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# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to

Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

# **Bank of America Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as

Specified in its Charter) **Delaware**(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization) **56-0906609** (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

# **BofA Finance LLC**

(Exact Name of Registrant as

Specified in its Charter) **Delaware**(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization) 81-3167494 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed maximum	Amount of
	aggregate	
Title of each class of securities to be registered(1)	offering price(1)(2)	registration fee(3)
BofA Finance LLC Debt Securities	\$30,000,000,000	\$3,476,994.80
Bank of America Corporation Guarantee of BofA Finance LLC Debt Securities		
Total	\$30,000,000,000	\$3,476,994.80

- (1) This Registration Statement also relates to an indeterminate amount of the securities to be issued that may be reoffered and resold on an ongoing basis after their initial sale in market-making transactions by broker-dealer affiliates of the Registrants.
- (2) The aggregate maximum offering price of securities registered pursuant to this Registration Statement will not exceed \$30,000,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other currency). The proposed maximum aggregate offering price is estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933, no registration fee is payable with respect to the guarantees of Bank of America Corporation being registered. In addition, pursuant to Rule 457(q) under the Securities Act of 1933, no registration fee is required for the registration of an indeterminate amount of securities to be offered in market-making transactions by affiliates of the Registrants as described in Note (1) above. A filing fee of \$110.70 was previously paid in connection with the initial filing of this Registration Statement on August 23, 2016 registering \$1,000,000 in maximum aggregate offering price of securities. An additional filing fee of \$3,476,884.10 in respect of \$29,999,000,000 in maximum aggregate offering price of securities is being paid herewith.

THE REGISTRANTS HEREBY AMEND THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANTS SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. BofA Finance LLC may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2016

**PROSPECTUS** 

# \$30,000,000,000

# **BofA Finance LLC**

## **Senior Debt Securities**

# Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Bank of America Corporation

BofA Finance LLC, a direct, wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation, from time to time may offer to sell up to \$30,000,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its debt securities in one or more series. Bank of America Corporation will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance LLC on the debt securities as described in this prospectus.

This prospectus describes the general terms of the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and the guarantee of these debt securities by Bank of America Corporation and the general manner in which these securities may be offered and sold. The specific terms of any debt securities to be offered, and the specific manner in which they may be offered and sold, will be described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable supplement or supplements carefully before you invest.

Following the initial sale of securities using this prospectus, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, or any other broker-dealer affiliates of BofA Finance LLC and/or Bank of America Corporation, may use this prospectus in market-making transactions in such securities. Unless you are informed otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.

Potential purchasers of these securities should consider the information set forth in the <u>Risk Factors</u> section beginning on page 7.

The debt securities of BofA Finance LLC offered by this prospectus and the guarantee of these debt securities by Bank of America Corporation are unsecured, are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank, 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 debt securities and the related guarantees or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated , 2016

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that BofA Finance LLC and Bank of America Corporation have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the debt securities of BofA Finance LLC and guarantee of such debt securities by Bank of America Corporation as described in this prospectus may be offered from time to time in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a description of the general terms of the debt securities and the related guarantee that may be offered using this prospectus and the general manner in which these securities may be offered and sold. Each time securities are sold, BofA Finance LLC will provide one or more prospectus supplements, product supplements, prospectus addenda, pricing supplements (each of which may be referred to as a term sheet ), and/or index supplements that describe the particular securities offering and the specific terms of the securities being offered. These documents also may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. In this prospectus, references to the applicable supplement mean the prospectus supplement or supplements, as well as any applicable pricing, product, or index supplement or supplements and any applicable prospectus addendum, that describe the particular securities being offered to you. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, you should rely on the information in the applicable supplement.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. You should rely only on the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the applicable supplement, or documents to which you otherwise are referred. Neither BofA Finance LLC nor Bank of America Corporation have authorized anyone to provide any different information. No offer or sale of securities is being made in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable supplement, as well as information filed or to be filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is accurate as of the date of the applicable document or other date referred to in that document. The business, financial condition, and results of operations of Bank of America Corporation may have changed since that date.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to Bank of America or the Guarantor are to Bank of America Corporation, excluding any of its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus to BofA Finance, we, our, us, or similar references, are to BofA Finance LLC, a direct, wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Bank of America, and not to Bank of America.

