

HSBC USA Inc. Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes

- ▶ Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes linked to the DAX® Index (Price Return)
- ▶ Maturity of approximately 4 years
- ▶ At least 1.25x exposure to any positive return of the Reference Asset
- ▶ Contingent repayment of principal if the Reference Return is greater than or equal to the Barrier Level
- ▶ All payments on the securities are subject to the credit risk of HSBC USA Inc.

The Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes (each a "security" and collectively the "securities") offered hereunder will not be listed on any U.S. securities exchange or automated quotation system. The securities will not bear interest.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities or passed upon the accuracy or the adequacy of this document, the accompanying prospectus, prospectus supplement or Equity Index Underlying Supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. We have appointed HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., an affiliate of ours, as the agent for the sale of the securities. HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. will purchase the securities from us for distribution to other registered broker-dealers or will offer the securities directly to investors. In addition, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. or another of its affiliates or agents may use the pricing supplement to which this free writing prospectus relates in market-making transactions in any securities after their initial sale. Unless we or our agent informs you otherwise in the confirmation of sale, the pricing supplement to which this free writing prospectus relates is being used in a market-making transaction. See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" on page FWP-13 of this free writing prospectus.

Investment in the securities involves certain risks. You should refer to "Risk Factors" beginning on page FWP-7 of this document, page S-3 of the accompanying prospectus supplement and page S-1 of the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement.

The Estimated Initial Value of the securities on the Pricing Date is expected to be between \$900 and \$950 per security, which will be less than the price to public. The market value of the securities at any time will reflect many factors and cannot be predicted with accuracy. See "Estimated Initial Value" on page FWP-4 and "Risk Factors" beginning on page FWP-7 of this document for additional information.

	Price to Public	Underwriting Discount ¹	Proceeds to Issuer
Per security	\$1,000		
Total			

¹ HSBC USA Inc. or one of our affiliates may pay varying underwriting discounts of up to 1.50% per \$1,000 Principal Amount in connection with the distribution of the securities to other registered broker-dealers. See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" on page FWP-13 of this free writing prospectus.

The Securities:

Are Not FDIC Insured	Are Not Bank Guaranteed	May Lose Value
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HSBC USA Inc.

Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes Linked to the DAX[®] Index (Price Return)

Indicative Terms*

Principal Amount	\$1,000 per security
Reference Asset	The DAX [®] Index (Price Return) ("DAXK")
Term	Approximately 4 years
Upside Participation Rate	At least 125% (1.25x) (to be determined on the Pricing Date)
Barrier Level	-30%
Reference Return	$\frac{\text{Final Level} - \text{Initial Level}}{\text{Initial Level}}$
Payment at Maturity per Security	<p>If the Reference Return is greater than zero: $\\$1,000 + (\\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return} \times \text{Upside Participation Rate})$.</p> <p>If the Reference Return is less than or equal to zero but greater than or equal to the Barrier Level: $\\$1,000$ (zero return).</p> <p>If the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level: $\\$1,000 + (\\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return})$. For example, if the Reference Return is -35%, you will suffer a 35% loss and receive 65% of the Principal Amount, subject to the credit risk of HSBC. If the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will lose some or all of your investment.</p>
Initial Level	The Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Pricing Date.
Final Level	The Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Final Valuation Date.
Pricing Date	September < >, 2014
Trade Date	September < >, 2014
Original Issue Date	September < >, 2014
Final Valuation Date†	September < >, 2018
Maturity Date†	September < >, 2018
CUSIP/ISIN	40433BNH7/US40433BNH77

* As more fully described on page FWP-4.

†Subject to adjustment as described under "Additional Terms of the Notes" in the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement

The Securities

For investors who seek exposure to the Reference Asset and believe that the Reference Asset will appreciate over the term of the securities, the securities provide an opportunity for accelerated returns. If the Reference Return is below the Barrier Level, then the securities are subject to 1:1 exposure to any potential decline in the Reference Asset.

If the Reference Asset appreciates over the term of the securities, you will realize at least 125% (1.25x) (to be determined on the Pricing Date) of the Reference Asset appreciation. However, if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will lose 1% of your investment for every 1% decline in the Reference Asset.

