhanced return features, offer investors the ability to enhance returns while providing insulation from the initial loss of a stated amount. Considerations: While this strategy manages the risk of a market fall, the benefits of the buffer are only realized at maturity. The investor is exposed to any loss on the underlying equity asset beyond the buffer. All payments at maturity are subject to the issuer's credit and are therefore dependent on the issuer's ability to pay at the time. Barrier: Barriers offer protection that is conditional on the performance of the underlying equity asset on the maturity date. For example, if a note includes a 30% barrier at maturity, as long as the underlying equity asset does not drop by 30% or more at maturity, investors will receive back their original investment. If the underlying equity asset were to drop by 30% or more, investors would fully participate in the drop and lose principal in line with the drop in the underlying equity asset. This is unlike unbuffered strategies, where investors would only participate in the incremental drop beyond 30%.

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