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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2020

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-08940
(Commission
File Number)

13-3260245
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6601 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230
(Address of principal executive offices)

(804) 274-2200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbols	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.33 1/3 par value	MO	New York Stock Exchange
1.000% Notes due 2023	MO23A	New York Stock Exchange
1.700% Notes due 2025	MO25	New York Stock Exchange
2.200% Notes due 2027	MO27	New York Stock Exchange
3.125% Notes due 2031	MO31	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 6, 2020, Altria Group, Inc. (the “Company”) issued \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 2.350% Notes due 2025 (the “2025 Notes”), \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.400% Notes due 2030 (the “2030 Notes”) and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.450% Notes due 2050 (the “2050 Notes” and, together with the 2025 Notes and the 2030 Notes, the “Notes”). The Notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture (the “Indenture”), dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Company, Philip Morris USA Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“PM USA”), and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the “Trustee”). Each series of Notes is guaranteed by PM USA. PM USA’s guarantees were issued pursuant to the Indenture and are evidenced by guarantee agreements made by PM USA in favor of the Trustee for the Notes (the “Guarantee Agreements”).

The Notes are the Company’s senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company’s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The Guarantee Agreements are PM USA’s senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of PM USA’s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness.

On May 4, 2020, the Company and PM USA entered into a Terms Agreement (the “Terms Agreement”) with Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell the Notes to the Underwriters. The provisions of an Underwriting Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2008 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), are incorporated by reference in the Terms Agreement.

Interest on the Notes is payable semiannually on May 6 and November 6 of each year, commencing November 6, 2020, to holders of record on the preceding April 21 or October 21, as the case may be.

The 2025 Notes will mature on May 6, 2025, the 2030 Notes will mature on May 6, 2030 and the 2050 Notes will mature on May 6, 2050.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Prospectus dated October 26, 2017 (Registration No. 333-221133) and a Prospectus Supplement dated May 4, 2020 in connection with the public offering of the Notes.

The descriptions of the Underwriting Agreement, the Terms Agreement and the Guarantee Agreements are qualified in their entirety by the terms of such agreements themselves. Please refer to such agreements and the form of Notes, each of which is incorporated herein by reference and is an exhibit to this report as Exhibits 1.1, 1.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated November 4, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-155009))</u>
1.2	<u>Terms Agreement, dated May 4, 2020, among the Company, PM USA and Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., as representatives of the several underwriters named therein</u>
4.1	<u>Guarantee Agreement 2.350% Notes due 2025</u>
4.2	<u>Guarantee Agreement 3.400% Notes due 2030</u>
4.3	<u>Guarantee Agreement 4.450% Notes due 2050</u>
4.4	<u>Form of 2.350% Notes due 2025</u>
4.5	<u>Form of 3.400% Notes due 2030</u>
4.6	<u>Form of 4.450% Notes due 2050</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP</u>
104	Cover Page Interactive File (the cover page tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

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

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr.
Name: W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr.
Title: Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Associate
General Counsel

DATE: May 6, 2020

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Section 2: EX-1.2 (TERMS AGREEMENT, DATED MAY 4, 2020)

Exhibit 1.2

Execution Version

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
(the “Company”)

Debt Securities

TERMS AGREEMENT

May 4, 2020

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.
6601 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Attention: Daniel J. Bryant
Vice President and Treasurer

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the several Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto and for their respective accounts, we offer to purchase, on and subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement relating to Debt Securities and Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities dated as of November 4, 2008 in connection with Altria Group, Inc.’s and Philip Morris USA Inc.’s registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-221133) and which is incorporated herein by reference (the “Underwriting Agreement”), the following securities (“Securities”) on the following terms:

Debt Securities

Title:

2.350% Notes due 2025 (the “2025 Notes”), 3.400% Notes due 2030 (the “2030 Notes”) and 4.450% Notes due 2050 (the “2050 Notes” and, together with the 2025 Notes and the 2030 Notes, the “Notes”).

Principal Amount:

In the case of the 2025 Notes, \$750,000,000.

In the case of the 2030 Notes, \$750,000,000.

In the case of the 2050 Notes, \$500,000,000.

Interest Rate:

In the case of the 2025 Notes, 2.350% per annum from May 6, 2020, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020, to holders of record on the preceding April 21 or October 21, as the case may be.

In the case of the 2030 Notes, 3.400% per annum from May 6, 2020, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020, to holders of record on the preceding April 21 or October 21, as the case may be.

In the case of the 2050 Notes, 4.450% per annum from May 6, 2020, payable semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020, to holders of record on the preceding April 21 or October 21, as the case may be.

Maturity:

In the case of the 2025 Notes, May 6, 2025.

In the case of the 2030 Notes, May 6, 2030.

In the case of the 2050 Notes, May 6, 2050.

Currency of Denomination:

United States Dollars (\$).

Currency of Payment:

United States Dollars (\$).

Form and Denomination:

Book-entry form only represented by one or more global securities deposited with The Depository Trust Company, including its participants, Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (“Clearstream”), or Euroclear Bank SA/NV (“Euroclear”), or their respective designated custodian, as the case may be, in denominations of \$2,000 and \$1,000 integral multiples thereof.

Change of Control:

Upon the occurrence of both (i) a change of control of the Company and (ii) the Notes ceasing to be rated investment grade by each of Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global Inc., and Fitch Ratings Inc. within a specified period, the Company will be required to make an offer to purchase the Notes of each series at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of such series, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase as and to the extent set forth under the caption “Description of Notes—Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event” in the prospectus supplement.

Conversion Provisions:

None.

Optional Tax Redemption:

The Company may redeem all, but not part, of the Notes of each series upon the occurrence of specified tax events described under the caption “Description of Notes—Redemption for Tax Reasons” in the prospectus supplement.

Optional Redemption:

Prior to April 6, 2025 (the date that is one month prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2025 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2025 Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the 2025 Notes to be redeemed or a “make-whole” amount, plus in either case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

On or after April 6, 2025 (the date that is one month prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2025 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2025 Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2025 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

Prior to February 6, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2030 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2030 Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the 2030 Notes to be redeemed or a “make-whole” amount, plus in either case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

On or after February 6, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2030 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2030 Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2030 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

Prior to November 6, 2049 (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2050 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2050 Notes, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the 2050 Notes to be redeemed or a “make-whole” amount, plus in either case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

On or after November 6, 2049 (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the 2050 Notes), the Company may, at its option, redeem the 2050 Notes, in

whole at any time or in part from time to time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2050 Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date, as described under the caption “Description of Notes—Optional Redemption” in the prospectus supplement.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 15 days but not more than 45 days before the redemption date to each holder of Notes to be redeemed. If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the Notes to be redeemed is deposited with the Trustee on or before the redemption date, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the Notes (or such portions thereof) called for redemption and such Notes will cease to be outstanding.

Sinking Fund:

None.

Guarantor:

Philip Morris USA Inc.

In addition to the Events of Default set forth in the Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2008 (the “Indenture”) among the Company, the Guarantor and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as and to the extent set forth under the caption “Description of Notes—Subsidiary Guarantee” in the prospectus supplement, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default (within the meaning of the Indenture) with respect to the Notes: (i) the Guarantor or a court takes certain actions relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Guarantor and (ii) the Guarantor’s guarantee with respect to the Notes is determined to be unenforceable or invalid or for any reason ceases to be in full force and effect as permitted by the Indenture of the Guarantee Agreement, or the Guarantor repudiates its obligations under such guarantee.

Listing:

None.

Delayed Delivery Contracts:

None.

Payment of Additional Amounts:

In addition, the Company shall pay Additional Amounts to holders as and to the extent set forth under the caption “Description of Notes—Payment of Additional Amounts” in the prospectus supplement.

Purchase Price:

In the case of the 2025 Notes, 99.358% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

In the case of the 2030 Notes, 99.039% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

In the case of the 2050 Notes, 98.323% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

Expected Reoffering Price:

In the case of the 2025 Notes, 99.958% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

In the case of the 2030 Notes, 99.689% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

In the case of the 2050 Notes, 99.198% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from May 6, 2020.

