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Structured Investments

Opportunities in International Equities

Buffered Participation Securities Based on the Value of the iShares<sup>®</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets ETF due September 1, 2021

Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Morgan Stanley

Principal at Risk Securities

The Buffered Securities offered are unsecured obligations of Morgan Stanley Finance LLC (“MSFL”) and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. The Buffered Securities will pay no interest, provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of the stated principal amount and have the terms described in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities, index supplement and prospectus, as supplemented or modified by this document. At maturity, if the shares of the iShares<sup>®</sup> MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, which we refer to as the underlying shares, have **appreciated** in value, investors will receive the stated principal amount of their investment plus a return reflecting 100% of the upside performance of the underlying shares, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. If the underlying shares have depreciated in value, but the underlying shares have not declined by more than the specified buffer amount, the Buffered Securities will redeem for par. However, if the underlying shares have declined by more than the buffer amount, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline beyond the specified buffer amount, subject to the minimum payment at maturity of 20% of the stated principal amount. Investors may lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the Buffered Securities. The Buffered Securities are for investors who seek a return based on the performance of the underlying shares and who are willing to risk their principal and forgo current income and upside above the maximum payment at maturity in exchange for the buffer feature that applies to a limited range of performance of the underlying shares. The Buffered Securities are notes issued as part of MSFL’s Series A Global Medium-Term Notes program.

**All payments are subject to our credit risk. If we default on our obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment. These Buffered Securities are not secured obligations and you will not have any security interest in, or otherwise have any access to, any underlying reference asset or assets.**

### Summary Terms

**Issuer:** Morgan Stanley Finance LLC

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| <b>Guarantor:</b>                                 | Morgan Stanley  |
| <b>Maturity date:</b>                             | September 1, 2021   |
| <b>Underlying shares:</b>                         | iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (the “Fund”)   |
| <b>Aggregate principal amount:</b>                | \$  |
|   | If the final share price is greater than the initial share price:   |
|   | \$1,000 + upside payment  |
|   | In no event will the payment at maturity exceed the maximum payment at maturity   |
|   | If the final share price is less than or equal to the initial share price but has decreased from the initial share price by an amount less than or equal to the buffer amount of 20%:   |
| <b>Payment at maturity per Buffered Security:</b> | \$1,000   |
|   | If the final share price is less than the initial share price and has decreased from the initial share price by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20%:  |
|   | $(\$1,000 \times \text{the share performance factor}) + \$200$  |
|   | <i>Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will be less than the stated principal amount of \$1,000. However, under no circumstances will the Buffered Securities pay less than \$200 per Buffered Security at maturity.</i>   |
| <b>Upside payment:</b>                            | $\$1,000 \times \text{share percent increase}$  |
| <b>Share percent increase:</b>                    | $(\text{final share price} - \text{initial share price}) / \text{initial share price}$  |
| <b>Initial share price:</b>                       | \$ , which is the closing price of one underlying share on the pricing date   |
| <b>Final share price:</b>                         | The closing price of one underlying share on the valuation date <i>times</i> the adjustment factor on such date   |
| <b>Adjustment factor:</b>                         | 1.0, subject to adjustment in the event of certain events affecting the underlying shares   |
| <b>Valuation date:</b>                            | August 27, 2021, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events  |
| <b>Buffer amount:</b>                             | 20%. As a result of the buffer amount of 20%, the value at or above which the underlying shares must close on the valuation date so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the Buffered Securities is \$ , which is 80% of the initial share price. |
| <b>Minimum payment at maturity:</b>               | \$200 per Buffered Security (20% of the stated principal amount)  |
| <b>Share performance factor:</b>                  | Final share price <i>divided</i> by the initial share price   |
| <b>Maximum payment at maturity:</b>               | \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security (171.71% of the stated principal amount)   |
| <b>Stated principal amount:</b>                   | \$1,000 per Buffered Security   |
| <b>Issue price:</b>                               | \$1,000 per Buffered Security (see “Commissions and issue price” below)   |

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| <b>Pricing date:</b>                        | August 27, 2018  |   |                               |
| <b>Original issue date:</b>                 | August 30, 2018 (3 business days after the pricing date)   |   |                               |
| <b>CUSIP:</b>                               | 61768DDA0  |   |                               |
| <b>ISIN:</b>                                | US61768DDA00   |   |                               |
| <b>Listing:</b>                             | The Buffered Securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.   |   |                               |
| <b>Agent:</b>                               | Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (“MS & Co.”), an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. See “Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest.” |   |                               |
| <b>Estimated value on the pricing date:</b> | Approximately \$985.60 per Buffered Security, or within \$15.00 of that estimate. See “Investment Summary” beginning on page 2.  |   |                               |
| <b>Commissions and issue price:</b>         | Price to public  | Agent’s commissions and fees <sup>(1)</sup> | Proceeds to us <sup>(2)</sup> |
| <b>Per Buffered Security</b>                | \$1,000  | \$0   | \$1,000                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                | \$   | \$  | \$                            |

MS & Co. will act as the agent for this offering and will not receive a sales commission in connection with sales of (1) the Buffered Securities. See “Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest.” For additional information, see “Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” in the accompanying product supplement.

(2) See “Use of proceeds and hedging” on page 16.

**The Buffered Securities involve risks not associated with an investment in ordinary debt securities. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 7.**

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this document or the accompanying product supplement, index supplement and prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The Buffered Securities are not deposits or savings accounts and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency or instrumentality, nor are they obligations of, or guaranteed by, a bank.

You should read this document together with the related product supplement, index supplement and prospectus, each of which can be accessed via the hyperlinks below. Please also see “Additional Information About the Buffered Securities” at the end of this document.

As used in this document, “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Morgan Stanley or MSFL, or Morgan Stanley and MSFL collectively, as the context requires.

