



Information Circular: Strategic Return Notes

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

From: BX Listing Qualifications Department

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Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Strategic Return Notes ("Notes") prepared by their listing market, The American Stock Exchange. BX members should consult these information circulars, which contain important information about the characteristics of the Notes and the principal risks of an investment in the Notes.

Trading in the Notes on BX is subject to BX equity trading rules. The Notes will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. For trading during BX's Pre-Market and Post-Market Sessions, market participants should note that additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Notes during these sessions, when the underlying index's values may not be disseminated.

Trading of Notes on BX is subject to the provisions of BX Rule 2310. Members recommending transactions in 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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Appendix A – Strategic Return Notes

Index-Linked Notes Symbol CUSIP Number

Strategic Return Notes MVI 59021V185
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icMVI_080206.pdf
linked to the
Value 30 Index,
due August 8, 2011

Strategic Return Notes MIF 59022C483
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icMIF_020107.pdf
linked to the
S&P Industrial 15 Index,
due February 2, 2012

8% Monthly Income BXU 59021V763
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icBXU_122905.pdf
Strategic Return Notes
linked to the CBOE
S&P 500 BuyWrite Index,
due January 3, 2011

8% Monthly Income BWR 59021S216
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icBWR_110305.pdf
Strategic Return Notes
linked to the CBOE
Dow Jones Industrial Index
BuyWrite Index, due
November 9, 2011

Strategic Return Notes LDB 59021S315
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icLDB_080305.pdf
linked to the
Industrial 15 Index,
due August 9, 2010

Strategic Return Notes DCV 59021J463
<http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/dcv.pdf>
linked to the
Industrial 15 Index (IXD),
due August 30, 2007

Index-Linked Notes Symbol CUSIP Number

8% Strategic Return Notes BXA 59021S422
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icBXA_070705.pdf
linked to the
CBOE S&P 500
BuyWrite Index, due
June 7, 2010

Strategic Return Notes SRK 59021W258
<http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/SRK.pdf>
Linked to the
Industrial 15 Index,
due August 3, 2009

Strategic Return Notes UUD 59021W639
<http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/UUD.pdf>
linked to the
Select Utility Index,
Due February 25, 2009

Strategic Return Notes MLV 59021V276
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icMLV_063006.pdf
linked to the
Value Select 30 Index,
due July 6, 2011

Strategic Return Notes MFY 59022C202
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icMFY_083106.pdf
linked to the Baby Boomer
Consumption Index,
due September 6, 2011

Strategic Return Notes RTS 59022C731
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icRTS_110206.pdf
linked to the
Select 10 Index,
due November 8, 2011