Names and Addresses of the Representatives of the Several Underwriters:

Barclays Capital Inc.
745 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10019
United States
Attention: Syndicate Registration

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
388 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013
Attention: General Counsel

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282
United States
Attention: Registration Department

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036
Attention: Investment Banking Division

Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Attention: Debt Capital Markets / Chief Legal Officer, U.S.

The respective principal amounts of the Securities to be severally purchased by each of the Underwriters are set forth opposite their names in Schedule A hereto.

Except as set forth below, the provisions of the Underwriting Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and the following provisions are hereby added thereto and made a part thereof:

1. For purposes of the Underwriting Agreement, the “Applicable Time” is 4:15 p.m. New York City time, on the date of this Terms Agreement.

2. Subsection (i) of Section 2 of the Underwriting Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

“(i) There are no pending or to the Company’s knowledge, threatened, actions, suits or proceedings against or affecting the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that are required to be disclosed in the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus that are not so disclosed. No action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator against the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or, to the knowledge of the Company, Cronos Group Inc. (“Cronos”) or any of its properties with respect to the Controlled Substances Act of the United States, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq. (the “Controlled Substances Act”), the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000 (18 U.S.C. Sections 983 et seq.) (the “Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act”) or any related applicable Money Laundering Laws (as defined below) (in each case, solely as it relates to an alleged violation of the Controlled Substances Act) is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.”

3. Subsection (t) of Section 2 of the Underwriting Agreement is hereby added as follows:

“(t) Each of the Company and its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, Cronos are in compliance with the Controlled Substances Act and the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (as it relates to the Controlled Substances Act) and all related applicable Money Laundering Laws, in each case, to the extent noncompliance with such laws and regulations would materially adversely affect the financial condition or operations of the Company, its subsidiaries and Cronos taken as a whole. The Company shall not, and shall cause its subsidiaries to not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds, for any business purposes or other activity that is in contravention of the Controlled Substances Act and the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act (as it relates to the Controlled Substances Act) and all related applicable Money Laundering Laws.”

4. For purposes of Section 5(d)(xi) of the Underwriting Agreement, the descriptions of contracts and other documents referred to in such counsel’s opinion shall include, but not be limited to, the information appearing under the captions “The Company,” “Description of Debt Securities,” “Description of Guarantees of Debt Securities,” “Description of Notes,” and “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)” in the prospectus supplement.

5. For purposes of Section 6 of the Underwriting Agreement, the only information furnished to the Company and Philip Morris USA Inc. by the Underwriters for use in the prospectus supplement consists of the following information: the concession and reallowance figures appearing in the fourth paragraph under the caption “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)” in the prospectus supplement and the information contained in the sixth, seventh, eighth, tenth, thirteenth and fourteenth paragraphs under the caption “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)” in the prospectus supplement.

6. Section 13 of the Underwriting Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

“13. *Counterparts*. The Terms Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to the Terms Agreement or any document to be signed in connection with the Terms Agreement shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.”

7. Section 14 of the Underwriting Agreement is hereby added as follows:

“14. *Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes*

(a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For purposes of this Section 14:

“BHC Act Affiliate” has the meaning assigned to the term “affiliate” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k).

“Covered Entity” means any of the following:

- (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

“U.S. Special Resolution Regime” means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.”

8. Notwithstanding and to the exclusion of any other term of this agreement, the Underwriting Agreement or any other agreements, arrangements, or understanding between the Underwriters and the Company, each party acknowledges, accepts, and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the effect of the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority in relation to any BRRD Liability of the Underwriters to the Company under this agreement and the Underwriting Agreement, that (without limitation) may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:

- (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability or outstanding amounts due thereon;
- (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability into shares, other securities or other obligations of the Underwriters or another person (and the issue to or conferral on the Company of such shares, securities or obligations);
- (iii) the cancellation of the BRRD Liability; and
- (iv) the amendment or alteration of any interest, if applicable, thereon, the maturity or the dates on which any payments are due, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and

(b) the variation of the terms of this agreement and the Underwriting Agreement, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Resolution Authority, to give effect to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority.

(c) As used in this Section 8,

“Bail-in Legislation” means in relation to a member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented, or which at any time implements, the BRRD, the relevant implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement as described in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule from time to time;

“Bail-in Powers” means any Write-down and Conversion Powers as defined in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule, in relation to the relevant Bail-in Legislation;

“BRRD” means Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms;

“BRRD Liability” means a liability in respect of which the relevant Write-down and Conversion Powers in the applicable Bail-in Legislation may be exercised;

“EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule” means the document described as such, then in effect, and published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person) from time to time at <http://www.lma.eu.com/>; and

“Relevant Resolution Authority” means the resolution authority with the ability to exercise any Bail-in Powers in relation to the Underwriters.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent an Underwriter’s obligation to purchase Securities hereunder constitutes a BRRD Liability and such Underwriter does not, on the Closing Date, purchase the full amount of the Notes that it has agreed to purchase hereunder due to the exercise by the Relevant Resolution Authority of its powers under the relevant Bail-in Legislation with respect to such BRRD Liability, such Underwriter shall be deemed, for all purposes of Section 7 of the Underwriting Agreement, to have defaulted on its obligation to purchase such Notes that it has agreed to purchase hereunder but has not purchased, and Section 7 of the Underwriting Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the obligations of the other Underwriters.

The Closing will take place at 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on May 6, 2020, at the offices of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166 (unless another location shall be agreed to by the Company and the Underwriters).

The Securities will be made available for checking and packaging at the offices of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166 (unless another location shall be agreed to by the Company and the Underwriters) at least 24 hours prior to the Closing Date.

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Please signify your acceptance by signing the enclosed response to us in the space provided and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

Acting as Representatives of the several Underwriters

BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC.

By: /s/ Meghan M. Maher

Name: Meghan M. Maher

Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

By: /s/ Brian D. Bednarski

Name: Brian D. Bednarski

Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Adan T. Greene

Name: Adam T. Greene

Title: Managing Director

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Ian Drewe
Name: Ian Drewe
Title: Executive Director

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

SCOTIA CAPITAL (USA) INC.

By: /s/ Michael Ravanese

Name: Michael Ravanese

Title: Managing Director & Head

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

Accepted:

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Bryant
Name: Daniel J. Bryant
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.

By: /s/ Neil A. Simmons
Name: Neil A. Simmons
Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

[Signature Page to Terms Agreement]

SCHEDULE A**DEBT SECURITIES**

Underwriter	Principal Amount of		
	2.350% Notes due 2025	3.400% Notes due 2030	4.450% Notes due 2050
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$ 123,750,000	\$ 123,750,000	\$ 82,500,000
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	\$ 123,750,000	\$ 123,750,000	\$ 82,500,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 90,000,000	\$ 60,000,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Mizuho Securities USA LLC	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Santander Investment Securities Inc.	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Banca IMI S.p.A.	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
Loop Capital Markets LLC	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 2,500,000
Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 2,500,000
Total	<u>\$ 750,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 750,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000,000</u>

SCHEDULE B

- (a) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses not included in the Pricing Disclosure Package: None
- (b) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses included in the Pricing Disclosure Package: Final Term Sheet, attached as Schedule C hereto
- (c) Additional Documents Incorporated by Reference: None