**Product Supplement for Participation Securities dated November 16, 2017**  
**November 16, 2017**

**Index Supplement dated**

**Prospectus dated November 16, 2017**

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Investment Summary

Buffered Participation Securities

Principal at Risk Securities

The Buffered Participation Securities Based on the Value of the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF due September 1, 2021 (the "Buffered Securities") can be used:

§ To achieve similar levels of upside exposure to the underlying shares as a direct investment, subject to the maximum payment at maturity

§ To obtain a buffer against a specified level of negative performance in the underlying shares

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Maturity:</b>                    | Approximately 3 years   |
| <b>Maximum payment at maturity:</b> | \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security (171.71% of the stated principal amount)   |
| <b>Buffer amount:</b>               | 20%, with 1-to-1 downside exposure below the buffer   |
| <b>Minimum payment at maturity:</b> | \$200 per Buffered Security (20% of the stated principal amount). Investors may lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the Buffered Securities. |
| <b>Coupon:</b>                      | None  |

The original issue price of each Buffered Security is \$1,000. This price includes costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities, which are borne by you, and, consequently, the estimated value of the Buffered Securities on the pricing date will be less than \$1,000. We estimate that the value of each Buffered Security on the pricing date will be approximately \$985.60, or within \$15.00 of that estimate. Our estimate of the value of the Buffered Securities as determined on the pricing date will be set forth in the final pricing supplement.

*What goes into the estimated value on the pricing date?*

In valuing the Buffered Securities on the pricing date, we take into account that the Buffered Securities comprise both a debt component and a performance-based component linked to the underlying shares. The estimated value of the Buffered Securities is determined using our own pricing and valuation models, market inputs and assumptions relating to the underlying shares, instruments based on the underlying shares, volatility and other factors including current and expected interest rates, as well as an interest rate related to our secondary market credit spread, which is the implied interest rate at which our conventional fixed rate debt trades in the secondary market.

*What determines the economic terms of the Buffered Securities?*

In determining the economic terms of the Buffered Securities, including the maximum payment at maturity, the buffer amount and the minimum payment at maturity, we use an internal funding rate, which is likely to be lower than our secondary market credit spreads and therefore advantageous to us. If the issuing, selling, structuring and hedging costs borne by you were lower or if the internal funding rate were higher, one or more of the economic terms of the Buffered Securities would be more favorable to you.

*What is the relationship between the estimated value on the pricing date and the secondary market price of the Buffered Securities?*

The price at which MS & Co. purchases the Buffered Securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying shares, may vary from, and be lower than, the estimated value on the pricing date, because the secondary market price takes into account our secondary market credit spread as well as the bid-offer spread that MS & Co. would charge in a secondary market transaction of this type and other factors. However, because the costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities are not fully deducted upon issuance, for a period of up to 6 months following the issue date, to the extent that MS & Co. may buy or sell the Buffered Securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying shares, and to our secondary market credit spreads, it would do so based on values higher than the estimated value. We expect that those higher values will also be reflected in your brokerage account statements.

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MS & Co. may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the Buffered Securities, and, if it once chooses to make a market, may cease doing so at any time.

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Key Investment Rationale

The Buffered Securities offer upside exposure to the underlying shares, subject to the maximum payment at maturity, while providing limited protection against negative performance of the underlying shares. Once the underlying shares have decreased in value by more than the specified buffer amount, investors are exposed to the negative performance of the underlying shares, subject to the minimum payment at maturity. At maturity, if the underlying shares have appreciated, investors will receive the stated principal amount of their investment plus a return reflecting 100% of the share percent increase, subject to the maximum payment at maturity. At maturity, if the underlying shares have depreciated and (i) if the final share price of the underlying shares has not declined from the initial share price by more than the specified buffer amount, the Buffered Securities will redeem for par, or (ii) if the final share price of the underlying shares has declined by more than the buffer amount, the investor will lose 1% for every 1% decline beyond the specified buffer amount, subject to the minimum payment at maturity. **Investors may lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the Buffered Securities.**

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| <b>Upside Scenario</b>   | The underlying shares increase in value, and, at maturity, the Buffered Securities redeem for the stated principal amount of \$1,000 plus a return reflecting 100% of the share percent increase, subject to the maximum payment at maturity of \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security (171.71% of the stated principal amount)   |
| <b>Par Scenario</b>      | The underlying shares decline in value by no more than 20%, and, at maturity, the Buffered Securities redeem for the stated principal amount of \$1,000.  |
| <b>Downside Scenario</b> | The underlying shares decline in value by more than 20%, and, at maturity, the Buffered Securities redeem for less than the stated principal amount by an amount that is proportionate to the percentage decrease of the underlying shares from the initial share price, plus the buffer amount of 20%. (Example: if the underlying shares decrease in value by 35%, the Buffered Securities will redeem for \$850.00, or 85.00% of the stated principal amount.) The minimum payment at maturity is \$200 per Buffered Security. |

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How the Buffered Securities Work

Payoff Diagram

The payoff diagram below illustrates the payment at maturity on the Buffered Securities based on the following terms:

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| <b>Stated principal amount:</b>                  | \$1,000 per Buffered Security   |
| <b>Buffer amount:</b>                            | 20%   |
| <b>Hypothetical maximum payment at maturity:</b> | \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security (171.71% of the stated principal amount) |
| <b>Minimum payment at maturity:</b>              | \$200 per Buffered Security   |

### Buffered Securities Payoff Diagram

#### How it works

**Upside Scenario.** If the final share price is greater than the initial share price, investors will receive the \$1,000 stated principal amount *plus* 100% of the appreciation of the underlying shares over the term of the Buffered Securities, § subject to the maximum payment at maturity. Under the terms of the Buffered Securities, an investor will realize the hypothetical maximum payment at maturity of \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security (171.71% of the stated principal amount) at a final share price of 171.71% of the initial share price.

§ If the underlying shares appreciate 2%, investors will receive a 2% return, or \$1,020 per Buffered Security.

§ If the underlying shares appreciate 80%, the investor would receive only the hypothetical maximum payment at maturity of \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security, or 171.71% of the stated principal amount.

**Par Scenario.** If the final share price is less than or equal to the initial share price but has decreased from the initial \$ share price by an amount less than or equal to the buffer amount of 20%, investors will receive the stated principal amount of \$1,000 per Buffered Security.

