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HSBC Holdings plc

Pricing Term Sheet:

Issuer: HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC Holdings)

Securities Offered: \$2,250,000,000 6.375% Perpetual Subordinated Contingent Convertible Securities (Callable March 2025 and Every Five Years Thereafter) (the Securities)

Sole Structuring Adviser and Book-Running Manager: HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. (HSI)

Joint Lead Managers: BBVA Securities Inc
BNP Paribas Securities Corp.

Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. Hong Kong Branch

CCB International Capital Limited

CIBC World Markets Corp.

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Commerz Markets LLC

Lloyds Securities Inc.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

Natixis Securities Americas LLC

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.

Société Générale

UBS Securities LLC

UniCredit Capital Markets LLC

Co-Managers: Emirates NBD Capital Limited
First Gulf Bank P.J.S.C.

Mizuho Securities USA Inc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

nabSecurities, LLC

National Bank of Abu Dhabi PJSC

SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc.

TD Securities (USA) LLC

The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Issuer Ratings:* Aa3 (negative) (Moody s) / A (stable) (S&P) / AA- (stable) (Fitch)

Expected Issue Ratings:* Baa3 (Moody s) / BBB (Fitch)

Pricing Date: March 23, 2015

Settlement Date: March 30, 2015 (T+5)

Maturity Date: Perpetual, with no fixed maturity or fixed redemption date

Form of Offering: SEC Registered Global

Over-allotment Option: HSBC Holdings has agreed to grant to HSI, on behalf of the Joint Lead Managers and Co-Managers (together with HSI, the underwriters), an option to purchase up to an additional \$225,000,000 principal amount of Securities at the public offering price solely to cover over-allotments, if

any. This over-allotment option is exercisable once only, in whole or in part, prior to the Settlement Date.

Selling Restrictions:

The Securities are not intended to be sold and should not be sold to retail clients in the European Economic Area (the EEA), as defined in the Financial Conduct Authority's (the FCA) Handbook, in accordance with the rules set out in the FCA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook (COBS) at COBS 22 (as amended or replaced from time to time) other than in circumstances that do not and will not give rise to a contravention of those rules by any person.

The Securities are complex financial instruments and are not a suitable or appropriate investment for all investors. In some jurisdictions, regulatory authorities have adopted or published laws, regulations or guidance with respect to the offer or sale of securities such as the Securities to retail investors. In particular, in August 2014, the FCA published the Temporary Marketing Restriction (Contingent Convertible Securities) Instrument 2014 which took effect on October 1, 2014 through rules set out in COBS 22. Under the rules set out in COBS 22 (as amended or replaced from time to time), certain contingent write-down or convertible securities, such as the Securities, must not be sold to retail clients in the EEA and nothing may be done that would or might result in the buying of such securities or the holding of a beneficial interest in such securities by a retail client in the EEA (in each case within the meaning of COBS 22), other than in accordance with the limited exemptions set out in COBS 22. HSBC Holdings and each underwriter are required to comply with COBS 22. By purchasing, or making or accepting an offer to purchase, any Securities from HSBC Holdings and/or any underwriter, each prospective investor represents, warrants and undertakes to HSBC Holdings and each of the relevant underwriters that: (a) it is not a retail client in the EEA (as defined in COBS 22); (b) whether or not subject to COBS 22, it will not sell or offer the Securities to retail clients in the EEA or do anything (including the distribution of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus) that would or might result in the buying of the Securities or the holding of a beneficial interest in the Securities by a retail client in the EEA (in each case within the meaning of COBS 22), other than (i) in relation to any sale of, or offer to sell, the Securities to a retail client in or resident in the United Kingdom, in circumstances that do not and will not give rise to a contravention of COBS 22 by any person and/or (ii) in relation to any sale of or offer to sell the Securities to a retail client in any EEA member state other than the United Kingdom, where (1) it has conducted an assessment and concluded that the relevant retail client understands the risks of an investment in the Securities and is able to bear the potential losses involved in an investment in the Securities and (2) it has at all times acted in relation to such sale or offer in compliance with the Markets in Financial Securities Directive (2004/39/EC) (MiFID) to the extent it applies to it or, to the extent MiFID does not apply to it, in a manner which would be in compliance with MiFID if it were to apply to it; and (c) it will at all times comply with all applicable laws, regulations and regulatory guidance (whether inside or outside the EEA) relating to the promotion, offering, distribution and/or sale of the Securities, including

any such laws, regulations and regulatory guidance relating to determining the appropriateness and/or suitability of an investment in the Securities by investors in any relevant jurisdiction. Where acting as agent on behalf of a disclosed or undisclosed client when purchasing, or making or accepting an offer to purchase, any Securities from HSBC or any

underwriter, the foregoing representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings will be given by and be binding upon both the agent and its underlying client.

