

PRIVATE OFFERING NOTICE

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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Medium-Term Notes, Series C
100% Protected Select Currency Basket Notes
due November 2006
(the "Notes")
US\$10 principal amount per unit

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Summary Terms

The Notes:

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o The Notes are designed for investors who believe that maturity date the value of the Indian rupee, the New Taiwan dollar, the change in the Russian ruble and the Singapore dollar will appreciate term of the relative to the United States dollar over the term of the Basket:

Notes and that the Australian dollar will depreciate relative to the United States dollar over the \$10

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o 100% principal protection on the maturity date.

o There will be no payments prior to the maturity date investor will and the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to the maturity date. unit.

o The Notes 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 The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

o The Notes will be senior unsecured debt securities of Merrill 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 Expected settlement date: May , 2005.

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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

Payment on the maturity date:

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o The amount an investor receives on the per unit will be based upon the percentage value of the Select Currency Basket over the Notes. If the value of the Select Currency

o has increased, an investor will receive principal amount per unit plus a redemption amount expected to be equal percentage increase;

o has decreased or has not increased, an receive the \$10 principal amount per unit.

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) 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.

(c) 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.

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

(e) 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 April 12, 2005

This Notice supplements the Preliminary Pricing Supplement, dated March 28, 2005, and the Prospectus Supplement and Prospectus, dated February 25, 2005.