§ If the underlying shares depreciate 5%, investors will receive the \$1,000 stated principal amount.

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**Downside Scenario.** If the final share price is less than the initial share price and has decreased from the initial share price by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20%, investors will receive an amount that is less than the § stated principal amount by an amount that is proportionate to the percentage decrease of the value of the underlying shares from the initial share price, plus the buffer amount of 20%. The minimum payment at maturity is \$200 per Buffered Security.

§ For example, if the underlying shares depreciate 45%, investors would lose 25.00% of their principal and receive only \$750 per Buffered Security at maturity, or 75.00% of the stated principal amount.

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Risk Factors

*The following is a non-exhaustive list of certain key risk factors for investors in the Buffered Securities. For further discussion of these and other risks, you should read the section entitled “Risk Factors” in the accompanying product supplement for Securities, index supplement and prospectus. We also urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers in connection with your investment in the Buffered Securities.*

**Buffered Securities do not pay interest and provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of your principal.** The terms of the Buffered Securities differ from those of ordinary debt securities in that the Buffered Securities do not pay interest, and provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of the stated principal amount of the Buffered Securities, subject to our credit risk. If the final share price is less than 80% of the initial share price, you will receive for each Buffered Security that you hold a payment at maturity that is less than the stated principal amount of each Buffered Security by an amount proportionate to the decline in the closing value of the underlying shares from the initial share price, plus \$200 per Buffered Security. **Accordingly, investors may lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the Buffered Securities.**

**The appreciation potential of the Buffered Securities is limited by the maximum payment at maturity.** The appreciation potential of the Buffered Securities is limited by the maximum payment at maturity of \$1,717.10 per Buffered Security, or 171.71% of the stated principal amount. Investors will not participate in any further appreciation of the underlying shares, which may be significant.

**§ There are risks associated with investments in securities, such as the Buffered Securities, linked to the value of foreign (and especially emerging markets) equity securities.** The underlying shares track the performance of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> (the “share underlying index”), which is linked to the value of foreign (and especially emerging markets) equity securities. Investments in securities linked to the value of foreign equity securities involve risks associated with the securities markets in those countries, including risks of volatility in those markets, governmental intervention in those markets and cross-shareholdings in companies in certain countries. Also, there is generally less publicly available information about foreign companies than about U.S. companies that are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and foreign companies are subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements different from those applicable to U.S. reporting companies. The prices of securities issued in foreign markets may be affected by political, economic, financial and social factors in those countries, or global regions, including changes in government, economic and fiscal policies and currency exchange laws. In addition, the stocks included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> and that are generally tracked by the underlying shares have been issued by companies in various emerging markets

countries, which pose further risks in addition to the risks associated with investing in foreign equity markets generally. Countries with emerging markets may have relatively unstable governments, may present the risks of nationalization of businesses, restrictions on foreign ownership and prohibitions on the repatriation of assets, and may have less protection of property rights than more developed countries. The economies of countries with emerging markets may be based on only a few industries, may be highly vulnerable to changes in local or global trade conditions, and may suffer from extreme and volatile debt burdens or inflation rates. Local securities markets may trade a small number of securities and may be unable to respond effectively to increases in trading volume, potentially making prompt liquidation of holdings difficult or impossible at times. Moreover, the economies in such countries may differ unfavorably from the economy in the United States in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resources, self-sufficiency and balance of payment positions between countries.

**The price of the underlying shares is subject to currency exchange risk.** Because the price of the underlying shares is related to the U.S. dollar value of stocks underlying the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>, holders of the Buffered Securities will be exposed to currency exchange rate risk with respect to each of the currencies in which such component securities trade. Exchange rate movements for a particular currency are volatile and are the result of numerous factors including the supply of, and the demand for, those currencies, as well as relevant government policy, intervention or actions, but are also influenced significantly from time to time by political or economic developments, and by macroeconomic factors and speculative actions related to the relevant region. An investor's net exposure will depend on the extent to which the currencies of the component securities strengthen or weaken against the U.S. dollar and the relative weight of each currency. If, taking into account such weighting, the dollar strengthens against the currencies of the component securities represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>, the price of the underlying shares will be adversely affected and the payment at maturity on the Buffered Securities may be reduced.

Of particular importance to potential currency exchange risk are:

existing and expected rates of inflation;

existing and expected interest rate levels;

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the balance of payments; and

the extent of governmental surpluses or deficits in the countries represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> and the United States.

All of these factors are in turn sensitive to the monetary, fiscal and trade policies pursued by the governments of various countries represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> and the United States and other countries important to international trade and finance.

**The market price of the Buffered Securities will be influenced by many unpredictable factors.** Several factors, many of which are beyond our control, will influence the value of the Buffered Securities in the secondary market and the price at which MS & Co. may be willing to purchase or sell the Buffered Securities in the secondary market, including the trading price, volatility (frequency and magnitude of changes in value) and dividends of the underlying shares and of the stocks composing the share underlying index (the index which the underlying shares seek to track), interest and yield rates in the market, time remaining until the Buffered Securities mature, geopolitical conditions § and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the underlying shares or equities markets generally and which may affect the final share price of the underlying shares, the occurrence of certain events affecting the underlying shares that may or may not require an adjustment to the adjustment factor, and any actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings or credit spreads. The price of the underlying shares may be, and has recently been, volatile, and we can give you no assurance that the volatility will lessen. See “iShare® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF Overview” below. You may receive less, and possibly significantly less, than the stated principal amount per Buffered Security if you try to sell your Buffered Securities prior to maturity.

**The Buffered Securities are subject to our credit risk, and any actual or anticipated changes to our credit ratings or credit spreads may adversely affect the market value of the Buffered Securities.** You are dependent on our ability to pay all amounts due on the Buffered Securities at maturity and therefore you are subject to our credit risk. If we default on our obligations under the Buffered Securities, your investment would be at risk and you § could lose some or all of your investment. As a result, the market value of the Buffered Securities prior to maturity will be affected by changes in the market’s view of our creditworthiness. Any actual or anticipated decline in our credit ratings or increase in the credit spreads charged by the market for taking our credit risk is likely to adversely affect the market value of the Buffered Securities.

