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The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission. We are not using this preliminary prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to offer to sell these securities or to solicit offers to buy these securities in any place where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated June 3, 2009

Preliminary Prospectus Supplement (To Prospectus dated May 26, 2009)

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

\$

% Senior Notes due 2019

Interest payable June and December

Issue Price:

The notes will mature on June , 2019. Interest will accrue from June , 2009 and will be paid semi-annually in arrears on each June and December , commencing on December , 2009. We may redeem the notes in whole or in part at any time at the redemption prices described under "Description of the Notes Optional Redemption" on page S-9. The notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement and in Item 1A "Risk Factors" on page 22 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 for a discussion of certain risks that you should consider in connection with an investment in the notes.

The notes are unsecured senior debt obligations of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and will rank equally with existing and future unsecured senior debt obligations of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. The notes are *not* deposits or other obligations of a depository institution and are *not* insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency. This debt is *not* guaranteed under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Price to Public(1)	Underwriting Discounts	Proceeds to Us(2)
Per note	%	%	%
Total	\$	\$	\$

(1)

Plus accrued interest, if any, from June , 2009.

(2)

Before expenses in connection with the offering.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

We expect that delivery of the notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, S.A. and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., will be made on or about June , 2009.

Joint Book-Running Managers

J.P. Morgan

UBS Investment Bank

Co-Managers

June , 2009

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About This Prospectus Supplement

This document has two parts. The first part consists of this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and the notes offered. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. If the description of this offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Before purchasing any notes, you should carefully read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference and any written communication from us or the underwriters specifying the final terms of this offering. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may only be accurate as of their respective dates and the information in the incorporated documents is only accurate as of their respective dates.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus come should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to "we," "our," "us," the "Company" or "Ameriprise" refer to Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

We are a leading financial planning and services company, with more than 12,400 financial advisors and registered representatives, that provides solutions for clients' asset accumulation, income management and insurance protection needs. Our financial advisors deliver tailored solutions to clients through a comprehensive and personalized financial planning approach built on a long-term relationship with a knowledgeable advisor. We specialize in meeting the retirement-related financial needs of the mass affluent, which we define as households with investable assets of more than \$100,000. In addition to serving clients through our affiliated financial advisors, our asset management, annuity, and auto and home protection products are distributed through third-party advisors and affinity relationships.

We offer financial planning and advice that are responsive to our clients' evolving needs and help them achieve their identified financial goals by recommending actions and a range of product "solutions" consisting of investment, annuities, insurance, banking and other financial

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products that help them attain over time a return or form of protection while accepting what they determine to be an appropriate range and level of risk. The financial product solutions we offer through our affiliated advisors include both our own products and services and products of other companies. Our financial planning and advisory process is designed to provide comprehensive advice, when appropriate, to address our clients' cash and liquidity, asset accumulation, income, protection, and estate and wealth transfer needs. We believe that our focus on personal relationships, together with our strengths in financial planning and product development, allows us to better address our clients' financial needs. This focus also puts us in a strong position to capitalize on significant demographic and market trends, which we believe will continue to drive increased demand for our financial planning and other financial services.

We have four main operating segments: Advice & Wealth Management, Asset Management, Annuities and Protection, as well as our Corporate & Other segment. Our four main operating segments are aligned with the financial solutions we offer to address our clients' needs. The products and services we provide retail clients and, to a lesser extent, institutional clients, are the primary source of our revenues and net income. Revenues and net income are significantly impacted by investment performance and the total value and composition of assets we manage and administer for our retail and institutional clients as well as the distribution fees we receive from other companies. These factors, in turn, are largely determined by overall investment market performance and the depth and breadth of our individual client relationships.

We continue to establish Ameriprise Financial as a financial services leader as we focus on meeting the financial needs of the mass affluent and affluent, as evidenced by our continued leadership in financial planning and our strong corporate foundation. Our franchisee advisor and client retention remain strong at 93% and 94%, respectively, as of March 31, 2009.

Our principal executive offices are located at 55 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55474, and our telephone number is 612-671-3131.

