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Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/25th Interest in a Share of Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series DD

Bank of America Corporation is offering _____ depositary shares, each representing a 1/25th interest in a share of our perpetual Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series DD, \$0.01 par value, with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share) (the Preferred Stock). Each depositary share entitles the holder, through the depository, to a proportional fractional interest in all rights and preferences of the Preferred Stock represented by the depositary share.

We may at our option redeem the Preferred Stock at any time on or after March _____, 2026, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share), plus any accrued and unpaid dividends for the then-current dividend period to but excluding the redemption date, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. We also may redeem the Preferred Stock upon certain events involving capital treatment as described in this prospectus supplement. Redeeming the Preferred Stock will cause the corresponding depositary shares to be redeemed.

Holders of the Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, only when, as, and if declared by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board, and to the extent we have funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cash dividends at a rate equal to (1) _____ % per annum (equivalent to \$ _____ per depositary share per annum) for each semi-annual dividend period from the original issue date of the Preferred Stock to, but excluding, March _____, 2026, and (2) three-month LIBOR plus a spread of _____ % per annum for each quarterly dividend period beginning on March _____, 2026. When, as, and if declared by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board, we will pay the semi-annual dividend payments, in arrears, on March _____ and September _____ of each year beginning on September _____, 2016, and quarterly dividend payments, in arrears, on March _____, June _____, September _____, and December _____ of each year beginning on June _____, 2026. Dividends on the Preferred Stock will not be cumulative.

We do not intend to apply to list the depositary shares or the Preferred Stock on any securities exchange.

Investing in the depositary shares involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-8.

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The depositary shares are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank. The depositary shares are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

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

	Per Depositary Share	Total
Public offering price(1)	\$	\$
Underwriting commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds to Bank of America Corporation (before expenses)(1)	\$	\$

(1) Plus accrued cash dividends, if any, that may be declared from March , 2016 to the date of delivery.

The underwriters expect to deliver the depositary shares in book-entry only form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about March , 2016.

Sole Book-Runner

BofA Merrill Lynch

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus dated May 1, 2015

March , 2016

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement describes the specific terms of the Preferred Stock and the related depositary shares, and supplements the description of our preferred stock and depositary shares included in the attached prospectus. In considering an investment in the depositary shares, you should rely only on the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the attached prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement supersedes the information in the attached prospectus. The delivery of this prospectus supplement, at any time, does not imply that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus supplement or that the information in this prospectus supplement or the attached prospectus is correct as of any time after that date.

This prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the depositary shares in any jurisdiction in which that offer or solicitation is unlawful. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus and the offering of the depositary shares in some jurisdictions may be restricted by law. If you have received this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus, you should find out about and observe these restrictions. See Underwriting.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the depositary shares in any Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a Relevant Member State) which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) and amendments thereto (the Prospectus Directive) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the depositary shares. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the depositary shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized, and neither we nor they authorize, the making of any offer of the depositary shares in circumstances in which an obligation arises for us or the underwriters to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to Bank of America, the Corporation, we, us, and our are to Bank of America Corporation. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, in this prospectus supplement are defined in the attached prospectus.

Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus must inform themselves about and observe any restrictions relating to the offering of the depositary shares and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus outside of the United States.

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SUMMARY

The following information about the depositary shares and the Preferred Stock summarizes, and should be read in conjunction with, the information contained in this prospectus supplement and in the attached prospectus.

Securities Offered

We are offering _____ depositary shares representing interests in our Preferred Stock, with each share of Preferred Stock having a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share). Each depositary share represents a 1/25th interest in a share of the Preferred Stock. Each depositary share entitles the holder to a proportional fractional interest in the Preferred Stock represented by that depositary share, including dividend, voting, redemption, and liquidation rights.

We may elect from time to time to issue additional depositary shares representing interests in the Preferred Stock, without notice to, or consent from, the existing holders of Preferred Stock, and all those additional depositary shares would be deemed to form a single series with the Preferred Stock, described by this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus.

Dividends

We will pay cash dividends on the Preferred Stock only when, as, and if declared by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board, and to the extent that we have funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, from the date of issuance to, but excluding, March _____, 2026, at a rate of _____ % per annum (equivalent to \$ _____ per depositary share per annum), payable semi-annually, in arrears. Thereafter, we will pay cash dividends on the Preferred Stock when, as, and if declared by our board of directors or a duly authorized board committee at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a spread of _____ % per annum, payable quarterly, in arrears (each such rate, a _____ dividend rate _____).

Dividends on the Preferred Stock will not be cumulative. Accordingly, if for any reason our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board does not declare a dividend on the Preferred Stock for a dividend period prior to the related dividend payment date, that dividend will not cumulate and will cease to accrue, and we will have no obligation to pay a dividend for that dividend period on the applicable dividend payment date or at any time in the future, whether or not our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board declares a dividend on the Preferred Stock or any other series of our preferred stock or common stock for any future dividend period. A _____ dividend period _____ is the period from, and including, a dividend payment date (as defined below) to, but excluding, the next dividend payment date, except that the initial dividend period will begin on and include the original issue date of the depositary shares and the Preferred Stock.