§ **As a finance subsidiary, MSFL has no independent operations and will have no independent assets.** As a finance subsidiary, MSFL has no independent operations beyond the issuance and administration of its securities and will have no independent assets available for distributions to holders of MSFL securities if they make claims in respect of such securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such

holders will be limited to those available under the related guarantee by Morgan Stanley and that guarantee will rank *pari passu* with all other unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of Morgan Stanley. Holders will have recourse only to a single claim against Morgan Stanley and its assets under the guarantee. Holders of securities issued by MSFL should accordingly assume that in any such proceedings they would not have any priority over and should be treated *pari passu* with the claims of other unsecured, unsubordinated creditors of Morgan Stanley, including holders of Morgan Stanley-issued securities.

**The amount payable on the Buffered Securities is not linked to the value of the underlying shares at any time other than the valuation date.** The final share price will be based on the closing price of one underlying share on the valuation date, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. Even if the price of the underlying shares appreciates prior to the valuation date but then drops by the valuation date by more § than 20% of the initial share price, the payment at maturity will be less, and may be significantly less, than it would have been had the payment at maturity been linked to the price of the underlying shares prior to such drop. Although the actual price of the underlying shares on the stated maturity date or at other times during the term of the Buffered Securities may be higher than the final share price, the payment at maturity will be based solely on the closing price of one underlying share on the valuation date.

**Investing in the Buffered Securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlying shares.** Investing in the Buffered Securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlying shares or its component stocks. As an investor in § the Buffered Securities, you will not have voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions or any other rights with respect to stocks that constitute the underlying shares.

**The rate we are willing to pay for securities of this type, maturity and issuance size is likely to be lower than the rate implied by our secondary market credit spreads and advantageous to us. Both the lower rate and the inclusion of costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities in the § original issue price reduce the economic terms of the Buffered Securities, cause the estimated value of the Buffered Securities to be less than the original issue price and will adversely affect secondary market prices.** Assuming no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the prices, if any, at which dealers, including MS & Co., may be willing to purchase the Buffered Securities

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in secondary market transactions will likely be significantly lower than the original issue price, because secondary market prices will exclude the issuing, selling, structuring and hedging-related costs that are included in the original issue price and borne by you and because the secondary market prices will reflect our secondary market credit spreads and the bid-offer spread that any dealer would charge in a secondary market transaction of this type as well as other factors.

The inclusion of the costs of issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities in the original issue price and the lower rate we are willing to pay as issuer make the economic terms of the Buffered Securities less favorable to you than they otherwise would be.

However, because the costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities are not fully deducted upon issuance, for a period of up to 6 months following the issue date, to the extent that MS & Co. may buy or sell the Buffered Securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying shares, and to our secondary market credit spreads, it would do so based on values higher than the estimated value, and we expect that those higher values will also be reflected in your brokerage account statements.

**Adjustments to the underlying shares or to the share underlying index could adversely affect the value of the Buffered Securities.** As the investment adviser to the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, BlackRock Fund Advisors (the “Investment Advisor”), seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the share underlying index. Pursuant to its investment strategy or otherwise, the Investment Advisor may add, delete or substitute the stocks composing the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF. Any of these actions could adversely affect the price of the underlying shares and, consequently, the value of the PLUS. MSCI Inc. (“MSCI”) is responsible for calculating and maintaining the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>. MSCI may add, delete or substitute the stocks constituting the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> or make other methodological changes that could change the value of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>. MSCI may discontinue or suspend calculation or publication of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index at any time. In these circumstances, the calculation agent will have the sole discretion to substitute a successor index that is comparable to the discontinued MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> and is permitted to consider indices that are calculated and published by the calculation agent or any of its affiliates.

**§ The performance and market price of the Fund, particularly during periods of market volatility, may not correlate with the performance of the share underlying index, the performance of the component securities of the share underlying index or the net asset value per share of the Fund.** The Fund does not fully replicate the share underlying index and may hold securities that are different than those included in the share underlying index. In addition, the performance of the Fund will reflect additional transaction costs and fees that are not included in the



calculation of the share underlying index. All of these factors may lead to a lack of correlation between the performance of the Fund and the share underlying index. In addition, corporate actions (such as mergers and spin-offs) with respect to the equity securities underlying the Fund may impact the variance between the performances of the Fund and the share underlying index. Finally, because the shares of the Fund are traded on an exchange and are subject to market supply and investor demand, the market price of one share of the Fund may differ from the net asset value per share of the Fund.

In particular, during periods of market volatility, or unusual trading activity, trading in the securities underlying the Fund may be disrupted or limited, or such securities may be unavailable in the secondary market. Under these circumstances, the liquidity of the Fund may be adversely affected, market participants may be unable to calculate accurately the net asset value per share of the Fund, and their ability to create and redeem shares of the Fund may be disrupted. Under these circumstances, the market price of shares of the Fund may vary substantially from the net asset value per share of the Fund or the level of the share underlying index.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the performance of the Fund may not correlate with the performance of the share underlying index, the performance of the component securities of the share underlying index or the net asset value per share of the Fund. Any of these events could materially and adversely affect the price of the shares of the Fund and, therefore, the value of the Buffered Securities. Additionally, if market volatility or these events were to occur on the valuation date, the calculation agent would maintain discretion to determine whether such market volatility or events have caused a market disruption event to occur, and such determination would affect the payment at maturity of the Buffered Securities. If the calculation agent determines that no market disruption event has taken place, the payment at maturity would be based solely on the published closing price per share of the Fund on the valuation date, even if the Fund's shares are underperforming the share underlying index or the component securities of the share underlying index and/or trading below the net asset value per share of the Fund.

