

## **MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC**

### **FIRM-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO CFTC RULE 1.55**

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#### **Overview of MS&Co., its Significant Business Activities and Product Lines**

This disclosure is designed to provide customers with information about Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (“**MS&Co.**” or “the Firm”), including its significant business activities, the products and services it offers, and service providers and intermediaries with which it conducts its business activities, in each case, in its capacity as a registered futures commission merchant (“**FCM**”). This disclosure is effective as of July 5, 2024.

MS&Co is registered as an FCM with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“**CFTC**”) and as a broker-dealer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“**SEC**”). As an FCM, MS&Co. is regulated by the CFTC, the National Futures Association (“**NFA**”), an industry-wide self-regulatory organization, and by the Financial and Regulatory Surveillance Department of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (“**CME**”), in its capacity as MS&Co.’s designated self-regulatory organization (“**DSRO**”) under the regulations of the CFTC. As a securities broker-dealer, MS&Co. is regulated by the SEC and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“**FINRA**”), the self-regulatory organization for broker-dealers. MS&Co. operates in both U.S. and non-U.S. markets, with its non-U.S. business activities principally conducted and managed through European and Asian locations.

MS&Co. is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm that, through its subsidiaries and affiliates, provides financial products and services to a large and diversified group of clients and customers, including corporations, governments, financial institutions and individuals. Morgan Stanley was originally incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1981, and its predecessor companies date back to 1924. Morgan Stanley is a

financial holding company regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Morgan Stanley conducts its business from its headquarters in and around New York City, its regional offices and branches throughout the U.S. and around the world, as well as offices in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Sydney, and Singapore.

MS&Co.'s current Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition and Independent Auditors' Report are available here:

[http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley\\_co\\_llc.pdf?v=20160314](http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley_co_llc.pdf?v=20160314)

Morgan Stanley's current annual report and other SEC filings are available here:

<http://www.morganstanley.com/about/ir/index.html>.

### ***Significant Business Activities and Product Lines.***

MS&Co.'s significant business activities in its capacity as an FCM include customer execution and clearing services in listed futures, swaps, forwards, options and other derivative instruments. These instruments may reference, among other things, interest rates, currencies, investment grade and non-investment grade corporate credits, bonds (including emerging market bonds), securities (including securities issued by the U.S. government and other government issuers), metals, energy products, agricultural commodities, credit indices, and broad and narrow-based security indices listed on U.S. and non-U.S. security exchanges. Consistent with the requirements of the restrictions on activities and investments imposed by a section of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 referred to as the "Volcker Rule," MS&Co. also engages in trading and making markets in the same types of instruments.

As a broker-dealer, MS&Co. also engages in securities underwriting and distribution; financial advisory services, including advice on mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, real estate and project finance; sales, trading, financing and market-making activities in equity securities and related products and fixed income securities and related products including foreign exchange and investment activities. The following table sets forth, as of May 31, 2024, the significant types of business activities and product lines engaged in by MS&Co. and the approximate percentage of MS&Co.'s assets and capital that are used in each type of activity:

<b>Activity/Product Line</b>	<b>Percentage of Assets</b>	<b>Percentage of Capital</b>
Financing (Resales, Borrows)	<b>57.03%</b>	<b>5.33%</b>
Inventory by Business Line:		
FICC	<b>25.93%</b>	<b>28.16%</b>
Equities	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>10.96%</b>
Other Inventory	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>10.86%</b>
Goodwill and Intangible Assets	<b>0.04%</b>	<b>2.03%</b>
Receivable from Broker-Dealers and Customers	<b>8.74%</b>	<b>2.81%</b>
Investments in Subsidiaries and Receivable from Affiliates	<b>0.09%</b>	<b>5.13%</b>
Fixed and All Other Assets	<b>4.96%</b>	<b>34.73%</b>

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**Types of Customers.** MS&Co. provides futures and swaps execution and clearing services to a large and diversified group of clients and customers, including a broad range of institutional clients, hedge funds, asset managers, financial institutions, governmental entities, pension plans, and corporations, as well as individuals, non-profit corporations, foundations, and family offices.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC d/b/a Morgan Stanley Wealth Management operates as an introducing broker that from time to time introduces, on a fully disclosed basis, futures customers to MS&Co., as clearing broker.

**Market, clearing organization, and carrying broker relationships.** MS&Co. is a member or trading participant of various futures exchanges (known as designated contract markets (“**DCMs**”) under CFTC regulations) and swaps execution facilities (“**SEFs**”) on which it trades or facilitates the execution of futures and swaps for its customers, including the following:

<b>DCM (Designated Contract Market) Memberships</b>	<b>SEF (Swaps Execution Facilities) Memberships</b>
Cboe Futures	BGC Derivatives Markets
Chicago Board of Trade	Bloomberg SEF
Chicago Mercantile Exchange	Cboe SEF
Commodity Exchange	DW SEF (Dealerweb)
ICE Futures U.S.	GFI Swaps Exchange
New York Mercantile Exchange	ICAP Global Derivatives
Nodal Exchange	ICE Swap Trade (Creditex)
	LSEG FX SEF (formerly Refinitiv US SEF)
	NEX SEF
	tpSEF (Tullett Prebon)
	Tradition SEF (Trad-X)
	TW SEF (Tradeweb)

In addition, MS&Co. is a foreign approved participant on the Bourse Montréal, a trading participant of the Mercado Mexicano de Derivados (MexDer), and an exchange member of ICE Futures Abu Dhabi. MS&Co. is also a clearing member of several clearing houses, and facilitates access to many others through a network of affiliated and non-affiliated carrying brokers, including the following:

<b>Clearing Organization</b>	<b>MS&amp;Co. is a Clearing Member</b>	<b>MS&amp;Co. clears through an affiliate or arranges clearing through non- affiliate (as indicated)</b>
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Asigna	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
ASX Clear	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
B3	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate<sup>1</sup></b>
BME Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
CME Clearing	<b>Yes</b>	
Eurex Clearing	<b>Yes<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Euronext Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
European Commodity Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
HKFE Clearing Corporation	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
ICE Clear Credit	<b>Yes</b>	
ICE Clear Europe	<b>Yes<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
ICE Clear U.S.	<b>Yes</b>	
Japan Securities Clearing Corporation	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate and Non-affiliate</b>
JSE Clear	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
Korea Exchange	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
LCH.Clearnet SA	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
LME Clear	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Minneapolis Grain Exchange	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
NASDAQ Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
National Depository for Securities (KDPW) Securities Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-affiliate</b>
Nodal Clear	<b>Yes</b>	
Options Clearing Corporation	<b>Yes</b>	
SEHK Options Clearing House	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
Singapore Exchange Derivatives Clearing	<b>No</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>

<sup>1</sup> MS&Co. facilitates access to B3 by introduction of certain customers to its Brazil affiliate, Morgan Stanley CTVM.

<sup>2</sup> MS&Co. and its affiliate Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc (“MSIP”) are clearing members of Eurex Clearing. MS&Co. maintains clearing accounts at Eurex Clearing in its own name, as well as indirectly through its affiliate MSIP.

<sup>3</sup> MS&Co. and its affiliates Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc (“MSIP”) and Morgan Stanley Europe SE (“MSESE”) are clearing members of ICE Clear Europe. MS&Co. maintains clearing accounts at ICE Clear Europe in its own name, as well as indirectly through its affiliates MSIP and MSESE.

