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# 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 15, 2012

# CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

1-32663 (Commission 86-0812139 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

of incorporation) File Number)

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#### 200 East Basse Road

San Antonio, Texas 78209

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (210) 832-3700

### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### 7.625% Series A Senior Subordinated Notes due 2020 and 7.625% Series B Senior Subordinated Notes due 2020

On March 15, 2012, Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. ( CCWH ), an indirect subsidiary of Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc. (the Company ), completed the sale of \$275.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.625% Series A Senior Subordinated Notes due 2020 (the Series A Notes ) and \$1,925.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7.625% Series B Senior Subordinated Notes due 2020 (the Series B Notes and collectively with the Series A Notes, the Notes ) at an issue price of 100.0% in a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), and to persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes mature on March 15, 2020 and bear interest at a rate of 7.625% per annum, payable to the Trustee (as defined below) weekly in arrears and to the noteholders semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on September 15, 2012.

With the proceeds of the Notes (net of an initial purchasers discount of \$33.0 million), CCWH made loans in an aggregate amount equal to \$2,167.0 million to its parent company, Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc. ( CCOI ), a direct subsidiary of the Company. CCOI paid all other fees and expenses of the offering using cash on hand and, with the proceeds of the loans, made a special cash dividend to the Company which in turn made a special cash dividend (the CCOH Dividend ) on March 15, 2012 in amount equal to \$6.0832 per share to its Class A and Class B stockholders of record at the close of business on March 12, 2012, including Clear Channel Holdings, Inc. ( Clear Channel Holdings ), an indirect subsidiary of CC Media Holdings, Inc. ( CCMH ), the Company s indirect parent company, and CC Finco, LLC ( CC Finco ), an indirect subsidiary of CCMH.

#### Indentures

The Series A Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 15, 2012 (the Series A Note Indenture ), among CCWH, the Company, CCOI and the other guarantors named therein (collectively with the Company and CCOI, the Series A Note Guarantors ) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the Trustee ), and the Series B Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 15, 2012 (the Series B Note Indenture and together with the Series A Note Indenture, the Indentures ), among CCWH, the Company, CCOI and the other guarantors named therein (collectively with the Company and CCOI, the Series B Note Guarantors, and collectively with the Series A Note Guarantors, the Guarantors ) and the Trustee.

The Notes are CCWH s senior subordinated obligations and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior subordinated basis by the Guarantors. At any time prior to March 15, 2015, CCWH may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes plus a make-whole premium, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. CCWH may redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, on or after March 15, 2015, at the redemption prices set forth in the applicable Indenture plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. At any time on or before March 15, 2015, CCWH may elect to redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes at a redemption price equal to 107.625% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, with the net proceeds of one or more equity offerings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is permitted to make any purchase of, or otherwise effectively cancel or retire any Series B Notes if, after giving effect thereto and, if applicable, any concurrent purchase of or other addition with respect to any Series A Notes, the ratio of (a) the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Series B Notes shall be greater than 0.25, subject to certain exceptions.

The Series A Note Indenture contains covenants that limit the Company s ability and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things: (i) incur additional debt or issue certain preferred stock; (ii) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (iii) create restrictions on dividends or other payments by the restricted subsidiaries; and (iv) merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of the Company s or CCWH s assets. The Series A Note Indenture does not include limitations on dividends, stock redemptions or other distributions or investments or on asset sales. The Series B Note Indenture contains covenants that limit the Company s ability

and the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to, among other things: (i) pay dividends, redeem stock or make other distributions or investments; (ii) incur additional debt or issue certain preferred stock; (iii) transfer or sell assets; (iv) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (v) create restrictions on dividends or other payments by the restricted subsidiaries; and (vi) merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of the Company s or CCWH s assets. The Indentures also provide for customary events of default.

