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general prospectus supplement  
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**Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.**

Medium-Term Notes, Series C  
100% Principal Protected Currency Notes  
Linked to the Russian Ruble/United States Dollar Exchange Rate  
due March , 2008  
(the "Notes")  
\$10 principal amount per unit

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**The Notes:**

- The Notes are designed for investors who anticipate that the Russian ruble/United States dollar Exchange Rate (a rate that reflects the number of United States dollars for which one Russian ruble can be exchanged) (the "RUB/USD Exchange Rate") will appreciate from the starting value on the pricing date to the ending value on a date shortly prior to the maturity date of the Notes. Investors must be willing to forego interest payments on the Notes, as more fully described in this pricing supplement.
- 100% principal protection on the maturity date.
- There will be no payments on the Notes prior to the maturity date and we cannot redeem the Notes prior to the maturity date.
- The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.
- The Notes will be senior unsecured debt securities of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., will be part of a series entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series C" and will have the CUSIP No. .
- The settlement date for the Notes is expected to be March , 2007.

Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

Investing in the Notes involves risks that are described in the "[Risk Factors](#)" section beginning on page PS-7 of this pricing supplement and beginning on page S-3 of the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement.

**Payment on the maturity date:**

- The amount you receive on the maturity date per unit will be based upon the direction of and percentage change in the value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate from the starting value to the ending value. If the ending value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate:
  - is greater than the starting value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, you will receive the \$10 principal amount per unit plus a supplemental redemption amount equal to \$10 multiplied by a fixed percentage of between 120% and 160% of the percentage increase; or
  - is equal to or less than the starting value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, you will receive only the \$10 principal amount per unit.
- In no event will you receive less than the \$10 principal amount per unit.

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|   | <u>Per Unit</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Public offering price                                   | \$ 10.00        | \$           |
| Underwriting discount                                   | \$.075          | \$           |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. | \$ 9.925        | \$           |

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this pricing supplement or the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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## **Merrill Lynch & Co.**

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The date of this pricing supplement is March , 2007.

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION—Q&A

This summary includes questions and answers that highlight selected information from this pricing supplement and the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus to help you understand the 100% Principal Protected Currency Notes Linked to the Russian ruble/United States dollar Exchange Rate due March , 2008 (the “Notes”). You should carefully read this pricing supplement and the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus to fully understand the terms of the Notes, the RUB/USD Exchange Rate and the tax and other considerations that are important to you in making a decision about whether to invest in the Notes. You should carefully review the “Risk Factors” section in this pricing supplement and the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, which highlights certain risks associated with an investment in the Notes, to determine whether an investment in the Notes is appropriate for you.

References in this pricing supplement to “ML&Co.,” “we,” “us” and “our” are to Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., and references to “MLPF&S” are to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

### **What are the Notes?**

The Notes will be a series of senior debt securities issued by ML&Co. entitled “Medium-Term Notes, Series C” and will not be secured by collateral. The Notes will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The Notes are expected to mature in March 2008. *Depending on the date the Notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the “Pricing Date”), which may be in March or April, the settlement date may occur in March or April and the maturity date may occur in March or April. Any reference in this pricing supplement to the month in which the settlement date or maturity date will occur is subject to change as specified above.*

We cannot redeem the Notes prior to the maturity date and we will not make any payment on the Notes until the maturity date.

Each unit will represent a single Note with a \$10 principal amount. You may transfer the Notes only in whole units. You will not have the right to receive physical certificates evidencing your ownership except under limited circumstances. Instead, we will issue the Notes in the form of a global certificate, which will be held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, or its nominee. Direct and indirect participants in DTC will record your ownership of the Notes. You should refer to the section entitled “Description of Debt Securities—Depository” in the accompanying general prospectus supplement.

### **Are there any risks associated with my investment?**

Yes, an investment in the Notes is subject to risks. Please refer to the section entitled “Risk Factors” in this pricing supplement and the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement.

### **Who determines the RUB/USD Exchange Rate and what does the RUB/USD Exchange Rate reflect?**

Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., as calculation agent (the “Calculation Agent”), will determine the RUB/USD Exchange Rate as described in the section entitled “Description of the Notes” in this pricing supplement. The RUB/USD Exchange Rate reflects the number of United States dollars for which one Russian ruble can be exchanged. The RUB/USD Exchange Rate increases as the value of the Russian ruble increases relative to the United States dollar and decreases as the value of the Russian ruble declines relative to the United States dollar. The RUB/USD Exchange Rate will be as reported by Reuters on page RUBMCMEEMTA= on the relevant dates, as described in the section entitled “Description of the Notes” in this pricing supplement.

### **How has the RUB/USD Exchange Rate performed historically?**

We have included a table and graph showing month-end values of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, from January 2002 through February 2007, in the section entitled “The RUB/USD Exchange Rate” in this pricing supplement. We have provided this historical information to help you evaluate the behavior of the Russian ruble relative to the United States dollar in various economic environments; however, this past performance is not necessarily indicative of how the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will fluctuate in the future.

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### **What will I receive on the maturity date of the Notes?**

On the maturity date, you will receive a cash payment in United States dollars per unit equal to the Redemption Amount.

The “Redemption Amount” per unit which you will be entitled to receive on the maturity date will equal the \$10 principal amount per unit plus the “Supplemental Redemption Amount”, if any.

(i) If the Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is greater than the Starting Value, the “Supplemental Redemption Amount” will equal:

$$\$10 \times \text{Leverage Factor} \times \left( \frac{\text{Ending Value} - \text{Starting Value}}{\text{Starting Value}} \right)$$

(ii) If the Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is equal to or less than the Starting Value, you will receive only the \$10 principal amount per unit.

In no event will you receive less than the \$10 principal amount per unit.

The “Starting Value” will equal the RUB/USD Exchange Rate as determined on the Pricing Date, and will be set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

The “Ending Value” will equal the RUB/USD Exchange Rate as determined on the seventh scheduled Business Day (as defined herein) prior to the maturity date of the Notes.

