TD AMERITRADE HOLDING CORP

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Registration No. 333-185286

# **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# **POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

TO

## FORM S-3

# REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

# THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## TD AMERITRADE HOLDING CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware 82-0543156

(State or other jurisdiction of

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

200 South 108th Avenue

#### Omaha, Nebraska 68154

(402) 331-7856

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant s principal executive offices)

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#### Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:

### From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same

offering. "

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. x

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Amount to be registered/
Proposed maximum
offering price per
unit/Proposed maximum
Title of each class aggregate offering Amount of

registration

of securities to be registered price (1) fee (2)

Debt Securities Guarantees (3)

- (1) An indeterminate amount of debt securities, which may or may not be guaranteed, to be offered at indeterminate prices is being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement.
- (2) In reliance on and in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.
- (3) Guarantees of TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation s Debt Securities by TD Ameritrade Online Holdings Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933, no separate fee is required for the guarantees. The debt securities issued pursuant to this registration statement may not be guaranteed.

# **Additional Registrant**

State or other jurisdiction of

Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter\*

incorporation or organization

IRS employer identification number

TD Ameritrade Online Holdings Corp.

Delaware

47-0642657

\* The address for the additional Registrant s principal executive office is 200 South 108th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68154, and the telephone number for the additional Registrant s principal executive office is (402) 331-7856.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (this Post-Effective Amendment ) to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-185286) initially filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on December 5, 2012 (the Registration Statement ) of TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation is being filed to (i) add a new class of debt securities that we may offer that may not be guaranteed and (ii) file or incorporate by reference additional exhibits to the Registration Statement, including a form of non-guaranteed indenture with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. The Description of Debt Securities set forth herein below replaces the Description of Debt Securities initially set forth in the Registration Statement. The Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges set forth herein below replaces the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges initially included in the Registration Statement.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	Nine Months Ended	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	June 30, 2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (1)	27.5x	21.9x	18.0x	19.5x	14.6x	16.4x	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges, excluding							
brokerage interest expense (2)	31.9x	25.1x	20.2x	21.3x	16.0x	20.6x	

- (1) For purposes of calculating our ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes plus fixed charges, less capitalized interest and undistributed earnings of an equity investee. Fixed charges consist of (i) interest on indebtedness, including amortization of capitalized debt issuance costs, (ii) brokerage interest expense, and (iii) the portion of rents representative of interest expense (which the Company estimates to be one-third of rental expense).
- (2) Because interest expense incurred in connection with brokerage activities is completely offset by brokerage interest revenue, the Company considers such interest to be a reduction of net revenues. Accordingly, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, excluding brokerage interest expense, reflects the elimination of such interest expense from fixed charges.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We will issue the senior debt securities in one or more series. Debt securities may be issued under an indenture between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the new indenture ) or under the indenture dated as of November 19, 2009 (the existing indenture, and, together with the new indenture, the indenture ), among us, TD AMERITRADE Online Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation and one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, as guarantor, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association. As used herein, the term trustee refers to the trustee under the applicable indenture. We have summarized below the material provisions of the indenture. Additionally, the indenture is subject to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. However, because this summary is not complete, it is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the existing indenture or the form of the new indenture, in each case, which we have filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Definitions of certain terms used in this Description of Debt Securities may be found below under Certain Definitions. In this Description of Debt Securities, we, us, our, Company and similar words refer to TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation and not any of its subsidiaries.

#### General

The debt securities will be our general obligations and will rank on a parity with our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The debt securities will be effectively subordinated to our senior secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

The debt securities may or may not be guaranteed. To the extent that any such debt securities are to be guaranteed, the terms of such guarantees will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may issue the debt securities in one or more series, as authorized from time to time by our Board of Directors, any committee of our Board of Directors or any duly authorized officer. The indenture does not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, nor does it afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving our Company. Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement for information with respect to any additions to, or modifications or deletions of, the events of default or covenants described below.

We will describe in a supplement to this prospectus the particular terms of any debt securities being offered, including whether such debt securities will be guaranteed, any modifications of or additions to the general terms of the debt securities and any U.S. Federal income tax considerations that may be applicable in the case of offered debt securities. Accordingly, you should read both the prospectus supplement relating to the particular debt securities being offered and the general description of debt securities set forth in this prospectus before investing.