Notice to Investors:

Each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) acknowledges that The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "HKSE") and the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") may request HSBC Holdings to report certain information with respect to such securityholder (which may be obtained from the underwriters), including, among other things, such securityholder's name, countries of operation and allotment sizes, that HSBC Holdings may provide the HKSE and the SFC with any such requested information with respect to such securityholder and that our major securityholders (which may include those who have invested in the Securities) and their respective interests may be disclosed in our annual and interim reports (which disclosure as of the date hereof would be required by those who have an interest in 5% or more of any class of HSBC Holdings' voting shares, including any interest in unissued shares that may be issuable upon conversion of the Securities) and/or other public filings as may be required to be made in the future by HSBC Holdings in accordance with applicable stock exchange rules or regulatory requirements.

Transaction Details:

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| Principal Amount: | \$2,250,000,000 |
| Benchmark Treasury: | UST 2.000% due February 2025 |
| Spread to Benchmark: | +446.0 bps |
| Re-offer Yield: | 6.375% to first call date |
| Reference Mid-Market Swap Rate | |
| (term to first call date): | 2.00750% |
| Spread to Reference Mid-Market Swap Rate: | +436.8 bps |
| Initial Fixed Coupon: | 6.375% |
| Coupon Following any Reset Date: | The sum of 436.8 bps and the applicable Mid-Market Swap Rate (as defined below) on the relevant Reset Determination Date, from (and |

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including) each Reset Date to (but excluding) the immediately following Reset Date.

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| Issue Price: | 100.000% |
| Gross Fees: | 1.000% |
| Net Price: | 99.000% |
| Net Proceeds to Issuer: | \$2,227,500,000 |
| Interest Payment Dates: | Semi-annual on each March 30 and September 30, commencing September 30, 2015, subject to cancellation or deemed cancellation as described in the prospectus supplement |
| Reset Date: | March 30, 2025 and each fifth anniversary date thereafter |
| Reset Determination Date: | The second business day immediately preceding a Reset Date |
| Mid-Market Swap Rate: | The rate for US dollar swaps with a five-year term commencing on the relevant Reset Date which appears on Bloomberg page ISDA 01 (or such other page as may replace such page on Bloomberg, or such other |

page as may be nominated by the person providing or sponsoring the information appearing on such page for purposes of displaying comparable rates) (the relevant screen page) as at approximately 11:00 a.m. (New York time) on the relevant Reset Determination Date, all as determined by the calculation agent (the Mid-Market Swap Rate).

If no such rate appears on the relevant screen page for such five-year term, then the Mid-Market Swap Rate will be determined through the use of straight-line interpolation by reference to two rates, one of which will be determined in accordance with the above provisions, but as if the relevant Reset Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the actual Reset Period and the other of which will be determined in accordance with the above provisions, but as if the relevant Reset Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the actual Reset Period.

If on any Reset Determination Date the relevant screen page is not available or the Mid-Market Swap Rate does not appear on the relevant screen page, the calculation agent will request the principal office in New York of four major banks in the swap, money, securities or other market most closely connected with the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate (as selected by HSBC Holdings on the advice of an investment bank of international repute) (the Reference Banks) to provide it with its Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation (as defined in the prospectus supplement) as at approximately 11:00 a.m. (New York time) on the relevant Reset Determination Date. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the calculation agent with Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations, the interest rate for the relevant Reset Period will be the sum of 436.8 bps and the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001% (0.0005% being rounded upwards)) of the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations, as determined by the calculation agent. If only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the calculation agent with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation, the interest will be determined to be the rate of interest as at the last preceding Reset Date or, in the case of the initial Reset Determination Date, 6.375%.

Certain Other Terms and Information:

Terms which are defined in Description of the Securities included in the preliminary prospectus supplement dated March 19, 2015 relating to the Securities (the prospectus supplement) beginning on page S-45 of the prospectus supplement have the same meaning when used in this Pricing Term Sheet.

