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Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(1)</sup>
10-Year Fixed to Floating Rate Notes Linked to				
CMS10, due January 14, 2021	10,000	\$1,000	\$10,000,000	\$1,161.00

Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933.

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# \$10,000,000

# 10-Year Fixed to Floating Rate Notes Linked to CMS10, due January 14, 2021

- The notes are senior unsecured debt securities issued by Bank of America Corporation. Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk. The notes provide holders a floating rate based on the CMS10 rate, as described below.
- The notes will be issued in denominations of whole units. Each unit will have a principal amount of \$1,000.
- We will pay interest on the notes quarterly in arrears on January 14, April 14, July 14, and October 14 of each year, and on the maturity date, beginning on April 14, 2011.
- · The notes will accrue interest at the following rates during their term:
  - From the issue date to, but excluding, January 14, 2012, the notes will bear interest at the fixed rate of 6.00% per annum.
  - From January 14, 2012 to, but excluding, the maturity date, the notes will bear interest for each quarterly interest period at a floating rate per annum equal to the product of (a) the Participation Rate and (b) CMS10, rounded to three decimal places. The "Participation Rate" is 107.50%. The maximum rate of interest payable on the notes during any interest period is 10.00% (the "Cap").
- The CMS10 rate is a long-term interest rate that measures the fixed rate of interest payable on a fixed for floating U.S. dollar interest rate swap transaction with a
  maturity of 10 years.
- · At maturity, you will receive for each unit of your notes a cash payment equal to the \$1,000 principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.
- The notes may not be redeemed at our option or at your option prior to the maturity date.
- · The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.
- $\bullet \quad \text{The public offering price will include accrued interest from January 14, 2011, if settlement occurs after that date.}\\$
- The CUSIP number for the notes is 06048WFB1.
- · In connection with this offering, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") is acting in its capacity as principal for your account.
- · The purchase price of the notes is equal to their principal amount. MLPF&S will not receive any commission in connection with the sale of the notes.

The notes:

Are Not FDIC Insured	Are Not Bank Guaranteed	May Lose Value	

The notes are unsecured and are not savings accounts, deposits, or other obligations of a bank. The notes are not guaranteed by Bank of America, N.A. or any other bank, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and involve investment risks. Potential purchasers of the notes should consider the information in "Risk Factors" beginning on page PS-4, page S-4 of the attached prospectus supplement, and page 8 of the attached prospectus.

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), any state securities commission, or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these notes or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement, or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

We will deliver the notes in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company on or about January 14, 2011 against payment in immediately available funds.

**BofA Merrill Lynch** 

#### **SUMMARY OF TERMS**

This pricing supplement supplements the terms and conditions in the prospectus, dated April 20, 2009, as supplemented by the Series L prospectus supplement, dated April 21, 2009 (as so supplemented, together with all documents incorporated by reference, the "prospectus"), and should be read with the prospectus. Unless otherwise defined in this pricing supplement, terms used herein have the same meanings as are given to them in the prospectus.

• Title of the Series: 10-Year Fixed to Floating Rate Notes Linked to CMS10, due January 14, 2021

• Aggregate Principal Amount

**Initially Being Issued:** 

\$10,000,000

Issue Date: January 14, 2011
 CUSIP No.: 06048WFB1
 Maturity Date: January 14, 2021

• Minimum Denominations: \$1,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$1,000

Ranking: Senior
 Day Count Fraction: 30/360
 Interest Periods: Ouarterly

• Interest Payment Dates: January 14, April 14, July 14, and October 14 of each year, and on the maturity

date, beginning on April 14, 2011

• Interest Rates: The notes will accrue interest during the following periods at the following rates per

annum:

Fixed Rate Period. From the issue date to, but excluding, January 14, 2012, the

notes will bear interest at the fixed rate of 6.00% per annum.

Floating Rate Period. From January 14, 2012 to, but excluding, the maturity date, the notes will bear interest for each quarterly interest period at a floating rate per annum equal to the product of (a) the Participation Rate and (b) CMS10, rounded to three decimal places. The "Participation Rate" is 107.50%. The maximum rate of interest payable on the notes during any interest period is 10.00% (the "Cap").