So long as any share of Preferred Stock remains outstanding, (1) no dividend will be declared and paid or set aside for payment and no distribution will be declared and made or set aside for payment on any junior stock (as defined below under _____ Description of the Preferred Stock _____ Dividends _____) (other than a dividend payable solely in shares of junior stock), (2) no shares of junior stock will be repurchased, redeemed, or otherwise acquired for consideration by us, directly or indirectly (other than as a result of a reclassification of junior stock for or into other junior stock, or the exchange or conversion of one share of junior stock for or into another share of junior stock, and other than through the use of the proceeds of a substantially contemporaneous sale of other shares of junior stock) nor will any monies be paid to or made

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available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such securities by us, and (3) no shares of parity stock (as defined below under Description of the Preferred Stock Dividends) will be repurchased, redeemed, or otherwise acquired for consideration by us otherwise than pursuant to pro rata offers to purchase all, or a pro rata portion, of the Preferred Stock and such parity stock except by conversion into or exchange for shares of junior stock, during a dividend period, unless, in each case, the full dividends for the immediately preceding dividend period on all outstanding shares of the Preferred Stock have been declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment of those dividends has been set aside. The foregoing limitations do not apply to purchases or acquisitions of our junior stock pursuant to any employee or director incentive or benefit plan or arrangement (including any of our employment, severance, or consulting agreements) of ours or of any of our subsidiaries adopted before or after the date of this prospectus supplement.

Except as provided below, for so long as any share of Preferred Stock remains outstanding, we will not declare, pay, or set aside for payment, dividends on any parity stock unless we have paid in full, or set aside payment in full, all dividends for the immediately preceding dividend period for outstanding shares of Preferred Stock. To the extent that we declare dividends on the Preferred Stock and on any parity stock but cannot make full payment of those declared dividends, we will allocate the dividend payments on a pro rata basis among the holders of shares of Preferred Stock and the holders of any parity stock. For purposes of calculating the pro rata allocation of partial dividend payments, we will allocate dividend payments based on the ratio between the dividend payments due on shares of Preferred Stock and the aggregate of the current and accrued dividends due on any parity stock.

Subject to the conditions described above, and not otherwise, dividends (payable in cash, stock, or otherwise), as may be determined by the board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board, may be declared and paid on our common stock and any other securities junior to the Preferred Stock from time to time out of any funds legally available for such payment, and the holders of the Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to participate in those dividends.

See Description of the Preferred Stock Dividends beginning on page S-12 for more information about the payment of dividends.

Dividend Payment Dates

Cash dividends on the Preferred Stock will be payable when, as, and if declared by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee of our board, and to the extent that we have funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, semi-annually on March and September of each year, beginning on September , 2016 to March , 2026, and, thereafter, quarterly, in arrears, on March , June , September , and December of each year, beginning on June , 2026 (each a dividend payment date). If any date on which dividends otherwise would be payable is not a Business Day (as defined below under Description of the Preferred Stock Dividends), then the dividend payment date will be the next succeeding day that is a Business Day, unless for the Fixed Rate Period (as defined below under Description of the Preferred Stock Dividends), that day falls in the next calendar year, or, for the Floating Rate Period (as defined below under Description of the Preferred Stock Dividends), that day falls in the next calendar month, then in each case the dividend payment date will be the immediately preceding Business Day.

Optional Redemption

The Preferred Stock is perpetual and has no maturity date. We may redeem the Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time on or after March , 2026, at a redemption price equal

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to \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share), plus any accrued and unpaid dividends for the then-current dividend period to but excluding the redemption date, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. In addition, at any time within 90 days after a capital treatment event, as defined herein, we may provide notice to holders of the Preferred Stock that we will redeem the Preferred Stock and subsequently redeem, out of funds legally available therefor, the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share), plus any accrued and unpaid dividends for the then-current dividend period to but excluding the redemption date, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. Redemption of the Preferred Stock is subject to our receipt of any required prior approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Reserve Board, or other appropriate federal banking agency. Our redemption of the Preferred Stock will cause the redemption of the corresponding depositary shares. Neither the holders of the Preferred Stock nor the holders of the related depositary shares will have the right to require redemption.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, the holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to receive out of our assets available for distribution to stockholders, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any of our other stock ranking junior to the Preferred Stock as to such distribution, a liquidating distribution of \$25,000 per share (equivalent to \$1,000 per depositary share), plus any declared and unpaid dividends, without accumulation of undeclared dividends. Distributions will be made only to the extent of our assets remaining available after satisfaction of all liabilities to creditors and subject to the rights of holders of any securities ranking senior to the Preferred Stock and pro rata as to the Preferred Stock and any other shares of our stock ranking equally as to such distribution.