The offering period for the securities is through September < >, 2014



Payoff Example

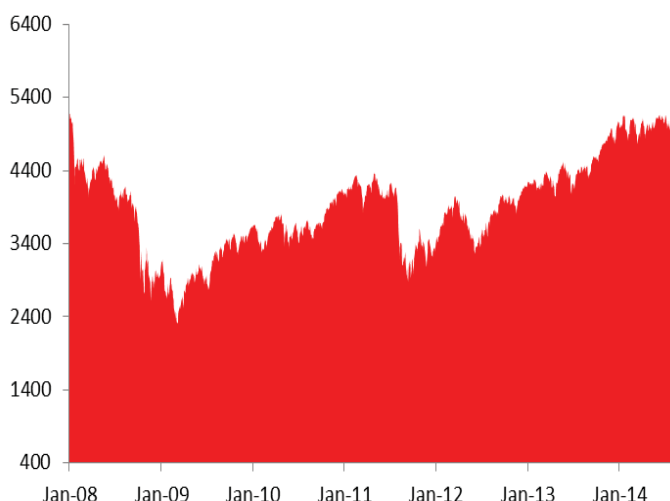
The table at right shows the hypothetical payout profile of an investment in the securities reflecting the Barrier Level of -30%, and assuming a 125% (1.25x) Upside Participation Rate. The actual Upside Participation Rate will be determined on the Pricing Date.

Reference Return	Participation in Reference Return	Securities Return
20.00% 5.00%	1.25x upside exposure	25.00% 6.25%
-5.00% -30.00%	Barrier Level of -30%	0.00% 0.00%
-60.00% -80.00%	1x Loss if below Barrier	-60.00% -80.00%

Information about the Reference Asset

The DAX[®] Index (Price Return) (“DAXK”)

The DAXK measures the composite price performance of selected German stocks. The DAXK uses only freely available and tradable (“free-float”) shares in the index calculation, which excludes shares held by 5% shareholders (subject to certain exceptions) and certain other shares that may be limited in their liquidity. As of the date of this document, the DAXK is composed of stocks representing the 30 largest and most actively traded companies listed on the FWB[®] Frankfurt Stock Exchange (the “FWB”).



The graph above illustrates the daily performance of the Reference Asset from January 1, 2008 through September 2, 2014. The closing levels in the graph above were obtained from the Bloomberg Professional[®] Service. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future results. For further information on the Reference Asset please see “Information Relating to the Reference Asset” beginning on page FWP-12. We have derived all disclosure regarding the Reference Asset from publicly available information. Neither HSBC USA Inc. nor any of its affiliates have undertaken any independent review of, or made any due diligence inquiry with respect to, the publicly available information about the Reference Asset.

HSBC USA Inc. Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes



Linked to the DAX[®] Index (Price Return)

This free writing prospectus relates to an offering of Barrier Leveraged Tracker Notes. The securities will have the terms described in this free writing prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, prospectus and Equity Index Underlying Supplement. If the terms of the securities offered hereby are inconsistent with those described in the accompanying prospectus supplement, prospectus or Equity Index Underlying Supplement, the terms described in this free writing prospectus shall control. **You should be willing to forgo interest and dividend payments during the term of the securities and, if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, lose some or all of your principal.**

This free writing prospectus relates to an offering of securities linked to the performance of the DAX[®] Index (Price Return). The purchaser of a security will acquire a senior unsecured debt security of HSBC USA Inc., as described below. The following key terms relate to the offering of securities:

Issuer:	HSBC USA Inc.
Principal Amount:	\$1,000 per security
Reference Asset:	The DAX [®] Index (Price Return) ("DAXK")
Trade Date:	September < >, 2014
Pricing Date:	September < >, 2014
Original Issue Date:	September < >, 2014
Final Valuation Date:	September < >, 2018, subject to adjustment as described under "Additional Terms of the Notes—Valuation Dates" in the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement.
Maturity Date:	3 business days after the Final Valuation Date, and expected to be September < >, 2018. The Maturity Date is subject to adjustment as described under "Additional Terms of the Notes—Coupon Payment Dates, Call Payment Dates and Maturity Date" in the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement.
Payment at Maturity:	On the Maturity Date, for each security, we will pay you the Final Settlement Value.
Final Settlement Value:	<p>If the Reference Return is greater than zero, you will receive a cash payment on the Maturity Date, per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows: $\\$1,000 + (\\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return} \times \text{Upside Participation Rate})$.</p> <p>If the Reference Return is less than or equal to zero but greater than or equal to the Barrier Level, you will receive \$1,000 per \$1,000 Principal Amount (zero return).</p> <p>If the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will receive a cash payment on the Maturity Date, per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows: $\\$1,000 + (\\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return})$.</p> <p>Under these circumstances, you will lose 1% of the Principal Amount of your securities for each percentage point decline of the Reference Asset. For example, if the Reference Return is -35%, you will suffer a 35% loss and receive 65% of the Principal Amount, subject to the credit risk of HSBC. If the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will lose some or all of your investment.</p>
Barrier Level:	-30%
Upside Participation Rate:	At least 125% (1.25x), which will be determined on the Pricing Date.
Reference Return:	<p>The quotient, expressed as a percentage, calculated as follows:</p> $\frac{\text{Final Level} - \text{Initial Level}}{\text{Initial Level}}$
Initial Level:	The Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Pricing Date.
Final Level:	The Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Final Valuation Date.
Official Closing Level:	The closing level of the Reference Asset on any scheduled trading day as determined by the calculation agent based upon the level displayed on the Bloomberg Professional [®] service page "DAXK <INDEX>", or on any successor page on the Bloomberg Professional [®] service or any successor service, as applicable.
Form of Securities:	Book-Entry
Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any U.S. securities exchange or quotation system.
CUSIP/ISIN:	40433BNH7/US40433BNH77
Estimated Initial Value:	The Estimated Initial Value of the securities will be less than the price you pay to purchase the securities. The Estimated Initial Value does not represent a minimum price at which we or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your securities in the secondary market, if any, at any time. The Estimated Initial Value will be calculated on the Pricing Date and will be set forth in the pricing supplement to which this free writing prospectus relates. See "Risk Factors — The Estimated Initial Value of the securities, which will be determined by us on the Pricing Date, will be less than the price to public and may differ from the market value of the securities in the secondary market, if any."

