

Auction Rate Securities

Conclusion of ARS Global Settlement Offer



Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC (“Wachovia Capital Markets”)¹ has concluded its offer to repurchase Auction Rate Securities (ARS) under the global settlement with the North American Securities Administrators special task force, the Attorney General for the State of New York and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Under its agreement with regulators, Wachovia Capital Markets offered to repurchase ARS from customers who purchased ARS on or before February 13, 2008. The repurchases took place in two phases. In November 2008, Wachovia Capital Markets offered to repurchase eligible ARS from individuals, charities and small businesses. During June 2009, eligible businesses and non-dealer institutions with more than \$10 million in assets held at Wachovia Capital Markets or Wachovia Securities, LLC received an offer to repurchase qualifying ARS. As part of its settlement, Wachovia Capital Markets also offered customers with ARS eligible under the settlement an opportunity to take a loan with the eligible ARS as collateral until such as time as the ARS repurchases took place. In addition the settlement offered customers with eligible ARS reimbursement for loan expenses, relief for customers who sold below par and alternatives for seeking consequential damage claims.

Please review Wells Fargo Securities² [Auction Rate Securities Procedures](#) for a discussion of the firm's auction procedures.

Understanding the typical terms and descriptions of the auction practices we use is crucial when you invest in ARS through Wells Fargo Securities, but because each security is different, investors should review the disclosures of the auction agent and other broker-dealers participating in the auction for a specific ARS in which they wish to invest. Printed copies of offering documents, Wells Fargo Securities' ARS disclosures and those of other auction participants, and other general educational information concerning ARS can be obtained from your investment representative.

For more information about Auction Rate Securities (ARS)

- [ARS Procedures](#)
- [ARS Settlement News Release](#)

¹ On July 1, 2009, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC merged with and into Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC. At 11:59pm EST on July 3, 2009, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC changed its name to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. The information contained herein is limited to auction rate securities transactions that were conducted with Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC prior to its merger with Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.

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