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Morgan Stanley Finance LLC

STRUCTURED INVESTMENTS

Dual Directional Buffered Participation Securities due December 15, 2027

Based on the Performance of the Nasdaq-100 Index®

Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by Morgan Stanley

Principal at Risk Securities

- The securities are unsecured obligations of Morgan Stanley Finance LLC ("MSFL") and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. The securities will pay no interest and have the terms described in the accompanying product supplement, index supplement, tax supplement and prospectus, as supplemented or modified by this document.
- Payment at maturity.** At maturity, if the final level is **greater than** the initial level, investors will receive the stated principal amount *plus* the upside payment, subject to the maximum upside payment at maturity. If the final level is **equal to or less than** the initial level but is **greater than or equal to** the buffer level, investors will receive at maturity the stated principal amount *plus* a positive return equal to (i) the absolute value of the percentage decline in the level of the underlier *multiplied by* (ii) the absolute return participation rate. If, however, the final level is **less than** the buffer level, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline in the level of the underlier beyond the specified buffer amount. **Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will be less, and may be significantly less, than the stated principal amount of the securities, subject to the minimum payment at maturity.**
- The securities are for investors who seek a return based on the performance of the underlier and who are willing to risk their principal and forgo current income and returns above the maximum upside payment at maturity in exchange for the absolute return participation and buffer features, each of which applies to a limited range of performance of the underlier over the term of the securities. **Investors in the securities must be willing to accept the risk of losing a significant portion of their initial investment.** The securities are notes issued as part of MSFL's Series A Global Medium-Term Notes program.
- All payments are subject to our credit risk. If we default on our obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment. These securities are not secured obligations and you will not have any security interest in, or otherwise have any access to, any underlying reference asset or assets.**

FINAL TERMS	
Issuer:	Morgan Stanley Finance LLC
Guarantor:	Morgan Stanley
Stated principal amount:	\$1,000 per security
Issue price:	\$1,000 per security (see "Commissions and issue price" below)
Aggregate principal amount:	\$1,048,000
Underlier:	Nasdaq-100 Index® (the "underlying index")
Strike date:	September 10, 2026
Pricing date:	September 10, 2026
Original issue date:	September 15, 2026
Observation date:	December 10, 2027, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events
Maturity date:	December 15, 2027

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Agent:	Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("MS & Co."), an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. See "Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest."		
Estimated value on the pricing date:	\$986.10 per security. See "Estimated Value of the Securities" on page 3.		
Commissions and issue price:	Price to public	Agent's commissions and fees ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Proceeds to us ⁽³⁾
Per security	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Total	\$1,048,000	\$0	\$1,048,000

(1) The securities will be sold only to investors purchasing the securities in fee-based advisory accounts.

(2) MS & Co. expects to sell all of the securities that it purchases from us to an unaffiliated dealer at a price of \$1,000 per security, for further sale to certain fee-based advisory accounts at the price to public of \$1,000 per security. In addition, selected dealers and their financial advisors may receive a structuring fee of up to \$6.25 for each security from the agent or its affiliates. MS & Co. will not receive a sales commission with respect to the securities. MS & Co., an affiliate of the Issuer, may pay a third party data analytics provider a fee of \$0.50 for each security sold in this offering. MS & Co. is obtaining these analytics at the request of the third party dealer involved with this offering with the third party dealer also designated as a permitted user of the relevant analytics. The Issuer and MS & Co. make no representations or warranties as to use or fitness of the analytics and MS & Co. specifically disclaims liability relating to the analytics. See "Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest." For additional information, see "Plan of Distribution (Conflicts of Interest)" in the accompanying product supplement.

(3) See "Use of Proceeds and Hedging" in the accompanying product supplement.

The securities involve risks not associated with an investment in ordinary debt securities. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 6.