The Trade Date, the Pricing Date and the other dates set forth above are subject to change, and will be set forth in the final pricing supplement relating to the securities.

GENERAL

This free writing prospectus relates to a single offering of securities linked to the Reference Asset. The purchaser of a security will acquire a senior unsecured debt security of HSBC USA Inc. We reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify this offering and to reject orders in whole or in part. Although the offering of securities relates to the Reference Asset, you should not construe that fact as a recommendation as to the merits of acquiring an investment linked to the Reference Asset or any component security included in the Reference Asset or as to the suitability of an investment in the securities.

You should read this document together with the prospectus dated March 22, 2012, the prospectus supplement dated March 22, 2012 and the Equity Index Underlying Supplement dated March 22, 2012. If the terms of the securities offered hereby are inconsistent with those described in the accompanying prospectus supplement, prospectus, or Equity Index Underlying Supplement, the terms described in this free writing prospectus shall control. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in "Risk Factors" beginning on page FWP-7 of this free writing prospectus, page S-3 of the prospectus supplement and page S-1 of the Equity Index Underlying Supplement, as the securities involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisors before you invest in the securities. As used herein, references to the "Issuer", "HSBC", "we", "us" and "our" are to HSBC USA Inc.

HSBC has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus, prospectus supplement and Equity Index Underlying Supplement) with the SEC for the offering to which this free writing prospectus relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus, prospectus supplement and Equity Index Underlying Supplement in that registration statement and other documents HSBC has filed with the SEC for more complete information about HSBC and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. or any dealer participating in this offering will arrange to send you the prospectus, prospectus supplement and Equity Index Underlying Supplement if you request them by calling toll-free 1-866-811-8049.

You may also obtain:

- ▶ The Prospectus at: <http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/83246/000104746912003148/a2208395z424b2.htm>
- ▶ The Prospectus Supplement at: <http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/83246/000104746912003151/a2208335z424b2.htm>
- ▶ The Equity Index Underlying Supplement at:
http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/83246/000114420412016693/v306691_424b2.htm

We are using this free writing prospectus to solicit from you an offer to purchase the securities. You may revoke your offer to purchase the securities at any time prior to the time at which we accept your offer by notifying HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. We reserve the right to change the terms of, or reject any offer to purchase, the securities prior to their issuance. In the event of any material changes to the terms of the securities, we will notify you.

PAYMENT AT MATURITY

On the Maturity Date, for each security you hold, we will pay you the Final Settlement Value, which is an amount in cash, as described below:

If the Reference Return is greater than zero, you will receive a cash payment on the Maturity Date, per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows:

$$\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return} \times \text{Upside Participation Rate}).$$

If the Reference Return is less than or equal to zero but greater than or equal to the Barrier Level, you will receive \$1,000 per \$1,000 Principal Amount (zero return).

If the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will receive a cash payment on the Maturity Date, per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows:

$$\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return}).$$

Under these circumstances, you will lose 1% of the Principal Amount of your securities for each percentage point decline in the Reference Asset. For example, if the Reference Return is -35%, you will suffer a 35% loss and receive 65% of the Principal Amount, subject to the credit risk of HSBC. **You should be aware that if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, you will lose some or all of your investment.**

Interest

The securities will not pay interest.

Business Day

A “business day” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in the City of New York.

Payment When Offices or Settlement Systems Are Closed

If any payment is due on the securities on a day that would otherwise be a “business day” but is a day on which the office of a paying agent or a settlement system is closed, we will make the payment on the next business day when that paying agent or system is open. Any such payment will be deemed to have been made on the original due date, and no additional payment will be made on account of the delay.

Calculation Agent

We or one of our affiliates will act as calculation agent with respect to the securities.

Reference Sponsor

Deutsche Börse AG is the reference sponsor.