SCHEDULE C

Filed Pursuant to Rule 433
Registration No. 333-221133

FINAL TERM SHEET

Dated May 4, 2020

2.350% Notes due 2025

3.400% Notes due 2030

4.450% Notes due 2050

Issuer:	Altria Group, Inc.
Guarantor:	Philip Morris USA Inc.
Aggregate Principal Amount:	2025 Notes: \$750,000,000 2030 Notes: \$750,000,000 2050 Notes: \$500,000,000
Maturity Date:	2025 Notes: May 6, 2025 2030 Notes: May 6, 2030 2050 Notes: May 6, 2050
Coupon:	2025 Notes: 2.350% 2030 Notes: 3.400% 2050 Notes: 4.450%
Interest Payment Dates:	2025 Notes: Semi-annually on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020 2030 Notes: Semi-annually on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020 2050 Notes: Semi-annually on May 6 and November 6, commencing November 6, 2020
Price to Public:	2025 Notes: 99.958% of principal amount 2030 Notes: 99.689% of principal amount 2050 Notes: 99.198% of principal amount
Benchmark Treasury:	2025 Notes: 0.375% UST due April 30, 2025 2030 Notes: 1.500% UST due February 15, 2030 2050 Notes: 2.375% UST due November 15, 2049
Benchmark Treasury Yield:	2025 Notes: 0.359% 2030 Notes: 0.637% 2050 Notes: 1.299%

Spread to Benchmark Treasury:	2025 Notes: +200 bps 2030 Notes: +280 bps 2050 Notes: +320 bps
Yield to Maturity:	2025 Notes: 2.359% 2030 Notes: 3.437% 2050 Notes: 4.499%
Optional Redemption:	2025 Notes: Make-whole call at T+30 bps prior to April 6, 2025; par call on or after April 6, 2025 2030 Notes: Make-whole call at T+45 bps prior to February 6, 2030; par call on or after February 6, 2030 2050 Notes: Make-whole call at T+50 bps prior to November 6, 2049; par call on or after November 6, 2049
Trade Date:	May 4, 2020
Settlement Date (T+2):	May 6, 2020
CUSIP / ISIN:	2025 Notes: CUSIP: 02209S BH5 ISIN: US02209SBH58 2030 Notes: CUSIP: 02209S BJ1 ISIN: US02209SBJ15 2050 Notes: CUSIP: 02209S BK8 ISIN: US02209SBK87
Listing:	None.
Joint Book-Running Managers:	Barclays Capital Inc. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.
Senior Co-Managers:	Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC Mizuho Securities USA Inc. Santander Investment Securities Inc. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
Co-Managers:	Banca IMI S.p.A. Loop Capital Markets LLC Siebert Williams Shank & Co., LLC

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Barclays Capital Inc. toll free at 1-888-603-5847, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. toll free at 1-800-831-9146, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC toll free at 1-866-471-2526, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC toll free at 1-866-618-1649, and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. toll free at 1-800-372-3930.

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Section 3: EX-4.1 (GUARANTEE AGREEMENT FOR 2.350% NOTES DUE 2025)

Exhibit 4.1

Execution Version

GUARANTEE, dated as of May 6, 2020 (as amended from time to time, this “Guarantee”), made by Philip Morris USA Inc., a Virginia corporation (the “Guarantor”), in favor of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (“Trustee”) for the registered holders (the “Holders”) of the 2.350% Notes due 2025 (the “Debt Securities”) of Altria Group, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the “Issuer”).

WITNESSETH:

SECTION 1. Guarantee. (a) The Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities (the “Obligations”), according to the terms of the Debt Securities and as more fully described in the Indenture (as amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time, the “Indenture”), dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee, and any other amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Indenture.

(b) It is the intention of the Guarantor that this Guarantee not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to this Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the amount guaranteed by the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of the Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, result in the Obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance. For purposes hereof, “Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

SECTION 2. Guarantee Absolute. The Guarantor guarantees that the Obligations will be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, regardless of any law, regulation or order now or hereafter in effect in any jurisdiction affecting any of such terms or the rights of Holders of the Debt Securities with respect thereto. The liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

- (i) any lack of validity, enforceability or genuineness of any provision of the Indenture, the Debt Securities or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (ii) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from the Indenture;
- (iii) any exchange, release or non-perfection of any collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to departure from any other guarantee, for all or any of the Obligations; or
- (iv) any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, the Issuer or a guarantor.

SECTION 3. Subordination. The Guarantor covenants and agrees that its obligation to make payments of the Obligations hereunder constitutes an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor ranking (a) *pari passu* with all existing and future senior indebtedness of the Guarantor and (b) senior in right of payment to all existing and future subordinated indebtedness of the Guarantor.

SECTION 4. Waiver; Subrogation. (a) The Guarantor hereby waives promptness, diligence, notice of acceptance and any other notice with respect to this Guarantee and any requirement that the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities protect, secure, perfect or insure any security interest or lien or any property subject thereto or exhaust any right or take any action against the Issuer or any other Person or any collateral.

(b) The Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives any claims or other rights that it may now or hereafter acquire against the Issuer that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of the Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee or the Indenture, including, without limitation, any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities against the Issuer or any collateral, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity or under contract, statute or common law, including, without limitation, the right to take or receive from the Issuer, directly or indirectly, in cash or other property or by set-off or in any other manner, payment or security on account of such claim, remedy or right. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence at any time prior to the cash payment in full of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of any Debt Securities and shall forthwith be paid to the Trustee, to be credited and applied to the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and this Guarantee, or be held as collateral for any Obligations or other amounts payable under this Guarantee thereafter arising. The Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by the Indenture and this Guarantee and that the waiver set forth in this Section 4 is knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 5. No Waiver; Remedies. No failure on the part of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

SECTION 6. Continuing Guarantee; Transfer of Interest. This Guarantee is a continuing guarantee and shall (a) remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (i) the date, if any, on which the Guarantor shall consolidate with or merge into the Issuer or any successor thereto, (ii) the date, if any, on which the Issuer or any successor thereto shall consolidate with or merge into the Guarantor, (iii) payment in full of the Obligations, and (iv) the rating of the Issuer's long term senior unsecured debt by Standard & Poor's of A or higher, (b) be binding upon the Guarantor, its successors and assigns, and (c) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Holder of Debt Securities, the Trustee, and by their respective successors, transferees, and assigns.

SECTION 7. Reinstatement. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment of any of the Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by any Holder of the Debt Securities or the Trustee upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Issuer or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

SECTION 8. Amendment. The Guarantor may amend this Guarantee at any time for any purpose without the consent of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities; *provided, however*, that if such amendment adversely affects (a) the rights of the Trustee or (b) any Holder of the Debt Securities, the prior written consent of the Trustee (in the case of (b), acting at the written direction of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities) shall be required.

SECTION 9. Governing Law. This Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 10. Execution. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to this Guarantee shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has caused this Guarantee to be duly executed and delivered by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the date first written above.

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.

By: /s/ Jon D. Moore

Name: Jon D. Moore

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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Section 4: EX-4.2 (GUARANTEE AGREEMENT FOR 3.400% NOTES DUE 2030)

Exhibit 4.2

Execution Version

GUARANTEE, dated as of May 6, 2020 (as amended from time to time, this “Guarantee”), made by Philip Morris USA Inc., a Virginia corporation (the “Guarantor”), in favor of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (“Trustee”) for the registered holders (the “Holders”) of the 3.400% Notes due 2030 (the “Debt Securities”) of Altria Group, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the “Issuer”).

WITNESSETH:

SECTION 1. Guarantee. (a) The Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities (the “Obligations”), according to the terms of the Debt Securities and as more fully described in the Indenture (as amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time, the “Indenture”), dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee, and any other amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Indenture.

(b) It is the intention of the Guarantor that this Guarantee not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to this Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the amount guaranteed by the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of the Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, result in the Obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance. For purposes hereof, “Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

SECTION 2. Guarantee Absolute. The Guarantor guarantees that the Obligations will be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, regardless of any law, regulation or order now or hereafter in effect in any jurisdiction affecting any of such terms or the rights of Holders of the Debt Securities with respect thereto. The liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

- (i) any lack of validity, enforceability or genuineness of any provision of the Indenture, the Debt Securities or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (ii) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from the Indenture;
- (iii) any exchange, release or non-perfection of any collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to departure from any other guarantee, for all or any of the Obligations; or
- (iv) any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, the Issuer or a guarantor.