Taiwan Futures Exchange	No	Affiliate
Takasbank	No	Non-affiliate
Thailand Clearing House Co.	No	Non-affiliate
Tokyo Financial Exchange	No	Affiliate

MS&Co.'s global network of trading and clearing relationships with affiliates and non-affiliates includes: Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Morgan Stanley Europe SE, Morgan Stanley Asia (Singapore) Securities Pte Ltd., Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd., Morgan Stanley Australia Securities Limited, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Seoul Branch, Morgan Stanley Taiwan Limited, Morgan Stanley Hong Kong Securities Limited, Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited, BMO Bank of Montreal (Bourse Montréal), Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (Minneapolis Grain Exchange), AM Investment Bank (Bursa Malaysia), Banco Santander S.A. (MexDer), and Morgan Stanley Corretora de Títulos e Valores Mobiliários S.A.

### **Customer Funds Segregation and MS&Co. Collateral Management and Investments**

For additional information on the protection of customer funds under U.S. law, please see the FAQ on Protection of Customer Funds, prepared by the Law and Compliance Division of the Futures Industry Association, which sets forth questions and answers addressing the basics of (i) segregation, collateral management and investments, (ii) minimum financial and other requirements for futures commission merchants (FCMs) and joint FCM/broker-dealers, and (iii) derivatives clearing organization (DCO) guarantee funds. The FAQ is available here:

<https://www.fia.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/Protection-of-Customer-Funds---FAQs.pdf>.

**Customer funds segregation.** MS&Co. must keep customer cash, securities, and other property ("customer funds") provided to MS&Co. to margin or guarantee customer futures and cleared swap customer transactions segregated from MS&Co.'s own funds. Depending on the purpose for which such funds are received, customer funds deposited with MS&Co. are allocated to (i) customer segregated accounts for U.S. futures and options on futures; (ii) customer cleared swaps accounts; or (iii) customer foreign futures and options on futures "secured amount" accounts (each, and collectively, the "customer segregated accounts"). Customer funds required to be held in one type of customer segregated account may not be commingled with funds required to be held in another type of customer segregated account (except as specifically authorized under applicable law or by the CFTC).

- **Customer segregated account for futures or options on futures traded on U.S. exchanges.** Customer funds provided to MS&Co. to margin or guarantee futures or options on futures traded on U.S. futures exchanges must be held by MS&Co. in a customer segregated account established at a U.S. bank or trust company, a clearing organization, or another FCM. Funds attributable to multiple customers may be commingled in a single account at a bank or trust company or other permitted depository; however, customer funds attributable to one customer may not be used to meet the obligations of any other person, including another customer.

- ***Secured amount account for foreign futures and options on futures trades by U.S. customers.*** MS&Co. is required to separately hold customer funds for its customers to margin or guarantee their futures and options on futures trades on foreign boards of trade. Collectively these funds are called the “secured amount” and are held in a customer segregated account separate from the funds held in the futures and cleared swap origins. Secured amount customer funds may be maintained in one commingled account for all of MS&Co.’s foreign futures and options on futures customers. Secured amount customer funds may be held with: (i) a bank or trust company located in the United States; (ii) the clearing organization of any foreign board of trade; (iii) a foreign broker; (iv) such a clearing organization’s or foreign broker’s designated depositories; (v) a bank or trust company located outside the United States that has in excess of \$1 billion of regulatory capital; or (vi) an FCM registered with the CFTC. However, MS&Co. may not maintain customer funds in the foreign futures and options on futures account outside the United States except as necessary to meet margin requirements (including pre-funding requirements) established by rule, regulation or order of a foreign boards of trade or foreign clearing organization, or to meet margin calls issued by a foreign broker carrying the secured amount account.
- ***Customer segregated account for cleared swap trades.*** MS&Co. must maintain customer funds that margin cleared swap transactions in a customer segregated account that is separate from the customer segregated account for U.S. futures and from the secured amount account. Funds for all cleared swaps customers may be commingled in a single account and must be held at a bank or trust company, a clearing organization, or another FCM. Customer funds attributable to one cleared swap customer may not be used to meet the obligations of MS&Co. or of any other person, including another customer.

**Acknowledgment Letters.** Customer funds must be held in an account with a name that clearly identifies the funds as customer funds and shows that the funds are segregated as required under applicable law. An FCM is required to obtain written acknowledgements from each depository with which it custodies customer funds that the depository was informed that such customer funds belong to customers and are being held in accordance with applicable law. (An FCM is not required to obtain a written acknowledgment from a registered derivatives clearing organization that has adopted rules providing for the segregation of customer funds in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.) Among other representations, the depository must acknowledge that it cannot use any portion of customer funds to satisfy any obligations that the FCM may owe the depository. A copy of the letter must be filed with the CFTC and the FCM’s DSRO. Among other provisions, the depository must agree that it will reply promptly and directly to any request for confirmation of account balances or any other information regarding or related to the customer segregated account from authorized members of the CFTC staff or an appropriate representative of the FCM’s DSRO. Separately, DSRO rules require each FCM to instruct each depository, whether located in the United States or outside the United States, that holds customer funds (in any or all of the customer account origins) to confirm to the DSRO all account balances daily. DSRO programs compare the daily balances reported by the depositories with the balances reported by the FCMs in their daily segregation reports. Any material discrepancies would generate an immediate alert to regulators.

**Reporting.** MS&Co. is required, on each business day, to calculate its segregation requirement for each segregated customer account and to submit (on the next following business day) to the CFTC and to CME (as its DSRO) a report that sets out (i) the total amount of customer funds required to be held in each segregated customer account origin, (ii) the amount of such customer funds actually held in each segregated customer account origin, and (iii) its residual interest in each segregated customer account origin. In the event that the total amount of funds in a customer segregated account origin is less than the required amounts, MS&Co. would be required to give immediate notice of that fact to the CFTC, NFA, CME (as its DSRO) and other exchanges and clearing houses on which MS&Co. transacts as a member.

MS&Co. makes available on its website (available here: <http://www.morganstanley.com/institutional-sales/CFTC-CAP-rules-Firm-Disclosures-and-Financial-Data.html>) the following financial information relating to MS&Co.'s operations as an FCM: (i) the daily segregation statement, secured amount statement and cleared swap customer statement for each business day of the last calendar year; (ii) a schedule of the currently available month-end figures for MS&Co.'s tentative net capital, net capital and excess net capital for each month of the last calendar year; (iii) the year-end certified statement of financial condition, segregation statement, secured amount statement and cleared swap statement and all related footnotes thereto as set forth in MS&Co.'s most current and currently available certified annual report; and (iv) the month-end segregation statement, secured amount statement and cleared swap customer statement as set forth on MS&Co.'s month-end and currently available FOCUS reports for each month of the preceding calendar year.

**Residual Interest.** To ensure that it is continuously in compliance with its segregation requirements, MS&Co. deposits a portion of its own funds in each customer segregated account as a buffer to ensure that account levels do not fall below those required to margin customer positions. These excess funds represent MS&Co.'s "residual interest" in each customer segregated account. Residual interest funds are held for the exclusive benefit of MS&Co.'s customers while held in a customer segregated account. MS&Co. is required to have written policies and procedures regarding the establishment and maintenance of a targeted residual interest in each of the three customer segregated account origins. In establishing the residual interest target amount, MS&Co. senior management have taken into consideration a number factors, including: (i) the nature of MS&Co.'s customers, their general creditworthiness, and their trading activity; (ii) the type of markets and products traded by those customers, as well as MS&Co.'s proprietary trading; (iii) the general volatility and liquidity of those markets and products; (iv) MS&Co.'s own liquidity and capital needs; and (v) historical trends in balances and customer debits in each customer segregated account.

All FCMs are required to notify the CFTC and its DSRO (the CME, for MS&Co.) immediately whenever the amount of residual interest in any segregated customer account falls below the FCM's targeted residual interest for such customer segregated account. In addition, certain restrictions and conditions apply to an FCM's ability to withdraw funds comprising its residual interest from any customer segregated account. Specifically, an FCM must file a regulatory report of any withdrawal of funds from a customer segregated account that exceeds 25 percent of the FCM's residual interest in that account, and any such withdrawal must be pre-approved in writing by a senior financial officer of the FCM.

