

Information Circular: Strategic Return Notes

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

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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 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 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. 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 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 DCV 590213463 Strategic Return Notes 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

http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icBXA_070705.pd 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