
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

March 23, 2012

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Commission File No. 1-13300

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)**

54-1719854

**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

1680 Capital One Drive, McLean, Virginia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22102

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(703) 720-1000

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

(Not applicable)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 23, 2012, the Company closed the public offering of \$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 2.150% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes"), pursuant to an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed therein. The Notes were issued pursuant to a Senior Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Harris Trust and Savings Bank), as Indenture Trustee. The Notes have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-159085).

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement, Notes and other documents relating to this transaction does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of these securities and documents, forms or copies of which are attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
1.1	Underwriting Agreement dated March 21, 2012
4.1	Senior Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between Capital One Financial Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Harris Trust and Savings Bank), as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Corporation's Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 13, 1996)
4.2	Form of 2.150% Senior Note due 2015
5.1	Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
23.1	Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: March 23, 2012

By: /s/ John G. Finneran, Jr.

John G. Finneran, Jr.

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

\$1,250,000,000 2.150% Senior Notes Due 2015

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

March 21, 2012

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
60 Wall Street
New York, New York 10005

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
383 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10179

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
301 S. College Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

As Representatives of the several
Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto

Dear Sirs:

Capital One Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell \$1,250,000,000 2.150% Senior Notes Due 2015 (the "Securities"), to the several underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the "Underwriters"), for which Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as the representatives (together, the "Representatives"). The Securities are to be issued pursuant to the provisions of a Senior Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 (the "Senior Indenture") between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Harris Trust and Savings Bank), as Trustee (the "Trustee").

1. Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company has prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-159085) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") in respect of its debt securities, its junior subordinated debt securities, shares of its preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, depositary shares, shares of its common stock, \$0.01 par value, its purchase contracts, units, trust preferred securities that may be issued by a related trust, and warrants (as amended through the date of this

Agreement, being herein referred to as the "Registration Statement"). Such Registration Statement has become effective. The Registration Statement contains a base prospectus in the form in which it has most recently been filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement (the "Base Prospectus"), to be used in connection with the public offering and sale of the Securities. Any preliminary prospectus supplement to the Base Prospectus that describes the Securities and the offering thereof and is used prior to filing of the Prospectus is called, together with the Base Prospectus, a "preliminary prospectus." The term "Prospectus" shall mean the final prospectus supplement relating to the Securities, together with the Base Prospectus, that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act after the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto but shall not include any free writing prospectus (as such term is used in Rule 405 under the Securities Act). Any Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act; any reference to any amendment or supplement to any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any documents filed after the date of such preliminary prospectus or Prospectus, as the case may be, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), and incorporated by reference in such preliminary prospectus or Prospectus, as the case may be. The Company also has prepared and filed (or will file) with the Commission the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses (as defined below) set forth on Schedule II hereto. All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, a preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing, shall include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR").

2. Agreements to Sell and Purchase. On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, and subject to its terms and conditions, the Company agrees to issue and sell, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company the principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule I hereto, at 99.666% of the principal amount thereof (the "Purchase Price"), plus accrued interest thereon, if any, from March 23, 2012 to the date of payment and delivery.

3. Terms of Public Offering. The Company is advised by the Representatives that the Underwriters propose (i) to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Securities as soon after the execution hereof as practicable and (ii) initially to offer the Securities upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus.

4. Delivery and Payment. Delivery to the Underwriters of, and payment for, the Securities shall be made at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second business day following the date of initial public offering, unless otherwise permitted by the Commission pursuant to Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act (the "Closing Date"), at such place as the Representatives shall designate.

Certificates for the Securities shall be registered in such names and issued in such denominations as the Representatives shall request in writing not later than two full

business days prior to the Closing Date. Such certificates shall be made available to the Representatives for inspection not later than 9:30 a.m., New York City time, on the business day next preceding the Closing Date. Certificates in definitive form evidencing the Securities shall be delivered to the Representatives on the Closing Date for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters, against payment of the Purchase Price therefor by wire payable in Federal (same-day) funds to the order of the Company.

5. Agreements of the Company. The Company agrees with the Underwriters:

(a) To file the Prospectus with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) not later than the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

(b) During the period beginning at the Time of Sale (as defined below) and ending on the later of the Closing Date or such date as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, the Prospectus is no longer required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 (the "Prospectus Delivery Period"), prior to amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package (as defined below) or the Prospectus (including any amendment or supplement through incorporation by reference of any report filed under the Exchange Act), the Company shall furnish to the Representatives for review a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement.

(c) If, during the Prospectus Delivery Period, any event or development shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus as then amended and supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if in the judgment of the Company it shall be necessary to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if in the opinion of the Representatives it is otherwise necessary to amend or supplement the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or to file a new registration statement containing the Prospectus, in order to comply with law, including in connection with the delivery of the Prospectus, the Company agrees to (i) notify the Representatives of any such event or condition and (ii) promptly prepare (subject to paragraph (b) above), file with the Commission (and use its best efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement or any new registration statement be declared effective) and furnish at its own expense to the Underwriters and to dealers, amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any new registration statement, necessary in order to make the statements in the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented, in the light of the circumstances then prevailing or under which they were made, not misleading or so that the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with law.