**The estimated value of the Buffered Securities is determined by reference to our pricing and valuation models, which may differ from those of other dealers and is not a maximum or minimum secondary market price.** These pricing and valuation models are proprietary and rely in part on subjective views of certain market inputs and certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. As a result, because there is no market-standard way to value these types of

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securities, our models may yield a higher estimated value of the Buffered Securities than those generated by others, including other dealers in the market, if they attempted to value the Buffered Securities. In addition, the estimated value on the pricing date does not represent a minimum or maximum price at which dealers, including MS & Co., would be willing to purchase your Buffered Securities in the secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of your Buffered Securities at any time after the date of this document will vary based on many factors that cannot be predicted with accuracy, including our creditworthiness and changes in market conditions. See also “The market price of the Buffered Securities will be influenced by many unpredictable factors” above.

**The antidilution adjustments the calculation agent is required to make do not cover every event that could affect the underlying shares.** MS & Co., as calculation agent, will adjust the adjustment factor for certain events § affecting the underlying shares. However, the calculation agent will not make an adjustment for every event that could affect the underlying shares. If an event occurs that does not require the calculation agent to adjust the adjustment factor, the market price of the Buffered Securities may be materially and adversely affected.

**The Buffered Securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited.** The Buffered Securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the Buffered Securities. MS & Co. may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the Buffered Securities and, if it once chooses to make a market, may cease doing so at any time. When it does make a market, it will § generally do so for transactions of routine secondary market size at prices based on its estimate of the current value of the Buffered Securities, taking into account its bid/offer spread, our credit spreads, market volatility, the notional size of the proposed sale, the cost of unwinding any related hedging positions, the time remaining to maturity and the likelihood that it will be able to resell the Buffered Securities. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the Buffered Securities easily. Since other broker-dealers may not participate significantly in the secondary market for the Buffered Securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your Buffered Securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which MS & Co. is willing to transact. If, at any time, MS & Co. were to cease making a market in the Buffered Securities, it is likely that there would be no secondary market for the Buffered Securities. Accordingly, you should be willing to hold your Buffered Securities to maturity.

§ **The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley and an affiliate of MSFL, will make determinations with respect to the Buffered Securities.** As calculation agent, MS & Co. will determine the initial share price and the final share price, and will calculate the amount of cash you receive at maturity. Moreover, certain determinations made by MS & Co., in its capacity as calculation agent, may require it to exercise discretion and make subjective judgments, such as with respect to the occurrence or non-occurrence of market disruption events and the selection of a successor index or calculation of the final share price in the event of a discontinuance of the underlying shares or a market disruption event. These potentially subjective determinations may adversely affect the payout to you at maturity. For further information regarding these types of determinations, see “Description of Participation Securities—Postponement of Valuation Date(s),” “—Discontinuance of Any ETF Shares and/or Share Underlying Index; Alteration of Method of Calculation,” “—Alternate Exchange Calculation in case of an Event of

Default” and “—Calculation Agent and Calculations” and related definitions in the accompanying product supplement. In addition, MS & Co. has determined the estimated value of the Buffered Securities on the pricing date.

**Hedging and trading activity by our affiliates could potentially adversely affect the value of the Buffered Securities.** One or more of our affiliates and/or third-party dealers expect to carry out hedging activities related to the Buffered Securities (and to other instruments linked to the underlying shares or the share underlying index), including trading in the underlying shares and in other instruments related to the underlying shares or the share underlying index. As a result, these entities may be unwinding or adjusting hedge positions during the term of the Buffered Securities, and the hedging strategy may involve greater and more frequent dynamic adjustments to the hedge as the valuation date approaches. Some of our affiliates also trade the underlying shares or the stocks that constitute the share underlying index and other financial instruments related to the share underlying index on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these hedging or trading activities on or prior to the pricing date could potentially increase the initial share price, and, therefore, could increase the price at or above which the underlying shares must close on the valuation date so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the Buffered Securities. Additionally, such hedging or trading activities during the term of the Buffered Securities, including on the valuation date, could adversely affect the closing price of the underlying shares on the valuation date, and, accordingly, the amount of cash an investor will receive at maturity.

**The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities are uncertain.** Please read the discussion under “Additional provisions—Tax considerations” in this document and the discussion under “United States Federal Taxation” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities (together, the “Tax § Disclosure Sections”) concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities. As discussed in the Tax Disclosure Sections, there is a substantial risk that the “constructive ownership” rule could apply, in which case all or a portion of any long-term capital gain recognized by a U.S. Holder could be recharacterized as ordinary income and an interest charge could

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be imposed. If the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) were successful in asserting an alternative treatment, the timing and character of income on the Buffered Securities might differ significantly from the tax treatment described in the Tax Disclosure Sections. For example, under one possible treatment, the IRS could seek to recharacterize the Buffered Securities as debt instruments. In that event, U.S. Holders would be required to accrue into income original issue discount on the Buffered Securities every year at a “comparable yield” determined at the time of issuance and recognize all income and gain in respect of the Buffered Securities as ordinary income. Additionally, as discussed under “United States Federal Taxation—FATCA” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities, the withholding rules commonly referred to as “FATCA” would apply to the Buffered Securities if they were recharacterized as debt instruments. The risk that financial instruments providing for buffers, triggers or similar downside protection features, such as the Buffered Securities, would be recharacterized as debt is greater than the risk of recharacterization for comparable financial instruments that do not have such features. We do not plan to request a ruling from the IRS regarding the tax treatment of the Buffered Securities, and the IRS or a court may not agree with the tax treatment described in the Tax Disclosure Sections.

