Global Structured Products

November 2006 Preliminary Information

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This Preliminary Information outlines certain characteristics of a proposed collateralized debt obligation transaction ("CDO"). This material is presented solely for purposes of discussion, to determine preliminary interest in investing in a transaction with the general characteristics described. This transaction is in a structuring phase and there may be material changes to the structure and collateral prior to the securities being offered (such securities, the "Offered Securities").

THE OFFERING:

\$[1,506.5] million Collateralized Debt Obligation Notes and Preference Shares issued by Auriga CDO ("Auriga").

Auriga CDO

COLLATERAL MANAGER: 250 Capital LLC, a subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co.

| | CLASS A1 UNFUNDED NOTES (1)(2)(5) | CLASS A2A FUNDED NOT ES (1)(5)(8) | CLASS A2B FUNDED NOTES (1)(2)(0) | CLASS B FUNDED NOT ES (1)(5)(8) | CLASS C FUNDED NOT ES (1)((4) | CLASS D FUNDED NOTES (I)(2)(3) | CLASS E FUNDED NOT ES (3) (5) (8) | CLASS F FUNDED NOTES (1)(2)(3) | CLASS G FUNDED NOT ES (1)(C)(5) | PREFERENCE SHARES (1)(0)(0) |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Principal | [\$975,000,000] | [\$97,500,000] | [\$48,000,000] | [\$64,500,000] | [\$63,000,000] | [\$ 48,000,000] | [\$42,000,000] | [\$51,000,000] | [\$28,500,000] | [\$88,950,000] |
| Percentage | [64.7%] | [6.5%] | [3.2%] | [4.3 %] | [4.2%] | [3.2%] | [2.8%] | [3.4%] | [1.9%] | [5.9%] |
| Coupon Type | [Fixed Premium] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Floating] | [Residual] |
| Expected Rating (*) | [Aaa/AAA] | [Aaa/AAA] | [Aaa/AAA] | [Aa2/AA] | [Aa3/AA-] | [A2/A] | [A3/A-] | [Baa2/BBB] | [Bea3/BBB-] | [N ot Rated] |
| Rating Agency | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [M cody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [Moody's/S&P] | [N/A] |
| A verage Life | [7.1 yrs.] | [6.9 yrs.] | [7.7yrs.] | [7.1 yrs.] | [7.1 yrs.] | [7.1 yrs.] | [7.1 yrs.] | [6.Byrs.] | [6.8yrs.] | [N/A] |
| Legal Maturity | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] | [2047] |
| Denomination | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min | [\$250,000 min ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] | \$1,000 increments] |

- Please see "Transaction Highlights Structuring Assumptions" in the marketing book for further information on the modeling assumptions.

 See "Coupon Payment Dates" below for payment frequency on the notes isted above (the "Notes").

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 Some imited exceptions may be permitted on the Closing Date to the minimum denomination requirements for the Preferred Shares.

 A credit rating is not a recommendation to Day, holds or self securities and is subject to revision at any time. Please see "Risk Ractors Credit Ratings" in the marketing book.

Structure (1)

| Issuer: | Auriga CDO |
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| Portfolio Servicer: | 250 Capital LLC |
| Anticipated Closing Date: | [December 2006] |
| Coupon Payment Dates: | Monthly |
| Ramp-up Period: | It is assumed that [100]% of the Collateral Portfolio is expected to be purchased or identified at Closing. |
| Non Call Period: | [3] years (thereafter, all of the Notes and Preference Shares may be called by a majority vote of the Preference Shares) |
| Reinvestment Period: | [5] years. Subject to [15]% annual limit of discretionary trading by manager. ⁽²⁾ |
| Mandatory Auction Call: | [7.5] years – Minimum Equity IRR for successful auction call: [6]% for years [7.5-10.5], [3]% for years [10.5-12.5] and [0]% thereafter. |

Collateral Assumptions

| Expected Weighted Average Spread / Premium | [1.55] % |
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| Minimum Weighted Average Spread/Premium | [1.50] % |
| Maximum Weighted Average Life | [6.0] yrs |
| Principal Amount | [\$1,500.0MM] |
| Maximum Correlation Score ⁽¹⁾ | [24.5]% |
| Maximum Weighted Average Rating Factor ⁽¹⁾ | [445] (Baa2/Baa3) |
| Maximum Issuer Concentration ⁽⁴⁾ | [1.5]% |

