

# BNS iSHARES® CORE S&P 500 INDEX ETF (CAD-HEDGED) CALLABLE CONTINGENT \$8.01 COUPON NOTES, SERIES 83F (CAD)

Principal at Risk Notes – Due May 10, 2029



April 18, 2024

The Bank of Nova Scotia short form base shelf prospectus dated March 4, 2024, a prospectus supplement thereto dated March 5, 2024 and pricing supplement No. 3983 (the “pricing supplement”) thereto dated April 18, 2024 (collectively, the “Prospectus”) have been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada. A copy of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto that have been filed are required to be delivered with this document. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto contain important information relating to the securities described in this document. This document does not provide full disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered and investors should read the Prospectus, and any amendments or supplements thereto, for disclosure of those facts, especially risk factors relating to the securities offered, before making an investment decision. A copy of the short form base shelf prospectus, the prospectus supplement and the pricing supplement can also be obtained at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). Unless the context otherwise requires, terms not otherwise defined herein will have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Prospectus.

<p>Linked to iShares® Core S&amp;P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)</p>	<p>Contingent Coupon Payments of up to \$8.01 per annum, payable Monthly</p>	<p>Quarterly Autocall at 110.00% of the Initial Unit Price starting November 12, 2024</p>	<p>25.00% Contingent Principal Protection at Maturity</p>
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## KEY TERMS

### Issuer

The Bank of Nova Scotia (the “Bank”).

### Reference ETF\*

iShares® Core S&P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) (the “Reference ETF”).

### Monthly Coupon Payments

On each Payment Date, holders of record may be entitled to receive a Coupon Payment determined as follows:

If the Closing Unit Price on the relevant Coupon Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Barrier Price:

**the Coupon Payment will be \$0.6675 per Note.**

If the Closing Unit Price on the relevant Coupon Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price:

**no Coupon Payment will be made.**

The aggregate Coupon Payments over the term of the Notes will not exceed \$40.05 per Note. If the Notes are automatically called by the Bank, holders will receive both the Principal Amount and the Coupon Payment for the applicable Autocall Valuation Date.

### Autocall

The Notes will be automatically called (i.e., redeemed) by the Bank if the Closing Unit Price on any Autocall Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Autocall Price (which is 110.00% of the Initial Unit Price). The Notes are callable on a quarterly basis as set forth in the pricing supplement and cannot be automatically called prior to November 12, 2024. If the Closing Unit Price on any Autocall Valuation Date is not greater than or equal to the Autocall Price, the Notes will not be automatically called by the Bank.

### Contingent Principal Protection

25.00% contingent principal protection. The Notes provide contingent principal protection at maturity if the Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Barrier Price (which is 75.00% of the Initial Unit Price). If the Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price, a holder of the Notes will be fully exposed to any negative price performance of the Reference Unit, meaning that substantially all of such holder’s investment may be lost (subject to a minimum principal repayment of \$1.00 per Note).

\*The annual distribution yield on the Reference Unit as of March 28, 2024 was 1.07%, representing an aggregate distribution yield of approximately 5.47% annually compounded over the term of the Notes on the assumption that the distributions paid on the Reference Unit remain constant. The Notes do not represent a direct or indirect investment in the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities, and holders will have no right or entitlement to the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities, including voting rights or the right to receive any dividends, distributions or other income or amounts accruing or paid thereon.

Fundserv	Available Until	Issue Date	Term to Maturity
SSP4749	May 6, 2024	May 10, 2024	5 years (if not called)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

[www.scotianotes.com](http://www.scotianotes.com)

**Sales and Marketing:** 1-866-416-7891  
**Fundserv Customer Service for Advisors:** 1-833-594-3143

The information above must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

## ADDITIONAL KEY TERMS

### Principal Amount

\$100.00 per Note.

### Minimum Investment

\$5,000 (50 Notes).

### CUSIP

06418MGS7.

### Fundserv Code

SSP4749.

### Reference Unit and Reference ETF

Whether there is a return on the Notes through the Coupon Payments and whether the Principal Amount is returned at maturity is based on the price performance of the units (each, a "Reference Unit" and collectively, the "Reference Units") of the iShares® Core S&P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) (the "Reference ETF"). The Reference ETF is an exchange traded fund which seeks to provide long-term capital growth by replicating, to the extent possible, the performance of the S&P 500® Hedged to Canadian Dollars Index (the "Index"), net of expenses. The Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index of equity securities of 500 of the largest U.S. public issuers, hedged to Canadian dollars (on a monthly basis). The Reference Unit is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) (the "Exchange") under the symbol XSP.