**Periodic Regulatory Audits.** MS&Co. is subject to an annual financial and operational audit conducted by its DSRO, which tests for MS&Co.'s compliance with its obligations under applicable law relating to the handling of and accounting for customer segregated funds. In addition, MS&Co. is subject to periodic audits by the CFTC, NFA and other self-regulatory organizations.

**Bankruptcy Protections.** The Federal Bankruptcy Code (the “Code”) includes provisions relating to the insolvency of an FCM that define customer property to mean cash, securities, or other property held by the FCM for the account of a customer. The Code also sets forth special priority rules for distribution of property to futures customers and exceptions to the automatic stay and voidability provisions of the Code. The Code affords claims of public customers of the FCM (that is, customers of the FCM that are not affiliates of the FCM) the highest priority, subject only to the payment of claims relating to the administration of customer property. In the event of the insolvency of an FCM, where there also was a shortfall in customer funds, customers participating in the relevant account class would be entitled to a pro-rata distribution of customer property, in accordance with the requirements of section 766 of the Code.

***MS&Co.'s choice of bank depositories, custodians, and counterparties for customer funds.*** MS&Co. has adopted policies and procedures for the evaluation of depositories of customer funds, which include criteria that must be met by a depository to be selected to hold customer funds. In evaluating a depository's suitability as a custodian of customer funds, MS&Co. examines, among other factors, the depository's capitalization, creditworthiness, operational reliability, and access to liquidity. MS&Co. also takes into account the extent to which customer funds are concentrated with any depository or group of depositories. The criteria also include the availability of deposit insurance and the extent of the regulation and supervision of the depository.

Upon the approval of a depository as a custodian of customer funds, account opening procedures ensure that, prior to the deposit of customer funds, the depository's authorization requirements are fully documented, and acknowledgment letters required from the depository are executed and filed with the appropriate regulator in accordance with applicable law.

MS&Co. also has policies and procedures for monitoring any approved depository of customer funds on an ongoing basis to assess its continued satisfaction of its established criteria, including annual due diligence review of each depository.

***Collateral management.*** MS&Co. seeks to enable its customers to make efficient use of funds deposited with MS&Co. CFTC regulations and MS&Co. policies and procedures govern how customer funds provided to MS&Co. may be maintained and invested. Joint futures and securities customers of MS&Co. (and its broker-dealer affiliates) may transfer excess margin from their futures, secured amount or cleared swap customer accounts to their securities accounts, and may in turn meet their margin calls to MS&Co. as FCM by a transfer of available cash or collateral from their MS&Co. securities account. Customers should be aware that the funds transferred by a customer from a futures or cleared swaps account to a securities account would no longer receive the regulatory treatment afforded to funds held in a customer futures or cleared swaps account. Instead, the funds would be subject to applicable securities customer protection rules and statutes



such as Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (“SIPA”).

***Permitted Investment of customer funds.*** CFTC Regulation 1.25 (“**Regulation 1.25**”) sets forth requirements on how FCMs may invest customer funds. Pursuant to Regulation 1.25, an FCM is permitted to use customer funds to purchase permitted investments. Permitted investments must be separately accounted for by the FCM under CFTC Regulation 1.26 and segregated from the FCM’s own assets in accounts that designate the funds as belonging to customers of the FCM and held in segregation as required by the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations.

MS&Co. submits a Segregated Investment Detail Report (“**SIDR**”) to the CFTC, the NFA and CME as its DSRO on the fifteenth and last business days of each month listing the names of all banks, trust companies, FCMs, DCOs, or any other depository or custodian holding customer funds for MS&Co., for each customer segregated account. This report includes: (1) the name and location of each entity holding such customer funds; (2) the total amount of customer funds held by each entity; and (3) the total amount of customer funds, cash and investments that each entity holds. A summary of the information set forth in the current MS&Co. SIDR may be viewed here: <https://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/FCMFinancialsIndex.aspx?entityId=UpygXzt3Ct4%3d>

***Non-recognition of Initial Margin.*** MS&Co. has implemented changes to the treatment of initial margin that is received from its futures and cleared swaps customers in the form of cash. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, these changes have resulted in the non-recognition of those cash initial margin balances on Morgan Stanley’s balance sheet.

***Separate Margining of Certain Accounts.*** In accordance with and at all times subject to the conditions set forth in CFTC Staff Advisory No. 19-17, dated July 10, 2019, issued by the Division of Clearing and Risk and the Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight (“Staff Advisory 19-17”), MS&Co. permits the treatment of certain accounts of the same beneficial owner as accounts of separate entities for purposes of CFTC Regulation 39.13(g)(8)(iii).

***Treatment of Separately Margined Accounts in the Event of an FCM Bankruptcy.*** In the event of an FCM bankruptcy under 17 C.F.R. §§ 190.01 through 190.10 (the “Part 190 Rules”), all accounts of a customer that are separately margined in accordance with the terms and conditions of Staff Advisory 19-17 will be combined, and any such customer’s rights and obligations with respect to such separate accounts will be determined in accordance with the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and the Part 190 Rules.

***Investments of MS&Co. own funds.*** MS&Co. invests its own funds separately from its investments of customer funds. These investments include direct investments in: U.S. government and agency securities and other sovereign government obligations; state and municipal securities and other corporate debt; residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities; collateralized debt obligations that typically reference a tranche of an underlying synthetic portfolio of single name credit default swaps collateralized by corporate bonds or cash portfolio of asset-backed securities; exchange-traded and unlisted equity

securities and listed fund units; and listed and over-the-counter derivative contracts, including forward, swap and option contracts related to interest rates, foreign currencies, credit standing of reference entities, or equity prices. MS&Co.'s investments also include direct investments in private equity funds, real estate funds and hedge funds.

## **Material Risks**

As discussed above, customer funds entrusted to MS&Co. are protected by significant regulatory protections and MS&Co.'s internal risk management and investment policies. Nonetheless, customer funds held by MS&Co. are subject to certain risks. As described below, these include the risk of loss of all or part of the customer's funds due to investments made by MS&Co., risks associated with the operations of MS&Co. or its affiliates, and risks related to the financial condition of MS&Co. or its affiliates.

***Potential risks from investments of customer funds.*** As of the date hereof, MS&Co. does not engage in permitted investments under Regulation 1.25. Were MS&Co. at any time to resume such permitted investments, such activity would entail risks arising from the particular investments, including market risk (the risk of loss arising from changes in price or value of an investment), credit risk (the risk of loss from a counterparty or issuer failing to meet its financial obligations), interest rate risk (the risk of loss due to changes to the level of one or more interest rates), and foreign exchange risk (the risk of loss due to changes to the value of a foreign currency or exchange rate between currencies). Under normal circumstances, and in accordance with CFTC regulations, an FCM bears sole responsibility for any losses resulting from the investment of customer funds in permitted investments under Regulation 1.25. However, in the extraordinary circumstance of an FCM's insolvency involving losses on permitted investments that the FCM was unable to cover, customers could end up bearing a pro rata share of such losses.

