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Morgan Stanley Finance LLC

Structured Investments

Opportunities in U.S. Equities

Callable Buffered Range Accrual Securities due March 5, 2026  
All Payments on the Securities Subject to the Barrier Feature Linked to the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index

Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Morgan Stanley

**Principal at Risk Securities**

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the Callable Buffered Range Accrual Securities due March 5, 2026, All Payments on the Securities Subject to the Barrier Feature Linked to the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, which we refer to as the securities, do not provide for the regular payment of interest and provide for the minimum return of only 20% of the stated principal amount at maturity. The securities offer the opportunity for investors to earn a contingent monthly coupon, if any, based on the number of index business days in the relevant coupon payment period on which the index closing value of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is greater than or equal to 80% of the initial index value, which we refer to as the barrier level. If the index closing value remains below the barrier level for extended periods of time, investors will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all. As a result, investors must be willing to accept the risk of not receiving any contingent monthly coupon during the entire 7.5-year term of the securities. In addition, beginning on September 3, 2019, **we will have the right to redeem the securities at our discretion on any monthly redemption date** for a redemption payment equal to the sum of the stated principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon otherwise due with respect to the related coupon payment period. An early redemption of the securities will be at our discretion and will not automatically occur based on the performance of the underlying index. At maturity, if the securities have not previously been redeemed and the final index value is greater than or equal to the barrier level, investors will receive the stated principal amount of the securities and any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period. However, if the final index value is less than the barrier level, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline in the final index value from the initial index value beyond the buffer amount of 20%, in addition to any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon. **Accordingly, investors may lose up to 80% of their entire initial investment in the securities.** Investors will not participate in any appreciation of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index. These long-dated securities are for investors who seek an opportunity to earn interest at a potentially above-market rate in exchange for the risk of losing some or a substantial portion of their principal and the risk of receiving reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, if the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index remains below the barrier level

for extended periods of time, and the risk of an early redemption of the securities at our discretion. The securities are unsecured obligations of Morgan Stanley Finance LLC (“MSFL”) and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. The securities are 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 a substantial portion of your investment. These 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

<b>Issuer:</b>	Morgan Stanley Finance LLC
<b>Guarantor:</b>	Morgan Stanley
<b>Underlying index:</b>	S&P 500® Index
<b>Aggregate principal amount:</b>	\$
<b>Stated principal amount:</b>	\$1,000 per security
<b>Issue price:</b>	\$1,000 per security (see “Commissions and issue price” below)
<b>Pricing date:</b>	August 28, 2018
<b>Original issue date:</b>	August 31, 2018 (3 business days after the pricing date)
<b>Maturity date:</b>	March 5, 2026
<b>Optional early redemption:</b>	Beginning on September 3, 2019, we will have the right to redeem the securities, <b>at our discretion</b> , in whole but not in part, on any monthly redemption date for the redemption payment. If we decide to redeem the securities, we will give you notice at least 3 business days before the redemption date specified in the notice. No further payments will be made on the securities once they have been redeemed.
<b>Redemption payment:</b>	The redemption payment will be an amount equal to (i) the stated principal amount <i>plus</i> (ii) any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon otherwise due with respect to the related coupon payment period.
<b>Redemption dates:</b>	Beginning on September 3, 2019, monthly. See “Coupon Observation Period End-Dates, Contingent Coupon Payment Dates and Redemption Dates” below. If any such day is not a business day, that redemption payment, if payable, will be made on the next succeeding business day and no adjustment will be made to any redemption payment made on that succeeding business day.
<b>Contingent monthly coupon:</b>	Unless the securities are previously redeemed, the contingent monthly coupon payable on the securities will be determined as follows:

At a rate of 5.80% per annum *times* N/ACT

where:

- “N” = the total number of index business days in the applicable coupon payment period on which the index closing value is greater than or equal to the barrier level (each such day, an “accrual day”); and
- “ACT” = the total number of index business days in the applicable coupon payment period.

***If, on any index business day, the index closing value is below the barrier level, no coupon will accrue for that day. It is possible that you will receive no contingent coupon on the securities for extended periods of time if the index closing value were to remain below the barrier level.***

**Payment at maturity:**

If the securities have not previously been redeemed, investors will receive on the maturity date a payment at maturity determined as follows:

- If the final index value is **greater than or equal to** the barrier level:
  - the stated principal amount and any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period
  - (i) \$1,000 x (index performance factor + buffer amount) *plus* (ii) any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period
- If the final index value is **less than** the barrier level:

**Buffer amount:** 20%  
**Minimum payment at maturity:** \$200 per security  
**Barrier level:**

, which is equal to 80% of the initial index value

***Terms continued on the following page***

**Agent:**

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.”

**Estimated value on the pricing date:**

Approximately \$943.50 per security, or within \$30.00 of that estimate. See “Investment Summary” on page 3.

**Commissions and issue price:**

**Per security**  
**Total**

Price to public <sup>(1)</sup>	Agent’s commissions <sup>(2)</sup>	Proceeds to us <sup>(3)</sup>
\$1,000	\$	\$
\$	\$	\$

(1) *The price to public for investors purchasing the securities in fee-based advisory accounts will be \$970 per security.*

*Selected dealers and their financial advisors will collectively receive from the agent, MS & Co., a fixed sales commission of \$ for each security they sell; provided that dealers selling to investors purchasing the securities in (2) fee-based advisory accounts will receive a sales commission of \$ per security. See “Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest.” For additional information, see “Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” in the accompanying prospectus supplement.*

(3) *See “Use of proceeds and hedging” on page 24.*

**The securities involve risks not associated with an investment in ordinary debt securities. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 10.**

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

**The 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 preliminary pricing supplement together with the related prospectus supplement, index supplement and prospectus, each of which can be accessed via the hyperlinks below. Please also see “Additional Information About the Securities” at the end of this preliminary pricing supplement.**

**References to “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Morgan Stanley or MSFL, or Morgan Stanley and MSFL collectively, as the context requires.**

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

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

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*Terms continued from previous page:*

**Initial index value:** , which is the index closing value of the underlying index on the pricing date

**Final index value:** The index closing value of the underlying index on the final observation date

**Coupon payment period:** Monthly. For each contingent coupon payment date, the coupon payment period will be the period from but excluding the pricing date (in the case of the first coupon payment period) or the prior coupon observation period end-date to and including the following coupon observation period end-date; *provided* that the final coupon payment period will end on (and include) the final observation date.

**Final observation date:** March 2, 2026, subject to postponement as set forth under “Additional Information About the Securities – Postponement of the final observation date” below.

**Contingent coupon payment dates:** Monthly, as set forth under “Coupon Observation Period End-Dates, Contingent Coupon Payment Dates and Redemption Dates” below. If any such day is not a business day, that coupon payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no adjustment will be made to any coupon payment made on that succeeding business day. The contingent monthly coupon, if any, with respect to the final observation date shall be paid on the maturity date.