• CMS10: CMS10 is a "constant maturity swap rate" that measures the fixed rate of interest

payable on a hypothetical fixed-for-floating U.S. dollar interest rate swap

transaction with a maturity of 10 years. In such a hypothetical swap transaction, the fixed rate of interest, payable semi-annually, is exchangeable for a floating 3-month LIBOR-based payment stream that is payable quarterly. "LIBOR" is the London interbank offered rate and is a common rate of interest used in the swaps industry.

For additional

information on CMS10, see the section below, "The 10-Year U.S. Dollar Constant

Maturity Swap Rate."

• Calculation Agent: Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.

• Business Days: If any interest payment date or the maturity date occurs on a day that is not a

business day in New York, New York, then the payment will be postponed until the next business day in New York, New York. No additional interest will accrue on the notes as a result of such postponement, and no adjustment will be made to the

length of the relevant interest period.

• Redemption at Our Option: None

• Repayment at Option of

**Holder:** 

None

• Record Dates for Interest

Payments:

For book-entry only notes, one business day in New York, New York prior to the payment date. If notes are not held in book-entry only form, the record dates will be

the last day of the calendar month preceding the interest payment date.

• Listing: Nor

# RISK FACTORS

Your investment in the notes entails significant risks. Your decision to purchase the notes should be made only after carefully considering the risks of an investment in the notes, including those discussed below, with your advisors in light of your particular circumstances. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are not knowledgeable about significant elements of the notes or financial matters in general.

Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and changes in our credit ratings are expected to affect the value of the notes. The notes are our senior unsecured debt securities. As a result, your receipt of all payments of interest and principal on the notes is dependent upon our ability to repay our obligations on the applicable payment date. No assurance can be given as to what our financial condition will be at any time during the term of the notes or on the maturity date.

In addition, our credit ratings are an assessment by ratings agencies of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, our perceived creditworthiness and actual or anticipated negative changes in our credit ratings prior to the maturity date of the notes may adversely affect the market value of the notes. However, because your return on the notes depends upon factors in addition to our ability to pay our obligations, such as the difference between the interest rates accruing on the notes and current market interest rates, an improvement in our credit ratings will not reduce the other investment risks related to the notes.

The interest rate on the notes is capped. During the Floating Rate Period described above, the interest rate that will be payable on the notes in any quarterly interest period will be limited to the Cap of 10.00% per annum. Accordingly, as a holder of the notes, you will not benefit from any increase in CMS10 above 9.30%.

Your yield may be less than the yield on a conventional debt security of comparable maturity. The yield that you receive on the notes may be less than the return you would earn if you purchased a more conventional debt security with the same maturity date, such as a fixed-rate security. As a result, your investment in the notes may not reflect the full opportunity cost to you when you consider factors that affect the time value of money.

You must rely on your own evaluation of the merits of an investment linked to U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rates. In the ordinary course of their businesses, our affiliates may have expressed views on expected movements in U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rates and related interest rates, and may do so in the future. These views or reports may be communicated to our clients and clients of our affiliates. However, these views are subject to change from time to time. Moreover, other professionals who deal in markets relating to U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rates may at any time have significantly different views from those of our affiliates. For these reasons, you are encouraged to derive information concerning U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rates and related interest rates from multiple sources, and you should not rely on the views expressed by our affiliates. Neither the offering of the notes nor any views which our affiliates from time to time may express in the ordinary course of their businesses constitutes a recommendation as to the merits of an investment in the notes.

In seeking to provide you with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms for the notes, we have considered the costs of developing, hedging, and distributing the notes. 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 you with what we believe to be commercially reasonable terms. The price, if any, at which you could sell the 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, including the costs associated with the notes, and compensation for developing and hedging our obligations under the notes. The quoted price of any of our affiliates for the notes could be higher or lower than the principal amount of the notes.

Assuming there is no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the price, if any, at which the selling agent or another purchaser might be willing to purchase the notes in a secondary market transaction is expected to be lower than the original public offering price of the notes. This is due to, among other things, the fact that the original public offering price includes, and secondary market prices are likely to exclude, the development and hedging costs associated with, the notes.

We cannot assure you that a trading market for the notes will ever develop or be maintained. We will not list the notes on any securities exchange. We cannot predict how the notes will trade in any secondary market, or whether that market will be liquid or illiquid.

