

## BMO AutoCallable Barrier Notes, Series 268 (CAD) (F-Class) Due October 3, 2031, Linked to Solactive Equal Weight Canada Bank 21 AR Index



### 7 - Year Term

Subject to the notes being automatically called by Bank of Montreal



### Annual Call Feature



### 10.60% per annum Potential fixed return



### 50% Contingent Protection at Maturity

## Investment Highlights

The notes offered by the pricing supplement are unsecured debt securities issued by Bank of Montreal. The objective of the notes is to offer investors the potential for the notes to be automatically called and receive a variable return with contingent downside protection against the loss of their principal investment from any negative performance above the barrier level of Solactive Equal Weight Canada Bank 21 AR Index over the term of the notes. **The principal amount is NOT fully protected under the notes.**

- **Autocall:** Automatic early redemption at par plus the variable return applicable to the relevant autocall payment date if the closing level is at or above the autocall level on any observation date.
- **Autocall level:** 100.00% of the initial level.
- **Potential fixed return**

| Observation date | Fixed return |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1                | 10.60%       |
| 2                | 21.20%       |
| 3                | 31.80%       |
| 4                | 42.40%       |
| 5                | 53.00%       |
| 6                | 63.60%       |
| 7                | 74.20%       |

- **Barrier protection:** 50.00%
- **Downside participation:** 100.00%, below the barrier level.

### Reference Portfolio

| Reference asset                                | Ticker symbol |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Solactive Equal Weight Canada Bank 21 AR Index | SOLBEW21      |

The Solactive Equal Weight Canada Bank 21 AR Index is an adjusted return index. It aims to track the gross total return performance of the Solactive Equal Weight Canada Banks Index (the “underlying index”), calculated in Canadian dollars, less an adjusted return factor of 21 index points per annum that will be calculated daily in arrears (the “adjusted return factor”). The underlying index is an equally-weighted free-float market capitalization index of common stock of Canadian issuers. The methodology of the underlying index provides that the constituent securities fulfill the following criteria: primarily listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange; classified by the index sponsor as “Major Banks” or “Regional Banks”; have a minimum free-float market capitalization of CAD \$10 billion for new index members and CAD \$5 billion for current index members; and have a minimum average daily trading value of CAD \$10 million, as calculated by the index sponsor. The closing level on August 30, 2024 was 450.40. The adjusted return factor divided by the closing level was therefore equal to 4.66% on August 30, 2024. Over the term of the notes, the sum of the adjusted return factor will be approximately 147 index points, representing 32.65% of the closing level on August 30, 2024.

The dividend yield of the underlying index on August 30, 2024 was 4.46%, representing an aggregate dividend yield of approximately 31.23% over the term of the notes (assuming the dividend yield remains constant and the dividends are not reinvested).

An investment in the notes does not represent a direct or indirect investment in the reference asset. You have no right or entitlement to the dividends or distributions paid on the reference asset.

### Additional Details

| Fundserv Code | Available Until    | Issue Date      | Maturity Date   | Minimum Investment | Selling Concession |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| JHN18515      | September 30, 2024 | October 3, 2024 | October 3, 2031 | CAD \$2,000.00     | Nil                |

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## Additional Offering Details

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| Issuer                        | Bank of Montreal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Issuer rating                 | Moody’s: Aa2; S&P: A+; DBRS: AA (long-term deposits > 1 year).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Reference asset               | Solactive Equal Weight Canada Bank 21 AR Index (ticker: SOLBEW21).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Currency of notes             | Canadian dollar (CAD).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Stated principal amount       | CAD \$100.00 per note.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Minimum investment            | CAD \$2,000.00 (20 notes).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Issue date                    | On or around October 3, 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Final valuation date          | September 25, 2031, subject to postponement if such date is not an exchange day or a market disruption event occurs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Maturity date                 | October 3, 2031, subject to the notes being automatically called by us.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Term                          | Approximately seven (7) years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Observation and Payment Dates | See "Observation and Payment Dates" below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Participation rate            | 5.00%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Autocall level                | 100.00% of the initial level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Automatic early redemption    | The notes will be automatically redeemed on any autocall payment date if, on the corresponding autocall observation date, the closing level is at or above the autocall level. On any such redemption, you will receive a cash payment equal to the stated principal amount multiplied by the sum of (1) 100.00% and (2) the variable return applicable to the relevant autocall payment date, in accordance with the following formula:<br>$= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + \text{variable return})$ |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Variable return               | For any given autocall payment date, the variable return is calculated in accordance with the following formula:<br>$= \text{fixed return} + \text{excess return}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Fixed return                  | <table><tr><td>Observation date</td><td>Fixed Return</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>10.60%</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>21.20%</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>31.80%</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>42.40%</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>53.00%</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>63.60%</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>74.20%</td></tr></table><br>See “Observation and Payment Dates” below.                                                                                                                                              |  | Observation date | Fixed Return | 1 | 10.60% | 2 | 21.20% | 3 | 31.80% | 4 | 42.40% | 5 | 53.00% | 6 | 63.60% | 7 | 74.20% |
| Observation date              | Fixed Return                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 1                             | 10.60%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 2                             | 21.20%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 3                             | 31.80%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 4                             | 42.40%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 5                             | 53.00%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 6                             | 63.60%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| 7                             | 74.20%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |
| Excess return                 | For any given autocall payment date, the excess return is calculated in accordance with the following formula:<br>$= \max(0, (\text{reference asset return} - \text{fixed return}) \times \text{participation rate})$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                  |              |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |   |        |

