



Information Circular: STARS

To: Head Traders, Technical Contacts, Compliance Officers, Head of ETF Trading, Structured Products Traders

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Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the Morgan Stanley Strategic Total Return Securities ("STARS") prepared by their listing market, The American Stock Exchange. BX members should consult these information circulars, which contain important information about the characteristics of the STARS and the principal risks of an investment in the STARS.

Trading in the STARS on BX is subject to BX equity trading rules. The STARS will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. For trading during BX's Pre-Market and Post-Market Sessions, market participants should note that additional risks may exist with respect to trading the Funds during these sessions, when the underlying index's values may not be disseminated.

Trading of STARS on BX is subject to the provisions of BX Rule 2310. Members recommending transactions in STARS to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in the BX Conduct Rules.

Members also should review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. BX members should consult the registration statement or prospectus for the STARS for additional information.

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Appendix A – STARS

Index-Linked Notes Symbol CUSIP Number

STARS based on MBS 61746S398
<http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/MBS.pdf>
the CBOE
S&P 500 BUYWRITE INDEX,
due December 17, 2009

STARS based on MBJ 61746Y734
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/MBJic_032405.pdf
the CBOE
S&P 500 BuyWrite Index,
due March 30, 2010

STARS based on the DBZ 61748A676
http://www.amex.com/amextrader/dailylist/data/relFiles/icDBZ_072505.pdf
CBOE Dow Jones
Industrial Average
BuyWrite Index, due
July 30, 2011