(d) The Company will prepare a final term sheet for the Securities containing only a description of the Securities, in a form approved by the Representatives, and will file such term sheet pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act within the time required by such rule (the "Final Term Sheet"). Any such Final Term Sheet is an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus for purposes of this Agreement.

(e) The Company represents that (other than the Final Term Sheet) it has not made, and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make, any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an issuer free writing prospectus as defined in Rule 433 of the Securities Act (each, an "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus") or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433 of the Securities Act; provided that the prior written consent of the Representatives shall be deemed to have been given in respect of the Free Writing Prospectus included in Schedule II hereto. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company agrees that (i) it has treated and will treat, as the case may be, each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and (ii) has complied or will comply, as the case may be, with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 of the Securities Act applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record keeping. The Company consents to the use by any Underwriter of (i) a free writing prospectus that contains no "issuer information" (as defined in Rule 433(h)(2) under the Securities Act) that was not included (including through incorporation by reference) in the Prospectus or a previously filed Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, (ii) any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus listed on Schedule II hereto, or (iii) (x) information describing the preliminary terms of the Securities or their offering or (y) information that describes the final terms of the Securities or their offering and that is included in the Final Term Sheet.

(f) To advise the Representatives promptly and, if requested by a Representative, to confirm such advice in writing, (i) of any request by the Commission for amendments to the Registration Statement or amendments or supplements to the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package or for additional information, (ii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of the suspension of qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation of any proceeding for such purposes, and (iii) of the happening of any event during the Prospectus Delivery Period which makes any statement of a material fact made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus untrue or which requires the making of any additions to or changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading. To prepare and file with the Commission, promptly upon the Representatives' reasonable request, any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package which may be necessary or advisable in connection

with the distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, and to use its best efforts to cause any such post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement to become promptly effective. If at any time the Commission shall issue any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Company will make every reasonable effort to obtain the withdrawal or lifting of such order at the earliest possible time.

(g) To furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement as first filed with the Commission and of each amendment to it, including all exhibits, and to furnish to each Underwriter such number of conformed copies of the Registration Statement as so filed and of each amendment to it, without exhibits, as such Underwriter may reasonably request.

(h) During the Prospectus Delivery Period, to furnish to each Underwriter and dealer as many copies of the Base Prospectus and the Prospectus (each as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter or dealer may reasonably request.

(i) Prior to any public offering of the Securities, to cooperate with the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the registration or qualification of the Securities for offer and sale by the several Underwriters and by dealers under the state securities or Blue Sky laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may request, to continue such qualification in effect so long as required for distribution of the Securities and to file such consents to service of process or other documents as may be necessary in order to effect such registration or qualification, provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not so qualified or take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Securities in any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject.

(j) To make generally available to its security holders as soon as reasonably practicable an earnings statement covering a period of at least twelve months after the effective date of the Registration Statement which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 under the Securities Act.

(k) If at any time during the five year period after the date of this Agreement, the Company ceases to file reports with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, (i) to mail as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each fiscal year to the record holders of its Securities a financial report of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis (and a similar financial report of all unconsolidated subsidiaries, if any), all such financial reports to include a consolidated balance sheet, a consolidated statement of operations, a consolidated statement of cash flows and a consolidated statement of changes in stockholders' equity as of the end of and for such fiscal year, together with comparable information as of the end of and for the preceding year, certified by independent certified public accountants, and (ii) to mail and make generally available as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each quarterly period (except for the last quarterly period of each fiscal year) to such holders, a consolidated balance sheet, a consolidated statement of operations and a consolidated statement of cash flows (and similar financial reports of all unconsolidated subsidiaries, if any) as of the end of and for such period, and for the period from the beginning of such year to the close of such quarterly period, together with comparable information for the corresponding periods of the preceding year.

(l) To pay all costs, expenses, fees and taxes incident to (i) the preparation, printing, filing and distribution under the Securities Act of the Base Prospectus, each preliminary prospectus and all amendments and supplements to any of them prior to or during the Prospectus Delivery Period, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Disclosure Package, (ii) the printing and delivery of the Prospectus and all amendments or supplements to it during the Prospectus Delivery Period, (iii) the registration or qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or Blue Sky laws of the several states (including in each case the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters relating to such registration or qualification and memoranda relating thereto), (iv) filings and clearance with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. in connection with the offering, (v) furnishing such copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and all amendments and supplements thereto as may be requested for use in connection with the offering or sale of the Securities by the Underwriters or by dealers to whom Securities may be sold, (vi) the rating agencies in connection with the ratings of the Securities and (vii) the preparation, issuance, execution, authentication and delivery of the Securities, including any expenses of the Trustee.

(m) During the period beginning on the date hereof and continuing to and including the Closing Date, not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of any debt securities of the Company or warrants to purchase debt securities of the Company substantially similar to the Securities; provided, however, the Company may, at any time, offer or sell or announce the offering of commercial paper issued in the ordinary course of business.

(n) To apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities in the manner described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.