The Notes do not represent a direct or indirect investment in the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities, and holders will have no right or entitlement to the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities, including voting rights or the right to receive any dividends, distributions or other income or amounts accruing or paid thereon. The price performance of the Reference Unit reflects only the price appreciation or depreciation of the Reference Unit. The annual distribution yield on the Reference Unit as of March 28, 2024 was 1.07%, representing an aggregate distribution yield of approximately 5.47% annually compounded over the approximately 5 year term of the Notes on the assumption that the distributions paid on the Reference Unit remain constant. There is no requirement for the Bank to hold any interest in the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities.

### Initial Valuation Date

May 10, 2024, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day then the Initial Valuation Date will be the first succeeding day that is an Exchange Business Day, subject to the occurrence of any special circumstances (see "Special Circumstances" in the pricing supplement).

### Final Valuation Date

May 4, 2029, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day then the Final Valuation Date will be the immediately preceding Exchange Business Day, subject to the Notes being automatically called and the occurrence of any special circumstances (see "Special Circumstances" in the pricing supplement).

### Valuation Dates, Payment Dates and Call Dates

The specific Coupon Valuation Dates, Autocall Valuation Dates, Payment Dates and Call Dates for the Notes are set forth in the pricing supplement (see "Valuation Dates, Payment Dates and Call Dates" in the pricing supplement), subject to the occurrence of any special circumstances (see "Special Circumstances" in the pricing supplement) and the Notes being automatically called by the Bank. If the Notes are automatically called (i.e., redeemed) by the Bank on any Call Date prior to the Maturity Date, the Notes will be cancelled, all amounts due shall be paid to holders on the applicable Payment Date and holders will not be entitled to receive any subsequent payments in respect of the Notes.

### Maturity Redemption Amount

Holders of record will be entitled to an amount payable per Note if the Notes are automatically called by the Bank, or at maturity, as the case may be (in each case, the "Maturity Redemption Amount") as calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the applicable formula below:

If the Closing Unit Price on an Autocall Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Autocall Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount will equal:

#### Principal Amount

If the Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Barrier Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount will equal:

#### Principal Amount

If the Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount will equal:

#### Principal Amount + (Principal Amount × Price Return)

The Maturity Redemption Amount will be substantially less than the Principal Amount invested by an investor if the Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price. The Maturity Redemption Amount will be subject to a minimum principal repayment of \$1.00 per Note. **The return on the Notes will not reflect the total return that an investor would receive if such investor owned the Reference Unit or the securities included in the Reference ETF.**

### Autocall Price

110.00% of the Initial Unit Price.

### Barrier Price

75.00% of the Initial Unit Price.

### Price Return

The Price Return is an amount expressed as a percentage (which can be zero, positive or negative) calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{(Final Unit Price - Initial Unit Price)} \div \text{Initial Unit Price}$$

### Closing Unit Price

The official closing price or value of the Reference Unit on a given day as calculated and announced by the Exchange on an Exchange Business Day.

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**Initial Unit Price**

The Closing Unit Price on the Initial Valuation Date.

**Final Unit Price**

The Closing Unit Price on an Autocall Valuation Date or the Final Valuation Date, as the case may be.

**Currency**

The Notes are denominated in Canadian dollars. The return on the Notes in Canadian dollars will be based solely upon the Price Return and the Closing Unit Price on a Coupon Valuation Date, an Autocall Valuation Date or the Final Valuation Date, as the case may be, with no currency exchange. Accordingly, the Maturity Redemption Amount and any Coupon Payments payable in respect of the Notes will be unaffected by changes in the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar relative to any other currency. Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts appearing in this document are stated in Canadian dollars.

**Listing and Secondary Market**

**The Notes will not be listed on any exchange or marketplace.** Scotia Capital Inc. will use reasonable efforts under normal market conditions to provide a daily secondary market for the sale of the Notes but reserves the right to elect not to do so at any time in the future, in its sole and absolute discretion, without prior notice to holders.

**Eligibility for Investment**

Eligible for RRSPs, RRIAs, RESPs, RDSPs, DPSPs, TFSAs and FHSAs.

**Fees and Expenses**

There is no selling concession fee payable to the Investment Dealers in respect of the Notes. A fee of up to \$0.15 per Note sold (or up to 0.15% of the Principal Amount) will be payable directly by the Bank to Richardson Wealth Limited at closing for acting as the independent agent. The payment of these fees will not reduce the amount on which the Maturity Redemption Amount payable on the Notes is calculated.