In 2007, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS released a notice requesting comments on the U.S. federal income tax treatment of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar instruments. The notice focuses in particular on whether to require holders of these instruments to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; whether short-term instruments should be subject to any such accrual regime; the relevance of factors such as the exchange-traded status of the instruments and the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. investors should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” rule, as discussed in this document. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities, possibly with retroactive effect. Both U.S. and Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities, including possible alternative treatments, the potential application of the constructive ownership rule, the issues presented by this notice and any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

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iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF Overview

The iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF is an exchange-traded fund that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>. The iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF is managed by iShares®, Inc. (“iShares”), a registered investment company that consists of numerous separate investment portfolios, including the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF. Information provided to or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) by iShares pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 can be located by reference to Commission file numbers 033-97598 and 811-09102, respectively, through the Commission’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, information may be obtained from other publicly available sources. **Neither the issuer nor the agent makes any representation that any such publicly available information regarding the iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF is accurate or complete.**

Information as of market close on August 22, 2018:

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Bloomberg Ticker Symbol:</b>     | EEM UP  |
| <b>Current Share Price:</b>         | \$43.28 |
| <b>52 Weeks Ago:</b>                | \$44.32 |
| <b>52 Week High (on 1/26/2018):</b> | \$52.08 |
| <b>52 Week Low (on 8/15/2018):</b>  | \$41.51 |

The following graph sets forth the daily closing prices of the underlying shares for the period from January 1, 2013 through August 22, 2018. The related table sets forth the published high and low closing prices, as well as the end-of-quarter closing prices, of the underlying shares for each quarter in the same period. The closing price of the underlying shares on August 22, 2018 was \$43.28. We obtained the information in the table and graph below from Bloomberg Financial Markets, without independent verification. The historical closing prices of the underlying shares should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the closing price of the underlying shares on the valuation date.

iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF Daily Closing Prices

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| iShares® MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (CUSIP 464287234) | High (\$) | Low (\$) | Period End (\$) |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| <b>2013</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 45.20     | 41.80    | 42.78           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 44.23     | 36.63    | 38.57           |
| Third Quarter  | 43.29     | 37.34    | 40.77           |
| Fourth Quarter                                       | 43.66     | 40.44    | 41.77           |
| <b>2014</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 40.99     | 37.09    | 40.99           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 43.95     | 40.82    | 43.23           |
| Third Quarter  | 45.85     | 41.56    | 41.56           |
| Fourth Quarter                                       | 42.44     | 37.73    | 39.29           |
| <b>2015</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 41.07     | 37.92    | 40.13           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 44.09     | 39.04    | 39.62           |
| Third Quarter  | 39.78     | 31.32    | 32.78           |
| Fourth Quarter                                       | 36.29     | 31.55    | 32.19           |
| <b>2016</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 34.28     | 28.25    | 34.25           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 35.26     | 31.87    | 34.36           |
| Third Quarter  | 38.20     | 33.77    | 37.45           |
| Fourth Quarter                                       | 38.10     | 34.08    | 35.01           |
| <b>2017</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 39.99     | 35.43    | 39.39           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 41.93     | 38.81    | 41.39           |
| Third Quarter  | 45.85     | 41.05    | 44.81           |
| Fourth Quarter                                       | 47.81     | 44.82    | 47.12           |
| <b>2018</b>  |           |          |                 |
| First Quarter  | 52.08     | 45.69    | 48.28           |
| Second Quarter                                       | 48.14     | 42.33    | 43.33           |
| Third Quarter (through August 22, 2018)              | 45.03     | 41.51    | 43.28           |

**This document relates only to the Buffered Securities offered hereby and does not relate to the underlying shares. We have derived all disclosures contained in this document regarding iShares from the publicly available documents described above. In connection with the offering of the Buffered Securities, neither we nor the agent has participated in the preparation of such documents or made any due diligence inquiry with respect to iShares. Neither we nor the agent makes any representation that such publicly available documents or any other publicly available information regarding iShares is accurate or complete. Furthermore, we cannot give any assurance that all events occurring prior to the date hereof (including events that would affect the accuracy or completeness of the publicly available documents described above) that would affect the trading price of the underlying shares (and therefore the price of the underlying shares at the time we price the Buffered Securities) have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning iShares could affect the value received at maturity with respect to the Buffered Securities and therefore the value of the Buffered Securities.**

**Neither we nor any of our affiliates makes any representation to you as to the performance of the underlying shares.**

We and/or our affiliates may presently or from time to time engage in business with iShares. In the course of such business, we and/or our affiliates may acquire non-public information with respect to iShares, and neither we nor any of our affiliates undertakes to disclose any such information to you. In addition, one or more of our affiliates may publish research reports with respect to the underlying shares. The statements in the preceding two sentences are not intended to affect the rights of investors in the Buffered Securities under the securities laws. As a prospective purchaser of the Buffered Securities, you should undertake an independent investigation of iShares as in your judgment is appropriate to make an informed decision with respect to an investment linked to the underlying shares.



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**iShares® is a registered trademark of BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. (“BTC”). The Buffered Securities are not sponsored, endorsed, sold, or promoted by BTC. BTC makes no representations or warranties to the owners of the Buffered Securities or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in the Buffered Securities. BTC has no obligation or liability in connection with the operation, marketing, trading or sale of the Buffered Securities.**

**The MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>.** The MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> is a stock index calculated, published and disseminated daily by MSCI Inc. and is intended to provide performance benchmarks for certain emerging equity markets including Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup> is described in “MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>” and “MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology” in the accompanying index supplement.

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Additional Information About the Buffered Securities

Please read this information in conjunction with the summary terms on the front cover of this document.

**Additional Provisions:**

If a market disruption event occurs with respect to the underlying shares, the calculation agent may determine the final share price in accordance with the procedures set forth in the product supplement for participation securities. You should refer to the section “Description of Securities —Share Closing Price” in the product supplement for participation securities for more information.

Additional information related to calculating the final share price:

If the underlying shares are subject to a stock split or reverse stock split, the calculation agent may make the antidilution adjustments in accordance with the procedures set forth in the product supplement for participation securities. You should refer to the section “Description of Securities —Antidilution Adjustments for Securities linked to Exchange-Traded Funds” in the product supplement for participation securities for more information.

If no closing price of the underlying shares is available on the valuation date through discontinuance or liquidation of the Fund, the calculation agent may determine the final share price in accordance with the procedures set forth in the product supplement for Participation Securities. You should refer to the section “Description of Securities —Discontinuance of Any ETF Shares and/or Share Underlying Index; Alteration of Method of Calculation” in the product supplement for participation securities for more information.

**Share underlying index:**

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index<sup>SM</sup>

**Interest:**

None

**Bull market or bear market securities:**

Bull market securities

**Postponement of maturity date:**

If the scheduled valuation date is not an index business day or if a market disruption event occurs on that day so that the valuation date as postponed falls less than two business days prior

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to the scheduled maturity date, the maturity date of the Buffered Securities will be postponed to the second business day following that valuation date as postponed.