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| <b>Initial level</b>                         | The closing level on the issue date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Final level</b>                           | The closing level on the final valuation date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Reference asset return</b>                | In respect of any given date, the reference asset return shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:<br>$= \frac{\text{closing level} - \text{initial level}}{\text{initial level}}$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Final reference asset return</b>          | The reference asset return on the final valuation date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Barrier level</b>                         | 50.00% of the initial level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Downside participation</b>                | 100.00%, below the barrier level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Barrier event</b>                         | Monitoring at maturity only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Payment at maturity</b>                   | <p>If the notes have not been redeemed, you will receive at maturity for each note you then hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the final level is at or above the autocall level, a maturity payment of at least CAD \$174.20 as defined in the automatic early redemption section.</li> <li>• If the final level is at or above the barrier level but below the autocall level, a maturity payment equal to CAD \$100.00.</li> <li>• If the final level is below the barrier level, a maturity payment directly linked to the performance of the reference asset. The maturity payment will be equal to the following formula, subject to a minimum payment of CAD \$1.00:<br/> <math display="block">= \text{CAD } \\$100.00 + (\text{CAD } \\$100.00 \times \text{final reference asset return})</math> </li> </ul> <p><b>If the notes have not been redeemed early, and the final level is below the barrier level, the payment you receive at maturity may be significantly below the stated principal amount of your notes and may be as little as CAD \$1.00.</b></p> |
| <b>Minimum payment</b>                       | CAD \$1.00 per note.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Additional tax information</b>            | <p>For information about the Canadian federal income tax considerations associated with an investment in the notes, see “Tax Considerations – Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the autocallable product supplement, as amended pursuant to the section titled “Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the pricing supplement.</p> <p>For information about the eligibility of the notes for investment for certain registered plans, see “Eligibility for Investment” in the autocallable product supplement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Fundserv code</b>                         | JHN18515                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Calculation agent</b>                     | BMO Capital Markets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Dealer</b>                                | BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., an affiliate of ours, and Desjardins Securities Inc., acting as an independent dealer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Secondary market/early trading charge</b> | The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. BMO Capital Markets will use reasonable efforts under normal market conditions to provide for a daily secondary market for the sale of the notes through the order entry system operated by Fundserv Inc. but reserves the right to elect not to do so in the future, in its sole and absolute discretion, without prior notice to you. Sale requests need to be initiated by 1:00 p.m. (Toronto time, or such other time as may hereafter be                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

established by us or Fundserv) on a business day. Any request received after such time will be deemed to be a request sent and received in respect of the next following business day. Sale of a Fundserv Note will be effected at a price equal to the bid price for the note, determined by us in our sole and absolute discretion. No early trading charge will apply if the notes are sold prior to maturity.

See “Supplemental Plan of Distribution”, in the pricing supplement.

