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**Subject to completion dated January 25, 2013.**

**Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. U774/A\***

To the Underlying Supplement dated November 19, 2012,  
Product Supplement No. U-I dated March 23, 2012,  
Prospectus Supplement dated March 23, 2012 and  
Prospectus dated March 23, 2012

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**\$  
Contingent Coupon Callable Yield Notes due approximately 30 months from the Trade Date  
Linked to the Performance of the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the Nikkei 225 Index and the iShares®  
MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund**

**General**

- The securities are designed for investors who are mildly bearish, neutral or mildly bullish on the Underlyings. Investors should be willing to lose some or all of their investment if a Knock-In Event occurs with respect to any Underlying. Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to pay our obligations as they become due.
- Unless redeemed earlier, if a Coupon Barrier Event does not occur, contingent interest will be paid quarterly in arrears at a Contingent Interest Rate per annum that is expected to be between 7.50% and 8.00% (to be determined on the Trade Date). If a Coupon Barrier Event occurs on any quarterly Observation Date, no contingent interest will be paid for that quarterly interest period. Contingent interest will be calculated on a 30/360 basis, subject to Early Redemption.
- The Issuer may redeem the securities, in whole but not in part, on any Contingent Interest Payment Date. No contingent interest will accrue or be payable following an Early Redemption.
- Senior unsecured obligations of Credit Suisse AG, acting through its Nassau Branch, maturing approximately 30 months from the Trade Date.†
- Minimum purchase of \$1,000. Minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- The securities are expected to price on or about January [ ], 2013 (the "Trade Date") and are expected to settle approximately three business days following the Trade Date (the "Settlement Date"). Delivery of the securities in book-entry form only will be made through The Depository Trust Company.

**Key Terms**

Issuer: Credit Suisse AG ("Credit Suisse"), acting through its Nassau Branch  
Underlyings: Each Underlying is identified in the table below, together with its Bloomberg ticker symbol, Initial Level, Coupon Barrier Level and Knock-In Level:

Underlying	Ticker	Initial Level**	Coupon Barrier Level	Knock-In Level
EURO STOXX 50® Index ("SX5E")	SX5E			
Nikkei 225 Index ("NKY")	NKY			
iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund ("EEM")	EEM UP			

Contingent Interest Rate: Unless redeemed earlier, if a Coupon Barrier Event does not occur, the Contingent Interest Rate is expected to be between 7.50% and 8.00% per annum (to be determined on the Trade Date) for the corresponding interest period. If a Coupon Barrier Event occurs, no contingent interest will be paid for the corresponding interest period. Contingent interest will be calculated on a 30/360 basis.

Coupon Barrier Event: A Coupon Barrier Event will occur if on an Observation Date the closing level of any Underlying is less than its Coupon Barrier Level.

Coupon Barrier Level: For each Underlying, the Coupon Barrier Level will be approximately 65% of the Initial Level of such Underlying (to be determined on the Trade Date).

Contingent Interest Payment Dates:† Unless redeemed earlier or a Coupon Barrier Event occurs, contingent interest will be paid quarterly in arrears three business days following each Observation Date, subject to the modified following business day convention. No contingent interest will accrue or be payable following an Early Redemption.

Redemption Amount:	At maturity, the Redemption Amount you will be entitled to receive will depend on the individual performance of each Underlying and whether a Knock-In Event occurs. If the securities are not subject to Early Redemption, the Redemption Amount will be determined as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a Knock-In Event occurs, the Redemption Amount will equal the principal amount of the securities you hold multiplied by the sum of one plus the Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying. <b>In this case, the Redemption Amount will be less than \$650 per \$1,000 principal amount of securities. You could lose your entire investment.</b></li> <li>If a Knock-In Event does not occur, the Redemption Amount will equal the principal amount of the securities you hold.</li> </ul> Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to pay our obligations as they become due.
Early Redemption:	Prior to the Maturity Date, the Issuer may redeem the securities in whole, but not in part, on any Contingent Interest Payment Date, upon notice on or before the relevant Early Redemption Notice Date at 100% of the principal amount of the securities, together with the contingent interest, if any, payable on that Contingent Interest Payment Date.
Early Redemption Notice Dates:	Notice of Early Redemption will be provided prior to the relevant Contingent Interest Payment Date on or before April [ ], 2013, July [ ], 2013, October [ ], 2013, January [ ], 2014, April [ ], 2014, July [ ], 2014, October [ ], 2014, January [ ], 2015 or April [ ], 2015 as applicable.
Knock-In Event:	A Knock-In Event will occur if the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying is less than its Knock-In Level.
Knock-In Level:	For each Underlying, the Knock-In Level will be approximately 65% of the Initial Level of such Underlying (to be determined on the Trade Date).
Lowest Performing Underlying:	The Underlying with the lowest Underlying Return.
Underlying Return:	For each Underlying, the Underlying Return will be calculated as follows: $\frac{\text{Final Level} - \text{Initial Level}}{\text{Initial Level}}, \text{ subject to a maximum of zero}$
Initial Level:**	For each Underlying, the closing level of such Underlying on the Trade Date.
Final Level:	For each Underlying, the closing level of such Underlying on the Valuation Date.
Observation Dates:†	April [ ], 2013, July [ ], 2013, October [ ], 2013, January [ ], 2014, April [ ], 2014, July [ ], 2014, October [ ], 2014, January [ ], 2015, April [ ], 2015 and the Valuation Date.
Valuation Date:†	Expected to be approximately 30 months from the Trade Date (to be determined on the Trade Date).
Maturity Date:†	Expected to be approximately three business days following the Valuation Date (to be determined on the Trade Date).
Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.
CUSIP:	22546TV81

\* This amended and restated pricing supplement amends, restates and supersedes Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. U774 dated January 25, 2013 in its entirety. We refer to this amended and restated pricing supplement as the “pricing supplement.”

\*\* In the event that the closing level for any Underlying is not available on the Trade Date, the Initial Level for such Underlying will be determined on the immediately following trading day on which a closing level is available.

† The determination of the closing level for each Underlying on each Observation Date, other than the Valuation Date, is subject to postponement if such date is not a trading day for such Underlying or as a result of a market disruption event in respect of such Underlying, as described herein under “Market Disruption Events.” The Valuation Date is subject to postponement in respect of each Underlying if such date is not an underlying business day for such Underlying or as a result of a market disruption event in respect of such Underlying, as described in the accompanying product supplement under “Description of the Securities—Market disruption events”. The Contingent Interest Payment Dates including the Maturity Date are subject to postponement, each as described herein, if such date is not a business day or if the determination of the closing level for any Underlying on the corresponding Observation Date or the Valuation Date, as applicable, is postponed because such date is not a trading day or an underlying business day for any Underlying, as applicable, or as a result of a market disruption event in respect of any Underlying.