SECTION 3. Subordination. The Guarantor covenants and agrees that its obligation to make payments of the Obligations hereunder constitutes an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor ranking (a) *pari passu* with all existing and future senior indebtedness of the Guarantor and (b) senior in right of payment to all existing and future subordinated indebtedness of the Guarantor.

SECTION 4. Waiver; Subrogation. (a) The Guarantor hereby waives promptness, diligence, notice of acceptance and any other notice with respect to this Guarantee and any requirement that the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities protect, secure, perfect or insure any security interest or lien or any property subject thereto or exhaust any right or take any action against the Issuer or any other Person or any collateral.

(b) The Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives any claims or other rights that it may now or hereafter acquire against the Issuer that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of the Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee or the Indenture, including, without limitation, any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities against the Issuer or any collateral, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity or under contract, statute or common law, including, without limitation, the right to take or receive from the Issuer, directly or indirectly, in cash or other property or by set-off or in any other manner, payment or security on account of such claim, remedy or right. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence at any time prior to the cash payment in full of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of any Debt Securities and shall forthwith be paid to the Trustee, to be credited and applied to the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and this Guarantee, or be held as collateral for any Obligations or other amounts payable under this Guarantee thereafter arising. The Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by the Indenture and this Guarantee and that the waiver set forth in this Section 4 is knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 5. No Waiver; Remedies. No failure on the part of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

SECTION 6. Continuing Guarantee; Transfer of Interest. This Guarantee is a continuing guarantee and shall (a) remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (i) the date, if any, on which the Guarantor shall consolidate with or merge into the Issuer or any successor thereto, (ii) the date, if any, on which the Issuer or any successor thereto shall consolidate with or merge into the Guarantor, (iii) payment in full of the Obligations, and (iv) the rating of the Issuer's long term senior unsecured debt by Standard & Poor's of A or higher, (b) be binding upon the Guarantor, its successors and assigns, and (c) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Holder of Debt Securities, the Trustee, and by their respective successors, transferees, and assigns.

SECTION 7. Reinstatement. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment of any of the Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by any Holder of the Debt Securities or the Trustee upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Issuer or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

SECTION 8. Amendment. The Guarantor may amend this Guarantee at any time for any purpose without the consent of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities; *provided, however*, that if such amendment adversely affects (a) the rights of the Trustee or (b) any Holder of the Debt Securities, the prior written consent of the Trustee (in the case of (b), acting at the written direction of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities) shall be required.

SECTION 9. Governing Law. This Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 10. Execution. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to this Guarantee shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has caused this Guarantee to be duly executed and delivered by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the date first written above.

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.

By: /s/ Jon D. Moore

Name: Jon D. Moore

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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Section 5: EX-4.3 (GUARANTEE AGREEMENT FOR 4.450% NOTES DUE 2050)

Exhibit 4.3

Execution Version

GUARANTEE, dated as of May 6, 2020 (as amended from time to time, this "Guarantee"), made by Philip Morris USA Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Guarantor"), in favor of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee ("Trustee") for the registered holders (the "Holders") of the 4.450% Notes due 2050 (the "Debt Securities") of Altria Group, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Issuer").

WITNESSETH:

SECTION 1. Guarantee. (a) The Guarantor hereby unconditionally guarantees the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Debt Securities (the "Obligations"), according to the terms of the Debt Securities and as more fully described in the Indenture (as amended, modified or otherwise supplemented from time to time, the "Indenture"), dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee, and any other amounts payable by the Guarantor under the Indenture.

(b) It is the intention of the Guarantor that this Guarantee not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to this Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the amount guaranteed by the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of the Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, result in the Obligations of the Guarantor under this Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance. For purposes hereof, "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

SECTION 2. Guarantee Absolute. The Guarantor guarantees that the Obligations will be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, regardless of any law, regulation or order now or hereafter in effect in any jurisdiction affecting any of such terms or the rights of Holders of the Debt Securities with respect thereto. The liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

- (i) any lack of validity, enforceability or genuineness of any provision of the Indenture, the Debt Securities or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (ii) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from the Indenture;
- (iii) any exchange, release or non-perfection of any collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to departure from any other guarantee, for all or any of the Obligations; or
- (iv) any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, the Issuer or a guarantor.

SECTION 3. Subordination. The Guarantor covenants and agrees that its obligation to make payments of the Obligations hereunder constitutes an unsecured obligation of the Guarantor ranking (a) *pari passu* with all existing and future senior indebtedness of the Guarantor and (b) senior in right of payment to all existing and future subordinated indebtedness of the Guarantor.

SECTION 4. Waiver; Subrogation. (a) The Guarantor hereby waives promptness, diligence, notice of acceptance and any other notice with respect to this Guarantee and any requirement that the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities protect, secure, perfect or insure any security interest or lien or any property subject thereto or exhaust any right or take any action against the Issuer or any other Person or any collateral.

(b) The Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives any claims or other rights that it may now or hereafter acquire against the Issuer that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of the Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee or the Indenture, including, without limitation, any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of the Trustee, or the Holders of any Debt Securities against the Issuer or any collateral, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity or under contract, statute or common law, including, without limitation, the right to take or receive from the Issuer, directly or indirectly, in cash or other property or by set-off or in any other manner, payment or security on account of such claim, remedy or right. If any amount shall be paid to the Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence at any time prior to the cash payment in full of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of any Debt Securities and shall forthwith be paid to the Trustee, to be credited and applied to the Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guarantee, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and this Guarantee, or be held as collateral for any Obligations or other amounts payable under this Guarantee thereafter arising. The Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by the Indenture and this Guarantee and that the waiver set forth in this Section 4 is knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 5. No Waiver; Remedies. No failure on the part of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

SECTION 6. Continuing Guarantee; Transfer of Interest. This Guarantee is a continuing guarantee and shall (a) remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (i) the date, if any, on which the Guarantor shall consolidate with or merge into the Issuer or any successor thereto, (ii) the date, if any, on which the Issuer or any successor thereto shall consolidate with or merge into the Guarantor, (iii) payment in full of the Obligations, and (iv) the rating of the Issuer's long term senior unsecured debt by Standard & Poor's of A or higher, (b) be binding upon the Guarantor, its successors and assigns, and (c) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by any Holder of Debt Securities, the Trustee, and by their respective successors, transferees, and assigns.

SECTION 7. Reinstatement. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment of any of the Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be returned by any Holder of the Debt Securities or the Trustee upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Issuer or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

SECTION 8. Amendment. The Guarantor may amend this Guarantee at any time for any purpose without the consent of the Trustee or any Holder of the Debt Securities; *provided, however*, that if such amendment adversely affects (a) the rights of the Trustee or (b) any Holder of the Debt Securities, the prior written consent of the Trustee (in the case of (b), acting at the written direction of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities) shall be required.

SECTION 9. Governing Law. This Guarantee shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 10. Execution. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to this Guarantee shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, and the parties hereto consent to conduct the transactions contemplated hereunder by electronic means.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has caused this Guarantee to be duly executed and delivered by its officer thereunto duly authorized as of the date first written above.

PHILIP MORRIS USA INC.

By: /s/ Jon D. Moore

Name: Jon D. Moore

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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Section 6: EX-4.4 (FORM OF 2.350% NOTES DUE 2025)

Exhibit 4.4

REGISTERED
No.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

2.350% NOTES DUE 2025

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

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CUSIP NO. 02209S BH5

ISIN NO. US02209SBH58

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (THE "DEPOSITARY") TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY NOTE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC., a Virginia corporation (hereinafter called the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ _____ on May 6, 2025, and to pay interest thereon from May 6, 2020 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6 in each year, commencing November 6, 2020 at the rate of 2.350% per annum until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment.

The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be April 21 or October 21 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more

Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee for the Notes, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America, as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Securities Register or by wire transfer at such place and to such account at a banking institution in the United States as may be designated in writing to the Trustee at least 15 days prior to the date for payment by the person entitled thereto. All payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest in respect of this Note will be made by the Company in immediately available funds.

