

DR Market Announcement

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Security Name: Novartis AG - Spin-off Announcement - CUSIP: 66987V109
NYSE Symbol: NVS
Each American depositary share ("ADS") representing one share of Novartis AG (the "Company")

Please be advised of the following share distribution information for the above noted issuer:

	ADS Applicable Dates ¹	Foreign Dates ²
Record Date:	April 1, 2019	April 10, 2019
Anticipated Payment Date ³ :	April 8, 2019	April 11, 2019

J.P. Morgan has received notice that, at the shareholders' meeting of the Company held on February 28, 2019, shareholders approved the spin-off of the Alcon business (in the form of shares of Alcon Inc.) from the Company. As notified by the Company, the spin-off will be effected by distributing one (1) ordinary share of Alcon Inc. for every five (5) ADSs. Computershare Trust Company, N.A. has been appointed as distribution agent (the "Distribution Agent") for the Company and, in connection therewith, will distribute the spun-off Alcon Inc. shares directly to the holders of ADSs entitled thereto. According to the Company's notice delivered to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. it is anticipated that the Distribution Agent (or the Company) will distribute the Alcon shares after the close of business on April 8, 2019 to ADR holders entitled thereto. The Company has appointed the Distribution Agent to make the distribution referred to herein. The Distribution Agent and the Company are solely responsible for the actual timing of such distribution and the Depositary shall have no responsibility with respect thereto.

¹The Depositary only takes responsibility for the ADS Record Date set forth herein. All other dates were selected by the Company without any input by the Depositary.

²The foreign record date and payment date are according to terminology and definitions applied by the Swiss settlement system.

³Included based on the information contained in the Company's notice to the New York Stock Exchange.

Investor Disclosures

J.P. Morgan collects fees from holders of depositary receipts. JPMorgan may (i) reimburse the issuer for certain expenses incurred by the issuer in connection with the depositary receipts program or (ii) share with the issuer revenue derived by JPMorgan from the program. JPMorgan may use brokers, dealers or other service providers that are affiliates or other divisions of JPMorgan and may earn or share fees and commissions.

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FX Transactions are entered with JPMorgan acting in a principal capacity through the relevant JPMorgan FX desk. The foreign exchange rate (the "FX Rate") applied to an FX Transaction, is determined by JPMorgan in its sole discretion, and shall be either (a) the WMR Rate, or (b) the JPMorgan Rate plus, in either case up to 20 basis points.

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The "WMR Rate" means the spot rate published by WM Reuters Company ("WMR") for the currencies that JPMorgan classifies as freely convertible, and shall be the rate published by WMR at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m., New York time, or at such other time as JPMorgan may determine from time to time (or the weighted average of the rates). As of

12 June 2014, currencies for which WMR publishes the WMR Rate and which JPMorgan classifies as freely convertible for DR FX purposes are: AUD - Australian Dollar, CAD - Canadian Dollar, CHF - Swiss Franc, DKK - Danish Krone, EUR - Euro, GBP - British Pound, HKD - Hong Kong Dollar, HUF - Hungarian Forint, ILS - Israeli Shekel, JPY - Japanese Yen, MXN - Mexican Peso, NOK - Norwegian Krone, SEK - Swedish Krone, SGD - Singapore Dollar, TRY - New Turkish Lira, ZAR - South African Rand.

The "JPMorgan Rate" means the JPMorgan FX desk ("FX desk") quoted rate for currencies that are not classified by JPMorgan as freely convertible. The JPMorgan Rate is determined by JPMorgan in its sole discretion and may be based on a third party or internal rate source, a published spot rate, the FX desk's view of the market risk, the actual rate at which the FX desk executed a cover trade, or otherwise as deemed appropriate by the FX desk. The JPMorgan Rate may include a profit earned by JPMorgan in converting the currency.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to currencies determined by JPMorgan to be freely convertible, if (a) WMR stops publishing the WMR Rate for a particular currency or (b) the FX desk deems, in its sole discretion, that a WMR Rate is not a reasonable reflection of the market, then, without prior notice, the FX Rate will be the JPMorgan Rate.

In connection with FX Transactions involving certain non-freely convertible currencies, or cases when it is not commercially practicable for JPMorgan to enter into an FX Transaction through its FX desk, as the case may be, the FX Transaction is managed and executed by JPMorgan's local sub-custodian or other agent in the relevant jurisdiction. For such FX Transactions, the foreign exchange rate applied by the local sub-custodian is the FX Rate. JPMorgan may hedge its exposure in respect of any FX Transaction in a principal capacity and may incur a gain or loss in doing so.