INVESTOR SUITABILITY

The securities may be suitable for you if:

- ▶ You seek an investment with an enhanced return linked to the potential positive performance of the Reference Asset and you believe that the level of the Reference Asset will increase over the term of the securities.
- ▶ You are willing to make an investment that is exposed to the negative Reference Return on a 1-to-1 basis for each percentage point decline in the Reference Asset if the Reference Return is less than -30%.
- ▶ You are willing to accept the risk and return profile of the securities versus a conventional debt security with a comparable maturity issued by HSBC or another issuer with a similar credit rating.
- ▶ You are willing to forgo dividends or other distributions paid to holders of the stocks comprising the Reference Asset.
- ▶ You do not seek current income from your investment.
- ▶ You do not seek an investment for which there is an active secondary market.
- ▶ You are willing to hold the securities to maturity.
- ▶ You are comfortable with the creditworthiness of HSBC, as Issuer of the securities.

RISK FACTORS

We urge you to read the section “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-3 in the accompanying prospectus supplement and page S-1 of the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement. Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in any of the stocks comprising the Reference Asset. You should understand the risks of investing in the securities and should reach an investment decision only after careful consideration, with your advisors, of the suitability of the securities in light of your particular financial circumstances and the information set forth in this free writing prospectus and the accompanying Equity Index Underlying Supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus.

In addition to the risks discussed below, you should review “Risk Factors” in the accompanying prospectus supplement and Equity Index Underlying Supplement including the explanation of risks relating to the securities described in the following sections:

- ▶ “— Risks Relating to All Note Issuances” in the prospectus supplement;
- ▶ “— General Risks Related to Indices” in the Equity Index Underlying Supplement;
- ▶ “—Securities Prices Generally Are Subject to Political, Economic, Financial and Social Factors that Apply to the Markets in which They Trade and, to a Lesser Extent, Foreign Markets” in the Equity Index Underlying Supplement; and
- ▶ “—Time Differences Between the Domestic and Foreign Markets and New York City May Create Discrepancies in the Trading Level or Price of the Notes” in the Equity Index Underlying Supplement.

You will be subject to significant risks not associated with conventional fixed-rate or floating-rate debt securities.

Your investment in the securities may result in a loss.

You will be fully exposed to the decline in the Reference Asset if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level of -30%. Accordingly, if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level, your Payment at Maturity will be less than the Principal Amount of your securities by an amount proportionate to the decrease in the Reference Asset. **There is no minimum payment on the securities and, accordingly, you could lose your entire investment.**

The amount payable on the securities is not linked to the level of the Reference Asset at any time other than the Final Valuation Date.

The Final Level will be based on the Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Final Valuation Date, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. Even if the level of the Reference Asset appreciates during the term of the securities other than on the Final Valuation Date but then decreases on the Final Valuation Date to a level that is less than the Initial Level, the Payment at Maturity may be less, and may be significantly less, than it would have been had the Payment at Maturity been linked to the level of the Reference Asset prior to such decrease. Although the actual level of the Reference Asset on the Maturity Date

The securities may not be suitable for you if:

- ▶ You believe the Reference Return will be negative on the Final Valuation Date or that the Reference Return will not be sufficiently positive to provide you with your desired return.
- ▶ You are unwilling to make an investment that is exposed to the negative Reference Return on a 1-to-1 basis for each percentage point decline in the Reference Asset if the Reference Return is less than -30%.
- ▶ You seek an investment that provides full return of principal.
- ▶ You prefer the lower risk, and therefore accept the potentially lower returns, of conventional debt securities with comparable maturities issued by HSBC or another issuer with a similar credit rating.
- ▶ You prefer to receive the dividends or other distributions paid on the stocks comprising the Reference Asset.
- ▶ You seek current income from your investment.
- ▶ You seek an investment for which there will be an active secondary market.
- ▶ You are unable or unwilling to hold the securities to maturity.
- ▶ You are not willing or are unable to assume the credit risk associated with HSBC, as Issuer of the securities.

or at other times during the term of the securities may be higher than the Final Level, the Payment at Maturity will be based solely on the Official Closing Level of the Reference Asset on the Final Valuation Date.

Credit risk of HSBC USA Inc.

The securities are senior unsecured debt obligations of the Issuer, HSBC, and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. As further described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus, the securities will rank on par with all of the other unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of HSBC, except such obligations as may be preferred by operation of law. Any payment to be made on the securities, including any return of principal at maturity, depends on the ability of HSBC to satisfy its obligations as they come due. As a result, the actual and perceived creditworthiness of HSBC may affect the market value of the securities and, in the event HSBC were to default on its obligations, you may not receive the amounts owed to you under the terms of the securities.

The securities will not bear interest.

As a holder of the securities, you will not receive interest payments.

Changes that affect the Reference Asset will affect the market value of the securities and the amount you will receive at maturity.