Additional provisions of this Note are contained on the reverse hereof, and such provisions shall have the same effect as though fully set forth in this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by or on behalf of the Trustee for the Notes by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ALTRIA GROUP, INC. has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated: _____, 2020

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: _____

Name: Daniel J. Bryant

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS,
as Trustee

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

(Reverse of Note)

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (hereinafter called the “Securities”) of the Company of the series hereinafter specified, which series is limited in aggregate principal amount to \$750,000,000 (except as provided in the Indenture hereinafter mentioned), all such Securities issued and to be issued under an Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Company, Philip Morris USA Inc., as Guarantor, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee (herein called the “Indenture”), to which Indenture and all other indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the rights and limitations of rights thereunder of the Holders of the Securities and of the rights, obligations, duties and immunities of the Trustee for each series of Securities and of the Company, and the terms upon which the Securities are and are to be authenticated and delivered. As provided in the Indenture, the Securities may be issued in one or more series, which different series may be issued in various aggregate principal amounts, may mature at different times, may bear interest, if any, at different rates, may be subject to different redemption provisions, if any, may be subject to different sinking, purchase or analogous funds, if any, may be subject to different covenants and Events of Default and may otherwise vary as in the Indenture provided or permitted. This Note is one of a series of the Securities designated therein as 2.350% Notes due 2025 (the “Notes”).

Guarantee

The Notes have the benefit of the unconditional guarantee by the Guarantor to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes, according to the terms of and as more fully described in the Indenture and the related Guarantee Agreement executed by the Guarantor on the date hereof.

Optional Redemption

Prior to April 6, 2025 (the date that is one month prior to the scheduled maturity date for the Notes) (the “2025 par call date”), the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time. The redemption price will be equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of each remaining scheduled payment of principal and interest that would be due if such notes matured on the 2025 par call date (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date, on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at a rate equal to the applicable Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 30 basis points plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

On or after the 2025 par call date, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the U.S. Treasury security or securities selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of each series of notes to be redeemed that would be used, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes assuming, for this purpose, that the Notes matured on the 2025 par call date.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

“Independent Investment Banker” means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means each of Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., or their affiliates, which are primary United States government securities dealers and one other primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City reasonably designated by the Company; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”), the Company will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 2:00 pm New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated maturity (on a day count basis) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (such price expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 15 days but not more than 45 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed. If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the notes to be redeemed is deposited with the trustee on or before the redemption date, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the notes (or such portions thereof) called for redemption and such notes will cease to be outstanding. If fewer than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC.

Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its option to redeem the Notes, Holders may require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of their Notes pursuant to an offer (the "Change of Control Offer") of payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes repurchased, but not including, the date of repurchase (a "Change of Control Payment").

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to Holders describing the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (a "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and
- deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail to each Holder of properly tendered Notes the Change of Control Payment for the Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; provided that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of that amount.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set for an offer made by the Company, and the third party repurchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn

under its offer. In addition, the Company will not repurchase any Notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an Event of Default under the Indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

For purposes of the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, the following definitions will be applicable:

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets and the assets of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person,” other than to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries;
- (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which the Company’s Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares;
- (3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any person, or any person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Company’s Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving person or any direct or indirect parent company of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company’s Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company’s liquidation or dissolution (other than the Company’s liquidation into a newly formed holding company).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (i) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (ii) (A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company’s Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

“Change of Control Triggering Event” means the occurrence of both (1) a Change of Control and (2) a Ratings Event.

“Continuing Directors” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company’s Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the Issue Date of the Notes or (2) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of the Company’s proxy statement in which such member was named a nominee for election as a director, without objection to such nomination).

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Hearst Corporation and Fimalac, S.A., and its successors.

“Investment Grade” means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s; a rating equal to or higher than BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P or Fitch; and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Replacement Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody’s Corporation, and its successors.

“person” has the meaning given thereto in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.

“Rating Agencies” means (1) each of Moody’s, S&P and Fitch; and (2) if any of Moody’s, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company’s control, a Substitute Rating Agency.

“Ratings Event” means the Notes cease to be rated Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control and (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the Company’s intention to effect a Change of Control.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global Inc., and its successors.

“Substitute Rating Agency” means a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by the Company (as certified by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer) as a replacement agency for Moody’s, S&P or Fitch, or all of them, as the case may be.

“Voting Stock” means, with respect to any specified “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date, the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

Payment of Additional Amounts

Section 1010 of the Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes, except that (i) the term “Holder,” when used in Section 1010 of the Indenture, shall mean the beneficial owner of a Note or any person holding on behalf or for account of the beneficial owner of a Note, (ii) the following language shall replace subsection (k) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code” and (iii) the following language shall be included as subsection (l) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any combination of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).”

Optional Tax Redemption

The Company may redeem the Notes prior to maturity in whole, but not in part, on not more than 60 days’ notice and not less than 30 days’ notice at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus any accrued interest and additional amounts to the date fixed for redemption if:

- as a result of a change in or amendment to the tax laws, regulations or rulings of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or any change in official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States) that is announced or becomes effective on or after May 6, 2020, the Company has or will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes as described in Section 1010 of the Indenture, or
- on or after May 6, 2020, any action is taken by a taxing authority of, or any decision is rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States, including any of those actions specified in the bullet point above, whether or not such action is taken or decision is rendered with respect to the Company, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation is officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the written opinion of independent legal counsel of recognized standing, will result in a material probability that the Company will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes,

and the Company in its business judgment determines that such obligations cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company.

If the Company exercises its option to redeem the Notes, the Company will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by an authorized officer stating that it is entitled to redeem the Notes and the written opinion of independent legal counsel if required.

Defeasance

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire principal of all the Securities of any series upon compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth therein.

Events of Default

In addition to the Events of Default described in Section 501 of the Indenture, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default with respect to the Notes:

- the Guarantor shall commence any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or the Guarantor shall apply for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Guarantor) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property; or the Guarantor shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the Guarantor shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing;
- an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Guarantor with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or similar official of it or any substantial part of its property; and such case or other proceeding (1) results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against it or (2) shall continue unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; and
- the guarantee of the Notes by the Guarantor is determined to be unenforceable or invalid or shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect except as permitted by the Indenture, or the Guarantor repudiates its obligations under such guarantee.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in Section 501(4) or 501(5) of the Indenture) with respect to the Notes shall occur and be continuing, then either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Notes then Outstanding may declare the entire principal amount of the Notes due and payable in the manner and with effect provided in the Indenture. If an Event of Default specified in Section 501(4) or 501(5) occurs with respect to the Company, all of the unpaid principal amount and accrued interest then Outstanding shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable in the manner with the effect provided in the Indenture without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder.

Notwithstanding anything in the immediately preceding paragraph to the contrary, to the extent elected by the Company, the sole remedy for an Event of Default relating to the failure by the Company to comply with the obligation to provide certain reports and information as set forth in Section 704 of the Indenture will, for the first 120 days after the occurrence of such an Event of Default, consist exclusively of the right for Holders to receive additional interest on the Notes equal to 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of the Notes. If the Company so elects, such additional interest will be payable in the same manner and on the same dates as the stated Interest Payment Dates on the Notes. The additional interest will accrue on all outstanding Notes from and including the date on which such Event of Default first occurs to, but not including, the 120th day thereafter (or such earlier date on which such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture). On such 120th day after such Event of Default (if the Event of Default relating to such obligation is not cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture prior to such 120th day), such additional interest will cease to accrue and the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above. In the event the Company does not elect to pay the additional interest upon such Event of Default in accordance with this paragraph, the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above.

Amendments

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Guarantor with the consent of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series of Securities then Outstanding affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences with respect to such series. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the transfer hereof or in exchange or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

Payment

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein and in the Indenture prescribed.

