

Information Circular: Strategic Return Notes

To: Head Traders, Technical Contacts, Compliance Officers, Head of ETF

Trading, Structured Products Traders

From: PHLX Listing Qualifications Department

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, certain Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Strategic Return Notes ("Notes") will be traded by NASDAQ as an exchange on an unlisted trading privileges ("UTP") basis for the first time. See Appendix A for a listing of the Notes that will commence trading on NASDAQ on a UTP basis on March 5, 2007.

Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the Notes prepared by their listing market, The American Stock Exchange. NASDAQ 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 PHLX's PSX system is on a UTP basis and is subject to PHLX rules. The Notes will trade on PSX from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. For trading during PSX'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 value or similar value may not be disseminated.

PHLX will halt trading in the Notes in accordance with PHLX Rule 3100. The grounds for a halt under these rules include a halt by the primary market because the value of the underlying index or a similar value is not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, PHLX will also stop trading the Shares Notes if the primary market de-lists the Notes.

Members and member organizations recommending transactions in the Notes to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer, as provided by PHLX Rule 763.

PSX members and member organizations also should review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds broker-dealers 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. PHLX members and member organizations 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 Merrill Lynch Strategic Return Notes MSS Linked to the Select 10 Index due March 8, 2012

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