(o) To use its best efforts to do and perform all things required or necessary to be done and performed under this Agreement by the Company prior to the Closing Date and to satisfy all conditions precedent to the delivery of the Securities.

(p) Not to take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.

6. Representations and Warranties of the Company. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter that:

(a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement has become effective; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or threatened by the Commission. No order preventing the use of any preliminary prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus has been issued by the Commission.

(b) (i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement, (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), and (iii) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c)) made any offer relating to the Securities in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163, the Company was a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405, including not having been an “ineligible issuer” as defined in Rule 405.

(c) The Registration Statement is an “automatic shelf registration statement” as defined in Rule 405, that initially became effective within three years of the date hereof.

(d) The Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g) objecting to the use of the automatic shelf registration statement form. If at any time during the Prospectus Delivery Period the Company receives from the Commission a notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) or otherwise ceases to be eligible to use the automatic shelf registration statement form, the Company will (i) promptly notify the Representatives, (ii) promptly file a new registration statement or post-effective amendment on the proper form relating to the Securities, in a form satisfactory to the Representatives, (iii) use its best efforts to cause such registration statement or post-effective amendment to be declared effective as soon as practicable, and (iv) promptly notify the Representatives of such effectiveness. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the public offering and sale of the Securities to continue as contemplated in the registration statement that was the subject of the Rule 401(g)(2) notice or for which the Company has otherwise become ineligible. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include such new registration statement or post-effective amendment, as the case may be.

(e) The Company agrees to pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r).

(f) (i) At the respective times the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto became or becomes effective prior to the Closing Date, neither the Registration Statement nor such amendment included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus comply and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, as of the date such amendment becomes effective or such supplement is filed with the Commission, as the case may be, will comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”), (iii) the Prospectus does not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if

applicable, as of the date such amendment becomes effective or such supplement is filed with the Commission, as the case may be, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph (f) do not apply to statements or omissions in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished to the Company in writing by such Underwriter expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof and (iv) the documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Securities Act, at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission prior to the Closing Date, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act, and, when read together and with the other information in the Prospectus, as of the date of the Prospectus and at all times subsequent thereto up to the Closing Date, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of material fact or did not and will not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(g) The term "Disclosure Package" shall mean (i) the Base Prospectus, including the preliminary prospectus supplement dated March 21, 2012, as amended or supplemented at the Time of Sale (as defined below), and (ii) the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, identified on Schedule II hereto. As of the Time of Sale, the Disclosure Package did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof. As used in this paragraph and elsewhere in this Agreement "Time of Sale" shall mean 1:45 p.m. on March 21, 2012.

(h) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus does not include any information that conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement, including any document incorporated by reference therein that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 8 hereof.

(i) The Company has not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the Closing Date and the completion of the Underwriters' distribution of the Securities, any offering materials in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than a preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus, and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus reviewed and consented to by the Representatives and included in Schedule II hereto.

(j) The Company and each of its subsidiaries that is a “Significant Subsidiary” within the meaning of such term as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X of the Commission (the “Significant Subsidiaries”) is validly existing as a corporation (or, in the case of each of Capital One Bank (USA), National Association and Capital One, National Association, as a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States and in the case of ING Bank, fsb (“ING Direct”), a federal stock savings bank organized under the laws of the United States) in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation and has in all material respects the corporate power and authority to operate its business as it is currently being conducted and to own, lease and operate its properties, and each is duly qualified and is in good standing as a foreign corporation authorized to do business in each jurisdiction in which the nature of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(k) All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of, or other ownership interests in, each of the Company’s Significant Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, and are owned by the Company, free and clear of any security interest, claim, lien, encumbrance or adverse interest of any nature.

(l) The Securities have been duly authorized and, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Senior Indenture and delivered to the Underwriters against payment therefor as provided by this Agreement, will be entitled to the benefits of the Senior Indenture, and will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms except as limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and (ii) equitable principles of general applicability.

(m) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and is a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and (ii) equitable principles of general applicability and as rights to indemnity and contribution hereunder may be limited by applicable law).

(n) The Senior Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act and has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and is a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms except as may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and (ii) equitable principles of general applicability.

(o) The Securities conform as to legal matters in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the Prospectus.

(p) Neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries is in violation of its respective charter or by-laws or in default in any material respect in the performance of any obligation, agreement or condition contained in any bond, debenture,

note or other evidence of indebtedness material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or in any other agreement, indenture or instrument material to the conduct of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to which the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or their respective property is bound.

(q) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Senior Indenture and the Securities and compliance by the Company with all the provisions hereof and thereof and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will not require any consent, approval, authorization or other order of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or other governmental body (except those that have been previously received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank and as such may be required under the securities or Blue Sky laws of the various states) and will not conflict with or constitute a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or a default under, the charter or by-laws of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any material indenture, agreement, or other instrument to which it or any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or their respective property is bound, or violate or conflict with any laws, administrative regulations or rulings or court decrees applicable to the Company, any of its Significant Subsidiaries or their respective property.

(r) Except as otherwise set forth in the Disclosure Package, there are no material legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their respective property is the subject, and, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated. No contract or document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement is not so described or filed as required.