The policies of the reference sponsor of the Reference Asset concerning additions, deletions and substitutions of the constituents comprising the Reference Asset and the manner in which the reference sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting those constituents may affect the level of the Reference Asset. The policies of the reference sponsor with respect to the calculation of the Reference Asset could also affect the level of the Reference Asset. The reference sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Reference Asset. Any such actions could affect the value of the securities.

The securities are not insured or guaranteed by any governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

The securities are not deposit liabilities or other obligations of a bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or program of the United States or any other jurisdiction. An investment in the securities is subject to the credit risk of HSBC, and in the event that HSBC is unable to pay its obligations as they become due, you may not receive the full Payment at Maturity of the securities.

The Estimated Initial Value of the securities, which will be determined by us on the Pricing Date, will be less than the price to public and may differ from the market value of the securities in the secondary market, if any.

The Estimated Initial Value of the securities will be calculated by us on the Pricing Date and will be less than the price to public. The Estimated Initial Value will reflect our internal funding rate, which is the borrowing rate we use to issue market-linked securities, as well as the mid-market value of the embedded derivatives in the securities. This internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would use when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities. As a result of the difference between our internal funding rate and the rate we would use when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities, the Estimated Initial Value of the securities may be lower if it were based on the levels at which our fixed or floating rate debt securities trade in the secondary market. In addition, if we were to use the rate we use for our conventional fixed or floating rate debt issuances, we would expect the economic terms of the securities to be more favorable to you. We will determine the value of the embedded derivatives in the securities by reference to our or our affiliates' internal pricing models. These pricing models consider certain assumptions and variables, which can include volatility and interest rates. Different pricing models and assumptions could provide valuations for the securities that are different from our Estimated Initial Value. These pricing models rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. The Estimated Initial Value does not represent a minimum price at which we or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your securities in the secondary market (if any exists) at any time.

The price of your securities in the secondary market, if any, immediately after the Pricing Date will be less than the price to public.

The price to public takes into account certain costs. These costs, which will be used or retained by us or one of our affiliates, include the underwriting discount, our affiliates' projected hedging profits (which may or may not be realized) for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and the costs associated with structuring and hedging our obligations under the securities. If you were to sell your securities in the secondary market, if any, the price you would receive for your securities may be less than the price you paid for them because secondary market prices will not take into account these costs. The price of your securities in the secondary market, if any, at any time after issuance will vary based on many factors, including the level of the Reference Asset and changes in market conditions, and cannot be predicted with accuracy. The securities are not designed to be short-term trading instruments, and you

should, therefore, be able and willing to hold the securities to maturity. Any sale of the securities prior to maturity could result in a loss to you.

If we were to repurchase your securities immediately after the Original Issue Date, the price you receive may be higher than the Estimated Initial Value of the securities.

Assuming that all relevant factors remain constant after the Original Issue Date, the price at which HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. may initially buy or sell the securities in the secondary market, if any, and the value that we may initially use for customer account statements, if we provide any customer account statements at all, may exceed the Estimated Initial Value on the Pricing Date for a temporary period expected to be approximately 16 months after the Original Issue Date. This temporary price difference may exist because, in our discretion, we may elect to effectively reimburse to investors a portion of the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the securities and other costs in connection with the securities that we will no longer expect to incur over the term of the securities. We will make such discretionary election and determine this temporary reimbursement period on the basis of a number of factors, including the tenor of the securities and any agreement we may have with the distributors of the securities. The amount of our estimated costs which we effectively reimburse to investors in this way may not be allocated ratably throughout the reimbursement period, and we may discontinue such reimbursement at any time or revise the duration of the reimbursement period after the Original Issue Date of the securities based on changes in market conditions and other factors that cannot be predicted.

The securities lack liquidity.

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. is not required to offer to purchase the securities in the secondary market, if any exists. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the securities easily. Because other dealers are not likely to make a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. is willing to buy the securities.

Potential conflicts of interest may exist.

HSBC and its affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the securities, including acting as calculation agent and hedging our obligations under the securities. In performing these duties, the economic interests of the calculation agent and other affiliates of ours are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. We will not have any obligation to consider your interests as a holder of the securities in taking any action that might affect the value of your securities.

Uncertain tax treatment.

For a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in a security, please see the discussion under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" herein and the discussion under "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Risks associated with non-U.S. companies.

The level of the DAXK depends upon the stocks of non-U.S. companies, and thus involve risks associated with the home countries of those non-U.S. companies. The prices of these non-U.S. stocks may be affected by political, economic, financial and social factors in the home country of each applicable company, including changes in that country's government, economic and fiscal policies, currency exchange laws or other laws or restrictions, which could affect the value of the securities. These foreign securities may have less liquidity and could be more volatile than many of the securities traded in U.S. or other securities markets. Direct or indirect government intervention to stabilize the relevant foreign securities markets, as well as cross shareholdings in foreign companies, may affect trading levels or prices and volumes in those markets. The other special risks associated with foreign securities may include, but are not limited to: less liquidity and smaller market capitalizations; less rigorous regulation of securities markets; different accounting and disclosure standards; governmental interference; currency fluctuations; higher inflation; and social, economic and political uncertainties. These factors may adversely affect the performance of the DAXK and, as a result, the value of the securities.