The description of the Notes and the Indentures contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the respective Indentures filed as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Exchange and Registration Rights Agreements**

On March 15, 2012, in connection with the private placement of the Notes, CCWH, the Guarantors and Goldman, Sachs and Co., on behalf of the initial purchasers, entered into two Exchange and Registration Rights Agreements, one such agreement with respect to the Series A Notes (the Series A Note Registration Rights Agreement) and one such agreement with respect to the Series B Notes (the Series B Note Registration Rights Agreement and together with the Series A Note Registration Rights Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreements), pursuant to which CCWH and the Guarantors are required to (i) use their commercially reasonable efforts to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than October 11, 2012 a registration statement with respect to an offer to exchange the Notes for new issues of debt securities registered under the Securities Act, with terms substantially identical to those of the Series A Notes or Series B Notes, as applicable (except for provisions relating to the transfer restrictions and payment of additional interest); (ii) use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause the registration statement to become effective no later than December 10, 2012; (iii) use their commercially reasonable efforts to commence the exchange offer no later than 10 business days after the effective time of the registration statement; and (iv) in certain circumstances, file a shelf registration statement for the resale of the Notes. If CCWH and the Guarantors fail to satisfy their registration obligations under any applicable Registration Rights Agreement, then CCWH will be required to pay additional interest to the holders of the Series A Notes and/or Series B Notes, as applicable, up to a maximum additional interest rate of 0.50% per annum.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the respective Registration Rights Agreements filed as Exhibits 4.3 and 4.4 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

The information set forth in Item 1.01 above is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

On March 15, 2012, using cash on hand, Clear Channel Communications, Inc. ( CCU ), the Company s indirect parent company, made voluntary prepayments under its senior secured credit facilities in an aggregate amount equal to \$170.5 million, as follows: (i) \$16.2 million under its term loan A due 2014, (ii) \$129.8 million under its term loan B due 2016, (iii) \$10.0 million under its term loan C due 2016 and (iv) \$14.5 million under its delayed draw term loans due 2016.

Additionally, on March 15, 2012, using proceeds of the CCOH Dividend distributed to Clear Channel Holdings and CC Finco, together with cash on hand, CCU made mandatory prepayments under its senior secured credit facilities in an aggregate amount equal to \$1,925.7 million, as follows: (i) \$1,918.1 million under its revolving credit facility due 2014, representing a permanent reduction of availability under such facility, (ii) \$0.7 million under its term loan A due 2014, (iii) \$5.8 million under its term loan B due 2016, (iv) \$0.4 million under its term loan C due 2016 and (v) \$0.7 million under its delayed draw term loans due 2016.

Prior to the foregoing voluntary and mandatory prepayments, CCU made a mandatory prepayment of \$2.2 million as required in connection with its annual excess cash flow calculation under its senior secured credit facilities and made additional borrowings under its revolving credit facility due 2014 in an aggregate amount equal to \$602.5 million.

Following the foregoing voluntary and mandatory prepayments and the additional borrowings, the outstanding balances under CCU s senior secured credit facilities on March 15, 2012 were: (i) \$10 million under its revolving credit facility due 2014 (representing substantially all available capacity under such facility), (ii) \$1,070.0 million under its term loan A due 2014, (iii) \$8,598.5 million under its term loan B due 2016, (iv) \$660.4 million under its term loan C due 2016 and (v) \$961.4 million under its delayed draw term loans due 2016.

The Company s Class A common stock went Ex the CCOH Dividend of \$6.0832 beginning on March 16, 2012, reflecting the payment of the CCOH Dividend.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Indenture with respect to 7.625% Series A Senior Notes due 2020, dated as of March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
- 4.2 Indenture with respect to 7.625% Series B Senior Notes due 2020, dated as of March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
- 4.3 Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement with respect to 7.625% Series A Senior Notes due 2020, dated March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers named therein.
- 4.4 Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement with respect to 7.625% Series B Senior Notes due 2020, dated March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers named therein.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2012

## CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Scott D. Hamilton Scott D. Hamilton

Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Assistant

Secretary

#### **Exhibit Index**

#### Exhibit

#### No. Description Indenture with respect to 7.625% Series A Senior Notes due 2020, dated as of March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel 4.1 Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. Indenture with respect to 7.625% Series B Senior Notes due 2020, dated as of March 15, 2012, by and among Clear Channel 4.2 Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement with respect to 7.625% Series A Senior Notes due 2020, dated March 15, 2012, by 4.3 and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers named therein. Exchange and Registration Rights Agreement with respect to 7.625% Series B Senior Notes due 2020, dated March 15, 2012, by 4.4 and among Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers named therein.

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You may not receive any positive return on your investment in the notes. The notes do not pay interest. If a knock-out event does not occur and the index return is 0%, you will not receive any positive return on your investment. Even if you do receive a positive return at maturity, there is no assurance that your total return on the notes will be as great as could have been achieved on a conventional debt security of ours of comparable maturity. The notes are not appropriate for investors who require interest payments or the certainty of a positive return on their investment.

The initial index level, which has been set on the strike date, may be higher than the closing level of the underlying index on the pricing date. If the closing level of the underlying index on the pricing date is less than the initial index level that was set on the strike date, the terms of the securities may be less favorable to you than the terms of an alternative investment that may be available to you that offers a similar payout as the securities but with the initial index level set on the pricing date.

Although the notes provide for the repayment of the stated principal amount at maturity, you may nevertheless suffer a loss on your investment in real value terms if a knock-out event occurs or if the underlying index does not appreciate or depreciate sufficiently from the initial index level to the final index level. This is because inflation may cause the real value of the stated principal amount to be less at maturity than it is at the time you invest, and because an investment in the notes represents a forgone opportunity to invest in an alternative asset that does generate a positive real return at a market rate. You should carefully consider whether an investment that may not provide for any return on your investment, or may provide a return that is lower than the return on alternative investments, is appropriate for you.

Your potential to participate in the absolute value of the performance of the underlying index may terminate on any scheduled trading day during the observation period. A knock-out event will occur if the closing level of the underlying index on any scheduled trading day during the observation period is less than the downside knock-out level or greater than the upside knock-out level. The knock-out feature of the notes effectively limits the potential return on the notes.

The probability that a knock-out event will occur will depend in part on the volatility of the underlying index.

"Volatility" refers to the frequency and magnitude of changes in the level of the underlying index. In general, the greater the volatility of the underlying index, the greater the probability that the underlying index will experience a large increase or decrease over the term of the notes and a knock-out event will occur on any scheduled trading day during the observation period. The underlying index has historically experienced significant volatility. As a result, there is a significant risk that a knock-out event will occur during the observation period. The terms of the notes are set, in part, based on expectations about the volatility of the underlying index as of the pricing date. If expectations about the volatility of the underlying index change over the term of the notes, the value of the notes may be adversely affected, and if the actual volatility of the underlying index proves to be greater than initially expected, the notes may prove to be riskier than initially expected.

Your potential return on the notes is limited and may significantly underperform the underlying index. The notes offer the potential for (i) a positive return at maturity based on the absolute value of the performance of the underlying index if a knock-out event does not occur and (ii) a positive fixed return at maturity if a knock-out event does occur. A knock-out event will occur if the closing level of the underlying index on any scheduled trading day during the observation period is less than the downside knock-out level or greater than the upside knock-out level. If the closing level of the underlying index on any scheduled trading day is greater than the upside knock-out level, you will not participate in any appreciation of the underlying index. As a result, your potential return on the notes may be significantly less than the return you could have achieved by investing directly in the underlying index.