Discretionary Interest Payments:

HSBC Holdings will have sole and absolute discretion at all times and for any reason to cancel (in whole or in part) any interest payment that would otherwise be payable on any interest payment date.

Restriction on Interest Payments:

Except to the extent permitted in the following paragraph in respect of partial interest payments, HSBC Holdings will not make an interest payment on any interest payment date (and such interest payment will therefore be deemed to have been cancelled and thus will not be due and payable on such interest payment date) if:

(a) HSBC Holdings has an amount of Distributable Items on such interest payment date that is less than the sum of (i) all distributions or interest payments made or declared by HSBC Holdings since the end of the last financial year and prior to such interest payment date on or in respect of any Parity Securities, the Securities and any Junior Securities and (ii) all distributions or interest payments payable by HSBC Holdings (and not cancelled or deemed to have been cancelled) on such interest payment date on or in respect of any Parity Securities, the Securities and any Junior Securities, in the case of each of (i) and (ii), excluding any payments already accounted for in determining the Distributable Items; or

(b) the Solvency Condition is not satisfied in respect of such interest payment.

HSBC Holdings may, in its sole discretion, elect to make a partial interest payment on the Securities on any interest payment date, only to the extent that such partial interest payment may be made without breaching the restriction in the preceding paragraph. For the avoidance of doubt, the portion of interest not paid on the relevant interest payment date will be deemed to have been cancelled and thus will not be due and payable on such interest payment date.

Distributable Items means the amount of HSBC Holdings profits at the end of the last financial year plus any profits brought forward and reserves available for that purpose before distributions to holders of the Securities and any Parity Securities and Junior Securities less any losses brought forward, profits which are non-distributable pursuant to the Companies Act 2006 (UK) (the Companies Act) or other provisions of English law from time to time applicable to HSBC Holdings or its Memorandum and Articles of Association (its Articles of Association) and sums placed to non-distributable reserves in accordance with the Companies Act or other provisions of English law from time to time applicable to HSBC Holdings or its Articles of Association, those losses and reserves being determined on the basis of HSBC Holdings individual accounts and not on the basis of HSBC Holdings consolidated accounts.

Junior Securities means, in respect of the Securities, (i) any of HSBC Holdings ordinary shares or HSBC Holdings other securities that rank, or are expressed to rank, junior to the Securities in HSBC Holdings winding-up or administration as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Subordination* and/or (ii) any securities issued by any other member of the HSBC Group where the terms of such securities benefit from a guarantee or support agreement entered into by HSBC Holdings that ranks, or is expressed to rank, junior to the Securities in HSBC Holdings winding-up or administration as

described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Subordination* and/or (iii) any of HSBC Holdings' capital instruments that qualify as common equity Tier 1 instruments under the Capital Instruments Regulations.

Parity Securities means, (i) the most senior ranking class or classes of preference shares in HSBC Holdings capital from time to time and any other of HSBC Holdings securities ranking, or expressed to rank, pari passu with the Securities and/or such senior preference shares in HSBC Holdings winding-up or administration as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Subordination*, and/or (ii) any securities issued by any other member of the HSBC Group where the terms of such securities benefit from a guarantee or support agreement entered into by HSBC Holdings which ranks or is expressed to rank pari passu with the Securities and/or such senior preference shares in HSBC Holdings winding-up or administration as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Subordination*.

Solvency Condition means the condition that, other than in the event of HSBC Holdings winding-up or administration, as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Subordination*, or with respect to the payment of the cash proceeds from any Conversion Shares Offer Consideration, as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Automatic Conversion Upon Capital Adequacy Trigger Event Conversion Shares Offer*, payments in respect of, or arising from, the Securities will be conditional (x) upon HSBC Holdings being solvent at the time of payment by it, and (y) in that no sum in respect of or arising from the Securities may fall due and be paid except to the extent that HSBC Holdings could make such payment and still be solvent immediately thereafter. For purposes of determining whether the Solvency Condition is met, HSBC Holdings will be considered to be solvent at a particular point in time if (x) it is able to pay its debts owed to Senior Creditors as they fall due and (y) the Balance Sheet Condition has been met.