**Denominations:** \$1,000 per Buffered Security and integral multiples thereof

**Minimum ticketing size:** \$1,000 / 1 Buffered Security

**Tax considerations:** Although there is uncertainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities due to the lack of governing authority, in the opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, under current law, and based on current market conditions, a Buffered Security should be treated as a single financial contract that is an “open transaction” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Assuming this treatment of the Buffered Securities is respected and subject to the discussion in “United States Federal Taxation” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities, the following U.S. federal income tax consequences should result based on current law:

§ A U.S. Holder should not be required to recognize taxable income over the term of the Buffered Securities prior to settlement, other than pursuant to a sale or exchange.

§ Upon sale, exchange or settlement of the Buffered Securities, a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the Buffered Securities. Subject to the discussion below concerning the potential application of the “constructive ownership” rule, such gain or loss should be long-term capital gain or loss if the investor has held the Buffered Securities for more than one year, and short-term capital gain or loss otherwise.

Because the Buffered Securities are linked to shares of an exchange-traded fund, although the matter is not clear, there is a substantial risk that an investment in the Buffered Securities will be treated as a “constructive ownership transaction” under Section 1260 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). If this treatment applies, all or a portion of any long-term capital gain of the U.S. Holder in respect of the Buffered Securities could be recharacterized as ordinary income (in which case an interest charge will be imposed). Due to the lack of governing authority, our counsel is unable to opine as to whether or how Section 1260 of the Code applies to the Buffered Securities. U.S. investors should read the section entitled “United States Federal Taxation—Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders—Possible Application of Section 1260 of the Code” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities for additional information and consult their tax advisers regarding the potential application of the “constructive ownership” rule.

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In 2007, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) released a notice requesting comments on the U.S. federal income tax treatment of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar instruments. The notice focuses in particular on whether to require holders of these instruments to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; whether short-term instruments should be subject to any such accrual regime; the relevance of factors such as the exchange-traded status of the instruments and

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the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. investors should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” rule, as discussed above. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities, possibly with retroactive effect.

As discussed in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities, Section 871(m) of the Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (“Section 871(m)”) generally impose a 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate) withholding tax on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities or indices that include U.S. equities (each, an “Underlying Security”). Subject to certain exceptions, Section 871(m) generally applies to securities that substantially replicate the economic performance of one or more Underlying Securities, as determined based on tests set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations (a “Specified Security”). However, pursuant to an IRS notice, Section 871(m) will not apply to securities issued before January 1, 2019 that do not have a delta of one with respect to any Underlying Security. Based on our determination that the Buffered Securities do not have a delta of one with respect to any Underlying Security, our counsel is of the opinion that the Buffered Securities should not be Specified Securities and, therefore, should not be subject to Section 871(m).

Our determination is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS may disagree with this determination. Section 871(m) is complex and its application may depend on your particular circumstances, including whether you enter into other transactions with respect to an Underlying Security. If withholding is required, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to the amounts so withheld. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the Buffered Securities.

**Both U.S. and non-U.S. investors considering an investment in the Buffered Securities should read the discussion under “Risk Factors” in this document and the discussion under “United States Federal Taxation” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities and consult their tax advisers regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities, including possible alternative treatments, the potential application of the constructive ownership rule,**

**the issues presented by the aforementioned notice and any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.**

**The discussion in the preceding paragraphs under “Tax considerations” and the discussion contained in the section entitled “United States Federal Taxation” in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities, insofar as they purport to describe provisions of U.S. federal income tax laws or legal conclusions with respect thereto, constitute the full opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP regarding the material U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the Buffered Securities.**

**Trustee:** The Bank of New York Mellon

**Calculation agent:** MS & Co.

The proceeds from the sale of the Buffered Securities will be used by us for general corporate purposes. We will receive, in aggregate, \$1,000 per Buffered Security issued. The costs of the Buffered Securities borne by you and described beginning on page 2 above comprise the cost of issuing, structuring and hedging the Buffered Securities.

**Use of proceeds and hedging:**

On or prior to the pricing date, we will hedge our anticipated exposure in connection with the Buffered Securities by entering into hedging transactions with our affiliates and/or third-party dealers. We expect our hedging counterparties to take positions in the underlying shares and in futures and options contracts on the underlying shares or any component stocks of the share underlying index, or in any other securities or instruments that they may wish to use in connection with such hedging. Such purchase activity could potentially increase the price of the underlying shares on the pricing date, and therefore the price at or above which the underlying shares must close on the valuation date so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the Buffered Securities. In addition, through our affiliates, we are likely to modify our hedge position throughout the term of the Buffered Securities, including on the valuation date, by purchasing and selling the underlying shares, futures or options contracts on the underlying shares or component stocks of the share underlying index listed on major securities markets or positions in any other available securities or instruments that we may wish to use in connection with such hedging activities. As a result, these entities may be unwinding or adjusting hedge positions during the term of the Buffered Securities, and the hedging strategy may involve greater and more frequent dynamic adjustments to the hedge as the valuation date approaches. We cannot give any assurance that our hedging activities will not affect the value of the underlying shares, and, therefore, adversely affect the value of the Buffered Securities or the payment you will receive at maturity. For further information on our use of proceeds and hedging, see “Use of Proceeds and Hedging” in the accompanying product supplement for Buffered Securities.

**Benefit plan investor considerations:** Each fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan subject to Title I of 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 Buffered Securities. Accordingly, among other factors,

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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.

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In addition, we and certain of our affiliates, including MS & Co., may each be 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 (such accounts and plans, together with other plans, accounts and arrangements subject to Section 4975 of the Code, also “Plans”). ERISA Section 406 and Section 4975 of the Code generally prohibit transactions between Plans and parties in interest or disqualified persons. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA or the Code would likely arise, for example, if the Buffered Securities are acquired by or with the assets of a Plan with respect to which MS & Co. or any of its affiliates is a service provider or other party in interest, unless the Buffered 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 those persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory or administrative exemption.