***Potential risks from operations of MS&Co., its affiliates, and third-party service providers.*** Customers may be exposed to risks associated with the operations of MS&Co. or its affiliates. These risks include the risk of financial or other loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, employees, resources and systems or from fraudulent or other improper conduct. MS&Co.'s business is highly dependent on its ability to process, on a daily basis, a large number of transactions across numerous and diverse markets and in many currencies. MS&Co. performs the functions required to operate its different businesses either by itself or through third-party service providers. MS&Co. relies on the ability of its employees, its internal systems and systems at technology centers operated by unaffiliated third parties to process a high volume of transactions. These third parties may fail to perform their obligations, which could, in turn, disrupt MS&Co.'s operations. MS&Co. also faces the risk of default, operational failure or cessation of operations of any of the clearing firms, exchanges, clearing houses, custodians, depositories or other financial intermediaries it uses to facilitate customer transactions. In the event of such a default, breakdown or improper operation of MS&Co.'s, an affiliate's, or a third party's systems, or improper or unauthorized action by third parties or MS&Co.'s employees, MS&Co. could suffer financial loss, an impairment of liquidity, a disruption of business, regulatory sanctions or damage to its reputation, any of which could adversely affect its customers.

As a member of a futures exchange or clearing organization, MS&Co. may be required to pay a proportionate share of the financial obligations of other members who default on their obligations

to the exchange or the clearing organization. While the rules governing exchange and clearing organization memberships vary, in general, MS&Co.'s guarantee obligations would arise only if the exchange or clearing organization had previously exhausted its other default resources. The maximum potential payout of an exchange cannot be estimated. MS&Co. believes that any potential requirement to make payments under these agreements is remote.

MS&Co. is regulated by the CFTC and is also subject to the rules of the NFA and of the futures exchanges, clearing organizations and SEFs on which it conducts business. Violations of the rules of the CFTC, NFA, futures exchanges, or SEFs could result in remedial actions, including fines, registration restrictions or terminations, trading prohibitions or revocations of exchange, clearing organization or SEF memberships.

***Potential risks associated with the financial condition of MS&Co. or its affiliates.*** The financial condition of MS&Co. is critical to its continuing operations. As an FCM and a bank affiliate, MS&Co. is subject to capital, liquidity, leverage and other requirements designed to ensure that it is creditworthy and has sufficient financial resources to conduct its business activities. Customers may be negatively affected in their ability to do business with MS&Co. or may elect to transfer positions or collateral to another FCM in the unlikely event of a significant deterioration in the financial condition of MS&Co. Similarly, the deterioration of the financial condition of one of MS&Co.'s affiliates could negatively affect MS&Co. and its customers. In the event of MS&Co.'s insolvency, customers may be subject to fellow customer risk, which is the risk that losses in customer accounts will not be able to be covered by MS&Co., and the shortfall in customer funds will be apportioned pro rata among MS&Co. customers under U.S. bankruptcy law. An insolvency could also necessitate liquidation of customer positions and could delay reimbursement or reduce the amount of customer account equity.

***Credit and creditworthiness.*** MS&Co. is rated A+ by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"). MS&Co.'s corporate parent, Morgan Stanley, currently has a credit rating of A by Fitch, A3 by Moody's, A by DBRS, Inc., A- by Rating and Investment Information, Inc., and BBB+ by S&P. MS&Co.'s rating reflects its material earnings, assets, and capital, and the importance of its products and services to Morgan Stanley's global client base and long-term operating strategy. MS&Co. incurs credit risk exposure to institutions and individuals. This risk may arise from a variety of business activities, including, but not limited to, entering into contracts under which counterparties have obligations to make payments to MS&Co.; extending credit to clients; providing funding that is secured by physical or financial collateral whose value may at times be insufficient to cover the exposure to MS&Co.; and posting margin and/or collateral to counterparties. Managing credit risk requires credit analysis of specific counterparties, both initially and on an ongoing basis. MS&Co. also incurs credit risk from investments whose value may fluctuate based on realized or expected defaults on the underlying obligations or loans.

***Market risk.*** MS&Co.'s operations may be materially affected by market fluctuations and by global and economic conditions and other factors. This risk may impact the demand for MS&Co.'s services, costs of doing business and the value of its investments of its own funds, including in equity securities and interests in private equity, real estate, and hedge funds, as described above. In connection with MS&Co.'s efforts to monitor, measure, and analyze market risk across Morgan Stanley, the Firm's market risk division establishes risk limits and risk concentrations across all material firm exposures. In addition, analytical measures, such as VaR and S-VaR, are used by the

market risk division as the basis for calculating capital allowances for market risk under SEC rules for broker-dealers and regulatory expectations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and other national and international regulatory bodies for Morgan Stanley. However, notwithstanding these efforts, there remains residual risk that exposures will be measured incorrectly, or that material risk issues will not be appropriately escalated or addressed.

***Capital, liquidity and funding risk.*** MS&Co. is subject to the minimum net capital requirements of the CFTC (as an FCM) and the SEC and FINRA (as a broker-dealer). These requirements are designed to ensure that MS&Co. has sufficient capital to fund its operations and to meet its obligations to customers, counterparties, and creditors. MS&Co., as a dually registered FCM and broker-dealer, must maintain net capital equal to or in excess of the net capital required under Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as well as adjusted net capital in compliance with CFTC Rule 1.17. Under CFTC rules, MS&Co. must maintain adjusted net capital in compliance with CFTC Rule 1.17. Adjusted net capital under Rule 1.17 means, in general terms, the amount by which current assets exceed liabilities, with adjustments for a wide array of exposures. The adjusted net capital requirements are intended to assure that a firm is sufficiently well capitalized to meet its obligations out of its own funds, independent of segregated customer property. A summary schedule of MS&Co.'s adjusted net capital, net capital, and excess net capital, all computed in accordance with Rule 1.17 and reflecting balances as of the month-end for the 12 most recent months is available in this disclosure. MS&Co. has consistently operated with capital in excess of these regulatory capital requirements. CFTC regulations require an FCM to file a notice with the CFTC and with the Firm's designated self-regulatory organization (meaning, for MS&Co., the CME) whenever the Firm fails to maintain compliance with CFTC's capital requirements. If MS&Co. were unable to meet its capital requirements, it could be subject to regulatory action that could cause it to modify, suspend or cease some or all of its business activities.

Liquidity and funding risk refers to the risk that MS&Co. will be unable to finance its operations due to a loss of access to the capital markets or difficulty in liquidating MS&Co.'s assets. Liquidity and funding risk also encompasses risks to MS&Co.'s ability to meet its financial obligations without experiencing significant business disruption or reputational damage that may threaten MS&Co.'s viability as a going concern.

***Customer activities.*** MS&Co.'s customer activities involve the execution, clearing, settlement and financing of various securities, futures, swaps and other derivatives transactions on behalf of customers. Customer securities activities are transacted on either a cash (fully paid) or margin (financed) basis. Customer futures and swap transactions are transacted on a margin basis (meaning the customer must post margin to cover some measure of the exposure on the underlying position). MS&Co. may have to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in the event of the failure of a customer to settle a trade on its original terms or in the event that the customer margin deposits or other collateral are not sufficient to fully cover its losses. MS&Co. seeks to control the risks associated with customer activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with applicable regulations and internal policies.

***Affiliate risk.*** MS&Co. is permitted to deposit customer funds with affiliated entities, such as affiliated banks, securities brokers or dealers or foreign brokers. Specifically, MS&Co. deposits

funds with its affiliates, including Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co. Ltd., Morgan Stanley Asia Singapore Securities Pte Ltd., Morgan Stanley Taiwan Ltd., Morgan Stanley Hong Kong Securities Limited, and Morgan Stanley Australia Securities Limited. Such deposits by MS&Co. with its affiliates may increase the risk to customer funds but they may also provide benefits. MS&Co. has far more information about an affiliate, including the affiliate's internal controls, investment policies, customer protection regime, finances and systems, than about a third party entity. Moreover, MS&Co. is able to provide services to its customers more efficiently and more effectively if trades are executed and cleared through its affiliate(s), given that MS&Co. and its affiliate(s) use the same systems, which permits straight-through processing of trades, enhancing certainty of execution and reducing errors. The use of affiliates, however, also poses certain risks. Because the activities of MS&Co. and its affiliates are integrated, the failure of one such entity may cause all of the affiliated companies to fail or be placed in administration within a relatively brief period of time. As is the case if an unaffiliated foreign broker, custodian or depository were to fail, an affiliate of MS&Co. would be liquidated in accordance with the bankruptcy laws of the local jurisdiction. Customer funds held with such entities would not necessarily receive the same protections afforded customer funds under U.S. law.