**Investing in the securities involves a number of risks. See “Selected Risk Considerations” in this pricing supplement and “Risk Factors” beginning on page PS-3 of the accompanying product supplement.**

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

	Price to Public	Underwriting Discounts and Commissions(1)	Proceeds to Issuer
Per security	\$1,000.00	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

(1) Barclays Capital Inc., which we refer to as Barclays, will act as placement agent for the securities. The placement agent will receive a fee from Credit Suisse or one of our affiliates of up to \$15.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of securities. For more detailed information, please see “Supplemental Plan of Distribution” in this pricing supplement.

*The securities are not deposit liabilities and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States, Switzerland or any other jurisdiction.*

**Barclays**  
**Placement Agent**

January , 2013

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

### **Additional Terms Specific to the Securities**

You should read this pricing supplement together with the underlying supplement dated November 19, 2012, the product supplement dated March 23, 2012, the prospectus supplement dated March 23, 2012 and the prospectus dated March 23, 2012, relating to our Medium-Term Notes of which these securities are a part. This pricing supplement amends, restates and supersedes Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. U774 dated January 25, 2013 in its entirety. You should rely only on the information contained in this Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. U774/A and in the documents listed below in making your decision to invest in the securities. You may access these documents on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) as follows (or if such address has changed, by reviewing our filings for the relevant date on the SEC website):

- Underlying supplement dated November 19, 2012:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1053092/000095010312006212/dp34349\\_424b2-eus.htm](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1053092/000095010312006212/dp34349_424b2-eus.htm)

- Product supplement No. U-I dated March 23, 2012:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1053092/000095010312001501/dp29492\\_424b2-ui.htm](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1053092/000095010312001501/dp29492_424b2-ui.htm)

- Prospectus supplement and Prospectus dated March 23, 2012:

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1053092/000104746912003186/a2208088z424b2.htm>

Our Central Index Key, or CIK, on the SEC website is 1053092. As used in this pricing supplement, the “Company,” “we,” “us,” or “our” refers to Credit Suisse.

This pricing supplement, together with the documents listed above, contains the terms of the securities and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials including preliminary or indicative pricing terms, fact sheets, correspondence, trade ideas, structures for implementation, sample structures, brochures or other educational materials of ours. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in “Risk Factors” in the product supplement and “Selected Risk Considerations” in this pricing supplement, as the securities involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. You should consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisors before deciding to invest in the securities.

## Hypothetical Redemption Amounts and Total Payments on the Securities

The tables and examples below illustrate hypothetical Redemption Amounts payable at maturity and, in the case of Table 2, total contingent interest payments over the term of the securities on a \$1,000 investment in the securities for a range of Underlying Returns of the Lowest Performing Underlying, both in the event a Coupon Barrier Event does not occur and in the event a Coupon Barrier Event does occur. The tables and examples assume that (i) if a Coupon Barrier Event does not occur on an Observation Date, contingent interest will be paid for the corresponding interest period at a rate of 7.75% per annum (the midpoint of the expected range set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement) and if a Coupon Barrier Event occurs on any quarterly Observation Date, no contingent interest will be paid for the corresponding quarterly interest period, (ii) the securities are not redeemed prior to maturity, (iii) the term of the securities is exactly 30 months and (iv) the Coupon Barrier Level and the Knock-In Level for each Underlying are 65.0% of the Initial Level of such Underlying. In addition, the examples below assume that the Initial Levels are 2720 for SX5E, 10620 for NKY and \$44 for EEM. The examples are intended to illustrate hypothetical calculations of only the Redemption Amount and do not illustrate the calculation or payment of any individual contingent interest payment.

The Redemption Amounts and total payment amounts set forth below are provided for illustration purposes only. The actual Redemption Amounts and total payments applicable to a purchaser of the securities will depend on several variables, including, but not limited to (a) whether a Coupon Barrier Event occurs on one or more Observation Dates, (b) whether a Knock-In Event occurs and (c) the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying determined on the Valuation Date. It is not possible to predict whether one or more Coupon Barrier Events or a Knock-In Event will occur and, in the event that there is a Knock-In Event, by how much the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying will decrease in comparison to its Initial Level. Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to pay our obligations as they become due. The numbers appearing in the following tables and examples have been rounded for ease of analysis.

**TABLE 1:** Hypothetical Redemption Amounts

Percentage Change from the Initial Level to the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying	Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying	Redemption Amount (excluding contingent interest, if any, payable on the securities)	Total Contingent Interest Payments
100.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
90.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
80.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
70.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
60.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
50.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
40.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
30.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
20.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
10.00%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	
<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
-10.00%	-10.00%	\$1,000.00	(See table below)
-20.00%	-20.00%	\$1,000.00	
-30.00%	-30.00%	\$1,000.00	
<b>-35.00%</b>	<b>-35.00%</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
-35.01%	-35.01%	\$649.90	
-40.00%	-40.00%	\$600.00	
-50.00%	-50.00%	\$500.00	
-60.00%	-60.00%	\$400.00	
-70.00%	-70.00%	\$300.00	
-80.00%	-80.00%	\$200.00	
-90.00%	-90.00%	\$100.00	
-100.00%	-100.00%	\$0.00	



**TABLE 2:** The expected total contingent interest payments will depend on whether, and if so, how many Coupon Barrier Events occur.

Number of Coupon Barrier Events	Total Contingent Interest Payments
A Coupon Barrier Event does not occur	\$193.75
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on one Observation Date	\$174.38
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on two Observation Dates	\$155.00
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on three Observation Dates	\$135.63
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on four Observation Dates	\$116.25
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on five Observation Dates	\$96.88
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on six Observation Dates	\$77.50
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on seven Observation Dates	\$58.13
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on eight Observation Dates	\$38.75
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on nine Observation Dates	\$19.38
A Coupon Barrier Event occurs on ten Observation Dates	\$0.00

The following examples illustrate how the Redemption Amount is calculated.