The U.S. Department of Labor has issued five prohibited transaction class exemptions (“PTCEs”) that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase or holding of the Buffered Securities. Those class 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) and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers). In addition, ERISA Section 408(b)(17) and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code provide an exemption for the purchase and sale of securities and the related lending transactions, provided that neither the issuer of the securities nor any of its affiliates has or exercises any discretionary authority or control or renders any investment advice with respect to the assets of the Plan involved in the transaction and provided further that the Plan pays no more, and receives no less, than “adequate consideration” in connection with the transaction (the so-called “service provider” exemption). There can be no assurance that any of these class or statutory exemptions will be available with respect to transactions involving the Buffered Securities.

Because we may be considered a party in interest with respect to many Plans, the Buffered 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 PTCEs 96-23, 95-60, 91-38, 90-1, 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 Buffered Securities will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the Buffered Securities that either (a) it is not a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity and is not purchasing such Buffered Securities on behalf of or with “plan assets” of any Plan or with any assets of a governmental, non-U.S. or church plan that is subject to any federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the



provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (“Similar Law”) or (b) its purchase, holding and disposition of these Buffered Securities will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or violate any Similar Law.

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 Buffered Securities on behalf of or with “plan assets” of any Plan consult with their counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief.

The Buffered Securities are contractual financial instruments. The financial exposure provided by the Buffered Securities is not a substitute or proxy for, and is not intended as a substitute or proxy for, individualized investment management or advice for the benefit of any purchaser or holder of the Buffered Securities. The Buffered Securities have not been designed and will not be administered in a manner intended to reflect the individualized needs and objectives of any purchaser or holder of the Buffered Securities.

Each purchaser or holder of any Buffered Securities acknowledges and agrees that:

(i) the purchaser or holder or its fiduciary has made and shall make all investment decisions for the purchaser or holder and the purchaser or holder has not relied and shall not rely in any way upon us or our affiliates to act as a fiduciary or adviser of the purchaser or holder with respect to (A) the design and terms of the Buffered Securities, (B) the purchaser or holder’s investment in the Buffered Securities, or (C) the exercise of or failure to exercise any rights we have under or with respect to the Buffered Securities;

(ii) we and our affiliates have acted and will act solely for our own account in connection with (A) all transactions relating to the Buffered Securities and (B) all hedging transactions in connection with our obligations under the Buffered Securities;

(iii) any and all assets and positions relating to hedging transactions by us or our affiliates are assets and positions of those entities and are not assets and positions held for the benefit of the purchaser or holder;

(iv) our interests are adverse to the interests of the purchaser or holder; and

(v) neither we nor any of our affiliates is a fiduciary or adviser of the purchaser or holder in connection with any such assets, positions or transactions, and any information that we or any of our affiliates may provide is not

intended to be impartial investment advice.

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Each purchaser and holder of the Buffered Securities has exclusive responsibility for ensuring that its purchase, holding and disposition of the Buffered Securities do not violate the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or the Code or any Similar Law. The sale of any Buffered Securities to any Plan or plan subject to Similar Law is in no respect a representation by us or any of our affiliates or representatives that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by plans generally or any particular plan, or that such an investment is appropriate for plans generally or any particular plan. In this regard, neither this discussion nor anything provided in this document is or is intended to be investment advice directed at any potential Plan purchaser or at Plan purchasers generally and such purchasers of the Buffered Securities should consult and rely on their own counsel and advisers as to whether an investment in the Buffered Securities is suitable.

However, individual retirement accounts, individual retirement annuities and Keogh plans, as well as employee benefit plans that permit participants to direct the investment of their accounts, will not be permitted to purchase or hold the Buffered Securities if the account, plan or annuity is for the benefit of an employee of Morgan Stanley or Morgan Stanley Wealth Management or a family member and the employee receives any compensation (such as, for example, an addition to bonus) based on the purchase of the Buffered Securities by the account, plan or annuity.

**Additional considerations:**

Client accounts over which Morgan Stanley, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management or any of their respective subsidiaries have investment discretion are not permitted to purchase the Buffered Securities, either directly or indirectly.

**Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest:**

MS & Co. will act as the agent for this offering and will not receive a sales commission in connection with sales of the Buffered Securities.

MS & Co. is an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, and it and other affiliates of ours expect to make a profit by selling, structuring and, when applicable, hedging the Buffered Securities. When MS & Co. prices this offering of Buffered Securities, it will determine the economic terms of the Buffered Securities such that for each Buffered Security the estimated value on the pricing date will be no lower than the minimum level described in “Investment Summary” beginning on page 2.

MS & Co. will conduct this offering in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., which is commonly referred to as FINRA, regarding a FINRA member firm's distribution of the securities of an affiliate and related conflicts of interest. MS & Co. or any of our other affiliates may not make sales in this offering to any discretionary account. See "Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" and "Use of Proceeds and Hedging" in the accompanying product supplement for participation securities.

**Contact:**

Morgan Stanley Wealth Management clients may contact their local Morgan Stanley branch office or our principal executive offices at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036 (telephone number (866) 477-4776). All other clients may contact their local brokerage representative. Third-party distributors may contact Morgan Stanley Structured Investment Sales at (800) 233-1087.

Morgan Stanley and MSFL have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus, as supplemented by the product supplement for participation securities and the index supplement) with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, for the offering to which this communication relates. You should read the prospectus in that registration statement, the product supplement for participation securities, the index supplement and any other documents relating to this offering that Morgan Stanley and MSFL have filed with the SEC for more complete information about Morgan Stanley, MSFL and this offering. You may get these documents without cost by visiting EDGAR on the SEC web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, Morgan Stanley, MSFL, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the product supplement for participation securities, index supplement and prospectus if you so request by calling toll-free 1-(800)-584-6837.

**Where you can find more information:** You may access these documents on the SEC web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) as follows:

**[Product Supplement for Participation Securities dated November 16, 2017](#)**

**[Index Supplement dated November 16, 2017](#)**

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