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***Subject to Completion, Preliminary Pricing Supplement dated November 21, 2018***

***PROSPECTUS Dated November 16, 2017***

***PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT Dated November 16, 2017***

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**Morgan Stanley Finance LLC**

***GLOBAL MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES A***

***Senior Notes***

***Autocallable Quarterly Review Notes due May 27, 2019***

***Based on the Performance of West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts***

***Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Morgan Stanley***

***Principal at Risk Securities***

***The Autocallable Quarterly Review Notes due May 27, 2019 Based on the Performance of West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts, which we refer to as the securities, are unsecured obligations of Morgan Stanley Finance LLC (“MSFL”) and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest and do not guarantee the return of any principal at maturity. If the price of West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil futures contracts (“WTI crude oil”), which we refer to as the underlying commodity, on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price, the securities will be automatically called for a fixed cash payment of \$1,070 per security, which we refer to as the call price. If the securities are not called prior to maturity, you will receive at maturity for each security you hold an amount in cash that will vary depending on the final commodity price, and which may be significantly less than the stated principal amount of the securities and could be zero. The securities are for investors who are willing to risk their principal and forgo current income in exchange for the possibility of receiving a call price or payment at maturity greater than the stated principal amount, if the commodity price on the review date or the final commodity price, as applicable, is at or above the initial commodity price, and, if the securities have not been called, in exchange for limited protection against loss at maturity, but only if the final commodity price has not declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price. The securities are notes issued as part of Morgan Stanley Finance LLC’s Series A Global Medium-Term Notes program.***

**All payments are subject to our credit risk. If we default on our obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment. These 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.**

- The stated principal amount and original issue price of each security is \$1,000.

- We will not pay interest on the securities.

- If, on the review date, which is February 22, 2019, the commodity price is **at or above** the initial commodity price, the securities will be automatically called on the third business day following the review date for the call price of \$1,070 (corresponding to 107.00% of the stated principal amount).

At maturity, if the securities have not previously been called, you will receive for each security that you hold an amount of cash equal to:

if the final commodity price is **at or above** the initial commodity price: \$1,140 (corresponding to 114.00% of the stated principal amount),

if the final commodity price is less than the initial commodity price but is greater than or equal to \$ , which means it has **not declined by more than 20%** from the initial commodity price: the \$1,000 stated principal amount of the securities, or

if the final commodity price is less than \$ , which means it has declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price:  $\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{commodity percent change})$ .

**There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities. Accordingly, you could lose your entire initial investment in the securities.**

The initial commodity price is \$ , which is the commodity price on November 21, 2018, which is the day we price the securities for initial sale to the public, which we refer to as the pricing date.

- The final commodity price will equal the commodity price on the final determination date.
- The final determination date is May 22, 2019.

The review date and the final determination date are each subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events.

The commodity percent change is equal to:  $(\text{final commodity price} - \text{initial commodity price}) / \text{initial commodity price}$

Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in WTI crude oil or in futures contracts or forward contracts on WTI crude oil.

- The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

The estimated value of the securities on the pricing date is approximately \$984.20, or within \$19.20 of that estimate. See "Summary of Pricing Supplement" beginning on PS-3

- The CUSIP number for the securities is 61766YDK4. The ISIN for the securities is US61766YDK47.

You should read the more detailed description of the securities in this pricing supplement. In particular, you should review and understand the descriptions in "Summary of Pricing Supplement" and "Description of Securities."

*The securities are riskier than ordinary debt securities. Securities linked to the performance of a single commodity are subject to the volatility and other risks associated with that commodity. See “Risk Factors” beginning on PS-10.*

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

**PRICE \$1,000 PER SECURITY**

	Price to public <sup>(1)</sup>	Agent’s commissions and fees <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Proceeds to us <sup>(3)</sup>
Per security	100%	\$5	\$995
Total	\$	\$	\$

*J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. will act as placement agents for the securities. The placement agents will forgo fees for sales to certain fiduciary accounts. The total fees represent the amount that (1) the placement agents receive from sales to accounts other than such fiduciary accounts. The placement agents will receive a fee from the Issuer or one of its affiliates that will not exceed \$5 per \$1,000 principal amount of securities.*

*(2) Please see “Description of Securities—Supplemental Information Concerning Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest” in this pricing supplement for information about fees and commissions.*

*(3) See “Description of Securities—Use of Proceeds and Hedging” beginning on PS-26.*

*The agent for this offering, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, is an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. See “Description of Securities—Supplemental Information Concerning Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest” in this pricing supplement.*

*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.*

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

**Morgan Stanley**

**For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of the securities and on the distribution of this pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus relating to the securities, see the section of this pricing supplement called “Description of Securities—Supplemental Information Concerning Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest.”**

**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 pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement or prospectus in any jurisdiction, other than the United States, where action for that purpose is required. Neither this pricing supplement nor the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus may be used for the purpose of an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.**

**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:**

**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.**

**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 pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus 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.**

**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 pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus may not be publicly distributed in Mexico.**

## SUMMARY OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

*The following summary describes the Autocallable Quarterly Review Notes due May 27, 2019 Based on the Performance of West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts, which we refer to as the securities, we are offering to you in general terms only. You should read the summary together with the more detailed information that is contained in the rest of this pricing supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth in “Risk Factors.”*

*The securities offered are medium-term debt securities of MSFL and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. The return on the securities is linked to the performance of West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil futures contracts (“WTI crude oil”), which we refer to as the underlying commodity. The securities are for investors who are willing to risk their principal and forgo current income in exchange for the possibility of receiving a call price or payment at maturity greater than the stated principal amount, if the commodity price on the review date or the final commodity price, as applicable, is at or above the initial commodity price, and, if the securities have not been called, in exchange for limited protection against loss at maturity, but only if the final commodity price has not declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price. The securities do not guarantee the return of any principal at maturity and all payments on the securities are subject to our credit risk.*

*The securities are riskier than ordinary debt securities. Securities linked to the performance of a single commodity are subject to the volatility and other risks associated with that commodity. “See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 10.*

**Each  
security  
costs  
\$1,000**

We are offering Autocallable Quarterly Review Notes due May 27, 2019 Based on the Performance of West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts, which we refer to as the securities. The stated principal amount and issue price of each security is \$1,000.

The original issue 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 \$984.20, or within \$19.20 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 commodity. The estimated value of the securities is determined using our own pricing and valuation models, market inputs and assumptions relating to the underlying commodity, instruments based on the underlying commodity, 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 commodity price that will result in the securities being called on the call date and the call price, 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 Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, which we refer to as MS & Co.,

purchases the securities in the secondary market, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlying commodity, 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.

