



## Information Circular: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Index-Linked Notes

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

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Index-Linked Notes	Symbol	CUSIP #
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Capped Leverage Index Return Notes Linked to the Nikkei 225 Index	NCE	59023V860

### Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued Capped Leverage Index Return Notes ("Notes") linked to the Nikkei 225 Index (the "Index"). The Notes were priced at \$10 each and mature on April 2010.

The Notes are senior, unsecured debt securities of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. that provide a leveraged return for investors, subject to a cap, if the level of the Index increases moderately from the Starting Value of the Index to the Ending Value of the Index. The Notes do not provide for any interest payment and the maturity payment return is capped. The Notes are not principal protected, therefore investors may receive a maturity payment that is less, and potentially significantly less, than the original public offering price.

Payment at Maturity will equal:

- If the Ending Value is greater than the Starting Value:

$$\$10 + [\$10 \times ((\text{Ending Value} - \text{Starting Value}) / \text{Starting Value}) \times 2]$$

Subject to the maximum payment at maturity, which will be determined on the pricing date.

- If the Ending Value is less than or equal to the Starting Value, but greater than or equal to the Threshold Value (to be determined on the pricing date):

$$\$10$$

- If the Ending Value is less than the Threshold Value (to be determined on the pricing date):

$$\$10 + [\$10 \times ((\text{Ending Index Value} - \text{Threshold Value}) / \text{Starting Value}) \times 1]$$

The Starting Value of the Index will be determined on the pricing date. The Ending Value will be determined near the maturity date.

Please see the prospectus for the Notes for more details regarding the calculations and details regarding the Index.

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 yield of the stocks comprising the Index, and the credit ratings of the Issuer.

Trading in the Notes on BX is on a UTP basis and is subject to BX equity trading rules. The Notes will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Notes during BX's Pre-Market and Post-Market sessions, when the Index's value may not be disseminated.

Trading of the Notes on BX is subject to the provisions of BX Rule 2310. 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 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 Notes for additional information.**

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