The “Leverage Factor” will be a fixed percentage of between 120% and 160%. The actual Leverage Factor will be determined on the Pricing Date and set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

### **Will I receive interest payments on the Notes?**

You will not receive any interest payments on the Notes, but you will instead receive the Redemption Amount per unit on the maturity date. The Notes are designed for investors who believe that the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will appreciate from the Starting Value to the Ending Value and are willing to forego interest payments on the Notes, such as fixed or floating interest rates paid on interest bearing debt securities, in exchange for the ability to participate in a potential increase in the value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

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### Examples:

Set forth below are three examples of Redemption Amount calculations per each \$10 principal amount per Note, assuming a hypothetical Starting Value of 0.03816 and a Leverage Factor of 140%, the midpoint of the range of 120% and 160%.

**Example 1**—The hypothetical Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is equal to 80% of the hypothetical Starting Value:

Hypothetical Starting Value: 0.03816  
Hypothetical Ending Value: 0.03053  
**Redemption Amount (per unit) = \$10.00** (Redemption Amount cannot be less than \$10 per unit)

**Example 2**—The hypothetical Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is equal to 101% of the hypothetical Starting Value:

Hypothetical Starting Value: 0.03816  
Hypothetical Ending Value: 0.03854  
$$\$10 + \left[ \$10 \times 140\% \times \left( \frac{0.03854 - 0.03816}{0.03816} \right) \right] = \$10.14$$
  
Supplemental Redemption Amount (per unit) = \$0.14  
**Redemption Amount (per unit) = \$10.14** (Subject to rounding)

**Example 3**—The hypothetical Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is equal to 110% of the hypothetical Starting Value:

Hypothetical Starting Value: 0.03816  
Hypothetical Ending Value: 0.04198  
$$\$10 + \left[ \$10 \times 140\% \times \left( \frac{0.04198 - 0.03816}{0.03816} \right) \right] = \$11.40$$
  
Supplemental Redemption Amount (per unit) = \$1.40  
**Redemption Amount (per unit) = \$11.40**

### What about taxes?

You will generally be required to pay taxes on income or gain from the Notes based upon your regular method of tax accounting. If you are a cash method taxpayer, you generally should be required to include in income any amount payable in excess of the principal amount of the Notes as ordinary interest on the date such payment is received. If you are an accrual method taxpayer, you generally should be required to accrue income over the term of the Notes even though you will not receive any payments until the maturity date of the Notes. For further information, see “United States Federal Income Taxation” in this pricing supplement.

### Will the Notes be listed on a stock exchange?

The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange and we do not expect a trading market for the Notes to develop, which may affect the price that you receive for your Notes upon any sale prior to the maturity date. You should review the section entitled “Risk Factors—A trading market for the Notes is not expected to develop and if trading does develop, the market price you may receive or be quoted for your Notes on a date prior to the stated maturity date will be affected by this and other important factors including our costs of developing, hedging and distributing the Notes” in this pricing supplement.

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### **What price can I expect to receive if I sell the Notes prior to the stated maturity date?**

In determining the economic terms of the Notes, and consequently the potential return on the Notes to you, a number of factors are taken into account. Among these factors are certain costs associated with creating, hedging and offering the Notes. In structuring the economic terms of the Notes, we seek to provide investors with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms and to provide MLPF&S with compensation for its services in developing the Notes.

If you sell your Notes prior to the stated maturity date, you will receive a price determined by market conditions for the Notes. This price may be influenced by many factors, such as interest rates and the volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, and the expectations of the amount, if any, by which the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will change. In addition, the price, if any, at which you could sell your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be affected by the factors that we considered in setting the economic terms of the Notes, namely the underwriting discount paid in respect of the Notes and other costs associated with the Notes, and compensation for developing and hedging the product. Depending on the impact of these factors, you may receive significantly less than the \$10 principal amount per unit of your Notes if sold before the stated maturity date.

In a situation where the RUB/USD Exchange Rate has not increased and there have been no changes in the market conditions or any other relevant factors from those existing on the date of this pricing supplement, the price, if any, at which you could sell your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be lower than the principal amount of the Notes. This is due to, among other things, our costs of developing, hedging and distributing the Notes. Any potential purchasers for your Notes in the secondary market are unlikely to consider these factors.

### **What is the role of MLPF&S?**

MLPF&S, our subsidiary, is the underwriter for the offering and sale of the Notes. After the initial offering, MLPF&S currently intends to buy and sell Notes to create a secondary market for holders of the Notes, and may stabilize or maintain the market price of the Notes during their initial distribution. However, MLPF&S will not be obligated to engage in any of these market activities or continue them once it has started.

### **What is the role of the Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.?**

Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. will serve as Calculation Agent for purposes of determining, among other things, the RUB/USD Exchange Rate and the Supplemental Redemption Amount, if any. Under certain circumstances, these duties could result in a conflict of interest between Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., as our subsidiary, and its responsibilities as Calculation Agent.

### **What is ML&Co.?**

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. is a holding company with various subsidiaries and affiliated companies that provide investment, financing, insurance and related services on a global basis.

For information about ML&Co., see the section entitled “Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.” in the accompanying general prospectus supplement. You should also read other documents ML&Co. has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which you can find by referring to the sections entitled “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Information We File with the SEC” in the accompanying general prospectus supplement and prospectus.

## RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the Notes will involve risks. You should carefully consider the following discussion of risks and the discussion of risks included in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement before deciding whether an investment in the Notes is suitable for you.

### **You may not earn a return on your investment**

If the RUB/USD Exchange Rate does not increase from the Starting Value to the Ending Value, you will only receive the \$10 principal amount per unit on the maturity date. We have no control over a number of matters, including economic, financial and political events, that may affect the volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate. In recent years, the volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange change rate has been variable and such variability may be expected in the future. However, past experience is not necessarily indicative of what may occur in the future.

### **Your yield may be lower than the yield on other debt securities of comparable maturity**

The yield that you receive on your Notes may be less than the return you could earn on other investments. Your yield may be less than the yield you would earn if you bought a traditional interest bearing debt security of ML&Co. with the same stated maturity date. Your investment may not reflect the full opportunity cost to you when you take into account factors that affect the time value of money.

