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The Bank of New York Company, Inc. [LOGO]

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\$529,297,000

The Bank of New York Company, Inc. CoreNotes (Registered Service Mark)

Filed under Rule 424 (b)(3), Registration Statement No. 333-103003, 333-103003-01, 333-103003-02, and 333-103003-03 Pricing Supplement No. 53 - dated September 17, 2004 (To prospectus dated August 10, 2004 and prospectus supplement dated August 10, 2004)

_____ Purchasing Proceeds Aggregate CUSIP Principal Price to Agent's Before
Number Amount Public(1) Discount(1) Expenses(1) ______ 0640P1D26 \$1,716,000 100% 2.00% _____ ______ Interest Interest Stated
Rate Per Payment Maturity Survivor's
Annum Frequency Date Option _____ 5.30% Semiannual 09/16/2019 YES Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of March and September of each year

commencing 03/15/2005.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York

Company, Inc. on 09/15/2007 and each Interest Payment

Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30

calendar days notice.

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CUSIP Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public(1)	Purchasi Agent' Discount	s	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1D34	\$915,000	100%	2.509	5	97.50%
Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency	Matu	rity	Survivo	

Semiannual 09/17/2029 YES 5.45%

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

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Company, Inc. on 09/15/2009 and each Interest Payment

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The Bank of New York Company, Inc.

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Trade Date: 09/17/2004
Issue Date: 09/22/2004

Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000

Original Issue Discount: No

All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only

Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 161

The defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture described under "Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities - Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" in the Prospectus will apply to the Senior and Senior Subordinated Notes respectively.

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount "CoreNotes(Registered Service Mark)" is a registered service mark of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co. Purchasing Agent Acting as Principal