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.

**The securities do not guarantee repayment of any principal at maturity; no interest**

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not pay interest and do not guarantee the repayment of any of the principal at maturity. If the securities have not been called prior to maturity and the final commodity price has declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price, you will be fully exposed to the negative performance of the underlying commodity, and you will lose 1% of your principal amount for every 1% decline in the final commodity price from the initial commodity price. For example, if the final commodity price declines by 50% from the initial commodity price, you will lose 50% of your principal. **There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities. Accordingly, you could lose your entire initial investment in the securities.**

**The securities will be automatically called if the commodity price on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price**

If the commodity price on the review date, which is February 22, 2019, is at or above the initial commodity price, the securities will be automatically called for the call price on the third business day following the review date, which we refer to as a call date. The call price will be an amount of cash equal to \$1,070 per security (corresponding to 107.00% of the stated principal amount).

The review date is subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events as described under “Description of Securities—Review Date.”

At maturity, if the securities have not previously been called, you will receive for each \$1,000 stated principal amount of securities that you hold an amount of cash that will vary depending on the final commodity price, and will be equal to:

**If the securities are not automatically called prior to maturity, the payment at maturity will vary depending on the final commodity price**

• if the final commodity price is **at or above** the initial commodity price: \$1,140 (corresponding to 114.00% of the stated principal amount),

• if the final commodity price is less than the initial commodity price but is greater than or equal to \$ , which means it has **not declined by more than 20%** from the initial commodity price: the \$1,000 stated principal amount of the securities, or

- if the final commodity price is less than \$ , which means it has declined **by more than 20%** from the initial commodity price:

$$\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{commodity percent change})$$

*where,*

$$\text{commodity percent change} = \frac{\text{final commodity price} - \text{initial commodity price}}{\text{initial commodity price}}$$

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initial commodity price = the commodity price on November 21, 2018, which is the day we price the securities for initial sale to the public, which we refer to as the pricing date

final commodity price = the commodity price on the final determination date

final determination date = May 22, 2019, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events as described under “Description of Securities—Final Determination Date”

commodity price = on any trading day, the official settlement price per barrel of WTI crude oil on the NYMEX Division, or its successor, of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (the “NYMEX Division”) of the first nearby month futures contract, stated in U.S. dollars, as made public by the NYMEX Division on such date;  
*provided*  
that if such date falls on the last trading day of such futures contract (all pursuant to the rules of the NYMEX Division), then the second nearby month futures contract on such date.

**If the final commodity price declines by more than 20% from the initial commodity price, you will be fully exposed to the decline in the final commodity price from the initial commodity price. There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities. Accordingly, you could lose your entire initial investment in the securities.**

All payments on the securities upon an automatic early call or at maturity are subject to our credit risk.

Beginning on PS-9, we have provided examples titled “Hypothetical Payouts on the Securities upon Automatic Call or at Maturity,” which explain in more detail the possible payouts on the securities on the call date and at maturity assuming a variety of hypothetical commodity prices for the review date and hypothetical final commodity prices, as applicable. The hypothetical examples do not show every situation that can occur.

You can review the historical prices of the underlying commodity in the section of this pricing supplement called “Description of Securities—Historical Information” starting on PS-24. **You cannot predict the future price of the underlying commodity based on its historical prices.**

Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in WTI crude oil or in futures contracts or forward contracts on WTI crude oil.

**The appreciation potential of the securities is limited by the fixed** The appreciation potential of the securities is limited to the fixed return specified for the review date and at maturity, regardless of any greater price performance of

**returns specified for the call date and at maturity and by the automatic early call feature** the underlying commodity, which could be significant. In addition, the automatic early call feature may limit the term of your investment to as short as three months. If the securities are called prior to maturity, you may not be able to reinvest at comparable terms or returns.

**Investing in the securities is not equivalent to** Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in WTI crude oil or in futures contracts or in forward contracts on WTI crude oil. By purchasing the

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**investing directly in WTI crude oil or in futures contracts or forward contracts on WTI crude oil**

securities, you do not purchase any entitlement to WTI crude oil or futures contracts or forward contracts on WTI crude oil. Further, by purchasing the securities, you are assuming our credit risk and not that of any counter-party to futures contracts or forward contracts on the underlying commodity.

**Concentrated investment in WTI crude oil futures contracts**

All payments on the securities are linked exclusively to the price of WTI crude oil futures contracts and not to a diverse basket of commodities or a broad-based commodity index. Therefore, the securities carry greater risk and may be more volatile than a security linked to the prices of multiple commodities or a broad-based commodity index.

**Postponement of maturity date**

If, due to a market disruption event or otherwise, the final determination date is postponed so that it falls less than two business days prior to the scheduled maturity date, the maturity date will be the second business day following the final determination date as postponed. See “Description of Securities—Maturity Date.”

**Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc. will be the calculation agent**

We have appointed our affiliate, Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc., which we refer to as MSCG, to act as calculation agent for The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation, the trustee for our senior notes. As calculation agent, MSCG will determine the initial commodity price, the commodity price on the review date, the final commodity price, whether the commodity price on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price and therefore whether the securities will be called following such review date and whether a market disruption event has occurred, and, if the securities are not called prior to maturity, will calculate the amount of cash, if any, you will receive at maturity.

**Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC will be the agent; conflicts of interest**

The agent for the offering of the securities, MS & Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley and an affiliate of MSFL, will conduct this offering in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., which is commonly referred to as FINRA, regarding a FINRA member firm’s distribution of the securities of an affiliate and related conflicts of interest. MS & Co. or any of our other affiliates may not make sales in this offering to any discretionary account. See “Description of Securities—Supplemental Information Concerning Plan of Distribution; Conflicts of Interest.”

**You may revoke your offer to purchase the securities prior to our acceptance**

We are using this 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.

**Where you can find more information on the securities**

The securities are unsecured debt securities issued as part of our Series A medium-term note program. You can find a general description of our Series A medium-term note program in the accompanying prospectus supplement dated November 16, 2017 and prospectus dated November 16, 2017. We describe the basic features of this type of security in the section of the prospectus supplement called “Description of Notes—Notes Linked to Commodity Prices, Single Securities, Baskets of Securities or Indices” and in the section of the prospectus called “Description of Debt Securities—Fixed Rate Debt Securities.”