Investing in the notes is not equivalent to investing in the underlying index or the stocks that constitute the underlying index. You will not have voting rights, rights to receive dividends or other distributions or any other rights with respect to the stocks that constitute the underlying index. The payment scenarios described in this pricing supplement do not show any effect of lost dividend yield over the term of the notes. If the underlying index appreciates, or if it depreciates by up to the dividend yield, this lost dividend yield will cause the notes to underperform an alternative investment providing for a pass-through of all dividends and 1-to-1 exposure to the performance of the underlying index.

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If a knock-out event does not occur, your payment at maturity will depend on the closing level of the underlying index on a single day. Because your payment at maturity will depend on the closing level of the underlying index solely on the valuation date if a knock-out event does not occur, you are subject to the risk that the closing level of the underlying index on that day may result in a lower, and possibly significantly lower, payment at maturity than the closing level on one or more other dates during the term of the notes. If the payment at maturity were based on an average of closing levels of the underlying index, you might have achieved better returns.

The notes are subject to the credit risk of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc. If we default on our obligations under the notes and Citigroup Inc. defaults on its guarantee obligations, you may not receive anything owed to you under the notes.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange and you may not be able to sell them prior to maturity. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the notes. CGMI currently intends to make a secondary market in relation to the notes and to provide an indicative bid price for the notes on a daily basis. Any indicative bid price for the notes provided by CGMI will be determined in CGMI's sole discretion, taking into account prevailing market conditions and other relevant factors, and will not be a representation by CGMI that the notes can be sold at that price, or at all. CGMI may suspend or terminate making a market and providing indicative bid prices without notice, at any time and for any reason. If CGMI suspends or terminates making a market, there may be no secondary market at all for the notes because it is likely that CGMI will be the only broker-dealer that is willing to buy your notes prior to maturity. Accordingly, an investor must be prepared to hold the notes until maturity.

Sale of the notes prior to maturity may result in a loss of principal. You will be entitled to receive at least the full stated principal amount of your notes, subject to the credit risk of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and Citigroup Inc., only if you hold the notes to maturity. The value of the notes may fluctuate during the term of the notes, and if you are able to sell your notes prior to maturity, you may receive less than the full stated principal amount of your notes.

The estimated value of the notes on the pricing date, based on CGMI's proprietary pricing models and our internal funding rate, is less than the issue price. The difference is attributable to certain costs associated with selling, structuring and hedging the notes that are included in the issue price. These costs include (i) the selling concessions paid in connection with the offering of the notes, (ii) hedging and other costs incurred by us and our affiliates in connection with the offering of the notes and (iii) the expected profit (which may be more or less than actual profit) to CGMI or other of our affiliates in connection with hedging our obligations under the notes. These costs adversely affect the economic terms of the notes because, if they were lower, the economic terms of the notes would be more favorable to you. The economic terms of the notes are also likely to be adversely affected by the use of our internal funding rate, rather than our secondary market rate, to price the notes. See "The estimated value of the notes would be lower if it were calculated based on our secondary market rate" below.

The estimated value of the notes was determined for us by our affiliate using proprietary pricing models. CGMI derived the estimated value disclosed on the cover page of this pricing supplement from its proprietary pricing models. In doing so, it may have made discretionary judgments about the inputs to its models, such as the volatility of the underlying index, dividend yields on the stocks that constitute the

underlying index and interest rates. CGMI's views on these inputs may differ from your or others' views, and as an underwriter in this offering, CGMI's interests may conflict with yours. Both the models and the inputs to the models may prove to be wrong and therefore not an accurate reflection of the value of the notes. Moreover, the estimated value of the notes set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement may differ from the value that we or our affiliates may determine for the notes for other purposes, including for accounting purposes. You should not invest in the notes because of the estimated value of the notes. Instead, you should be willing to hold the notes to maturity irrespective of the initial estimated value.