References in this prospectus to \$ and dollars are to the currency of the United States of America; and references in this prospectus to and european to the lawful single currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted and continue to retain a common single currency through monetary union in accordance with the European Union treaty law, as amended from time to time.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary section provides a brief overview of BofA Finance LLC and Bank of America Corporation and of the offered debt securities and highlights other selected information from this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information that you should consider before investing in debt securities offered using this prospectus. To fully understand the offered debt securities, you should read carefully:

this prospectus, which describes the general terms of the debt securities of BofA Finance and the related guarantee by Bank of America;

the applicable supplement, which describes the specific terms of the particular debt securities that BofA Finance is offering, and which may add to, update or change the information in this prospectus; and

the documents referred to in Where You Can Find More Information below for information about Bank of America, including its financial statements.

#### **Bank of America Corporation**

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through its banking and various nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, it provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Bank of America s principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

#### **BofA Finance LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct, wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Bank of America. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of selling debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or its subsidiaries. The principal executive offices of BofA Finance are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## BofA Finance LLC Debt Securities and Related Bank of America Corporation Guarantee

BofA Finance may use this prospectus to offer and sell up to \$30 billion, or the equivalent thereof in any other currency, of its debt securities from time to time in one or more series. Bank of America will fully and unconditionally guarantee all payment obligations of BofA Finance on the debt securities as described herein.

The debt securities will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of BofA Finance and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. Bank of America s guarantee of these debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations from time to time outstanding. These debt securities and the related guarantee will be issued under a senior indenture among BofA Finance, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. See Description of Debt Securities for a description of the general terms of the debt securities of BofA Finance and the related guarantee by Bank of America.

## Form of Securities

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance will issue the debt securities in book-entry only form through one or more depositories, such as The Depository Trust Company, Euroclear Bank SA/NV, or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Luxembourg, as identified in the applicable supplement. BofA Finance will issue the debt securities in fully registered form only, without coupons. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, the debt securities issued in book-entry only form will be represented by a global security registered in the name of the specified depository, rather than certificated securities in definitive form registered in the name of each individual investor. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement, each sale of debt securities in book-entry only form will settle in immediately available funds through the specified depository.

A global security may be exchanged for certificated securities in definitive form registered in the names of the beneficial owners only under the limited circumstances described in this prospectus and in the applicable supplement.

#### **Payment Currencies**

All amounts payable in respect of the debt securities, including the purchase price, will be payable in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise specified in the applicable supplement.

#### Listing

BofA Finance will state in the applicable supplement whether the particular debt securities that it is offering will be listed or quoted on a securities exchange or quotation system.

## **Use of Proceeds**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America s other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from such loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

## Distribution

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through underwriters;
through dealers;
through agents; or

directly to purchasers.

The applicable supplement will describe the sale of specific debt securities and include any required information about the firms BofA Finance may use for such offering and the discounts or commissions paid for their services.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and other broker-dealer affiliates of BofA Finance, may serve as underwriter, dealer, or agent for BofA Finance for offerings of debt securities.

# Market-Making by Affiliates

Following the initial distribution of an offering of debt securities, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and other broker-dealer affiliates of BofA Finance, may offer and sell such debt securities in the course of their businesses as broker-dealers. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and any such other affiliates may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable supplement also will be used in connection with these market-making transactions. Sales in any of these market-making transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

If you purchase securities in a market-making transaction, you will receive information about the purchase price and your trade and settlement dates in a separate confirmation of sale.

# **Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges**

The following table sets forth Bank of America s consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

	Nine Months Ended	Year Ended December 31				
	<b>September 30, 2016</b>	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges						
(excluding interest on deposits)	3.58	3.07	1.61	2.29	1.21	1.02
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges						
(including interest on deposits)	3.34	2.91	1.55	2.16	1.18	1.02

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#### RISK FACTORS

This section summarizes some specific risks and investment considerations with respect to an investment in the debt securities of BofA Finance and the guarantee of such debt securities by Bank of America. This summary does not describe all of the risks and investment considerations with respect to such an investment, including risks and considerations relating to a prospective investor s particular circumstances. For information regarding risks and uncertainties that may materially affect Bank of America s business and results, please refer to the information under the captions. Item 1A. Risk Factors in its annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in its current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 1, 2016, Item 1A. Risk Factors in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2016 and Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2016, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as those risks and uncertainties discussed in subsequent filings of Bank of America that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You also should review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that Bank of America will file after the date of this prospectus, together with the risk factors set forth in any applicable supplement. Prospective investors should consult their own financial, legal, tax, and other professional advisors as to the risks associated with an investment in our debt securities and the suitability of the investment for the investor.

# BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary and, as such, will have no assets, operations or revenues other than those related to its financing activities.