## Observation and Payment Dates

| Observation date | Autocall observation date* | Autocall level (% of initial level) | Autocall payment date** | Fixed return | Excess return                             |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1                | September 25, 2025         | 100.00%                             | October 3, 2025         | 10.60%       | (reference asset return - 10.60%) × 5.00% |
| 2                | September 25, 2026         | 100.00%                             | October 5, 2026         | 21.20%       | (reference asset return - 21.20%) × 5.00% |
| 3                | September 24, 2027         | 100.00%                             | October 4, 2027         | 31.80%       | (reference asset return - 31.80%) × 5.00% |
| 4                | September 25, 2028         | 100.00%                             | October 3, 2028         | 42.40%       | (reference asset return - 42.40%) × 5.00% |
| 5                | September 25, 2029         | 100.00%                             | October 3, 2029         | 53.00%       | (reference asset return - 53.00%) × 5.00% |
| 6                | September 25, 2030         | 100.00%                             | October 3, 2030         | 63.60%       | (reference asset return - 63.60%) × 5.00% |
| 7                | September 25, 2031         | 100.00%                             | October 3, 2031         | 74.20%       | (reference asset return - 74.20%) × 5.00% |

\* If a scheduled autocall observation date is not an exchange day for any reason, then such date will be the immediately preceding exchange day. Further, such dates are each also subject to postponement if a market disruption event occurs.

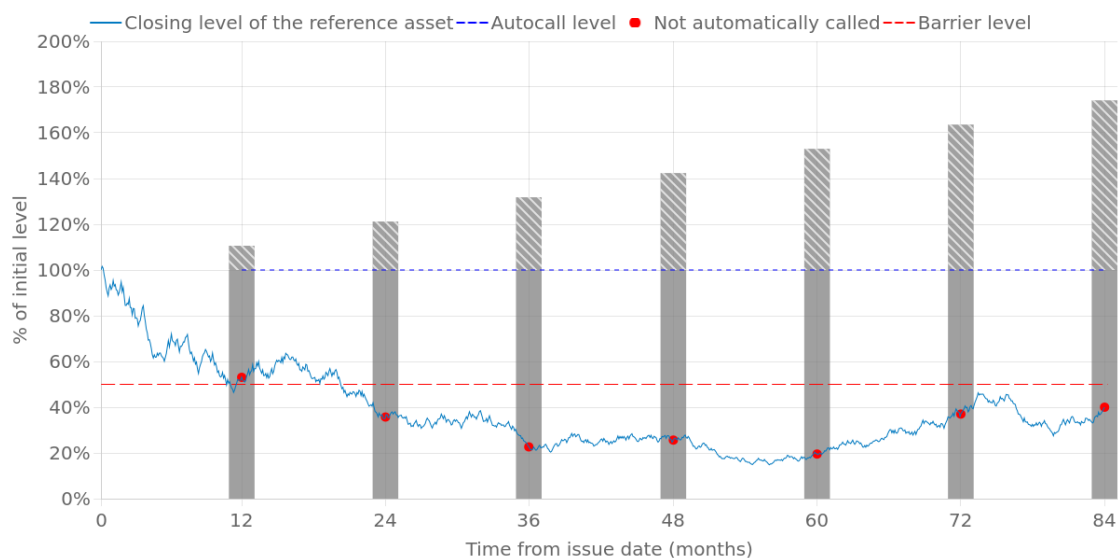
\*\* Each autocall payment date is subject to postponement if such date is not a business day or a market disruption event occurs.

## How do the Notes work?

The following hypothetical examples demonstrate how the payment you may receive will be calculated and determined under four different scenarios. **The hypothetical closing levels used in these examples are for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed in any way as estimates or forecasts of the future performance of the reference asset or the return that you might realize on the notes.** All hypothetical examples assume that no events described under “Certain Additional Terms for Notes Linked to a Reference Index” in the autocallable product supplement have occurred during the term. For ease of analysis, figures below have been rounded.

| Barrier level               | Autocall level               |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 50.00% of the initial level | 100.00% of the initial level |