### **You must rely on your own evaluation of the merits of an investment linked to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate**

In the ordinary course of their businesses, affiliates of ML&Co. from time to time express views on expected movements in foreign currency exchange rates. These views are sometimes communicated to clients who participate in foreign exchange markets. However, these views, depending upon world-wide economic, political and other developments, may vary over differing time-horizons and are subject to change. Moreover, other professionals who deal in foreign currencies may at any time have significantly different views from those of our affiliates. For reasons such as these, we believe that most investors in foreign exchange markets derive information concerning those markets from multiple sources. In connection with your purchase of the Notes, you should investigate the foreign exchange markets and not rely on views which may be expressed by our affiliates in the ordinary course of their businesses with respect to future exchange rate movements.

You should make such investigation as you deem appropriate as to the merits of an investment linked to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate. Neither the offering of the Notes nor any views which may from time to time be expressed by our affiliates in the ordinary course of their businesses with respect to future exchange rate movements constitutes a recommendation as to the merits of an investment in the Notes.

### **The return on your Notes depends on the value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, which is affected by many complex factors outside of our control**

The value of any currency, including the Russian ruble, may be affected by complex political and economic factors. The RUB/USD Exchange Rate is at any moment a result of the supply and demand for the Russian ruble and the United States dollar, and changes in the exchange rate result over time from the interaction of many factors directly or indirectly affecting economic and political conditions in Russia and the United States, including economic and political developments in other countries. Of particular importance are the relative rates of inflation, interest rate levels, balance of payments and extent of governmental surpluses or deficits in those countries, all of which are in turn sensitive to the monetary, fiscal and trade policies pursued by the governments of those countries, and other countries important to international trade and finance.

### **Even though currency trades around-the-clock, your Notes will not and the prevailing market prices of your Notes may not reflect the underlying currency prices and rates**

The interbank market in foreign currencies is a global, around-the-clock market. Therefore, the hours of trading for the Notes will not conform to the hours during which the Russian ruble or United States dollar are traded. Significant price and rate movements may take place in the underlying foreign exchange markets that will not be reflected immediately in the market price of the Notes. The possibility of these movements should be taken into account in relating the value of the Notes to those in the underlying foreign exchange markets.



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There is no systematic reporting of last-sale information for foreign currencies. Reasonably current bid and offer information is available in certain brokers' offices, in bank foreign currency trading offices and to others who wish to subscribe for this information, but this information will not necessarily be reflected in the RUB/USD Exchange Rate used to calculate the Redemption Amount. There is no regulatory requirement that those quotations be firm or revised on a timely basis. The absence of last-sale information and the limited availability of quotations to individual investors may make it difficult for many investors to obtain timely, accurate data about the state of the underlying foreign exchange markets.

**A trading market for the Notes is not expected to develop and, if trading does develop, the market price you may receive or be quoted for your Notes on a date prior to the stated maturity date will be affected by this and other important factors, including our costs of developing, hedging and distributing the Notes**

The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange and we do not expect a trading market for the Notes to develop. Although MLPF&S, our subsidiary, has indicated that it currently expects to bid for Notes offered for sale to it by holders of the Notes, it is not required to do so and may cease making those bids at any time. The limited trading market for your Notes may affect the price that you receive for your Notes if you do not wish to hold your investment until the maturity date.

If MLPF&S makes a market in the Notes, the price it quotes would reflect any changes in market conditions and other relevant factors. In addition, the price, if any, at which you could sell your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be affected by the factors that we considered in setting the economic terms of the Notes, namely the underwriting discount paid in respect of the Notes and other costs associated with the Notes, including compensation for developing and hedging the product. This quoted price could be higher or lower than the principal amount. Furthermore, there is no assurance that MLPF&S or any other party will be willing to buy the Notes. MLPF&S is not obligated to make a market in the Notes.

Assuming no changes in the market conditions or any other relevant factors from those existing on the date of this pricing supplement, the price, if any, at which you could sell your Notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be lower than the principal amount of the Notes. This is due to, among other things, the fact that the principal amount included, and secondary market prices are likely to exclude, underwriting discount paid with respect to, and the developing and hedging costs associated with, the Notes.

**Many factors affect the trading value of the Notes; these factors interrelate in complex ways and the effect of any one factor may offset or magnify the effect of another factor**

The trading value of the Notes will be affected by factors that interrelate in complex ways. The effect of one factor may offset the increase in the trading value of the Notes caused by another factor and the effect of one factor may exacerbate the decrease in the trading value of the Notes caused by another factor. The following paragraphs describe the expected impact on the trading value of the Notes given a change in a specific factor, assuming all other conditions remain constant.

*The level of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is expected to affect the trading value of the Notes.* We expect that the trading value of the Notes will depend substantially on the amount, if any, by which the level of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate changes from the Starting Value to the Ending Value.

*Changes in the volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate are expected to affect the trading value of the Notes.* Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of price and/or market fluctuations. If the volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate increases or decreases, the trading value of the Notes may be adversely affected.

*Changes in the levels of interest rates are expected to affect the trading value of the Notes.* We expect that changes in interest rates will affect the trading value of the Notes. In general, if U.S. interest rates increase, we expect that the trading value of the Notes will decrease and, conversely, if U.S. interest rates decrease, we expect that the trading value of the Notes will increase. If interest rates increase or decrease in markets based on the Russian ruble, the trading value of the Notes may be adversely affected. Interest rates may also affect the economy of Russia, which will affect the RUB/USD Exchange Rate and therefore, the trading value of the Notes.

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*As the time remaining to the stated maturity date of the Notes decreases, the “time premium” associated with the Notes is expected to decrease.* We anticipate that before their stated maturity date, the Notes may trade at a value above that which would be expected based on the RUB/USD Exchange Rate. This difference will reflect a “time premium” due to expectations concerning the RUB/USD Exchange Rate prior to the stated maturity date of the Notes. However, as the time remaining to the stated maturity date of the Notes decreases, we expect that this time premium will decrease, lowering the trading value of the Notes.

*Changes in our credit ratings may affect the trading value of the Notes.* Our credit ratings are an assessment of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings may affect the trading value of the Notes. However, because the return on your Notes is dependent upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations under the Notes, such as the change in the level of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate over the term of the Notes, an improvement in our credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the Notes.

In general, assuming all relevant factors are held constant, we expect that the effect on the trading value of the Notes of a given change in some of the factors listed above will be less if it occurs later in the term of the Notes than if it occurs earlier in the term of the Notes.