**Example 1:**

Underlying	Initial Level	Final Level
SX5E	2720	2992 (110% of Initial Level)
NKY	10620	5310 (50% of Initial Level)
EEM	\$44	\$44 (100% of Initial Level)

Since the Final Level of NKY is less than its Knock-In Level, a **Knock-In Event occurs**. NKY is also the Lowest Performing Underlying.

Therefore, the Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying will equal:

$$\frac{\text{Final Level of NKY} - \text{Initial Level of NKY}}{\text{Initial Level of NKY}}$$

$$= (5310 - 10620) / 10620 = \mathbf{-0.50}$$

The Redemption Amount = principal amount of the securities × (1 + Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying)

$$= \$1,000 \times (1 - 0.50) = \mathbf{\$500}$$



**Example 2:**

Underlying	Initial Level	Final Level
SX5E	2720	1088 (40% of Initial Level)
NKY	10620	5310 (50% of Initial Level)
EEM	\$44	\$35.20 (80% of Initial Level)

Since the Final Level of NKY is less than its Knock-In Level and the Final Level of SX5E is less than its Knock-In Level, a **Knock-In Event occurs**. SX5E is the Lowest Performing Underlying because it is the Underlying with the lowest Underlying Return.

Therefore, the Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying will equal:

$$\frac{\text{Final Level of SX5E} - \text{Initial Level of SX5E}}{\text{Initial Level of SX5E}}$$

$$= (1088 - 2720) / 2720 = \mathbf{-0.60}$$

The Redemption Amount = principal amount of the securities × (1 + Underlying Return of the Lowest Performing Underlying)

$$= \$1,000 \times (1 - 0.60) = \mathbf{\$400}$$

**Example 3:**

Underlying	Initial Level	Final Level
SX5E	2720	2992 (110% of Initial Level)
NKY	10620	11682 (110% of Initial Level)
EEM	\$44	\$44 (100% of Initial Level)

Since the Final Level of each Underlying is not less than its Knock-In Level, a Knock-In Event does not occur.

Therefore, the Redemption Amount equals **\$1,000**.

## Selected Risk Considerations

An investment in the securities involves significant risks. Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in the Underlyings. These risks are explained in more detail in the “Risk Factors” section of the accompanying product supplement.

- **YOU MAY RECEIVE LESS THAN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AT MATURITY** — You may receive less at maturity than you originally invested in the securities, or you may receive nothing, excluding any accrued and unpaid contingent interest, if any. If the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying is less than its Knock-In Level, you will be fully exposed to any depreciation in the Lowest Performing Underlying. In this case, the Redemption Amount you will be entitled to receive will be less than the principal amount of the securities, and you could lose your entire investment. It is not possible to predict whether a Knock-In Event will occur, and in the event that there is a Knock-In Event, by how much the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying will decrease in comparison to its Initial Level. Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to pay our obligations as they become due.

- **THE SECURITIES WILL NOT PAY MORE THAN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, PLUS ACCRUED AND UNPAID CONTINGENT INTEREST, IF ANY, AT MATURITY OR UPON EARLY REDEMPTION** — The securities will not pay more than the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid contingent interest, if any, at maturity or upon early redemption. If the Final Level of each Underlying is greater than its respective Initial Level, you will not benefit from the appreciation of any Underlying. Assuming the securities are held to maturity and the term of the securities is exactly 30 months, the maximum amount payable with respect to the securities is expected to be between \$1,187.50 and \$1,200.00 (to be determined on the Trade Date) for each \$1,000 principal amount of the securities.

- **THE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CREDIT RISK OF CREDIT SUISSE** — Although the return on the securities will be based on the performance of the Underlyings, the payment of any amount due on the securities, including any applicable contingent interest payments, if any, early redemption payment or payment at maturity, is subject to the credit risk of Credit Suisse. Investors are dependent on our ability to pay all amounts due on the securities and, therefore, investors are subject to our credit risk. In addition, any decline in our credit ratings, any adverse changes in the market’s view of our creditworthiness or any increase in our credit spreads is likely to adversely affect the value of the securities prior to maturity.

- **IF A COUPON BARRIER EVENT OCCURS ON ANY QUARTERLY OBSERVATION DATE, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY CONTINGENT INTEREST PAYMENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING QUARTERLY INTEREST PERIOD** — If a Coupon Barrier Event occurs on any quarterly Observation Date, you will not receive any contingent interest payment for the corresponding quarterly interest period. For example, if a Coupon Barrier Event occurs on every Observation Date, you will not receive any contingent interest payments during the term of the securities and the maximum total amount payable on the securities will not exceed the principal amount of the securities.

- **THE REDEMPTION AMOUNT PAYABLE AT MATURITY WILL BE LESS THAN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE SECURITIES EVEN IF A KNOCK-IN EVENT OCCURS WITH RESPECT TO ONLY ONE UNDERLYING AND THE FINAL LEVEL OF ONLY ONE UNDERLYING IS LESS THAN ITS INITIAL LEVEL** — Even if the Final Level of only one Underlying is less than its Knock-In Level, a Knock-In Event will have occurred. In this case, the Redemption Amount payable at maturity will be less than the principal amount of the securities.

- **THE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO A POTENTIAL EARLY REDEMPTION, WHICH WOULD LIMIT YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ACCRUE CONTINGENT INTEREST OVER THE FULL TERM OF THE SECURITIES** — The securities are subject to a potential early redemption. Prior to maturity, the securities may be redeemed on any Contingent Interest Payment Date, upon notice on or before the relevant Early Redemption Notice Date. If the securities are redeemed prior to the Maturity Date, you will be entitled to receive the principal amount of your securities and any accrued but unpaid contingent interest payable, if any,

on that Contingent Interest Payment Date. In this case, you will lose the opportunity to continue to accrue and be paid contingent interest from the date of Early

Redemption to the scheduled Maturity Date. If the securities are redeemed prior to the Maturity Date, you may be unable to invest in other securities with a similar level of risk that yield as much contingent interest as the securities.

**SINCE THE SECURITIES ARE LINKED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF MORE THAN ONE UNDERLYING, YOU WILL BE FULLY EXPOSED TO THE RISK OF FLUCTUATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF EACH UNDERLYING**

— Since the securities are linked to the performance of more than one Underlying, the securities will be linked to the *individual performance* of each Underlying. Because the securities are not linked to a basket, in which case the risk is mitigated and diversified among all of the components of a basket, you will be exposed to the risk of fluctuations in the levels of the Underlyings to the same degree for each Underlying. For example, in the case of securities linked to a basket, the return would depend on the weighted aggregate performance of the basket components as reflected by the basket return. Thus, the depreciation of any basket component could be mitigated by the appreciation of another basket component, to the extent of the weightings of such components in the basket. However, in the case of securities linked to the lowest performing Underlying, the *individual performance* of each Underlying is not combined to calculate your return and the depreciation of any Underlying is not mitigated by the appreciation of any other Underlying. Instead, if a Knock-In Event occurs, the Redemption Amount payable at maturity will depend on the lowest performing of the Underlyings to which the securities are linked.

**RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES LINKED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF FOREIGN EQUITY SECURITIES**

— Investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities involve risks associated with the securities markets in those countries, including the risk of volatility in those markets, governmental intervention in those markets and cross-shareholdings in companies in certain countries. Foreign companies are subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements different from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies.

**THERE ARE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE iSHARES® MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX FUND**

— Although shares of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund (the “Reference Fund”) are listed for trading on the NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and a number of similar products have been traded on various national securities exchanges for varying periods of time, there is no assurance that an active trading market will continue for the shares of the Underlying or that there will be liquidity in the trading market. The Reference Fund is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the Reference Fund’s investment strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. Pursuant to the Reference Fund’s investment strategy or otherwise, the investment advisor for the Reference Fund may add, delete or substitute the components held by the Reference Fund. Any of these actions could affect the price of the shares of the Reference Fund and consequently the value of the securities.

**THE PERFORMANCE OF THE REFERENCE FUND MAY NOT CORRELATE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRACKED INDEX**

— The Reference Fund will generally invest in all of the equity securities included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, the “Tracked Index” for the Reference Fund. There may, however, be instances where BlackRock Fund Advisors (“BFA”), the Reference Fund’s investment advisor, may choose to overweight another stock in the Tracked Index, purchase securities not included in the Tracked Index that BFA believes are appropriate to substitute for a security included in the Tracked Index or utilize various combinations of other available investment techniques. In addition, the performance of the Reference Fund will reflect additional transaction costs and fees that are not included in the calculation of the Tracked Index. Finally, because the shares of the Reference Fund are traded on the NYSE Arca and are subject to market supply and investor demand, the market value of one share of the Reference Fund may differ from the net asset value per share of the Reference Fund. For these reasons, the performance of the Reference Fund may not correlate with the performance of the Tracked Index. For additional information about the variation between the performance of the Reference Fund and the performance of the Tracked Index, see the information set forth under “The Reference Funds—The iShares® Funds—The iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund” in the accompanying underlying supplement.

- **NON-U.S. SECURITIES MARKETS RISKS** — The equity securities held by the Reference Fund are issued by foreign companies in foreign securities markets. Foreign companies are subject to

accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements different from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies. These stocks may be more volatile than domestic stocks and may be subject to different political, market, economic, exchange rate, regulatory and other risks which may have a negative impact on the performance of the securities.

**EMERGING MARKETS RISK** — The Reference Fund and the Tracked Index are exposed to the political and economic risks of emerging market countries. In recent years, some emerging markets have undergone significant political, economic and social upheaval. Such far-reaching changes have resulted in constitutional and social tensions and, in some cases, instability and reaction against market reforms has occurred. With respect to any emerging market nation, there is the possibility of nationalization, expropriation or confiscation, political changes, government regulation and social instability. There can be no assurance that future political changes will not adversely affect the economic conditions of an emerging market nation. Political or economic instability could have an adverse effect on the performance of the securities.

**CURRENCY EXCHANGE RISK** — The securities, which are denominated in U.S. dollars, are subject to currency exchange risk through their exposure to the performance of the Reference Fund, which measures the performance of certain foreign stocks. Currency markets may be highly volatile, particularly in relation to emerging or developing nations' currencies and, in certain market conditions, also in relation to developed nations' currencies. Significant changes, including changes in liquidity and prices, can occur in such markets within very short periods of time. Foreign currency rate risks include, but are not limited to, convertibility risk and market volatility and potential interference by foreign governments through regulation of local markets, foreign investment or particular transactions in foreign currency. These factors may adversely affect the values of the component equity securities held by the Reference Fund, the level of the Reference Fund and the value of the securities.

**CERTAIN BUILT-IN COSTS ARE LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE SECURITIES PRIOR TO MATURITY** — While the payment at maturity described in this pricing supplement is based on the full principal amount of your securities, the original issue price of the securities includes the agent's commission and the cost of hedging our obligations under the securities through one or more of our affiliates. As a result, the price, if any, at which Credit Suisse (or its affiliates), will be willing to purchase securities from you in secondary market transactions, if at all, will likely be lower than the original issue price, and 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.

**LACK OF LIQUIDITY** — The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. Credit Suisse (or its affiliates) intends to offer to purchase the securities in the secondary market but is not required to do so. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the securities when you wish to do so. Because other dealers are not likely to make a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which Credit Suisse (or its affiliates) is willing to buy 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 substantial loss.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS** — We and our affiliates play a variety of roles in connection with the issuance of the securities, including acting as calculation agent and hedging our obligations under the securities. In performing these duties, the economic interests of the calculation agent and other affiliates of ours are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities.

**MANY ECONOMIC AND MARKET FACTORS WILL AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE SECURITIES** — In addition to the levels of the Underlyings, the value of the securities will be affected by a number of economic and market factors that may either offset or magnify each other, including:

- o the expected volatility of the Underlyings;
- o the time to maturity of the securities;

- o the Early Redemption feature, which would limit the value of the securities;

- o interest and yield rates in the market generally;
- o investors' expectations with respect to the rate of inflation;
- o geopolitical conditions and a variety of economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the Underlyings or markets generally and which may affect the price of the equity securities comprising the Underlyings; and
- o the exchange rate and the volatility of the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the equity securities held by the Reference Fund and any other currency relevant to the value of the Reference Fund; and
- o our creditworthiness, including actual or anticipated downgrades in our credit ratings.

Some or all of these factors may influence the price that you will receive if you choose to sell your securities prior to maturity. The impact of any of the factors set forth above may enhance or offset some or all of any change resulting from another factor or factors.

- **NO OWNERSHIP RIGHTS RELATING TO THE UNDERLYINGS** — Your return on the securities will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned the shares of the Reference Fund or the assets that comprise the Underlyings. The return on your investment, which is based on the percentage change in the Underlyings, is not the same as the total return you would receive based on the purchase of the shares of the Reference Fund or the assets that comprise the Underlyings.