***Liabilities.*** MS&Co.'s assets and liabilities are primarily related to transactions attributable to sales, and trading and securities financing activities. Securities financing transactions include cash deposited with clearing organizations or segregated under federal and other regulations or requirements, repurchase and resale agreements, securities borrowed and loaned transactions, securities received as collateral and obligation to return securities received, and customer and other receivables and payables. Securities financing assets and liabilities also include matched book transactions with minimal market, credit and/or liquidity risk. Matched book transactions accommodate customers, as well as obtain securities for the settlement and financing of inventory positions. The customer receivable portion of the securities financing transactions includes customer margin loans, collateralized by customer-owned securities, and customer cash, which is segregated in accordance with regulatory requirements. The customer payable portion of the securities financing transactions primarily includes customer payables to MS&Co.'s prime brokerage customers. MS&Co.'s risk exposure on these transactions is mitigated by collateral maintenance policies that limit MS&Co.'s credit exposure to customers. Additional disclosure relating to MS&Co.'s liabilities is available in MS&Co.'s current Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition, which is available at: [http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley\\_co\\_llc.pdf?v=20160314](http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley_co_llc.pdf?v=20160314).

***Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic.*** The COVID-19 pandemic and related voluntary and government-imposed social and business restrictions has impacted global economic conditions, resulting in volatility in the global financial markets, increased unemployment, and operational challenges such as the temporary and permanent closures of businesses, sheltering-in-place directives and increased remote work protocols. If the pandemic continues to be prolonged or the actions of governments and central banks are unsuccessful, including actions to facilitate the comprehensive distribution of effective vaccines, the adverse impact on the global economy will deepen, and the Firm's operations and financial condition may be adversely affected. The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic, and the related global economic crisis, affects the Firm's businesses, including its listed derivatives execution and clearing businesses, will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration

of the pandemic and any recovery period, the development, distribution, and acceptance of effective vaccines, future actions taken by governmental authorities, central banks and other third parties in response to the pandemic, and the effects on our customers, counterparties, employees and third-party service providers. Moreover, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will heighten many of the other risks described throughout this section.

## **Current Risk Practices, Controls, and Procedures**

***Risk controls and procedures.*** MS&Co. has established risk management practices, controls and procedures implementing its obligations as an FCM under the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations. In connection with these practices, controls and procedures, MS&Co. establishes credit and market risk-based limits for each proprietary and customer account; screens orders for compliance with such risk-based limits; monitors for adherence to the risk-based limits intra-day and overnight; conducts stress tests of all positions in the proprietary account and all positions in any customer account that could pose material risk; periodically evaluates its ability to meet margin requirements, and to liquidate the positions it clears in an orderly manner; and regularly tests all lines of credit.

MS&Co.'s risk management controls and procedures are implemented as part of a consolidated risk management program that manages risk on a consolidated basis across exposures firm-wide. On that consolidated level, Morgan Stanley has exposures and manages risk relating to a wide range of interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices—and the associated implied volatilities and spreads—related to the global markets in which it conducts its trading activities.

Morgan Stanley is exposed to interest rate and credit spread risk as a result of its market-making activities and other trading in interest rate-sensitive financial instruments (e.g., risk arising from changes in the level or implied volatility of interest rates, the timing of mortgage prepayments, the shape of the yield curve and credit spreads). The activities from which those exposures arise and the markets in which Morgan Stanley is active include, but are not limited to, the following: corporate and government debt across both developed and emerging markets and asset-backed debt (including mortgage-related securities).

Morgan Stanley is exposed to equity price and implied volatility risk as a result of making markets in equity securities and derivatives and maintaining other positions (including positions in non-public entities). Positions in non-public entities may include, but are not limited to, exposures to private equity, venture capital, private partnerships, real estate funds and other funds. Such positions are less liquid, have longer investment horizons and are more difficult to hedge than listed equities.

Morgan Stanley is exposed to foreign exchange rate and implied volatility risk as a result of making markets in foreign currencies and foreign currency derivatives, from maintaining foreign exchange positions and from holding non-U.S. dollar-denominated financial instruments.

Morgan Stanley is exposed to commodity price and implied volatility risk as a result of market-making activities and maintaining commodity positions in physical commodities (such as crude

and refined oil products, natural gas, electricity, and precious and base metals) and related derivatives. Commodity exposures are subject to periods of high price volatility as a result of changes in supply and demand. These changes can be caused by weather conditions; physical production, transportation and storage issues; or geopolitical and other events that affect the available supply and level of demand for these commodities.

Morgan Stanley manages its trading positions by employing a variety of risk mitigation strategies. These strategies include diversification of risk exposures and hedging. Hedging activities consist of the purchase or sale of positions in related securities and financial instruments, including a variety of derivative products (e.g., futures, forwards, swaps and options). Hedging activities may not always provide effective mitigation against trading losses due to differences in the terms, specific characteristics or other basis risks that may exist between the hedge instrument and the risk exposure that is being hedged. Morgan Stanley manages the market risk associated with its trading activities on a company-wide basis, on a worldwide trading division level and on an individual product basis. Morgan Stanley manages and monitors its market risk exposures in such a way as to maintain a portfolio that Morgan Stanley believes is well-diversified in the aggregate with respect to market risk factors and that reflects Morgan Stanley's aggregate risk tolerance as established by its senior management.

Aggregate market risk limits have been approved for Morgan Stanley across all divisions worldwide. Additional market risk limits are assigned to trading desks and, as appropriate, products and regions. Trading division risk managers, desk risk managers, traders and the Market Risk Department monitor market risk measures against limits in accordance with policies set by senior management.

### **Legal and Regulatory Contingencies.**

MS&Co. is a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, a Delaware holding company. Morgan Stanley files periodic reports with the SEC as required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") which include current descriptions of material litigation and material proceedings and investigations, if any, by governmental and/or regulatory agencies or self-regulatory organizations concerning Morgan Stanley and its subsidiaries, including MS&Co. As a consolidated subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, MS&Co. does not file its own periodic reports with the SEC that contain descriptions of material litigation, proceedings and investigations. As a result, we refer you to the "Legal Proceedings" section of Morgan Stanley's SEC 10-K filings for 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019. In addition, MS&Co. annually prepares an Audited, Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition ("Audited Financial Statement") that is publicly available on Morgan Stanley's website at [www.morganstanley.com](http://www.morganstanley.com). We refer you to the Commitments, Guarantees and Contingencies – Legal section of MS&Co.'s 2023 Audited Financial Statement.

In addition to the matters described in those filings, in the normal course of business, each of Morgan Stanley and MS&Co. has been named, from time to time, as a defendant in various legal actions, including arbitrations, class actions, and other litigation, arising in connection with its activities as a global diversified financial services institution. Certain of the actual or threatened legal actions include claims for substantial compensatory and/or punitive damages or claims for indeterminate amounts of damages. In some cases, the third-party entities that are, or would

otherwise be, the primary defendants in such cases are bankrupt, in financial distress, or may not honor applicable indemnification obligations. These actions have included, but are not limited to, antitrust claims, claims under various false claims act statutes, and matters arising from our sales and trading businesses and our activities in the capital markets.