The particular terms of a series of debt securities will be set forth in an officers certificate or supplemental indenture, and described in the applicable prospectus supplement. We urge you to read the indenture as supplemented by any officers certificate or supplemental indenture because the indenture, as supplemented, and not this section, defines your rights as a holder of the debt securities.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe specific terms relating to the series of debt securities being offered. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the title of the series of debt securities;

the aggregate	principal	amount and	l authorized	denominations	(if oth	er than S	\$1,000 an	d integral	multiples	of
\$1,000);										

the public offering price;

the original issue and stated maturity date or dates;

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the interest rate or rates (which may be fixed or floating), if any, the method by which the rate or rates will be determined and the interest payment and regular record dates;

the manner and place of payment of principal and interest, if any;

if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which payment of the public offering price and/or principal and interest, if any, may be made;

whether (and if so, when and at what price) we may be obligated to repurchase the debt securities;

whether (and if so, when and at what price) the debt securities can be redeemed by us or the holder;

under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on the debt securities to non-U.S. holders in respect of taxes;

whether the debt securities will be issued in registered or bearer form (with or without coupons) and, if issued in the form of one or more global securities, the depositary for such securities;

where the debt securities can be exchanged or transferred;

whether the debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities, and if so, the amount of discount and the portion of the principal amount payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;

whether (and if so, when and at what rate) the debt securities will be convertible into shares of our common stock;

whether there will be a sinking fund;

provisions, if any, for the defeasance or discharge of the debt securities;

any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any events of default or covenants contained in the indenture relating to the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be guaranteed; and

any other terms of the series.

If we issue original issue discount securities, we will also describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the U.S. Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to those securities.

We are not required to issue all of the debt securities of a series at the same time, and debt securities of the same series may vary as to interest rate, maturity and other provisions. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the aggregate principal amount of a series may be increased and additional debt securities of such series may be issued.

## Denominations, Registration, Transfer and Exchange

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of any series will be issued only as registered securities, in global or certificated form and in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and will be payable only in U.S. dollars. For more information regarding debt securities issued in global form, see Book-Entry, Delivery and Form below. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any debt securities we issue in bearer form will have coupons attached.

Registered debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions. If so provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, to the extent permitted by law, debt securities of any series issued in bearer form which by their terms are registrable as to principal and interest may be exchanged, at the option of the holders, for registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions, upon surrender of those securities at the corporate trust office of the trustee or at any other office or agency designated by us for the purpose of making any such exchanges. Except in certain limited circumstances, debt securities issued in bearer form with coupons surrendered for exchange must be surrendered with all unmatured coupons and any matured coupons in default attached thereto.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any registered debt security of any series at the office or agency maintained for that purpose, we will execute, and the trustee will authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount of authorized denominations and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions. We may not impose any service charge, other than any required tax or other governmental charge, on the transfer or exchange of debt securities.

We are not required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during the period from the opening of business 15 days before the day a notice of redemption relating to debt securities of that series selected for redemption is sent to the close of business on the day that notice is sent, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any debt security so selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

# **Payment and Paying Agents**

If we issue a series of debt securities only in registered form, we will maintain in each place of payment for those debt securities an office or agency where the debt securities may be presented or surrendered for payment or for registration of transfer or exchange and where holders may serve us with notices and demands in respect of the debt securities and the indenture. We may also maintain an office or agency in a place of payment for that series of debt securities located outside the United States, where any registered debt securities of a series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where holders may serve us with notices and demands in respect of the debt securities and the indenture.

We will give prompt written notice to the trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If we fail to maintain any required office or agency or fail to furnish the trustee with the address of such office or agency, presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the corporate trust office of the trustee. We have appointed the trustee as our agent to receive all presentations, surrenders, notices and demands with respect to the applicable series of debt securities.

# **Restrictive Covenants**

The prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities may describe restrictive covenants, if any, to which we may be bound under the applicable indenture.