The securities will not be adjusted for changes in exchange rates.

Although the equity securities that comprise the DAXK are traded in euro, and your securities are denominated in U.S. dollars, the amount payable on your securities at maturity, if any, will not be adjusted for changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the euro. Changes in exchange rates, however, may also reflect changes in the applicable non-U.S. economies that in turn may affect the level of the DAXK, and therefore your securities. The amount we pay in respect of your securities on the maturity date, if any, will be determined solely in accordance with the procedures described in this free writing prospectus.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

The following table and examples are provided for illustrative purposes only and are hypothetical. They do not purport to be representative of every possible scenario concerning increases or decreases in the level of the Reference Asset relative to its Initial Level. We cannot predict the Final Level of the Reference Asset. The assumptions we have made in connection with the illustrations set forth below may not reflect actual events. You should not take this illustration or these examples as an indication or assurance of the expected performance of the Reference Asset or the return on your securities. The Final Settlement Value may be less than the amount that you would have received from a conventional debt security with the same stated maturity, including those issued by HSBC. The numbers appearing in the table below and following examples have been rounded for ease of analysis.

The table below illustrates the Final Settlement Value on a \$1,000 investment in the securities for a hypothetical range of Reference Returns from -100% to +100%. The following results are based solely on the assumptions outlined below. The “Hypothetical Return on the Securities” as used below is the number, expressed as a percentage, that results from comparing the Final Settlement Value per \$1,000 Principal Amount to \$1,000. The potential returns described here assume that your securities are held to maturity. You should consider carefully whether the securities are suitable to your investment goals. The numbers appearing in the following table and examples have been rounded for ease of analysis. The following table and examples assume the following:

- ▶ Principal Amount: \$1,000
- ▶ Hypothetical Upside Participation Rate: 125% (The actual Upside Participation Rate will be determined on the Pricing Date and will be at least 125%)
- ▶ Barrier Level: -30%

Hypothetical Reference Return	Hypothetical Final Settlement Value	Hypothetical Return on the Securities
100.00%	\$2,250.00	125.00%
80.00%	\$2,000.00	100.00%
60.00%	\$1,750.00	75.00%
50.00%	\$1,625.00	62.50%
40.00%	\$1,500.00	50.00%
20.00%	\$1,250.00	25.00%
15.00%	\$1,187.50	18.75%
10.00%	\$1,125.00	12.50%
0.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%
-10.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%
-15.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%
-20.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%
-30.00%	\$1,000.00	0.00%
-40.00%	\$600.00	-40.00%
-50.00%	\$500.00	-50.00%
-60.00%	\$400.00	-60.00%
-80.00%	\$200.00	-80.00%
-100.00%	\$0.00	-100.00%

The following examples indicate how the Final Settlement Value would be calculated with respect to a hypothetical \$1,000 investment in the securities.

Example 1: The Reference Return is 10.00%.

Reference Return:	10.00%
Final Settlement Value:	\$1,125.00

Because the Reference Return is positive, the Final Settlement Value would be \$1,125.00 per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return} \times \text{Upside Participation Rate}) \\ &= \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times 10.00\% \times 125\%) \\ &= \$1,125.00 \end{aligned}$$

Example 1 shows that you will receive the return of your principal investment plus a return equal to the Reference Return multiplied by the Upside Participation Rate when the Reference Return is positive.

Example 2: The Reference Return is -10.00%.

Reference Return:	-10.00%
Final Settlement Value:	\$1,000.00

Because the Reference Return is less than zero but greater than the Barrier Level of -30%, the Final Settlement Value would be \$1,000.00 per \$1,000 Principal Amount (a zero return).

Example 2 shows that you will receive the return of your principal investment where the level of the Reference Asset decreases by no more than 30% over the term of the securities.

Example 3: The Reference Return is -80.00%.

Reference Return:	-80.00%
Final Settlement Value:	\$200.00

Because the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level of -30%, the Final Settlement Value would be \$200.00 per \$1,000 Principal Amount, calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{Reference Return}) \\ &= \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times -80.00\%) \\ &= \$200.00 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 shows that you are exposed on a 1-to-1 basis to declines in the level of the Reference Asset if the Reference Return is less than the Barrier Level. **YOU MAY LOSE UP TO 100% OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF YOUR SECURITIES.**

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REFERENCE ASSET

General

This free writing prospectus is not an offer to sell and it is not an offer to buy any of the securities comprising the Reference Asset. All disclosures contained in this free writing prospectus regarding the Reference Asset, including its make-up, performance, method of calculation and changes in its components, where applicable, are derived from publicly available information. Neither HSBC nor any of its affiliates has made any independent investigation as to the information about the Reference Asset that is contained in this free writing prospectus. You should make your own investigation into the Reference Asset.