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

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

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

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

[Product Supplement for Principal at Risk Securities dated April 8, 2026](#) [Index Supplement dated April 8, 2026](#)

[Tax Supplement dated April 8, 2026](#) [Prospectus dated April 8, 2026](#)

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Payment at maturity per security:	- If the final level is greater than the initial level: (stated principal amount + upside payment), subject to the maximum upside payment at maturity - If the final level is equal to or less than the initial level but is greater than or equal to the buffer level: stated principal amount + (stated principal amount × absolute underlier return × absolute return participation rate) <i>Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will effectively be limited to a positive return of 15%.</i> - If the final level is less than the buffer level: stated principal amount × (performance factor + buffer amount) <i>Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will be less, and may be significantly less, than the stated principal amount, subject to the minimum payment at maturity.</i>
Final level:	The closing level of the underlier on the observation date
Initial level:	29,103.51, which is the closing level of the underlier on the strike date
Upside payment:	stated principal amount × upside participation rate × underlier percent change
Maximum upside payment at maturity:	\$1,153 per security (115.30% of the stated principal amount)
Upside participation rate:	100%
Underlier percent change:	(final level – initial level) / initial level
Buffer level:	24,737.984, which is 85% of the initial level*
Absolute underlier return:	The absolute value of the underlier percent change. For example, a -5.00% underlier percent change will result in a +5.00% absolute underlier return.
Absolute return participation rate:	100%
Performance factor:	final level / initial level
Buffer amount:	15%
Minimum payment at maturity:	15% of the stated principal amount
CUSIP:	61781DY44
ISIN:	US61781DY443
Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

*As necessary, calculated levels have been rounded to three decimal places.

Estimated Value of the Securities

The original issue price of each security is \$1,000. This price includes costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the securities, which are borne by you, and, consequently, the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date is less than \$1,000. Our estimate of the value of the securities as determined on the pricing date is set forth on the cover of this document.

What goes into the estimated value on the pricing date?

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

What determines the economic terms of the securities?

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

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

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

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

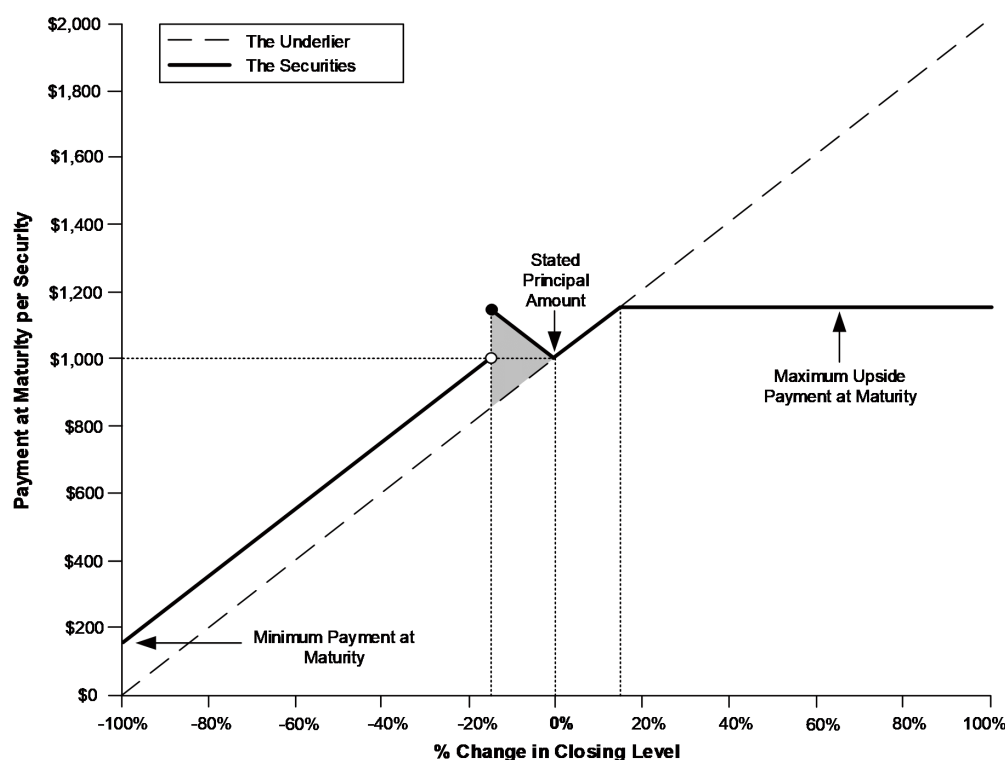
Hypothetical Examples

Hypothetical Payoff Diagram

The payoff diagram below illustrates the payment at maturity for a range of hypothetical performances of the underlier over the term of the securities, based on the following terms:

