

PRIVATE OFFERING NOTICE

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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Medium-Term Notes, Series C
97% Protected Select Currency Basket Notes
due June 2006
(the "Notes")
US\$10 original public offering price per unit

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Summary Terms

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The Notes:
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o The Notes are designed for investors who believe that the value of the Norwegian krone will appreciate relative to the maturity date value of the United States dollar, the Canadian dollar, the percentage change in European euro and the Swiss franc over the term of the Notes. Investors must also be willing to risk losing up to \$.30 per Select Currency unit of their investment over the term of the Notes.

o Minimum repayment will not be less than 97% of the \$10 receive a payment original public offering price per unit. supplemental

between 160% and

or
o There will be no payments prior to the maturity date and the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the maturity date. sufficiently,

the \$10
o The Notes are made available to each investor outside of the unit, which may United States in a minimum initial investment of US\$50,000 or investor's any other amount, and subject to any other restrictions, as will an investor may be applicable to an investor under the private offering rules of any jurisdiction outside of the United States.

Basket must increase
o The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. 1.67% and 1.88%,

rate, in order
o The Notes will be senior unsecured debt securities of Merrill original public Lynch & Co., Inc., denominated and payable in United States dollars, and part of a series entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series C" and will have the CUSIP No. .

o The settlement date is expected to be June , 2005.
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Payment on the maturity date:
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o The amount an investor receives on the per unit will be based upon the the value of the Select Currency Basket of the Notes. If the value of the Basket:

o has increased, an investor will per unit equal to \$9.70 plus a redemption amount expected to be 180% of the percentage increase;

o has decreased or has not increased an investor will receive less than original public offering price per result in a loss of some of an investment; in no event, however, receive less than \$9.70 per unit.

o The value of the Select Currency by a percentage expected to be between subject to the actual participation for you to receive at least the \$10 offering price per unit.

The Notes, 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes.

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This Notice and the Offering Document have been provided by the Company for information only. Prospective investors should not treat the contents of this Notice or the Offering Document as advice relating to legal, taxation or investment matters and are advised to consult their own professional advisors concerning the purchase, holding or disposal of the Notes. Attention is drawn in particular to the risk factors set forth on pages PS-7 to PS-10 and pages S-3 to S-4 of the Offering Document. Subject to this Notice, the Offering Document has been approved for issue in the United Kingdom by Merrill Lynch International Bank Limited ("MLIB"), which is regulated by the Financial Services Authority, with a registered office at Merrill Lynch Financial Center, 2 King Edward Street, London EC1A 1HQ, United Kingdom. This Notice is issued in Hong Kong by Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited.

Investors in the United Kingdom should be aware that Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), which is handling the sale of the Notes, has no place of business in the United Kingdom and is not regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Therefore, with respect to any action taken by MLPF&S, the regulatory regime governing an investor's rights will be different than that of investors' rights in the United Kingdom, and the United Kingdom rules for the protection of private investors and the United Kingdom Financial Compensation Scheme will not apply to any business MLPF&S conducts with or for United Kingdom investors.

Investors should also note the following:

(a) The Notes are denominated in United States dollars. Investors that purchase the Notes 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 Notes and the income from them can fluctuate and may fall against the investor's interest and an investor may get back less than he or she invested.

(c) Investment in the Notes may not be suitable for all investors. Investors should seek advice from their investment advisor for information concerning the Company, the Notes and the suitability of purchasing the Notes 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 the Notes.

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

(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 May 9, 2005

This Notice supplements the Preliminary Pricing Supplement, dated May 9, 2005, and the Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus, dated February 25, 2005.