**For a detailed description of the terms of the securities, you should read the section of this pricing supplement called “Description of Securities.” You should also read about some of the risks involved in investing in the securities in the section of this pricing supplement called “Risk Factors.” The tax and**

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**accounting treatment of investments in commodity-linked securities such as the securities may differ from that of investments in ordinary debt securities. See the section of this pricing supplement called “Description of Securities—United States Federal Taxation.” We urge you to consult with your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers with regard to any proposed or actual investment in the securities.**

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

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## **HOW THE SECURITIES WORK**

The following diagrams illustrate the potential outcomes for the securities depending on the commodity price on the review date and the final commodity price, as applicable.

**Diagram #1:** Automatic Early Call (February 2019)

**Diagram #2:** Payment at Maturity if No Automatic Early Call Occurs

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**HYPOTHETICAL PAYOUTS ON THE SECURITIES UPON AUTOMATIC CALL OR AT MATURITY**

The following examples illustrate the payout on the securities for a range of commodity prices for the review date and a range of final commodity prices, as applicable, and are being provided for illustrative purposes only. These examples are based on the following terms:

- *Hypothetical Initial Commodity Price: \$50*
- *Call Price: \$1,070 if the securities are automatically called immediately after the February 22, 2019 review date*
  - *Payment at Maturity if the final commodity price is at or above the initial commodity price: \$1,140*
- *Stated Principal Amount (per security): \$1,000*

The actual Initial Commodity Price will be determined on the pricing date.

• In Example 1, the commodity price on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price. Because the commodity price on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price, the securities are automatically called following the review date. In each of Examples 2, 3 and 4, the commodity price on the review date is lower than the initial commodity price, and, consequently, the securities are not automatically called prior to, and remain outstanding until, maturity.

<u>Review Date</u>	<u>Example 1</u>	<u>Example 2</u>	<u>Example 3</u>	<u>Example 3</u>		
	<i>Hypothetical</i>	<i>Hypothetical</i>	<i>Hypothetical</i>	<i>Hypothetical</i>		
	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Payout</i>	<i>Payout</i>
	<i>Price</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Price</i>		
<i>Review Date</i>	\$65	\$35	—	\$45	—	\$45
<i>Final</i>						
<i>Determination</i>	—	\$65	\$1,140	\$41	\$1,000	\$30
<i>Date</i>						
<i>Total Payout:</i>	<i>\$1,070 immediately after the review date</i>	<i>\$1,140 at maturity</i>	<i>\$1,000 at maturity</i>	<i>\$600 at maturity</i>		

• In Example 2, the final commodity price is \$65, which is higher than the hypothetical initial commodity price of \$50 and represents a 30% increase in the initial commodity price. The payment at maturity equals \$1,140 per security,



*representing a 14.00% return on your investment. The return on your investment would be less than the 30% return you would receive on a comparable investment linked to the simple return on the underlying commodity.*

*• In Example 3, the final commodity price is \$41, which is lower than the hypothetical initial commodity price of \$50 and represents a 18% decline from the initial commodity price. Because the final commodity price has not declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price, the payment at maturity equals the Stated Principal Amount of \$1,000 per security.*

*• In Example 4, the final commodity price is \$30, which represents a 40% decline from the initial commodity price. Because the final commodity price has declined by more than 20% from the initial commodity price, investors are exposed to that decline on a 1 to 1 basis and will receive a payment at maturity that represents a 40% loss of their principal, calculated as follows:*

$$\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{commodity percent change}) = \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times -40\%) = \$600$$

## RISK FACTORS

The securities are not secured debt, are riskier than ordinary debt securities, do not pay any interest and, unlike ordinary debt securities, do not guarantee the return of any principal at maturity. Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing directly in WTI crude oil or in futures contracts or forward contracts on WTI crude oil. This section describes the most significant risks relating to the securities. For a complete list of risk factors, please see the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. You should carefully consider whether the securities are suited to your particular circumstances before you decide to purchase them.

**The securities do not pay interest or guarantee the return of any principal at maturity**

The terms of the securities differ from those of ordinary debt securities in that we do not pay you interest on the securities and do not guarantee to pay you any of the principal at maturity. Instead, if the securities have not been automatically called prior to maturity, you will receive at maturity for each security you hold an amount in cash that will vary depending on the final commodity price. If the final commodity price has declined **by more than 20%** from the initial commodity price, you will be fully exposed to the negative performance of the underlying commodity, and will lose 1% of your stated principal amount for every 1% decline in the final commodity price from the initial commodity price. For example, if the final commodity price declines by 50% from the initial commodity price, you will lose 50% of your principal. **There is no minimum payment at maturity on the securities. Accordingly, you could lose your entire initial investment in the securities.**

**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 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 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 its assets under the guarantee. Holders of securities issued by MSFL should accordingly assume that in any such proceedings they would not have any priority over and should be treated pari passu with the claims of other unsecured, unsubordinated creditors of Morgan Stanley, including holders of Morgan Stanley-issued securities.

**The appreciation potential of the**

The appreciation potential of the securities is limited to the fixed return specified for the call date and at maturity, regardless of any greater price performance of the underlying

**securities is limited by the fixed returns specified for the call date and at maturity and by the automatic early call feature** commodity, which could be significant. In addition, the automatic early call feature may limit the term of your investment to as short as three months. If the securities are called prior to maturity, you may not be able to reinvest at comparable terms or returns.

**The market price of the securities may be influenced by many** Several factors, some 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

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**unpredictable factors** generally the market price of the underlying commodity on any day will affect the value of the securities more than any other single factor. However, because the payout on the securities is not directly correlated to the underlying commodity, the securities will trade differently from the underlying commodity. Factors that may influence the value of the securities include:

- the market price of the underlying commodity and futures contracts on the underlying commodity, including in relation to the commodity price that will result in the securities being called on the call date, and the volatility (frequency and magnitude of changes in value) of such values or prices, as applicable;
- trends of supply and demand for the underlying commodity at any time, as well as the effects of speculation or any government actions that could affect the markets for the underlying commodity;
- interest and yield rates in the market;
- geopolitical conditions and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the commodities markets generally and which may affect the price of the underlying commodity;
- the time remaining until the next review date and the maturity of the securities; and
- any actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings or credit spreads.

In addition, the commodities markets are subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including lack of liquidity, participation of speculators and government intervention. As a result, the market value of the securities will vary and may be less than the original issue price at any time prior to maturity, and a sale of the securities prior to maturity may result in a loss. For example, you may have to sell your securities at a substantial loss if on that date the commodity price is below the initial commodity price.

You cannot predict the future prices of the underlying commodity based on its historical prices. If the securities are not called prior to maturity and the final commodity price declines by more than 20% from the initial commodity price, you will be fully exposed to any decline in the final commodity price from the initial commodity price and, as a result, you may lose some or all of your investment at maturity. There can be no assurance that the securities will be called prior to maturity or that the final commodity price will be at or above the initial commodity price such that you will receive at maturity an amount that is greater than the principal amount of your investment.