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Summary of the Offering

The following summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. You should read this summary in conjunction with the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	
Securities Offered	\$ principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2019	
Use of Proceeds	Net proceeds to us will be approximately \$ after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. The net proceeds received by us from the sale of the notes will be used for general corporate purposes, including possible pre-funding of the Company's senior notes due 2010. See "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus supplement for additional information.	
Maturity Date	June , 2019	
Interest Rate and Payment Dates	% per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on each June and December , beginning on December , 2009, and at maturity.	
Ranking	The notes will be general unsecured senior obligations of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and will rank equally in right of payment with Ameriprise Financial, Inc.'s existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all future and existing obligations of our subsidiaries.	
Further Issuances	We may create and issue further notes ranking equally and ratably with the notes in all respects, so that such further notes shall constitute and form a single series with the notes and shall have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the notes.	
Optional Redemption	We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time at our option prior to maturity at a price equal to the greater of the principal amount thereof and the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes to be redeemed discounted to the date of redemption as described on page S-9 under "Description of the Notes Optional Redemption," plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest. S-1	

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Markets	The notes will be offered for sale in those jurisdictions both inside and outside the United States where it is legal to make such offers. See "Underwriting" beginning on page S-16.
Listing	We are not applying to list the notes on any securities exchange.
Ratings	The notes are expected to be assigned ratings of "A" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, "A3" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., "A-" by Fitch Ratings and "a-" by A.M. Best Company. These ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold the notes and are subject to revision or withdrawal by the rating agencies.
Form and Denomination	The notes will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.
Trustee and Paying Agent	The trustee and paying agent for the notes is U.S. Bank National Association.
Governing Law	The indenture and the notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see "Description of the Notes" beginning on page S-8.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the risks described below, the risks set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the other information set forth in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference before making an investment decision. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently deem immaterial, may also impair our business operations. The events discussed in the risk factors below, or the risk factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, may occur. If they do, our business, results of operations or financial condition could be materially adversely affected. In such an instance, the trading price of our securities, including the notes, could decline and you might lose all or part of your investment.

The notes will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

Substantially all of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries. None of our subsidiaries is a guarantor of the notes. As a result, our right to receive assets upon the liquidation or recapitalization of any of our subsidiaries, and your consequent right to participate in those assets, is subject to the claims of such subsidiary's creditors. Accordingly, the notes are effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries. Even if we are recognized as a creditor of one or more of our subsidiaries, our claims would still be effectively subordinated to any security interests in the assets of any such subsidiary and to any indebtedness or other liabilities of any such subsidiary senior to our claims.

In addition, we derive substantially all of our revenues from our subsidiaries. As a result, our cash flow and our ability to service our debt and other obligations, including the notes, depends on the results of operations of our subsidiaries and upon the ability of our subsidiaries to provide us with cash to pay amounts due on our obligations, including the notes. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation to make payments on the notes or to make funds available to us for that purpose. In addition, dividends, loans or other distributions from our subsidiaries to us may be subject to contractual and other restrictions, are dependent upon results of operations of our subsidiaries, may be subject to tax or other laws limiting our ability to repatriate funds from foreign subsidiaries and are subject to other business considerations.

The notes will be unsecured and therefore will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness we may incur.

The notes will not be secured by any of our assets. As a result, the notes are effectively subordinated to any secured debt we or our subsidiaries may incur in the future to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt. In any liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, the holders of any of our secured debt and the secured debt of our subsidiaries may assert rights against the assets pledged to secure that debt in order to receive full payment of their debt before the assets may be used to pay other creditors, including the holders of the notes.

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The indenture under which the notes will be issued will contain limited protection for holders of the notes.

