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Contingent Income Buffered Auto-Callable Securities due August 28, 2026, With 1-year Initial Non-Call Period

All Payments on the Securities Based on the Performance of the iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF

This document provides a summary of the terms of the securities offered by Morgan Stanley Finance LLC. Investors should review carefully the accompanying preliminary terms, product supplement and prospectus prior to making an investment decision.

SUMMARY TERMS

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| Issuer: | Morgan Stanley Finance LLC (“MSFL”) |
| Guarantor: | Morgan Stanley |
| Underlying shares: | Shares of the iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF (the “EWZ Shares”). For more information about the underlying shares, see the accompanying preliminary terms. |
| Stated principal amount: | \$1,000 per security |
| Pricing date: | February 25, 2019 |
| Original issue date: | February 28, 2019 (3 business days after the pricing date) |
| Maturity date: | August 28, 2026 |
| Early redemption: | The securities are not subject to automatic early redemption until approximately one year after the original issue date. |

Following this initial 1-year non-call period, if, on any redemption determination date, beginning on February 25, 2020, the determination closing price of the underlying shares is greater than or equal to the initial share price, the securities will be automatically redeemed for an early redemption payment on the related early redemption date. No further payments will be made on the securities once they have been redeemed.

The securities will not be redeemed early on any early redemption date if the determination closing price of the underlying shares is below the initial share price on the related redemption determination date.

Early redemption payment:

The early redemption payment will be an amount equal to (i) the stated principal amount for each security you hold *plus* (ii) the contingent monthly coupon with respect to the related observation date.

A *contingent* monthly coupon at an annual rate of at least 8.00% (corresponding to at least approximately \$6.667 per month per security, to be determined on the pricing date) will be paid on the securities on each coupon payment date **but only if** the determination closing price of the underlying shares is at or above the coupon barrier level on the related observation date.

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monthly coupon: If, on any observation date, the determination closing price of the underlying shares is less than the coupon barrier level, no contingent monthly coupon will be paid with respect to that observation date. It is possible that the underlying shares will remain below the coupon barrier level for extended periods of time or even throughout the entire 7.5-year term of the securities so that you will receive few or no contingent monthly coupons.

If the securities are not redeemed prior to maturity, investors will receive a payment at maturity determined as follows:

· If the final share price of the underlying shares is **greater than or equal to** 80% of the initial share price, meaning that the underlying shares have not decreased by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20% from the initial share price: the stated principal amount and the contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final observation date

Payment at maturity:

· If the final share price of the underlying shares is **less than** 80% of the initial share price, meaning that the underlying shares have decreased by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20% from the initial share price:

$\$1,000 + [\$1,000 \times (\text{share percent change} + 20\%)]$

Under these circumstances, the payment at maturity will be less than the stated principal amount of \$1,000. However, under no circumstances will the securities pay less than the minimum payment at maturity of \$200 per security.

Minimum payment at maturity:

\$200 per security (20% of the stated principal amount)

Agent:

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, an affiliate of MSFL and a wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. See “Supplemental information regarding plan of distribution; conflicts of interest” in the accompanying preliminary terms. The agent commissions will be as set forth in the final pricing supplement.

Estimated value on the pricing

Approximately \$942.00 per security, or within \$30.00 of that estimate. See “Investment Summary” in the accompanying preliminary terms.

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Overview

The securities offered are unsecured obligations of MSFL and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Morgan Stanley. The securities have the terms described in the accompanying preliminary terms, product supplement and prospectus. The securities do not provide for the regular payment of interest and provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of the stated principal amount. Instead, the securities will pay a contingent monthly coupon **but only if** the determination closing price of the underlying shares is **at or above** 80% of the initial share price, which we refer to as the coupon barrier level, on the related observation date. If, however, the determination closing price of the underlying shares is less than the coupon barrier level on any observation date, we will pay no interest for the related monthly period. Beginning after one year, the securities will be automatically redeemed if the determination closing price of the underlying shares is **greater than or equal to** the initial share price on any monthly redemption determination date for the early redemption payment equal to the sum of the stated principal amount plus the related contingent monthly coupon. No further payments will be made on the securities once they have been redeemed. At maturity, if the securities have not previously been redeemed and the final share price of the underlying shares is **greater than or equal to** 80% of the initial share price, meaning that the underlying shares have not declined by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20%, the payment at maturity will be the stated principal amount and the related contingent monthly coupon. However, if the final share price of the underlying shares is **less than** 80% of the initial share price, meaning that the underlying shares have declined by an amount greater than the buffer amount of 20%, investors will lose 1% for every 1% decline in the final share price of the underlying shares from the initial share price beyond the buffer amount of 20%. **Accordingly, investors in the securities must be willing to accept the risk of losing up to 80% of their initial investment and also the risk of not receiving any contingent monthly coupons throughout the 7.5-year term of the securities.** These long-dated securities are for investors who are willing to risk their principal and seek an opportunity to earn interest at a potentially above-market rate in exchange for the risk of receiving no monthly interest over the entire 7.5-year term and in exchange for the possibility of an automatic early redemption prior to maturity. Investors will not participate in any appreciation of the underlying shares. 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.

