

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

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

Trading, Structured Products Traders

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## Index-Linked Notes Symbol CUSIP Number Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Strategic Return Notes Linked to the Select 10 Index

## Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued Strategic Return Notes ("Notes") linked to the Select 10 Index ("Index"). The Notes were priced at \$10.00 per security and mature on July 5, 2012. The Notes are not principal protected.

As more fully set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, each \$10 principal amount of the securities will be deemed a "Unit" for purposes of trading and transfer. There will be no payments on the Notes prior to the maturity date unless exchanged at the investor's option for a cash payment during a specified period in June of each year from 2008 through 2011 as described in the pricing supplement for the Notes.

On the maturity date, if the Notes have not been exchanged previously, the investor will receive a cash payment per unit equal to the Redemption Amount.

The "Redemption Amount" per unit will depend on the direction and the percentage change in the level of the Index and will equal:

\$9.90 × (Ending Value/Starting Value)

Because the quotient of the Ending Value and the Starting Value will be multiplied by \$9.90, the level of the Index will need to increase by approximately 1% in order for investors to receive a Redemption Amount equal to or greater than the \$10 original public offering price per unit. If the Ending Value does not exceed the Starting Value by more than approximately 1%, you will receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the \$10 original public offering price per unit.

The Starting Value is 133.75. For purposes of determining the Redemption Amount, the Ending Value will be the average of the levels of the Index at the close of the market on five index business days shortly before the maturity date of the Notes as more fully described in the pricing supplement.

It is expected that the market value of the Notes will depend substantially on the value of the Index and may 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.

The Trustee for the Notes is The Bank of New York.

Trading in the Notes on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity</u> trading rules. 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 until July 6, 2007.

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 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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