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**Phoenix Autocallable Securities  
Linked to the Common Stock of The  
Home Depot, Inc. due September 28,  
2016**

Automatic Call if Stock Price at or  
above Initial Price on an Observation  
Date, Contingent Coupon, full downside  
exposure if Final Price less than Trigger  
Price

**Calculating the Payment at Maturity**

If the securities are not automatically called, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of securities, investors will receive at maturity an amount based on the Underlying Return, determined as follows. Any payment on the securities is subject to the credit of the Issuer.

**Hypothetical Payment Upon an Automatic Call**

If the securities are called on an Observation Date, the investor will receive a cash payment per \$1,000 Face Amount of securities on the related Call Settlement Date equal to the Face Amount *plus* the Contingent Coupon otherwise due on such date. No Contingent Coupon will accrue or be payable following the Call Settlement Date.

| <b>Observation Date</b>                  | <b>Coupon Payment Date /</b>       | <b>Payment upon an Automatic Call<br/>(excluding Contingent Coupon)</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|---|
|  | <b>Call Settlement Date</b>        |   |
| December 24, 2015                        | December 31, 2015                  | \$1,000.00  |
| March 24, 2016                           | March 31, 2016                     | \$1,000.00  |
| June 23, 2016                            | June 28, 2016                      | \$1,000.00  |
| September 23, 2016 (last Averaging Date) | September 28, 2016 (Maturity Date) | \$1,000.00  |

**Hypothetical Payment at Maturity**

The hypothetical returns set forth below reflect the \$1,000 Face Amount of securities and the Coupon Barrier and Trigger Price of 85.00% of the Initial Price and assume that the securities are not automatically called. **The actual Initial Price, Coupon Barrier and Trigger Price will be determined on the Trade Date.**

| <b>Underlying Return</b> | <b>Payment at Maturity (excluding Contingent Coupon)</b> | <b>Return on the Securities at Maturity (excluding Contingent Coupons)</b> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| 100.00%                  | N/A  | N/A  |
| 85.00%                   | N/A  | N/A  |
| 40.00%                   | N/A  | N/A  |
| 20.00%                   | N/A  | N/A  |
| 10.00%                   | N/A  | N/A  |
| 0.00%                    | N/A  | N/A  |
| -10.00%                  | \$1,000.00   | 0.00%  |
| -15.00%                  | \$1,000.00   | 0.00%  |
| -20.00%                  | \$800.00   | -20.00%  |
| -30.00%                  | \$700.00   | -30.00%  |
| -40.00%                  | \$600.00   | -40.00%  |
| -50.00%                  | \$500.00   | -50.00%  |

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| -65.00%  | \$350.00 | -65.00%  |
| -85.00%  | \$150.00 | -85.00%  |
| -100.00% | \$0.00   | -100.00% |

### Selected Risk Factors

#### **YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES MAY RESULT IN A LOSS**

If the securities are not automatically called, you will receive a cash payment per \$1,000 Face Amount of securities on the Maturity Date equal to the Face Amount *plus* the Contingent Coupon otherwise due on such date only if the Final Price is greater than or equal to the Trigger Price. However, if the Final Price is less than the Trigger Price, for each \$1,000 Face Amount of securities, you will lose 1.00% of the Face Amount for every 1.00% by which the Final Price is less than the Initial Price. **In this circumstance, you will lose a significant portion or all of your investment at maturity. Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to satisfy our obligations as they become due.**

#### **YOUR RETURN ON THE SECURITIES IS LIMITED TO THE FACE AMOUNT PLUS CONTINGENT COUPONS (IF ANY) AND YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF THE UNDERLYING**

— The securities will not pay more than the Face Amount plus any Contingent Coupons that may be due. You will not participate in any increase in the price of the Underlying even if the Final Price of the Underlying is greater than or equal to the Initial Price. The maximum payment upon an Automatic Call or Payment at Maturity will be the Face Amount per \$1,000 Face Amount of securities (excluding any Contingent Coupons), regardless of any increase in the price of the Underlying, which may be significant.