The return on the Reference Unit and on the Notes will be affected by (i) the management expense ratio (the "MER") which reflects the total fees and expenses of the Reference ETF (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), including the Reference ETF's proportionate share of the management expense ratio, if any, of any underlying fund in which the Reference ETF has invested, and the annual management fee payable by the Reference ETF to the ETF Advisor in the amount of 0.08% of the average daily net asset value of the Reference ETF, and (ii) the trading expense ratio (the "TER") which represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Reference ETF, and includes the Reference ETF's proportionate share of the commissions of any underlying fund in which the Reference ETF has invested, each expressed as an annualized percentage of average daily net asset value during the relevant fiscal period. The ETF Advisor has reported that, as at March 31, 2024, the MER was 0.09% and, as at December 31, 2023, the TER rounds to less than 0.01%.

## HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES

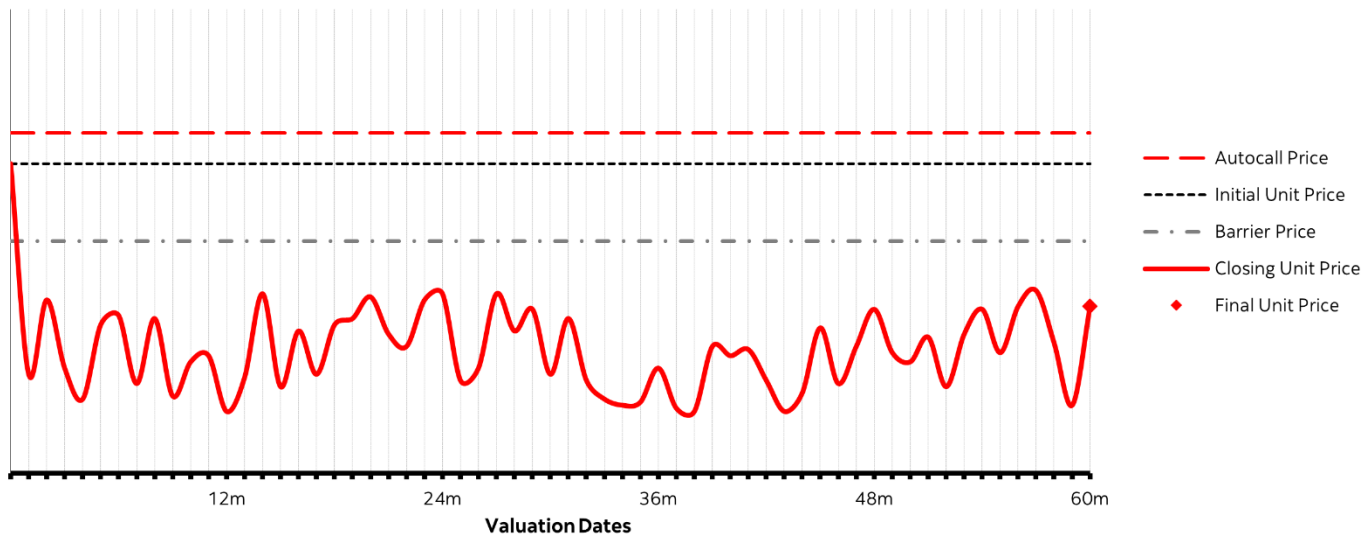
The following hypothetical examples show how the Coupon Payments and Maturity Redemption Amount would be calculated and determined based on certain hypothetical values and assumptions that are set out below. **These examples are for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as an estimate or forecast of the performance of the Reference Unit or the return that an investor might realize on the Notes.** The return on the Notes will be calculated based on the price performance of the Reference Unit. Certain dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest whole cent and "\$" refers to the relevant currency for the specific hypothetical dollar amounts and hypothetical prices that the context requires.

### Hypothetical values for calculations:

Initial Unit Price*:	\$100.00
Barrier Price:	75.00% of the Initial Unit Price = 75.00% × \$100.00 = \$75.00
Autocall Price:	110.00% of the Initial Unit Price = 110.00% × \$100.00 = \$110.00

\*The Initial Unit Price of \$100.00 is a hypothetical Initial Unit Price that has been chosen for illustrative purposes only and does not represent either the actual Initial Unit Price or an estimate or forecast thereof. The actual Initial Unit Price will be equal to the Closing Unit Price on the Initial Valuation Date.