Transfer, Registration and Exchange

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Note is transferable on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company to be maintained for that

purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or at any other office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of a like tenor and of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

The Company, the Trustee for the Notes and any agent of the Company or such Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, such Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Certain of the Company's obligations under the Indenture with respect to Notes may be terminated if the Company irrevocably deposits with the Trustee money or Government Obligations sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all Notes, as provided in the Indenture.

This Note shall for all purposes be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Certain terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture have the meanings set forth therein.

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(Name and address of Assignee, including zip code, must be printed or typewritten)

the within Note, and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably, constituting and appointing

Attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of Altria Group, Inc. with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

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Section 7: EX-4.5 (FORM OF 3.400% NOTES DUE 2030)

Exhibit 4.5

REGISTERED
No.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

3.400% NOTES DUE 2030

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
\$
CUSIP NO. 02209S BJ1
ISIN NO. US02209SBJ15

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (THE "DEPOSITARY") TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY NOTE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC., a Virginia corporation (hereinafter called the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ _____ on

May 6, 2030, and to pay interest thereon from May 6, 2020 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6 in each year, commencing November 6, 2020 at the rate of 3.400% per annum until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment.

The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be April 21 or October 21 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more

Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee for the Notes, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America, as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Securities Register or by wire transfer at such place and to such account at a banking institution in the United States as may be designated in writing to the Trustee at least 15 days prior to the date for payment by the person entitled thereto. All payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest in respect of this Note will be made by the Company in immediately available funds.

Additional provisions of this Note are contained on the reverse hereof, and such provisions shall have the same effect as though fully set forth in this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by or on behalf of the Trustee for the Notes by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ALTRIA GROUP, INC. has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated: _____, 2020

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: _____

Name: Daniel J. Bryant

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS,
as Trustee

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

(Reverse of Note)

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

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Optional Redemption

Prior to February 6, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the Notes) (the "2030 par call date"), the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time. The redemption price will be equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of each remaining scheduled payment of principal and interest that would be due if such notes matured on the 2030 par call date (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date, on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at a rate equal to the applicable Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 45 basis points plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

On or after the 2030 par call date, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the U.S. Treasury security or securities selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of each series of notes to be redeemed that would be used, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes assuming, for this purpose, that the Notes matured on the 2030 par call date.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

“Independent Investment Banker” means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means each of Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., or their affiliates, which are primary United States government securities dealers and one other primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City reasonably designated by the Company; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”), the Company will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 2:00 pm New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated maturity (on a day count basis) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (such price expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 15 days but not more than 45 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed. If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the notes to be redeemed is deposited with the trustee on or before the redemption date, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the notes (or such portions thereof) called for redemption and such notes will cease to be outstanding. If fewer than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC.

Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its option to redeem the Notes, Holders may require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of their Notes pursuant to an offer (the "Change of Control Offer") of payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes repurchased, but not including, the date of repurchase (a "Change of Control Payment").

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to Holders describing the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (a "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and
- deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail to each Holder of properly tendered Notes the Change of Control Payment for the Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; provided that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of that amount.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set for an offer made by the Company, and the third party repurchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn

under its offer. In addition, the Company will not repurchase any Notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an Event of Default under the Indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

For purposes of the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, the following definitions will be applicable:

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets and the assets of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person,” other than to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries;
- (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which the Company’s Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares;
- (3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any person, or any person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Company’s Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving person or any direct or indirect parent company of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company’s Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company’s liquidation or dissolution (other than the Company’s liquidation into a newly formed holding company).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (i) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (ii) (A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company’s Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

“Change of Control Triggering Event” means the occurrence of both (1) a Change of Control and (2) a Ratings Event.

“Continuing Directors” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company’s Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the Issue Date of the Notes or (2) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of the Company’s proxy statement in which such member was named a nominee for election as a director, without objection to such nomination).

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Hearst Corporation and Fimalac, S.A., and its successors.

“Investment Grade” means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s; a rating equal to or higher than BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P or Fitch; and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Replacement Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody’s Corporation, and its successors.

“person” has the meaning given thereto in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.

“Rating Agencies” means (1) each of Moody’s, S&P and Fitch; and (2) if any of Moody’s, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company’s control, a Substitute Rating Agency.

“Ratings Event” means the Notes cease to be rated Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control and (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the Company’s intention to effect a Change of Control.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global Inc., and its successors.

“Substitute Rating Agency” means a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by the Company (as certified by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer) as a replacement agency for Moody’s, S&P or Fitch, or all of them, as the case may be.

“Voting Stock” means, with respect to any specified “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date, the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

Payment of Additional Amounts

Section 1010 of the Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes, except that (i) the term “Holder,” when used in Section 1010 of the Indenture, shall mean the beneficial owner of a Note or any person holding on behalf or for account of the beneficial owner of a Note, (ii) the following language shall replace subsection (k) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code” and (iii) the following language shall be included as subsection (l) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any combination of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).”

Optional Tax Redemption

The Company may redeem the Notes prior to maturity in whole, but not in part, on not more than 60 days’ notice and not less than 30 days’ notice at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus any accrued interest and additional amounts to the date fixed for redemption if:

- as a result of a change in or amendment to the tax laws, regulations or rulings of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or any change in official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States) that is announced or becomes effective on or after May 6, 2020, the Company has or will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes as described in Section 1010 of the Indenture, or
- on or after May 6, 2020, any action is taken by a taxing authority of, or any decision is rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States, including any of those actions specified in the bullet point above, whether or not such action is taken or decision is rendered with respect to the Company, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation is officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the written opinion of independent legal counsel of recognized standing, will result in a material probability that the Company will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes,

and the Company in its business judgment determines that such obligations cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company.

If the Company exercises its option to redeem the Notes, the Company will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by an authorized officer stating that it is entitled to redeem the Notes and the written opinion of independent legal counsel if required.

Defeasance

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire principal of all the Securities of any series upon compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth therein.

Events of Default

In addition to the Events of Default described in Section 501 of the Indenture, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default with respect to the Notes:

- the Guarantor shall commence any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or the Guarantor shall apply for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Guarantor) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property; or the Guarantor shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the Guarantor shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing;
- an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Guarantor with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or similar official of it or any substantial part of its property; and such case or other proceeding (1) results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against it or (2) shall continue unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; and
- the guarantee of the Notes by the Guarantor is determined to be unenforceable or invalid or shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect except as permitted by the Indenture, or the Guarantor repudiates its obligations under such guarantee.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in Section 501(4) or 501(5) of the Indenture) with respect to the Notes shall occur and be continuing, then either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Notes then Outstanding may declare the entire principal amount of the Notes due and payable in the manner and with effect provided in the Indenture. If an Event of Default specified in Section 501(4) or 501(5) occurs with respect to the Company, all of the unpaid principal amount and accrued interest then Outstanding shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable in the manner with the effect provided in the Indenture without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder.

Notwithstanding anything in the immediately preceding paragraph to the contrary, to the extent elected by the Company, the sole remedy for an Event of Default relating to the failure by the Company to comply with the obligation to provide certain reports and information as set forth in Section 704 of the Indenture will, for the first 120 days after the occurrence of such an Event of Default, consist exclusively of the right for Holders to receive additional interest on the Notes equal to 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of the Notes. If the Company so elects, such additional interest will be payable in the same manner and on the same dates as the stated Interest Payment Dates on the Notes. The additional interest will accrue on all outstanding Notes from and including the date on which such Event of Default first occurs to, but not including, the 120th day thereafter (or such earlier date on which such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture). On such 120th day after such Event of Default (if the Event of Default relating to such obligation is not cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture prior to such 120th day), such additional interest will cease to accrue and the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above. In the event the Company does not elect to pay the additional interest upon such Event of Default in accordance with this paragraph, the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above.

Amendments

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Guarantor with the consent of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series of Securities then Outstanding affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences with respect to such series. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the transfer hereof or in exchange or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

Payment

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein and in the Indenture prescribed.