**Single commodity prices tend to be more volatile than, and may not correlate with, the prices of commodities generally**

All payments on the securities are linked exclusively to the price of futures contracts on West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil and not to a diverse basket of commodities or a broad-based commodity index. The price of futures contracts on West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil may not correlate to, and may diverge significantly from, the prices of commodities generally. Because the securities are linked to the price of a single commodity, they carry greater risk and may be more volatile than a security linked to the prices of multiple commodities or a broad-based commodity index. The price of futures contracts on West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil may be, and has recently been, highly volatile, and we can give you no assurance that the volatility will lessen. See “Description of Securities—Historical Information.”

**Investments linked to a single commodity are subject to sharp fluctuations in commodity**

Investments, such as the securities, linked to the price of a single commodity such as WTI crude oil futures contracts are subject to significant fluctuations in the price of the commodity over short periods due to a variety of factors. Demand for refined petroleum products by consumers, as well as by the agricultural, manufacturing and

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**prices, and the price of WTI crude oil futures contracts may change unpredictably and affect the value of the securities in unforeseeable ways**

transportation industries, affects the price of crude oil futures contracts. Crude oil’s end-use as a refined product is often as transport fuel, industrial fuel and in-home heating fuel. Potential for substitution in most areas exists, although considerations including relative cost often limit substitution levels. Because the precursors of demand for petroleum products are linked to economic activity, demand will tend to reflect economic conditions. Demand is also influenced by government regulations, such as environmental or consumption policies. In addition to general economic activity and demand, prices for crude oil are affected by political events, labor activity, developments in production technology such as fracking and, in particular, direct government intervention (such as embargos) or supply disruptions in major oil producing regions of the world. Such events tend to affect oil prices worldwide, regardless of the location of the event. Supply for crude oil may increase or decrease depending on many factors. These include production decisions by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other crude oil producers. In the event of sudden disruptions in the supplies of oil, such as those caused by war, natural events, accidents or acts of terrorism, prices of oil futures contracts could become extremely volatile and unpredictable. Also, sudden and dramatic changes in the futures market may occur, for example, upon a cessation of hostilities that may exist in countries producing oil, the introduction of new or previously withheld supplies into the market or the introduction of substitute products or commodities. WTI crude oil is also subject to the risk that it has demonstrated a lack of correlation with world crude oil prices due to structural differences between the U.S. market for crude oil and the international market for crude oil. As a result, the price of WTI crude oil may be more volatile than world crude oil prices generally. See “Description of Securities—Historical Information.”

**The amount payable on the securities is not linked to the performance of the underlying commodity at any time other than the review date and the final determination date, as applicable**

Whether the securities will be called on the call date and, if the securities have not been called prior to maturity, the amount payable on the securities at maturity will be based on the commodity price on the review date and the final determination date, as applicable. Even if the underlying commodity appreciates prior to the review date or the final determination date but then drops by the review date or the final determination date, as applicable: (i) with respect to the review date, the securities may not be called and (ii) with respect to the final determination date, the payment at maturity may be significantly less than it would have been had the payment at maturity been linked to the performance of the underlying commodity prior to such drop. Although the actual commodity price on the maturity date or at other times during the term of the securities may be higher than the commodity price on the review date or the final determination date, the payout on the securities will be based solely on the commodity price on the review date or the final determination date, as applicable.

**The automatic call feature may limit the term of your investment to three months**

The term of your investment in the securities may be limited to as short as approximately three months by the automatic early call feature of the securities. If the securities are called prior to maturity, you may be forced to invest in a lower interest rate environment and may not be able to reinvest at comparable terms or returns.

**An investment linked to commodity futures contracts is not equivalent to an investment linked to the spot prices of physical**

The securities have returns based on the change in price of futures contracts on the underlying commodity, not the change in the spot price of actual physical commodity to which such futures contracts relate. The price of a futures contract reflects the expected value of the commodity upon delivery in the future, whereas the price of a physical commodity reflects the value of such commodity upon immediate delivery, which is referred to as the spot price. Several factors can result in differences between the price of a commodity futures contract and the spot price

**commodities**

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of a commodity, including the cost of storing such commodity for the length of the futures contract, interest costs related to financing the purchase of such commodity and expectations of supply and demand for such commodity. While the changes in the price of a futures contract are usually correlated with the changes in the spot price, such correlation is not exact. In some cases, the performance of a commodity futures contract can deviate significantly from the spot price performance of the related underlying commodity, especially over longer periods of time. Accordingly, investments linked to the return of commodities futures contracts may underperform similar investments that reflect the spot price return on physical commodities.

**Differences between futures prices and the spot price of WTI crude oil may decrease the amount payable at maturity**

The initial commodity price and final commodity price that are used to determine the payment at maturity on the securities or upon earlier call are determined by reference to the settlement price of the first nearby month futures contract for WTI crude oil on the pricing date and determination date, respectively; that if any such date falls on the last trading day of such futures contract, then the second nearby month futures contract on such date will be used, and the commodity price will therefore not reflect the spot price of WTI crude oil on such dates. The market for futures contracts on WTI crude oil has experienced periods of backwardation, in which futures prices are lower than the spot price, and periods of contango, in which futures prices are higher than the spot price. If the contract is in backwardation on the pricing date or in contango on the final determination date, the amount payable at maturity on the securities will be less than if the initial commodity price or final commodity price, respectively, was determined with reference to the spot price.

**Suspensions or disruptions of market trading in WTI crude oil futures contracts may adversely affect the value of the securities**

The futures market for WTI crude oil is subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including the lack of liquidity in the markets, the participation of speculators and government regulation and intervention. In addition, the contract is listed on the NYMEX. NYMEX has limits on the amount of fluctuation in futures contract prices which may occur during a single business day. These limits are generally referred to as “daily price fluctuation limits” and the maximum or minimum price of a contract on any given day as a result of these limits is referred to as a “limit price.” Once the limit price has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made at a different price. The current maximum daily price fluctuation for futures contracts of WTI crude oil is \$6 per barrel for any particular month of delivery. If any contract is traded, bid, or offered at the limit for five minutes, trading is halted for five minutes. When trading resumes, the limit is expanded by \$6 per barrel in either direction. If another halt is triggered, the market would continue to be expanded by \$6 per barrel in either direction after each successive five-minute trading halt. There are no maximum price fluctuation limits during any one trading session. Fluctuation limits will have the effect of precluding trading in the contract or forcing the liquidation of contracts at disadvantageous times or prices. These circumstances could adversely affect the value of WTI crude oil futures contracts and, therefore, the value of the securities.

**Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlying commodity or in futures contracts or forward contracts on the**

By purchasing the securities, you do not purchase any entitlement to the underlying commodity or futures contracts or forward contracts on the underlying commodity. Furthermore, by purchasing the securities, you are taking credit risk to us and not to any counter-party to futures contracts or forward contracts on the underlying commodity.



**underlying  
commodity**

**Legal and  
regulatory  
changes could  
adversely affect  
the return on and  
value of your  
securities**

Futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including those related to the underlying commodity, are subject to extensive statutes, regulations, and margin requirements. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, commonly referred to as the "CFTC," and the exchanges on which such futures contracts trade, are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of a market emergency,

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including, for example, the retroactive implementation of speculative position limits or higher margin requirements, the establishment of daily limits and the suspension of trading. Furthermore, certain exchanges have regulations that limit the amount of fluctuations in futures contract prices that may occur during a single five-minute trading period. These limits could adversely affect the market prices of relevant futures and options contracts and forward contracts. The regulation of commodity transactions in the U.S. is subject to ongoing modification by government and judicial action. In addition, various non-U.S. governments have expressed concern regarding the disruptive effects of speculative trading in the commodity markets and the need to regulate the derivative markets in general. The effect on the value of the securities of any future regulatory change is impossible to predict, but could be substantial and adverse to the interests of holders of the securities.

For example, the Dodd-Frank Act, which was enacted on July 21, 2010, requires the CFTC to establish limits on the amount of positions that may be held by any person in certain commodity futures contracts and swaps, futures and options that are economically equivalent to such contracts. While the effects of these or other regulatory developments are difficult to predict, when adopted, such rules may have the effect of making the markets for commodities, commodity futures contracts, options on futures contracts and other related derivatives more volatile and over time potentially less liquid. Such restrictions may force market participants, including us and our affiliates, or such market participants may decide, to sell their positions in such futures contracts and other instruments subject to the limits. If this broad market selling were to occur, it would likely lead to declines, possibly significant declines, in commodity prices, in the price of such commodity futures contracts or instruments and potentially, the value of the securities.

**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.

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**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 pricing supplement 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.

**The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited**

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.

**Hedging and trading activity by our affiliates could potentially adversely 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 commodity), including trading in futures contracts on the underlying commodity, and possibly in other instruments related to the underlying commodity. Some of our affiliates also trade the underlying commodity and other financial instruments related to the underlying commodity on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer, commodity trading, proprietary trading and other businesses. Any of these hedging or trading activities on or prior to the pricing date could potentially increase the initial commodity price, and, as a result, increase (i) the price at or above which the underlying commodity must close on any determination date so that the securities are redeemed prior to maturity for the early redemption payment and (ii) the downside threshold level, which is the price at or above which the underlying commodity must close on each determination date in order for you to earn a contingent quarterly coupon, and, if the securities are not called prior to maturity, in order for you to avoid being exposed to the negative performance of the underlying commodity at maturity. Additionally, our hedging activities, as well as our other trading activities, during the term of the securities could potentially affect the price of the underlying commodity on the determination dates, and, accordingly, whether the securities are automatically redeemed prior to maturity, whether we pay a contingent quarterly coupon on the securities and the amount of cash you receive at maturity, if any.

**The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley and an**

As calculation agent, MSCG will determine the initial commodity price, the commodity price on the review date, the final commodity price, whether the commodity price on the review date is at or above the initial commodity price and

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**affiliate of MSFL,  
will make  
determinations  
with respect to the  
securities**

therefore whether the securities will be redeemed following the review date, whether a market disruption event has occurred, and, if the securities are not redeemed prior to maturity, the amount of cash, if any, you will receive at maturity. Moreover, certain determinations made by MSCG, 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 or calculation of any commodity price in the event of a market disruption event. These potentially subjective determinations may adversely affect the payout to you at maturity, if any. For further information regarding these types of determinations, see “Description of Securities—Initial Commodity Price,” “—Commodity Price,” “—Review Date,” “—Trading Day,” “—Agent,” “—Market Disruption Event,” and “—Alternate Exchange Calculation in Case of an Event of Default,” and “—Calculation Agent and Calculations” herein. In addition, MS & Co. has determined the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date.

**The U.S. federal  
income tax  
consequences of an  
investment in the  
securities are  
uncertain**

Please note that the discussions in this pricing supplement concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities supersede the discussions contained in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Subject to the discussion under “United States Federal Taxation” in this pricing supplement, although there is uncertainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities due to the lack of governing authority, in the opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP (“our counsel”), under current law, and based on current market conditions, each security should be treated as a single financial contract that is an “open transaction” for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) were successful in asserting an alternative treatment for the securities, the timing and character of income on the securities might differ significantly. It is possible, for example, that a security could be treated as a short-term debt instrument, with the result that the timing and character of income or loss on the securities might differ from the tax treatment described above. 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. We do not plan to request a ruling from the IRS regarding the tax treatment of the securities, and the IRS or a court may not agree with the tax treatment described in this pricing supplement. Please read carefully the discussion under “United States Federal Taxation” in this pricing supplement concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in 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 in particular on whether to require holders of these instruments to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; whether short-term instruments should be subject to any such accrual regime; the relevance of factors such as the exchange-traded status of the instruments and the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; the degree, if any, to which income (including any mandated accruals) realized by non-U.S. investors should be subject to withholding tax; and whether these instruments are or should be subject to the “constructive ownership” rule, which very generally can

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operate to recharacterize certain long-term capital gain as ordinary income and impose an interest charge. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of

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these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, possibly with retroactive effect.

**Both U.S. and Non-U.S. Holders should read carefully the discussion under “United States Federal Taxation” in this pricing supplement and consult their tax advisers regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal tax consequences of an investment in the securities as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.**

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**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

Terms not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the accompanying prospectus supplement. The term “Security” refers to each \$1,000 Stated Principal Amount of our Autocallable Quarterly Review Notes due May 27, 2019 Based on the Performance of West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts.

Aggregate Principal Amount \$

Pricing Date November 21, 2018

Original Issue Date (Settlement Date) November 27, 2018 (4 Business Days after the Pricing Date).

Maturity Date May 27, 2019, subject to extension in accordance with the following paragraph.

If, due to a Market Disruption Event or otherwise, the scheduled Final Determination Date is postponed so that it falls less than two Business Days prior to the scheduled Maturity Date, the Maturity Date will be postponed to the second Business Day following such Final Determination Date as postponed. See “—Final Determination Date” below.