- **NO DIVIDEND PAYMENTS OR VOTING RIGHTS** — As a holder of the securities, you will not have voting rights or rights to receive cash dividends or other distributions or other rights with respect to the Reference Fund and the assets that comprise the Underlyings.

- **ANTI-DILUTION PROTECTION IS LIMITED** — The calculation agent will make anti-dilution adjustments for certain events affecting the shares of the Reference Fund. However, the calculation agent will not make an adjustment in response to all events that could affect the shares of the Reference Fund. If an event occurs that does not require the calculation agent to make an adjustment, or if an adjustment is made but such adjustment does not fully reflect the economics of such event, the value of the securities may be materially and adversely affected. For additional information, see “Description of the Securities—Adjustments—For a reference fund” in the accompanying product supplement.

### Supplemental Use of Proceeds and Hedging

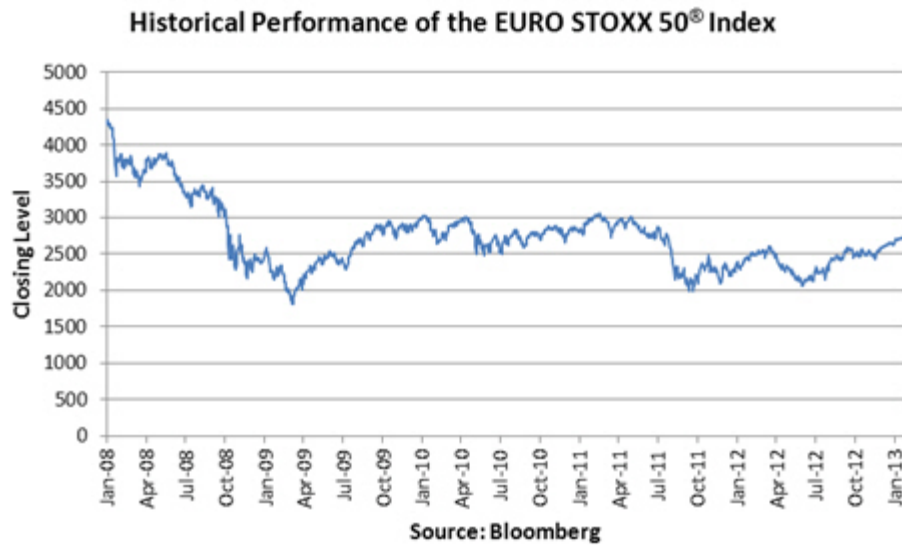
We intend to use the proceeds of this offering for our general corporate purposes, which may include the refinancing of existing debt outside Switzerland. Some or all of the proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities may be used in connection with hedging our obligations under the securities through one or more of our affiliates. Such hedging or trading activities on or prior to the Trade Date and during the term of the securities (including on any Observation Date) could adversely affect the value of the Underlyings and, as a result, could decrease the amount you may receive on the securities at maturity. For additional information, see “Supplemental Use of Proceeds and Hedging” in the accompanying product supplement.



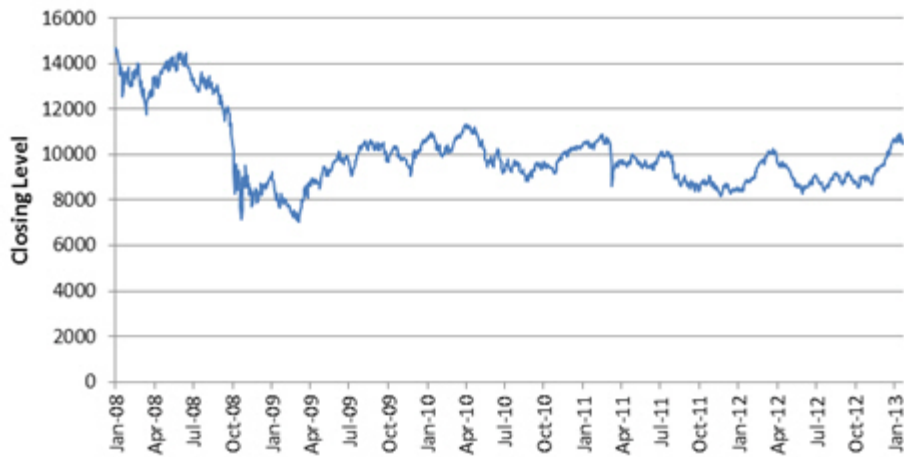
## Historical Information

The following graphs set forth the historical performance of the Underlyings based on the closing level of each Underlying from January 1, 2008 through January 24, 2013. The closing level of the EURO STOXX 50® Index on January 24, 2013 was 2722.96. The closing level of the Nikkei 225 Index on January 24, 2013 was 10620.87. The closing level of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund on January 24, 2013 was \$44.31. We obtained the closing levels below from Bloomberg, without independent verification. We make no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of the information obtained from Bloomberg. You should not take the historical levels of the Underlyings as an indication of future performance of the Underlyings or the securities. If a Coupon Barrier Event occurs, you will not receive any contingent interest payments for the corresponding quarterly interest period. The levels of any of the Underlyings may decrease so that a Knock-In Event occurs and at maturity you will receive a Redemption Amount less than the principal amount of the securities. Any payment on the securities is subject to our ability to pay our obligations as they become due. We cannot give you any assurance that the closing levels of the Underlyings remain above their respective Coupon Barrier Levels or that the Final Level of each Underlying will remain above its respective Knock-In Level. If the Final Level of the Lowest Performing Underlying is less than its Initial Level, you will lose money on your investment.

For additional information about the EURO STOXX 50® Index, the Nikkei 225 Index and iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, see information set forth under “The Reference Indices—The EURO STOXX 50® Index”, “The Reference Indices—The Nikkei 225 Index” and “The Reference Funds—The iShares® Funds—The iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund” in the accompanying underlying supplement.