Each of Morgan Stanley and MS&Co. is also involved, from time to time, in other reviews, investigations and proceedings (both formal and informal) by governmental and self-regulatory agencies regarding MS&Co.'s business and involving, among other matters, sales, trading, financing, prime brokerage, market-making activities, investment banking advisory services, capital market activities, financial products or offerings sponsored, underwritten, or sold by MS&Co., wealth and investment management services, and accounting and operational matters, certain of which may result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, disgorgement, restitution, forfeiture, injunctions, limitations on our ability to conduct certain business, or other relief.

MS&Co. is a Delaware limited liability company with its main business office located at 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036. Among other registrations and memberships, MS&Co. is registered as a futures commission merchant and is a member of the National Futures Association.

During the preceding five years, the following administrative, civil, or criminal actions pending, on appeal or concluded against MS&Co. or any of its principals are material within the meaning of CFTC Rule 4.24(l)(2) or 4.34(k)(2):

### **Regulatory and Governmental Matters**

On January 12, 2024, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York ("USAO") and the SEC announced they had reached settlement agreements with MS&Co. in connection with their investigations into MS&Co.'s blocks business. Specifically, MS&Co. entered into a three-year non-prosecution agreement ("NPA") with the USAO that included the payment of forfeiture, restitution, and a criminal fine for making false statements in connection with the sale of certain block trades from 2018 through August 2021. The NPA required MS&Co. to admit responsibility for certain acts of its employees and to continue to cooperate with and provide certain information to the USAO for the term of the agreement. Additionally, the SEC charged MS&Co. with violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder for the disclosure of confidential information about block trades and also violations of Section 15(g) of the Exchange Act for the failure to enforce its policies concerning the misuse of material non-public information related to block trades. As part of the SEC agreement, MS&Co. paid disgorgement and a civil penalty. After the agreed-upon credits were applied, MS&Co. paid a total amount of approximately \$249 million under both settlements. MS&Co. also faces potential civil liability arising from claims that have been or may be asserted by, among others, block transaction participants who contend they were harmed or disadvantaged including, among other things, as a result of a share price decline allegedly caused by the activities of MS&Co. and/or its employees, or as a result of MS&Co.'s and/or its employees' failure to adhere to applicable laws and regulations. In addition, MS&Co. has responded to demands from shareholders under Section 220 of the Delaware General Corporation Law for books and records concerning the investigations.



On September 30, 2020, the SEC entered into a settlement order with MS&Co. settling an administrative action which relates to MS&Co.'s violations of the order marking requirements of Regulation SHO of the Exchange Act resulting from its improper use of aggregation units in structuring MS&Co.'s equity swaps business. The order found that MS&Co. improperly operated its equity swaps business without netting certain "long" and "short" positions as required by Rule 200(c) of Regulation SHO. The order found that the long exposure to an equity security (the "Long Unit") and the short exposure to an equity security (the "Short Unit") were not independent from one another and did not have separate trading strategies or objectives without regard to each other, and that the Long and Short Units were not eligible for the exception in Rule 200(f) of Regulation SHO. The order found that MS&Co. willfully violated Section 200(g) of Regulation SHO. MS&Co. consented, without admitting or denying the findings and without adjudication of any issue of law or fact, to a censure; to cease and desist from committing or causing future violations; to pay a civil penalty of \$5 million; and to comply with the undertaking enumerated in the order. Morgan Stanley has reached agreements in principle with two regulatory agencies—the SEC for \$125 million and the CFTC for \$75 million—to resolve record-keeping related investigations by those agencies relating to business communications on messaging platforms that had not been approved by Morgan Stanley. MS&Co. was one of the entities involved in these investigations, and has recognized a provision of \$63 million in anticipation of concluding the settlement with the SEC. On September 27, 2022, Morgan Stanley's settlements with the SEC and the CFTC became effective.

### **Civil Litigation**

On May 17, 2013, plaintiff in *IKB International S.A. in Liquidation, et al. v. Morgan Stanley, et al.* filed a complaint against MS&Co. and certain affiliates in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County ("Supreme Court of NY"). The complaint alleges that defendants made material misrepresentations and omissions in the sale to plaintiff of certain mortgage pass-through certificates backed by securitization trusts containing residential mortgage loans. The total amount of certificates allegedly sponsored, underwritten and/or sold by MS&Co. to plaintiff was approximately \$133 million. The complaint alleges causes of action against MS&Co. for common law fraud, fraudulent concealment, aiding and abetting fraud, and negligent misrepresentation, and seeks, among other things, compensatory and punitive damages. On October 29, 2014, the court granted in part and denied in part MS&Co.'s motion to dismiss. All claims regarding four certificates were dismissed. After these dismissals, the remaining amount of certificates allegedly issued by MS&Co. or sold to plaintiff by MS&Co. was approximately \$116 million. On August 11, 2016, the Appellate Division, First Department affirmed the trial court's decision denying in part MS&Co.'s motion to dismiss the complaint. On July 15, 2022, MS&Co. filed a motion for summary judgment. On March 1, 2023, the court granted in part and denied in part MS&Co.'s motion for summary judgment, narrowing the alleged misrepresentations at issue in the case. On March 26, 2024, the Appellate Division affirmed the trial court's summary judgment order. As of December 25, 2019, the current unpaid balance of the mortgage pass-through certificates at issue in this action was approximately \$22 million, and the certificates had incurred actual losses of \$58 million. Based on currently available information, MS&Co. believes it could incur a loss in this action up to the difference between the \$22 million unpaid balance of these certificates (plus any losses incurred) and their fair market value at the time of a judgment against MS&Co., or upon sale, plus pre- and post-judgment interest, fees and costs. MS&Co. may be entitled to be

indemnified for some of these losses and to an offset for interest received by the plaintiff prior to a judgment.

Beginning in February of 2016, MS&Co. was named as a defendant in multiple purported antitrust actions now consolidated into a single proceeding in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (“SDNY”) styled *In Re: Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation*. Plaintiffs allege, inter alia, that MS&Co., together with a number of other financial institution defendants violated U.S. and New York state antitrust laws from 2008 through December of 2016 in connection with their alleged efforts to prevent the development of electronic exchange-based platforms for interest rate swaps trading. Complaints were filed both on behalf of a purported class of investors who purchased interest rate swaps from defendants, as well as on behalf of three operators of swap execution facilities that allegedly were thwarted by the defendants in their efforts to develop such platforms. The consolidated complaints seek, among other relief, certification of the investor class of plaintiffs and treble damages. On July 28, 2017, the court granted in part and denied in part the defendants’ motion to dismiss the complaints. On December 15, 2023, the court denied the class plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. On December 29, 2023, the class plaintiffs petitioned the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for leave to appeal that decision. On February 28, 2024, the parties reached an agreement in principle to settle the class claims.

MS&Co. is a defendant in three antitrust class action complaints which have been consolidated into one proceeding in the United States District Court for the SDNY under the caption *City of Philadelphia, et al. v. Bank of America Corporation, et al.* Plaintiffs allege, inter alia, that MS&Co., along with a number of other financial institution defendants, violated U.S. antitrust laws and relevant state laws in connection with alleged efforts to artificially inflate interest rates for Variable Rate Demand Obligations (“VRDO”). Plaintiffs seek, among other relief, treble damages. The class action complaint was filed on behalf of a class of municipal issuers of VRDO for which defendants served as remarketing agent. On November 2, 2020, the court granted in part and denied in part the defendants’ motion to dismiss the consolidated complaint, dismissing state law claims, but denying dismissal of the U.S. antitrust claims. On September 21, 2023, the court granted plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. On October 5, 2023, defendants petitioned the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for leave to appeal that decision, which was granted on February 5, 2024.