Agreement to Interest Cancellation:

By its acquisition of the Securities, each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) will acknowledge and agree that:

(a) interest is payable solely at HSBC Holdings discretion and no amount of interest will become due and payable in respect of the relevant interest period to the extent that it has been (x) cancelled (in whole or in part) by HSBC Holdings at its sole discretion and/or (y) deemed to have been cancelled (in whole or in part), including as a result of HSBC Holdings having insufficient Distributable Items or failing to satisfy the Solvency Condition; and

(b) a cancellation or deemed cancellation of interest (in each case, in whole or in part) in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and the Securities will not constitute a default in payment or otherwise under the terms of the Indenture or the Securities.

Capital Adequacy Trigger Event:

A Capital Adequacy Trigger Event will occur if the end-point CET1 Ratio is less than 7.0% as of any business day on which HSBC Holdings calculates the end-point CET1 Ratio.

end-point CET1 Ratio means, as at any date, the ratio of CET1 Capital to the Risk Weighted Assets, in each case as of such date, expressed as a percentage.

CET1 Capital means, as of any date, the sum, expressed in US dollars, of all amounts that constitute common equity Tier 1 capital of the HSBC Group as of such date, less any deductions from common equity Tier 1 capital required to be made as of such date, in each case as calculated by HSBC Holdings on a consolidated basis and without applying the transitional provisions set out in Part Ten of the CRR in accordance with the Relevant Rules applicable to HSBC Holdings as at such date (which calculation will be binding on the trustee, the paying agent and the securityholders). For the purposes of this definition, the term common equity Tier 1 capital will have the meaning assigned to such term in CRD IV (as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time) as interpreted and applied in accordance with the Relevant Rules then applicable to the HSBC Group or by the Relevant Regulator.

Risk Weighted Assets means, as of any date, the aggregate amount, expressed in US dollars, of the risk weighted assets of the HSBC Group as of such date, as calculated by HSBC Holdings on a consolidated basis and without applying the transitional provisions set out in Part Ten of the CRR in accordance with the Relevant Rules applicable to HSBC Holdings as at such date (which calculation will be binding on the trustee, the paying agent and the securityholders). For the purposes of this definition, the term risk weighted assets means the risk weighted assets or total risk exposure amount, as calculated by HSBC Holdings in accordance with the Relevant Rules.

Automatic Conversion upon a Capital

Adequacy Trigger Event:

If a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event occurs, then an Automatic Conversion will occur without delay (but no later than one month following the date on which it is determined such Capital Adequacy Trigger Event has occurred), as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Automatic Conversion Upon Capital Adequacy Trigger Event Procedure Automatic Conversion Procedure*, at which point all of HSBC Holdings' obligations under the Securities will be irrevocably and automatically released in consideration of HSBC Holdings' issuance of the Conversion Shares to the Conversion Shares Depository (or to the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities) on the date on which the Automatic Conversion will take place, or has taken place, as applicable (such date, the Conversion Date), and under no circumstances will such released obligations be reinstated.

After a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event, subject to the conditions described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Automatic Conversion Upon Capital Adequacy Trigger*

Event Procedure, HSBC Holdings expects the Conversion Shares Depository to deliver to the securityholders on the Settlement Date

either (i) Conversion Shares or (ii) if HSBC Holdings elects, in its sole and absolute discretion, that a Conversion Shares Offer be made, the Conversion Shares Offer Consideration.

The Securities will not be convertible into Conversion Shares at the option of the securityholders at any time.

Conversion Shares means HSBC Holdings ordinary shares to be issued to the Conversion Shares Depository (or to the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities) following an Automatic Conversion, which ordinary shares will be in such number as is determined by dividing the aggregate principal amount of the Securities outstanding immediately prior to the Conversion Date by the Conversion Price rounded down, if necessary, to the nearest whole number of ordinary shares. The Conversion Price is fixed initially at \$4.03488 and is subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Anti-dilution Adjustment of Conversion Price and Conversion Shares Offer Price*. On the issue date, the Conversion Shares Offer Price and the Conversion Price will be equal (based on an exchange rate of £1.00 = \$1.49440).

Conversion Shares Offer means, HSBC Holdings election, at its sole and absolute discretion, that the Conversion Shares Depository make an offer of all or some of the Conversion Shares to all or some of HSBC Holdings ordinary shareholders at a cash price per Conversion Share equal to the Conversion Shares Offer Price, subject to the conditions described further in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Automatic Conversion Upon Capital Adequacy Trigger Event Procedure*.