The indenture under which the notes will be issued offers limited protection to holders of the notes. The terms of the indenture and the notes do not restrict our or any of our subsidiaries' ability to engage in, or otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances or events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the notes. In particular, the terms of the indenture and the notes will not place any restrictions on our or our subsidiaries' ability to:

issue securities or otherwise incur additional indebtedness or other obligations, including (1) any indebtedness or other obligations that would be equal in right of payment to the notes and (2) securities, indebtedness or obligations issued or incurred by our subsidiaries which would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank effectively senior to the notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries;

pay dividends on, or purchase or redeem or make any payments in respect of, capital stock or other securities ranking junior in right of payment to the notes;

sell assets (other than certain limited restrictions on our ability to consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets);

enter into transactions with affiliates;

create liens (including liens on the shares of our subsidiaries) or enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

make investments; or

create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us from our subsidiaries.

Certain of our current debt instruments, including the notes we issued in November 2005, include more protections for their holders than the indenture and the notes. In particular, our two series of notes issued in November 2005, which mature in 2010 and 2015 (the "2010/2015 notes"), are entitled to the benefit of a limitation on our ability to incur liens on the shares of capital stock of our principal subsidiaries without equally and ratably securing the 2010/2015 notes, which protection will be unavailable to the holders of the notes. As a result, holders of the notes may be effectively subordinated to holders of the 2010/2015 notes, and to new lenders or bondholders, to the extent the instruments they hold include similar protections.

In addition, the indenture will not require us to offer to purchase the notes in connection with a change of control.

Furthermore, the terms of the indenture and the notes do not protect holders of the notes in the event that we experience changes (including significant adverse changes) in our financial condition or results of operations, as they do not require that we or our subsidiaries adhere to any financial tests or ratios or specified levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow, or liquidity.

Our ability to recapitalize, incur additional debt and take a number of other actions that are not limited by the terms of the notes could negatively affect the value of the notes.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in the notes and there is no protection in the indenture for holders of the notes in the event of a ratings downgrade.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the notes. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to structure or marketing of the notes. Credit ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization in its sole discretion. Neither we nor any underwriter undertakes any obligation to maintain the ratings or to advise holders of notes of any change in ratings. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating.

If an active trading market does not develop for the notes, you may be unable to sell your notes or to sell your notes at a price that you deem sufficient.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market, and we do not intend to list them on any securities exchange or automated quotation system. The underwriters currently intend, but are not obligated, to make a market for the notes. As a result, an active trading market for the notes may not develop, or if one does develop, it may not be sustained. If an active trading market fails to develop or cannot be sustained, you may not be able to resell your notes at their fair market value or at all.



Use of Proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds to us from this offering will be approximately \$, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. The net proceeds received by us from the sale of the notes will be used for general corporate purposes, including possible pre-funding of the Company's senior notes due 2010.

Capitalization

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2009 on an actual basis and as adjusted to give effect to the offering of the notes, the issuance of \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of notes due 2039 issued in June 2009 and the planned use of proceeds. See "Use of Proceeds."

You should read the information in this table together with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2009, which is incorporated herein by reference.

	At March 31, 2009 As			
		tual udited, d	Adjusted ollars in million	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,796	\$	
Debt:				
Senior notes due 2010	\$	800	\$ 8	800
Senior notes due 2015	Ŧ	700		700
Junior subordinated notes due 2066		344	3	344
Municipal bond inverse floater certificates due 2021		6		6
Floating rate revolving credit borrowings due 2013		72		72
7.75% Senior notes due 2039			2	200
% Senior notes due 2019 offered hereby				
Total debt		1,922		
Equity:				
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.:				
Common shares (\$.01 par value; shares authorized 1,250,000,000;				
shares issued 259,569,082)		3		3
Additional paid-in capital		4,719	,.	719
Retained earnings		4,817	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	817
Treasury shares, at cost (40,431,702 shares)		(2,021)	(2,0	021)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net:				
Net unrealized securities losses		(865)		865)
Noncredit related impairments on securities		(134)	(1	134)
Net unrealized derivative losses		(8)		(8)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(88)		(88)
Defined benefit plans		(39)	((39)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss, net		(1,134)	(1,1	134)
Total Ameriprise Financial shareholders' equity		6,384	6.3	384
Noncontrolling interests		253	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	253
Total equity		6,637	6,6	537
Total capitalization	\$	8,559	\$	

Description of the Notes

The notes constitute senior debt securities described in the accompanying prospectus. This description supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith, replaces the descriptions of the general terms and provisions contained in "Description of Debt Securities We May Offer" in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes will be issued under the indenture dated as of May 5, 2006, entered into with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "indenture"). We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not the summaries below and in the accompanying prospectus, defines your rights. You may obtain a copy of the indenture from us without charge. See "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus.