(s) The Company and each of its Significant Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all laws administered by and regulations of the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and any other federal or state bank regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries (the "Bank Regulatory Authorities"), other than where such failures to comply would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Except in each case as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its Significant Subsidiaries is a party to any written agreement or memorandum of understanding with, or a party to any commitment letter or similar undertaking to, or is subject to any order or directive by, or is a recipient of any extraordinary supervisory letter from, or has adopted any board resolutions at the request of, any Bank Regulatory Authority which restricts materially the conduct of its business, or requires any material change in its policies or practices relating to capital, credit or management, nor have any of them been advised by any Bank Regulatory Authority that it is contemplating issuing or requesting (or is considering the appropriateness of issuing or requesting) any such order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding, extraordinary supervisory letter, commitment letter or similar submission, or any such board resolutions.

(t) The Company and each of its subsidiaries has such permits, licenses, franchises and authorizations of governmental or regulatory authorities (“permits”), as are necessary to own, lease and operate its respective properties that are material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or to the conduct of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; the Company and each of its subsidiaries has fulfilled and performed all of its material obligations with respect to such permits and no event has occurred which allows, or after notice or lapse of time would allow, revocation or termination thereof or results in any other material impairment of the rights of the holder of any such permit; and, except as described in the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, such permits contain no restrictions that are materially burdensome to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(u) Ernst & Young LLP are independent public accountants with respect to the Company as required by the Securities Act.

(v) To the knowledge of the Company, Ernst & Young LLP, who have reviewed certain financial statements of ING Direct and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants with respect to ING Direct and its subsidiaries within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

(w) To the knowledge of the Company, KPMG LLP, who have reviewed certain financial statements of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, each as defined under that certain HSBC Purchase and Sale Agreement dated August 10, 2011 among HSBC Finance Corporation, HSBC USA Inc., HSBC Technology and Services (USA) Inc. and the Company (the “HSBC Purchase and Assumption Agreement”), are independent public accountants with respect to the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities (together, the “HSBC Business”) within the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

(x) The consolidated financial statements, together with related schedules and notes forming part of the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto), present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries on the basis stated in the Registration Statement at the respective dates or for the respective periods to which they apply; such statements and related schedules and notes have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein; and the other financial and statistical information and data set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto) is, in all material respects, accurately presented and prepared on a basis consistent with such consolidated financial statements and the books and records of the Company. The interactive data in eXtensible

Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(y) The preliminary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information of the Company, ING Direct and the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto) have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma financial statements and have been properly presented on the bases described therein, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable, the adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions referred to therein and the pro forma information reflects the proper application of those adjustments to the historical financial statement amounts in the pro forma financial statements.

(z) To the knowledge of the Company, the consolidated financial statements of ING Direct, together with related schedules and notes of ING Direct, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto), present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of ING Direct and its consolidated subsidiaries on the basis stated in such documents as of their respective dates or for the respective periods to which they apply; to the knowledge of the Company, such statements and related schedules and notes have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein; and to the knowledge of the Company, the other financial and statistical information and data of ING Direct set forth in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto) is, in all material respects, accurately presented and prepared on a basis consistent with such consolidated financial statements and the books and records of ING Direct.

(aa) To the knowledge of the Company, the consolidated financial statements of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, together with related schedules and notes of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, included in or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto), present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities on the basis stated in such documents as of their respective dates or for the respective periods to which they apply; to the knowledge of the Company, such statements and related schedules and notes have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein; and, to the knowledge of the Company, the other financial and statistical information and data of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities set forth in the Registration Statement, Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (and any amendment or supplement thereto) is, in all material respects, accurately presented and prepared on a basis consistent with such consolidated financial statements and the books and records with respect to the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities.

(bb) The HSBC Purchase and Assumption Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and is a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms; the Company is not in default under, nor has the Company materially breached or violated, the HSBC Purchase and Assumption Agreement in any manner; to the knowledge of the Company, no other party to the HSBC Purchase and Assumption Agreement is in default thereunder and no other party to such agreement has materially breached or violated such agreement in any manner.

(cc) The Company is not, and will not be after giving effect to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the application of the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities required, to register under the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as an “investment company” amended (the “Investment Company Act”), and is not required to take any other action with respect to or under the Investment Company Act for such transactions or the offer and sale of the Securities as contemplated thereunder or hereunder.

(dd) The Company maintains (i) effective internal control over financial reporting as defined under Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act, and (ii) a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management’s general or specific authorizations; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management’s general or specific authorization; and (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(ee) Except as disclosed in the Prospectus and the Disclosure Package, or in any document incorporated by reference therein, since the end of the Company’s most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

(ff) None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any “foreign official” (including any officer or

employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company, its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, its affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance in all material respects with applicable anti-corruption laws and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(gg) None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject of any sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“OFAC”); and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering of the Securities hereunder, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of or with any person or entity or in any country or territory that, at the time of such financing, is the subject of any sanctions administered by OFAC.

(hh) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are in material compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions in which the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency having jurisdiction over the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Money Laundering Laws”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened, which could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(ii) The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in any stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities.