Investing in the securities involves risks. See "Selected Risks" on the following page and "Risk Factors" in the accompanying preliminary terms.

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You should read this document together with the accompanying preliminary terms, product supplement and prospectus describing the offering before you decide to invest. You may access the preliminary terms through the below link:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/895421/000095010319001631/dp102002_fwp-ps1581.htm

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| Determination closing price: | The closing price of the underlying shares on any redemption determination date or observation date (other than the final observation date), <i>times</i> the adjustment factor on such redemption determination date or observation date, as applicable |
| Redemption determination dates: | Monthly, as set forth under “Observation Dates, Redemption Determination Dates, Coupon Payment Dates and Early Redemption Dates” in the accompanying preliminary terms, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. |
| Early redemption dates: | Starting on February 28, 2020 (approximately one year after the original issue date), monthly. See “Observation Dates, Redemption Determination Dates, Coupon Payment Dates and Early Redemption Dates” in the accompanying preliminary terms. If any such day is not a business day, that early redemption payment, if payable, will be made on the next succeeding business day and no adjustment will be made to any early redemption payment made on that succeeding business day. |
| Coupon threshold level: | 80% of the initial share price |
| Buffer amount: | 20%. As a result of the buffer amount of 20%, the price at or above which the underlying shares must close on the final observation date so that investors do not suffer a loss on their initial investment in the securities is 80% of the initial share price |
| Initial share price: | The closing price of the underlying shares on the pricing date |
| Final share price: | The closing price of the underlying shares on the final observation date times the adjustment factor on such date |
| Adjustment factor: | 1.0, subject to adjustment in the event of certain events affecting the underlying shares |
| Share percent change: | $(\text{final share price} - \text{initial share price}) / \text{initial share price}$ |
| Coupon payment dates: | Monthly, as set forth under “Observation Dates, Redemption Determination Dates, Coupon Payment Dates and Early Redemption Dates” in the accompanying preliminary terms. If any such day is not a business day, that coupon payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no adjustment will be made to any coupon payment made on that succeeding business day; provided that the contingent monthly coupon, if any, with respect to the final observation date shall be paid on the maturity date. |
| Observation dates: | Monthly, as set forth under “Observation Dates, Redemption Determination Dates, Coupon Payment Dates and Early Redemption Dates” in the accompanying preliminary terms, subject to postponement for non-trading days and certain market disruption events. We also refer to August 25, 2026, which is the third scheduled business day preceding the scheduled maturity date, as the final observation date. |
| CUSIP / ISIN: | 61768DP33 / US61768DP331 |
| Listing: | The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange. |

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The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-800-584-6837.

Risk Considerations

The risks set forth below are discussed in more detail in the “Risk Factors” section in the accompanying preliminary terms. Please review those risk factors carefully prior to making an investment decision.

- The securities provide a minimum payment at maturity of only 20% of your principal.

- The securities do not provide for the regular payment of interest and may pay no interest over the entire term of the securities.

- The contingent monthly coupon, if any, is based only on the determination closing price of the underlying shares on the related monthly observation date at the end of the related interest period.

- Investors will not participate in any appreciation in the price of the underlying shares.

- The market price will be influenced by many unpredictable factors.

- There are risks associated with investments in securities linked to the value of foreign (and especially emerging markets) equity securities.

- The price of the underlying shares is subject to currency exchange risk.

- 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.

- As a finance subsidiary, MSFL has no independent operations and will have no independent assets.

- Reinvestment risk.

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The antidilution adjustments the calculation agent is required to make do not cover every event that could affect the underlying shares.

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange and secondary trading may be limited, and accordingly, you should be willing to hold your securities for the entire 7.5-year term of the 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.

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.

Adjustments to the underlying shares or the index tracked by the underlying shares could adversely affect the value of the securities.

The performance and market price of the underlying shares, particularly during periods of market volatility, may not correlate with the performance of the share underlying index, the performance of the component securities of the share underlying index or the net asset value per share of the underlying shares.

- Not equivalent to investing in the underlying shares or the stocks composing the share underlying index.
- Hedging and trading activity by our affiliates could potentially affect the value of 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.

- The U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities are uncertain.