**Example #1 – The Notes are not automatically called as the Closing Unit Price on each Autocall Valuation Date is less than the Autocall Price. The Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price.**



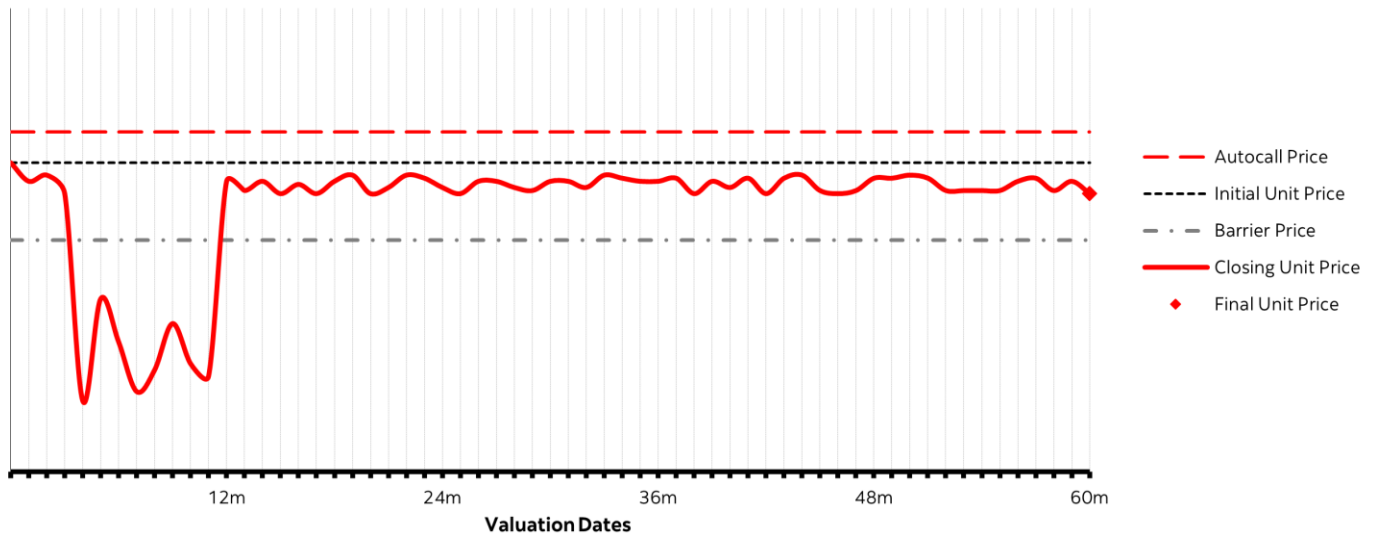
Since the Final Unit Price (\$45.00) on the Final Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

**Principal Amount + (Principal Amount × Price Return)**  
 $\$100.00 + (\$100.00 \times -55.00\%) = \$45.00$  per Note

In this example, since the Closing Unit Price is less than the Barrier Price on all Coupon Valuation Dates, an investor would not receive any Coupon Payments.

An investor would receive a Maturity Redemption Amount of \$45.00 per Note on the Maturity Date, which is equivalent to an annual compound rate of return of approximately -14.76% per Note.

**Example #2 – The Notes are not automatically called as the Closing Unit Price on each Autocall Valuation Date is less than the Autocall Price. The Final Unit Price on the Final Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Barrier Price.**



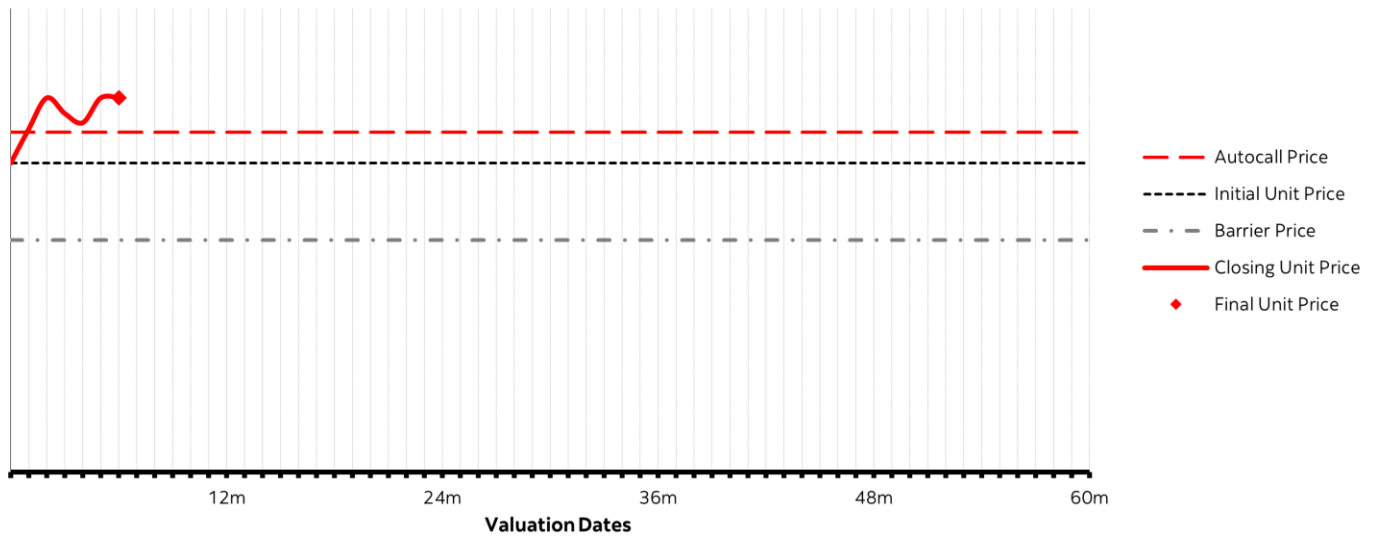
Since the Final Unit Price (\$90.00) on the Final Valuation Date is greater than the Barrier Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