7. Representations and Warranties of the Underwriters. Each Underwriter hereby severally represents and agrees that (other than the Final Term Sheet) such Underwriter has not included and shall not include any “issuer information” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) in any “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) used or referred to by such Underwriter without the prior consent of the Company; provided that (i) no such consent shall be required with respect to any such issuer information contained in any document filed by the Company with the Commission prior to the use of such free writing prospectus and (ii) “issuer information,” as used in this Section 7, shall not be deemed to include information prepared by or on behalf of such Underwriter on the basis of or derived from issuer information.

8. Indemnification. (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each of its directors and each of its officers, agents, and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, and each affiliate of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and judgments arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (each as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto) or any preliminary prospectus, or arising out of or based upon any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or judgments are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon information relating to any Underwriter furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in this Section 8.

(b) In case any action shall be brought against any indemnified party based upon any preliminary prospectus, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or the Disclosure Package or any amendment or supplement thereto and with respect to which indemnity may be sought against the Company, such indemnified party shall promptly notify the Company in writing and the Company shall assume the defense thereof, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and payment of all fees and expenses. Any indemnified party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such action and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the employment of such counsel shall have been specifically authorized in writing by the Company, (ii) the Company shall have failed to assume the defense and employ counsel or (iii) the named parties to any such action (including any impleaded parties) include both such indemnified party and the Company and such indemnified party shall have been advised by such counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Company (in which case the Company shall not have the right to assume the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party, it being understood, however, that the Company shall not, in connection with any one such action or separate but substantially similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys (in addition to any local counsel) for all such indemnified parties, which firm shall be designated in writing by the Representatives, and that all such reasonable fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred). The Company shall not be liable for any settlement of any such action effected without its written consent but if settled with the written consent of the Company, the Company agrees to

indemnify and hold harmless any indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes (i) an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (ii) does not include any statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(c) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors and each of its officers who signs the Registration Statement and each person controlling the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company to each Underwriter but only to the extent of losses, claims, damages, liabilities and judgments arising out of or based upon information relating to such Underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Disclosure Package or the Prospectus. The Representatives confirm that the Underwriters' names on the cover page of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the Prospectus and the Underwriters' names in the table in the first paragraph and the statements set forth in the third, sixth and seventh paragraphs under the heading "Underwriting" in the preliminary prospectus supplement and the Prospectus were furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of the Underwriters expressly for use therein. In case any action shall be brought against the Company, any of its directors, any such officer or any person controlling the Company based on the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus and in respect of which indemnity may be sought against any Underwriter, the Underwriter shall have the rights and duties given to the Company (except that if the Company shall have assumed the defense thereof, such Underwriter shall not be required to do so, but may employ separate counsel therein and participate in the defense thereof but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Underwriter), and the Company, its directors, any such officers and any person controlling the Company shall have the rights and duties given to the Underwriter, by Section 8(b) hereof.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 8 is unavailable to an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or judgments referred to therein, then each indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages, liabilities and judgments (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other hand from the offering of the Securities or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims,

damages, liabilities or judgments, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Underwriters shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, bear to the total price to the public of the Securities, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault of the Company and the Underwriters shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(d) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities or judgments referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8(d) are several in proportion to the respective amount of Securities purchased by each of the Underwriters hereunder and not joint.

9. Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations. The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Securities under this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction of each of the following conditions:

(a) All the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct on the Closing Date with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the Closing Date.

(b) The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, and at the Closing Date no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been commenced or shall be pending before or, to the best knowledge of the Company, contemplated by the Commission.

(c) The Final Term Sheet, and any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Securities Act, shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings under Rule 433.

(d) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date, there shall not have been any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded any of the Company's securities by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization", as such term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

(e) (i) Since the date of the latest balance sheet included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there shall not have been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, affairs or business prospects, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, except as set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (ii) since the date of the latest balance sheet included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus there shall not have been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the capital stock or in the long-term debt of the Company, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock (other than ordinary course dividends and equity issuances under the Company's existing employee compensation plans) from that set forth or contemplated in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, (iii) the Company and its subsidiaries shall have no liability or obligation, direct or contingent, which is material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, other than those reflected in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, and (iv) on the Closing Date the Underwriters shall have received a certificate dated the Closing Date, signed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer of the Company, confirming the matters set forth in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) (i) – (iii) of this Section 9.

(f) (i) Since the date of the latest balance sheet included in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there shall not have been any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, affairs or business prospects, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, of the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities taken as a whole, except as set forth or contemplated in the Prospectus, and (ii) the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities shall have no liability or obligation, direct or contingent, which is material to the Acquired Assets or the Assumed Liabilities, taken as a whole, other than those reflected in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

(g) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion (reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters), dated the Closing Date, of a Chief Counsel, Deputy General Counsel or General Counsel of the Company or such other person as the Representatives and the Company may agree. The opinion of such counsel shall be rendered to the Underwriters at the request of the Company and shall so state therein.

(h) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion (reasonably satisfactory to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters), dated the Closing Date, of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, special counsel to the Company.