Tax Considerations

You should review carefully the discussion in the accompanying preliminary terms under the caption “Additional Information About the Securities– Tax considerations” concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an

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investment in the securities. However, you should consult your tax adviser regarding all aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the securities, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction.

Hypothetical Examples

The following hypothetical examples illustrate how to determine whether a contingent monthly coupon is paid with respect to an observation date and how to calculate the payment at maturity, assuming the securities are not redeemed prior to maturity. The following examples are for illustrative purposes only. Whether you receive a contingent monthly coupon will be determined by reference to the determination closing price of the underlying shares on each monthly observation date, and the amount you will receive at maturity will be determined by reference to the final share price of the underlying shares on the final observation date. The actual contingent monthly coupon rate, initial share price and coupon barrier level will be determined on the pricing date. All payments on the securities are subject to our credit risk. The below examples are based on the following terms:

8.00% per annum (corresponding to approximately \$6.667 per month per security)¹

Hypothetical Contingent Monthly Coupon:

With respect to each coupon payment date, a contingent monthly coupon is paid but only if the determination closing price of the underlying shares is at or above the coupon barrier level on the related observation date.

If the final share price of the underlying shares is **greater than or equal to 80%** of the initial share price: the stated principal amount and the contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final observation date.

Payment at Maturity (if the securities are not redeemed prior to maturity):

If the final share price of the underlying shares is **less than 80%** of the initial share price:

$$\$1,000 + [\$1,000 \times (\text{share percent change} + 20\%)]$$

Stated Principal Amount: \$1,000

Minimum Payment at Maturity: \$200 per security

Hypothetical Initial Share Price: \$45.00

Hypothetical Coupon Barrier Level: \$36.00, which is 80% of the hypothetical initial share price

Buffer Amount: 20%

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* The actual contingent monthly coupon will be an amount determined by the calculation agent based on the actual contingent monthly coupon rate and the number of days in the applicable payment period, calculated on a 30/360 day-count basis. The hypothetical contingent monthly coupon of \$6.667 is used in these examples for ease of analysis.

How to determine whether a contingent monthly coupon is payable with respect to an observation date:

Determination Closing Price Hypothetical Contingent Monthly Coupon

Hypothetical Observation Date 1 \$39.00 (**at or above** the coupon barrier level) \$6.667
Hypothetical Observation Date 2 \$32.50 (**below** the coupon barrier level) \$0

On hypothetical observation date 1, the underlying shares close at or above the coupon barrier level. Therefore, a hypothetical contingent monthly coupon of \$6.667 is paid on the relevant coupon payment date.

On hypothetical observation date 2, the underlying shares close below the coupon barrier level and accordingly no contingent monthly coupon is paid on the relevant coupon payment date.

You will not receive a contingent monthly coupon on any coupon payment date if the determination closing price of the underlying shares is below the coupon barrier level on the related observation date.

How to calculate the payment at maturity:

In the following examples, the underlying shares close below the initial share price on each redemption determination date, and, consequently, the securities are not automatically redeemed prior to, and remain outstanding until, maturity.

Final Share Price Payment at Maturity

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| Example 1: | \$60.00 (at or above 80% of initial share price) | \$1,006.667 (the stated principal amount and the contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final observation date) |
| Example 2: | \$6.75 (below 80% of initial share price) | $\$1,000 + [\$1,000 \times (\text{share percent change} + 20\%)]$ $= \$1,000 + [\$1,000 \times (-85\% + 20\%)]$ $= \$1,000 + (\$1,000 \times -65.00\%) = \350 |

In example 1, the final share price of the underlying shares is at or above 80% of the initial share price. Therefore, investors receive at maturity the stated principal amount of the securities and the hypothetical contingent monthly coupon with respect to the final observation date. However, investors do not participate in any appreciation of the underlying shares.

In example 2, the final share price of the underlying shares is below 80% of the initial share price. Therefore, investors are exposed to the downside performance of the underlying shares and investors lose 1% of principal for every 1% decline in the final share price of the underlying shares from the initial share price beyond the buffer amount of 20%. The payment at maturity in this example is equal to \$350 per security. Investors do not receive the contingent monthly coupon for the final observation date.

If the final share price of the underlying shares is below 80% of the initial share price, you will be exposed to the downside performance of the underlying shares at maturity, and your payment at maturity will be less than the stated principal amount per security. Under these circumstances, you will lose some, and up to 80%, of your investment in the securities.

iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF Historical Performance

The following graph sets forth the daily closing values of the iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF for each quarter in the period from January 1, 2014 through February 1, 2019. You should not take the historical values of the iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF as an indication of its future performance, and no assurance can be given as to the price of the iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF, including on the redemption determination dates or the observation dates.

iShares® MSCI Brazil ETF Daily Closing Prices

January 1, 2014 to February 1, 2019