### **Merger or Consolidation**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, as long as any debt securities are outstanding, we may not, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to

another Person, unless:

either (a) we are the survivor formed by or resulting from such consolidation or merger or (b) the surviving or successor entity is a corporation or limited liability company organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any State of the United States or the District of Columbia;

the surviving or successor entity (if other than the Company) or the person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made expressly assumes all the obligations of the Company under the debt securities and the indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;

immediately after completion of the transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, has occurred and is continuing; and

the surviving or successor entity shall have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel stating that such transaction and any supplemental indenture entered into in connection with such transaction comply with the indenture provisions and that all conditions precedent in the indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

In addition, the Company may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another person. However, this restriction on mergers and consolidations shall not apply to:

a merger of the Company with an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction; or

any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its Subsidiaries.

## **Reports by the Company**

We will file with the trustee, within 15 days after we are required to file with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports which we have so filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Filing of any such annual report, information, documents and such other reports on the SEC s EDGAR system (or any successor thereto) or any other publicly available database maintained by the SEC will be deemed to satisfy this requirement.

#### **Events of Default**

Event of Default means, with respect to a series of debt securities, any of the following events:

failure to pay interest on the debt securities of such series, which failure continues for a period of 30 days after payment is due;

failure to make any principal or premium payment on the debt securities of such series when due;

failure to comply with any covenant or other agreement in the indenture or any term in the debt securities for 60 days after we receive notice from the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding voting as a single class;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of our Company or any of our Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of our Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary; or

any other event of default provided with respect to debt securities of such series pursuant to the indenture.

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In the case of an event of default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all outstanding debt securities of each series will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series may declare all the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately.

Subject to certain limitations, holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series may direct the trustee in its exercise of any trust or power with respect to that series. The trustee may withhold from holders of the debt securities of any series notice of any continuing default or event of default if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest, except a default or event of default relating to the payment of principal, interest or premium, on such debt securities, if any.

Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, in case an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities at the request or direction of any holders of such series of debt securities unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity or security against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, when due, no holder of a debt security of a particular series may pursue any remedy with respect to the indenture or such series of debt securities unless:

- (1) such holder has previously given the trustee notice that an event of default is continuing;
- (2) holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of such series have requested the trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (3) such holders have offered security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (4) the trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (5) holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of such series have not given the trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series by notice to the trustee may, on behalf of the holders of all of the debt securities of such series, rescind an acceleration or waive any existing default or event of default and its consequences under the indenture, except a continuing default or event of default in the payment of interest or premium on, or the principal of, the debt securities of such series.

We are required to deliver to the trustee annually a certificate regarding compliance with the indenture. Upon becoming aware of any default or event of default, we are required to deliver to the trustee a statement specifying such default or event of default.

## **Modification or Waiver**

We and the trustee may at any time and from time to time, amend the indenture without the consent of the holders of outstanding debt securities for any of the following purposes:

to effect the assumption of our obligations under the indenture by a successor corporation;

to impose additional covenants and events of default or to add guarantees of any Person for the benefit of the holders of any series of debt securities;

to add or change any of the provisions of the indenture relating to the issuance or exchange of debt securities of any series in registered form, but only if such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities of such series or related coupons in any material respect;

to change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture, but only if the change or elimination becomes effective when there is no outstanding debt security of any series or related coupon which is entitled to the benefit of such provision and as to which such modification would apply;

to secure the debt securities:

to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, but only if such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series or related coupons in any material respect;

to establish the form or terms of the debt securities and coupons, if any, of any series as permitted by the indenture;

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture to facilitate the administration of the trusts by more than one trustee;

to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any other provision therein, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the indenture; provided that, such action pursuant to this clause shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series in any material respect;

to conform the text of the indenture, the debt securities or, if applicable, the guarantees to any provision of a description of such debt securities appearing in a prospectus or a prospectus supplement to which such debt securities were offered to the extent that such provision was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of the indenture, the debt securities or the guarantees;

to allow any guarantor to execute a supplemental indenture and/or any guarantee with respect to the debt securities of a particular series; and

to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

In addition, we and may modify the indenture with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of each series of outstanding debt securities affected by such modification to add, change or eliminate any

provision of, or to modify the rights of holders of debt securities of such series under, the indenture. But we may not take any of the following actions without the consent of each holder of outstanding debt securities affected thereby:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, the debt securities of any series or related coupon, reduce the principal amount thereof, the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof, change the currency or currencies in which the principal, premium or interest is denominated or payable;

reduce the amount of, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of, any payment on the debt securities of any series following maturity thereof;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series required for consent to any waiver of defaults or compliance with certain provisions of the indenture;

if applicable, release any guarantor from any of its obligations under its guarantee of the indenture, except in accordance with the term of the indenture; or

modify any provision of the indenture relating to modifications and waivers of defaults and covenants, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions cannot be modified or waived without the consent of each holder of outstanding debt securities affected thereby.

