

Information Circular: Principal Protected Notes (Basket of Currencies)

To: Head Traders, Technical Contacts, Compliance Officers, Head of ETF

Trading, Structured Products Traders

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The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") began operating as a national securities exchange for trading non-NASDAQ listed securities on February 12, 2007. As a result, certain Principal Protected Notes based on baskets of currencies ("Notes") listed on the American Stock Exchange, which previously traded through our systems on an over-the-counter basis, are now being traded by NASDAQ as an exchange on an unlisted trading privileges (UTP) basis. See Appendix A for a listing of these Notes that commenced trading on NASDAQ on a UTP basis on February 12, 2007.

Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the Notes prepared by their listing market, the American Stock Exchange. NASDAQ members should consult these information circulars, which contain important information about the characteristics of the Notes and the principal risks of an investment in the Notes.

Trading in the Notes on NASDAQ is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity trading rules</u>. The Notes will trade from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. SEC Rule 10a-1 (the SEC short sale rule) applies to trading in the Notes.

Trading of Notes on NASDAQ is subject to the provisions of <u>NASDAQ Rule 2310</u>. Members recommending transactions in the Notes to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in the NASDAQ Conduct Rules.

Members also should review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. NASDAQ members should consult the registration statement or prospectus for the Notes for additional information.

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Appendix A – Principal Protected Notes

Equity-Linked Notes Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Basket of Asian Currencies, due December 6, 2008	Symbol AWO	CUSIP Number 929903490
Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Basket of Emerging Market Currencies, Due April 8, 2008	ECN	929903524
Principal Protected Notes based upon a group of Asian Currencies, due April 28, 2008	CAQ	173079658
Currency Linked Principal Protected Notes Based upon a Group of Five Asian Currencies, due June 30, 2008	CZJ	17308C502