The DAX[®] Index (Price Return)

The DAXK is calculated, published, and disseminated by Deutsche Börse AG, or DBAG. The DAXK measures the composite price performance of selected German stocks. The DAXK uses only freely available and tradable ("free-float") shares in the index calculation, which excludes shares held by 5% shareholders (other than (1) asset managers and trust companies, (2) investment funds and pension funds and (3) capital investment companies or foreign investment companies, in each case, pursuing short-term investment strategies and whose shareholding does not exceed 25% of a company's share capital) and certain other shares that may be limited in their liquidity. As of the date of this document, the DAXK is composed of stocks representing the 30 largest and most actively traded companies listed on the FWB[®] Frankfurt Stock Exchange (the "FWB"). The DAXK has a base level of 1,000 as of December 30, 1987. The DAXK is a price return index and as such the level of the DAXK will not include any income generated by dividends paid on the stocks included in the DAXK.

To be included or to remain in the DAXK, companies must satisfy certain criteria. All classes of shares must:

- be listed in the "prime standard" segment of the FWB;
- be traded continuously on FWB's electronic trading system, Xetra[®]; and
- have a free float of at least 10% of the outstanding shares.

Moreover, the companies included in the DAXK must have their registered office or operational headquarters in Germany. A company's operating headquarters is defined as the location of management or company administration, in part or in full. Alternatively, a company must have the major share of its stock exchange turnover on the FWB and its juristic headquarters in the European Union or in a European Free Trade Association state.

If a company has its operating headquarters in Germany, but not its registered office, this must be publicly identified by the company. The primary trading turnover requirement is met if at least 33% of aggregate turnover for each of the last three months took place on the FWB, including Xetra[®].

With the respective prerequisites being satisfied, component stocks are selected for the DAXK according to the following criteria:

- order book turnover on Xetra[®] and in the FWB's floor trading (within the preceding 12 months); and
- free-float market capitalization as at a certain reporting date (last trading day of each month).

The market capitalization of a class of shares is determined using the average of the volume-weighted average price ("VWAP") of the last 20 trading days prior to the last day of the month.

Taking all these criteria into account, DBAG's working committee for equity indices submits proposals to the management board of DBAG to leave the current index composition unchanged, or to effect changes, as applicable. The final decision as to whether or not to replace an index component is taken by the management board of DBAG. In the case of the DAXK, such decisions are directly reflected by the respective rankings. Any replacements are publicly announced by DBAG.

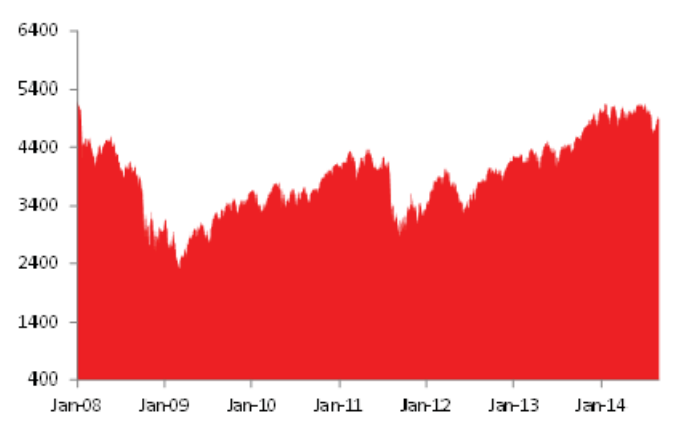
An underlying stock may be deleted or added by DBAG, which reviews and adjusts the index composition based upon exchange turnover and market capitalization, every three months. Adjustments to the index composition are also made upon the occurrence of specified extraordinary circumstances, such as insolvency. In addition, a company can be removed immediately if its index weight based on the actual market capitalization exceeds 10% and its annualized 30-day volatility exceeds 250%. The relevant figures are published by DBAG on a daily basis. The management board, in agreement with the working committee, may decide on the removal and may replace the company two full trading days after the announcement.

Index Calculation

The DAXK is weighted by market capitalization; however, only free-float shares are taken into account. The level of the DAXK is based on share prices reported in the Xetra[®] system. The level of the DAXK is calculated according to the Laspeyres formula, which measures the aggregate price changes in the component stocks against the initial December 30, 1987 level of 1,000. The weight of any single company in the DAXK is limited to 10% of the index capitalization, adjusted on a quarterly basis.