(i) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion, dated the Closing Date, of Morrison & Foerster LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, covering such matters as the Representative may request.

(j) The Underwriters shall have received letters on and as of the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, from Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information of the Company contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus.

(k) The Underwriters shall have received letters on and as of the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, from Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information of ING Direct contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus.

(l) The Underwriters shall have received letters on and as of the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, from KPMG LLP, independent public accountants, with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information of the HSBC Business contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus.

(m) The Company shall not have failed at or prior to the Closing Date to perform or comply with any of the agreements herein contained and required to be performed or complied with by the Company at or prior to the Closing Date.

10. Effective Date of Agreement and Termination. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing Date by the Representatives by written notice to the Company if any of the following has occurred: (i) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and since the Time of Sale, any material adverse change or development involving a prospective material adverse change (including, without limitation, the enactment, publication, decree or other promulgation of any federal or state statute, regulation, rule or order of any court or other governmental authority) in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole or the earnings, affairs, or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, which would, in the judgment of the Representatives, make it impracticable to market the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus, (ii) any outbreak or escalation of

hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis (including, without limitation, an act of terrorism) or change in economic conditions or in the financial markets of the United States or elsewhere that, in the judgment of the Representatives, is material and adverse and would, in the judgment of the Representatives, make it impracticable to market the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus, (iii) the suspension or material limitation of trading in securities generally, or in the securities of the Company listed, on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or The NASDAQ Stock Market, limitation on prices on any such exchange, (iv) a material disruption in securities settlement that makes it impracticable to deliver the Securities in the manner contemplated by the Prospectus, or (v) the taking of any action by any federal, state or local government or agency in respect of its monetary or fiscal affairs which in the opinion of the Representatives has a material adverse effect on the financial markets in the United States.

If on the Closing Date any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase and pay for any of the Securities which it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date and the aggregate principal amount of the Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, as the case may be, agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the total principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date by all Underwriters, each non-defaulting Underwriter shall be obligated severally, in the proportion which the principal amount of Securities set forth opposite its name in Schedule I bears to the total principal amount of Securities which all the non-defaulting Underwriters, as the case may be, have agreed to purchase, or in such other proportion as the Representatives may specify, to purchase the Securities which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, as the case may be, agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; *provided* that in no event shall the principal amount of Securities which any Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to Section 2 hereof be increased pursuant to this Section 10 by an amount in excess of one-ninth of such principal amount of Securities without the written consent of such Underwriter. If on the Closing Date any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities and the aggregate principal amount of Securities with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of Securities to be purchased on such date by all Underwriters and arrangements satisfactory to the Representatives and the Company for purchase of such Securities are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement will terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter and the Company. In any such case which does not result in termination of this Agreement, either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus or any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of any such Underwriter under this Agreement.

11. No Agency or Fiduciary Duty. The Company acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's length commercial transaction between the Company, on the

one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, and the Company is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in connection with each transaction contemplated hereby, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company or its affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other party; (iii) no Underwriter has assumed an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the several Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company and the several Underwriters have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) the Underwriters have not provided any legal accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the several Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company may have against the several Underwriters with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

12. Miscellaneous. Notices given pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be addressed as follows: (a) if to the Company, to Capital One Financial Corporation, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102, Attention: Senior Director of Capital Markets, and (b) if to any Underwriter, to Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 60 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, Facsimile: 212-469-7875, Attention: DCM Syndicate, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10179, Facsimile: (212) 834-6081, Attention: High Grade Syndicate Desk – 3rd Floor and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 301 S. College St., Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Facsimile: (704) 383-9165, Attention: Transaction Management, or in any case to such other address as the person to be notified may have requested in writing.

13. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective indemnities, contribution agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, its officers and directors and of the several Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities, regardless of (i) any investigation, or statement as to the results thereof, made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or by or on behalf of the Company, the officers or directors of the Company or any controlling person of the Company, (ii) acceptance of the Securities and payment for them hereunder and (iii) termination of this Agreement.

14. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Company to comply with the terms or to satisfy any of the conditions of this Agreement, the Company agrees to reimburse the several Underwriters for all out-of-pocket expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel) reasonably incurred by them.

15. Successors. Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement has been and is made solely for the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Company, the Underwriters, any director or officer of the Company referred to herein, any controlling persons referred to herein, any agent referred to herein, any affiliate referred to herein and their respective successors and assigns, all as and to the extent provided in this Agreement, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. The term "successors and assigns" shall not include a purchaser of any of the Securities from any of the several Underwriters merely because of such purchase.

16. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without reference to choice of law principles thereof.

17. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in various counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Please confirm that the foregoing correctly sets forth the agreement between the Company and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen Linehan

Name: Stephen Linehan

Title: Treasurer

Accepted:

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

Acting on behalf of themselves and the several
Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto

By: DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES INC.