The development of a trading market for the notes will depend on our financial performance and other factors. The number of potential buyers of the notes in any secondary market may be limited. We anticipate that MLPF&S will act as a market-maker for the notes that it offers, but neither MLPF&S nor any of our other affiliates is required to do so. MLPF&S may discontinue its market-making activities as to the notes at any time. To the extent that MLPF&S engages in any market-making activities, it may bid for or offer any series of the notes. Any price at which MLPF&S may bid for, offer, purchase, or sell any notes may differ from the values determined by pricing models that it may use, whether as a result of dealer discounts, markups, or other transaction costs. These bids, offers, or completed transactions may affect the prices, if any, at which the notes might otherwise trade in the market.

In addition, if at any time MLPF&S were to cease acting as a market-maker for the notes, it is likely that there would be significantly less liquidity in the secondary market. In such a case, the price at which the notes could be sold likely would be lower than if an active market existed.

If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value, if any, will be affected by various factors that interrelate in complex ways, and their market value may be less than the principal amount of the notes. Unlike savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and other similar investment products, you have no right to have the notes redeemed prior to maturity. If you wish to liquidate your investment in the notes prior to maturity, your only option would be to sell them. At that time, there may be an illiquid market for the notes or no market at all. Even if you were able to sell your notes, there are many factors outside of our control that may affect their market value, some of which, but not all, are stated below. Some of these factors are interrelated in complex ways. As a result, the effect of any one factor may be offset or magnified by the effect of another factor. The following paragraphs describe the expected impact on the market value of the notes from a change in a specific factor, assuming all other conditions remain constant.

• Changes in Interest Rates. We expect that changes in interest rates will affect the market value of the notes. In general, if U.S. interest rates increase, we expect that the market value of the notes will decrease, and conversely, if U.S. interest rates decrease, we expect that the market value of the notes will increase. However, as U.S. interest rates increase or decrease, the market value of the notes may not decrease or increase in tandem. If you sell your notes when the interest payable on the notes is less than, or expected to be less than, other market interest rates, you may receive less than the principal amount that would be payable at maturity.

- **Differences between short-term and long-term interest rates.** The difference between short-term and long-term interest rates also may affect the market value of the notes. CMS10 is often considered a long-term interest rate. In general, if the difference between short-term and long-term interest rates narrows, we expect the market value of the notes to decrease. However, in some scenarios, even if the difference between short-term and long-term interest rates widens, the market value of the notes may also be adversely impacted. The difference between long-term interest rates and short-term interest rates is influenced by a number of factors, including (but not limited to) monetary policy, fiscal policy, inflation, and fundamental demand conditions. These factors interrelate in complex, and sometimes ambiguous, ways. Any factor which reduces the supply of or increases the demand for money available for borrowing will generally disproportionately increase short-term interest rates relative to long-term interest rates, thereby potentially affecting the market value of the notes.
- Volatility of Market Interest Rates. Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of market fluctuations. An unsettled international environment and related uncertainties may result in greater interest rate volatility, which may continue over the term of the notes. Increases or decreases in the volatility of the interest rates may have an adverse impact on the market value of the notes.
- **Economic and Other Conditions Generally.** The general economic conditions of the capital markets in the U.S. and globally, as well as geopolitical conditions and other financial, political, regulatory, and judicial events that affect the capital markets generally, may affect the value of the notes.
- Time to Maturity. We anticipate that the notes may have a market value that may be different from that which would be expected based on the levels of interest rates accruing on the notes. This difference will reflect a time premium or discount due to expectations concerning the difference between such rates and current or future market interest rates. In general, as the time remaining to maturity decreases, the value of notes will approach a value that reflects the remaining interest payments on the notes based on the then-current interest rate accruing on the notes.

Our trading and hedging activities may create conflicts of interest with you. We or one or more of our affiliates, including MLPF&S, may engage in trading activities related to the notes that are not for your account or on your behalf. We or one or more of our affiliates, including the selling agent, also may issue, or our affiliates may underwrite, other financial instruments with returns linked to CMS10. We expect to enter into arrangements to hedge the market risks associated with our obligation to pay the amounts due under 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 affiliates. 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. These trading and hedging activities may present a conflict of interest between your interest in the notes and the interests we and our affiliates may have in our proprietary accounts, in facilitating transactions for our other customers, and in accounts under our management.