**Index performance factor:** The final index value *divided by* the initial index value.

**CUSIP / ISIN:** 61768DBR5 / US61768DBR52

**Listing:** The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

Coupon Observation Period End-Dates, Contingent Coupon Payment Dates and Redemption Dates

Coupon Observation Period End-Dates	Contingent Coupon Payment Dates / Redemption Dates
September 28, 2018	October 3, 2018*
October 29, 2018	November 1, 2018*
November 28, 2018	December 3, 2018*
December 28, 2018	January 3, 2019*
January 28, 2019	January 31, 2019*
February 28, 2019	March 5, 2019*
March 28, 2019	April 2, 2019*
April 29, 2019	May 2, 2019*

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May 28, 2019	May 31, 2019*
June 28, 2019	July 3, 2019*
July 29, 2019	August 1, 2019*
August 28, 2019	September 3, 2019
September 30, 2019	October 3, 2019
October 28, 2019	October 31, 2019
November 29, 2019	December 4, 2019
December 30, 2019	January 3, 2020
January 28, 2020	January 31, 2020
February 28, 2020	March 4, 2020
March 30, 2020	April 2, 2020
April 28, 2020	May 1, 2020
May 28, 2020	June 2, 2020
June 29, 2020	July 2, 2020
July 28, 2020	July 31, 2020
August 28, 2020	September 2, 2020
September 28, 2020	October 1, 2020
October 28, 2020	November 2, 2020
November 30, 2020	December 3, 2020
December 28, 2020	December 31, 2020
January 28, 2021	February 2, 2021
March 1, 2021	March 4, 2021
March 29, 2021	April 1, 2021
April 28, 2021	May 3, 2021
May 28, 2021	June 3, 2021
June 28, 2021	July 1, 2021
July 28, 2021	August 2, 2021
August 30, 2021	September 2, 2021
September 28, 2021	October 1, 2021
October 28, 2021	November 2, 2021
November 29, 2021	December 2, 2021
December 28, 2021	December 31, 2021
January 28, 2022	February 2, 2022
February 28, 2022	March 3, 2022
March 28, 2022	March 31, 2022
April 28, 2022	May 3, 2022
May 31, 2022	June 3, 2022
June 28, 2022	July 1, 2022
July 28, 2022	August 2, 2022
August 29, 2022	September 1, 2022
September 28, 2022	October 3, 2022

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Coupon Observation Period End-Dates Contingent Coupon Payment Dates / Redemption Dates

October 28, 2022	November 2, 2022
November 28, 2022	December 1, 2022
December 28, 2022	January 3, 2023
January 30, 2023	February 2, 2023
February 28, 2023	March 3, 2023
March 28, 2023	March 31, 2023
April 28, 2023	May 3, 2023
May 30, 2023	June 2, 2023
June 28, 2023	July 3, 2023
July 28, 2023	August 2, 2023
August 28, 2023	August 31, 2023
September 28, 2023	October 3, 2023
October 30, 2023	November 2, 2023
November 28, 2023	December 1, 2023
December 28, 2023	January 3, 2024
January 29, 2024	February 1, 2024
February 28, 2024	March 4, 2024
March 28, 2024	April 3, 2024
April 29, 2024	May 2, 2024
May 28, 2024	May 31, 2024
June 28, 2024	July 3, 2024
July 29, 2024	August 1, 2024
August 28, 2024	September 3, 2024
September 30, 2024	October 3, 2024
October 28, 2024	October 31, 2024
November 29, 2024	December 4, 2024
December 30, 2024	January 3, 2025
January 28, 2025	January 31, 2025
February 28, 2025	March 5, 2025
March 28, 2025	April 2, 2025
April 28, 2025	May 1, 2025
May 28, 2025	June 2, 2025
June 30, 2025	July 3, 2025
July 28, 2025	July 31, 2025
August 28, 2025	September 3, 2025
September 29, 2025	October 2, 2025
October 28, 2025	October 31, 2025

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November 28, 2025 December 3, 2025

December 29, 2025 January 2, 2026

January 28, 2026 February 2, 2026

March 2, 2026 March 5, 2026 (maturity date)

\* The securities are not subject to redemption at the issuer's option until the 12<sup>th</sup> contingent coupon payment date, which is September 3, 2019.

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## Investment Summary

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The Callable Buffered Range Accrual Securities due March 5, 2026, All Payments on the Securities Subject to the Barrier Feature Linked to the S&P 500® Index, which we refer to as the securities, provide an opportunity for investors to earn a contingent monthly coupon, if any, based on the number of index business days in the relevant coupon payment period on which the index closing value of the S&P 500® Index is greater than or equal to 80% of the initial index value, which we refer to as the barrier level. If the index closing value remains below the barrier level for extended periods of time, investors will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all. As a result, investors must be willing to accept the risk of not receiving any contingent monthly coupon during the entire 7.5-year term of the securities. In addition, beginning on September 3, 2019, **we will have the right to redeem the securities at our discretion on any monthly redemption date** for a redemption payment equal to the sum of the stated principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon otherwise due with respect to the related coupon payment period.

If the securities have not been previously redeemed and the final index value is greater than or equal to the barrier level, investors will receive the stated principal amount of the securities and any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period. However, if the final index value is less than the barrier level, in addition to any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon, investors will be exposed on a 1:1 basis to the percentage decline of the final index value from the initial index value beyond the buffer amount of 20%. Accordingly, investors could lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the securities. Investors in the securities must be willing to accept the risk of losing some or a substantial portion of their principal and also the risk of not receiving any contingent monthly coupons. In addition, investors will not participate in any appreciation of the underlying index.

Maturity:	Approximately 7.5 years, unless redeemed earlier at our discretion
Payment at maturity:	If the securities have not previously been redeemed, investors will receive on the maturity date a payment at maturity determined as follows:

If the final index value is **greater than or equal to** the barrier level, investors will receive the stated principal amount and any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period

If the final index value is **less than** the barrier level, investors will receive (i) \$1,000 x (index performance factor + buffer amount) *plus* (ii) any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period

**Accordingly, investors in the securities must be willing to accept the risk of losing up to 80% of their entire initial investment.**

Unless the securities are previously redeemed, the contingent monthly coupon payable on the securities will be determined as follows:

At a rate of 5.80% per annum *times* N/ACT

Contingent  
monthly coupon:

*where:*

- “N” = the total number of index business days in the applicable coupon payment period on which the index closing value is greater than or equal to the barrier level (each such day, an “accrual day”); and
- “ACT” = the total number of index business days in the applicable coupon payment period.

***If, on any index business day, the index closing value is below the barrier level, no coupon will accrue for that day. It is possible that you will receive no contingent coupon on the securities for extended periods of time if the index closing value were to remain below the barrier level.***

We have the right to redeem the securities on any monthly redemption date for an early redemption payment equal to the stated principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid the option of the

contingent monthly coupon otherwise due with respect to the related coupon payment period. Any early redemption of the securities will be at our discretion and will not automatically occur based on the performance of the underlying index. It is more likely that we will redeem the securities when it would otherwise be advantageous for you to continue to hold the securities. As such, we will be more likely to redeem the securities when the index closing value of the underlying index is at or above the barrier level, which would otherwise result in an amount of interest payable on the securities that is greater than instruments of a comparable maturity and credit rating trading in the market. In other words, we will be more likely to redeem the securities at a time when the securities are paying an above-market coupon. If the securities are redeemed prior to maturity, you will receive no more contingent monthly coupon payments, may be forced to invest in a lower interest rate environment and may not be able to reinvest at comparable terms or returns.

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On the other hand, we will be less likely to exercise our redemption right when the index closing value of the underlying index is below the barrier level and/or when the final index value is expected to be below the barrier level, such that you will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupons at all, and/or that you will suffer a significant loss on your initial investment in the securities at maturity. Therefore, if we do not exercise our redemption right, it is more likely that you will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, and suffer a loss at maturity.

We are using this preliminary pricing supplement to solicit from you an offer to purchase the securities. You may revoke your offer to purchase the securities at any time prior to the time at which we accept such offer by notifying the relevant agent. We reserve the right to change the terms of, or reject any offer to purchase, the securities prior to their issuance. In the event of any material changes to the terms of the securities, we will notify you.

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 (212) 761-4000).