Historical Performance of the DAXK

The following graph sets forth the historical performance of the DAXK based on the daily historical closing levels from January 1, 2008 through September 2, 2014. The closing level for the DAXK on September 2, 2014 was 4,890.52. We obtained the closing levels below from the Bloomberg Professional[®] service. We have not undertaken any independent review of, or made any due diligence inquiry with respect to, the information obtained from the Bloomberg Professional[®] service. The historical levels of the DAXK should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the Official Closing Level of the DAXK on the Final Valuation Date.



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If the securities have become immediately due and payable following an Event of Default (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) with respect to the securities, the calculation agent will determine the accelerated payment due and payable at maturity in the same general manner as described in "Payment at Maturity" in this free writing prospectus. In that case, the scheduled trading day immediately preceding the date of acceleration will be used as the Final Valuation Date for purposes of determining the Reference Return, and the accelerated maturity date will be three business days after the accelerated Final Valuation Date. If a Market Disruption Event exists with respect to the Reference Asset on that scheduled trading day, then the accelerated Final Valuation Date for the Reference Asset will be postponed for up to five scheduled trading days (in the same manner used for postponing the originally scheduled Final Valuation Date). The accelerated maturity date will also be postponed by an equal number of business days.

If the securities have become immediately due and payable following an Event of Default, you will not be entitled to any additional payments with respect to the securities. For more information, see "Description of Debt Securities — Senior Debt Securities — Events of Default" in the accompanying prospectus.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

We have appointed HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., an affiliate of HSBC, as the agent for the sale of the securities. Pursuant to the terms of a distribution agreement, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. will purchase the securities from HSBC at the price to public less the underwriting discount set forth on the cover page of the pricing supplement to which this free writing prospectus relates, for distribution to other registered broker-dealers, or will offer the securities directly to investors. HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. proposes to offer the securities at the price to public set forth on the cover page of this free writing prospectus. HSBC USA Inc. or one of our affiliates may pay varying underwriting discounts of up to 1.50% per \$1,000 Principal Amount in connection with the distribution of the securities to other registered broker-dealers.

An affiliate of HSBC has paid or may pay in the future an amount to broker-dealers in connection with the costs of the continuing implementation of systems to support the securities.

In addition, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. or another of its affiliates or agents may use the pricing supplement to which this free writing prospectus relates in market-making transactions after the initial sale of the securities, but is under no obligation to make a market in the securities and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice.

Delivery of the securities will be made against payment for the securities on the Original Issue Date set forth on the inside cover page of this document, which is expected to be more than three business days following the Trade Date. Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to that trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the securities more than three business days prior to the Original Issue Date will be required to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement, and should consult their own advisors.

See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" on page S-49 in the prospectus supplement.

U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

There is no direct legal authority as to the proper tax treatment of the securities, and therefore significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain as to both the timing and character of any inclusion in income in respect of the securities. Under one approach, a security should be treated as a pre-paid executory contract with respect to the Reference Asset. We intend to treat the securities consistent with this approach. Pursuant to the terms of the securities, you agree to treat the securities under this approach for all U.S. federal income tax purposes. Subject to the limitations described therein, and based on certain factual representations received from us, in the opinion of our special U.S. tax counsel, Morrison & Foerster LLP, it is reasonable to treat a security as a pre-paid executory contract with respect to the Reference Asset. Pursuant to this approach, we do not intend to report any income or gain with respect to the securities prior to their maturity or an earlier sale or exchange and we intend to treat any gain or loss upon maturity or an earlier sale or exchange as long-term capital gain or loss, provided that you have held the security for more than one year at such time for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We will not attempt to ascertain whether any of the entities whose stock is included in, or owned by, the Reference Asset, as the case may be, would be treated as a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") or United States real property holding corporation ("USRPHC"), both as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If one or more of the entities whose stock is included in, or owned by, the Reference Asset, as the case may be, were so treated, certain adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences might apply. You should refer to information filed with the SEC and other authorities by the entities whose stock is included in, or owned by, the Reference Asset, as the case may be, and consult your tax advisor regarding the possible consequences to you if one or more of the entities whose stock is included in, or owned by, the Reference Asset, as the case may be, is or becomes a PFIC or a USRPHC.

Withholding and reporting requirements under the legislation enacted on March 18, 2010 (as discussed beginning on page S-48 of the prospectus supplement) will generally apply to payments made after June 30, 2014. Additionally, withholding due to any payment being treated as a "dividend equivalent" (as discussed beginning on page S-47 of the prospectus supplement) will begin no earlier than

January 1, 2016. However, the U.S. Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service have announced that they intend to limit this withholding to equity-linked instruments issued on or after the date that is 90 days after the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations addressing dividend equivalent withholding. Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this legislation on their investment in the securities.

For a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in a security, please see the discussion under “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

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