Stated principal amount:	\$1,000 per security
Upside participation rate:	100%
Maximum upside payment at maturity:	\$1,153 per security (115.30% of the stated principal amount)
Absolute return participation rate:	100%
Buffer level:	85% of the initial level
Buffer amount:	15%
Minimum payment at maturity:	15% of the stated principal amount

Hypothetical Payoff Diagram



- **Upside Scenario.** If the final level is **greater than** the initial level, investors will receive the stated principal amount *plus* 100% of the appreciation of the underlier over the term of the securities, subject to the maximum upside payment at maturity.
 - If the underlier appreciates 5%, investors will receive \$1,050 per security, or 105% of the stated principal amount.
 - If the underlier appreciates 100%, investors will receive only the maximum upside payment at maturity of \$1,153 per security, or 115.30% of the stated principal amount.
- **Absolute Return Participation Scenario.** If the final level is **equal to or less than** the initial level but is **greater than or equal to** the buffer level, investors will receive the stated principal amount *plus* a positive return equal to (i) the absolute value of the percentage decline in the level of the underlier *multiplied by* (ii) the absolute return participation rate. Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will effectively be limited to a positive return of 15% per security.
 - If the underlier depreciates 5%, investors will receive \$1,050 per security, or 105% of the stated principal amount.

- **Downside Scenario.** If the final level is **less than** the buffer level, investors will receive an amount that is less, and may be significantly less, than the stated principal amount, based on a 1% loss of principal for each 1% decline in the level of the underlier beyond the buffer amount.
 - If the underlier depreciates 95%, investors will lose 80% of their principal and receive only \$200 per security at maturity, or 20% of the stated principal amount.

Risk Factors

This section describes the material risks relating to the securities. For further discussion of these and other risks, you should read the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the accompanying product supplement, tax supplement and prospectus. We also urge you to consult with your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers in connection with your investment in the securities.

Risks Relating to an Investment in the Securities

- **The securities provide for only the minimum payment at maturity and do not pay interest.** The terms of the securities differ from those of ordinary debt securities in that they provide for only the minimum payment at maturity and do not pay interest. If the final level is **less than** the buffer level, the payout at maturity will be an amount in cash that is less than the stated principal amount of each security, and you will lose an amount proportionate to the full decline in the level of the underlier over the term of the securities beyond the buffer amount. **You could lose a significant portion of your initial investment in the securities.**
- **The appreciation potential of the securities is limited by the maximum upside payment at maturity.** Where the final level is **greater than** the initial level, the appreciation potential of the securities is limited by the maximum upside payment at maturity. If the underlier appreciates over the term of the securities, under no circumstances will the payment at maturity exceed the maximum upside payment at maturity.
- **Any positive return on the securities that is based on the depreciation of the underlier is effectively capped.** Any positive return on the securities that is based on the depreciation of the underlier will be capped, because the absolute return participation feature is operative only if the level of the underlier has not declined below the buffer level on the observation date. Any decline in the level of the underlier beyond the buffer level will result in a loss, rather than a positive return, on your initial investment in the securities.
- **The amount payable on the securities is not linked to the value of the underlier at any time other than the observation date.** The final level will be based on the closing level of the underlier on the observation date, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. Even if the value of the underlier appreciates prior to the observation date but then drops by the observation date, the payment at maturity may be less, and may be significantly less, than it would have been had the payment at maturity been linked to the value of the underlier prior to such drop. Although the actual value of the underlier on the stated maturity date or at other times during the term of the securities may be higher than the closing level of the underlier on the observation date, the payment at maturity will be based solely on the closing level of the underlier on the observation date.
- **The market price of the securities may be influenced by many unpredictable factors.** Several factors, many of which are beyond our control, will influence the value of the securities in the secondary market and the price at which MS & Co. may be willing to purchase or sell the securities in the secondary market. We expect that generally the value of the underlier at any time will affect the value of the securities more than any other single factor. Other factors that may influence the value of the securities include:
 - the volatility (frequency and magnitude of changes in value) of the underlier;
 - interest and yield rates in the market;
 - geopolitical conditions and economic, financial, political, regulatory or judicial events that affect the underlier or markets generally;
 - the availability of comparable instruments;
 - the composition of the underlier and changes in such composition;
 - the time remaining until the securities mature; and
 - any actual or anticipated changes in our credit ratings or credit spreads.