The original issue price of each security is \$1,000. This price includes costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the securities, which are borne by you, and, consequently, the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date will be less than \$1,000. We estimate that the value of each security on the pricing date will be approximately \$943.50, or within \$30.00 of that estimate. Our estimate of the value of the 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 securities on the pricing date, we take into account that the securities comprise both a debt component and a performance-based component linked to the underlying index. The estimated value of the securities is determined using our own pricing and valuation models, market inputs and assumptions relating to the underlying

index, instruments based on the underlying index, 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 securities?*

In determining the economic terms of the securities, including the contingent monthly coupon rate, the barrier level and the buffer amount, 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 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 securities?*

The price at which MS & Co. purchases the securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying index, 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 securities are not fully deducted upon issuance, for a period of up to 12 months following the issue date, to the extent that MS & Co. may buy or sell the securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying index, 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 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 securities do not guarantee any repayment of principal at maturity and offer investors an opportunity to earn a contingent monthly coupon based on the number of index business days in the relevant coupon payment period on which the index closing value of the S&P 500® Index is greater than or equal to 80% of the initial index value, which we refer to as the barrier level. If the index closing value remains below the barrier level for extended periods of time, investors will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all. As a result, investors must be willing to accept the risk of not receiving any contingent monthly coupon during the entire 7.5-year term of the securities. The securities have been designed for investors who seek an opportunity to earn interest at a potentially above-market rate in exchange for the risk of losing up to 80% of their principal and the risk of receiving reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, if the S&P 500® Index remains below the barrier level for extended periods of time, and the risk of an early redemption of the securities at our discretion.

### S&P 500® Index Summary

The S&P 500® Index, which is calculated, maintained and published by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (“S&P”), consists of stocks of 500 component companies selected to provide a performance benchmark for the U.S. equity markets. The calculation of the S&P 500® Index is based on the relative value of the float adjusted aggregate market capitalization of the 500 component companies as of a particular time as compared to the aggregate average market capitalization of 500 similar companies during the base period of the years 1941 through 1943.

Information as of market close on July 30, 2018:

Bloomberg Ticker Symbol:	SPX
Current Index Value:	2,802.60
52 Weeks Ago:	2,470.30
52 Week High (on 1/26/2018):	2,872.87
52 Week Low (on 8/18/2017):	2,425.55

For additional information about the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, see the information set forth under “S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index” in the accompanying index supplement. Furthermore, for additional historical information, see “S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index Historical Performance” below.

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### Hypothetical Examples

The following hypothetical examples are for illustrative purposes only. Whether you receive a contingent monthly coupon will be determined based on the total number of index business days in each monthly coupon payment period on which the index closing value is greater than or equal to the barrier level. For illustrative purposes, the table below assumes that the coupon payment period contains 22 index business days. The actual contingent monthly coupons will depend on the actual number of index business days in each coupon payment period and the actual index closing value on each index business day in such coupon payment period. Any early redemption of the securities will be at our discretion. The actual initial index value and barrier level will be determined on the pricing date. All payments on the securities are subject to our credit risk. The numbers in the hypothetical examples may be rounded for ease of analysis. The below examples are based on the following terms:

Hypothetical Initial Index Value: 2,800

Hypothetical Barrier Level: 2,240, which is 80% of the hypothetical initial index value

#### **Hypothetical Contingent Monthly Coupon Payable on the Securities: 5.80% per annum times N/ACT**

N Hypothetical Contingent Monthly Coupon

0 [(0/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$0.000 per security

3 [(3/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$0.659 per security

6 [(6/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$1.318 per security

11 [(11/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$2.417 per security

14 [(14/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$3.076 per security

18 [(18/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$3.955 per security

22 [(22/22) x (5.80% x \$1,000)] / 12 = \$4.833 per security

If the index closing value is less than the barrier level on any index business day, no contingent monthly coupon will accrue for that index business day. If the index closing value remains below the barrier level on each index business day in any coupon payment period, you will receive no contingent monthly coupon payment for that coupon payment period.



Optional Early  
Redemption:

The securities may be redeemed at our discretion on any monthly redemption date for a redemption payment equal to the stated principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon otherwise due with respect to the related coupon payment period.

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How to calculate the payment at maturity:

If the final index value is **greater than or equal to** the barrier level:

the stated principal amount and any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period

Payment at Maturity (if the securities have not been redeemed early at our option):

If the final index value is **less than** the barrier level:

(i)  $\$1,000 \times (\text{index performance factor} + \text{buffer amount})$  plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final coupon payment period

**The following examples assume that we do not exercise our right to redeem the securities prior to maturity.**

**Example 1**— The securities are not redeemed prior to maturity. The final index value is 3,400, which is at or above the barrier level. In this scenario, you receive a payment at maturity per security equal to the stated principal amount, in addition to any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon payment for the final coupon payment period. However, you do not participate in the appreciation in the value of the underlying index.

**Example 2**— The securities are not redeemed prior to maturity. The final index value is 2,700, which is at or above the barrier level. In this scenario, you receive a payment at maturity per security equal to the stated principal amount, in addition to any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon payment for the final coupon payment period.

**Example 3**—The securities are not redeemed prior to maturity. The final index value is 1,120, which is below the barrier level. Therefore, in addition to any accrued and unpaid contingent monthly coupon payment, the payment at maturity per security would be calculated as  $\$1,000 \times [(1,120 / 2,800) + 20\%] = \$600.00$ , representing a significant loss on the initial investment.

**If we do not redeem the securities prior to maturity and the final index value is less than the barrier level, you will lose some or a substantial portion of your investment in the securities.**

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## Risk Factors

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

**The securities provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of your principal.** The terms of the securities differ from those of ordinary debt securities in that the securities do not guarantee the regular payment of interest and provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of the principal amount of the securities. If the § securities have not been redeemed prior to maturity and the final index value is less than the barrier level, you will receive an amount in cash that is less than the \$1,000 stated principal amount of each security by an amount proportionate to the decline in the value of the underlying index beyond the buffer amount of 20%. **You could lose up to 80% of the stated principal amount of the securities.**

**You will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, if the index closing value remains below the barrier level for extended periods of time.** The securities will pay a contingent monthly coupon based on the number of index business days in the relevant coupon payment period on which the index closing level of the underlying index is greater than or equal to the barrier level. If, on any index § business day, the index closing value is below the barrier level, no interest will accrue for that day. It is possible that the index closing value will remain below the barrier level for extended periods of time. If you do not earn sufficient contingent monthly coupons over the term of the securities, the overall return on the securities may be less than the amount that would be paid on a conventional debt security of ours of comparable maturity, and may even be zero.

§ **The securities are subject to our redemption right.** The term of the securities, and thus your opportunity to earn a potentially above-market coupon if the underlying index remains above the barrier level, may be limited by our right to redeem the securities at our option on any monthly redemption date, beginning September 3, 2019. The term of your investment in the securities may be limited to as short as one year. It is more likely that we will redeem the securities when it would be advantageous for you to continue to hold the securities. As such, we will be more likely to redeem the securities when the index closing value of the underlying index is at or above the barrier level, which would otherwise result in an amount of interest payable on the securities that is greater than instruments of a comparable maturity and credit rating trading in the market. In other words, we will be more likely to redeem the securities when the securities are paying an above-market coupon. If the securities are redeemed prior to maturity,

you will receive no more contingent monthly coupon payments, may be forced to invest in a lower interest rate environment and may not be able to reinvest at comparable terms or returns.

On the other hand, we will be less likely to exercise our redemption right when the index closing value of the underlying index is below the barrier level and/or when the final index value is expected to be below the barrier level, such that you will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, and/or that you will suffer a significant loss on your initial investment in the securities at maturity. Therefore, if we do not exercise our redemption right, it is more likely that you will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all, and suffer a loss at maturity.

**Investors will not participate in any appreciation in the value of the underlying index.** Investors will not participate in any appreciation in the value of the underlying index from the initial index value, and the return on the securities will be limited to the contingent monthly coupons, if any, that are paid with respect to each index business day during each coupon payment period on which the index closing value is greater than or equal to the barrier level § until the securities are redeemed or reach maturity. It is possible that the index closing value could be below the barrier level on most or all of the index business days during each coupon payment period so that you will receive reduced contingent monthly coupon payments, or no contingent monthly coupon payments at all. If you do not earn sufficient contingent monthly coupons over the term of the securities, the overall return on the securities may be less than the amount that would be paid on a conventional debt security of ours of comparable maturity.