BofA Finance is a finance subsidiary of Bank of America and will have no assets, operations or revenues other than those related to the issuance, administration and repayment of its debt securities that are guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus. As a finance subsidiary, to meet its obligations under its debt securities, BofA Finance depends upon payment or contribution of funds and/or repayment of outstanding loans from Bank of America and/or Bank of America s other subsidiaries. The ability of these other entities to make distributions or other payments or to repay outstanding loans to BofA Finance may be restricted by, among other things, their earnings, covenants contained in their agreements and applicable legal and regulatory restrictions. Therefore, BofA Finance s ability to make payments on its debt securities may be limited. In addition, BofA Finance will have no independent assets available for distributions to holders of its debt securities if they make claims in respect of the debt securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders may be limited to those available under Bank of America s guarantee of the debt securities, and that guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America, except obligations that are subject to any priorities or preferences by law, and senior in right of payment to Bank of America s subordinated obligations.

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Bank of America s obligations under its guarantee of BofA Finance s debt securities will be structurally subordinated to liabilities of Bank of America s subsidiaries.

Because Bank of America is a holding company, its ability to make payments under its guarantee of BofA Finance s payment obligations on the debt securities depends upon Bank of America s receipt from its subsidiaries of distributions, advances and other payments. In addition, Bank of America s right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of its subsidiaries upon a subsidiary s bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganization or similar proceeding is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent Bank of America may itself be recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary. As a result, Bank of America s obligations under its guarantee will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future claims of creditors of its subsidiaries, and claimants should look only to the assets of Bank of America for payments under its guarantee of the BofA Finance debt securities.

Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross-acceleration with other indebtedness of BofA Finance or Bank of America; events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution proceedings relating to Bank of America and covenant breach by Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the guaranteed debt securities of BofA Finance.

Debt securities issued by BofA Finance will not have the benefit of any cross-default or cross acceleration with other indebtedness of BofA Finance or Bank of America. In addition, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance that are guaranteed by Bank of America. Furthermore, it will not constitute an event of default with respect to the debt securities of BofA Finance if the guarantee thereof by Bank of America ceases to be in full force and effect for any reason. Therefore, events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America (in the absence of any such event occurring with respect to BofA Finance) will not permit BofA Finance s debt securities to be declared due and payable. In addition, a breach of a covenant by Bank of America (including, for example, a breach of Bank of America s covenants with respect to mergers or the sale of all or substantially all its assets), will not permit BofA Finance s debt securities to be declared due and payable. The value you receive on the debt securities may be significantly less than what you otherwise would have received had the debt securities been declared due and payable immediately upon certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or resolution or similar proceedings relating to Bank of America or the breach of a covenant by Bank of America or upon Bank of America s guarantee ceasing to be in full force and effect.

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## Actual or perceived changes in the creditworthiness of Bank of America may affect the value of the guaranteed debt securities.

Bank of America s credit ratings are an assessment of its ability to pay its obligations, including its obligations under its guarantee of BofA Finance s debt securities. Consequently, Bank of America s perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated changes in its credit ratings may affect the market value of BofA Finance s guaranteed debt securities.

#### BofA Finance cannot assure you that a trading market for your debt securities will ever develop or be maintained.

BofA Finance may elect not to list the debt securities on any securities exchange. BofA Finance cannot predict how these debt securities will trade in the secondary market or whether that market will be liquid or illiquid. The number of potential buyers of BofA Finance s debt securities in any secondary market may be limited. Although any underwriters, dealers, or agents may purchase and sell these debt securities in the secondary market from time to time, these underwriters, dealers, or agents will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue making a market for the securities at any time without giving us notice. BofA Finance cannot assure you that a secondary market for its debt securities will develop, or that if one develops, it will be maintained.

# Reform of LIBOR, EURIBOR and other Benchmarks may adversely impact the debt securities.

The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR), and other rates or indices which are deemed to be benchmarks are the subject of recent national, international, and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective, while others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or to disappear entirely, or to have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any debt securities linked to such a benchmark, and could, among other things, reduce the payments on those debt securities.

Key international initiatives for reform of benchmarks include (a) the International Organization of Securities Commission s July 2013 Principles for Financial Market Benchmarks, (b) the European Securities and Markets Authority and the European Banking Authority s June 2013 principles for the benchmark-setting process, and (c) the EU regulation on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts, which entered into force in June 2016 (the Benchmark Regulation). Most of the provisions of the Benchmark Regulation will become effective in 2018.