**Principal Amount**  
\$100.00 per Note

In this example, an investor would receive a Coupon Payment for each of the first to the third and the twelfth to the sixtieth Coupon Valuation Dates, but would not receive any Coupon Payments for the fourth to the eleventh Coupon Valuation Dates, since the Closing Unit Price on each such Coupon Valuation Date is less than the Barrier Price.

An investor would receive aggregate Coupon Payments of \$34.71 per Note, and a Maturity Redemption Amount of \$100.00 per Note, on the Maturity Date, which is equivalent to an annual compound rate of return of approximately 6.14% per Note.

**Example #3 – The Notes are automatically called on the first Autocall Valuation Date as the Closing Unit Price on the first Autocall Valuation Date is greater than or equal to the Autocall Price.**



Since the Closing Unit Price (\$121.00) on the first Autocall Valuation Date is greater than the Autocall Price, the Maturity Redemption Amount is calculated as follows:

**Principal Amount**  
\$100.00 per Note

In this example, since the Closing Unit Price is greater than the Barrier Price on each applicable Coupon Valuation Date, an investor would receive Coupon Payments of \$0.6675 per Note on each of the first six Payment Dates.

An investor would receive aggregate Coupon Payments of \$4.005 per Note, and a Maturity Redemption Amount of \$100.00 per Note, which is equivalent to an annual compound rate of return of approximately 8.17% per Note.

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**Amounts paid to holders of the Notes will depend on the price performance of the underlying interests. Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus, the Bank does not guarantee that any of the principal amount of the Notes will be paid (subject to a minimum principal repayment of \$1.00 per Note), or guarantee that any return will be paid on the Notes, at or prior to maturity. Purchasers could lose substantially all of their investment in the Notes (subject to a minimum principal repayment of \$1.00 per Note). The Notes are not appropriate investments for persons who do not understand the risks associated with structured products or derivatives. A purchaser of the Notes will be exposed to fluctuations and changes in the price of the Reference Unit to which the Notes are linked. The price of the Reference Unit may be volatile and an investment linked to the price of the Reference Unit may also be volatile. Purchasers should read carefully the "Risk Factors" sections in the Prospectus.**

The Notes will not constitute deposits under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* or under any other deposit insurance regime. The Notes have not been rated and will not be insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other entity and therefore the payments to investors will be dependent upon the financial health and creditworthiness of the Bank.

Scotia Capital Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank. Consequently, the Bank is a related and connected issuer of Scotia Capital Inc. within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. See "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus.

The information contained herein, while obtained from sources believed to be reliable, is not guaranteed as to its accuracy or completeness.

## ETF ADVISOR

The Notes are not in any way sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Reference ETF or the ETF Advisor. The ETF Advisor is not responsible for, nor has it participated in the determination of, the structuring, timing, pricing or number of Notes to be issued. Neither the Reference ETF nor the ETF Advisor has any statutory liability with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained in the pricing supplement nor does the Reference ETF or the ETF Advisor have any obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Notes.

Investing in the Notes is not equivalent to investing in the Reference Unit, the Reference ETF or its constituent securities. The issuance of the Notes is not a financing for the benefit of the Reference ETF, the ETF Advisor or any of their respective insiders. Neither the Reference ETF nor the ETF Advisor will receive any proceeds from the offering and sale of the Notes. Neither the Reference ETF nor the ETF Advisor participated in the preparation of the pricing supplement, takes any responsibility or assumes any liability with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any information contained herein nor makes any representation regarding the advisability of purchasing the Notes.

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