The estimated value of the notes would be lower if it were calculated based on our secondary market rate. The estimated value of the notes included in this pricing supplement is calculated based on our internal funding rate, which is the rate at which we are willing to borrow funds through the issuance of the notes. Our internal funding rate is generally lower than our secondary market rate, which is the rate that CGMI will use in determining the value of the notes for purposes of any purchases of the notes from you in the secondary market. If the estimated value included in this pricing supplement were based on our secondary market rate, rather than our internal funding rate, it would likely be lower. We determine our internal funding rate based on factors such as the costs associated with the notes, which are generally higher than the costs associated with conventional debt securities, and our liquidity needs and preferences. Our internal funding rate is not an interest rate that we will pay to investors in the notes.

Because there is not an active market for traded instruments referencing our outstanding debt obligations, CGMI determines our secondary market rate based on the market price of traded instruments referencing the debt obligations of Citigroup Inc., our parent company and the guarantor of all payments due on the notes, but subject to adjustments that CGMI makes in its sole discretion. As a result, our secondary market rate is not a market-determined measure of our creditworthiness, but rather reflects the market's perception of our parent company's creditworthiness as adjusted for discretionary factors such as CGMI's preferences with respect to purchasing the notes prior to maturity.

The estimated value of the notes is not an indication of the price, if any, at which CGMI or any other person may be willing to buy the notes from you in the secondary market. Any such secondary market price will fluctuate over the term of the notes

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based on the market and other factors described in the next risk factor. Moreover, unlike the estimated value included in this pricing supplement, any value of the notes determined for purposes of a secondary market transaction will be based on our secondary market rate, which will likely result in a lower value for the notes than if our internal funding rate were used. In addition, any secondary market price for the notes will be reduced by a bid-ask spread, which may vary depending on the aggregate stated principal amount of the notes to be purchased in the secondary market transaction, and the expected cost of unwinding related hedging transactions. As a result, it is likely that any secondary market price for the notes will be less than the issue price.

The value of the notes prior to maturity will fluctuate based on many unpredictable factors. The value of your notes prior to maturity will fluctuate based on the level and volatility of the underlying index and a number of other factors, including the price and volatility of the stocks that constitute the underlying index, the dividend yields on the stocks that constitute the underlying index, interest rates generally, the time remaining to maturity and our and Citigroup Inc.'s creditworthiness, as reflected in our secondary market rate. Changes in the level of the underlying index may not result in a comparable change in the value of your notes. You should understand that the value of your notes at any time prior to maturity may be significantly less than the issue price.

Immediately following issuance, any secondary market bid price provided by CGMI, and the value that will be indicated on any brokerage account statements prepared by CGMI or its affiliates, will reflect a temporary upward adjustment. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will steadily decline to zero over the temporary adjustment period. See "Valuation of the Notes" in this pricing supplement.

Our offering of the notes does not constitute a recommendation of the underlying index. The fact that we are offering the notes does not mean that we believe that investing in an instrument linked to the underlying index is likely to achieve favorable returns. In fact, as we are part of a global financial institution, our affiliates may have positions (including short positions) in the stocks that constitute the underlying index or in instruments related to the underlying index or such stocks, and may publish research or express opinions, that in each case are inconsistent with an investment linked to the underlying index. These and other activities of our affiliates may affect the level of the underlying index in a way that has a negative impact on your interests as a holder of the notes.

The level of the underlying index may be adversely affected by our or our affiliates' hedging and other trading activities. We expect to hedge our obligations under the notes through CGMI or other of our affiliates, who may take positions directly in the stocks that constitute the underlying index and other financial instruments related to the underlying index or such stocks and may adjust such positions during the term of the notes. Our affiliates also trade the stocks that constitute the underlying index and other financial instruments related to the underlying index or such stocks on a regular basis (taking long or short positions or both), for their accounts, for other accounts under their management or to facilitate transactions on behalf of customers. These activities could affect the level of the underlying index in a way that negatively affects the value of the notes. They could also result in substantial returns for us or our affiliates while the value of the notes declines.

We and our affiliates may have economic interests that are adverse to yours as a result of our affiliates' business activities. Our affiliates may currently or from time to time engage in business with the issuers of the stocks that constitute the underlying index, including extending loans to, making equity investments in or providing advisory

services to such issuers. In the course of this business, we or our affiliates may acquire non-public information about such issuers, which we will not disclose to you. Moreover, if any of our affiliates is or becomes a creditor of any such issuer, they may exercise any remedies against such issuer that are available to them without regard to your interests.

The calculation agent, which is an affiliate of ours, will make important determinations with respect to the notes. If certain events occur, such as market disruption events or the discontinuance of the underlying index, CGMI, as calculation agent, will be required to make discretionary judgments that could significantly affect your payment at maturity. In making these judgments, the calculation agent's interests as an affiliate of ours could be adverse to your interests as a holder of the notes.

Adjustments to the underlying index may affect the value of your notes. The publisher of the underlying index may add, delete or substitute the stocks that constitute the underlying index or make other methodological changes that could affect the level of the underlying index. The publisher of the underlying index may discontinue or suspend calculation or publication of the underlying index at any time without regard to your interests as holders of the notes.

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Information About the S&P 500® Index

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Please refer to the section "Equity Index Descriptions—The S&P U.S. Indices—The S&P 500ex" in the accompanying underlying supplement for important disclosures regarding the S&P 500® Index.

Historical Information

The closing level of the S&P 500® Index on February 26, 2019 was 2,793.90.

The graph below shows the closing level of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index for each day such level was available from January 2, 2014 to February 26, 2019. We obtained the closing levels from Bloomberg L.P., without independent verification. You should not take the historical closing levels as an indication of future performance.

S&P 500® Index – Historical Closing Levels January 2, 2014 to February 26, 2019

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United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

In the opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, based on current market conditions, the notes should be treated as "contingent payment debt instruments" for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as described in the section of the accompanying product supplement called "United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders—Notes Treated as Contingent Payment Debt Instruments," and the remaining discussion is based on this treatment. The discussion herein does not address the consequences to taxpayers subject to special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

If you are a U.S. Holder, you will be required to recognize interest income during the term of the notes at the "comparable yield," which generally is the yield at which we could issue a fixed-rate debt instrument with terms similar to those of the notes, including the level of subordination, term, timing of payments and general market conditions, but excluding any adjustments for the riskiness of the contingencies or the liquidity of the notes. We are required to construct a "projected payment schedule" in respect of the notes representing a payment the amount and timing of which would produce a yield to maturity on the notes equal to the comparable yield. Assuming you hold the notes until their maturity, the amount of interest you include in income based on the comparable yield in the taxable year in which the notes mature will be adjusted upward or downward to reflect the difference, if any, between the actual and projected payment on the notes at maturity as determined under the projected payment schedule. However, special rules may apply if the payment at maturity on the notes is treated as becoming fixed prior to maturity. See "United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders—Notes Treated as Contingent Payment Debt Instruments" in the accompanying product supplement for a more detailed discussion of the special rules.

Upon the sale, exchange or retirement of the notes prior to maturity, you generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds received and your adjusted tax basis in the notes. Your adjusted tax basis will equal your purchase price for the notes, increased by interest previously included in income on the notes. Any gain generally will be treated as ordinary income, and any loss generally will be treated as ordinary loss to the extent of prior interest inclusions on the note and as capital loss thereafter.

We have determined that the comparable yield for a note is a rate of %, compounded semi-annually, and that the projected payment schedule with respect to a note consists of a single payment of \$ at maturity.

Neither the comparable yield nor the projected payment schedule constitutes a representation by us regarding the actual amount that we will pay on the notes.

**Non-U.S. Holders.** Subject to the discussions below regarding Section 871(m) and in "United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders" and "—FATCA" in the accompanying product supplement, if you

are a Non-U.S. Holder (as defined in the accompanying product supplement) of the notes, under current law you generally will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding or income tax in respect of any payment on or any amount received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the notes, provided that (i) income in respect of the notes is not effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and (ii) you comply with the applicable certification requirements. See "United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders" in the accompanying product supplement for a more detailed discussion of the rules applicable to Non-U.S. Holders of the notes.

As discussed under "United States Federal Tax Considerations—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders" in the accompanying product supplement, Section 871(m) of the Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder ("Section 871(m)") generally impose a 30% withholding tax on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities ("U.S. Underlying Equities") or indices that include U.S. Underlying Equities. Section 871(m) generally applies to instruments that substantially replicate the economic performance of one or more U.S. Underlying Equities, as determined based on tests set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations (a "Specified Security"). However, the regulations, as modified by an Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") notice, exempt financial instruments issued prior to January 1, 2021 that do not have a "delta" of one. Based on the terms of the notes and representations provided by us, our counsel is of the opinion that the notes should not be treated as transactions that have a "delta" of one within the meaning of the regulations with respect to any U.S. Underlying Equity and, therefore, should not be Specified Securities subject to withholding tax under Section 871(m).

A determination that the notes are not subject to Section 871(m) is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS may disagree with this treatment. Moreover, Section 871(m) is complex and its application may depend on your particular circumstances. For example, if you enter into other transactions relating to a U.S. Underlying Equity, you could be subject to withholding tax or income tax liability under Section 871(m) even if the notes are not Specified Securities subject to Section 871(m) as a general matter. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the notes.

This information is indicative and will be updated in the final pricing supplement or may otherwise be updated by us in writing from time to time. Non-U.S. Holders should be warned that Section 871(m) may apply to the notes based on circumstances as of the pricing date for the notes and, therefore, it is possible that the notes will be subject to withholding tax under Section 871(m).

If withholding tax applies to the notes, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.

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**FATCA.** You should review the section entitled "United States Federal Tax Considerations—FATCA" in the accompanying product supplement regarding withholding rules under the "FATCA" regime. The discussion in that section is hereby modified to reflect regulations proposed by the U.S. Treasury Department indicating an intent to eliminate the requirement under FATCA of withholding on gross proceeds of the disposition of affected financial instruments. The U.S. Treasury Department has indicated that taxpayers may rely on these proposed regulations pending their finalization.

You should read the section entitled "United States Federal Tax Considerations" in the accompanying product supplement. The preceding discussion, when read in combination with that section, constitutes the full opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP regarding the material U.S. federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the notes.

You should also consult your tax adviser regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the notes and any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

Supplemental Plan of Distribution

CGMI, an affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Holdings Inc. and the underwriter of the sale of the notes, is acting as principal and will receive an underwriting fee of \$5 for each note sold in this offering. From this underwriting fee, CGMI will pay selected dealers not affiliated with CGMI a fixed selling concession of \$5 for each note they sell.

CGMI is an affiliate of ours. Accordingly, this offering will conform with the requirements addressing conflicts of interest when distributing the securities of an affiliate set forth in Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Client accounts over which Citigroup Inc. or its subsidiaries have investment discretion will not be permitted to purchase the notes, either directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the client.

See "Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest" in the accompanying product supplement and "Plan of Distribution" in each of the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus for additional information.

A portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes will be used to hedge our obligations under the notes. We expect to hedge our obligations under the notes through CGMI or other of our affiliates. CGMI or such other of our affiliates may profit from this expected hedging activity even if the value of the notes declines. This hedging activity could affect the level of the underlying index and, therefore, the value of and your return on the notes. For additional

information on the ways in which our counterparties may hedge our obligations under the notes, see "Use of Proceeds and Hedging" in the accompanying prospectus.