### **Potential conflicts of interest could arise**

Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., our subsidiary, is our agent for the purposes of determining, among other things, the RUB/USD Exchange Rate and Supplemental Redemption Amount, if any. Under certain circumstances, Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. as our subsidiary and its responsibilities as Calculation Agent for the Notes could give rise to conflicts of interest. These conflicts could occur, for instance, in connection with how the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will be determined. See the section entitled “The RUB/USD Exchange Rate” in this pricing supplement. Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. is required to carry out its duties as Calculation Agent in good faith and using its reasonable judgment. However, because we control Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., potential conflicts of interest could arise.

We expect to enter into arrangements to hedge the market risks associated with our obligation to pay the Supplemental Redemption Amount, if any, due on the maturity date on the Notes. We may seek competitive terms in entering into the hedging arrangements for the Notes, but are not required to do so, and we may enter into such hedging arrangements with one of our subsidiaries or affiliated companies. Such hedging activity is expected to result in a profit to those engaging in the hedging activity, which could be more or less than initially expected, but which could also result in a loss for the hedging counterparty.

### **Tax consequences are uncertain**

You should consider the tax consequences of investing in the Notes, aspects of which are uncertain. See “United States Federal Income Taxation” in this pricing supplement.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

ML&Co. will issue the Notes as part of a series of senior unsecured debt securities entitled “Medium-Term Notes, Series C,” which is more fully described in the MTN prospectus supplement, under the 1983 Indenture, which is more fully described in the accompanying general prospectus supplement. The Bank of New York has succeeded JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as the trustee under such indenture. The Notes will mature on March , 2008. Information included in this pricing supplement supersedes information in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information. The CUSIP number for the Notes is .

The Notes will not be subject to redemption by ML&Co. or repayment at the option of any holder of the Notes before the maturity date.

ML&Co. will issue the Notes in denominations of whole units each with a \$10 principal amount per unit. You may transfer the Notes only in whole units. You will not have the right to receive physical certificates evidencing your ownership except under limited circumstances. Instead, we will issue the Notes in the form of a global certificate, which will be held by The Depository Trust Company, also known as DTC, or its nominee. Direct and indirect participants in DTC will record your ownership of the Notes. You should refer to the section entitled “Description of Debt Securities—Depository” in the accompanying general prospectus supplement.

The Notes will not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

### Payment on the Maturity Date

On the maturity date, for each Note that you own you will be entitled to receive a cash payment in United States dollars per unit equal to the Redemption Amount, as provided below. There will be no other payment of interest, periodic or otherwise, on the Notes prior to the maturity date.

#### *Determination of the Redemption Amount*

The “Redemption Amount” per unit will be determined by the Calculation Agent and will equal the \$10 principal amount per unit, plus the “Supplemental Redemption Amount, if any.

- (i) If the Ending Value is greater than the Starting Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, the “Supplemental Redemption Amount” will equal:

$$\$10 \times \text{Leverage Factor} \times \left( \frac{\text{Ending Value} - \text{Starting Value}}{\text{Starting Value}} \right)$$

- (ii) If the Ending Value of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is equal to or less than the Starting Value, you will receive only the \$10 principal amount per unit.

In no event will you receive less than the \$10 principal amount per unit.

The “Starting Value” will equal the RUB/USD Exchange Rate at approximately 8:30 a.m. New York City time on the date the Notes are priced for initial sale to the public (the “Pricing Date”), and will be set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

The “Ending Value” will equal the RUB/USD Exchange Rate at approximately 8:30 a.m. New York City time on the seventh scheduled Business Day prior to the maturity date of the Notes.

The “Leverage Factor” will be a fixed percentage between 120% and 160%. The actual Leverage Factor will be determined on the Pricing Date and set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

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A “Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close and those banks are open for dealing in a foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits.

The “RUB/USD Exchange Rate” will be the currency exchange rate in the interbank market quoted for one Russian ruble in United States dollars as reported by Reuters on page RUBMCMEEMTA=, or any substitute page thereto. For purposes of determining the Starting Value and Ending Value, such currency exchange rate was and will be, as the case might be, that reported by Reuters on page RUBMCMEEMTA=, or any substitute page thereto, or calculated in accordance with any substitute procedure, as described below, at approximately 8:30 a.m. New York City time on the relevant date. If the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is not so reported on Reuters page RUBMCMEEMTA=, or any substitute page thereto, then the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will equal the noon buying rate in New York for cable transfers in foreign currencies as announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for customs purposes (the “Noon Buying Rate”). If the Noon Buying Rate is not announced on that date, then the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will be calculated on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the applicable spot quotations received by the Calculation Agent at approximately 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the relevant date for the purchase or sale for deposits in the relevant currencies by the London offices of three leading banks engaged in the interbank market (selected in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent) (the “Reference Banks”). If fewer than three Reference Banks provide spot quotations, then the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will be calculated on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the applicable spot quotations received by the Calculation Agent at approximately 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the relevant date from two leading commercial banks in New York (selected in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent), for the purchase or sale for deposits in the relevant currencies. If these spot quotations are available from only one bank, then the Calculation Agent, in its sole discretion, will determine which quotation is available and reasonable to be used. If no spot quotation is available, then the RUB/USD Exchange Rate will be the rate the Calculation Agent, in its sole discretion, determines to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances at approximately 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the relevant date.

All determinations made by the Calculation Agent in good faith and on a reasonable basis and, absent a determination of a manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on ML&Co. and the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes.

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**Hypothetical Returns**

The following table illustrates, for the hypothetical Starting Value of 0.03816, the RUB/USD Exchange Rate as of March 7, 2007, and a range of hypothetical Ending Values of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate:

- the percentage change from the hypothetical Starting Value to the hypothetical Ending Value;
- the total amount payable on the maturity date per unit;
- the total rate of return to holders of the Notes;
- the pretax annualized rate of return to holders of the Notes; and
- the pretax annualized rate of return in United States dollars on an investment in the Russian ruble.

