

## **Information Circular: PROPELS**

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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 Morgan Stanley Protected Performance Equity Linked Securities ("PROPELS") that previously traded through our systems on an over-the-counter basis are being traded by NASDAQ as an exchange on an unlisted trading privileges (UTP) basis for the first time. See Appendix A for a listing of select PROPELS that commenced trading on NASDAQ on a UTP basis on February 12, 2007.

Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the PROPELS 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 PROPELS and the principal risks of an investment in the PROPELS.

Trading in the PROPELS on NASDAQ is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity trading rules</u>. The PROPELS 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 PROPELS.

Trading of PROPELS on NASDAQ is subject to the provisions of <u>NASDAQ Rule 2310</u>. Members recommending transactions in PROPELS 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 <u>NASD Notice to Members 03-71</u> 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 PROPELS for additional information.

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## Appendix A – PROPELS

Index-Linked Notes	Symbol	CUSIP Number	Relevant Link		
0.50% PROPELS based http://www.ame. on the value of the S&P 500 Index, due December 30, 2011		61746S877 extrader/dailylist/dat	<u>a/relFiles/PEL.pdf</u>		
PROPELS based on the EBK 61746S778 <u>http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/EBK.pdf</u> Value of a Basket of Three International Indices, due December 30, 2011					
0.40% PROPELS based on http://www.amer the value of the Dow Jones Industrial Due December 30, 20	x.com/ame	61746S703 extrader/dailylist/dat	<u>ta/relFiles/pdj.pdf</u>		