Conversion Shares Offer Price is fixed initially at £2.70 and is subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Anti-dilution Adjustment of Conversion Price and Conversion Shares Offer Price*. On the issue date, the Conversion Shares Offer Price and the Conversion Price will be equal (based on an exchange rate of £1.00 = \$1.49440).

Conversion Shares Offer Consideration means in respect of each Security (i) if all the Conversion Shares are sold in the Conversion Shares Offer, the pro rata share of the cash proceeds from such sale attributable to such Security converted from sterling (or any such other currency in which HSBC Holdings ordinary shares are denominated) into US dollars at the Prevailing Rate as of the date that is three Depository Business Days prior to the relevant Settlement Date as determined by the Conversion

Shares Depository (less the pro rata share of any foreign exchange transaction costs) (the pro rata cash component), (ii) if some but not all of the Conversion Shares are sold in the Conversion Shares Offer, (x) the pro rata cash component and (y) the pro rata share of the Conversion Shares not sold pursuant to the Conversion Shares Offer attributable to such Security rounded down to

the nearest whole number of Conversion Shares, and (iii) if no Conversion Shares are sold in a Conversion Shares Offer, the relevant Conversion Shares attributable to such Security rounded down to the nearest whole number of Conversion Shares, subject in the case of (i) and (ii)(x) above to deduction from any such cash proceeds of an amount equal to the pro rata share of any stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, or any other capital, issue, transfer, registration, financial transaction or documentary tax that may arise or be paid as a consequence of the transfer of any interest in the Conversion Shares to the Conversion Shares Depository (or the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities) in order for the Conversion Shares Depository (or the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities) to conduct the Conversion Shares Offer.

Agreement with respect to a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event:

By its acquisition of the Securities, each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) will (i) consent to all of the terms and conditions of the Securities, including (x) the occurrence of a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event and any related Automatic Conversion following a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event and (y) the appointment of the Conversion Shares Depository (or the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities), the issuance of the Conversion Shares to the Conversion Shares Depository (or the relevant recipient in accordance with the terms of the Securities) and the potential sale of the Conversion Shares pursuant to a Conversion Shares Offer, (ii) agree that effective upon, and following, a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event, other than any amounts payable in the case of HSBC Holdings winding-up or the appointment of an administrator for HSBC Holdings administration as described in the prospectus supplement, no securityholder will have any rights against HSBC Holdings with respect to repayment of the principal amount of the Securities or payment of interest or any other amount on or in respect of such Securities, in each case that is not due and payable, which liabilities will be automatically released, (iii) acknowledge that events in, and related to, clause (i) may occur without any further action on the part of such securityholder (or beneficial owner), the trustee or the paying agent, (iv) authorize, direct and request DTC and any direct participant in DTC or other intermediary through which it holds such Securities to take any and all necessary action, if required, to implement the Automatic Conversion without any further action or direction on the part of such securityholder (or beneficial owner), the trustee or the paying agent and (v) waive, to the extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, any claim against the trustee arising out of its acceptance of its trusteeship for the Securities, including, without limitation, claims related to or arising out of or in connection with a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event and/or any Automatic Conversion.

Repayment of Principal and Payment of Interest after Exercise of UK Bail-in Power: No repayment of the principal amount of the Securities or payment of interest on the Securities will become due and payable after the exercise

of any UK bail-in power by the relevant UK resolution authority unless, at the time that such repayment or payment, respectively, is scheduled to become due, such repayment or payment would be permitted to be made by HSBC Holdings under the laws and regulations of the United Kingdom and the EU applicable to the HSBC Group.