### Example 1: Payment at Maturity (Negative Scenario)

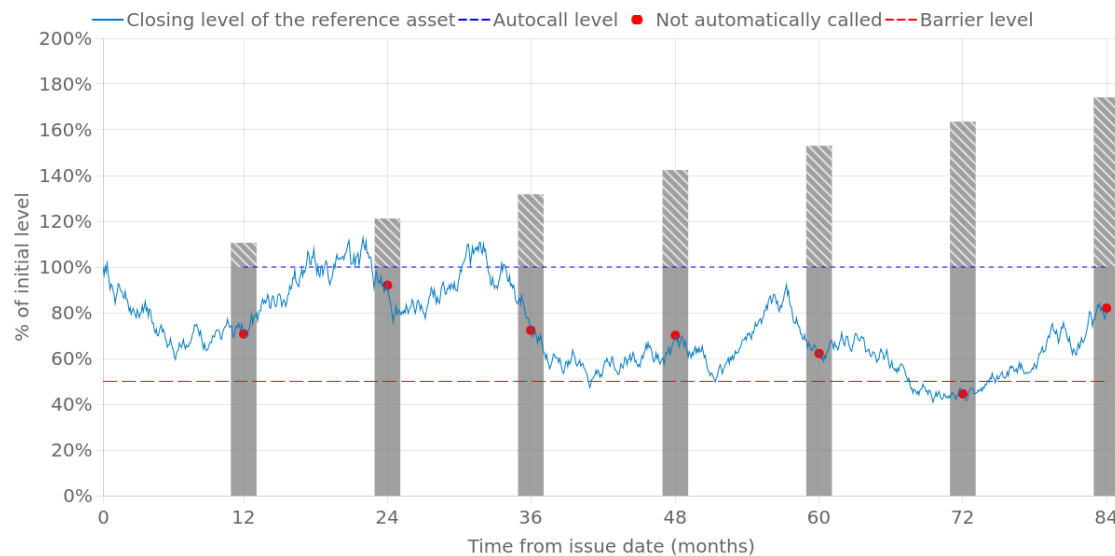


In this hypothetical example, the closing level is below the autocall level on all autocall observation dates, so the notes are not redeemed early. Furthermore, the final level is at 40.00% of the initial level, which is below the barrier level, so the final reference asset return is -60.00%. Accordingly, you would receive a maturity payment of CAD \$40.00 per note (which is equivalent to a compounded annual loss of 12.26% on the notes).

In this example, the maturity payment is calculated as follows:

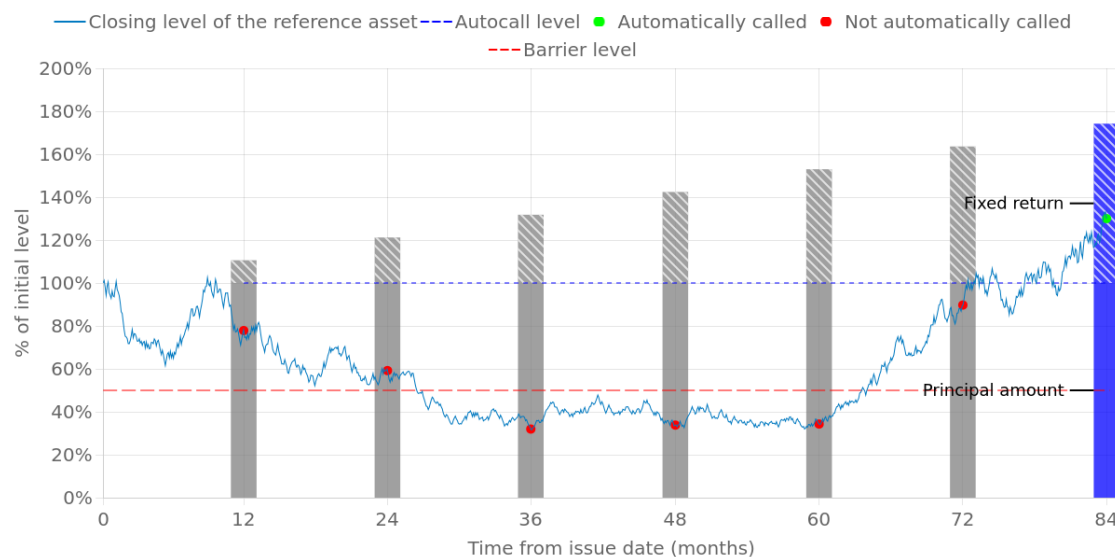
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Maturity payment} &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 + (\text{CAD } \$100.00 \times \text{final reference asset return}) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 + (\text{CAD } \$100.00 \times -60.00\%) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$40.00
 \end{aligned}$$

### Example 2: Payment at Maturity (Neutral Scenario)



In this hypothetical example, the closing level is below the autocall level on all autocall observation dates, so the notes are not redeemed early. Furthermore, the final level is at 82.00% of the initial level, which is above the barrier level, so the final reference asset return is -18.00%. Accordingly, you would receive a maturity payment of CAD \$100.00 per note (which is equivalent to a compounded annual return of 0.00% on the notes).