**If there are no accrual days in any coupon payment period, we will not pay any contingent monthly coupon on § the securities for that coupon payment period and the market value of the securities may decrease significantly.** It is

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possible that the index closing level of the S&P 500® Index will be less than the barrier level for many days during any monthly coupon payment period such that the coupon payment for that monthly interest payment period will be less than the amount that would be paid on an ordinary debt security and may even be zero. In addition, to the extent that the index closing value of the index is less than the barrier level on any number of days during a coupon payment period, the market value of the securities may decrease and you may receive substantially less than the stated principal amount if you wish to sell your securities at such time.

**The market price will be influenced by many unpredictable factors.** Several factors, many of which are beyond our control, will influence the value of the securities in the secondary market and the price at which MS & Co. may be willing to purchase or sell the securities in the secondary market. We expect that generally the level of interest rates available in the market and the value of the underlying index on any day, including in relation to the barrier level, will affect the value of the securities more than any other factors. Other factors that may influence the value of the securities include:

- o the volatility (frequency and magnitude of changes in value) of the S&P 500® Index,

whether the index closing value of the S&P 500® Index is currently or has been below the barrier level on any index business day,

geopolitical conditions and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the component stocks of the underlying index or securities markets generally and which may affect the value of the underlying index,

- o dividend rates on the securities underlying the S&P 500® Index,

- o the time remaining until the securities mature,

- o interest and yield rates in the market,

- o the availability of comparable instruments,

- o the composition of the S&P 500® Index and changes in the constituent stocks of such index, and
  - o any actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings or credit spreads.

Some or all of these factors will influence the price that you will receive if you sell your securities prior to maturity. Generally, the longer the time remaining to maturity, the more the market price of the securities will be affected by the other factors described above. In particular, if the underlying index has closed near or below the barrier level, the market value of the securities is expected to decrease substantially and you may have to sell your securities at a substantial discount from the stated principal amount of \$1,000 per security.

You cannot predict the future performance of the S&P 500® Index based on its historical performance. The value of the underlying index may decrease and be below the barrier level on each index business day so that you will receive no contingent monthly coupons and you will lose some or a significant portion of your investment. There can be no assurance that the index closing value of the underlying index will be greater than or equal to the barrier level on any index business day so that you will receive any contingent monthly coupon during the term of the securities, or that it will be greater than or equal to the barrier level on the final observation date so that you do not suffer a significant loss on your initial investment in the securities. See “S&P 500® Index Historical Performance” below.

**The 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 securities.** You are dependent on our ability to pay all amounts due on the securities on each contingent coupon payment date, upon early redemption, or at maturity, and therefore you are subject to our credit risk. If we default on our obligations under the 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 securities prior to early redemption or 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 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

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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.

**Not equivalent to investing in the underlying index.** Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlying index or its component stocks. Investors in the securities 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 index, and investors will not participate in any appreciation of the underlying index over the term of the securities.

**The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited.** Accordingly, you should be willing to hold your securities for the entire 7.5-year term of the securities. The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the securities. MS & Co. may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the 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 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 securities. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the securities easily. Since other broker-dealers may not participate significantly in the secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your 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 securities, it is likely that there would be no secondary market for the securities. Accordingly, you should be willing to hold your securities to maturity.

**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 securities in the original issue price reduce the economic terms of the securities, cause the estimated value of the 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 securities 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 securities in the original issue price and the lower rate we are willing to pay as issuer make the economic terms of the securities less favorable to you than they otherwise would be.

However, because the costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the securities are not fully deducted upon issuance, for a period of up to 12 months following the issue date, to the extent that MS & Co. may buy or sell the securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying index, 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.

**The estimated value of the 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 securities, our models may yield a higher estimated value of the securities than those § generated by others, including other dealers in the market, if they attempted to value the 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 securities in the secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of your 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 will be influenced by many unpredictable factors” above.

**Hedging and trading activity by our affiliates could potentially affect the value of the securities.** One or more of our affiliates and/or third-party dealers expect to carry out hedging activities related to the securities (and to other instruments linked to the underlying index or its component stocks), including trading in the stocks that constitute § the underlying index as well as in other instruments related to the underlying index. As a result, these entities may be unwinding or adjusting hedge positions during the term of the securities, and the hedging strategy may involve greater and more frequent dynamic

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adjustments to the hedge as the final observation date approaches. Some of our affiliates also trade the stocks that constitute the underlying index and other financial instruments related to the 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 index value, and, therefore, could increase the barrier level, which, if the securities have not been redeemed, is the value at or above which the underlying index must close on each index business day for the contingent monthly coupon to accrue on the securities, and the value at or above which the underlying index must close on the final observation date so that you are not exposed to the negative performance of the underlying index at maturity. Additionally, such hedging or trading activities during the term of the securities could potentially affect the value of the underlying index, and, accordingly, the payout to you at maturity and whether we pay a contingent monthly coupon on the securities.

**The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley and an affiliate of MSFL, will make determinations with respect to the securities.** As calculation agent, MS & Co. will determine the initial index value, the barrier level, the index closing value throughout each coupon payment period, including the final index value, whether the contingent monthly coupon will be paid on each contingent coupon payment date, whether a market disruption event has occurred, and the payment that you will 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 index closing value in the event of a market disruption event or discontinuance of the underlying index. These potentially subjective determinations may affect the payout to you upon an optional early redemption or at maturity. For further information regarding these types of determinations, see “Additional Information About the Securities—Additional Provisions—Calculation agent,” “—Market disruption event,” “—Postponement of the final observation date,” “—Discontinuance of an underlying index; alteration of method of calculation” and “—Alternate exchange calculation in case of an event of default,” below. In addition, MS & Co. has determined the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date.

§ **Adjustments to the underlying index could adversely affect the value of the securities.** The publisher of the underlying index may add, delete or substitute the component stocks of the underlying index or make other methodological changes that could change the value of the underlying index. Any of these actions could adversely affect the value of the securities. The publisher of the underlying index may also discontinue or suspend calculation or publication of the underlying index at any time. In these circumstances, MS & Co., as the calculation agent, will have the sole discretion to substitute a successor index that is comparable to the discontinued index. MS & Co. could have an economic interest that is different than that of investors in the securities insofar as, for example, MS & Co. is permitted to consider indices that are calculated and published by MS & Co. or any of its affiliates. If MS & Co. determines that there is no appropriate successor index on the relevant date of calculation, the determination of the amount of any contingent monthly coupon payable on the securities on the applicable contingent coupon payment

date or the determination of the payment at maturity, as applicable, will be based on whether the value of the underlying index based on the closing prices of the stocks constituting the underlying index at the time of such discontinuance, without rebalancing or substitution, computed by MS & Co. as calculation agent in accordance with the formula for calculating the underlying index last in effect prior to such discontinuance, is less than the barrier level.

**The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities are uncertain.** There is no direct § legal authority as to the proper treatment of the securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and, therefore, significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain.

Please read the discussion under “Additional Provisions—Tax considerations” in this document concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities. We intend to treat a security for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a single financial contract that provides for a coupon that will be treated as gross income to you at the time received or accrued, in accordance with your regular method of tax accounting. Under this treatment, the ordinary income treatment of the coupon payments, in conjunction with the capital loss treatment of any loss recognized upon the sale, exchange or settlement of the securities, could result in adverse tax consequences to holders of the securities because the deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. We do not plan to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) regarding the tax treatment of the securities, and the IRS or a court may not agree with the tax treatment described herein. If the IRS were successful in asserting an alternative treatment for the securities, the timing and character of income or loss on the securities might differ significantly from the tax treatment described herein. For example, under one possible treatment, the IRS could seek to recharacterize the securities as debt instruments. In that event, U.S. Holders (as defined below) would be required to accrue into income original issue discount on the securities every year at a “comparable yield” determined at the time of issuance (as adjusted based on the difference, if any, between the actual and the projected amount of any contingent payments on the securities) and recognize all income and gain in respect of the

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securities as ordinary income. The risk that financial instruments providing for buffers, triggers or similar downside protection features, such as the securities, would be recharacterized as debt is greater than the risk of recharacterization for comparable financial instruments that do not have such features.

**Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) should note that we currently intend to withhold on any coupon paid to Non-U.S. Holders generally at a rate of 30%, or at a reduced rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty under an “other income” or similar provision, and will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld.**

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. While it is not clear whether the securities would be viewed as similar to the prepaid forward contracts described in the notice, it is possible that 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 securities, possibly with retroactive effect. The notice focuses on a number of issues, the most relevant of which for holders of the securities are the character and timing of income or loss and the degree, if any, to which income realized by non-U.S. investors should be subject to withholding tax. 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 securities, including possible alternative treatments, 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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#### S&P 500® Index Historical Performance

The following graph sets forth the daily closing values of the underlying index for the period from January 1, 2008 through July 30, 2018. The related table sets forth the published high and low closing values, as well as end-of-quarter closing values, of the underlying index for each quarter from January 1, 2008 through July 30, 2018. The closing value of the underlying index on July 30, 2018 was 2,802.60. We obtained the information in the table below from Bloomberg Financial Markets, without independent verification. The historical values of the underlying index should not be taken as an indication of future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the closing value of the underlying index on any day during any coupon payment period or the final observation date.

#### Underlying Index Daily Closing Values

January 1, 2008 to July 30, 2018

\* The black solid line in the graph indicates the hypothetical barrier level, assuming the index closing value on July 30, 2018 were the initial index value.

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S&P 500® Index	High	Low	Period End
<b>2008</b>			
First Quarter	1,447.16	1,273.37	1,322.70
Second Quarter	1,426.63	1,278.38	1,280.00
Third Quarter	1,305.32	1,106.39	1,166.36
Fourth Quarter	1,161.07	752.44	903.25
<b>2009</b>			
First Quarter	934.70	676.53	797.87
Second Quarter	946.21	811.08	919.32
Third Quarter	1,071.66	879.13	1,057.08
Fourth Quarter	1,127.78	1,025.21	1,115.10
<b>2010</b>			
First Quarter	1,174.17	1,056.74	1,169.43
Second Quarter	1,217.28	1,030.71	1,030.71
Third Quarter	1,148.67	1,022.58	1,141.20
Fourth Quarter	1,259.78	1,137.03	1,257.64
<b>2011</b>			
First Quarter	1,343.01	1,256.88	1,325.83
Second Quarter	1,363.61	1,265.42	1,320.64
Third Quarter	1,353.22	1,119.46	1,131.42
Fourth Quarter	1,285.09	1,099.23	1,257.61
<b>2012</b>			
First Quarter	1,416.51	1,277.06	1,408.47
Second Quarter	1,419.04	1,278.05	1,362.16
Third Quarter	1,465.77	1,334.76	1,440.67
Fourth Quarter	1,461.40	1,353.33	1,426.19
<b>2013</b>			
First Quarter	1,569.19	1,457.15	1,569.19
Second Quarter	1,669.16	1,541.61	1,606.28
Third Quarter	1,725.52	1,614.08	1,681.55
Fourth Quarter	1,848.36	1,655.45	1,848.36
<b>2014</b>			
First Quarter	1,878.04	1,741.89	1,872.34
Second Quarter	1,962.87	1,815.69	1,960.23
Third Quarter	2,011.36	1,909.57	1,972.29
Fourth Quarter	2,090.57	1,862.49	2,058.90
<b>2015</b>			
First Quarter	2,117.39	1,992.67	2,067.89
Second Quarter	2,130.82	2,057.64	2,063.11

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Third Quarter	2,128.28	1,867.61	1,920.03
Fourth Quarter	2,109.79	1,923.82	2,043.94
<b>2016</b>			
First Quarter	2,063.95	1,829.08	2,059.74
Second Quarter	2,119.12	2,000.54	2,098.86
Third Quarter	2,190.15	2,088.55	2,168.27
Fourth Quarter	2,271.72	2,085.18	2,238.83
<b>2017</b>			
First Quarter	2,395.96	2,257.83	2,362.72
Second Quarter	2,453.46	2,328.95	2,423.41
Third Quarter	2,519.36	2,409.75	2,519.36
Fourth Quarter	2,690.16	2,529.12	2,673.61
<b>2018</b>			
First Quarter	2,872.87	2,581.00	2,640.87
Second Quarter	2,786.85	2,581.88	2,718.37
Third Quarter (through July 30, 2018)	2,846.07	2,713.22	2,802.60

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Additional Information About the Securities

Please read this information in conjunction with the summary terms on the front cover of this preliminary pricing supplement.

Additional Provisions:

**Interest period:** Monthly

**Day count convention:** 30/360

**Underlying index publisher:** S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC

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

**Book entry security or certificated security:** Book entry. The securities will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global securities which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the depositary and will be registered in the name of a nominee of the depositary. The depositary's nominee will be the only registered holder of the securities. Your beneficial interest in the securities will be evidenced solely by entries on the books of the securities intermediary acting on your behalf as a direct or indirect participant in the depositary. In this preliminary pricing supplement, all references to payments or notices to you will mean payments or notices to the depositary, as the registered holder of the securities, for distribution to participants in accordance with the depositary's procedures. For more information regarding the depositary and book entry notes, please read "The Depositary" in the accompanying prospectus supplement and "Forms of Securities—Global Securities—Registered Global Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

**Senior security or subordinated security:** Senior

**Specified currency:** U.S. dollars

**Record date:** One business day prior to the related scheduled contingent coupon payment date; *provided* that any contingent monthly coupon payable at maturity or upon an early redemption shall be payable to the person to whom the payment at maturity or redemption payment, as the case may be, shall be payable.

**Minimum ticketing size:** \$1,000 / 1 security



**Tax considerations:**

**Prospective investors should note that the discussion under the section called “United States Federal Taxation” in the accompanying prospectus supplement does not apply to the securities issued under this document and is superseded by the following discussion.**

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences and certain estate tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities. This discussion applies only to investors in the securities who:

- purchase the securities in the original offering; and
- hold the securities as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

This discussion does not describe all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a holder in light of the holder’s particular circumstances or to holders subject to special rules, such as:

- certain financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- certain dealers and traders in securities or commodities;
- investors holding the securities as part of a “straddle,” wash sale, conversion transaction, integrated transaction or constructive sale transaction;
- U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts; or
- tax-exempt entities, including “individual retirement accounts” or “Roth IRAs” as defined in Section 408 or 408A of the Code, respectively.

If an entity that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds the securities, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership holding the securities or a

partner in such a partnership, you should consult your tax adviser as to the particular U.S. federal tax consequences of holding and

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disposing of the securities to you.

As the law applicable to the U.S. federal income taxation of instruments such as the securities is technical and complex, the discussion below necessarily represents only a general summary. The effect of any applicable state, local or non-U.S. tax laws is not discussed, nor are any alternative minimum tax consequences or consequences resulting from the Medicare tax on investment income. Moreover, the discussion below does not address the consequences to taxpayers subject to special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Code.

This discussion is based on the Code, administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, all as of the date hereof, changes to any of which subsequent to the date hereof may affect the tax consequences described herein. Persons considering the purchase of the securities should consult their tax advisers with regard to the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

## **General**

Due to the absence of statutory, judicial or administrative authorities that directly address the treatment of the securities or instruments that are similar to the securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, no assurance can be given that the IRS or a court will agree with the tax treatment described herein. We intend to treat a security for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a single financial contract that provides for a coupon that will be treated as gross income to you at the time received or accrued in accordance with your regular method of tax accounting. In the opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, this treatment of the securities is reasonable under current law; however, our counsel has advised us that it is unable to conclude affirmatively that this treatment is more likely than not to be upheld, and that alternative treatments are possible.