Voting Rights

The holders of depositary shares of the Preferred Stock do not have voting rights, except as specifically required by Delaware law and except as provided below under Description of the Preferred Stock Voting Rights and Description of the Depositary Shares Voting the Preferred Stock in this prospectus supplement.

Ranking

The Preferred Stock will rank, as to payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, equally with our 7% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series B (the Series B Preferred Stock), 6.204% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series D (the Series D Preferred Stock), Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E (the Series E Preferred Stock), Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F (the Series F Preferred Stock), Adjustable Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series G (the Series G Preferred Stock), 6.625% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series I (the Series I Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series K (the Series K Preferred Stock), 7.25% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock, Series L (the Series L Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series M (the Series M Preferred Stock), 6% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series T (the Series T Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series U (the Series U Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series V (the Series V Preferred Stock), 6.625% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series W (the Series W Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series X (the Series X Preferred Stock), 6.500% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series Y (the

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Series Y Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series Z (the Series Z Preferred Stock), Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series AA (the Series AA Preferred Stock), 6.200% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series CC (the Series CC Preferred Stock), Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 1 (the Series 1 Preferred Stock), Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2 (the Series 2 Preferred Stock), 6.375% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 3 (the Series 3 Preferred Stock), Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 4 (the Series 4 Preferred Stock), and Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 5 (the Series 5 Preferred Stock), and senior to our common stock.

Preemptive and Conversion Rights

The holders of the depositary shares do not have any preemptive or conversion rights.

Depository, Transfer Agent, and Registrar

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. will serve as depository, transfer agent, and registrar for the Preferred Stock and transfer agent and registrar for the depositary shares.

Calculation Agent

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will be the calculation agent for the Preferred Stock during the Floating Rate Period (as defined below).

Conflicts of Interest

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, the sole book-runner for this offering, is our affiliate. As such, Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated has a conflict of interest in this offering within the meaning of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Rule 5121. Consequently, this offering is being conducted in compliance with the provisions of FINRA Rule 5121. FINRA Rule 5121 requires that a qualified independent underwriter participate in the preparation of this prospectus supplement and exercise the usual standards of due diligence with respect thereto. Goldman, Sachs & Co. has agreed to act as the qualified independent underwriter for this offering. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is not permitted to sell depositary shares in this offering to an account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of the account holder. For more information, see Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest).

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RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the depositary shares involves risks. This prospectus supplement does not describe all of those risks.

In consultation with your own financial and legal advisors, you should consider carefully the following risks before deciding whether an investment in the depositary shares is suitable for you. The depositary shares are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant features of the depositary shares, the Preferred Stock, or financial matters in general. You should not purchase depositary shares unless you understand and know that you can bear these investment risks.

You should review carefully the information in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus about the Preferred Stock, depositary shares, and other securities. For more information regarding risks that may materially affect our business and results, please refer to the information under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference herein.

You are making an investment decision about the depositary shares as well as our Preferred Stock.

As described in this prospectus supplement, we are issuing fractional interests in shares of our Preferred Stock. Those fractional interests take the form of depositary shares. The depositary will rely solely on the dividend payments on the Preferred Stock it receives from us to fund all dividend payments on the depositary shares. You should review carefully the information in this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus regarding our depositary shares and Preferred Stock.

The Preferred Stock does not restrict our ability to incur indebtedness.

The Preferred Stock places no restrictions on our business or operations or on our ability to

incur indebtedness or engage in any transactions, subject only to the limited voting rights referred to below under "Risk Factors." Holders of the Preferred Stock will have limited voting rights.

Our ability to pay dividends depends upon the results of operations of our subsidiaries.

We are a holding company and conduct substantially all of our operations through subsidiaries. Our ability to declare and pay cash dividends is primarily dependent on the receipt of dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries. Various legal limitations restrict the extent to which our subsidiaries may pay dividends or other funds or otherwise engage in transactions with us or some of our other subsidiaries. Also, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon such subsidiary's liquidation or otherwise, and thus your ability as a holder of the depositary shares to benefit indirectly from such distribution, will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that any of our claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized. As a result, the depositary shares effectively will be subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations of our subsidiaries.

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A resolution under our preferred single point of entry resolution strategy could adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition and our ability to pay the holders of our Preferred Stock.

We are required annually to submit a plan to our primary regulatory authorities describing our resolution strategy under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the event of material financial distress or failure. In our current plan, our preferred resolution strategy is a single point of entry strategy. Under this strategy, upon certain severely adverse capital and liquidity conditions, before filing for resolution with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, we would recapitalize certain key operating subsidiaries by contributing substantially all of our assets (other than the stock of our direct subsidiaries and a reserve for expenses in resolution) with the goal of enabling these subsidiaries to continue operating. Following this recapitalization, only Bank of America would be resolved under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. We have arrangements with these key subsidiaries that govern these recapitalizations, which restrict the a