Any of the national, international, or other proposals for reform or the general increased regulatory scrutiny of benchmarks could increase the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a benchmark and complying with any such regulations or requirements. Such factors may have the effect of discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in certain benchmarks, trigger changes in the rules or methodologies used in certain benchmarks, or lead to the disappearance of certain benchmarks. The disappearance of a benchmark or changes in the manner of administration of

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a benchmark could result in an adjustment to the terms and conditions of the debt securities, early redemption, discretionary valuation by the calculation agent, delisting or other consequences in relation to debt securities linked to such benchmark, depending on the specific provisions and the relevant terms and conditions applicable to those debt securities. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any such debt securities.

In addition to the international initiatives described above for the reform of benchmarks, there are numerous other proposals, initiatives and investigations which may impact benchmarks. For example, in the United Kingdom, the national government has extended the legislation originally put in place to cover LIBOR to regulate a number of additional major United Kingdom-based financial benchmarks in the fixed income, commodity and currency markets, which could be further expanded in the future. There are also ongoing global investigations into the potential manipulation of LIBOR and related interest rates, ISDAFIX and foreign exchange rates, which may result in further regulation.

In July 2015, the United Kingdom s Financial Conduct Authority also released Financial Benchmarks: Thematic Review of oversight and controls, in relation to financial benchmarks. This review considered the activities of UK regulated financial services firms in relation to a much broader spectrum of benchmarks that ultimately could impact inputs, governance and availability of certain benchmarks.

Any of the above changes or any other consequential changes to LIBOR, EURIBOR, or any other benchmark as a result of any international, national, or other regulations or proposals for reform or other initiatives or investigations, or any further uncertainty in relation to the timing and manner of implementation of such changes could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any debt securities based on or linked to a benchmark.

## **Currency Risks**

BofA Finance may issue securities denominated or payable in, or whose payment is linked to the value of, one or more currencies other than U.S. dollars, referred to as Non-U.S. Dollar Securities. If you intend to invest in any Non-U.S. Dollar Securities, you should consult your own financial and legal advisors as to the currency risks related to your investment, including the risks set forth below and the risks that may be set forth in the applicable supplement. The Non-U.S. Dollar Securities are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about the significant terms and conditions of the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities, non-U.S. dollar currency transactions, or financial matters in general. The information in this prospectus is directed primarily to investors who are U.S. residents. Investors who are not U.S. residents should consult their own financial and legal advisors about currency-related risks arising from their investment.

An investment in a Non-U.S. Dollar Security involves currency-related risks. An investment in a Non-U.S. Dollar Security entails significant risks that are not associated with a similar investment in a security that is payable solely in U.S. dollars and where payment is not otherwise based on the value of a non-U.S. dollar currency. These risks include possible significant changes in rates of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the relevant non-U.S. dollar currency or currencies and the imposition or modification of exchange controls or other conditions by either the United States or non-U.S. governments. These risks generally depend on factors over which we have no control, such as economic and political events and the supply of and demand for the relevant currencies in the global markets.

BofA Finance will not adjust Non-U.S. Dollar Securities to compensate for changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Except as described below or in a supplement, BofA Finance will not make any adjustment in or change to the terms of the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities for

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changes in the foreign currency exchange rate for the relevant currency, including any devaluation, revaluation, or imposition of exchange or other regulatory controls or taxes, or for other developments affecting that currency, the U.S. dollar, or any other currency. Consequently, you will bear the risk that your investment may be affected adversely by these types of events.

Government policy can adversely affect foreign currency exchange rates and an investment in a Non-U.S. Dollar Security. Foreign currency exchange rates either can float or be fixed by sovereign governments. Governments or governmental bodies, including the European Central Bank, may intervene from time to time in their economies to alter the exchange rate or exchange characteristics of their currencies. For example, a central bank may intervene to devalue or revalue a currency or to replace an existing currency. In addition, a government may impose regulatory controls or taxes to affect the exchange rate of its currency or may issue a new currency or replace an existing currency. As a result, the yield or payout of a Non-U.S. Dollar Security could be affected significantly and unpredictably by governmental actions. Even in the absence of governmental action directly affecting currency exchange rates, political or economic developments in the country or region issuing the specified currency for a Non-U.S. Dollar Security or elsewhere could result in significant and sudden changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the specified currency. Changes in exchange rates could affect the value of the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities as participants in the global currency markets move to buy or sell the specified currency or U.S. dollars in reaction to these developments.

If a governmental authority imposes exchange controls or other conditions, such as taxes on the exchange or transfer of the specified currency, there may be limited availability of the specified currency for payment on the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities at their maturity or on any other payment date. In addition, the ability of a holder to move currency freely out of the country in which payment in the currency is received or to convert the currency at a freely determined market rate could be limited by governmental actions.