#### **YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY CONTINGENT COUPONS**

— Deutsche Bank AG will not necessarily make periodic coupon payments on the securities. If the Stock Price of the Underlying on any Observation Date is less than the Coupon Barrier, Deutsche Bank

securities; converting the securities into ordinary shares or other instruments qualifying as core equity tier 1 capital; or applying any other resolution measure, including (but not limited to) transferring the securities to another entity, amending the terms and conditions of the securities or cancelling of the securities. We expect additional Resolution Measures to become applicable to us when the European regulation of July 15, 2014 relating to the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund (commonly referred to as the “**SRM Regulation**”) becomes effective on January 1, 2016. On May 26, 2015, the German Federal Government published a draft bill of a Resolution Mechanism Act. One of this law’s primary purposes would be to conform German law to the SRM Regulation. In addition, the draft bill proposes that in the event of an insolvency proceeding, senior unsecured debt instruments would by operation of law rank junior to all other outstanding unsecured unsubordinated obligations, but in priority to all contractually subordinated instruments. The proposed subordination would not apply if the terms of the senior unsecured debt instruments provide that (i) the repayment amount depends on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event, or will be settled in kind, or (ii) the interest amount depends on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event, unless it depends solely on a fixed or variable reference interest rate and will be settled in cash. Instruments that are typically traded on money markets would not be subject to the proposed subordination. The proposed order of priorities would apply to insolvency proceedings commenced on or after January 1, 2016. If enacted, the proposed subordination of senior unsecured debt instruments could apply to the securities, which would most likely result in a larger share of loss being allocated to the securities in the event of an insolvency proceeding or the imposition of any Resolution Measures by the competent resolution authority. The final version of the Resolution Mechanism Act may provide for additional Resolution Measures that may become applicable to us. Imposition of a Resolution Measure would likely occur if we become, or are deemed by our competent supervisory authority to have become, “non-viable” (as defined under the then applicable law) and are unable to continue our regulated banking activities without a Resolution Measure becoming applicable to us. **You may lose some or all of your investment in the securities if a Resolution Measure becomes applicable to us.**

By acquiring the securities, you would have no claim or other right against us arising out of any subordination or Resolution Measure, and we would have no obligation to make payments under the securities following the imposition of a Resolution Measure. In

AG will not pay you the Contingent Coupon applicable to such Observation Date. If the Stock Price of the Underlying is less than the Coupon Barrier on each of the Observation Dates, Deutsche Bank AG will not pay you any Contingent Coupons during the term of, and you will not receive a positive return on, your securities. Generally, non-payment of Contingent Coupons coincides with a greater risk of loss of your initial investment in the securities, because the price of the Underlying tends to be lower than the Trigger Price.

**REINVESTMENT RISK** — If your securities are automatically called, the term of the securities may be reduced to as short as approximately three months and two weeks. There is no guarantee that you would be able to reinvest the proceeds from an investment in the securities at a comparable return for a similar level of risk in the event the securities are automatically called prior to the Maturity Date.

**THE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CREDIT OF DEUTSCHE BANK AG** — The securities are senior unsecured obligations of Deutsche Bank AG and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. Any payment(s) to be made on the securities depends on the ability of Deutsche Bank AG to satisfy its obligations as they come due. An actual or anticipated downgrade in Deutsche Bank AG's credit rating or increase in the credit spreads charged by the market for taking Deutsche Bank AG's credit risk will likely have an adverse effect on the value of the securities. As a result, the actual and perceived creditworthiness of Deutsche Bank AG will affect the value of the securities, and in the event Deutsche Bank AG were to default on its obligations or become subject to a Resolution Measure, you might not receive any amount(s) owed to you under the terms of the securities and you could lose your entire investment.

particular, the imposition of any Resolution Measure will not constitute a default or an event of default under the securities, under the senior indenture or for the purpose of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "**Trust Indenture Act**"). Furthermore, because the securities are subject to any Resolution Measure, secondary market trading in the securities may not follow the trading behavior associated with similar types of securities issued by other financial institutions which may be or have been subject to a Resolution Measure.

In addition, by your acquisition of the securities, you waive, to the fullest extent permitted by the Trust Indenture Act and applicable law, any and all claims against the trustee and the paying agent for, agree not to initiate a suit against the trustee and the paying agent in respect of, and agree that neither the trustee nor the paying agent will be liable for, any action that the trustee or the paying agent takes, or abstains from taking, in either case in accordance with the imposition of a Resolution Measure by our competent resolution authority with respect to the securities. **Accordingly, you may have limited or circumscribed rights to challenge any decision of our competent resolution authority to impose any Resolution Measure.**