A modification with respect to one or more particular series of debt securities and related coupons, if any, will not affect the rights under the indenture of the holders of debt securities of any other series and related coupons, if any.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of such series, waive any past default under the indenture with respect to the debt securities of such series, except a default (i) in the payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on such series or (ii) in respect of a covenant or provision which, as described above, cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder of debt securities of such series. Upon any such waiver, the default will cease to exist with respect to the debt securities of such series and any Event of Default arising therefrom will be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of the debt securities of such series under the indenture, but the waiver will not extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

We may elect in any particular instance not to comply with certain covenants set forth in the indenture or the debt securities of any series if, before the time for such compliance, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series either waive compliance in that instance or generally waive compliance with those provisions, but the waiver may not extend to or affect any term, provision or condition except to the extent expressly so waived, and, until the waiver becomes effective, our obligations and the duties of the trustee in respect of any such provision will remain in full force and effect.

#### Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

We may be discharged from all of our obligations with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series (except as otherwise provided in the indenture) when:

either (i) all the debt securities of such series and related coupons, if any, have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation, or (ii) all the debt securities of such series and related coupons, if any, not delivered to the trustee for cancellation:

have become due and payable;

will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year; or

are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice by the trustee;

and we, in the case of clause (ii), have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee, in trust, an amount in U.S. dollars or the equivalent in U.S. government securities sufficient for payment of all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on those debt securities when due or to the date of deposit, as the case may be; *provided*,

*however*, in the event a petition for relief under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law is filed with respect to our Company within 91 days after the deposit and the trustee is required to return the deposited money to us, our obligations under the indenture with respect to those debt securities will not be deemed terminated or discharged;

we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by us under the indenture; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture with respect to such series of debt securities have been complied with.

We may elect (i) to be discharged from our obligations with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series (except as otherwise specified in the indenture) or (ii) to be released from our obligation to comply with certain of the provisions of the indenture described above under Merger or Consolidation with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series (and, if so specified, any other obligation or restrictive covenant added for the benefit of the holders of such series of debt securities), in either case, if we satisfy each of the following conditions:

we deposit or cause to be deposited irrevocably with the trustee, in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the holders of debt securities of such series money or the equivalent in U.S. government securities, or any combination thereof, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification delivered to the trustee, for payment of all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding debt securities of such series when due:

such deposit does not cause the trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series to have a conflicting interest with respect to the debt securities of such series;

such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which we are a party or by which we are bound;

on the date of such deposit, there is no continuing Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of such series or event (including such deposit) which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of such series and, with respect to the option under clause (i) above only, no Event of Default with respect to such series under the provisions of the indenture relating to certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to such series under such bankruptcy or insolvency provisions shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after such date; and

solely in the case of clause (i) above, we deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in respect of U.S. federal income tax matters or a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the holders of debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance or discharge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if we exercise our option under clause (ii) above and an Event of Default with respect to such series of debt securities under the provisions of the indenture relating to certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to such series of debt securities under such bankruptcy or insolvency provisions shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after the date of such deposit, our obligation to comply with the provisions of the indenture described above under Merger or Consolidation with respect to those debt securities will be reinstated.

#### The Trustee Under the Indenture

We may maintain ordinary banking relationships and, from time to time, obtain credit facilities and lines of credit with a number of banks, including any trustee under any of our indentures, or any affiliate or successor thereof.

## **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

We may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in global form that we will deposit with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Global securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. We will make payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on debt securities represented by a global security to the trustee and then by the trustee to the depositary.

We anticipate that any global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (DTC), New York, New York, and will be registered in the name of DTC s nominee, and that the following provisions will apply to the depositary arrangements with respect to any global securities. We will describe additional or differing terms of the depositary arrangements in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities issued in the form of global securities.