There may be potential conflicts of interest involving the calculation agent. We have the right to appoint and remove the calculation agent. Our subsidiary, MLCS, will be the calculation agent for the notes and, as such, will determine the amount of interest to be paid on the notes. Under some circumstances, these duties could result in a conflict of interest between MLCS's status as our subsidiary and its responsibilities as calculation agent. These conflicts could occur, for instance, in connection with judgments that it would be required to make if CMS10 is unavailable. See the section entitled "Description of the Notes—

Unavailability of CMS10." The calculation agent will be required to carry out its duties in good faith and using its reasonable judgment. However, because we expect to control the calculation agent, potential conflicts of interest could arise.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the notes for the purposes described in the accompanying prospectus under "Use of Proceeds." In addition, we expect that we or our affiliates will use a portion of the net proceeds to hedge our obligations under the notes.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

#### General

The notes are part of a series of medium-term notes entitled "Medium-Term Notes, Series L" issued under the Senior Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The Senior Indenture is described more fully in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. The following description of the notes supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes and debt securities set forth under the headings "Description of the Notes" in the prospectus supplement and "Description of Debt Securities" in the prospectus. These documents should be read in connection with this pricing supplement.

The notes are issued in denominations of whole units, and each unit will have a principal amount \$1,000. The notes will mature on January 14, 2021.

Prior to maturity, the notes are not repayable at our option or at your option. The notes are not subject to any sinking fund.

The notes will be issued in book-entry form only.

#### Interest

Each interest payment due for an interest period will be paid quarterly in arrears on January 14, April 14, July 14, and October 14 of each year, and on the maturity date, beginning on April 14, 2011.

Interest on the notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The notes will accrue interest during the following periods at the following rates per annum:

- *Fixed Rate Period*. From the issue date to, but excluding, January 14, 2012, the notes will bear interest at the fixed rate of 6.00% per annum.
- Floating Rate Period. From January 14, 2012 to, but excluding, the maturity date, the notes will bear interest for each quarterly interest period at a floating rate per annum equal to the product of (a) the Participation Rate and (b) CMS10, rounded to three decimal places. The "Participation Rate" is 107.50%. The maximum rate of interest payable on the notes during any interest period is 10.00% (the "Cap").

CMS10 means the 10-Year U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rate that appears on Reuters page ISDAFIX3 as of 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the applicable U.S. Government Securities Business Day (as defined below), as determined by the calculation agent in the manner described in this pricing supplement.

Each interest period (other than the first quarterly interest period from, and including, the original issue date of the notes to, but excluding, April 14, 2011) will commence on, and will include, an interest payment date, and will extend to, but will exclude, the next succeeding interest payment date or the maturity date, as applicable. If any interest payment date, including the maturity date of the notes, falls on a day that is not a business day, no adjustment will be made to the length of the corresponding interest period; however, we will make the required payment on the next business day and no additional interest will accrue in respect of the payment made on the next business day.

The interest rate for each interest period will be reset on the first day of that interest period, which we refer to as the "interest reset date." For each quarterly interest period, the

applicable rate of interest will be determined on the second U.S. Government Securities Business Day preceding the applicable interest reset date (each, an "interest determination date"). The calculation agent will determine the applicable interest rate for each interest period. Once determined by the calculation agent, the applicable interest rate for each quarterly interest period will apply from and including the interest reset date, through, but excluding, the next interest reset date (or the maturity date, as applicable).

A "U.S. Government Securities Business Day" is any day except a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day on which The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (or any successor thereto) recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U. S. government securities.

A "business day" means any day other than a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or required by law, regulation, or executive order to close or a day on which transactions in U.S. dollars are not conducted.

For as long as the notes are held in book-entry only form, the record date for each payment of interest will be the business day prior to the payment date. If the notes are issued at any time in a form that is other than book-entry only, the regular record date for an interest payment date will be the last day of the calendar month preceding the interest payment date.

# **Payment at Maturity**

On the maturity date, you will be paid the principal amount of the notes and any accrued and unpaid interest on the notes, subject to our credit risk. See "Risk Factors—Payments on the notes are subject to our credit risk, and changes in our credit ratings are expected to affect the value of the notes."

# **Unavailability of CMS10**

If, on any interest determination date, CMS10 is not quoted on the Reuters Screen ISDAFIX3 Page, or any page substituted for that page, then CMS10 will be determined on the basis of the mid-market semi-annual swap rate quotations provided by three banks chosen by the calculation agent (which may include one of our affiliates) at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on that date.