Some or all of these factors will influence the price that you will receive if you sell your securities prior to maturity. Generally, the longer the time remaining to maturity, the more the market price of the securities will be affected by the other factors described above. For example, you may have to sell your securities at a substantial discount from the stated principal amount if, at the time of sale, the closing level of the underlier is at, below or not sufficiently above the buffer level, or if market interest rates rise.

You can review the historical closing levels of the underlier in the section of this document called "Historical Information." You cannot predict the future performance of the underlier based on its historical performance. The value of the underlier may be, and has recently been, volatile, and we can give you no assurance that the volatility will lessen. There can be no assurance that the final level will be **greater than or equal to** the buffer level so that you do not suffer a loss on your initial investment in the securities.

- **The securities are subject to our credit risk, and any actual or anticipated changes to our credit ratings or credit spreads may adversely affect the market value of the securities.** You are dependent on our ability to pay all amounts due on the securities, and, therefore, you are subject to our credit risk. The securities are not guaranteed by any other entity. If we default on our obligations under the securities, your investment would be at risk and you could lose some or all of your investment. As a

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result, the market value of the securities prior to maturity will be affected by changes in the market's view of our creditworthiness. Any actual or anticipated decline in our credit ratings or increase in the credit spreads charged by the market for taking our credit risk is likely to adversely affect the market value of the securities.

- **As a finance subsidiary, MSFL has no independent operations and will have no independent assets.** As a finance subsidiary, MSFL has no independent operations beyond the issuance and administration of its securities and will have no independent assets available for distributions to holders of MSFL securities if they make claims in respect of such securities in a bankruptcy, resolution or similar proceeding. Accordingly, any recoveries by such holders will be limited to those available under the related guarantee by Morgan Stanley and that guarantee will rank *pari passu* with all other unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of Morgan Stanley. Holders will have recourse only to a single claim against Morgan Stanley and its assets under the guarantee. Holders of securities issued by MSFL should accordingly assume that in any such proceedings they would not have any priority over and should be treated *pari passu* with the claims of other unsecured, unsubordinated creditors of Morgan Stanley, including holders of Morgan Stanley-issued securities.
- **The rate we are willing to pay for securities of this type, maturity and issuance size is likely to be lower than the rate implied by our secondary market credit spreads and advantageous to us.** Both the lower rate and the inclusion of costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the securities in the original issue price reduce the economic terms of the securities, cause the estimated value of the securities to be less than the original issue price and will adversely affect secondary market prices. Assuming no change in market conditions or any other relevant factors, the prices, if any, at which dealers, including MS & Co., may be willing to purchase the securities in secondary market transactions will likely be significantly lower than the original issue price, because secondary market prices will exclude the issuing, selling, structuring and hedging-related costs that are included in the original issue price and borne by you and because the secondary market prices will reflect our secondary market credit spreads and the bid-offer spread that any dealer would charge in a secondary market transaction of this type as well as other factors.

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

However, because the costs associated with issuing, selling, structuring and hedging the securities are not fully deducted upon issuance, to the extent that MS & Co. may buy or sell the securities in the secondary market during the amortization period specified herein, absent changes in market conditions, including those related to the underlier, and to our secondary market credit spreads, it would do so based on values higher than the estimated value, and we expect that those higher values will also be reflected in your brokerage account statements.
- **The estimated value of the securities is determined by reference to our pricing and valuation models, which may differ from those of other dealers and is not a maximum or minimum secondary market price.** These pricing and valuation models are proprietary and rely in part on subjective views of certain market inputs and certain assumptions about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. As a result, because there is no market-standard way to value these types of securities, our models may yield a higher estimated value of the securities than those generated by others, including other dealers in the market, if they attempted to value the securities. In addition, the estimated value on the pricing date does not represent a minimum or maximum price at which dealers, including MS & Co., would be willing to purchase your securities in the secondary market (if any exists) at any time. The value of your securities at any time after the date of this document will vary based on many factors that cannot be predicted with accuracy, including our creditworthiness and changes in market conditions. See also "The market price of the securities may be influenced by many unpredictable factors" above.
- **The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited.** The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. Therefore, there may be little or no secondary market for the securities. MS & Co. may, but is not obligated to, make a market in the securities and, if it once chooses to make a market, may cease doing so at any time. When it does make a market, it will generally do so for transactions of routine secondary market size at prices based on its estimate of the current value of the securities, taking into account its bid/offer spread, our credit spreads, market volatility, the notional size of the proposed sale, the cost of unwinding any related hedging positions, the time remaining to maturity and the likelihood that it will be able to resell the securities. Even if there is a secondary market, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the securities easily. Since other broker-dealers may not participate significantly in the secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which MS & Co. is willing to transact. If, at any time, MS & Co. were to cease making a market in the securities, it is likely that there would be no secondary market for the securities. Accordingly, you should be willing to hold your securities to maturity.
- **As discussed in more detail in the accompanying product supplement, investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing in the underlier(s).**
- **The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities offered by this pricing supplement are uncertain.** There is no direct legal authority regarding the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of the securities, and significant aspects of the tax treatment of the securities are uncertain. You should review carefully the section entitled "United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" herein, in combination with the section entitled "United States Federal Taxation" in the