Coverage Tests

| | <u>Initial</u> | Enhanced | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Class | Overcollateralization <u>Level</u> | Overcollateralization Level | |
| Class A 2)(3) | [133.9]% | [133.9]% | |
| Class B (2)(3) | [126.6]% | [172.4]% | |
| Class C (2)(3) | [120.2]% | [150.6]% | |
| Class D (2)(3) | [115.7]% | [137.4]% | |
| Class E (2)(3) | [112.1]% | [127.6]% | |
| Class F (2)(3) | [108.0]% | [117.4]% | |
| Class G (2)(3) | [105.8]% | [112.4]% | |

Ongoing Annual Fees and Expenses

| Senior Management Fee | [10.0] bps |
|----------------------------|--|
| Subordinate Management Fee | [2.0] bps |
| Trustee Fees | [0.6] bps |
| Administrative Expenses | [2.0] bps |
| Administrative Fee Cap | [\$300,000] yr |
| Closing Fees and Expenses | On the Closing Date, a portion of the gross proceeds from the offering will be used to pay various fees and expenses, including expenses, fees and commissions |

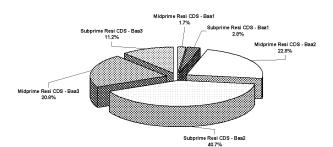
On the Closing Date, a portion of the gross proceeds from the offering will be used to pay various fees and expenses, including expenses, fees and commissions incurred in connection with the acquisition of the underlying collateral, upfront fees to the Collateral Manager, structuring and placement agency fees payable to Merrill Lynch and legal, accounting, rating agency and other fees. Closing fees and expenses reduce the amount of the gross proceeds of the offering variable to purchase collateral and, therefore, the return to purchasers of the Offered Securities. Fating agencies will consider the amount of net proceeds available to purchase collateral in determining any ratings assigned by them to the Offered Securities. For information about the amount of such fees and expenses, please review the final Offering Circular before investing.

- Mody's Weighted Average Rating Factor and maximum Asset Correlation are included as structuring assumptions. However it is expected that the actual Mody's Weighted Average Rating Factor test and Asset Correlation lest will be established at different combinations of visites which may be satisfied together for both tests to be passed. Maximum Weighted Average Rating Factor on the WARF/Correlation Matrix visit is expected to be [24.5]. In the Naximum Correlation on the WARF/Correlation Matrix is expected to be [24.5]. In this Overcollateralization Level represents the overcollateralization (level that must be attained by a class of Notes in order for principal to be paid to a more junior class of Notes when such class is still outstanding. The initial Overcollateralization Level represents the overcollateralization level that must be attained by a class of Notes in order for principal to be paid to a more junior class of Notes when such class is still outstanding. The Enhanced Overcollateralization Level supplied when is set from the trafficial of the reference portfolio has been amortized.

For further internation on the Collateral Assumptions and the Coverage Tests, please see "Transaction Highlights" in the marketing book

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Representative Portfolio



NOTE: This is an indicative portfolio. All information shown on this page is for illustrative purposes only. The actual structure of the final transaction, including the composition of the collateral to be acquired, will be determined at or around the time of pricing of the Notes based upon market conditions and other factors applicable at that time.

At Closing, it is expected that [100]% of the portfolio will consist of Synthetic Securities of which the reference obligations are Residential Mortgage Bucked Securities. Please see "Risk Factors - Synthetic Securities" for additional risks relating to Synthetic Securities.

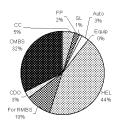
(1) This takes this account the expected particles as of the Closing Date. Up to 151%, Synthetic Securities referencing CDOs and up to 110% Cash assets may be added through

About 250 Capital LLC(1)