The table below includes a Leverage Factor of 140%, the midpoint of the range of 120% to 160%. The actual Leverage Factor will be determined on the Pricing Date, and will be set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

| Hypothetical Ending Value | Percentage change from the hypothetical Starting Value to the hypothetical Ending Value | Total amount payable on the maturity date per unit | Total rate of return on the Notes | Pretax annualized rate of return on the Notes (1) | Pretax annualized rate of return on the Russian ruble (1)(2) |
|---------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 0.03682                   | -3.50%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -3.52%   |
| 0.03702                   | -3.00%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -3.01%   |
| 0.03721                   | -2.50%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -2.51%   |
| 0.03740                   | -2.00%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -2.00%   |
| 0.03759                   | -1.50%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -1.50%   |
| 0.03778                   | -1.00%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -1.00%   |
| 0.03797                   | -0.50%  | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | -0.50%   |
| 0.03816 (3)               | 0.00%   | 10.0000  | 0.00%                             | 0.00%   | 0.00%  |
| 0.03835                   | 0.50%   | 10.0700  | 0.70%                             | 0.70%   | 0.50%  |
| 0.03854                   | 1.00%   | 10.1400  | 1.40%                             | 1.39%   | 0.99%  |
| 0.03873                   | 1.50%   | 10.2100  | 2.10%                             | 2.08%   | 1.49%  |
| 0.03892                   | 2.00%   | 10.2800  | 2.80%                             | 2.77%   | 1.98%  |
| 0.03911                   | 2.50%   | 10.3500  | 3.50%                             | 3.46%   | 2.48%  |
| 0.03930                   | 3.00%   | 10.4200  | 4.20%                             | 4.15%   | 2.97%  |
| 0.03950                   | 3.50%   | 10.4900  | 4.90%                             | 4.83%   | 3.46%  |
| 0.03969                   | 4.00%   | 10.5600  | 5.60%                             | 5.51%   | 3.95%  |
| 0.03988                   | 4.50%   | 10.6300  | 6.30%                             | 6.19%   | 4.44%  |

- (1) The annualized rates of return specified in this column are calculated on a semiannual bond equivalent basis and assume an investment term from March 8, 2007 to March 8, 2008, a term expected to be equal to that of the Notes.
- (2) The pretax annualized rates of return specified in this column assume that the underlying currency position would be converted into United States dollars at the same time that the RUB/USD Exchange Rate would be determined.
- (3) This is the hypothetical Starting Value. The actual Starting Value will be the RUB/USD Exchange Rate on the Pricing Date and will be set forth in the final pricing supplement made available in connection with sales of the Notes.

The above figures are for purposes of illustration only. The actual amount received by you and the resulting total and pretax annualized rates of return will depend on the actual Starting Value, Ending Value, Leverage Factor and the term of your investment.

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**Events of Default and Acceleration**

In case an Event of Default with respect to any Notes has occurred and is continuing, the amount payable to a holder of a Note upon any acceleration permitted by the Notes, with respect to each unit of the Notes, will be equal to the Redemption Amount, calculated as though the date of acceleration were the stated maturity date of the Notes.

In case of default in payment of the Notes, whether on the stated maturity date or upon acceleration, from and after that date the Notes will bear interest, payable upon demand of their holders, at the then current Federal Funds Rate, reset daily, as determined by reference to Reuters page FEDFUNDS1 under the heading "EFFECT", to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, on the unpaid amount due and payable on that date in accordance with the terms of the Notes to the date payment of that amount has been made or duly provided for. "Reuters page FEDFUNDS1" means such page or any successor page, or page on a successor service, displaying such rate. If the Federal Funds Rate cannot be determined by reference to Reuters page FEDFUNDS1, such rate will be determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement relating to the determination of the Federal Funds Rate in the event of the unavailability of Moneyline Telerate page 120.

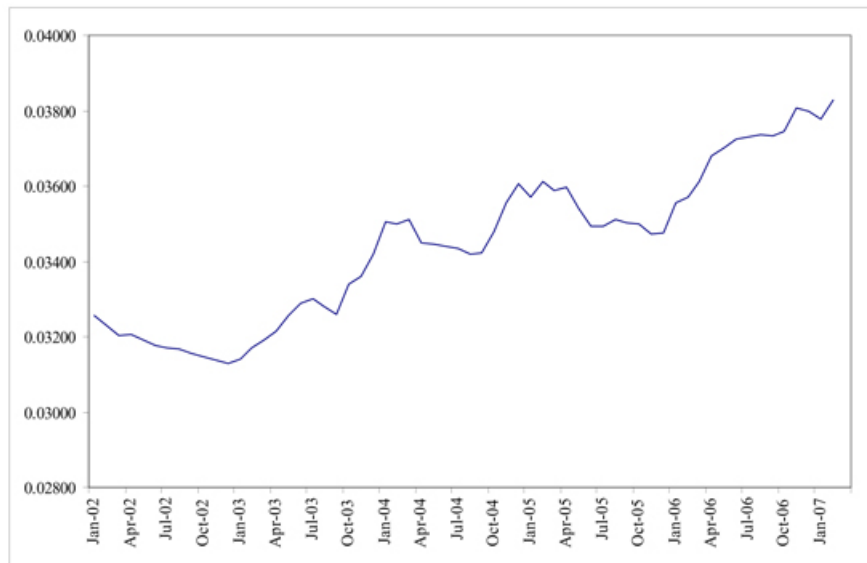
**THE RUB/USD EXCHANGE RATE**

The RUB/USD Exchange Rate is a foreign exchange spot rate that measures the relative values of two currencies, the Russian ruble and the United States dollar, expressed as a rate that reflects the amount of United States dollars that can be exchanged for one Russian ruble. The RUB/USD Exchange Rate increases when the value of the Russian ruble appreciates relative to the United States dollar and declines when the value of the Russian ruble depreciates relative to the United States dollar.