General

The notes will be issued in an initial principal amount of \$

The notes will be our unsecured obligations and will rank prior to all of our subordinated indebtedness and on an equal basis with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness.

The notes will be issued in fully registered form only, without coupons, in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. The notes will be represented by one or more global notes deposited with or on behalf of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), or a nominee thereof. The trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar for the notes. Except as otherwise provided in the indenture, the notes will be registered in the name of that depositary or its nominee. We will pay principal and interest on the notes to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner or the holder of the global note. As provided by the indenture, at our option, interest may be paid at the trustee's corporate trust office or by check mailed to the registered address of the holder of record.

Interest Provisions Related to the Notes

Interest on the notes will accrue at the rate of % per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on each June and pecember , commencing on December , 2009. We will pay interest to those persons who were holders of record of the notes on the record date preceding each interest payment date, and at maturity.

Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of original issuance or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid, and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, date of redemption or the maturity date of the notes is not a business day, then payment of principal and interest will be made on the next succeeding business day. No interest will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from such interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date, as the case may be, to the date payment is made.

Defeasance

In some circumstances, we may elect to discharge our obligations on the notes through defeasance. See "Description of Debt Securities We May Offer Defeasance" in the accompanying prospectus for more information about how we may do this.

No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or any exchange of notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Additional Notes

We may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the registered holders of the notes, create and issue further notes ranking equally and ratably with the notes in all respects, including having the same CUSIP number, so that such further notes shall be consolidated and form a single series of notes and shall have the same terms as to status or otherwise as the notes. No additional notes may be issued if an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the notes.

Optional Redemption

We may, at our option, at any time and from time to time redeem the notes in whole or in part on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice mailed to the holders of the notes. The notes will be redeemable at a redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed or (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the notes to be redeemed that would be due after the related redemption date but for such redemption (except that, if such redemption date is not an interest payment date, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to the redemption date), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus basis points.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity (computed as of the second business day immediately preceding such redemption date) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the notes. "Independent Investment Banker" means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the trustee obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all Quotations obtained.

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"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors and two other nationally recognized investment banking firms that are Primary Treasury Dealers specified from time to time by us, except that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States (a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), we are required to designate as a substitute another nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer as of 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

On and after any redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes called for redemption. Prior to any redemption date, we are required to deposit with a paying agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the notes to be redeemed on such date. If we are redeeming less than all the notes, the trustee under the indenture must select the notes to be redeemed by such method as the trustee deems fair and appropriate in accordance with methods generally used at the time of selection by fiduciaries in similar circumstances.

Book-Entry System

Upon issuance, all notes will be represented by one or more fully registered global certificates, each of which we refer to as a global security. Each such global security will be deposited with or on behalf of DTC, and registered in the name of DTC or a nominee thereof. Purchasers of the notes can hold beneficial interests in the global notes only through DTC, or through the accounts that Clearstream Banking, S.A. and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. maintain as participants in DTC.

A description of DTC's procedures with respect to the global securities is set forth in the sections "Description of Debt Securities We May Offer Global Securities" and "Legal Ownership and Book-Entry Issuance" in the accompanying prospectus.

Listing

We are not applying to list the notes on any securities exchange.



ERISA Considerations

Each fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan to which Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") applies (a "plan") should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the plan's particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the notes. Accordingly, among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether the investment would satisfy the prudence and diversification requirements of ERISA and would be consistent with the documents and instruments governing the plan. When we use the term "holder" in this section, we are referring to a beneficial owner of the notes and not the record holder.