By: /s/ Adam Raucher

Name: Adam Raucher

Title: Director

By: /s/ Mary Hardgrove

Name: Mary Hardgrove

Title: Director

By: J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Stephen L. Sheiner

Name: Stephen L. Sheiner

Title: Executive Director

By: WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

By: /s/ Carolyn Hurley

Name: Carolyn Hurley

Title: Director

SCHEDULE I

<u>Underwriters</u>	<u>Principal Amount of Securities to be Purchased</u>	
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$	375,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$	375,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$	375,000,000
RBS Securities Inc.	\$	62,500,000
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.	\$	31,250,000
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.	\$	31,250,000
Total	\$	1,250,000,000

SCHEDULE II

**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
\$1,250,000,000 2.150% SENIOR NOTES DUE March 23, 2015**

Summary of Terms for Issuance

Issuer:	Capital One Financial Corporation
Security:	2.150% Senior Notes due March 23, 2015
Principal Amount:	US\$ 1,250,000,000
Net Proceeds to Issuer:	US\$ 1,245,825,000
Ranking:	Senior Unsecured
Expected Security Ratings:*	Baa1 / BBB / A- (Moody's / S&P / Fitch)
Trade Date:	March 21, 2012
Settlement Date:	March 23, 2012 (T+2)
Maturity Date:	March 23, 2015
Coupon:	2.150% per annum
Reference Benchmark:	0.375% UST due March 15, 2015
Reference Benchmark Yield:	0.579%
Spread to Benchmark:	+ 160 bps
Re-offer Yield:	2.179%
Price to Public:	99.916% of principal amount
Interest Payment Dates:	Semi-annually in arrears on March 23 and September 23 of each year, commencing on September 23, 2012 to and including the maturity date.

CUSIP/ISIN: 14040HAZ8/US14040HAZ82

Joint Book-Running Managers: Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Co-Managers: RBS Securities Inc.
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc.
The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

* Note: A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Capital One Financial Corporation has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus and preliminary prospectus supplement) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read each of these documents and the other documents filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference in such documents for more complete information about Capital One Financial Corporation and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, you may obtain a copy of these documents by calling Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. toll-free at 1-800-503-4611, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at 1-212-834-4533 or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC toll-free at 1-800-326-5897.

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2.150% SENIOR NOTE DUE 2015

THIS IS A SECURITY IN GLOBAL FORM WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SENIOR INDENTURE REFERRED TO HEREINAFTER.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (THE "DEPOSITARY") TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF THE DEPOSITARY OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL SECURITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE SENIOR INDENTURE REFERRED TO ON THE REVERSE HEREOF.

THIS SECURITY IS NOT A SAVINGS ACCOUNT, DEPOSIT OR OTHER OBLIGATION OF A BANK AND IS NOT INSURED BY THE FDIC OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY.

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Principal Amount \$[]

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

2.150% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2015

Capital One Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns the principal sum of [], at the Company's office or agency for said purposes, on March 23, 2015 (the "Stated Maturity").

Interest Payment Dates: March 23 and September 23

Regular Record Dates: March 10 and September 10

Reference is made to the further provisions set forth on the reverse hereof, including the definitions of certain capitalized terms. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Security shall not be valid or obligatory until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been duly signed by the Trustee acting under the Senior Indenture.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated:

CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest By: _____
Name:
Title:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities issued under the within-mentioned Senior Indenture.

Dated:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,
N.A., AS TRUSTEE

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

REVERSE OF SECURITY
Capital One Financial Corporation
2.150% Senior Notes Due 2015

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of debt securities of the Company, of the series hereinafter specified, all issued or to be issued under a Senior Indenture, dated as of November 1, 1996 (the "Senior Indenture"), and duly executed and delivered by the Company to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor to Harris Trust and Savings Bank, as trustee (hereinafter, the "Trustee"). Reference to the Senior Indenture and the Officers' Certificate thereunder establishing the terms of this Security is hereby made for a description of the respective rights and duties thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of the Securities. This Security is one of a series designated as the "2.150% Senior Notes Due 2015" of the Company (hereinafter called the "Notes"), issued under the Senior Indenture. Each Holder by accepting a Note, agrees to be bound by all terms and provisions of the Senior Indenture, as amended from time to time, applicable to the Notes.

Neither the Senior Indenture nor the Notes limit or otherwise restrict the amount of indebtedness which may be incurred or other securities which may be issued by the Company. The Notes issued under the Senior Indenture are direct, unsecured obligations of the Company and will mature on March 23, 2015. The Notes rank on parity with all other unsecured, unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company.

The Company promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Security at the rate of 2.150% per annum. The Company will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on March 23 and September 23 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing on September 23, 2012. Interest on this Security will accrue from March 23, 2012 or from the most recent March 23 or September 23, as the case may be, to which interest on the Notes has been paid or duly provided for, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. Interest on the Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Company will pay interest to the Person in whose name this Security is registered at the close of business on March 10 or September 10, as the case may be, next preceding the applicable Interest Payment Date, except that the Company will pay the interest payable at the Stated Maturity of this Security to the Person or Persons to whom principal is payable. The Company will pay interest in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. The Company will make payments in respect of Notes in global form (including principal and interest) to the Holder thereof or a nominee of the Holder, by wire transfer of immediately available funds as of the close of business on the date such payments are due.