The following table sets forth the historical month-end values obtained from Bloomberg of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate for each month from January 2002 through February 2007. This historical data on the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is not necessarily indicative of the future volatility of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate. Any historical upward or downward movement in the RUB/USD Exchange Rate during any period set forth below is not any indication that the RUB/USD Exchange Rate is more or less likely to remain stable or fluctuate at any time over the term of the Notes.

|           | 2002    | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    | 2007    |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| January   | 0.03256 | 0.03140 | 0.03505 | 0.03570 | 0.03556 | 0.03778 |
| February  | 0.03230 | 0.03170 | 0.03500 | 0.03613 | 0.03569 | 0.03829 |
| March     | 0.03204 | 0.03190 | 0.03510 | 0.03587 | 0.03611 |         |
| April     | 0.03205 | 0.03215 | 0.03450 | 0.03598 | 0.03680 |         |
| May       | 0.03191 | 0.03255 | 0.03445 | 0.03541 | 0.03702 |         |
| June      | 0.03177 | 0.03290 | 0.03440 | 0.03493 | 0.03725 |         |
| July      | 0.03170 | 0.03300 | 0.03435 | 0.03492 | 0.03729 |         |
| August    | 0.03166 | 0.03280 | 0.03418 | 0.03511 | 0.03736 |         |
| September | 0.03156 | 0.03260 | 0.03422 | 0.03503 | 0.03732 |         |
| October   | 0.03146 | 0.03340 | 0.03478 | 0.03498 | 0.03744 |         |
| November  | 0.03138 | 0.03360 | 0.03555 | 0.03472 | 0.03808 |         |
| December  | 0.03130 | 0.03420 | 0.03606 | 0.03476 | 0.03798 |         |

The following graph sets forth the historical levels of the RUB/USD Exchange Rate presented in the preceding table. On March 7, 2007, at approximately 8:30 a.m. New York City time, the RUB/USD Exchange Rate was 0.03816.



## UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

Set forth in full below is the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP, tax counsel to ML&Co., as to certain United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes. This opinion is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (including retroactive changes in effective dates) or possible differing interpretations. The discussion below supplements the discussion set forth under the section entitled “Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations” that is contained in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement and supersedes that discussion to the extent that it contains information that is inconsistent with that which is contained in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement. The discussion below deals only with Notes held as capital assets and does not purport to deal with persons in special tax situations, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that elect to mark to market, tax-exempt entities or persons holding Notes in a tax-deferred or tax-advantaged account (except to the extent specifically discussed below), persons whose functional currency is not the United States dollar, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax or persons holding Notes as a hedge against currency risks, as a position in a “straddle” or as part of a “hedging”, “conversion” or “integrated” transaction for tax purposes. It also does not deal with holders other than original purchasers (except where otherwise specifically noted in this pricing supplement). The following discussion also assumes that the issue price of the Notes, as determined for United States federal income tax purposes, equals the principal amount thereof. If a partnership holds the Notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Thus, persons who are partners in a partnership holding the Notes should consult their own tax advisors. Moreover, all persons considering the purchase of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of the United States federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

As used in this pricing supplement, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of a Note that is for United States federal income tax purposes (a) a citizen or resident of the United States, (b) a corporation, partnership or other entity treated as a corporation or a partnership that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (other than a partnership that is not treated as a United States person under any applicable Treasury regulations), (c) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, (d) a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (e) any other person whose income or gain in respect of a Note is effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business. Notwithstanding clause (d) of the preceding sentence, to the extent provided in Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, and treated as United States persons prior to that date that elect to continue to be treated as United States persons also will be U.S. Holders. As used herein, the term “non-U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of a Note that is not a U.S. Holder.

### General

There are no statutory provisions, regulations, published rulings or judicial decisions addressing or involving the characterization, for United States federal income tax purposes, of the Notes or securities with terms substantially the same as the Notes. However, although the matter is not free from doubt, under current law, each Note should be treated as a debt instrument of ML&Co. for United States federal income tax purposes. ML&Co. currently intends to treat each Note as a debt instrument of ML&Co. for United States federal income tax purposes and, where required, intends to file information returns with the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) in accordance with this treatment, in the absence of any change or clarification in the law, by regulation or otherwise, requiring a different characterization of the Notes. Prospective investors in the Notes should be aware, however, that the IRS is not bound by ML&Co.’s characterization of the Notes as indebtedness, and the IRS could possibly take a different position as to the proper characterization of the Notes for United States federal income tax purposes. The following discussion of the principal United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes is based upon the assumption that each Note will be treated as a debt instrument of ML&Co. for United States federal income tax purposes. If the Notes are not in fact treated as debt instruments of ML&Co. for United States federal income tax purposes, then the United States federal income tax treatment of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes could differ from the treatment discussed below with the result that the timing and character of income, gain or loss recognized in respect of a Note could differ from the timing and



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character of income, gain or loss recognized in respect of a Note had the Notes in fact been treated as debt instruments of ML&Co. for United States federal income tax purposes.

### **U.S. Holders**

*General.* Since the amount payable on the maturity date with respect to the Notes (i.e., the Redemption Amount) will be determined by reference to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, the Notes generally should be subject to the rules set forth in Section 988 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") regarding foreign currency gain or loss (the "Foreign Currency Rules"). However, the Foreign Currency Rules do not set forth specific rules for determining the appropriate character, timing and amount of income, gain or loss that must be recognized by a taxpayer from holding a short-term debt instrument that provides for one or more foreign currency-related contingent payments, similar to the Notes. In the absence of any specific provision in the Foreign Currency Rules which would currently apply to the Notes, the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes generally should be governed by a combination of both the general principles contained in the Foreign Currency Rules and general principles of United States federal income tax law. Nevertheless, the proper United States federal income tax treatment of the Notes is uncertain and prospective investors in the Notes are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the proper United States federal income tax treatment of an investment in the Notes.

*Cash Method U.S. Holders.* The amount payable on the maturity date with respect to a Note in excess of the principal amount thereof, if any, generally should be includible in income by a U.S. Holder who uses the cash method of tax accounting as ordinary interest on the date the amount payable on the maturity date is received. Upon the sale or exchange of a Note prior to the maturity date, a U.S. Holder who uses the cash method of tax accounting generally should be required to recognize taxable gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Note. Such a U.S. Holder's tax basis in a Note generally should equal such U.S. Holder's initial investment in the Note. Any portion of such gain or loss that is attributable to changes in the RUB/USD Exchange Rate should constitute exchange gain or loss which will be characterized as ordinary income or loss. Any such gain or loss in excess of the portion of such gain or loss that constitutes exchange gain or loss (as described above) generally should be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all or a portion of any such gain should be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the amount of original issue discount (as described below under "Accrual Method U.S. Holders") that has accrued on a straight-line basis, or upon election under a constant yield method (based on daily compounding), through the date of sale. Despite the foregoing, since the amount payable on the maturity date with respect to the Notes in excess of the principal amount thereof, if any, will be calculated by reference to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, it is possible that the IRS could assert that all or any portion of the income, gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Holder with respect to the Notes should be treated as exchange gain or loss, which would be characterized as ordinary income or loss.