Interest Rate None

Specified Currency U.S. dollars

Stated Principal Amount \$1,000 per Security

Original Issue Price \$1,000 per Security

CUSIP Number 61766YDK4

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Denominations \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof

Underlying Commodity West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil futures contracts

Automatic Early Call If, on the Review Date, the Commodity Price is at or above the Initial Commodity Price, we will call the Securities, in whole and not in part, for the Call Price on the third Business Day following such Review Date (as may be postponed under “—Review Date” below) (the “Call Date”).

In the event that the Securities are subject to Automatic Early Call, we will, or will cause the Calculation Agent to, (i) on the Business Day following the Review Date (as may be postponed under “—Review Date” below), give notice of the

Automatic Early Call of the Securities and the Call Price, including specifying the payment date of the applicable amount due upon the Automatic Early Call (the Call Date), to the Trustee, upon which notice the Trustee may conclusively rely, and to The Depository Trust Company, which we refer to as DTC, and (ii) deliver the aggregate cash amount due with respect to the Securities to the Trustee for delivery to DTC, as holder of the Securities, on or prior to the applicable Call Date. See “—Book-

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Entry Note or Certificated Note” below, and see “Forms of Securities—The Depository” in the accompanying prospectus.

Call Price The Call Price will equal \$1,070 (corresponding to 107.00% of the Stated Principal Amount).

Payment at Maturity If the Securities have not been automatically called prior to maturity, you will receive for each \$1,000 Stated Principal Amount of Securities that you hold a Payment at Maturity equal to:

- if the Final Commodity Price is **at or above** the Initial Commodity Price, \$1,140 (corresponding to 114.00% of the Stated Principal Amount),

if the Final Commodity Price is less than the Initial Commodity Price but is greater than or equal to \$ , which means it has **not declined by more than 20%** from the Initial Commodity Price, the \$1,000 Stated Principal Amount, or

if the Final Commodity Price is less than \$ , which means it has declined **by more than 20%** from the Initial Commodity Price,

$\$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times \text{Commodity Percent Change})$

*If the Final Commodity Price declines by more than 20% from the Initial Commodity Price, you will be fully exposed to the decline in the Final Commodity Price from the Initial Commodity Price. There is no minimum payment at maturity on the Securities. Accordingly, you could lose your entire initial investment in the Securities.*

We will, or will cause the Calculation Agent to, (i) provide written notice to the Trustee, upon which notice the Trustee may conclusively rely, and to DTC of the amount of cash, if any, to be delivered with respect to each \$1,000 Stated Principal Amount of Securities on or prior to 10:30 a.m. (New York City time) on the Business Day preceding the Maturity Date, and (ii) deliver the aggregate cash amount, if any, due with respect to the Securities to the Trustee for delivery to DTC, as holder of the Securities, on or prior to the Maturity Date. We expect such amount of cash, if any, will be distributed to investors on the Maturity Date in accordance with the standard rules and procedures of DTC and its direct and indirect participants. See “—Book-Entry Note or Certificated Note” below, and see “Forms of Securities—The Depository” in the accompanying prospectus.

Commodity Percent Change A fraction, the numerator of which is the Final Commodity Price *minus* the Initial Commodity Price and the denominator of which is the Initial Commodity Price, as described by the following formula:

Commodity Percent Change =  $\frac{\text{Final Commodity Price} - \text{Initial Commodity Price}}{\text{Initial Commodity Price}}$

Initial Commodity Price

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Commodity Price The Commodity Price for the Underlying Commodity on any Trading Day will be determined by the Calculation Agent and will equal the official settlement price per barrel of West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude oil on the Relevant Exchange of the first nearby month futures contract, stated in U.S. dollars, as made public by the Relevant Exchange on such date, provided that if such date falls on the last trading day of such futures contract (all pursuant to the rules of the Relevant Exchange), then the second nearby month futures contract on such date.

*Reuters, Bloomberg and various other third party sources may report prices of the Underlying Commodity. If any such reported price differs from that as published by the Relevant Exchange for the Underlying Commodity, the price as published by such Relevant Exchange will prevail.*

Initial Commodity Price The Commodity Price on the Pricing Date, *provided that* if the Pricing Date is not a Trading Day with respect to the Underlying Commodity or if a Market Disruption Event occurs on the Pricing Date, the Initial Commodity Price will be determined on the immediately succeeding Trading Day on which no Market Disruption Event occurs, *provided further* that if a Market Disruption Event has occurred on each of the five consecutive Trading Days immediately succeeding the Pricing Date, the Calculation Agent will determine the Initial Commodity Price on such fifth succeeding Trading Day by requesting the principal office of each of the three leading dealers in the relevant market, selected by the Calculation Agent, to provide a quotation for the relevant price. If such quotations are provided as requested, the Initial Commodity Price shall be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than three quotations are provided as requested, the Initial Commodity Price shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion (acting in good faith) taking into account any information that it deems relevant.

*If the Initial Commodity Price as finally published by the Relevant Exchange differs from the relevant Initial Commodity Price specified in the pricing supplement, we will include the definitive Initial Commodity Price in an amended pricing supplement.*

Final Commodity Price The Commodity Price on the Final Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Review Date February 22, 2019; *provided that* if the scheduled Review Date is not a Trading Day with respect to the Underlying Commodity or if a Market Disruption Event occurs on the scheduled Review Date, such Review Date will be postponed and the Commodity Price will be determined on the immediately succeeding Trading Day on which no Market Disruption Event occurs. The Commodity Price as of the Review Date will not be determined on a date later than the fifth scheduled Trading Day following the scheduled Review Date. If such date is not a Trading Day with respect to the Underlying Commodity or if there is a Market

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Disruption Event on such date, the Calculation Agent will determine the Commodity Price as of the Review Date on such fifth scheduled Trading Day by requesting the principal office of each of the three leading dealers in the relevant market, selected by the Calculation Agent, to provide a quotation for the relevant price. If such quotations are provided as requested, the Commodity Price as of the Review Date will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than three quotations are provided as requested, such Commodity Price shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion (acting in good faith) taking into account any information that it deems relevant.