Additionally, notwithstanding the capabilities of JPMorgan or its agents to enter into a foreign exchange transaction, from time to time in the discretion of the Issuer: (a) foreign currency is converted by the Issuer acting as principal, independent of the Depository and/or its agents; and/or (b) dividends or cash are provided by the Issuer to the Depository in US dollars at a foreign exchange rate determined by the Issuer.

Depository Receipt Sale and Purchase of Security

Background

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and other J.P. Morgan entities acting as depository (each a "Depository") for depository receipt ("DR") programs may facilitate the sale and purchase of securities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable deposit agreement ("DA") governing a DR facility or in accordance with the terms and condition of an unsponsored DR program. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. also acts as Registrar and Dividend Disbursing Agent for certain New York Registered Share ("NYRS") programs of issuers incorporated in the Netherlands. The procedures set forth below apply to any sales/purchases required under sponsored or unsponsored DR programs and a NYRS appointment to the extent such sales/purchases are contemplated in the terms of such appointment. For purposes of NYRS programs, the term "Depository" herein shall refer to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. acting in the role as NYRS Registrar and Dividend Disbursing Agent. Sales or purchases may be executed in the jurisdiction of incorporation of a DR issuer or in the market where the DRs or NYRS are listed and/or traded. Examples include but are not limited to:

- a sale in the local market of rights to subscribe to underlying equity shares of an Issuer, where such rights are not registered in the US (or other jurisdiction if registration is required);
- a sale of shares issued as a result of the acquisition of a DR issuer;
- a sale of corporate action-related entitlements that are not distributed to DR holders;
- the purchase of local shares with a foreign currency cash remittance that cannot be converted to US dollars; and
- a sale of securities underlying DRs that remain outstanding subsequent to the termination of a DR program.

Exceptions to the procedures set forth in this document will only be made in accordance with the policies of the Depository.

Execution of sale or purchase of securities

If the Depository is required to endeavor to sell or purchase securities for the benefit of DR or NYRS holders, it may instruct the J.P. Morgan Equity Trading Desk ("JPM trading desk") acting as principal or agent to execute the transaction. The Depository and the JPM trading desk have agreed to a fixed commission currently 10 bps, calculated on the execution price (subject to rounding). If the JPM trading desk does not have the capability to buy or sell securities in the relevant market or is unable to perform the trade for any reason, the Depository may instruct its appointed local market custodian or a local broker to execute the sale or purchase, as the case may be. Any such local market custodian or local broker may charge a commission in relation to the execution of any such sale or purchase transaction. Sales or purchases executed through agents other than a JPM trading desk or the Depository's local market custodian will only be made in accordance with the policies of the Depository.

Execution Period

The Depository will endeavor to execute the full sale/purchase during the applicable trading period and in the applicable markets of the security to the best of its ability. Sales transactions will only commence subsequent to confirmation by the Depository of receipt of the security to be sold.

Absent a specific trading period, the Depository will instruct the JPM Equity Trading Desk, the local custodian or the local broker, as the case may be to execute a sale or purchase as soon as reasonably practicable as market conditions will permit, endeavoring to complete such sale or purchase within five (5) business days. The execution price for the securities bought or sold will depend on market conditions, including but not limited to:

- a. volume of securities subject to the trade;
- b. influence of the trade on market value of securities;
- c. historic trading volumes of the securities; and
- d. number of counterparties interested in the trade.

The Depository does not guarantee that the securities will be purchased or sold or at any particular price.

Final Price

The Depository will base the final price ("Final Price") on the actual execution price for the sale or purchase as adjusted for costs and commissions as described below.

The Final Price for executions of trades over a trading period of more than one day will be determined based on the weighted average of the final prices of all the sales/purchases of securities carried out on behalf of the Depository and on its instructions that occurred over each day of the trading period taking into account the highest and lowest price traded on all days of the trading period during normal trading hours of the exchange or market where the security trades. Any conversion of foreign currency into US dollars that may be required will be undertaken in accordance with the foreign exchange policies of the Depository in place at that time.

The Final Price will be determined net of certain incurred costs or commissions, including but not limited to: (i) commission paid to a JPM Equity Trading Desk, local custodian, local broker or other agent; (ii) stock exchange fees; (iii) applicable taxes and governmental charges; and (iv) a fee of the Depository of up to 20bps, with such fee to be assessed only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable DA or the unsponsored DR program, and not to the extent it would cause the Final Price to fall outside of the range of prices for the security on that day during normal trading hours of the exchange or market where the security trades.

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