For this purpose, the mid-market semi-annual swap rate means the mean of the bid and offered rates for the semi-annual fixed leg, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, of a fixed-for-floating U.S. dollar interest rate swap transaction with a term equal to 10 years, commencing on the applicable interest reset date and in a representative amount quoted by an acknowledged dealer of good credit in the swap market, and the floating leg, calculated on the actual number of days in a 360-day year, is equivalent to USD-LIBOR-BBA, as quoted on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, with a designated maturity of three months. The calculation agent will request the principal New York City office of each of the three banks chosen by it to provide a quotation of its rate. If at least three quotations are provided, the rate for the relevant interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations. If only one quotation is provided, the rate for the relevant interest determination date will equal that one quotation. If no quotations are available, then CMS10 will be the rate the calculation agent, in its sole discretion, determines to be fair and reasonable under the circumstances at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the relevant interest determination date.

# **Role of the Calculation Agent**

The calculation agent has the sole discretion to make all determinations regarding the notes, including determinations regarding the applicable interest rate for each interest period, the amount of each interest payment, U.S. Government Securities Business Days, and business days. Absent manifest error, all determinations of the calculation agent will be final and binding on you and us, without any liability on the part of the calculation agent.

We have initially appointed our subsidiary, MLCS, as the calculation agent, but we may change the calculation agent at any time without notifying you.

# **Same-Day Settlement and Payment**

The notes will be delivered in book-entry form only through DTC against payment by purchasers of the notes in immediately available funds. We will make payments of the principal amount and each interest payment in immediately available funds so long as the notes are maintained in book-entry form.

# **Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration**

If an event of default (as defined in the Senior Indenture) occurs and is continuing, holders of the notes may accelerate the maturity of the notes, as described under "Description of Debt Securities—Events of Default and Rights of Acceleration" in the prospectus. Upon an event of default, you will be entitled to receive only your principal amount, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, through the acceleration date. In case of an event of default, the notes will not bear a default interest rate.

# Listing

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

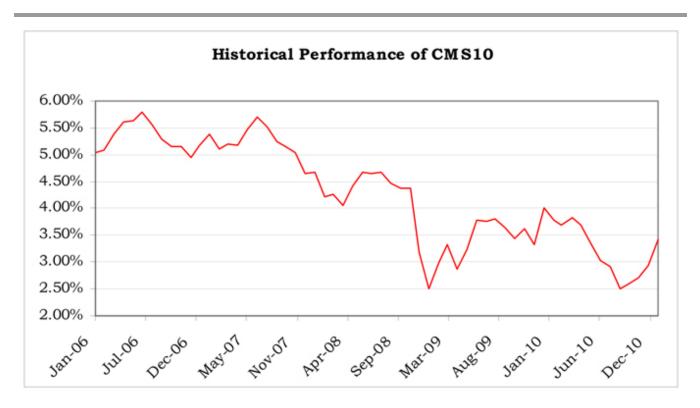
# THE 10-YEAR U.S. DOLLAR CONSTANT MATURITY SWAP RATE

CMS10 means the 10-Year U.S. Dollar Constant Maturity Swap Rate that appears on Reuters page ISDAFIX3 as of 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the applicable U.S. Government Securities Business Day. CMS10 is a "constant maturity swap rate" that measures the fixed rate of interest payable on a hypothetical fixed-for-floating U.S. dollar interest rate swap transaction with a maturity of 10 years. In such a hypothetical swap transaction, the fixed rate of interest, payable semi-annually on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, is exchangeable for a floating 3-month LIBOR-based payment stream that is payable quarterly on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed during a quarterly period in a 360-day year. "LIBOR" is the London interbank offered rate and is a common rate of interest used in the swaps industry.