Upon the issuance of a registered global security, the depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants accounts with the respective principal or face amounts of the debt securities beneficially owned by the participants. Any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the debt securities will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered global security will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary, with respect to interests of participants, and on the records of participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through participants.

So long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a registered global security, that depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the registered global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security will not be entitled to have the debt securities represented by the registered global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the debt securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the debt securities under the indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a registered global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary for that registered global security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which the person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture. The laws of some states may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of those securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC s nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of the debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. DTC s records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

We will make payments due on any debt securities represented by a global security to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, in immediately available funds. DTC s practice upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, interest or other distribution of underlying securities or other property to holders on that registered global security is to immediately credit participants accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that

registered global security as shown on the records of the depositary. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security held through participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants. Payment to Cede & Co. is our responsibility. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

Neither we nor the trustee nor any other agent of ours or any agent of the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the registered global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of securities (including the presentation of securities for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the DTC interests in a global security are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the securities as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the debt securities represented by a global security, DTC will exchange each global security for definitive securities, which it will distribute to its participants.

If the depositary for any of the debt securities represented by a registered global security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act is not appointed by the obligor within 90 days, we will issue debt securities in definitive form in exchange for the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. Any debt securities issued in definitive form in exchange for a registered global security will be registered in the name or names that the depositary gives to the trustee or other relevant agent of the obligor or trustee. It is expected that the depositary s instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. In addition, we may at any time determine that the debt securities of any series shall no longer be represented by a global security and will issue securities in definitive form in exchange for such global security pursuant to the procedure described above.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, among its participants in such securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC s participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom own DTC. Access to DTC s book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

The information in this prospectus concerning DTC and DTC s book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for its accuracy or completeness. We assume no responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants of their respective obligations, including obligations that they have under the rules and procedures that govern their operations.

## **Certain Definitions**

We have summarized below certain defined terms as used in the indenture. We refer you to the indenture for the full definition of these terms.

Capital Stock means:

(1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person;

but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

GAAP means, as to a particular Person, such accounting principles as, in the opinion of the independent public accountants regularly retained by such Person, conform at the time to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Governmental Authority means any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof and any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government.

Person means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, Governmental Authority or other entity of whatever nature.

Significant Subsidiary means, at any time, any Subsidiary of the Company that is a significant subsidiary as defined in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X, promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as such regulation is in effect on the date of the indenture, determined based upon the Company s most recent consolidated financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year as set forth in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K (or 10-K/A) filed with the SEC; provided that in the case of a Subsidiary formed or acquired after the date of the indenture, the determination of whether such Subsidiary is a Significant Subsidiary shall be made on a pro forma basis based on the Company s most recent consolidated financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal quarter or fiscal year, as applicable, as set forth in the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Annual Report on Form 10-K (or 10-K/A), as applicable, filed with the SEC.

Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

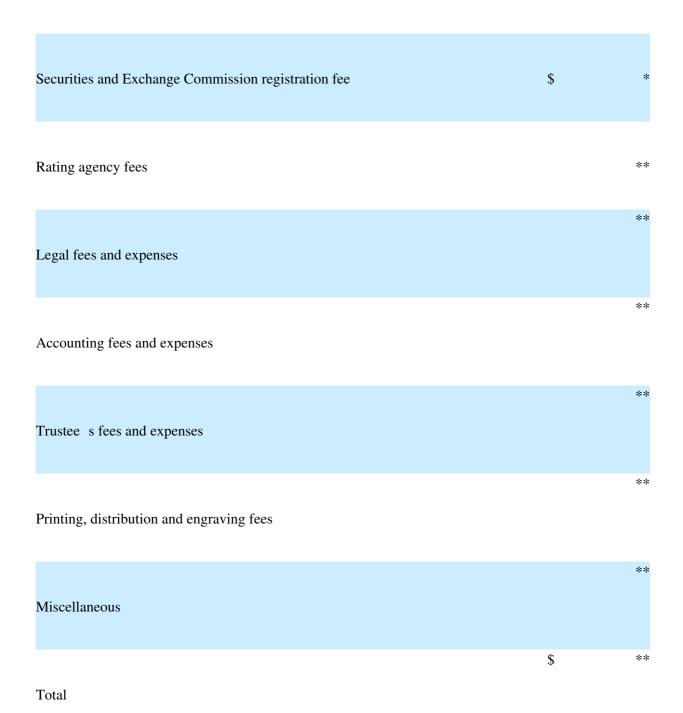
- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders—agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