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accompanying tax supplement, and consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities.

Risks Relating to the Underlier(s)

- ***Because your return on the securities will depend upon the performance of the underlier(s), in addition to any risks described further below, the securities are subject to the following risk(s) discussed in more detail in the accompanying product supplement.***
 - **Adjustments to an underlying index could adversely affect the value of the securities.**

Risks Relating to Conflicts of Interest

In engaging in certain activities described below and as discussed in more detail in the accompanying product supplement, our affiliates may take actions that may adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities, and in so doing they will have no obligation to consider your interests as an investor in the securities.

- **The calculation agent, which is a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley and an affiliate of MSFL, will make determinations with respect to the securities.** As calculation agent, MS & Co. will make any determinations necessary to calculate any payment(s) on the securities. Moreover, certain determinations made by MS & Co., in its capacity as calculation agent, may require it to exercise discretion and make subjective judgments, which may adversely affect your return on the securities. In addition, MS & Co. has determined the estimated value of the securities on the pricing date.
- **Hedging and trading activity by our affiliates could potentially adversely affect the value of the securities.**

Historical Information

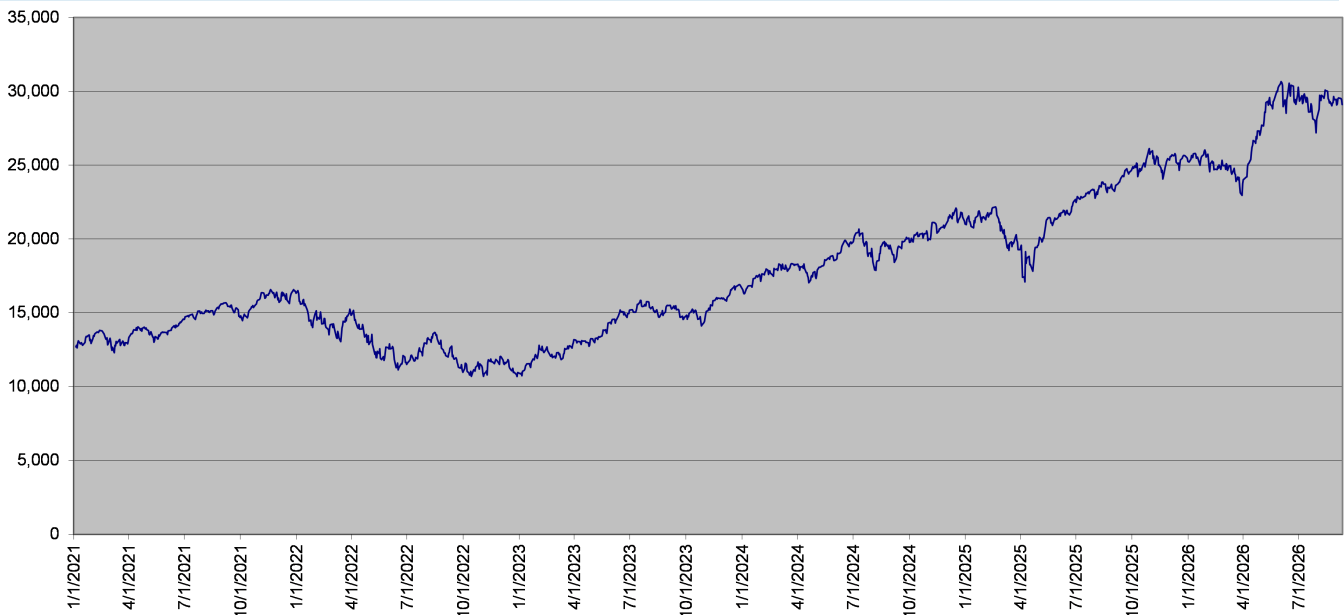
Nasdaq-100 Index® Overview

Bloomberg Ticker Symbol: NDX

The Nasdaq-100 Index® is a modified market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of 100 of the largest and most actively traded equity securities of non-financial companies listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (the "Nasdaq"). The underlying index publisher with respect to the Nasdaq-100 Index® is Nasdaq, Inc., or any successor thereof. The Nasdaq-100 Index® includes companies across a variety of major industry groups. At any moment in time, the value of the Nasdaq-100 Index® equals the aggregate value of the then-current Nasdaq-100 Index® share weights of each of the Nasdaq-100 Index® component securities, which are based on the total shares outstanding of each such Nasdaq-100 Index® component security, *multiplied by* each such security's respective last sale price on the Nasdaq (which may be the official closing price published by the Nasdaq), and divided by a scaling factor, which becomes the basis for the reported Nasdaq-100 Index® value. For additional information about the Nasdaq-100 Index®, see the information set forth under "Nasdaq-100 Index®" in the accompanying index supplement.

The closing level of the underlier on September 10, 2026 was 29,103.51. The following graph sets forth the daily closing levels of the underlier for the period noted below. We obtained the historical information presented in this document from Bloomberg Financial Markets, without independent verification. The underlier has at times experienced periods of high volatility. You should not take the historical closing levels of the underlier as an indication of its future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the closing level of the underlier at any time.

Underlier Daily Closing Levels
January 1, 2021 to September 10, 2026



Additional Terms of the Securities

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

Additional Terms:

If the terms described herein are inconsistent with those described in the accompanying product supplement, index supplement, tax supplement or prospectus, the terms described herein shall control.

