



Information Circular: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. STRIDES

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

From: BX Listing Qualifications Department

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| Equity-Linked Notes | Symbol | CUSIP Number |
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| Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 11% Callable Stock Return Income Debt Securities Linked to the Common Stock of Cisco Systems, Inc. | CRJ | 59022Y527 |

Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued 11% Callable Stock Return Income Debt Securities ("STRIDES") linked to the common stock of Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco"). The STRIDES were priced at \$25 each and mature on April 28, 2009.

The STRIDES pay a coupon of 11% per annum, paid quarterly on the 28th of each July, October, January, and April. At maturity, if the STRIDES have not been called during the call period, the investor will receive a number of shares of Cisco equal to the then current share multiplier.

The STRIDES are callable beginning October 29, 2008 up until the maturity date. The Issuer will notify the trustee at least 5 business days prior to the call date. The yield to call on the STRIDES is 17%. The calculation of the yield to call takes into account the original issue price of the STRIDES, the time to the call date, and the coupon payments of the STRIDES, as well as the call price. If the Issuer calls the STRIDES on any particular date during the call period, the call price will be an amount so that the yield to call on the STRIDES to, but excluding the call date, will be 17% per annum.

If on any date the closing market price of Cisco is less than \$1.00, the STRIDES will be redeemed on the third business day following such a date and will deliver a number of shares of Cisco equal to the then current share multiplier plus the accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date and the present value of the remaining coupon payments.

Investors in STRIDES will not be entitled to any rights with respect to Cisco until such time as the Issuer shall deliver Cisco shares to investors in the STRIDES, if applicable.

It is expected that the market value of the STRIDES will depend substantially on the value of Cisco and may be affected by a number of other interrelated factors including, among other things: the general level of interest rates, the volatility of Cisco stock, the time remaining to maturity, the dividend yield of Cisco stock, and the credit ratings of the Issuer.

Investors should note that Cisco is not involved in the subject offering and has no obligation with respect to these securities whatsoever, including any obligations with respect to the principal amount to be paid at maturity, or to take the needs of the Issuer or holders of STRIDES into consideration. Any dividends or distributions to the underlying common stock will not be paid to holders of STRIDES.

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

Trading in the STRIDES on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity trading rules. The STRIDES will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Additional risks may exist with respect to trading the STRIDES during BX's Pre-Market and Post-Market sessions.

Trading of the STRIDES on BX is subject to the provisions of BX Rule 2310. Members recommending transactions in the STRIDES 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 BX 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. BX members should consult the registration statement or prospectus for the STRIDES for additional information.

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