**THE ISSUER'S ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE SECURITIES ON THE TRADE DATE WILL BE LESS THAN THE ISSUE PRICE OF THE SECURITIES** — The Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date (as disclosed on the cover of this fact sheet) is less than the Issue Price of the securities. The difference between the Issue Price and the Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date is due to the inclusion in the Issue Price of the agent's commissions, if any, and the cost of hedging our obligations under the securities through one or more of our affiliates. Such hedging cost includes our or our affiliates' expected cost of providing such hedge, as well as the profit we or our affiliates expect to realize in consideration for assuming the risks inherent in providing such hedge. The Issuer's estimated value of the securities is determined by reference to an internal funding rate and our pricing models. The internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would pay when we issue conventional

**THE SECURITIES MAY BECOME SUBORDINATED TO THE CLAIMS OF OTHER CREDITORS, BE WRITTEN DOWN, BE CONVERTED OR BECOME SUBJECT TO OTHER RESOLUTION MEASURES. YOU MAY LOSE SOME OR ALL OF YOUR INVESTMENT IF ANY SUCH MEASURE BECOMES**

**APPLICABLE TO US** — On May 15, 2014, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union published the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive for establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms. The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive required each member state of the European Union to adopt and publish by December 31, 2014 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive. To implement the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, Germany has adopted the Recovery and Resolution Act (*Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz*, or “**Resolution Act**”), which became effective on January 1, 2015. The Resolution Act may result in the securities being subject to the powers exercised by our competent resolution authority to impose a Resolution Measure on us. A “**Resolution Measure**” may include: writing down, including to zero, any payment on the

debt securities on equivalent terms. This difference in funding rate, as well as the agent's commissions, if any, and the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the securities, reduces the economic terms of the securities to you and is expected to adversely affect the price at which you may be able to sell the securities in any secondary market. In addition, our internal pricing models are proprietary and rely in part on certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. If at any time a third party dealer were to quote a price to purchase your securities or otherwise value your securities, that price or value may differ materially from the estimated value of the securities determined by reference to our internal funding rate and pricing models. This difference is due to, among other things, any difference in funding rates, pricing models or assumptions used by any dealer who may purchase the securities in the secondary market.

**INVESTING IN THE SECURITIES IS NOT THE SAME AS INVESTING IN THE UNDERLYING**

The return on the securities may not reflect the return you would have realized if you had directly invested in the Underlying. For instance, you will not participate in any potential increase in the price of the Underlying, which could be significant.

**IF THE PRICE OF THE UNDERLYING CHANGES, THE VALUE OF YOUR SECURITIES MAY NOT CHANGE IN THE SAME MANNER**

— Your securities may trade quite differently from the price of the Underlying. Changes in the price of the Underlying may not result in comparable changes in the value of your securities.

**NO DIVIDEND PAYMENTS OR VOTING**

**RIGHTS** — As a holder of the securities, you will not have any voting rights or rights to receive cash dividends or other distributions or other rights that holders of the Underlying would have.

information about the issuer of the Underlying and we will not disclose any such information to you. Nevertheless, neither we nor our affiliates have participated in the preparation of, or verified, any information about the Underlying or the issuer of the Underlying. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into the issuer of the Underlying. The issuer of the Underlying is not involved in the securities offered hereby in any way and has no obligation of any sort with respect to your securities. The issuer of the Underlying has no obligation to take your interests into consideration for any reason, including when taking any corporate actions that would require the calculation agent to adjust the Stock Adjustment Factor, which may adversely affect the value of your securities.

**PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE UNDERLYING IS NO GUIDE TO FUTURE PERFORMANCE**

— The actual performance of the Underlying over the term of the securities may bear little relation to the historical closing prices of the Underlying and/or the hypothetical return examples set forth elsewhere in this fact sheet. We cannot predict the future performance of the Underlying or whether the performance of the Underlying will result in the return of any of your investment.

**ASSUMING NO CHANGES IN MARKET CONDITIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS, THE PRICE YOU MAY RECEIVE FOR YOUR SECURITIES IN SECONDARY MARKET TRANSACTIONS WOULD GENERALLY BE LOWER THAN BOTH THE ISSUE PRICE AND THE ISSUER'S ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE SECURITIES ON THE TRADE DATE**

— While the payment(s) on the securities described in this fact sheet is based on the full Face Amount of your securities, the Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date (as disclosed on the cover of this fact sheet) is less than the Issue Price of the securities. The Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date does not represent the price at which we or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your securities in the secondary market at any time. Assuming no changes in market conditions or our creditworthiness and other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the securities from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, would generally be

**ANTI-DILUTION PROTECTION IS LIMITED, AND THE CALCULATION AGENT MAY MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN ADDITION TO, OR THAT DIFFER FROM, THOSE SET FORTH IN THE PRODUCT SUPPLEMENT**