Denominations:	\$1,000 per security and integral multiples thereof
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Amortization period:	The 6-month period following the issue date
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Trustee:	The Bank of New York Mellon
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Calculation agent:	Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC ("MS & Co.")
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Additional Information:

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

United States federal income tax considerations:

You should review carefully the section in the accompanying tax supplement entitled "United States Federal Taxation." The following discussion, when read in combination with that section, constitutes the full opinion of our counsel, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, regarding the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the securities offered by this pricing supplement.

Generally, this discussion assumes that you purchased a security for cash in the original issuance at the stated issue price and does not address other circumstances specific to you, including consequences that may arise due to any other investments relating to an underlier. Moreover, as discussed in the section entitled "United States Federal Taxation" in the accompanying tax supplement, we have not attempted to ascertain whether any issuer of any underlier to which the securities relate is a U.S. real property holding corporation or a passive foreign investment company. You should consult your tax adviser regarding these issues, including the effect any circumstances specific to you may have on the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your ownership of a security.

In the opinion of our counsel, which is based on current market conditions, it is reasonable to treat the securities for U.S. federal income tax purposes as prepaid financial contracts that are "open transactions," as described in the section entitled "United States Federal Taxation—Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders—Program Securities Treated as Prepaid Financial Contracts that are Open Transactions" in the accompanying tax supplement. There is uncertainty regarding this treatment, and the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or a court might not agree with it. A different tax treatment could be adverse to you. Generally, if this treatment is respected, (i) you should not recognize taxable income or loss prior to the taxable disposition of your securities (including upon maturity or an earlier redemption, if applicable) and (ii) the gain or loss on your securities generally should be treated as capital gain or loss.

We do not plan to request a ruling from the IRS regarding the treatment of the securities. An alternative characterization of the securities could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the securities, including the timing and character of income recognized. In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS have requested comments on various issues regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of "prepaid forward contracts" and similar financial instruments and have indicated that such transactions may be the subject of future regulations or other guidance. Furthermore, members of Congress have proposed legislative changes to the tax treatment of derivative contracts. Any legislation, Treasury regulations or other guidance promulgated after consideration of these issues could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences of an investment in the securities, possibly with retroactive effect.