On August 13, 2021, the plaintiff in *Camelot Event Driven Fund, a Series of Frank Funds Trust v. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, et al.* filed in the Supreme Court of NY a purported class action complaint alleging violations of the federal securities laws against ViacomCBS (“Viacom”), certain of its officers and directors, and the underwriters, including MS&Co., of two March 2021 Viacom offerings: a \$1,700 million Viacom Class B Common Stock offering and a \$1,000 million offering of 5.75% Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (collectively, the “Offerings”). The complaint alleges, inter alia, that the Viacom offering documents for both issuances contained material omissions because they did not disclose that certain of the underwriters, including MS&Co., had prime brokerage relationships and/or served as counterparties to certain derivative transactions with Archegos Capital Management LP, (“Archegos”), a fund with significant exposure to Viacom securities across multiple prime brokers. The complaint, which seeks, among other things, unspecified compensatory damages, alleges that the offering documents did not

adequately disclose the risks associated with Archegos's concentrated Viacom positions at the various prime brokers, including that the unwind of those positions could have a deleterious impact on the stock price of Viacom. On November 5, 2021, the complaint was amended to add allegations that defendants failed to disclose that certain underwriters, including MS&Co., had intended to unwind Archegos's Viacom positions while simultaneously distributing the Offerings. On February 6, 2023, the court issued a decision denying the motions to dismiss as to MS&Co. and the other underwriters, but granted the motion to dismiss as to Viacom and the Viacom individual defendants. On February 15, 2023, the underwriters, including MS&Co., filed their notices of appeal of the denial of their motions to dismiss. On March 10, 2023, the plaintiff appealed the dismissal of Viacom and the individual Viacom defendants. On April 4, 2024, the Appellate Division upheld the lower court's decision as to MS&Co. and other underwriter defendants that had prime brokerage relationships and/or served as counterparties to certain derivative transactions with Archegos, dismissed the remaining underwriters, and upheld the dismissal of Viacom and its officers and directors. On January 4, 2024, the court granted the plaintiff's motion for class certification. On February 14, 2024, the defendants filed their notice of appeal of the court's grant of class certification.

### **Settled Civil Litigation**

On August 18, 2009, Relators Roger Hayes and C. Talbot Heppenstall, Jr., filed a qui tam action in New Jersey state court styled *State of New Jersey ex. rel. Hayes v. Bank of America Corp., et al.* The complaint, filed under seal pursuant to the New Jersey False Claims Act, alleged that MS&Co. and several other underwriters of municipal bonds had defrauded New Jersey issuers by misrepresenting that they would achieve the best price or lowest cost of capital in connection with certain municipal bond issuances. On March 17, 2016, the court entered an order unsealing the complaint. On November 17, 2017, Relators filed an amended complaint to allege MS&Co. mispriced certain bonds issued in twenty-three bond offerings between 2008 and 2017, having a total par amount of \$6,900 million. The complaint seeks, among other relief, treble damages. On February 22, 2018, MS&Co. moved to dismiss the amended complaint, and on July 17, 2018, the court denied MS&Co.'s motion. On October 13, 2021, following a series of voluntary and involuntary dismissals, Relators limited their claims to certain bonds issued in five offerings MS&Co. underwrote between 2008 and 2011, having a total par amount of \$3,900 million. On August 22, 2023, MS&Co. reached an agreement in principle to settle the litigation. The final agreement became effective on January 30, 2024.

On July 15, 2010, China Development Industrial Bank ("CDIB") filed a complaint against MS&Co., styled *China Development Industrial Bank v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated et al.*, in the Supreme Court of NY. The complaint related to a \$275 million credit default swap ("CDS") referencing the super senior portion of the STACK 2006-1 CDO. The complaint asserted claims for common law fraud, fraudulent inducement and fraudulent concealment and alleges that MS&Co. misrepresented the risks of the STACK 2006-1 CDO to CDIB, and that MS&Co. knew that the assets backing the CDO were of poor quality when it entered into the CDS with CDIB. On March 22, 2021, the parties entered into a settlement agreement. On April 16, 2021, the court entered a stipulation of voluntary discontinuance, with prejudice.

On October 15, 2010, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago filed a complaint against MS&Co. and other defendants in the Circuit Court of the State of Illinois, styled *Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago v. Bank of America Funding Corporation et al.* A corrected amended complaint was

filed on April 8, 2011, which alleged that defendants made untrue statements and material omissions in the sale to plaintiff of a number of mortgage pass-through certificates backed by securitization trusts containing residential mortgage loans and asserts claims under Illinois law. The total amount of certificates allegedly sold to plaintiff by MS&Co. at issue in the action was approximately \$203 million. The complaint sought, among other things, to rescind the plaintiff's purchase of such certificates. On November 4, 2021, MS&Co. entered into an agreement to settle the litigation.

In August of 2017, MS&Co. was named as a defendant in a purported antitrust class action in the United States District Court for the SDNY styled *Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System et al. v. Bank of America Corporation et al.* Plaintiffs allege, inter alia, that MS&Co., together with a number of other financial institution defendants, violated U.S. antitrust laws and New York state law in connection with their alleged efforts to prevent the development of electronic exchange-based platforms for securities lending. The class action complaint was filed on behalf of a purported class of borrowers and lenders who entered into stock loan transactions with the defendants. The class action complaint seeks, among other relief, certification of the class of plaintiffs and treble damages. On September 27, 2018, the court denied the defendants' motion to dismiss the class action complaint. Plaintiffs' motion for class certification was referred by the District Court to a magistrate judge who, on June 30, 2022, issued a report and recommendation that the District Court certify a class. The motion for class certification and the parties' objections to the report and recommendation are pending before the District Court. On May 20, 2023, MS&Co. reached an agreement in principle to settle the litigation. On September 1, 2023, the court granted preliminary approval of the settlement.

Beginning on March 25, 2019, MS&Co. was named as a defendant in a series of putative class action complaints filed in the United States District Court for the SDNY, the first of which is styled *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. BofA Secs., Inc., et al.* Each complaint alleged a conspiracy to fix prices and restrain competition in the market for unsecured bonds issued by the following Government-Sponsored Enterprises: the Federal National Mortgage Association; the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation; and the Federal Home Loan Banks. The purported class period for each suit is from January 1, 2012 to June 1, 2018. Each complaint raised a claim under Section 1 of the Sherman Act and sought, among other things, injunctive relief and treble compensatory damages. On May 23, 2019, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint styled *In re GSE Bonds Antitrust Litigation*, with a purported class period from January 1, 2009 to January 1, 2016. On June 13, 2019, the defendants filed a joint motion to dismiss the consolidated amended complaint. On August 29, 2019, the court denied MS&Co.'s motion to dismiss. On December 15, 2019, MS&Co. and certain other defendants entered into a stipulation of settlement to resolve the action as against each of them in its entirety. On June 16, 2020, the court granted final approval of the settlement.

Additional lawsuits containing claims similar to those described above may be filed in the future. In the course of its business, MS&Co., as a major futures commission merchant, is party to various civil actions, claims and routine regulatory investigations and proceedings that the General Partner believes do not have a material effect on the business of MS&Co. MS&Co. may establish reserves from time to time in connections with such actions.