Final Determination Date	<p>May 22, 2019; <i>provided</i> that if the scheduled Final Determination Date is not a Trading Day with respect to the Underlying Commodity or if a Market Disruption Event occurs on the scheduled Final Determination Date, such Final Determination Date will be postponed and the Commodity Price will be determined on the immediately succeeding Trading Day on which no Market Disruption Event occurs. The Commodity Price as of the Final Determination Date will not be determined on a date later than the fifth scheduled Trading Day following the scheduled Final Determination Date. If such date is not a Trading Day with respect to the Underlying Commodity or if there is a Market Disruption Event on such date, the Calculation Agent will determine the Commodity Price as of the Final Determination Date on such fifth scheduled Trading Day by requesting the principal office of each of the three leading dealers in the relevant market, selected by the Calculation Agent, to provide a quotation for the relevant price. If such quotations are provided as requested, the Commodity Price as of the Final Determination Date will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than three quotations are provided as requested, such Commodity Price shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion (acting in good faith) taking into account any information that it deems relevant.</p>
Market Disruption Event	<p>Market Disruption Event means any of Price Source Disruption, Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price, Trading Disruption or Tax Disruption, as determined by the Calculation Agent.</p>
Price Source Disruption	<p>Price Source Disruption means the temporary or permanent failure of the Relevant Exchange to announce or publish the Commodity Price.</p>
Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price	<p>Disappearance of Commodity Reference Price means either (i) the failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuance of trading, in the Underlying Commodity or futures contracts related to the Underlying Commodity on the Relevant Exchange or (ii) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the Underlying Commodity.</p>
Trading Disruption PS-21	<p>Trading Disruption means the material suspension of, or material limitation imposed on, trading in the Underlying Commodity or</p>

futures contracts related to the Underlying Commodity on the Relevant Exchange.

Tax Disruption	Tax Disruption means the imposition of, change in or removal of an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Underlying Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Pricing Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Commodity Price of the Underlying Commodity on any Trading Day that would otherwise be the Review Date or the Final Determination Date from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal.
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.
Relevant Exchange	Relevant Exchange means the NYMEX Division, or its successor, of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (the “NYMEX Division”) or, if the NYMEX Division is no longer the principal exchange or trading market for the Underlying Commodity, such exchange or principal trading market for the Underlying Commodity that serves as the source of prices for the Underlying Commodity and any principal exchanges where options or futures contracts on the Underlying Commodity are traded.
Trading Day	Trading Day means a day, as determined by the Calculation Agent, that is a day on which the Relevant Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such Relevant Exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time.
Book Entry Note or	
Certificated Note	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, DTC and will be registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. DTC’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 DTC. In this pricing supplement, all references to actions taken by “you” or to be taken by “you” refer to actions taken or to be taken by DTC and its participants acting on your behalf, and all references to payments or notices to you will mean payments or notices to DTC, as the registered holder of the Securities, for distribution to participants in accordance with DTC’s procedures. For more information regarding DTC and book-entry securities, please read “Forms of Securities—The Depositary” and “Forms of Securities—Global Securities—Registered Global Securities” in the accompanying prospectus.
Senior Note or Subordinated Note	Senior
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon, a New York banking corporation
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Agent MS & Co. and its successors

Calculation Agent MSCG and its successors.

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, us and the Guarantor.

All calculations and determinations with respect to the Automatic Early Call and the Payment at Maturity, if any, will be made by the Calculation Agent and will 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 Security, if any, will 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 number of Securities, if any, will 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 Initial Commodity Price, the Commodity Price on the Review Date, the Final Commodity Price, whether the Commodity Price on the Review Date is at or above the Initial Commodity Price and therefore whether the Securities will be called following the Review Date, or whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred, and, if the Securities are not called prior to maturity, the Payment at Maturity, if any. See “—Market Disruption Event” below. MSCG is obligated to carry out its duties and functions as Calculation Agent in good faith and using its reasonable judgment. See also “Risk Factors—The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of the issuer, will make determinations with respect to the securities.”

Alternate  
Exchange  
Calculation

in Case of an  
Event of  
Default

In case an Event of Default with respect to the Securities will have occurred and be continuing, the amount declared due and payable per Security upon any acceleration of the Securities will be an amount in cash equal to the value of such Securities on the day that is two business days prior to the date of such acceleration, as determined by the Calculation Agent (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) by reference to factors that the Calculation Agent considers relevant, including, without limitation: (i) then-current market interest rates; (ii) our credit spreads as of the Pricing Date, without adjusting for any subsequent changes to our creditworthiness; and (iii) the then-current value of the performance-based component of such Securities. Because the Calculation Agent will take into account movements in market interest rates, any increase in market interest rates since the Pricing Date will lower the value of your

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claim in comparison to if such movements were not taken into account.

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

Historical Information

The following table sets forth the published high and low daily fixing prices of the Underlying Commodity, as well as the end-of-quarter prices of the Underlying Commodity, for each calendar quarter in the period from January 1, 2013 to November 19, 2018. The Commodity Price on November 19, 2018 was \$56.76. The graph following the table sets forth the daily fixing prices of the Underlying Commodity for the same period. We obtained the information in the table and graph below from Bloomberg Financial Markets, without independent verification. The Commodity Prices of the Underlying Commodity on the Pricing Date, the Review Date and the Final Determination Date will be determined with reference to the prices published by the Relevant Exchange in accordance with the provisions set forth herein, rather than the prices published by Bloomberg Financial Markets on such dates. The historical performance of the Underlying Commodity set out in the table and graph below should not be taken as an indication of its future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the Commodity Price on any of the Review Dates or as to the Final Commodity Price. **If the Securities are not automatically called prior to maturity and if the Final Commodity Price has declined by more than the 20% from the Initial Commodity Price, you will lose some or all of your initial investment at maturity.** We cannot give you any assurance that the Securities will be called prior to maturity or that, if the Securities are not called, the Final Commodity Price will be at or above the Initial Commodity Price so that at maturity you will receive a payment that is greater than the Stated Principal Amount of the Securities. The price of the Underlying Commodity may be, and has recently been, volatile, and we can give you no assurance that the volatility will lessen.

### West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts

#### High and Low Daily Closing Prices and End-of-Quarter Prices

January 1, 2013 through November 19, 2018

(stated in U.S. dollars per barrel)

West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts	High (\$)	Low (\$)	Period End (\$)
<b>2013</b>			
First Quarter	97.94	90.12	97.23
Second Quarter	98.44	86.68	96.56
Third Quarter	110.53	97.99	102.33
Fourth Quarter	104.10	92.30	98.42
<b>2014</b>			