*Accrual Method U.S. Holders.* U.S. Holders who use the accrual method of tax accounting, and certain other holders including banks and dealers in securities, should be required to accrue original issue discount on a Note on a straight-line basis unless an election is made to accrue the original issue discount under a constant yield method (based on daily compounding). Such original issue discount should accrue based upon an estimated yield for the Note. Upon maturity of a Note, to the extent that the actual yield on the Note (i.e., the actual Redemption Amount) differs from this estimated yield, such difference should be treated as additional original issue discount or as an offset to previously accrued original issue discount. Upon the sale or exchange of a Note prior to the maturity date, a U.S. Holder who uses the accrual method of tax accounting generally should recognize gain or loss (or, in some cases, possibly an offset to previously accrued original issue discount) in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Note. Such a U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis generally should equal such U.S. Holder's initial investment in the Note increased by any original issue discount previously included in income by the U.S. Holder. Any portion of such gain or loss that is attributable to changes in the RUB/USD Exchange Rate should constitute exchange gain or loss which will be characterized as ordinary income or loss. Any such gain or loss in excess of the portion of such gain or loss that constitutes exchange gain or loss (as described above) generally should be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. Despite the foregoing, since the amount payable on the maturity date with respect to the Notes in excess of the principal amount thereof, if any, will be calculated by reference to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, it is possible that the IRS could assert that all or any portion of the income, gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Holder with respect to the Notes should be treated as exchange gain or loss, which would be characterized as ordinary income or loss.

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Due to the uncertainty regarding the proper United States federal income tax treatment of the Notes, prospective investors in the Notes are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning the United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes.

### **Tax Return Disclosure Regulations**

Pursuant to certain Treasury regulations (the “Disclosure Regulations”), any taxpayer that has participated in a “reportable transaction” and who is required to file a United States federal income tax return must generally attach a disclosure statement disclosing such taxpayer’s participation in the reportable transaction to the taxpayer’s tax return for each taxable year for which the taxpayer participates in the reportable transaction. The Disclosure Regulations provide that, in addition to certain other transactions, a “loss transaction” constitutes a “reportable transaction.” A “loss transaction” is any transaction resulting in the taxpayer claiming a loss under Section 165 of the Code in an amount equal to or in excess of certain threshold amounts. The Disclosure Regulations specifically provide that a loss resulting from a “Section 988 transaction,” such as a loss realized with respect to the Notes, will constitute a Section 165 loss. In the case of individuals or trusts, whether or not the loss flows through from an S corporation or partnership, if the loss arises with respect to a Section 988 transaction (as defined in Section 988(c)(1) of the Code relating to foreign currency transactions), the applicable loss threshold amount is \$50,000 in any single taxable year. Higher loss threshold amounts apply depending upon the taxpayer’s status as a corporation, partnership, or S corporation, as well as certain other factors. It is important to note, however, that the Disclosure Regulations provide that the fact that a transaction is a reportable transaction shall not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer’s treatment of the transaction is proper.

As previously mentioned, since the amount payable on the maturity date with respect to the Notes (i.e., the Redemption Amount), will be determined by reference to the RUB/USD Exchange Rate, the Notes generally should be subject to the Foreign Currency Rules and the acquisition of a Note should constitute a Section 988 transaction. Based upon the foregoing, in the absence of future administrative pronouncements to the contrary, a holder of the Notes that recognizes an exchange loss with respect to the Notes that equals or exceeds the loss threshold amount applicable to such holder may be required to file a disclosure statement (i.e., IRS Form 8886 or substitute form) as an attachment to the holder’s tax return for the first taxable year in which the loss threshold amount is reached and to any subsequent tax return that reflects any amount of such Section 165 loss from the Notes. Persons considering the purchase of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of the rules contained in the Disclosure Regulations with respect to an investment in the Notes and to determine their own tax return disclosure obligations, if any, with respect to an investment in the Notes, including any requirement to file IRS Form 8886 as well as any penalties which may be imposed as a result of a failure to comply with the Disclosure Regulations.

### **Unrelated Business Taxable Income**

Section 511 of the Code generally imposes a tax, at regular corporate or trust income tax rates, on the “unrelated business taxable income” of certain tax-exempt organizations, including qualified pension and profit sharing plan trusts and individual retirement accounts. In general, if the Notes are held for investment purposes, the amount of income or gain realized with respect to the Notes will not constitute unrelated business taxable income. However, if a Note constitutes debt-financed property (as defined in Section 514(b) of the Code) by reason of indebtedness incurred by a holder of a Note to purchase the Note, all or a portion of any income or gain realized with respect to such Note may be classified as unrelated business taxable income pursuant to Section 514 of the Code. Moreover, prospective investors in the Notes should be aware that whether or not any income or gain realized with respect to a Note which is owned by an organization that is generally exempt from United States federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code constitutes unrelated business taxable income will depend upon the specific facts and circumstances applicable to such organization. Accordingly, any potential investors in the Notes that are generally exempt from United States federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code are urged to consult with their own tax advisors concerning the United States federal income tax consequences to them of investing in the Notes.

### **Non-U.S. Holders**

A non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to United States federal income taxes on payments of principal, premium (if any) or interest (including original issue discount, if any) on a Note, unless the non-U.S. Holder is a

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direct or indirect 10% or greater shareholder of ML&Co., a controlled foreign corporation related to ML&Co. or a bank receiving interest described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code. However, income allocable to non-U.S. Holders will generally be subject to annual tax reporting on IRS Form 1042-S. For a non-U.S. Holder to qualify for the exemption from taxation, any person, U.S. or foreign, that has control, receipt or custody of an amount subject to withholding, or who can disburse or make payments of an amount subject to withholding (the "Withholding Agent") must have received a statement that (a) is signed by the beneficial owner of the Note under penalties of perjury, (b) certifies that the owner is a non-U.S. Holder and (c) provides the name and address of the beneficial owner. The statement may generally be made on IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) or a substantially similar form, and the beneficial owner must inform the Withholding Agent of any change in the information on the statement within 30 days of that change by filing a new IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form). Generally, an IRS Form W-8BEN provided without a U.S. taxpayer identification number will remain in effect for a period starting on the date the form is signed and ending on the last day of the third succeeding calendar year, unless a change in circumstances makes any information on the form incorrect. If a Note is held through a securities clearing organization or certain other financial institutions, the organization or institution may provide a signed statement to the Withholding Agent. Under certain circumstances, the signed statement must be accompanied by a copy of the applicable IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) or the substitute form provided by the beneficial owner to the organization or institution.

