



## Information Circular: 50/150 Nikkei 225 Index Notes

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

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The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ”) began operating as a national securities exchange for trading non-NASDAQ listed securities on February 12, 2007. As a result, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 50/150 Nikkei 225 Index Notes (“Notes”) that previously traded through our systems on an over-the-counter basis are being traded by NASDAQ as an exchange on an unlisted trading privileges (UTP) basis for the first time.

### **Index-Linked Notes    Symbol    CUSIP Number**

**50/150 Nikkei 225    NKW    59021V581**

[http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icNKW\\_030306.pdf](http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icNKW_030306.pdf)

**Index Notes,  
due October 7, 2009**

The “relevant link” above is to an information circular regarding the Notes prepared by their listing market, The American Stock Exchange. NASDAQ members should consult this information circular, which contains important information about the characteristics of the Notes and the principal risks of an investment in the Notes.

Trading in the Notes on NASDAQ is subject to [NASDAQ equity trading rules](#). The Notes will trade from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. SEC Rule 10a-1 (the SEC short sale rule) applies to trading in the Notes.

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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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