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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.  
Medium-Term Notes, Series C

Accelerated Return Notes  
Linked to the Russell 2000 Index due June , 2006  
US\$10 public offering price per security

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Summary Terms

The securities:

- o There will be no payments prior to the maturity date and we cannot redeem the securities prior to the maturity date.
- o Senior unsecured debt securities of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. part of a series entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series C".
- o The securities are designed for investors who are seeking exposure to the Russell 2000 Index (the "Index"), willing to forego interest payments on the securities and willing to accept a return that will not exceed the limit described in the attached offering document.
- o The securities are made available to each investor outside of the United States in a minimum initial investment of US\$50,000 or such other amount, and subject to such other restrictions, as may be applicable to such investor under the private offering rules of any jurisdiction outside of the United States.
- o Expected settlement date: December , 2004.
- o CUSIP No.:

Payment on the maturity date:

- o The amount an investor will receive at maturity will be based upon the percentage change in the level of the Index. If the level of the Index has increased over the term of the notes, on the maturity date an investor will receive a payment per security equal to \$10 plus triple the percentage increase of the Index, up to a maximum payment expected to be between \$11.60 and \$12.00 per security. If the level of the Index has decreased over the term of the notes, on the maturity date an investor will receive a payment per security based upon that percentage decrease. As a result, an investor may lose some, if not all, of its investment in the Notes.

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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This Notice and the Offering Document have been issued by the Company for information only. Prospective investors should not treat the contents of this Notice 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 Securities. Attention is drawn in particular to risk factors on pages PS-7 to PS-9 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 Securities, has no place of business in the United Kingdom and is not regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Therefore, with respect to anything done 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 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 the amount that it 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 November 23, 2004

This Notice supplements the Preliminary Pricing Supplement, dated November 23, 2004, and the Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus, dated November 26, 2003.