Transfer, Registration and Exchange

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Note is transferable on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company to be maintained for that

purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or at any other office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of a like tenor and of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

The Company, the Trustee for the Notes and any agent of the Company or such Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, such Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Certain of the Company's obligations under the Indenture with respect to Notes may be terminated if the Company irrevocably deposits with the Trustee money or Government Obligations sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all Notes, as provided in the Indenture.

This Note shall for all purposes be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Certain terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture have the meanings set forth therein.

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(Name and address of Assignee, including zip code, must be printed or typewritten)

the within Note, and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably, constituting and appointing

Attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of Altria Group, Inc. with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

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Section 8: EX-4.6 (FORM OF 4.450% NOTES DUE 2040)

Exhibit 4.6

REGISTERED
No.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

4.450% NOTES DUE 2050

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
\$
CUSIP NO. 02209S BK8
ISIN NO. US02209SBK87

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (THE "DEPOSITARY") TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY NOTE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC., a Virginia corporation (hereinafter called the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ _____ on

May 6, 2050, and to pay interest thereon from May 6, 2020 or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, semi-annually in arrears on May 6 and November 6 in each year, commencing November 6, 2020 at the rate of 4.450% per annum until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment.

The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in the Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be April 21 or October 21 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more

Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee for the Notes, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

Payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America, as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Securities Register or by wire transfer at such place and to such account at a banking institution in the United States as may be designated in writing to the Trustee at least 15 days prior to the date for payment by the person entitled thereto. All payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest in respect of this Note will be made by the Company in immediately available funds.

Additional provisions of this Note are contained on the reverse hereof, and such provisions shall have the same effect as though fully set forth in this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by or on behalf of the Trustee for the Notes by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ALTRIA GROUP, INC. has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

Dated: _____, 2020

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: _____

Name: Daniel J. Bryant

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS,
as Trustee

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

(Reverse of Note)

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (hereinafter called the "Securities") of the Company of the series hereinafter specified, which series is limited in aggregate principal amount to \$500,000,000 (except as provided in the Indenture hereinafter mentioned), all such Securities issued and to be issued under an Indenture, dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Company, Philip Morris USA Inc., as Guarantor, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee (herein called the "Indenture"), to which Indenture and all other indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the rights and limitations of rights thereunder of the Holders of the Securities and of the rights, obligations, duties and immunities of the Trustee for each series of Securities and of the Company, and the terms upon which the Securities are and are to be authenticated and delivered. As provided in the Indenture, the Securities may be issued in one or more series, which different series may be issued in various aggregate principal amounts, may mature at different times, may bear interest, if any, at different rates, may be subject to different redemption provisions, if any, may be subject to different sinking, purchase or analogous funds, if any, may be subject to different covenants and Events of Default and may otherwise vary as in the Indenture provided or permitted. This Note is one of a series of the Securities designated therein as 4.450% Notes due 2050 (the "Notes").

Guarantee

The Notes have the benefit of the unconditional guarantee by the Guarantor to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes, according to the terms of and as more fully described in the Indenture and the related Guarantee Agreement executed by the Guarantor on the date hereof.

Optional Redemption

Prior to November 6, 2049 (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date for the Notes) (the "2050 par call date"), the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time. The redemption price will be equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of each remaining scheduled payment of principal and interest that would be due if such notes matured on the 2050 par call date (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date, on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at a rate equal to the applicable Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 50 basis points plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date.

On or after the 2050 par call date, the Company may, at its option, redeem the Notes, in whole at any time or in part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

“Comparable Treasury Issue” means the U.S. Treasury security or securities selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of each series of notes to be redeemed that would be used, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes assuming, for this purpose, that the Notes matured on the 2050 par call date.

“Comparable Treasury Price” means, with respect to any redemption date (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

“Independent Investment Banker” means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company.

“Reference Treasury Dealer” means each of Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., or their affiliates, which are primary United States government securities dealers and one other primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City reasonably designated by the Company; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in New York City (a “Primary Treasury Dealer”), the Company will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

“Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 2:00 pm New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated maturity (on a day count basis) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (such price expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 15 days but not more than 45 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed. If money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the notes to be redeemed is deposited with the trustee on or before the redemption date, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the notes (or such portions thereof) called for redemption and such notes will cease to be outstanding. If fewer than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC.

Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs, unless the Company has exercised its option to redeem the Notes, Holders may require the Company to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of their Notes pursuant to an offer (the "Change of Control Offer") of payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes repurchased, but not including, the date of repurchase (a "Change of Control Payment").

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, the Company will mail a notice to Holders describing the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the Notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (a "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and
- deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased.

The Paying Agent will promptly mail to each Holder of properly tendered Notes the Change of Control Payment for the Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each Holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes surrendered; provided that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of that amount.

The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set for an offer made by the Company, and the third party repurchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn

under its offer. In addition, the Company will not repurchase any Notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an Event of Default under the Indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

For purposes of the Change of Control Offer provisions of the Notes, the following definitions will be applicable:

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets and the assets of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person,” other than to the Company or one of its Subsidiaries;
- (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which the Company’s Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than the number of shares;
- (3) the Company consolidates with, or merges with or into, any person, or any person consolidates with, or merges with or into, the Company, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the Company’s outstanding Voting Stock is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of the Company’s Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving person or any direct or indirect parent company of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction;
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Company’s Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors; or
- (5) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company’s liquidation or dissolution (other than the Company’s liquidation into a newly formed holding company).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (i) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (ii) (A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company’s Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no person (other than a holding company) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

“Change of Control Triggering Event” means the occurrence of both (1) a Change of Control and (2) a Ratings Event.

“Continuing Directors” means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Company’s Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the Issue Date of the Notes or (2) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of the Company’s proxy statement in which such member was named a nominee for election as a director, without objection to such nomination).

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Hearst Corporation and Fimalac, S.A., and its successors.

“Investment Grade” means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s; a rating equal to or higher than BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P or Fitch; and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Replacement Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody’s Corporation, and its successors.

“person” has the meaning given thereto in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.

“Rating Agencies” means (1) each of Moody’s, S&P and Fitch; and (2) if any of Moody’s, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of the Company’s control, a Substitute Rating Agency.

“Ratings Event” means the Notes cease to be rated Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control and (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the Company’s intention to effect a Change of Control.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global Inc., and its successors.

“Substitute Rating Agency” means a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by the Company (as certified by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer) as a replacement agency for Moody’s, S&P or Fitch, or all of them, as the case may be.

“Voting Stock” means, with respect to any specified “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date, the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

Payment of Additional Amounts

Section 1010 of the Indenture shall be applicable to the Notes, except that (i) the term “Holder,” when used in Section 1010 of the Indenture, shall mean the beneficial owner of a Note or any person holding on behalf or for account of the beneficial owner of a Note, (ii) the following language shall replace subsection (k) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code” and (iii) the following language shall be included as subsection (l) to Section 1010 of the Indenture “any combination of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k).”

Optional Tax Redemption

The Company may redeem the Notes prior to maturity in whole, but not in part, on not more than 60 days’ notice and not less than 30 days’ notice at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus any accrued interest and additional amounts to the date fixed for redemption if:

- as a result of a change in or amendment to the tax laws, regulations or rulings of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States or any change in official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States) that is announced or becomes effective on or after May 6, 2020, the Company has or will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes as described in Section 1010 of the Indenture, or
- on or after May 6, 2020, any action is taken by a taxing authority of, or any decision is rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority of or in the United States, including any of those actions specified in the bullet point above, whether or not such action is taken or decision is rendered with respect to the Company, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation is officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the written opinion of independent legal counsel of recognized standing, will result in a material probability that the Company will become obligated to pay additional amounts with respect to the Notes,

and the Company in its business judgment determines that such obligations cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company.

If the Company exercises its option to redeem the Notes, the Company will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by an authorized officer stating that it is entitled to redeem the Notes and the written opinion of independent legal counsel if required.

Defeasance

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire principal of all the Securities of any series upon compliance by the Company with certain conditions set forth therein.