Agreement with Respect to the Exercise of
UK Bail-in Power:

By its acquisition of the Securities, each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) will acknowledge, agree to be bound by and consent to the exercise of any UK bail-in power (as defined below) by the relevant UK resolution authority (as defined below) that may result in (i) the reduction or cancellation of all, or a portion, of the principal amount of, or interest on, the Securities and/or (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the principal amount of, or interest on, the Securities into shares or other securities or other obligations of HSBC Holdings or another person, including by means of an amendment or modification to the terms of the Indenture or of the Securities to give effect to the exercise by the relevant UK resolution authority of such UK bail-in power. Each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) also will acknowledge and agree that (i) no repayment of the principal amount of the Securities or payment of interest on the Securities will become due and payable after the exercise of any UK bail-in power by the relevant UK resolution authority unless, at the time that such repayment or payment, respectively, is scheduled to become due, such repayment or payment would be permitted to be made by us under the laws and regulations of the United Kingdom and the EU applicable to HSBC; and (ii) the rights of such securityholder (or beneficial owner) are subject to, and will be varied, if necessary, so as to give effect to, the exercise of any UK bail-in power by the relevant UK resolution authority. Moreover, each securityholder (including each beneficial owner) will consent to the exercise of any UK bail-in power as it may be imposed without any prior notice by the relevant UK resolution authority of its decision to exercise such power with respect to the Securities.

For these purposes, a UK bail-in power is any statutory write-down and/or conversion power existing from time to time under any laws, regulations, rules or requirements relating to the resolution of credit institutions, banks, banking companies, investment firms and their parent undertakings incorporated in the United Kingdom in effect and applicable in the United Kingdom to HSBC Holdings or other members of the HSBC Group, including but not limited to the UK Banking Act 2009, as the same may be amended from time to time (whether pursuant to the UK Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 or otherwise), and any laws, regulations, rules or requirements which are implemented, adopted or enacted within the context of Directive 2014/59/EU, or any other EU directive or regulation, of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions, banks, banking companies, investment firms and their parent undertakings, pursuant to which obligations of a credit institution, bank, banking company, investment firm, its parent undertaking or any of its affiliates can be cancelled, written down and/or converted into shares or other securities or obligations of the obligor or any other person (and a reference to the relevant UK resolution authority is to any authority with the ability to exercise a UK bail-in power (including, without limitation, Her Majesty's Treasury, the Bank of England, the Prudential Regulation Authority or the Financial Conduct Authority)).

For the avoidance of doubt, the potential conversion of the Securities into shares, other securities or other obligations in connection with the

exercise of any UK bail-in power by the relevant UK resolution authority is separate and distinct from an Automatic Conversion following a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event.

Special Event Redemption:

The Securities may be redeemed in whole (but not in part) at the option of HSBC Holdings upon the occurrence of a Tax Event or a Regulatory Event. In each case, the redemption price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption (which interest will exclude any interest that is cancelled or deemed to have been cancelled as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Interest Interest Cancellation*).

Optional Redemption:

The Securities will not be redeemable at the option of the securityholders at any time.

The Securities may be redeemed in whole (but not in part) at the option of HSBC Holdings in its sole discretion on any Reset Date at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption (which interest will exclude any interest that is cancelled or deemed to have been cancelled as described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Interest Interest Cancellation*).

Redemption Conditions:

Any redemption of the Securities is subject to the regulatory approval and other restrictions described in the prospectus supplement under *Description of the Securities Redemption Redemption Conditions*.

Subordination:

The Securities will constitute HSBC Holdings' direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations, ranking equally without any preference among themselves. The Securities will be subordinated to the claims of Senior Creditors.

Senior Creditors means HSBC Holdings' creditors (i) who are unsubordinated creditors; (ii) whose claims are, or are expressed to be, subordinated to the claims of HSBC Holdings' unsubordinated creditors but not further or otherwise; or (iii) whose claims are, or are expressed to be, junior to the claims of HSBC Holdings' other creditors, whether subordinated or unsubordinated, other than those whose claims rank, or are expressed to rank, pari passu with, or junior to, the claims of the securityholders in a winding-up occurring prior to a Capital Adequacy Trigger Event. For the avoidance of doubt, holders of any of HSBC Holdings' existing or future Tier 2 capital instruments will be Senior Creditors.

Governing Law: The Indenture and the Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, except that (i) the subordination provisions of the Indenture and of the Securities and (ii) the consent to the exercise of any UK bail-in power (but, for the avoidance of doubt, no other provisions of the Securities or the Indenture, including the rights, duties, immunities and indemnities of the trustee thereunder) will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.

Day Count Convention: 30/360

Minimum Denominations: \$200,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof

Listing: Application has been made to list the Securities on the Irish Stock Exchange

Paying Agent: HSBC Bank USA, National Association

Calculation Agent: HSBC Bank USA, National Association

CUSIP: 404280 AT6

ISIN: US404280AT69

* A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating.

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