Non-U.S. Dollar Securities may permit us to make payments in U.S. dollars if we are unable to obtain the specified currency. The terms of any Non-U.S. Dollar Securities requiring payment in any non-U.S. dollar currency may provide that BofA Finance may have the right to make a payment in U.S. dollars instead of the specified currency, if at or about the time when the payment on such Non-U.S. Dollar Securities comes due, the specified currency is subject to convertibility, transferability, market disruption, or other conditions affecting its availability because of circumstances beyond our control. These circumstances could include the imposition of exchange controls, our inability to obtain the specified currency because of a disruption in the currency markets for the specified currency, or unavailability because the specified currency is no longer used by the government of the relevant country or for settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community. The exchange rate used to make payment in U.S. dollars may be based on limited information and would involve significant discretion on the part of the exchange rate agent, which may be one of BofA Finance s affiliates. As a result, the value of the payment in U.S. dollars may be less than the value of the payment an investor would have received in the specified currency if the specified currency had been available, or may be zero. The exchange rate agent will generally not have any liability for its determinations.

An investor may bear foreign currency exchange risk in a lawsuit for payment on Non-U.S. Dollar Securities. Any Non-U.S. Dollar Securities issued using this prospectus typically will be governed by New York law. Under Section 27 of the New York Judiciary Law, a state court in the State of New York rendering a judgment on the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities would be required to render the judgment in the specified currency. In turn, the judgment would be converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of entry of the judgment. Consequently, in a lawsuit for payment on the Non-U.S. Dollar Securities, you would bear currency exchange risk until judgment is entered, which could be a long time.

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In courts outside of New York, you may not be able to obtain judgment in a specified currency other than U.S. dollars. For example, a judgment for money in an action based on Non-U.S. Dollar Securities in many other U.S. federal or state courts ordinarily would be enforced in the United States only in U.S. dollars. The date and method used to determine the rate of conversion of the specified currency into U.S. dollars will depend on various factors, including which court renders the judgment.

**Information about foreign currency exchange rates may not be indicative of future performance**. If BofA Finance issues a Non-U.S. Dollar Security, it may include in the applicable supplement information about historical exchange rates for the relevant non-U.S. dollar currency or currencies. Any information about exchange rates that it may provide will be furnished as a matter of information only, and you should not regard the information as indicative of the range of, or trends in, fluctuations in currency exchange rates that may occur in the future.

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#### BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

Bank of America Corporation is a Delaware corporation, a bank holding company, and a financial holding company. Through its banking and various nonbank subsidiaries throughout the United States and in international markets, Bank of America provides a diversified range of banking and nonbank financial services and products. Its principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and our telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

#### **BofA FINANCE LLC**

BofA Finance LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and a direct, wholly-owned finance subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation. BofA Finance was formed on June 24, 2016 for the purpose of providing Bank of America and/or Bank of America s other subsidiaries with financing by issuing debt securities to investors and lending the net proceeds therefrom to Bank of America and/or those subsidiaries. BofA Finance s principal executive offices are located in the Bank of America Corporate Center, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255 and its telephone number is (704) 386-5681.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, BofA Finance intends to lend the net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to Bank of America and/or Bank of America s other subsidiaries. Unless a different use is described in the applicable supplement, Bank of America expects that it and/or its subsidiaries will use the proceeds from these loans to provide additional funds for operations and for other general corporate purposes. In addition, BofA Finance may use a portion of net proceeds from the sale of its debt securities to hedge its obligations under the debt securities by entering into hedging arrangements with one or more affiliates.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

#### General

The debt securities offered and sold under this prospectus will be unsecured senior obligations of BofA Finance, will be issued under its senior indenture described below, and will rank equally in right of payment with other unsecured and unsubordinated general obligations of BofA Finance outstanding from time to time. The payment obligations of BofA Finance under the debt securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Bank of America as described in this prospectus. Bank of America s guarantee of the debt securities will be its unsecured senior obligation and will rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Bank of America outstanding from time to time.

#### The Indenture

The debt securities will be issued under a senior indenture dated as of August 23, 2016 and entered into among BofA Finance, as issuer, Bank of America, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (as supplemented from time to time, the Indenture).

The trustee under the Indenture has two principal functions:

First, the trustee can enforce your rights against us or the Guarantor if we or the Guarantor default. However, there are limitations on the extent to which the trustee may act on your behalf, which we describe below under Collection of Indebtedness.