### Example 3: Payment at Maturity (Positive Scenario)



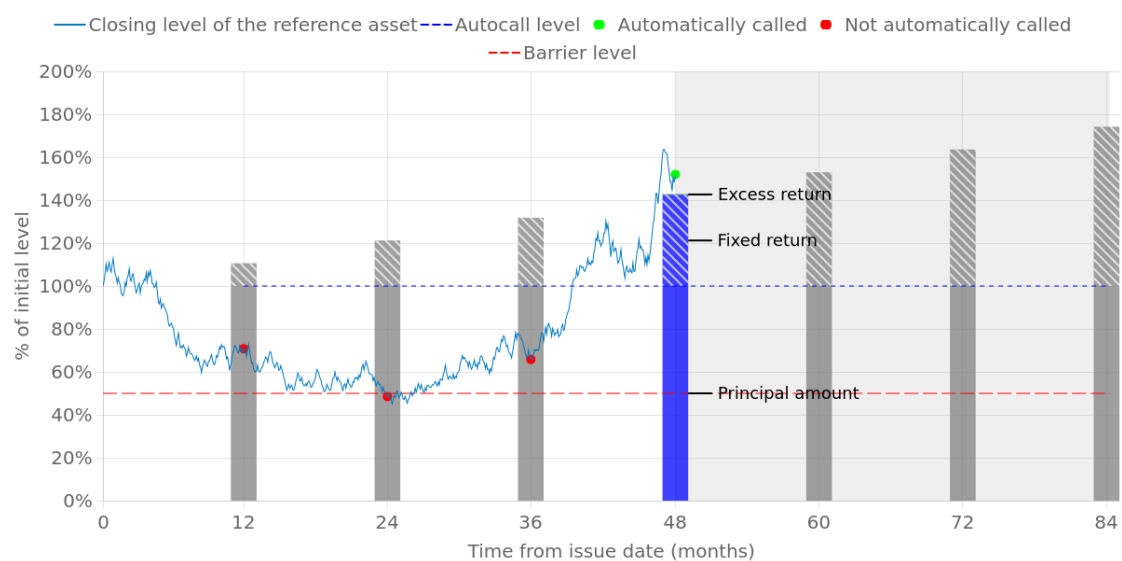
In this hypothetical example, the closing level is below the autocall level on all autocall observation dates until the final valuation date, where it is above. This results in the notes being redeemed in accordance with the autocall conditions on the final valuation date. Furthermore, the final level is at 130.00% of the initial level, which is above the autocall level, so the final reference asset return is 30.00%.

Because the final reference asset return on the final valuation date is less than the fixed return, the excess return will be zero, and accordingly, you would receive a maturity payment equal to the principal amount multiplied by the sum of (1) 100.00% and (2) the fixed return of 74.20%. Accordingly, you would receive a maturity payment of CAD \$174.20 per note (which is equivalent to a compounded annual return of 8.25% on the notes).

In this example, the maturity payment is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Maturity payment} &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + \text{variable return}) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + \text{fixed return} + \text{excess return}) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + 74.20\% + 0.00\%) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$174.20
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 4: Automatic Early Redemption



In this hypothetical example, the closing level is below the autocall level on all autocall observation dates until the fourth autocall observation date. This results in the notes being redeemed early on the fourth autocall payment date. Furthermore, the closing level is at 152.00% of the initial level, which is above the autocall level, so the reference asset return is 52.00%.

Because the reference asset return on the fourth autocall observation date is greater than the fixed return, the excess return will be greater than zero, and accordingly, you would receive an autocall payment equal to the principal amount multiplied by the sum of (1) 100.00%, (2) the fixed return of 42.40% and (3) the excess return. The excess return will be equal to 0.48%, which is calculated as the product of (1) the participation rate of 5.00% and (2) the reference asset return of 52.00% minus the fixed return of 42.40%. Accordingly, you would receive an autocall payment of CAD \$142.88 per note (which is equivalent to a compounded annual return of 9.32% on the notes).

In this example, the autocall payment is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Autocall payment} &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + \text{variable return}) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + \text{fixed return} + \text{excess return}) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$100.00 \times (100.00\% + 42.40\% + 5.00\% \times (52.00\% - 42.40\%)) \\
 &= \text{CAD } \$142.88
 \end{aligned}$$



## Disclaimer

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Prospective purchasers should carefully consider all of the information set forth in the pricing supplement, the autocallable product supplement and the base shelf prospectus and, in particular, should evaluate the specific risk factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in the autocallable product supplement and "Risk Factors" in the pricing supplement.

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