



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

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Strategic Return Notes  
Linked to the Merrill Lynch Factor Model

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### Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued Strategic Return Notes ("Notes") linked to the Linked to the Merrill Lynch Factor Model (the "Index"). The Notes were priced at \$10 each and mature on November 7, 2012. The Notes are not principal protected.

There will be no payments on the Notes prior to maturity unless exchanged at the option of the investor for a cash payment during and including the 1st to the 15th day of November in each year from 2008 through 2011.

The Index seeks to emulate the performance of the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index, a hedge fund industry benchmark. The Index is composed of six Model Factors: the S&P 500 Total Return Index; U.S. Dollar Index; MSCI EAFE IS Dollar Net Total Return Index; MSCI Emerging Market Free US Dollar Net Total Return Index; Russell 2000 Total Return Index; and the one-month USD LIBOR.

At maturity, or upon exchange, investors will receive a cash amount equal to the Redemption Amount based upon the percentage change in the level of the Index, less an annual index adjustment factor of 1.0%, over the term of the Notes. The level of the Index must increase by 1% in order to receive at least the \$10 original public offering price per Note on the maturity date or upon exchange. If the level of the Index has declined or has not increased sufficiently, investors will receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the \$10 original public offering price per unit.

The Redemption Amount per Note will be equal to:

$$\$9.90 * (\text{Ending Value}/\text{Starting Value})$$

The Starting Value of the Index is 1,607.39. The Ending Value for the Index will be calculated using the average of the levels of the Index, as reduced by an adjustment factor, at the close of the market on five business days shortly before the maturity date. Investors should review the prospectus for more details regarding the calculation.

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 underlying indices/factors, and the credit ratings of the Issuer.

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

Trading in the Notes on NASDAQ is on a UTP basis and is subject to [NASDAQ equity trading rules](#). The Notes will trade from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Trading of the Notes on NASDAQ is subject to the provisions of [NASDAQ 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 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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