- 250 Capital is a wholly owned subsidiary of ML & Co., formed in 2004 for the purpose of originating and servicing portfolios of asset backed securities and structured credit
- 250 Capital also acted as portfolio servicer on Liberty Harbour CDO 2005-1, a \$1.8 billion cash ABS CDO completed in January 2005, North Cove CDO, a \$501.9 million synthetic ABS CDO completed in July 2005, North Cove CDO III, Ltd a \$750 million synthetic ABS CDO completed in January 2006 and North Cove CDO III, Ltd, a \$3 billion synthetic ABS CDO completed in August 2006.
- 250 Capital has a team of 14 highly dedicated and well trained ABS/MBS specialists with a broad portfolio expertise participating in various aspects of the ABS/MBS universe:
 - > Management of BBB to AAA rated assets in the U.S., Europe, and Asia
 - > Collateral spectrum includes all ABS/MBS classes and sectors.
 - Members of 250 Capital also manage Merrill Lynch Bank USA's investment portfolio, a securities arbitrage conduit and CDOs which includes approximately USD\$23billion in ABS and structured products.
- 250 Capital is supported by an integrated suite of risk management, legal, operations, fund accounting and administration, technology and client reporting capabilities.

Source: 250 Capital. As of October 2006

250 Capital Investment Portfolio



Future market and economic conditions are impossible to predict. Future market or aconomic conditions that materially differ from those on which the assumptions are based may have a negative impact on the performance of Auriga CDA. For these and other reasons, there are limitations on the value of this or any hypothetical illustration.

Break Even Default Rates(1)(2)(3)(4)

| BREAKEVEN DEFAULT RATES | <u>Based on a I</u> | Break in Yield | Based on 0% Yield | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Class Description (Moody's/S&P) | Annual Default Rate | Cumulative Gross Defaults | Annual Default Rate | Cumulative Gross Defaults |
| Class A1 First Priority Unfunded Notes (Aaa/AAA) | [39.5]% | [69.2]% | [68.9]% | [84.7]% |
| Class A2A Second Priority Floating Rate Notes (Aaa/AAA) | [26.2]% | [55.9]% | [29.9]% | [60.2]% |
| Class A2B Second Priority Floating Rate Notes (Aaa/AAA) | [22.2]% | [50.5]% | [24.1]% | [53.2]% |
| Class B Third Priority Floating Rate Notes (Aa2/AA) | [16.8]% | [42.0]% | [18.8]% | [45.3]% |
| Class C Fourth Priority Floating Rate Notes (Aa3/AA-) | [11.6]% | [33.6]% | [14.2]% | [37.2]% |
| Class D Fifth Priority Floating Rate Notes (A2/A) | [7.9]% | [27.2]% | [9.9]% | [30.8]% |
| Class E Sixth Priority Floating Rate Notes (A3/A-) | [3.4]% | [21.5]% | [4.7]% | [25.7]% |
| Class F Seventh Priority Floating Rate Notes (Baa2/BBB) | [2.2]% | [15.0]% | [3.3]% | [20.7]% |
| Class G Eighth Priority Floating Rate Notes (Baa3/BBB-) | [1.6]% | [11.4]% | [2.2]% | [14.7]% |

- Assuming annual constant defaults beginning immediately at [52]% recovery rate, forward LIBOR. Time lag to default is assumed to be [6] months. Please see "Transaction Details Structuring Assumptions" in the marketing book for a description of Perak in yield is the default rate at which to total cashflow received does not equal initial investment. Please see Appendix A in the marketing book for a description of Collidarial Cashflow Formulas.

 All the information shown on this page is for illustrative purposes only. The transaction is at a structuring phase, and the actual structure of the transaction and characteristics of the offered securities may differ from those presented herein. It is contemplated that the "Collidarial Profile" would apply on and after the ramp-up completion date. Defaults are stated as constant immediate any are applied on the outstanding collateral balance at the beginning of each quarterly Distribution Date. Defaulted assets are assumed to be sold immediately at a price equal to the applicable recovery rate.
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Please see "Transaction Highlights - Structuring Assumptions" in the marketing back for further information on Break in Yold and 4% Yield Default Rates

Flease review "Section 4—Risk Factors" and "Section 5— Lay Considerations" in the marketing book. In addition, tisks of investing in the Offered Securities will be described more fully in the preliminary and final offering circulars to be provided in connection with the offering of the Offered Securities.

Non-US, holders of preferred shares in a CDO including the ones being efferred are filedly to be treated as ovening an interest in a "passive foreign investment company" and possibly also a outstilled ferrigin coposation." U.S. investors in CDO securities will freed to consult their personal has activated and consider filing vertain tax disclosure from in order to avoid the potential imposition of possibles associated with an audisclosed investment in a foreign earlity, investors should be their attention to the Tax Considerations excitant of the Confidential Discovery of the Confidential Discovery