If the Company defaults in the payment of interest due on any Interest Payment Date after taking into account any applicable grace period, such defaulted interest shall be paid as set forth in the Senior Indenture.

The Notes are not entitled to any sinking fund.

The Notes are subject to defeasance pursuant to Section 402 of the Senior Indenture.

The Notes are not convertible into common stock of the Company.

In case an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing with respect to the Notes, the principal hereof may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Senior Indenture. The Senior Indenture provides that in certain circumstances such declaration and its consequences may be waived by the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then Outstanding. However, any such consent or waiver by the Holder shall not affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

The Senior Indenture permits the Company and the Trustee, without the consent of the Holders of the Notes for certain situations and with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the Holders in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes of each series affected by such supplemental indenture in other situations, to execute supplemental indentures adding to, modifying, or changing various provisions of, the Senior Indenture; provided that no such supplemental indenture, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby, shall (i) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of or any installment of interest on the Notes; (ii) reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, or adversely affect the right of repayment of any Holder; (iii) change the Place of Payment or Currency in which the principal of or interest on the Notes is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof; (iv) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of the Senior Indenture or certain defaults thereunder and their consequences) provided for in the Senior Indenture, or reduce the requirements of Section 1504 for quorum or voting; or (v) modify any of the provisions of Sections 902, 513 or 1008 of the Senior Indenture, except to increase any such percentage or provide that certain other provisions of the Senior Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby.

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Section 1005, 1006 or 1007 of the Senior Indenture, if before the time it would have to comply, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, by act of such Holders, either shall waive such compliance in such instance or generally shall have waived compliance with such term, provision or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

No reference herein to the Senior Indenture and no provision of this Security or of the Senior Indenture shall alter or impair the obligations of the Company, which are absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of or interest on this Security at the respective times and at the rate herein prescribed.

The Notes are issuable in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. A Holder may exchange the Notes for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of other authorized denominations in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Senior Indenture.

Upon due presentment for registration of transfer of the Notes at the office or agency for said purpose of the Company, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations, for a like aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the transferee as provided in the Senior Indenture. No service charge shall be made for any such transfer, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto.

Prior to due presentation of this Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee, and any agent of the Company or the Trustee, may deem and treat the Holder hereof as the owner of this Security (whether or not any payment with respect to this Security shall be overdue), for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (subject to the provisions of the Senior Indenture) interest hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not any payment with respect to this Security shall be overdue, and neither the Company, nor the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on this Security, for any claim based hereon, or otherwise in respect hereof, or based on or in respect of the Senior Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto, or because of the creation of any indebtedness represented thereby, against any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise, all such liability being, by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof, expressly waived and released.

THIS SECURITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

All terms used in this Security (and not otherwise defined in this Security) that are defined in the Senior Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Senior Indenture.

March 23, 2012

Capital One Financial Corporation
1680 Capital One Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102

Re: *Capital One Financial Corporation*
Public Offering of Notes

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Capital One Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") in connection with: (i) the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a Registration Statement on Form S-3, file no. 333-159085 (the "Registration Statement"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"); (ii) the prospectus included therein; (iii) the prospectus supplement, dated March 21, 2012, filed with the Commission on March 22, 2012 pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act ("the Prospectus Supplement"); and (iv) the offering by the Company pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement of \$1,250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 2.150% Senior Notes due 2015 (the "Notes").

The Notes have been issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Harris Trust and Savings Bank), as trustee.

In arriving at the opinions expressed below, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true and complete copies of the originals, of the Indenture, the Notes, the Officer's Certificate dated March 23, 2012 setting forth the terms of the Notes, and such other documents, corporate records, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable to enable us to render these opinions. In our examination, we have assumed, without independent investigation, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to these opinions, we have relied to the extent we deemed appropriate and without independent investigation upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Notes are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms.

The opinion expressed above is subject to the following additional exceptions, qualifications, limitations and assumptions:

A. We render no opinion herein as to matters involving the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York and to the extent relevant for our opinions herein, the Delaware General Corporation Law and New York Business Corporation Law. This opinion is limited to the effect of the current state of the laws of the State of New York and the Delaware General Corporation Law and New York Business Corporation Law and the facts as they currently exist. We assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion in the event of future changes in such laws or the interpretations thereof or such facts.

B. The opinion above is subject to (i) the effect of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, arrangement or similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors' generally, including without limitation the effect of statutory or other laws regarding fraudulent transfers or preferential transfers, and (ii) general principles of equity, including without limitation concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

C. We express no opinion regarding the effectiveness of (i) any waiver of stay, extension or usury laws or of unknown future rights, (ii) provisions relating to indemnification, exculpation or contribution, to the extent such provisions may be held unenforceable as contrary to public policy or federal or state securities laws, (iii) any purported fraudulent transfer "savings" clause (iv) any provision waiving the right to object to venue in any court; or (v) any agreement to submit to the jurisdiction of any Federal court; (vi) any waiver of the right to jury trial.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the caption "Validity of the Securities" in the Registration Statement, and under the caption "Validity of the Notes" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

March 23, 2012

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP