

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA  
Form 6-K  
December 16, 2015  
UNITED STATES

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2015

Commission File Number 002-09048

**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA  
(Registrant's name)**

44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza 8th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1

Attention: Secretary's Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-185049) and Form F-3 (File No. 333-200089) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA**

Date: December 16, 2015 By: /s/ Christy Bunker

Name: Christy Bunker

Title: Managing Director, Secured & Capital Funding

**EXHIBIT**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

1.1 Form of Underwriting Agreement for Subordinated Debt Securities.