### Historical Performance of the Nikkei 225 Index



Source: Bloomberg

### Historical Performance of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund



Source: Bloomberg

## Market Disruption Events

If the calculation agent determines that on any Observation Date, other than the Valuation Date, a market disruption event (as defined in the accompanying product supplement under “Description of the Securities—Market disruption events”) exists in respect of any Underlying or if such day is not a trading day (as defined in the accompanying product supplement under “Description of the Securities—Certain definitions”) for any Underlying, then the determination of the closing level for such Underlying on such Observation Date will be postponed to the first succeeding trading day for such Underlying on which the calculation agent determines that no market disruption event exists in respect of such Underlying, unless the calculation agent determines that a market disruption event exists in respect of such Underlying on each of the five trading days for such Underlying immediately following such Observation Date. In that case, the closing level for such Underlying on such Observation Date will be determined as of the fifth succeeding trading day for such Underlying following such Observation Date (such fifth trading day, the “calculation date”), notwithstanding the market disruption event in respect of such Underlying, and:

- if a market disruption event has occurred and is continuing with respect to a reference index, the calculation agent will determine the closing level for such reference index on that calculation date in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating such reference index last in effect prior to the commencement of the market disruption event in respect of such reference index using exchange traded prices on the relevant exchanges (as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion) or, if trading in any component comprising such reference index has been materially suspended or materially limited, its good faith estimate of the prices that would have prevailed on such exchanges (as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion) but for the suspension or limitation, as of the valuation time on that calculation date, of each component comprising such reference index (subject to the provisions described under “Description of the Securities—Changes to the calculation of a reference index” in the accompanying product supplement); and

- if a market disruption event has occurred and is continuing with respect to the reference fund, the calculation agent will determine the closing level for the reference fund on that calculation date using its good faith estimate of the settlement prices of the reference fund that would have prevailed on the relevant exchange for the reference fund but for the occurrence of a market disruption event as of the relevant valuation time on that calculation date (subject to the provisions described under “Description of the Securities—Changes to the calculation of a reference fund” in the accompanying product supplement).

The determination of the closing level for any Underlying not affected by a market disruption event on an Observation Date (other than the Valuation Date) or by an Observation Date (other than the Valuation Date) not being a trading day for such Underlying will occur on such Observation Date. The Valuation Date for any Underlying not affected by a market disruption event will be the scheduled Valuation Date for such Underlying.

If the determination of the closing level for any Underlying on an Observation Date other than the Valuation Date is postponed as a result of a market disruption event as described above to a date on or after the corresponding Interest Payment Date, then such corresponding Interest Payment Date will be postponed to the business day following the latest date to which such determination is so postponed for any Underlying.

If the Valuation Date for any Underlying is postponed as a result of a market disruption event as described in the accompanying product supplement or because the scheduled Valuation Date is not an underlying business day for any Underlying, then the Maturity Date will be postponed to the fifth business day following the latest Valuation Date for any Underlying.

## Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following discussion summarizes material United States federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the securities that may be relevant to holders of the securities that acquire their securities from us as part of the original issuance of the securities. This discussion applies only to holders that hold their securities as capital assets within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Further, this discussion does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to you in light of your individual circumstances or if you are subject to special rules, such as if you are:

- a financial institution,
- a mutual fund,
- a tax-exempt organization,
- a grantor trust,
- certain U.S. expatriates,
- an insurance company,
- a dealer or trader in securities or foreign currencies,
- a person (including traders in securities) using a mark-to-market method of accounting,
- a person who holds a security as a hedge or as part of a straddle with another position, constructive sale, conversion transaction or other integrated transaction, or
- an entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The discussion is based upon the Code, law, regulations, rulings and decisions, in each case, as available and in effect as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Tax consequences under state, local and foreign laws are not addressed herein. No ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") has been or will be sought as to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities, and the following discussion is not binding on the IRS.

**You should consult your tax advisor as to the specific tax consequences to you of owning and disposing of the securities, including the application of federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax laws based on your particular facts and circumstances.**

**IRS CIRCULAR 230 REQUIRES THAT WE INFORM YOU THAT ANY TAX STATEMENT HEREIN REGARDING ANY U.S. FEDERAL TAX IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED, BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING ANY PENALTIES. ANY SUCH STATEMENT HEREIN WAS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE MARKETING OR PROMOTION OF THE TRANSACTION(S) OR MATTER(S) TO WHICH THE STATEMENT RELATES. A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR (INCLUDING A TAX-EXEMPT INVESTOR) IN THE SECURITIES SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR IN DETERMINING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF STATE, LOCAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN FEDERAL OR OTHER TAX LAWS.**

### Characterization of the Securities

There are no statutory provisions, regulations, published rulings, or judicial decisions addressing the characterization for U.S. federal income tax purposes of securities with terms that are substantially the same as those of your securities. Thus, the characterization of the securities is not certain. Due to the terms of the securities and the uncertainty of the tax law with

respect to characterization of the securities, our special tax counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, is unable to opine on the characterization of the securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The possible alternative characterizations and risks to investors of such characterizations are discussed below. Based on the advice of our special tax counsel, we intend to treat the securities, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as a prepaid financial contract, with respect to the Underlying, that is eligible for open transaction treatment. In the absence of an administrative or judicial ruling to the contrary, we and, by acceptance of the securities, you agree to treat your securities for all tax purposes in accordance with such characterization. In light of the fact that we agree to treat the securities as a prepaid financial contract, the balance of this discussion assumes that the securities will be so treated.

## Alternative Characterizations of the Securities

You should be aware that the characterization of the securities as described above is not certain, nor is it binding on the IRS or the courts. Thus, it is possible that the IRS would seek to characterize your securities in a manner that results in tax consequences to you that are different from those described above. For example, the IRS might characterize a security as a notional principal contract (an "NPC"). In general, payments on an NPC are accrued ratably (as ordinary income or deduction, as the case may be) over the period to which they relate income regardless of an investor's usual method of tax accounting. Payments made to terminate an NPC (other than perhaps a final scheduled payment) are capital in nature. Deductions for NPC payments may be limited in certain cases. Certain payments under an NPC may be treated as U.S. source income. The IRS could also seek to characterize your securities as options, and thus as Code section 1256 contracts in the event that they are listed on a securities exchange. In such case, the securities would be marked-to-market at the end of the year and 40% of any gain or loss would be treated as short-term capital gain or loss, and the remaining 60% of any gain or loss would be treated as long-term capital gain or loss. It is also possible that the IRS would assert that the securities constitute debt instruments that are "contingent payment debt instruments" that are subject to special tax rules under the applicable Treasury regulations governing the recognition of income over the term of your securities. If the securities were to be treated as contingent payment debt instruments, you would be required to include in income on an economic accrual basis over the term of the securities an amount of interest that is based upon the yield at which we would issue a non-contingent fixed-rate debt instrument with other terms and conditions similar to your securities, or the comparable yield. The characterization of securities as contingent payment debt instruments under these rules is likely to be adverse. You should consult your tax advisor regarding the possible tax consequences of characterization of the securities as contingent payment debt instruments. Alternatively, the IRS might assert that the securities constitute a "constructive ownership transaction," in which case, under Code section 1260, all or a portion of your gain, if any, from the securities would be recharacterized as ordinary income, and you would be required to pay additional tax calculated by reference to interest on the tax on such recharacterized income. We are not responsible for any adverse consequences that you may experience as a result of any alternative characterization of the securities for U.S. federal income tax or other tax purposes.

