

BLACKROCK

貝萊德

美林和美國銀行早前公佈合併協議：美國銀行將會收購美林。貝萊德就這項交易之影響收到不少詢問。貝萊德是一家獨立的、公開交易的投資管理公司，這一點在美國銀行和美林的交易完成後將不會改變。上述交易對貝萊德的董事會結構不會構成影響，貝萊德的公司治理亦會維持獨立。如你所知，我們和美林簽訂的全球分銷協議及股東協議，在美國銀行和美林完成交易後，美國銀行將會成為貝萊德的股東，上述協議將會繼續生效，而美國銀行必須遵守。全球分銷協議將延長至上述收購交易完成後的第5年，股東協議亦將延續至2013年7月下旬、或當所持有貝萊德公司的股權降至20%以下之時。我們期盼和美國銀行的合作並成為貝萊德的重要夥伴。

(此為翻譯本，一切請以英文原文為準)

Merrill Lynch and Bank of America have announced a merger in which Bank of America will acquire Merrill Lynch. We have received many questions with regards to how this transaction will affect BlackRock. BlackRock is and, following the transaction will remain, an independent publicly traded investment management firm. This transaction has no effect on the structure of our Board and will reinforce our independent governance. As you may know, we have a global distribution agreement (GDA) and stockholder agreement with Merrill Lynch. Upon the closing of the BofA/Merrill Lynch transaction, BofA will become a shareholder of BlackRock and these agreements will continue and be binding upon BofA. The GDA will be extended to the fifth anniversary of the BofA/Merrill transaction, and our Stockholders Agreement will continue until the later of July 2013 or when the investment in BlackRock falls below 20%. We look forward to working with BofA as an important partner of BlackRock.