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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Medium-Term Notes, Series C
United States Dollar/Custom Currencies Basket Notes
due July , 2006
US\$10 original public offering price per unit

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Summary Terms

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The securities:

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- o Minimum repayment will not be less than 97% of the \$10 will be based original public offering price per unit. the United
- o There will be no payments prior to the maturity date the term of and we cannot redeem the securities prior to the rate expected maturity date. equal to \$11.20
- o Senior unsecured debt securities of Merrill Lynch & Co., of the Inc., denominated and payable in United States dollars, part Basket decreases of a series entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series C". maturity date
- o The securities are designed for investors who believe that original the value of the United States dollar relative to the New result in a Zealand dollar, the Australian dollar and the British pound In no event, will appreciate over the term of the securities, who are \$9.70 per willing to accept a return that will not exceed the limit by 3.0% in described in this pricing supplement and who are willing to \$10 risk losing up to \$.30 per unit of their investment over the term of the Notes.
- o The securities are made available to each investor outside of the United States in a minimum initial investment of US\$50,000 or any other amount, and subject to any other restrictions, as may be applicable to an investor under the private offering rules of any jurisdiction outside of the United States.

o Expected settlement date: January , 2005.

o CUSIP No.:

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Payment at maturity:

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- o The amount an investor receives at maturity upon the percentage change in the value of States Dollar/Custom Currencies Basket over the securities multiplied by a participation to equal 100%, up to a maximum payment per unit (the "Capped Value"). If the value United States Dollar/Custom Currencies or does not increase sufficiently, on the an investor will receive less than the \$10 public offering price per unit, which may loss in some of an investor's investment. however, will an investor receive less than unit. The value of the Basket must increase order for an investor to receive at least the original public offering price per unit.

The securities (the "Securities"), the subject of the attached offering document (the "Offering Document"), have not been approved for public sale in any jurisdiction outside of the United States. As such, the Securities are made available to investors outside of the United States only in accordance with applicable private offering rules. The Offering Document may not be copied or otherwise made available to any other person by any recipient without the express written consent of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Company").

The discussion contained in the Offering Document relating to the tax implications of investing in the Securities is not based upon, and does not reflect, the tax laws of any jurisdiction outside of the United States. Accordingly, investors should consult their local tax advisor before making an investment in the Securities.

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Investors should also note the following:

(a) The Securities are denominated in United States dollars. Investors that purchase securities with a currency other than United States dollars should note that changes in rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of their investment.

(b) The price and value of the Securities and the income from them can fluctuate and may fall against the investor's interest and an investor may get back less than he invested.

(c) Investment in the Securities may not be suitable for all investors. Investors should seek advice from their investment advisor for information concerning the Company, the Securities and the suitability of purchasing the Securities in the context of their individual circumstances. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance, and no projection, representation or warranty is made regarding future performance.

(d) Save as disclosed herein and in the Offering Document, no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted or are payable by the Company in connection with the issue or sale of any Securities.

(e) MLPF&S or one of its affiliates may be the only market maker, if any, in the Securities.

(f) Information relating to taxation is based on information currently available. The levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation in relevant jurisdictions can change. The value of any reliefs depends upon the circumstances of the investor. See additional comments about taxation above.

The date of this Notice is December 8, 2004

This Notice supplements the Preliminary Pricing Supplement, dated December 8, 2004, and the Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus, dated November 26, 2003.