

## Information Circular: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Accelerated Return Notes

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Accelerated Return Notes	Symbol	CUSIP Number
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Accelerated Return Notes	RSM	59022W869
Linked to the Russell 2000 Index		

## Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued Accelerated Return Notes ("Notes") linked to the Russell 2000 Index (the "Index"). The Notes were priced at \$10.00 per security and mature on August 6, 2008. Each \$10.00 principal amount of the securities will be deemed a "Unit" for purposes of trading and transfer. There will be no payments or redemptions prior to the maturity date.

At maturity, the Notes will provide full exposure to any downside movement in the Index and will provide triple exposure to any upside movement in the Index, subject to a maximum payment at maturity of \$11.755 per Unit.

If the Ending Value is less than or equal to the Starting Value, the investor receives:

\$10 x (Ending Value/Starting Value)

If the Ending Value is greater than the Starting Value, the investor will receive:

\$10 + \$30 x ((Ending Value – Starting Value)/Starting Value)

Subject to maximum total payment at maturity of \$11.755 per unit.

The Starting Value of the Index is 843.35

The Ending Value will equal the average of the closing levels of the Index for five business days shortly before the maturity date of the Notes, as described in the prospectus.

It is expected that the market value of the Notes will depend substantially on the value of Index and be affected by a number of other interrelated factors including, among other things: the general level of interest rates, the volatility of the Index, the time remaining to maturity, the dividend yields of the stocks comprising the Index, and the credit ratings of the Issuer. Trading in the Notes on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity</u> <u>trading rules</u>. The Notes will trade from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time (ET). The SEC short sale rule (SEC Rule 10a-1) applies to trading in the Notes.

Trading of the 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 <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 Notes for additional information.

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