Additional information regarding administrative, civil and other enforcement matters filed against Morgan Stanley may be obtained from Morgan Stanley's entry on the NFA's Background Affiliation Status Information Center, which is available here:

<http://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/Details.aspx?entityid=UpygXzt3Ct4%3d&rn=Y>  
as well as on FINRA's Brokercheck site, available here:  
[https://files.brokercheck.finra.org/firm/firm\\_8209.pdf](https://files.brokercheck.finra.org/firm/firm_8209.pdf)

## Appendix A: General Information about MS&Co.

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<b>Web Site Address</b>	<a href="http://www.morganstanley.com">http://www.morganstanley.com</a>
<b>Web Site Address of MS&amp;Co.'s Annual Audited Financial Statement</b>	<a href="http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/subsidiaries">http://www.morganstanley.com/about-us-ir/subsidiaries</a>
<b>MS&amp;Co.'s Self-Regulatory Organizations ("SROs") and Related Websites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chicago Mercantile Exchange Financial and Regulatory Surveillance Department (MS&amp;Co.'s designated SRO). (<a href="http://www.cmegroup.com">www.cmegroup.com</a>)</li> <li>• Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (<a href="http://www.finra.org">www.finra.org</a>)</li> <li>• Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (<a href="http://www.msrb.org">www.msrb.org</a>)</li> <li>• National Futures Association (<a href="http://www.nfa.futures.org">www.nfa.futures.org</a>)</li> <li>• Intercontinental Exchange (<a href="http://www.theice.com">www.theice.com</a>)</li> <li>• LCH.Clearnet Ltd. (<a href="http://www.lch.com">www.lch.com</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Address for Complaints</b>	<p>A customer that wishes to file a complaint about Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. LLC or one of its employees with the CFTC can contact the Division of Enforcement either electronically at <a href="https://www.cftc.gov/Forms/tipsandcomplaints.html">https://www.cftc.gov/Forms/tipsandcomplaints.html</a> or by calling the Division of Enforcement toll-free at 866-FON-CFTC (866-366-2382).</p> <p>A customer that may file a complaint about the Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. LLC or one of its employees with the National Futures Association electronically at <a href="http://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/Complaint.aspx">http://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/Complaint.aspx</a> or by calling NFA directly at 800-621-3570.</p> <p>A customer that wishes to file a complaint about the Morgan Stanley &amp; Co. LLC or one of its employees with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange electronically at: <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/file-complaint.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/file-complaint.html</a> or by calling the CME at 312.341.3286.</p>

**Appendix B: General Information about the Principals of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC in its capacity as a futures commission merchant**

<b>Joseph Dean Anderson</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2009
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Fixed Income Management
<b>Edward R. Backer</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 1995
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Futures Execution
<b>Matthew E. Berke</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 1994
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Global Chief Operating Officer for Institutional Sales & Trading
<b>Andrew Bernstein</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Executive Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	7500 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD 20814

<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2022
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Chief Compliance Officer (Swap Dealer)
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Global Head of Swap Dealer and Security-Based Swap Dealer Compliance and Senior Regulatory Counsel for ISG Compliance
<b>Ismail O. Bhaimia</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2009
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Director
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Fixed Income Management
<b>Peter Hing Chan</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Executive Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2007
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Operations
<b>Sebastian J. Crapanzano</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2000
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Risk Management
<b>Evan Scott Damast</b>	



<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2002
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Director
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Institution Securities Management
<b>Philip J. Davies</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2009
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Operations
<b>Todd Dubinsky</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	750 Seventh Ave, New York, NY 10019
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2005
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Operations
<b>Shaun Patrick Fallon</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2002
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Institutional Securities Management

<b>Alessandro Hillman</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	750 Seventh Ave New York, NY 10019
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2017
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Firm Risk Management
<b>William D. Hirshorn</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 1986
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Operations
<b>Gary Michael Lynn</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1 New York Plaza New York, NY 10004
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2007
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Regulatory Reporting
<b>Patrick Macejka</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway, New York, NY 10023
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 1991
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Director
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Institutional Securities Management

<b>Sean M. Maher</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2006
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Wealth Management
<b>Damien Chun Wai Matthews</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2004
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Institutional Securities Management
<b>Penny Novick</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2000
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Global Head Morgan Stanley Listed Derivatives and Customer Clearing
<b>Kevin M. Ryan</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Executive Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1300 Thames Street, Thames Street Wharf Baltimore, MD 21231
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2005

<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Operations
<b>Michael A. Stern</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Managing Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2005
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Director
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Risk Management – Institutional Equities Division
<b>Jason Swankoski</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Executive Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2005
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Head of a Business Unit, Division, or Function
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Listed Derivatives Customer Clearing
<b>Kristofer Williams</b>	
<b>Principal's Title</b>	Executive Director
<b>Principal's Business Address</b>	1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036
<b>Principal's Business Background</b>	Employed with Morgan Stanley since 2008
<b>Principal's Areas of Responsibilities</b>	Chief Compliance Officer (FCM)
<b>Nature of Principal's Duties</b>	Compliance

As of March 31, 2025

## Appendix C: Current Financial Data

The following financial data for Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is current as of the dates indicated below:

1. MS&Co.'s (i) total equity, (ii) regulatory net capital and (iii) net worth, computed in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and CFTC Rule 1.17, as of May 31, 2024: (i) \$7,392,735,955 (ii) \$19,235,673,010 and (iii) \$7,392,735,955.
2. Dollar value of MS&Co.'s margin requirements for its proprietary trading as a percentage of the aggregate margin requirement for futures customers, Cleared Swaps Customers, and 30.7 customers: 10.68% percent as of May 31, 2024.
3. Smallest number of futures customers, Cleared Swaps Customers, and 30.7 customers that comprise 50% of MS&Co.'s total funds held for futures customers, Cleared Swaps Customers, and 30.7 customers, respectively: Futures = 90; 30.7 Customers = 48; Cleared Swaps Customers = 40, in each case, as of May 31, 2024.
4. Aggregate notional value, by asset class, of all non-hedged, principal OTC transactions into which MS&Co. has entered.

*Please see MS&Co.'s most recent annual Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, available here:*

[https://www.morganstanley.com/content/dam/msdotcom/en/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley\\_co\\_llc\\_annual.pdf](https://www.morganstanley.com/content/dam/msdotcom/en/about-us-ir/shareholder/morganstanley_co_llc_annual.pdf)

5. Amount, generic source and purpose of any committed unsecured lines of credit (or similar short-term funding) MS&Co. has obtained but not yet drawn upon: *Not applicable*
6. Aggregated amount of financing MS&Co. provides for customer transactions involving illiquid financial products for which it is difficult to obtain timely and accurate prices: *Not applicable*
7. Percentage of futures customer, Cleared Swaps Customer, and 30.7 customer receivable balances that MS&Co. had to write-off as uncollectable during the past 12-month period, as compared to the current balance of funds held for futures customers, Cleared Swaps Customers, and 30.7 customers: *Not applicable*

*In addition, the following financial information is available each business day on this website:*

- (i) The daily Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Exchanges for the most current 12-month period;
- (ii) The daily Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for 30.7 Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7 for the most current 12-month period;

- (iii) The daily Statement of Cleared Swaps Customer Segregation Requirements and Funds in Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts Under Section 4d(f) of the Act for the most current 12-month period;
- (iv) A summary schedule of MS&Co.'s adjusted net capital, net capital, and excess net capital, all computed in accordance with CFTC Rule 1.17 and reflecting balances as of the month-end for the 12 most recent months;
- (v) The Statement of Financial Condition, the Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Exchanges, the Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for 30.7 Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7, the Statement of Cleared Swaps Customer Segregation Requirements and Funds in Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts Under Section 4d(f) of the Act, and all related footnotes to the above schedules that are part of MS&Co.'s most current certified annual report pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.16; and
- (vi) The Statement of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Exchanges, the Statement of Secured Amounts and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for 30.7 Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7, and the Statement of Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts Under Section 4d(f) of the Act that are part of MS&Co.'s unaudited Form 1-FR-FCM or Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Report under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("FOCUS Report") for the most current 12-month period.