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), prohibit plans, as well as individual retirement accounts and Keogh plans to which Section 4975 of the Code applies (also "plans"), from engaging in specified transactions involving "plan assets" with persons who are "parties in interest" under ERISA or "disqualified persons" under the Code (collectively, "parties in interest") with respect to such plan. A violation of those "prohibited transaction" rules may result in an excise tax or other liabilities under ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code for such persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory or administrative exemption. Therefore, a fiduciary of a plan should also consider whether an investment in the notes might constitute or give rise to a prohibited transaction under ERISA and the Code.

Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans, as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA, certain church plans, as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA, and foreign plans, as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA, are not subject to the requirements of ERISA, or Section 4975 of the Code, but may be subject to other legal restrictions. We and our affiliates may each be considered a party in interest with respect to many plans. Special caution should be exercised, therefore, before the offered securities are purchased by a plan. In particular, the fiduciary of the plan should consider whether 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 notes. Those class exemptions are:

PTCE 96-23, for specified transactions determined by in-house asset managers;

PTCE 95-60, for specified transactions involving insurance company general accounts;

PTCE 91-38, for specified transactions involving bank collective investment funds;

PTCE 90-1, for specified transactions involving insurance company separate accounts; and

PTCE 84-14, for specified transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers.

In addition, Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA provides an exemption for transactions between a plan and a person who is a party in interest (other than a fiduciary who has or exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to investment of the plan assets involved in the transaction or renders investment advice with respect thereto) solely by reason of providing services to the plan (or by reason of a relationship to such a service provider), if in connection

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with the transaction the plan neither receives less, nor pays more, than "adequate consideration" (within the meaning of Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA).

Any purchaser or holder of the notes or any interest in the notes will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding that either:

no portion of the assets used by such purchaser or holder to acquire or purchase the notes constitutes assets of any plan; or

the purchase and holding of the notes by such purchaser or holder will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or similar violation under applicable 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 notes on behalf of or with "plan assets" of any plan consult their legal counsel regarding the potential consequences under ERISA and the Code of acquiring the notes and the availability of exemptive relief under PTCE 96-23,95-60, 91-38,90-1 or 84-14 or another applicable statutory or administrative exemption.

Purchasers of the notes have the exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their purchase and holding of the notes do not violate the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or the Code.

Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a summary of certain United States federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to persons considering the purchase of notes. This summary, which does not represent tax advice, is based on the Code, existing and proposed regulations thereunder, rulings and decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (including changes in effective dates), possibly on a retroactive basis, or possible differing interpretations. This summary deals only with notes that will be held as capital assets and is only addressed to persons who purchase notes in the initial offering. It does not address tax considerations applicable to investors that may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities electing to mark to market, retirement plans, persons that will hold notes as a position in a "straddle" or conversion transaction, or as part of a "synthetic security" or other integrated financial transaction, partnerships or other pass-through entities, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, foreign corporations that are classified as "passive foreign investment companies" or "controlled foreign corporations" for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or persons that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollar.

Persons considering the purchase of notes should consult their own tax advisors in determining the tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of notes, including the application to their particular situation of the United States federal income tax considerations discussed below, as well as the application of state, local, foreign or other tax laws.

As used under this heading "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations," the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is: (i) a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust if (A) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and (B) one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions or it has a valid election in place to be treated as a U.S. person. As used under this heading "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations," the term "Non-U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. Holder.

Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders

Payments of Interest

Payments of stated interest on a note will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time that such payments are accrued or are received (in accordance with the U.S. Holder's method of tax accounting).

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Purchase, Sale, Exchange and Redemption

A U.S. Holder's tax basis in a note generally will equal the cost of such note to such holder. Upon the sale, exchange or redemption of a note, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or redemption (less any accrued interest, which will be taxable as such) and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in such note. Such gain or loss recognized by a U.S. Holder generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the note for more than one year at the time of disposition. Long-term capital gains recognized by an individual holder in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011 are generally subject to tax at a reduced rate. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting requirements apply with respect to payments made to U.S. Holders of notes unless an exemption exists. In addition, U.S. Holders who are not exempt will be subject to backup withholding tax in respect of such payments if they do not provide their taxpayer identification numbers ("TINs") to the Company or its paying agent and, in certain circumstances, fail to certify, under penalties of perjury, that they have furnished current TINs and have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that they are subject to backup withholding for failure to report interest and dividend payments. All individuals are subject to these requirements. In general, corporations, tax-exempt organizations and individual retirement accounts are exempt from these requirements.

Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders

Under present United States federal income and estate tax law, and subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding:

A Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax with respect to the payment of interest, provided: (i) that the beneficial owner does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the regulations thereunder, (ii) the beneficial owner is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us through stock ownership, (iii) the beneficial owner is not a bank whose receipt of interest on a note is described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (iv) the beneficial owner provides a statement signed under penalties of perjury that includes its name and address and certifies that it is a Non-U.S. Holder in compliance with applicable requirements, generally made, under current procedures, on IRS Form W-8BEN (or satisfies certain documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a Non-U.S. Holder), and (v) the interest is not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

A Non-U.S. Holder will generally not be subject to United States federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or redemption of a note unless: (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a trade or business in the United States or (ii) in the case of gain realized by an individual holder, the holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale, exchange or redemption and certain other conditions are met.

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A note beneficially owned by an individual who at the time of death is a Non-U.S. Holder will generally not be subject to United States federal estate tax as a result of such individual's death, provided that such individual does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Code and provided that the interest payments with respect to such note would not have been, if received at the time of such individual's death, effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business by such individual.

A Non-U.S. Holder generally will be taxed in the same manner as a U.S. Holder with respect to interest income that is effectively connected with its U.S. trade or business. A Non-U.S. Holder with effectively connected income will, however, generally not be subject to withholding tax on interest income if, under current procedures, it delivers a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI. Under certain circumstances, effectively connected interest income of a corporate Non-U.S. Holder may be subject to a "branch profits" tax imposed at a 30% rate.

United States information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax will not apply to payments on a note if the beneficial owner (i) certifies its Non-U.S. Holder status under penalties of perjury, generally made, under current procedures, on IRS Form W-8BEN, or satisfies documentary evidence requirements for establishing that it is a Non-U.S. Holder, or (ii) otherwise establishes an exemption.

Information reporting requirements will generally not apply to any payment of the proceeds of the sale of a note effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a foreign broker, provided that such broker derives less than 50% of its gross income for particular periods from the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, is not a controlled foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, and is not a foreign partnership that, at any time during its taxable year, is 50% or more, by income or capital interest, owned by U.S. Holders or is engaged in the conduct of a United States trade or business.

Backup withholding tax will generally not apply to the payment of the proceeds of the sale of a note effected outside the United States by a foreign office of any broker. However, information reporting requirements will be applicable to such payment unless (i) such broker has documentary evidence in its records that the beneficial owner is a Non-U.S. Holder and other conditions are met or (ii) the beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. Information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax will apply to the payment of the proceeds of a sale of a note by the U.S. office of a broker, unless the beneficial owner certifies its Non-U.S. Holder status under penalties of perjury or otherwise establishes an exemption.

The rules regarding withholding, backup withholding and information reporting for Non-U.S. Holders are complex, may vary depending on a holder's particular situation, and are subject to change. In addition, special rules apply to certain types of Non-U.S. Holders including partnerships, trusts and other entities treated as pass-through entities for United States federal income tax purposes. Non-U.S. Holders should accordingly consult their own tax advisors as to the specific methods to use and forms to complete to satisfy these rules.

Underwriting

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and UBS Securities LLC are acting as representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Principal Amount of the Notes
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	\$
UBS Securities LLC	
Total	\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to certain conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if any of them are purchased.

The underwriters propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters may offer the notes to selected dealers at the public offering price minus a concession of up to % of the principal amount per note. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may re-allow, a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount per note to other dealers. After the initial offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price and any other selling terms. The underwriters may offer and sell notes through certain of their affiliates. The maximum discount or commission that may be received by any member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") for sales of the notes pursuant to this prospectus suppl