## **PART II**

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

# Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses (other than underwriting compensation), all of which will be paid by us, to be incurred in connection with the registration and sale of the securities:



- \* Deferred in reliance upon Rule 456(b) and 457(r).
- \*\*These fees are calculated based on the number of issuances and amount of securities offered and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The following is a summary of the statute, charter and bylaw provisions or other arrangements under which the Registrants directors and officers are insured or indemnified against liability in their capacities as such. Both of the Registrants, TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation (the Company ) and TD AMERITRADE Online Holdings Corp. (the Guarantor ), are incorporated in Delaware. The following is only a general summary of certain aspects of Delaware law, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Guarantor, and the By-Laws of the Guarantor, in each case dealing with indemnification of directors and officers, and does not purport to be complete. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the detailed provisions of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ( Delaware Corporation Law ), Article VII of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, Article VI of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Guarantor and Article VI of the By-Laws of the Guarantor.

Section 145(a) of the Delaware Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), because the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other enterprise. Such indemnity may be against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding,

if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and if, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the person did not have reasonable cause to believe the person s conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the Delaware Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor because the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other enterprise, against any expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145(g) of the Delaware Corporation Law provides, in general, that a corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other enterprise, against any liability asserted against the person in any such capacity, or arising out of the person s status as such, regardless of whether the corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under the provisions of the law.

The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company require the Company to indemnify, to the full extent permitted by law, any person who is or was a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including, without limitation, any action by or in the right of the Company) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Company against any liability or expense actually or reasonably incurred in respect thereof. The Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws also require it to advance litigation expenses (including in the case of stockholder derivative actions or other actions) against an undertaking by the officer or director to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that the officer or director is not entitled to indemnification. The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws further provide that rights conferred under such Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws shall not be deemed to be exclusive of any other right such persons may have or acquire under law or otherwise.

In addition, the Company s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Corporation Law, the Company s directors shall have no personal liability to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of the directors fiduciary duty. Each director will continue to be subject to liability for breach of the director s duty of loyalty to the Company, or acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct, for knowing violations of law, for actions leading to improper personal benefit to the director, and for payment of dividends or approval of stock repurchases or redemptions that are unlawful under the Delaware law. The provision also does not affect a director s responsibilities under any other law, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws.

The Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Guarantor contain provisions relating to the indemnification of directors and officers of the Guarantor. These provisions are substantially similar to those in the Company s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws described above, including with respect to advancement of expenses, exculpation, and insurance.

Pursuant to the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Company may maintain a directors and officers insurance policy which insures the directors, officers, employees or agents of the Company and those serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against liability asserted against such persons in such capacity whether or not such directors or officers have the right to indemnification pursuant to Delaware law. The Company currently has a policy providing directors and officers liability insurance in certain circumstances.

In addition, the Company has entered into separate indemnification agreements with its current directors and certain former directors. The indemnification agreements provide generally that the Company will indemnify and advance expenses to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Each director is entitled to be indemnified against all expenses, judgments, penalties and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred if the director acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company in the event he is, or is threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, investigation or inquiry, other than proceedings brought by or in the right of the Company. In the case of proceedings by or in the right of the Company, the director is entitled to be indemnified against all expenses if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, except that no indemnification against expenses will be made in respect of any matter as to which the director has been found liable to the Company unless the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware has determined that such indemnification may be made. The Company has agreed to advance all reasonable expenses incurred by a director in connection with any proceeding within twenty days after receipt of a statement requesting such advance, which statement includes an undertaking to repay any advanced expenses in the event it is determined that the director is not entitled to indemnification.

## Item 16. Exhibits.

The list of exhibits is set forth under Exhibit Index at the end of this registration statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) Each undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Act );
- (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

provided, however, that subparagraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

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- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Act to any purchaser:
- (i) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

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