**ACCOMPANYING TERM SHEET NO. 2546B**

—The calculation agent will make adjustments to the Stock Adjustment Factor, which will initially be set at 1.0, for certain events affecting the Underlying. The calculation agent is not required, however, to make adjustments in response to all corporate actions, including if the issuer of the Underlying or another party makes a partial tender or partial exchange offer for the Underlying. If such an event occurs that does not require the calculation agent to make an adjustment, the value of the securities may be materially and adversely affected. In addition, you should be aware that the calculation agent may, at its sole discretion, make adjustments to the Stock Adjustment Factor or any other terms of the securities that are in addition to, or that differ from, those described in the product supplement accompanying term sheet No. 2546B to reflect changes occurring in relation to the Underlying or any other security received in a reorganization event in circumstances where the calculation agent determines that it is appropriate to reflect those changes to ensure an equitable result. Any alterations to the specified anti-dilution adjustments for the Underlying or any other security received in a reorganization event described in the product supplement accompanying term sheet No. 2546B may be materially adverse to investors in the securities. You should read “Description of Securities — Anti-Dilution Adjustments for Reference Stock” in the product supplement accompanying term sheet No. 2546B in order to understand the adjustments that may be made to the securities.

**SINGLE STOCK RISK** — The price of the Underlying can rise or fall sharply due to factors specific to the Underlying and its issuer, such as stock price volatility, earnings, financial conditions, corporate, industry and regulatory developments, management changes and decisions and other events, as well as general market factors, such as general stock market volatility and levels, interest rates and economic and

lower than both the Issue Price and the Issuer’s estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date. Our purchase price, if any, in secondary market transactions would be based on the estimated value of the securities determined by reference to (i) the then-prevailing internal funding rate (adjusted by a spread) or another appropriate measure of our cost of funds and (ii) our pricing models at that time, less a bid spread determined after taking into account the size of the repurchase, the nature of the assets underlying the securities and then-prevailing market conditions. The price we report to financial reporting services and to distributors of our securities for use on customer account statements would generally be determined on the same basis. However, during the period of approximately three months beginning from the Trade Date, we or our affiliates may, in our sole discretion, increase the purchase price determined as described above by an amount equal to the declining differential between the Issue Price and the Issuer’s estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date, prorated over such period on a straight-line basis, for transactions that are individually and in the aggregate of the expected size for ordinary secondary market repurchases.

In addition to the factors discussed above, the value of the securities and our purchase price in secondary market transactions after the Trade Date, if any, will vary based on many economic and market factors, including our creditworthiness, and cannot be predicted with accuracy. These changes may adversely affect the value of your securities, including the price you may receive in any secondary market transactions. Any sale prior to the Maturity Date could result in a substantial loss to you. The securities are not designed to be short-term trading instruments. Accordingly, you should be able and willing to hold your securities to maturity.

**THE SECURITIES WILL NOT BE LISTED AND THERE WILL LIKELY BE LIMITED LIQUIDITY** — The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. There may be little or no secondary market for the securities. We or our affiliates intend to act as market makers for the securities but are not required to do so and may cease such market making activities at any time. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to sell the securities when you wish to do so or at a price advantageous to you. Because we do not expect other dealers to make a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to sell your securities is likely to



political conditions. For additional information about the Underlying and its issuer, please see “The Underlying” in the accompanying term sheet and the issuer’s SEC filings referred to in that section.

depend on the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates are willing to buy the securities. If, at any time, we or our affiliates do not act as market makers, it is likely that there would be little or no secondary market in the securities. If you have to sell your securities prior to maturity, you may not be able to do so or you may have to sell them at a

**THERE IS NO AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE ISSUER OF THE UNDERLYING AND US, AND WE HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE PREPARATION OF, OR VERIFIED, ANY DISCLOSURE BY THE ISSUER OF THE UNDERLYING** — We are not affiliated with the issuer of the Underlying. However, we or our affiliates may currently or from time to time in the future engage in business with the issuer of the Underlying, including extending loans to, making equity investments in, or providing advisory services to, such issuer, including merger and acquisition advisory service. In the course of this business, we or our affiliates may acquire non-public

substantial loss, even in cases where the price of the Underlying has increased since the Trade Date.

**MANY ECONOMIC AND MARKET FACTORS WILL AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE SECURITIES** — While we expect that, generally the price of the Underlying will affect the value of the securities more than any other single factor, the value of the securities prior to maturity will also be affected by a number of economic and market factors that may either offset or magnify each other.