**You should consult your tax adviser regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities (including possible alternative treatments of the securities). Unless otherwise stated, the following discussion is based on the treatment of each security as described in the previous paragraph.**

## **Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders**

This section applies to you only if you are a U.S. Holder. As used herein, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of a security that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

### ***Tax Treatment of the Securities***

Assuming the treatment of the securities as set forth above is respected, the following U.S. federal income tax consequences should result.

*Tax Basis.* A U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the securities should equal the amount paid by the U.S. Holder to acquire the securities.

*Tax Treatment of Coupon Payments.* Any coupon payment on the securities should be taxable as ordinary income to a U.S. Holder at the time received or accrued, in accordance with the U.S. Holder’s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

*Sale, Exchange or Settlement of the Securities.* Upon a sale, exchange or settlement of the securities, a U.S. Holder should recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or settlement and the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the securities sold, exchanged or settled. For this purpose, the amount realized does not include any coupon paid at settlement and may not include sale proceeds attributable to an accrued coupon, which may be treated as a coupon payment. Any such gain or loss recognized should be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the securities for more than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or settlement, and should be short-term capital gain or loss otherwise. The ordinary income treatment of the coupon payments, in conjunction with the capital loss

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treatment of any loss recognized upon the sale, exchange or settlement of the securities, could result in adverse tax consequences to holders of the securities because the deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

*Possible Alternative Tax Treatments of an Investment in the Securities*

Due to the absence of authorities that directly address the proper tax treatment of the securities, no assurance can be given that the IRS will accept, or that a court will uphold, the treatment described above. In particular, the IRS could seek to analyze the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning the securities under Treasury regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments (the “Contingent Debt Regulations”). If the IRS were successful in asserting that the Contingent Debt Regulations applied to the securities, the timing and character of income thereon would be significantly affected. Among other things, a U.S. Holder would be required to accrue into income original issue discount on the securities every year at a “comparable yield” determined at the time of their issuance, adjusted upward or downward to reflect the difference, if any, between the actual and the projected amount of any contingent payments on the securities. Furthermore, any gain realized by a U.S. Holder at maturity or upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of the securities would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss realized would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s prior accruals of original issue discount and as capital loss thereafter. The risk that financial instruments providing for buffers, triggers or similar downside protection features, such as the securities, would be recharacterized as debt is greater than the risk of recharacterization for comparable financial instruments that do not have such features.

Other alternative federal income tax treatments of the securities are possible, which, if applied, could significantly affect the timing and character of the income or loss with respect to the securities. 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 on whether to require holders of “prepaid forward contracts” and similar 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; whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” rule, which very generally can operate to recharacterize certain long-term capital gain as ordinary income and impose an interest charge; and appropriate transition rules and effective dates. While it is not clear whether instruments such as the securities would be viewed as similar to the prepaid forward contracts described in the notice, 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 securities, possibly with retroactive effect. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including possible alternative treatments and the issues presented by this notice.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

Backup withholding may apply in respect of payments on the securities and the payment of proceeds from a sale, exchange or other disposition of the securities, unless a U.S. Holder provides proof of an applicable exemption or a correct taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. The amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules are not an additional tax and may be refunded, or credited against the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. In addition, information returns will be filed with the IRS in connection with payments on the securities and the payment of proceeds from a sale, exchange or other disposition of the securities, unless the U.S. Holder provides proof of an applicable exemption from the information reporting rules.

### **Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders**

This section applies to you only if you are a Non-U.S. Holder. As used herein, the term "Non-U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a security that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is classified as a nonresident alien;
- a foreign corporation; or
- a foreign estate or trust.

The term "Non-U.S. Holder" does not include any of the following holders:

- a holder who is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the

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taxable year of disposition and who is not otherwise a resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

- certain former citizens or residents of the United States; or
- a holder for whom income or gain in respect of the securities is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

Such holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities.

Although significant aspects of the tax treatment of each security are uncertain, we intend to withhold on any coupon paid to a Non-U.S. Holder generally at a rate of 30% or at a reduced rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty under an “other income” or similar provision. We will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld. In order to claim an exemption from, or a reduction in, the 30% withholding tax, a Non-U.S. Holder of the securities must comply with certification requirements to establish that it is not a U.S. person and is eligible for such an exemption or reduction under an applicable tax treaty. If you are a Non-U.S. Holder, you should consult your tax adviser regarding the tax treatment of the securities, including the possibility of obtaining a refund of any withholding tax and the certification requirement described above.

#### ***Section 871(m) Withholding Tax on Dividend Equivalents***

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 securities do not have a delta of one with respect to any Underlying Security, our counsel is of the opinion that the 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 Section 871(m) 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 securities.

### ***U.S. Federal Estate Tax***

Individual Non-U.S. Holders and entities the property of which is potentially includible in such an individual’s gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes (for example, a trust funded by such an individual and with respect to which the individual has retained certain interests or powers) should note that, absent an applicable treaty exemption, the securities may be treated as U.S.-situs property subject to U.S. federal estate tax. Prospective investors that are non-U.S. individuals, or are entities of the type described above, should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal estate tax consequences of an investment in the securities.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

Information returns will be filed with the IRS in connection with any coupon payment and may be filed with the IRS in connection with the payment at maturity on the securities and the payment of proceeds from a sale, exchange or other disposition. A Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to backup withholding in respect of amounts paid to the Non-U.S. Holder, unless such Non-U.S. Holder complies with certification procedures to establish that it is not a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes or otherwise establishes an exemption. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a Non-U.S. Holder will be allowed as a credit against the Non-U.S. Holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the Non-U.S. Holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

### **FATCA**

Legislation commonly referred to as “FATCA” generally imposes a withholding tax of 30% on payments to



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certain non-U.S. entities (including financial intermediaries) with respect to certain financial instruments, unless various U.S. information reporting and due diligence requirements have been satisfied. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the non-U.S. entity's jurisdiction may modify these requirements. FATCA generally applies to certain financial instruments that are treated as paying U.S.-source interest or other U.S.-source "fixed or determinable annual or periodical" income ("FDAP income"). Withholding (if applicable) applies to payments of U.S.-source FDAP income and, for dispositions after December 31, 2018, to payments of gross proceeds of the disposition (including upon retirement) of certain financial instruments treated as providing for U.S.-source interest or dividends. While the treatment of the securities is unclear, you should assume that any coupon payment with respect to the securities will be subject to the FATCA rules. It is also possible in light of this uncertainty that an applicable withholding agent will treat gross proceeds of a disposition (including upon retirement) of the securities after 2018 as being subject to the FATCA rules. If withholding applies to the securities, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld. Both U.S. and Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the potential application of FATCA to the securities.

**The discussion in the preceding paragraphs, insofar as it purports to describe provisions of U.S. federal income tax laws or legal conclusions with respect thereto, constitutes the full opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP regarding the material U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities.**

**Trustee:** The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation

**Calculation agent:** The calculation agent for the securities will be MS & Co. All determinations made by the calculation agent will be at the sole discretion of the calculation agent and will, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive for all purposes and binding on you, the trustee and us.

All calculations with respect to the contingent monthly coupon, the redemption payment and the payment at maturity shall be made by the calculation agent and shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth, with five one-millionths rounded upward (e.g., .876545 would be rounded to .87655); all dollar amounts related to determination of the amount of cash payable per stated principal amount shall be rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth, with five one hundred-thousandths rounded upward (e.g., .76545 would be rounded up to .7655); and all dollar amounts paid on the aggregate principal amount of the securities shall be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent rounded upward.

Because the calculation agent is our affiliate, the economic interests of the calculation agent and its affiliates may be adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities, including with respect to certain determinations and judgments that the calculation agent must make in determining the payment that you will receive, if any, on each contingent coupon payment date and at maturity or whether a market disruption event has occurred. See “Market disruption event” and “Discontinuance of the underlying index; alteration of method of calculation” below. MS & Co. is obligated to carry out its duties and functions as calculation agent in good faith and using its reasonable judgment.