**You should consult your tax advisor as to the tax consequences of such characterization and any possible alternative characterizations of your securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes.**

## U.S. Holders

For purposes of this discussion, the term "U.S. Holder," for U.S. federal income tax purposes, means a beneficial owner of securities that is (1) a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (4) a trust, if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) such trust has in effect a valid election to be treated as a domestic trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a partnership (or an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds securities, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of such partnership and a partner in such partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership, or a partner of a partnership, holding securities, you should consult your tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to you from the partnership's purchase, ownership and disposition of the securities.

In accordance with the agreed-upon tax treatment described above, a U.S. Holder will treat any coupon payment received in respect of a security as ordinary income includible in such U.S. Holder's income in accordance with the U.S. Holder's method of accounting. If the security provides for the payment of the Redemption Amount in cash based on the return of the Underlying, upon receipt of the Redemption Amount of the securities from us, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash received from us and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in the security at that time. For securities with a term of more than one year, such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the security for more than one year at maturity. If the security provides for the payment of the Redemption Amount in physical shares or units of the Underlying, the U.S. Holder should not recognize any gain or loss with respect to the security (other than with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares or units, as described below). A U.S. Holder should have a tax basis in all physical shares or units received (including for this purpose any fractional shares or units) equal to



its tax basis in the security (generally its cost). A U.S. Holder's holding period for any physical shares or units received should start on the day after the delivery of the physical shares or units. A U.S. Holder should generally recognize short-term capital gain or loss with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares or units in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of such cash received and the U.S. Holder's basis in the fractional shares or units, which should be equal to the U.S. Holder's basis in all of the reference shares or units (including the fractional shares or units), multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the fractional shares or units and the denominator of which is all of the physical shares or units (including fractional shares or units).

Upon the sale or other taxable disposition of a security, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or other taxable disposition and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in the security (generally its cost). For securities with a term of more than one year, such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the security for more than one year at the time of disposition.

### **Securities Held Through Foreign Accounts**

Under the "Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act" (the "Act") and recently proposed regulations, a 30% withholding tax is imposed on "withholdable payments" and certain "passthru payments" made to foreign financial institutions (and their more than 50% affiliates) unless the payee foreign financial institution agrees, among other things, to disclose the identity of any U.S. individual with an account at the institution (or the institution's affiliates) and to annually report certain information about such account. "Withholdable payments" include (1) payments of interest (including original issue discount), dividends, and other items of fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits, and income ("FDAP"), in each case, from sources within the United States, and (2) gross proceeds from the sale of any property of a type which can produce interest or dividends from sources within the United States. "Passthru payments" generally are certain payments attributable to withholdable payments. The Act also requires withholding agents making withholdable payments to certain foreign entities that do not disclose the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of any substantial U.S. owners (or certify that they do not have any substantial United States owners) to withhold tax at a rate of 30%. We will treat payments on the securities as withholdable payments for these purposes.

Withholding under the Act described above will apply to all withholdable payments and certain passthru payments without regard to whether the beneficial owner of the payment is a U.S. person, or would otherwise be entitled to an exemption from the imposition of withholding tax pursuant to an applicable tax treaty with the United States or pursuant to U.S. domestic law. Unless a foreign financial institution is the beneficial owner of a payment, it will be subject to refund or credit in accordance with the same procedures and limitations applicable to other taxes withheld on FDAP payments provided that the beneficial owner of the payment furnishes such information as the IRS determines is necessary to determine whether such beneficial owner is a United States owned foreign entity and the identity of any substantial United States owners of such entity. Pursuant to the proposed regulations, the Act's withholding regime generally will apply to (i) withholdable payments (other than gross proceeds of the type described above) made after December 31, 2013, (ii) payments of gross proceeds of the type described above with respect to a sale or disposition occurring after December 31, 2014, and (iii) passthru payments made after December 31, 2016. Additionally, the provisions of the Act discussed above generally will not apply to obligations (other than an instrument that is treated as equity for U.S. tax purposes or that lacks a stated expiration or term) that are outstanding on January 1, 2013. Thus, if you hold your securities through a foreign financial institution or foreign corporation or trust, a portion of any of your payments made after December 31, 2013 may be subject to 30% withholding.

### **Non-U.S. Holders Generally**

The U.S. withholding tax consequences of any coupon payment in respect of the securities is uncertain. Given the uncertainty, we will withhold U.S. income tax at a rate of 30% on any coupon payment. It may be possible for a holder of the securities that is not a U.S. Holder (a "Non-U.S. Holder") to take the position that some or all of a coupon payment is exempt from the 30% U.S. withholding tax or subject to a reduced withholding tax rate under an applicable tax treaty. Any Non-U.S. Holder taking the position that a coupon payment is exempt from the 30% withholding tax or eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax may seek a refund or credit of any excess amounts withheld by us by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS.





In the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that has no connection with the United States other than holding its securities, payment of the Redemption Amount by us in respect to the securities (except to the extent of the coupon payments) will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax, provided that such Non-U.S. Holder complies with applicable certification requirements. Any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of the securities by a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless (1) such gain is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of such Non-U.S. Holder or (2) in the case of an individual, such individual is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale or other disposition and certain other conditions are met. Any effectively connected gains described in clause (1) above realized by a Non-U.S. Holder that is, or is taxable as, a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes may also, under certain circumstances, be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

Non-U.S. Holders that are subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net income basis with respect to their investment in the securities should refer to the discussion above relating to U.S. Holders.

#### *Substitute Dividend and Dividend Equivalent Payments*

The Act and recently proposed and temporary regulations treat a “dividend equivalent” payment as a dividend from sources within the United States. Under the Act, unless reduced by an applicable tax treaty with the United States, such payments generally will be subject to U.S. withholding tax. A “dividend equivalent” payment is (i) a substitute dividend payment made pursuant to a securities lending or a sale-repurchase transaction that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, (ii) a payment made pursuant to a “specified notional principal contract” that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, and (iii) any other payment determined by the IRS to be substantially similar to a payment described in the preceding clauses (i) and (ii). Proposed regulations provide criteria for determining whether a notional principal contract will be a specified notional principal contract, effective for payments made after December 31, 2012.