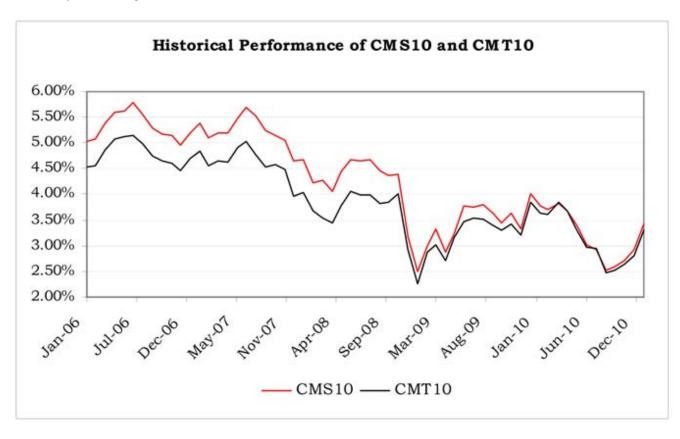
The following table sets forth the historical month-end levels of CMS10 from January 2006 through December 2010, which we obtained from Reuters page ISDAFIX3. The historical data on CMS10 is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of CMS10 or what the value of the notes may be. Any historical upward or downward trend in the level of CMS10 during any period set forth below is not an indication that the level of CMS10 is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time over the term of the notes.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	5.063%	5.404%	4.310%	2.983%	3.774%
February	5.085%	5.105%	4.271%	3.337%	3.695%
March	5.393%	5.190%	4.066%	2.887%	3.826%
April	5.607%	5.186%	4.428%	3.225%	3.682%
May	5.633%	5.420%	4.680%	3.783%	3.404%
June	5.788%	5.703%	4.647%	3.751%	3.019%
July	5.556%	5.539%	4.764%	3.807%	2.919%
August	5.313%	5.220%	4.473%	3.644%	2.512%
September	5.161%	5.153%	4.374%	3.443%	2.591%
October	5.210%	5.029%	4.385%	3.625%	2.708%
November	4.956%	4.644%	3.180%	3.324%	2.932%
December	5.187%	4.679%	2.496%	4.009%	3.414%

The following graph sets forth the historical month-end levels of CMS10 presented in the preceding table. On the pricing date, the level of CMS10 was 3.509%.



Movements in CMS10 have historically been correlated to some extent to movements in the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate, which expresses the yield to maturity on U.S. Treasury securities with a constant maturity of 10 years. The graph below shows the monthly CMS10 relative to the monthly 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate during the period from January 2006 through December 2010.



#### SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Our broker-dealer subsidiary, MLPF&S, will act as our selling agent in connection with the offering of the notes. The selling agent is a party to the Distribution Agreement described in the "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" on page S-12 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

The purchase price of the notes is equal to their principal amount stated on the cover page. The agent will not receive any commission from the sale of any of the notes. You must have an account with the selling agent to purchase the notes.

The selling agent is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). Accordingly, the offering of the notes will conform to the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121.

The selling agent is not acting as your fiduciary or advisor, and you should not rely upon any communication from the selling agent in connection with the notes as investment advice or a recommendation to purchase notes. You should make your own investment decision regarding the notes after consulting with your legal, tax, and other advisors.

We will deliver the notes against payment in New York, New York on a date that is greater than three business days following the pricing date. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the notes more than three business days prior to the original issue date will be required to specify alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement. See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" on page S-12 of the accompanying prospectus supplement.

If you place an order to purchase the notes, you are consenting to MLPF&S acting as a principal in effecting the transaction for your account.

The selling agent and any of our other broker-dealer affiliates may use this pricing supplement, and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus for offers and sales in secondary market transactions and market-making transactions in the notes. However, they are not obligated to engage in such secondary market transactions and/or market-making transactions. The selling agent may act as principal or agent in these transactions, and any such sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of the sale.

# U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX SUMMARY

The following summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the notes is based upon the advice of Morrison & Foerster LLP, our tax counsel. The following discussion is not exhaustive of all possible tax considerations. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury Department (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below.

The following discussion supplements, is subject to the same qualifications and limitations as, and should be read in conjunction with the discussion in the prospectus

supplement under the caption "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations," and in the prospectus under the caption "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations." To the extent inconsistent, the following discussion supersedes the discussion in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus.

This discussion only applies to U.S. Holders (as defined in the accompanying prospectus) that are not excluded from the discussion of U.S. federal income taxation in the accompanying prospectus. In particular, this summary is directed solely to U.S. Holders that will purchase the notes upon original issuance and will hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment. This summary assumes that the issue price of the notes, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, equals the principal amount thereof.

You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of the notes, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.