Events of Default

In addition to the Events of Default described in Section 501 of the Indenture, each of the following will constitute an Event of Default with respect to the Notes:

- the Guarantor shall commence any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or the Guarantor shall apply for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Guarantor) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property; or the Guarantor shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the Guarantor shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing;
- an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Guarantor with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or similar official of it or any substantial part of its property; and such case or other proceeding (1) results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against it or (2) shall continue unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; and
- the guarantee of the Notes by the Guarantor is determined to be unenforceable or invalid or shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect except as permitted by the Indenture, or the Guarantor repudiates its obligations under such guarantee.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in Section 501(4) or 501(5) of the Indenture) with respect to the Notes shall occur and be continuing, then either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Notes then Outstanding may declare the entire principal amount of the Notes due and payable in the manner and with effect provided in the Indenture. If an Event of Default specified in Section 501(4) or 501(5) occurs with respect to the Company, all of the unpaid principal amount and accrued interest then Outstanding shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable in the manner with the effect provided in the Indenture without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder.

Notwithstanding anything in the immediately preceding paragraph to the contrary, to the extent elected by the Company, the sole remedy for an Event of Default relating to the failure by the Company to comply with the obligation to provide certain reports and information as set forth in Section 704 of the Indenture will, for the first 120 days after the occurrence of such an Event of Default, consist exclusively of the right for Holders to receive additional interest on the Notes equal to 0.25% per annum of the principal amount of the Notes. If the Company so elects, such additional interest will be payable in the same manner and on the same dates as the stated Interest Payment Dates on the Notes. The additional interest will accrue on all outstanding Notes from and including the date on which such Event of Default first occurs to, but not including, the 120th day thereafter (or such earlier date on which such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture). On such 120th day after such Event of Default (if the Event of Default relating to such obligation is not cured or waived by Holders as provided in Section 513 of the Indenture prior to such 120th day), such additional interest will cease to accrue and the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above. In the event the Company does not elect to pay the additional interest upon such Event of Default in accordance with this paragraph, the Notes will be subject to acceleration as provided in the paragraph above.

Amendments

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Guarantor with the consent of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series of Securities then Outstanding affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences with respect to such series. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the transfer hereof or in exchange or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

Payment

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein and in the Indenture prescribed.

Transfer, Registration and Exchange

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, this Note is transferable on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company to be maintained for that

purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or at any other office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by the Holder hereof or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of a like tenor and of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

The Company, the Trustee for the Notes and any agent of the Company or such Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment as herein provided and for all other purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, such Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Certain of the Company's obligations under the Indenture with respect to Notes may be terminated if the Company irrevocably deposits with the Trustee money or Government Obligations sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on all Notes, as provided in the Indenture.

This Note shall for all purposes be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Certain terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture have the meanings set forth therein.

FORM OF ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns
and transfers unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR
OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(Name and address of Assignee, including zip code, must be
printed or typewritten)

the within Note, and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably,
constituting and appointing

Attorney to transfer the said Note on the books of Altria Group,
Inc. with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond
with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Note in
every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any
change whatsoever.

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Section 9: EX-5.1 (OPINION OF HUNTON ANDREWS KURTH LLP)

Exhibit 5.1

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May 6, 2020

Altria Group, Inc.
Philip Morris USA Inc.
6601 West Broad Street
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Re: Legality of Securities Issued under Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Altria Group, Inc., a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), and Philip Morris USA Inc., a Virginia corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Guarantor"), in connection with (1) the registration of an indeterminate amount of debt securities of the Company (the "Debt Securities"), guarantees of the Debt Securities by the Guarantor and warrants to purchase Debt Securities, as set forth in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-221133) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company and the Guarantor on October 26,

2017 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), and (2) the Company’s offering and sale of \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 2.350% Notes due 2025, \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.400% Notes due 2030 and \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.450% Notes due 2050 (collectively, the “Notes”). The Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest by the Guarantor (the “Guarantees”).

The Notes were offered and sold as described in the prospectus, dated October 26, 2017, contained in the Registration Statement, and the pricing prospectus and prospectus supplement thereto, dated May 4, 2020 (collectively, the “Prospectus”). The Notes have been issued pursuant to an indenture (the “Indenture”), dated as of November 4, 2008, among the Company, the Guarantor and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the “Trustee”). The Guarantees have been issued pursuant to the Indenture as evidenced by guarantee agreements (the “Guarantee Agreements”) made by the Guarantor in favor of the Trustee.

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 16 of Form S-3 and Item 601(b)(5)(i) of Regulation S-K.

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We have examined originals or reproductions or certified copies of such records of the Company and the Guarantor, certificates of officers of the Company and the Guarantor and of public officials and such other documents as we have deemed relevant and necessary for the purpose of rendering this opinion, including, among other things:

- (i) the Articles of Amendment to the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company and the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company;
- (ii) the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company;
- (iii) the Articles of Restatement of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Guarantor;
- (iv) the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Guarantor;
- (v) the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company authorizing the registration and the issuance and sale of the Notes;
- (vi) the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor authorizing the registration and the issuance of the Guarantees;
- (vii) a certificate of good standing with respect to the Company issued by the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 6, 2020 (the "Company Good Standing Certificate");
- (viii) a certificate of good standing with respect to the Guarantor issued by the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 6, 2020 (the "Guarantor Good Standing Certificate");
- (ix) the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the documents incorporated therein by reference, the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, dated May 4, 2020, each filed under the Act;
- (x) an executed copy of the Indenture;
- (xi) executed copies of the Notes; and
- (xii) executed copies of the Guarantee Agreements.

For purposes of the opinions expressed below, we have assumed: (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (ii) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as certified, photostatic or electronic copies and the authenticity of the originals

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of such documents; (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons; (iv) the genuineness of all signatures; and (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by all parties and the validity, binding effect and enforceability thereof (other than the due authorization, execution and delivery of the Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees by the Company and the Guarantor, as applicable, and the validity, binding effect and enforceability of the Notes and the Guarantees upon the Company and the Guarantor, as applicable, as to which we express our opinion in paragraphs 3 and 4 below).

We do not purport to express an opinion on any laws other than those of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of New York.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the qualifications set forth below, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company is validly existing as a corporation in good standing (based solely on the Company Good Standing Certificate) under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with corporate power and authority to issue the Notes in accordance with and subject to their terms and the terms of the Indenture.
2. The Guarantor is validly existing as a corporation in good standing (based solely on the Guarantor Good Standing Certificate) under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with corporate power and authority to issue the Guarantees in accordance with and subject to their terms and the terms of the Indenture.
3. The Notes are valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.
4. The Guarantees are valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Guarantor.

The opinions set forth above are subject to the qualification that the validity, binding effect and enforceability of the Company's obligations under the Indenture and the Notes and the Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantees and the underlying Guarantee Agreements may be subject to (i) the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, including without limitation, fraudulent conveyance or transfer laws (including but not limited to the common law trust fund doctrine and Section 548 of the United States Bankruptcy Code), (ii) general principles of equity (whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity) and (iii) concepts of

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materiality, unconscionability, reasonableness, impracticability or impossibility of performance and any implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Further, we call your attention to Senior Transeastern Lenders v. Official Comm. Of Unsecured Creditors (In re TOUSA, Inc., et al.), No. 11-11071, 2012 BL 119036 (11th Cir. May 15, 2012), and note that the validity and enforcement of the Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantees and the underlying Guarantee Agreements may be subject to the holding in that case.

We hereby consent to (a) the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on the date hereof, (b) the incorporation by reference of this opinion into the Registration Statement and (c) the reference to our firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. By giving such consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

This opinion letter is limited to the matters stated in this letter, and no opinions may be implied or inferred beyond the matters expressly stated in this letter. This opinion letter is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to advise you after the date hereof of facts or circumstances that come to our attention or changes in the law, including judicial or administrative interpretations thereof, that occur which could affect the opinions contained herein.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

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