Under current law, a Note will not be includible in the estate of a non-U.S. Holder unless the individual is a direct or indirect 10% or greater shareholder of ML&Co. or, at the time of the individual's death, payments in respect of that Note would have been effectively connected with the conduct by the individual of a trade or business in the United States.

### **Backup Withholding**

Backup withholding at the applicable statutory rate of United States federal income tax may apply to payments made in respect of the Notes to registered owners who are not "exempt recipients" and who fail to provide certain identifying information (such as the registered owner's taxpayer identification number) in the required manner. Generally, individuals are not exempt recipients, whereas corporations and certain other entities generally are exempt recipients. Payments made in respect of the Notes to a U.S. Holder must be reported to the IRS, unless the U.S. Holder is an exempt recipient or establishes an exemption. Compliance with the identification procedures described in the preceding section would establish an exemption from backup withholding for those non-U.S. Holders who are not exempt recipients.

In addition, upon the sale of a Note to (or through) a broker, the broker must withhold on the entire purchase price, unless either (a) the broker determines that the seller is a corporation or other exempt recipient or (b) the seller provides, in the required manner, certain identifying information (e.g., an IRS Form W-9) and, in the case of a non-U.S. Holder, certifies that the seller is a non-U.S. Holder (and certain other conditions are met). This type of a sale must also be reported by the broker to the IRS, unless either (a) the broker determines that the seller is an exempt recipient or (b) the seller certifies its non-U.S. status (and certain other conditions are met). Certification of the registered owner's non-U.S. status would be made normally on an IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) under penalties of perjury, although in certain cases it may be possible to submit other documentary evidence.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the beneficial owner's United States federal income tax provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

## ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

Each fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) (a “Plan”), should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the Plan’s particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the Notes. Accordingly, among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether the investment would satisfy the prudence and diversification requirements of ERISA and would be consistent with the documents and instruments governing the Plan.

In addition, we and certain of our subsidiaries and affiliates, including MLPF&S, may be each considered a party in interest within the meaning of ERISA, or a disqualified person within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), with respect to many Plans, as well as many individual retirement accounts and Keogh plans (also “Plans”). Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA or the Code would likely arise, for example, if the securities are acquired by or with the assets of a Plan with respect to which MLPF&S or any of its affiliates is a party in interest, unless the securities are acquired pursuant to an exemption from the prohibited transaction rules. A violation of these prohibited transaction rules could result in an excise tax or other liabilities under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code for such persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory or administrative exemption.

Under ERISA and various prohibited transaction class exemptions (“PTCEs”) issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, exemptive relief may be available for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase, holding or disposition of the securities. Those exemptions are PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company separate accounts), PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified asset managers), and the exemption under new Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and new Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code for certain arm’s-length transactions with a person that is a party in interest solely by reason of providing services to Plans or being an affiliate of such a service provider (the “Service Provider Exemption”).

Because we may be considered a party in interest with respect to many Plans, the securities may not be purchased, held or disposed of by any Plan, any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any Plan’s investment in the entity (a “Plan Asset Entity”) or any person investing plan assets of any Plan, unless such purchase, holding or disposition is eligible for exemptive relief, including relief available under PTCE 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1, or 84-14 or the Service Provider Exemption, or such purchase, holding or disposition is otherwise not prohibited. Any purchaser, including any fiduciary purchasing on behalf of a Plan, transferee or holder of the securities will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the securities that either (a) it is not a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity and is not purchasing such securities on behalf of or with plan assets of any Plan or with any assets of a governmental, church or foreign plan that is subject to any federal, state, local or foreign law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or (b) its purchase, holding and disposition are eligible for exemptive relief or such purchase, holding and disposition are not prohibited by ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (or in the case of a governmental, church or foreign plan, any substantially similar federal, state, local or foreign law).

Under ERISA, assets of a Plan may include assets held in the general account of an insurance company which has issued an insurance policy to such plan or assets of an entity in which the Plan has invested. Accordingly, insurance company general accounts that include assets of a Plan must ensure that one of the foregoing exemptions is available. Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties that may be imposed upon persons involved in non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is particularly important that fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing the securities on behalf of or with “plan assets” of any Plan consult with their counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief under PTCE 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1 or 84-14 or the Service Provider Exemption.

Purchasers of the securities have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their purchase, holding and disposition of the securities do not violate the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or the Code or any similar regulations applicable to governmental or church plans, as described above.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS AND HEDGING**

The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be used as described under “Use of Proceeds” in the accompanying general prospectus supplement and to hedge market risks of ML&Co. associated with its obligation to pay the Supplemental Redemption Amount, if any.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

MLPF&S has advised ML&Co. that it proposes initially to offer all or part of the Notes directly to the public on a fixed price basis at the offering price set forth on the cover of this pricing supplement. After the initial public offering, the public offering price may be changed. The obligations of MLPF&S are subject to certain conditions and it is committed to take and pay for all of the Notes if any are taken.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, the related financial statement schedule, and management’s report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this pricing supplement by reference from Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc.’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2006 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference (which reports express an unqualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule and include an explanatory paragraph regarding the change in accounting method in 2006 for share-based payments to conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*) and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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Capitalized terms used in this pricing supplement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying MTN prospectus supplement, general prospectus supplement and prospectus, as applicable.



**Units**

**Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.**

**Medium-Term Notes, Series C  
100% Principal Protected Currency Notes  
Linked to the Russian Ruble/United States Dollar Exchange Rate  
due March , 2008  
(the "Notes")  
\$10 principal amount per unit**

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**PRICING SUPPLEMENT**

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**Merrill Lynch & Co.**

**March , 2007**

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