Proposed regulations address whether a payment is a dividend equivalent. The proposed regulations provide that an equity-linked instrument that provides for a payment that is a substantially similar payment is treated as a notional principal contract for these purposes. An equity-linked instrument is a financial instrument or combination of financial instruments that references one or more underlying securities to determine its value, including a futures contract, forward contract, option, or other contractual arrangement. Although it is not certain, an equity-linked instrument could include instruments treated as indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The proposed regulations consider any payment, including the payment of the purchase price or an adjustment to the purchase price, to be a substantially similar payment (and, therefore, a dividend equivalent payment) if made pursuant to an equity-linked instrument that is contingent upon or determined by reference to a dividend (including payments pursuant to a redemption of stock that gives rise to a dividend) from sources within the United States. The rules for equity-linked instruments under the proposed regulations will be effective for payments made after the rules are finalized. Where the securities reference an interest in a fixed basket of securities or a “customized index,” each security or component of such basket or customized index is treated as an underlying security in a separate notional principal contract for purposes of determining whether such notional principal contract is a specified notional principal contract or an amount received is a substantially similar payment.

We will treat any portion of a payment on the securities that is substantially similar to a dividend as a dividend equivalent payment, which will be subject to U.S. withholding tax unless reduced by an applicable tax treaty and a properly executed IRS Form W-8 (or other qualifying documentation) is provided. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding whether payments on the securities constitute dividend equivalent payments.

#### **U.S. Federal Estate Tax Treatment of Non-U.S. Holders**

The securities may be subject to U.S. federal estate tax if an individual Non-U.S. Holder holds the securities at the time of his or her death. The gross estate of a Non-U.S. Holder domiciled outside the United States includes only property situated in the United States. Individual Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal estate tax consequences of holding the securities at death.



## **IRS Notice on Certain Financial Transactions**

In Notice 2008-2, the IRS and the Treasury Department stated they are considering issuing new regulations or other guidance on whether holders of an instrument such as the securities should be required to accrue income during the term of the instrument. The IRS and Treasury Department also requested taxpayer comments on (1) the appropriate method for accruing income or expense (e.g., a mark-to-market methodology or a method resembling the noncontingent bond method), (2) whether income and gain on such an instrument should be ordinary or capital, and (3) whether foreign holders should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accrual. Additionally, unofficial statements made by IRS officials have indicated that they will soon be addressing the treatment of prepaid forward contracts in proposed regulations.

Accordingly, it is possible that regulations or other guidance may be issued that require holders of the securities to recognize income in respect of the securities prior to receipt of any payments thereunder or sale thereof. Any regulations or other guidance that may be issued could result in income and gain (either at maturity or upon sale) in respect of the securities being treated as ordinary income. It is also possible that a Non-U.S. Holder of the securities could be subject to U.S. withholding tax in respect of the securities under such regulations or other guidance. It is not possible to determine whether such regulations or other guidance will apply to your securities (possibly on a retroactive basis). You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding Notice 2008-2 and its possible impact on you.

## **Information Reporting Regarding Specified Foreign Financial Assets**

The Act and temporary and proposed regulations generally require individual U.S. Holders (“specified individuals”) and “specified domestic entities” with an interest in any “specified foreign financial asset” to file an annual report on IRS Form 8938 with information relating to the asset, including the maximum value thereof, for any taxable year in which the aggregate value of all such assets is greater than \$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year or \$75,000 at any time during the taxable year. Certain individuals are permitted to have an interest in a higher aggregate value of such assets before being required to file a report. The proposed regulations relating to specified domestic entities apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011. Under the proposed regulations, “specified domestic entities” are domestic entities that are formed or used for the purposes of holding, directly or indirectly, specified foreign financial assets. Generally, specified domestic entities are certain closely held corporations and partnerships that meet passive income or passive asset tests and, with certain exceptions, domestic trusts that have a specified individual as a current beneficiary and exceed the reporting threshold. Specified foreign financial assets include any depository or custodial account held at a foreign financial institution; any debt or equity interest in a foreign financial institution if such interest is not regularly traded on an established securities market; and, if not held at a financial institution, (1) any stock or security issued by a non-U.S. person, (2) any financial instrument or contract held for investment where the issuer or counterparty is a non-U.S. person, and (3) any interest in an entity which is a non-U.S. person.

Depending on the aggregate value of your investment in specified foreign financial assets, you may be obligated to file an IRS Form 8938 under this provision if you are an individual U.S. Holder. Specified domestic entities are not required to file Form 8938 until the proposed regulations are final. Penalties apply to any failure to file IRS Form 8938. Additionally, in the event a U.S. Holder (either a specified individual or specified domestic entity) does not file such form, the statute of limitations on the assessment and collection of U.S. federal income taxes of such U.S. Holder for the related tax year may not close before the date which is three years after the date such information is filed. You should consult your own tax advisor as to the possible application to you of this information reporting requirement and related statute of limitations tolling provision.

## **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

A holder of the securities (whether a U.S. Holder or a Non-U.S. Holder) may be subject to backup withholding with respect to certain amounts paid to such holder unless it provides a correct taxpayer identification number, complies with certain certification procedures establishing that it is not a U.S. Holder or establishes proof of another applicable exemption, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. You can claim a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability for amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules, and amounts in excess of your liability are refundable if you provide the required information to the IRS in a timely fashion. A holder of the securities may also be subject to information reporting to the IRS with respect to certain amounts

paid to such holder unless it (1) is a Non-U.S. Holder and provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8 (or other qualifying documentation) or (2) otherwise establishes a basis for exemption.

## Supplemental Plan of Distribution

Under the terms of a distribution agreement with Barclays Capital Inc., dated as of March 23, 2012, Barclays Capital Inc. will act as placement agent for the securities. The placement agent will receive a fee from Credit Suisse or one of our affiliates of up to \$15.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of securities. For additional information, see “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)” in the accompanying product supplement.

We expect to deliver the securities against payment for the securities on the Settlement Date indicated above, which may be a date that is greater than three business days following the Trade Date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to a trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, if the Settlement Date is more than three business days after the Trade Date, purchasers who wish to transact in the securities more than three business days prior to the Settlement Date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

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