Valuation of the Notes

CGMI calculated the estimated value of the notes set forth on the cover page of this pricing supplement based on proprietary pricing models. CGMI's proprietary pricing models generated an estimated value for the notes by estimating the value of a hypothetical package of financial instruments that would replicate the payout on the notes, which consists of a fixed-income bond (the "bond component") and one or more derivative instruments underlying the economic terms of the notes (the "derivative component"). CGMI calculated the estimated value of the bond component using a discount rate based on our internal funding rate. CGMI calculated the estimated value of the derivative component based on a proprietary derivative-pricing model, which generated a theoretical price for the instruments that constitute the derivative component based on various inputs, including the factors described under "Summary Risk Factors—The value of the notes prior to maturity will fluctuate based on many unpredictable factors" in this pricing supplement, but not including our or Citigroup Inc.'s creditworthiness. These inputs may be market-observable or may be based on assumptions made by CGMI in its discretionary judgment.

The estimated value of the notes is a function of the terms of the notes and the inputs to CGMI's proprietary pricing models. As of the date of this preliminary pricing supplement, it is uncertain what the estimated value of the notes will be on the pricing date because it is uncertain what the values of the inputs to CGMI's proprietary pricing models will be on the pricing date.

For a period of approximately three months following issuance of the notes, the price, if any, at which CGMI would be willing to buy the notes from investors, and the value that will be indicated for the notes on any brokerage account statements prepared by CGMI or its affiliates (which value CGMI may also publish through one or more financial information vendors), will reflect a temporary upward adjustment from the price or value that would otherwise be determined. This temporary upward adjustment represents a portion of the hedging profit expected to be realized by CGMI or its affiliates over the term of the notes. The amount of this temporary upward adjustment will decline to zero on a straight-line basis over the three-month temporary adjustment period. However, CGMI is not obligated to buy the notes from investors at any time. See "Summary Risk Factors—The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange and you may not be able to sell them prior to maturity."

**Certain Selling Restrictions** 

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The contents of this pricing supplement and the accompanying product supplement, underlying supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's

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Republic of China ("Hong Kong"). Investors are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If investors are in any doubt about any of the contents of this pricing supplement and the accompanying product supplement, underlying supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus, they should obtain independent professional advice.

The notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document, other than

- (i) to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures (whether as principal or agent); or
- (ii) to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the "Securities and Futures Ordinance") and any rules made under that Ordinance; or

in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies (iii) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and

There is no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

Non-insured Product: These notes are not insured by any governmental agency. These notes are not bank deposits and are not covered by the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Scheme.

## Singapore

This pricing supplement and the accompanying product supplement, underlying supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the notes will be offered pursuant to exemptions under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "Securities and Futures Act"). Accordingly, the notes may not be offered or sold or made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor may this pricing supplement or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale or invitation for subscription or purchase of any notes be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor pursuant to Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, (b) to a relevant person under Section 275(1) of the Securities and Futures Act or to any person pursuant to

Section 275(1A) of the Securities and Futures Act and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act, or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the Securities and Futures Act. Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act by a relevant person which is:

a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act)) the (a) sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an individual who is an accredited investor, securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the Securities (b) and Futures Act) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interests (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the relevant securities pursuant to an offer under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act except:

to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the Securities and Futures Act or to (i) any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the Securities and Futures Act; or

- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or
  - (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (iv) pursuant to Section 276(7) of the Securities and Futures Act; or

(v) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Any notes referred to herein may not be registered with any regulator, regulatory body or similar organization or institution in any jurisdiction.

The notes are Specified Investment Products (as defined in the Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products and Notice on the Sale of Investment Product issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore on 28 July 2011) that is neither listed nor quoted on a securities market or a futures market.

Non-insured Product: These notes are not insured by any governmental agency. These notes are not bank deposits. These notes are not insured products subject to the provisions of the Deposit Insurance and Policy Owners' Protection Schemes Act 2011 of Singapore and are not eligible for deposit insurance coverage under the Deposit Insurance

Scheme.

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Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors
The notes may not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:
(a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
(i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); or
a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
(iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC; and
(b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes.
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