**TRADING AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS BY US, JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. OR OUR OR ITS AFFILIATES IN THE EQUITY AND EQUITY DERIVATIVE MARKETS MAY IMPAIR THE VALUE OF THE SECURITIES** — We or our affiliates expect to hedge our exposure from the securities by entering into equity and equity derivative transactions, such as over-the-counter options, futures or exchange-traded instruments. We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may also engage in trading in instruments linked or related to the Underlying on a regular basis as part of our or their general broker-dealer and other businesses, for proprietary accounts, for other accounts under management or to facilitate transactions for customers, including block transactions. Such trading and hedging activities may adversely affect the price of the Underlying and, therefore, make it less likely that you will receive a positive return on your investment in the securities. It is possible that we, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates could receive substantial returns from these hedging and trading activities while the value of the securities declines. We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may also issue or underwrite other securities or financial or derivative instruments with returns linked or related to the Underlying. To the extent we or our affiliates serve as issuer, agent or underwriter for such securities or financial or derivative instruments, our or our affiliates' interests with respect to such products may be adverse to those of the holders of the securities. Introducing competing products into the marketplace in this manner could adversely affect the value of the securities. Any of the foregoing activities described in this paragraph may reflect trading strategies that differ from, or are in direct opposition to, investors' trading and investment strategies related to the securities.

**WE, JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. OR OUR OR ITS AFFILIATES MAY PUBLISH RESEARCH, EXPRESS OPINIONS OR PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH INVESTING IN OR HOLDING THE SECURITIES. ANY SUCH**

with associated contingent coupons that constitute ordinary income and that, when paid to a non-U.S. holder, are subject to 30% (or lower treaty rate) withholding. However, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the tax treatment of the securities. If the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") were successful in asserting an alternative treatment for the securities, the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the securities could be materially affected. In addition, in 2007 the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on the tax treatment of "prepaid forward contracts" and similar instruments. Any resulting guidance could materially affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, possibly with retroactive effect. For further information, you should review carefully the section of the product supplement accompanying term sheet No. 2546B entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" and the section of the accompanying term sheet entitled "Tax Consequences."

**See "Selected Risk Considerations" in the accompanying term sheet and "Risk Factors" in the product supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus accompanying term sheet No. 2546B for additional information.**

Deutsche Bank AG has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, for the offering to which this fact sheet relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and the other documents including term sheet No. 2546B and the product supplement relating to this offering that Deutsche

**RESEARCH, OPINIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PRICE OF THE UNDERLYING AND THE VALUE OF THE SECURITIES** — We, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may publish research from time to time on financial markets and other matters that could adversely affect the price of the Underlying and the value of the securities, or express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the securities. Any research, opinions or recommendations expressed by us, JPMorgan Chase & Co. or our or its affiliates may not be consistent with each other and may be modified from time to time without notice. You should make your own independent investigation of the merits of investing in the securities and the Underlying.

Bank AG has filed with the SEC for more complete information about Deutsche Bank AG and this offering. You may obtain these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, Deutsche Bank AG, any agent or any dealer participating in this offering will arrange to send you the prospectus, prospectus supplement, product supplement, term sheet No. 2546B and this fact sheet if you so request by calling toll-free 1-800-311-4409.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** — We and our affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the securities, including acting as calculation agent, hedging our obligations under the securities and determining the Issuer's estimated value of the securities on the Trade Date and the price, if any, at which we or our affiliates would be willing to purchase the securities from you in secondary market transactions. In performing these roles, our economic interests and those of our affiliates are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. The calculation agent will determine, among other things, all values, prices and levels required to be determined for the purposes of the securities on any relevant date or time. The calculation agent also has some discretion about certain adjustments to the Stock Adjustment Factor and will be responsible for determining whether a market disruption event has occurred as well as, in some circumstances, the prices or levels related to the Underlying that affect whether Contingent Coupons are paid and whether the securities are automatically called. Any determination by the calculation agent could adversely affect the return on the securities.

You may revoke your offer to purchase the securities at any time prior to the time at which we accept such offer by notifying the applicable agent. We reserve the right to change the terms of, or reject any offer to purchase, the securities prior to their issuance. We will notify you in the event of any changes to the terms of the securities, and you will be asked to accept such changes in connection with your purchase of any securities. You may also choose to reject such changes, in which case we may reject your offer to purchase the securities.

**THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES** — We intend to treat the securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes as prepaid financial contracts that are not debt,