**Business day:** Any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in The City of New York.

**Index business day:** A day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which trading is generally conducted on each of the relevant exchange(s) for the underlying index, other than a day on which trading on such exchange(s) is scheduled to close prior to the time of the posting of its regular final weekday closing price.

**Index closing value:** Index closing value on any index business day means the closing value of the underlying index, or any successor index as defined under “Discontinuance of the underlying index; alteration of method of calculation” below, published at the regular official weekday close of trading on such index business day by the underlying index publisher, as determined by the calculation agent. In certain circumstances, the index closing value for the underlying index will be based on an alternate calculation of the underlying index as described under “Discontinuance of the underlying index; alteration of method of calculation” below.

With respect to the underlying index, market disruption event means:

(i) the occurrence or existence of any of:

**Market disruption event:** (a) a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading of securities then constituting 20 percent or more of the value of the underlying index (or the successor index) on the relevant exchange(s) for such securities for more than two hours of trading or during the one-half hour period preceding the close of the principal trading session on such relevant exchange(s), or

(b) a breakdown or failure in the price and trade reporting systems of any relevant exchange as a result of which the reported trading prices for securities then constituting 20 percent or more of the value of the underlying index (or the successor index) during the last one-half hour preceding the close of the principal trading session on such relevant exchange(s) are

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materially inaccurate, or

(c) the suspension, material limitation or absence of trading on any major U.S. securities market for trading in futures or options contracts or exchange-traded funds related to the underlying index (or the successor index) for more than two hours of trading or during the one-half hour period preceding the close of the principal trading session on such market,

in each case as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion; and

(ii) a determination by the calculation agent in its sole discretion that any event described in clause (i) above materially interfered with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates to unwind or adjust all or a material portion of the hedge position with respect to the securities.

For the purpose of determining whether a market disruption event exists at any time, if trading in a security included in the underlying index is materially suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the value of the underlying index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the value of the underlying index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall value of the underlying index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation.

For the purpose of determining whether a market disruption event exists at any time: (1) a limitation on the hours or number of days of trading will not constitute a market disruption event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange or market, (2) a decision to permanently discontinue trading in the relevant futures or options contract or exchange-traded fund will not constitute a market disruption event, (3) a suspension of trading in futures or options contracts or exchange-traded funds on the underlying index by the primary securities market trading in such contracts or funds by reason of (a) a price change exceeding limits set by such securities exchange or market, (b) an imbalance of orders relating to such contracts or funds or (c) a disparity in bid and ask quotes relating to such contracts or funds

will constitute a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in futures or options contracts or exchange-traded funds related to the underlying index and (4) a “suspension, absence or material limitation of trading” on any relevant exchange or on the primary market on which futures or options contracts or exchange-traded funds related to the underlying index are traded will not include any time when such securities market is itself closed for trading under ordinary circumstances.

**Relevant exchange:**

With respect to the underlying index or its successor index, the primary exchange(s) or market(s) of trading for (i) any security then included in such index and (ii) any futures or options contracts related to such index or to any security then included in such index.

If the final observation date is not an index business day or if there is a market disruption event on such day, the final observation date shall be the next succeeding index business day on which there is no market disruption event; *provided* that if a market disruption event has occurred on each of the five index business days immediately succeeding the final observation date, then (i) such fifth succeeding index business day shall be deemed to be the final observation date,

**Postponement of the final observation date:**

notwithstanding the occurrence of a market disruption event on such day and (ii) with respect to any such fifth index business day on which a market disruption event occurs, the calculation agent shall determine the index closing value on such fifth index business day in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the underlying index last in effect prior to the commencement of the market disruption event, using the closing price (or, if trading in the relevant securities has been materially suspended or materially limited, its good faith estimate of the closing price that would have prevailed but for such suspension or limitation) at the close of the principal trading session of the relevant exchange on such index business day of each security most recently constituting the underlying index without any rebalancing or substitution of such securities following the commencement of the market disruption event.

**Postponement of contingent coupon payment dates (including the maturity date):**

If any scheduled contingent coupon payment date is not a business day, that contingent monthly coupon, if any, shall be paid on the next succeeding business day; *provided* that the contingent monthly coupon, if any, with respect to the final observation date shall be paid on the maturity date; *provided further* that if, due to a market disruption event or otherwise, final observation date is postponed so that it falls less than two business days prior to the scheduled maturity date, the maturity date shall be postponed to the second business day following that final observation date as postponed. In any of these cases, no adjustment shall be made to any payment made on that postponed date.

**Discontinuance of the underlying index; alteration of method of calculation:**

If the underlying index publisher discontinues publication of the underlying index and the underlying index publisher or another entity (including MS & Co.) publishes a successor or substitute index that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to the discontinued index (such index being referred to herein as the “successor index”), then any subsequent index closing value will be determined by reference to the published value of such successor index at the regular weekday close of trading on any index business day that the index closing value is to be determined, and, to the extent the index closing value of the successor index differs from the index closing value of the underlying index at the

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time of such substitution, proportionate adjustments will be made by the calculation agent to the initial index value and barrier level.

Upon any selection by the calculation agent of the successor index, the calculation agent will cause written notice thereof to be furnished to the trustee, to us and to the depository, as holder of the securities, within three business days of such selection. We expect that such notice will be made available to you, as a beneficial owner of the securities, in accordance with the standard rules and procedures of the depository and its direct and indirect participants.

If the underlying index publisher discontinues publication of the underlying index or the successor index prior to, and such discontinuance is continuing on, any relevant date of calculation and the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, that no successor index is available at such time, then the calculation agent will determine the index closing value for such date. The index closing value of the underlying index or the successor index will be computed by the calculation agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating such index last in effect prior to such discontinuance, using the closing price (or, if trading in the relevant securities has been materially suspended or materially limited, its good faith estimate of the closing price that would have prevailed but for such suspension or limitation) at the close of the principal trading session of the relevant exchange on such date of each security most recently constituting such index without any rebalancing or substitution of such securities following such discontinuance. Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuance of the publication of the underlying index may adversely affect the value of the securities.

If at any time, the method of calculating the underlying index or the successor index, or the value thereof, is changed in a material respect, or if the underlying index or the successor index is in any other way modified so that such index does not, in the opinion of the calculation agent, fairly represent the value of such index had such changes or modifications not been made, then, from and after such time, the calculation agent will, at the close of business in New York City on each date on which the index closing value is to be determined, make such calculations and adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the calculation agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a value of a stock index comparable to the underlying index or the successor index, as the case may be, as if such changes or modifications had not been made, and the calculation agent will calculate the index closing value with reference to the underlying index or the successor index, as adjusted. Accordingly, if the method of

calculating the underlying index or the successor index is modified so that the value of such index is a fraction of what it would have been if it had not been modified (e.g., due to a split in the underlying index), then the calculation agent will adjust such index in order to arrive at a value of the underlying index or the successor index as if it had not been modified (e.g., as if such split had not occurred). If an event of default with respect to the securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the amount declared due and payable upon any acceleration of the securities (the "Acceleration Amount") will be an amount, determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion, that is equal to the cost of having a qualified financial institution, of the kind and selected as described below, expressly assume all our payment and other obligations with respect to the securities as of that day and as if no default or acceleration had occurred, or to undertake other obligations providing substantially equivalent economic value to you with respect to the securities. That cost will equal:

- the lowest amount that a qualified financial institution would charge to effect this assumption or undertaking, plus
- the reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the holders of the securities in preparing any documentation necessary for this assumption or undertaking.

