



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

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

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Index-Linked Notes

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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Strategic Accelerated Redemption Securities Linked to the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index

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Information on the Notes

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Issuer") has issued Strategic Accelerated Redemption Securities ("STARS") linked to the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 Index (the "Index"). The Notes were priced at \$10 each and mature on November 9, 2009.

The STARS are senior, unsecured debt securities of the Issuer that provide for an automatic call of the securities if the closing level of the Index on any Observation Date (the dates are listed below) is greater than or equal to the Starting Value of the Index, as determined on the Pricing Date.

If the STARS are called on any of the following Observation Dates, investors will receive:

- If called on November 10, 2008: \$11.12 per STARS; or
- If called on May 8, 2009: \$11.68 per STARS; or
- If called on November 2, 2009: \$12.24 per STARS.

If the STARS are not called prior to the maturity date, then investors will receive:

- If the Ending Index Value is greater than or equal to the Threshold Value of 3,973.74, investors will receive per STARS:

\$10

- If the Ending Index Value is less than the Threshold Value of 3,973.74, investors will receive per STARS:

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

The Starting Value is 4,415.27. The Ending Index Value will be the closing value of the Index on the last Observation Date, November 2, 2009.

It is expected that the market value of the STARS 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 Index, and the credit ratings of the Issuer.

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

Trading of the STARS on NASDAQ is subject to the provisions of [NASDAQ Rule 2310](#). Members recommending transactions in the STARS 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 STARS for additional information.

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