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First Quarter	104.92	91.66	101.58
Second Quarter	107.26	99.42	105.37
Third Quarter	105.34	91.16	91.16
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<b>West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts</b>	<b>High (\$)</b>	<b>Low (\$)</b>	<b>Period End (\$)</b>
Fourth Quarter	104.10	92.30	98.42
<b>2014</b>			
First Quarter	104.92	91.66	101.58
Second Quarter	107.26	99.42	105.37
Third Quarter	105.34	91.16	91.16
Fourth Quarter	91.01	90.73	53.27
<b>2015</b>			
First Quarter	53.53	43.46	47.60
Second Quarter	61.43	49.14	59.47
Third Quarter	56.96	38.24	45.09
Fourth Quarter	49.63	34.73	37.04
<b>2016</b>			
First Quarter	41.45	26.21	38.34
Second Quarter	51.23	35.70	48.33
Third Quarter	48.99	39.51	48.24
Fourth Quarter	54.06	43.32	53.72
<b>2017</b>			
First Quarter	54.45	47.34	50.60
Second Quarter	53.40	42.53	46.04
Third Quarter	52.22	44.23	51.67
Fourth Quarter	60.42	49.29	60.42
<b>2018</b>			
First Quarter	66.14	59.19	64.94
Second Quarter	74.15	62.06	74.15
Third Quarter	74.14	65.01	73.25
Fourth Quarter (through November 19, 2018)	76.41	55.69	56.76

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**West Texas Intermediate Light Sweet Crude Oil Futures Contracts**

**Daily Closing Prices**

**January 1, 2013 to November 19, 2018**

**Use of Proceeds and  
Hedging**

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 beginning on page 3 above comprise the Agent's commissions and the cost of issuing, structuring and hedging the Securities. See also "Use of Proceeds" in the accompanying prospectus.

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 futures contracts on the Underlying Commodity 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 Commodity Price, which is the price at or above which the Commodity Price must be on the Review Date in order for the Securities to be automatically called prior to maturity or, if the Securities are not called prior to maturity, the level at or above which the Final Commodity Price must be so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the Securities. 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 Determination 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 Commodity on the

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Determination Dates, and, accordingly, whether the Securities are called early, or the payment you will receive at maturity.

Supplemental  
Information  
Concerning

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and their affiliates will act as  
Plan of Distribution; placement agents for the Securities and will receive a fee from us or one of our affiliates that will  
Conflicts of Interest not exceed \$5 per \$1,000 stated principal amount of Securities, but will forgo any fees for sales  
to certain fiduciary accounts.

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 “Summary of Pricing Supplement” beginning on PS-3.

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 after the offering. A naked short position in the Securities 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 futures contracts or other instruments on the Underlying Commodity 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 prices 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 in connection with this offering of the Securities. See “—Use of Proceeds and Hedging” above.

**General**

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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 pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement or prospectus in any jurisdiction, other

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than the United States, where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of the Securities, or distribution of this pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus 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 pricing supplement and the accompanying prospectus 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 will 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**

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 pricing supplement or the accompanying prospectus 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 pricing supplement, the accompanying prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be publicly distributed in Mexico.

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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.

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 those persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory or administrative exemption.

The U.S. Department of Labor has issued five prohibited transaction class exemptions (“PTCEs”) that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase or holding of the 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 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.

United States Federal Taxation      **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 pricing supplement and is superseded by the following discussion.**

The following summary 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 initial investors in the Securities who:

purchase the Securities in the original offering; and

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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 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. Moreover, 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.

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**

Although there is uncertainty regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Securities due to the lack of governing authority, in the opinion of our counsel, under

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current law, and based on current market conditions, each Security should be treated as a single financial contract that is an “open transaction” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

**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 Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) or a court will agree with the tax treatment described herein. Accordingly, 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 the Securities 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 Treatment Prior to Settlement.* A U.S. Holder should not be required to recognize taxable income over the term of the Securities prior to settlement, other than pursuant to a sale or exchange as described below.

*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.

*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. Any gain or loss recognized upon the sale, exchange or settlement of the Securities should be short-term capital gain or loss.

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

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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. It is possible, for example, that a Security could be treated as a short-term debt instrument, with the result that the timing and character of income or loss on the Securities might differ from the tax treatment described above. 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 also 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 in particular on whether to require holders of these instruments to accrue income over the term of their investment. It also asks for comments on a number of related topics, including the character of income or loss with respect to these instruments; whether short-term instruments should be subject to any such accrual regime; the relevance of factors such as the exchange-traded status of the instruments and the nature of the underlying property to which the instruments are linked; and 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. While the notice requests comments on appropriate transition rules and effective dates, any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the 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 issues presented by this notice.

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

Backup withholding may apply in respect of the payment on the Securities at maturity 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 may be filed with the IRS in connection with the payment 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 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.

### ***Tax Treatment upon Sale, Exchange or Settlement of the Securities***

*In general.* Assuming the treatment of the Securities as set forth above is respected, and subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, a Non-U.S. Holder of the Securities generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax in respect of amounts paid to the Non-U.S. Holder.

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Subject to the discussion below regarding FATCA, if all or any portion of a Security were recharacterized as a debt instrument, any payment made to a Non-U.S. Holder with respect to the Securities would not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, provided that:

the Non-U.S. Holder does not own, directly or by attribution, ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of Morgan Stanley stock entitled to vote;

the Non-U.S. Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to Morgan Stanley through stock ownership;

the Non-U.S. Holder is not a bank receiving interest under Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, and

the certification requirement described below has been fulfilled with respect to the beneficial owner.

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*Certification Requirement.* The certification requirement referred to in the preceding paragraph will be fulfilled if the beneficial owner of a Security (or a financial institution holding a Security on behalf of the beneficial owner) furnishes to the applicable withholding agent an IRS Form W-8BEN (or other appropriate form) on which the beneficial owner certifies under penalties of perjury that it is not a U.S. person.

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. Among the issues addressed in the notice is the degree, if any, to which any income with respect to instruments such as the Securities should be subject to U.S. withholding tax. It is possible that any Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of this issue could materially and adversely affect the withholding tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the Securities, possibly on a retroactive basis. Non-U.S. Holders should note that we currently do not intend to withhold on any payment made with respect to the Securities to Non-U.S. Holders (subject to compliance by such holders with the certification requirement described above and to the discussion below regarding FATCA). However, in the event of a change of law or any formal or informal guidance by the IRS, the U.S. Treasury Department or Congress, we may decide to withhold on payments made with respect to the Securities to Non-U.S. Holders, and we will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts withheld. Accordingly, Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Securities, including the possible implications of the notice referred to above.

### ***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 may be filed with the IRS in connection with the payment on the Securities at maturity as well as in connection with the payment of proceeds from a sale, exchange or other disposition of the Securities. 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.

Compliance with the certification procedures described above under “ Tax Treatment upon Sale, Exchange or Settlement of the Securities – Certification Requirement” will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding as well. 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 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. If the Securities were recharacterized as debt instruments, FATCA would apply to any payment of amounts treated as interest and, for dispositions after December 31, 2018, to payments of gross proceeds of the disposition (including upon retirement) of the Securities. 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 income tax consequences of an investment in the Securities.**