**Alternate  
exchange**

**calculation in  
case of an  
event of  
default:**

During the default quotation period for the securities, which we describe below, the holders of the securities and/or we may request a qualified financial institution to provide a quotation of the amount it would charge to effect this assumption or undertaking. If either party obtains a quotation, it must notify the other party in writing of the quotation. The amount referred to in the first bullet point above will equal the lowest—or, if there is only one, the only—quotation obtained, and as to which notice is so given, during the default quotation period. With respect to any quotation, however, the party not obtaining the quotation may object, on reasonable and significant grounds, to the assumption or undertaking by the qualified financial institution providing the quotation and notify the other party in writing of those grounds within two business days after the last day of the default quotation period, in which case that quotation will be disregarded in determining the Acceleration Amount.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of, or any analogous proceeding is filed with respect to Morgan Stanley, then depending on applicable bankruptcy law, your claim may be limited to an amount that could be less than the Acceleration Amount.

If the maturity of the securities is accelerated because of an event of default as described above, we shall,

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or shall cause the calculation agent to, provide written notice to the trustee at its New York office, on which notice the trustee may conclusively rely, and to the depository of the Acceleration Amount and the aggregate cash amount due, if any, with respect to the securities as promptly as possible and in no event later than two business days after the date of such acceleration.

*Default quotation period*

The default quotation period is the period beginning on the day the Acceleration Amount first becomes due and ending on the third business day after that day, unless:

- no quotation of the kind referred to above is obtained, or
- every quotation of that kind obtained is objected to within five business days after the due date as described above.

If either of these two events occurs, the default quotation period will continue until the third business day after the first business day on which prompt notice of a quotation is given as described above. If that quotation is objected to as described above within five business days after that first business day, however, the default quotation period will continue as described in the prior sentence and this sentence.

In any event, if the default quotation period and the subsequent two business day objection period have not ended before the final observation date, then the Acceleration Amount will equal the principal amount of the securities.

*Qualified financial institutions*

For the purpose of determining the Acceleration Amount at any time, a qualified financial institution must be a financial institution organized under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States or Europe, which at that time has outstanding debt obligations with a stated maturity of one year or less from the date of issue and rated either:

- A-2 or higher by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or any successor, or any other comparable rating then used by that rating agency, or
  
- P-2 or higher by Moody's Investors Service or any successor, or any other comparable rating then used by that rating agency.

The proceeds from the sale of the securities will be used by us for general corporate purposes. We will receive, in aggregate, \$1,000 per security issued, because, when we enter into hedging transactions in order to meet our obligations under the securities, our hedging counterparty will reimburse the cost of the agent's commissions. The costs of the securities borne by you and described on page 3 above comprise the agent's commissions and the cost of issuing, structuring and hedging the securities.

**Use of proceeds and hedging:**

On or prior to the pricing date, we expect to hedge our anticipated exposure in connection with the securities, by entering into hedging transactions with our affiliates and/or third party dealers. We expect our hedging counterparties to take positions in the stocks constituting the underlying index, in futures and/or options contracts on the underlying index or the component stocks of the underlying index listed on major securities markets, or positions in any other available securities or instruments that they may wish to use in connection with such hedging. Such purchase activity could potentially increase the initial index value, and, therefore, could increase the barrier level, which, if the securities have not been redeemed, is the value at or above which the underlying index must close on each index business day so that a contingent monthly coupon accrues on the securities, and the value at or above which the underlying index must close on the final observation date in order for you to avoid being exposed to the negative performance of the underlying index at maturity. These entities may be unwinding or adjusting hedge positions during the term of the securities, and the hedging strategy may involve greater and more frequent dynamic adjustments to the hedge as the final observation date approaches. Additionally, our hedging activities, as well as our other trading activities, during the term of the securities could potentially affect the value of the underlying index, and, accordingly, the payment to you at maturity and whether we pay a contingent monthly coupon on the 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 securities. 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.

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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 Code Section 4975 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 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 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 such 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 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 Code Section 4975(d)(20) 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 securities.

Because we may be considered a party in interest with respect to many Plans, the 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 securities will be deemed to have represented, in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity, by its purchase and holding of the securities that either (a) it is not a Plan or a Plan Asset Entity and is not purchasing such 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 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 securities on behalf of or with “plan assets” of any Plan consult with their counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief.

The securities are contractual financial instruments. The financial exposure provided by the 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 securities. The 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 securities.

Each purchaser or holder of any 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 securities, (B) the purchaser or holder’s investment in the securities, or (C) the exercise of or failure to exercise any rights we have under or with respect to the 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 securities and (B) all hedging transactions in connection with our

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Principal at Risk Securities

obligations under the 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.

Each purchaser and holder of the securities has exclusive responsibility for ensuring that its purchase, holding and disposition of the securities do not violate the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or the Code or any Similar Law. The sale of any 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 these securities should consult and rely on their own counsel and advisers as to whether an investment in these 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 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 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 securities, either directly or indirectly.

MS & Co. will act as the agent for this offering. The agent, acting as principal for its own account, has agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell, the aggregate principal amount of securities set forth on the cover of this preliminary pricing supplement. The agent proposes initially to offer the securities directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this preliminary pricing supplement. Selected dealers, which may include our affiliates, and their financial advisors will collectively receive from the agent, a fixed sales commission of \$ for each security they sell; *provided* that dealers selling to investors purchasing the securities in fee-based advisory accounts will receive a sales commission of \$ per security.

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 securities. When MS & Co. prices this offering of securities, it will determine the economic terms of the securities such that for each security the estimated value on the pricing date will be no lower than the minimum level described in “Investment Summary” on page 3.

Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest:

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.

In order to facilitate the offering of the securities, the agent may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. Specifically, the agent may sell more securities than it is obligated to purchase in connection with the offering, creating a naked short position in the securities, for its own account. The agent must close out any naked short position by purchasing the securities in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the agent is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the securities in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. As an additional means of facilitating the offering, the agent may bid for, and purchase, the securities or the securities underlying the underlying index in the open market to stabilize the price of the securities. Any of these activities may raise or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels or prevent or retard a decline in the market price of the securities. The agent is not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time. An affiliate of the agent has entered into a hedging transaction with us in connection with this offering of securities. See “Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” in the accompanying prospectus

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General

No action has been or will be taken by us, the agent or any dealer that would permit a public offering of the securities or possession or distribution of this preliminary pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement, index supplement or prospectus in any jurisdiction, other than the United States, where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of the securities, or distribution of this preliminary pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement, index supplement or prospectus or any other offering material relating to the securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligations on us, the agent or any dealer.

The agent has represented and agreed, and each dealer through which we may offer the securities has represented and agreed, that it (i) will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in each non-U.S. jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers the securities or possesses or distributes this preliminary pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement, index supplement and prospectus and (ii) will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer or sale by it of the securities under the laws and regulations in force in each non-U.S. jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes purchases, offers or sales of the securities. We shall not have responsibility for the agent’s or any dealer’s compliance with the applicable laws and regulations or obtaining any required consent, approval or permission.

In addition to the selling restrictions set forth in “Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)” in the accompanying prospectus supplement, the following selling restrictions also apply to the securities:

Brazil

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The securities have not been and will not be registered with the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (The Brazilian Securities Commission). The securities may not be offered or sold in the Federative Republic of Brazil except in circumstances which do not constitute a public offering or distribution under Brazilian laws and regulations.

### Chile

The securities have not been registered with the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros in Chile and may not be offered or sold publicly in Chile. No offer, sales or deliveries of the securities or distribution of this preliminary pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement, index supplement or prospectus, may be made in or from Chile except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable Chilean laws and regulations.

### Mexico

The securities have not been registered with the National Registry of Securities maintained by the Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission and may not be offered or sold publicly in Mexico. This preliminary pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement, the accompanying index supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be publicly distributed in Mexico.

**Where you can find more information:** Morgan Stanley and MSFL have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement and 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 prospectus supplement, 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 prospectus, the prospectus supplement and the index supplement if you so request by calling toll-free 800-584-6837.

You may access these documents on the SEC web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) as follows:

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

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Terms used but not defined in this preliminary pricing supplement are defined in the prospectus supplement, in the index supplement or in the prospectus.

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