We intend to treat the notes as variable rate debt instruments providing for stated interest at a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates. Under Treasury regulations applicable to such instruments, you generally will be required to account for interest on the notes as described below. You will be required to construct an "equivalent fixed rate debt instrument" for the notes and apply the general rules applicable to debt instruments described under the section of the prospectus entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Taxation of Debt Securities." The applicable rules require (i) replacing the initial fixed rate by a "qualified floating rate" that would preserve the fair market value of the notes, and (ii) determining the fixed rate substitute for each floating rate. The fixed rate substitute for each qualified floating rate is the value of the rate on the issue date of the notes. The equivalent fixed rate debt instrument is the hypothetical instrument that has terms that are identical to those of the notes, except that the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument provides for the fixed rate substitutes in lieu of the rates on the notes. Under these rules, the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument will have stated interest equal to the fixed rate substitutes. The amount of OID is determined for the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument under the rules applicable to fixed rate debt instruments and is taken into account as if the holder held the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument. Please see the discussion in the prospectus under the section entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Taxation of Debt Securities—Consequences to U.S. Holders—Original Issue Discount" for a discussion of these rules. Under these rules, based on the rates in effect as of the date of this pricing supplement, we expect that the notes will be issued with no more than de minimis OID. You will be required to make appropriate adjustments for interest actually paid on the notes. Qualified stated interest and OID, if any, allocable to an accrual period must be increased (or decreased) if the interest actually accrued or paid during an accrual period exceeds (or is less than) the interest assumed to be accrued or paid during the accrual period under the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument. This increase or decrease is an adjustment to qualified stated interest for the accrual period if the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument provides for qualified stated interest and the increase or decrease is reflected in the amount actually paid during the accrual period. Otherwise, this increase or decrease is an adjustment to OID, if any, for the accrual period.

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition (less an amount equal to any accrued interest not previously included in income if the note is disposed of between interest payment dates, which will be included in income as interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in a note generally will be the cost of the note to such U.S. Holder, increased by any OID, market

discount, *de minimis* OID, or *de minimis* market discount previously included in income with respect to the note, and decreased by the amount of any premium previously amortized to reduce interest on the note and the amount of any payment (other than a payment of qualified stated interest) received in respect of the note.

Except as discussed in the prospectus with respect to market discount, gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, retirement, or other disposition of a note generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the note has been held for more than one year. Net long-term capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. Holder before January 1, 2013 generally is subject to tax at a maximum rate of 15%. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

With respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, certain U.S. Holders, including individuals, estates, and trusts, will be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on unearned income. For individual U.S. Holders, the additional Medicare tax applies to the lesser of (i) "net investment income," or (ii) the excess of "modified adjusted gross income" over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly or \$125,000 if married and filing separately). "Net investment income" generally equals the taxpayer's gross investment income reduced by the deductions that are allocable to such income. Investment income generally includes passive income such as interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents, and capital gains. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from an investment in the notes.

You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of the notes, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws. See the discussion under the section entitled "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" beginning on page 60 of the prospectus.

# ERISA CONSIDERATIONS

Each fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit plan subject to 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 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 notes are acquired by or with the assets of a Plan with respect to which MLPF&S or any of our other affiliates is a party in interest, unless the notes are acquired under 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 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 notes. 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 Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and 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 notes 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 notes will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the notes that either (a) it is not a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity and is not purchasing such notes 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).

The fiduciary investment considerations summarized above generally apply to employee benefit plans maintained by private-sector employers and to individual retirement accounts and other arrangements subject to Section 4975 of the Code, but generally do not apply to governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA), and foreign plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA). However, these other plans may be subject to similar provisions under applicable federal, state, local, foreign, or other regulations, rules, or laws ("similar laws"). The fiduciaries of plans subject to similar laws should also consider the foregoing issues in general terms as well as any further issues arising under the applicable similar laws.

Purchasers of the notes have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their purchase, holding, and disposition of the notes 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.

This discussion is a general summary of some of the rules which apply to benefit plans and their related investment vehicles. This summary does not include all of the investment considerations relevant to Plans and other benefit plan investors such as governmental, church, and foreign plans and should not be construed as legal advice or a legal opinion. 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 notes on behalf of or with "plan assets" of any Plan or other benefit plan investor consult with their legal counsel prior to directing any such purchase.