Non-U.S. Holders. If you are a Non-U.S. Holder (as defined in the accompanying tax supplement), please also read the section entitled "United States Federal Taxation—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders—Program Securities Not Treated as Debt Instruments" in the accompanying tax supplement.

As discussed under "United States Federal Taxation—Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders—Dividend Equivalents under Section 871(m) of the Code" in the accompanying tax supplement, Section 871(m) of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder ("Section 871(m)") generally impose a 30% withholding tax on dividend equivalents paid or deemed paid to Non-U.S. Holders with respect to certain financial instruments linked to U.S. equities or indices that include U.S. equities. The Treasury regulations, as modified by an IRS notice, exempt financial instruments issued prior to January 1, 2027 that do not have a "delta" of one. Based on certain representations made by us, our counsel is of the opinion that Section 871(m) should not apply to the securities with regard to Non-U.S. Holders. Our determination is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS may disagree with this determination.

We will not be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to U.S. federal withholding taxes.

You should consult your tax adviser regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities, including possible alternative treatments, as well as tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

Additional considerations:

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

Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest:

MS & Co. expects to sell all of the securities that it purchases from us to an unaffiliated dealer at a price of \$1,000 per security, for further sale to certain fee-based advisory accounts at the price to public of \$1,000 per security. In addition, selected dealers and their financial advisors may receive a structuring fee of up to \$6.25 for each security from the agent or its affiliates. MS & Co. will not receive a sales commission with respect to the securities. MS & Co., an affiliate of the Issuer, may pay a third party data analytics provider a fee of \$0.50 for each security sold in this offering. MS & Co. is obtaining these analytics at the request of

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the third party dealer involved with this offering with the third party dealer also designated as a permitted user of the relevant analytics. The Issuer and MS & Co. make no representations or warranties as to use or fitness of the analytics and MS & Co. specifically disclaims liability relating to the analytics.

MS & Co. is an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, and it and other affiliates of ours expect to make a profit by selling, structuring and, when applicable, hedging the securities.

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

Validity of the securities:

In the opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, as special counsel to MSFL and Morgan Stanley, when the securities offered by this pricing supplement have been issued by MSFL pursuant to the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture (as defined in the accompanying prospectus), the trustee and/or paying agent has made, in accordance with the instructions from MSFL, the appropriate entries or notations in its records relating to the master note that represents such securities (the "master note"), and such securities have been delivered against payment as contemplated herein, such securities will be valid and binding obligations of MSFL and the related guarantee will be a valid and binding obligation of Morgan Stanley, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, concepts of reasonableness and equitable principles of general applicability (including, without limitation, concepts of good faith, fair dealing and the lack of bad faith), *provided* that such counsel expresses no opinion as to (i) the effect of fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer or similar provision of applicable law on the conclusions expressed above and (ii) any provision of the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture that purports to avoid the effect of fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer or similar provision of applicable law by limiting the amount of Morgan Stanley's obligation under the related guarantee. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and is limited to the laws of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, except that counsel expresses no opinion as to (i) any law, rule or regulation that is applicable to Morgan Stanley or MSFL, the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture, the securities (together with the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture, the "Documents") or such transactions solely because such law, rule or regulation is part of a regulatory regime applicable to any party to any of the Documents or any of its affiliates due to the specific assets or business of such party or such affiliate or (ii) any law, rule or regulation relating to national security. In addition, this opinion is subject to customary assumptions about the trustee's authorization, execution and delivery of the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture and its authentication of the master note and the validity, binding nature and enforceability of the MSFL Senior Debt Indenture with respect to the trustee, all as stated in the letter of such counsel dated February 23, 2026, which is Exhibit 5-a to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed by Morgan Stanley on February 23, 2026.

Where you can find more information:

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

Terms used but not defined in this document are defined in the product supplement, in the index supplement, in the tax supplement or in the prospectus. Each of the product supplement, the index supplement, the tax supplement and the prospectus can be accessed via the hyperlinks set forth on the cover of this document.

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Narrative Disclosure

The maximum aggregate offering price of the securities to which the prospectus relates is \$1,048,000.00. The prospectus is a final prospectus for the related offering.
