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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-2614959

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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BNY Capital VI

BNY Capital VII

BNY Capital VIII

BNY Capital IX

BNY Capital X

(Exact name of registrant as specified

in its certificate of trust)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation

or organization of each registrant)

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Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public: From time to time after the Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of Securities to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price(1)	Amount to be registered/ Proposed maximum offering price per unit/ Amount of registration fee(7)
Debt Securities of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation(2)		\$ 131,905(7)
Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation(3)		
Depositary Shares of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation(3)(4)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Bank of New York Mellon		

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Corporation(3)
Trust Preferred Securities of BNY Capital VI, BNY Capital VII,
BNY Capital VIII, BNY Capital IX and BNY Capital X
The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation Guarantees and
other obligations with respect to Trust Preferred Securities(5)
Stock Purchase Contracts of The Bank of New York Mellon
Corporation
Stock Purchase Units of The Bank of New York Mellon
Corporation(6)
Warrants of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation

- (1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units or represented by depositary shares.
- (2) Debt Securities of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (the Company) may be purchased by any of BNY Capital VI, BNY Capital VII, BNY Capital VIII, BNY Capital IX, BNY Capital X (each, a BNY Trust), with the proceeds of the sale of the Trust Preferred Securities of that BNY Trust, together with the proceeds received from the Company for the common securities to be issued by that BNY Trust to the Company. No separate consideration will be received for such Debt Securities. Such Debt Securities may later be distributed for no additional consideration to the holders of Trust Preferred Securities of the applicable BNY Trust upon certain events described in the applicable Trust Agreement of such BNY Trust.
- (3) Shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, Depositary Shares and shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company may be issuable for separate consideration or upon conversion of other securities registered hereunder.
- (4) In the event that the Company elects to offer to the public fractional interests in shares of Preferred Stock registered hereunder, Depositary Shares of the Company, evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to a deposit agreement, will be distributed to those persons purchasing such fractional interests, and the shares of Preferred Stock will be issued to the depositary under any such agreement.
- (5) The Company is also registering the Company's Guarantees and other obligations that it may have with respect to Trust Preferred Securities issued by any of the BNY Trusts. No separate consideration will be received for any such Guarantee or other obligations and pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933 no separate fee is payable for any such Guarantee or other obligations.
- (6) Each Stock Purchase Unit of the Company will be issued under a unit agreement or indenture and will represent an interest in two or more Debt Securities, warrants or purchase contracts, which may or may not be separable from one another.
- (7) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee subject to the conditions set forth in such rules, except for \$131,905 of filing fees that were previously paid by the Company with regard to \$1,850,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of the Company's medium-term notes as a class of its debt securities entitled either Senior Medium-Term Notes Series G or Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series H (collectively, the MTN Notes) that were registered under a Registration Statement (File Nos. 333-144261 and 333-144261-01 through 333-144261-07) filed on July 2, 2007 and that remain available for sale in future offerings. The filing fees referenced above have been paid in advance of any future offerings of the MTN Notes.

This registration statement contains a prospectus relating to both the offering of newly issued securities and market-making transactions that occur on an ongoing basis in securities that will have been previously issued under this registration statement.

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PROSPECTUS

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation

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Stock Purchase Units

Warrants

**BNY Capital VI
BNY Capital VIII
BNY Capital X**

**BNY Capital VII
BNY Capital IX**

Trust Preferred Securities

(Fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a subordinated basis,

as described herein, by The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation)

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, a Delaware corporation (also referred to as the Company or we), or BNY Capital VI, BNY Capital VII, BNY Capital VIII, BNY Capital IX or BNY Capital X (each, a BNY Trust and, together, the BNY Trusts) in the case of the Trust Preferred Securities, may offer and sell from time to time, in one or more series, the securities listed above. Any selling shareholder named in a prospectus supplement may offer and sell from time to time shares of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), of the Company that it acquires or acquired in transactions that were not, or will not be, registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by a selling shareholder. See Plan of Distribution for a further description of the manner in which we and/or any selling shareholder may dispose of the securities covered by this prospectus.

The Common Stock of the Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BK. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the other securities offered hereby will not be listed on a national securities exchange.

This prospectus contains a general description of the securities which may be offered. The specific terms of the securities will be contained in one or more supplements to this prospectus. The supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus may not be used to offer or sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the applicable offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the document incorporated by reference herein and therein, before making an investment decision.

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To read about certain important factors you should consider in making an investment decision, see Risk Factors on page 5 of this prospectus.

THE SECURITIES WILL BE EQUITY SECURITIES IN OR UNSECURED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY OR A BNY TRUST AND WILL NOT BE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF ANY BANK OR NONBANK SUBSIDIARY OF THE COMPANY AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE BANK INSURANCE FUND OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THE NOTES ARE NOT BANK DEPOSITS AND ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED BY, A BANK.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION, THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM NOR ANY OTHER REGULATORY BODY HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement may be used in the initial sale of the securities. In addition, the Company, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC or any other affiliate controlled by the Company may use this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplement in a market-making transaction involving the securities after the initial sale. These transactions may be executed at negotiated prices that are related to market prices at the time of purchase or sale, or at other prices. The Company and its affiliates may act as principal or agent in these transactions.

The date of this prospectus is June 28, 2010.

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WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, AND IN ANY FREE WRITING PROSPECTUS THAT WE PREPARE. WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO GIVE YOU ANY OTHER INFORMATION, AND WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT OTHERS MAY GIVE YOU. THIS PROSPECTUS, ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND ANY SUCH FREE WRITING PROSPECTUS MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARED. YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS ACCURATE AS OF ANY DATE OTHER THAN THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR THE DATE OF THE RELEVANT INCORPORATED DOCUMENT, AS APPLICABLE. THE FINANCIAL CONDITION, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OR BUSINESS PROSPECTS OF THE COMPANY MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE THOSE DATES. WE ARE NOT MAKING AN OFFER OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE THE OFFER IS NOT PERMITTED.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This document is called a prospectus. This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To understand the terms of the securities, you should carefully read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. This prospectus and the prospectus supplement together give the specific terms of the securities being offered. You should also read the documents referred to under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* for information on The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (the *Company*). The Company has its principal offices at One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286 (telephone: 212-495-1784). Certain capitalized terms used in this summary are defined elsewhere in this prospectus.

The Company and BNY Capital VI, BNY Capital VII, BNY Capital VIII, BNY Capital IX and BNY Capital X (each a *BNY Trust* and, together, the *BNY Trusts*), all statutory trusts formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, have filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *SEC*) under a *shelf* registration procedure. Under this procedure the Company and the BNY Trusts, may offer and sell from time to time, in one or more series, any one or a combination of the following securities:

unsecured Debt Securities of the Company,

shares of Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (*Preferred Stock*),

depository shares representing Preferred Stock,

shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company,

Trust Preferred Securities of a BNY Trust,

Guarantees of the Company relating to the Trust Preferred Securities,

Stock Purchase Contracts of the Company,

Stock Purchase Units of the Company, and

Warrants of the Company.

The securities may be sold for U.S. dollars, foreign denominated currency or currency units, including the euro. Amounts payable with respect to any such securities may be payable in U.S. dollars or foreign denominated currency or currency units.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and terms of the securities being offered. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

Any of the securities described in this prospectus and in a prospectus supplement may be convertible or exchangeable into other securities that are described in this prospectus or will be described in a prospectus supplement or may be issued separately, together or as part of a unit consisting of two or more securities, which may or may not be separate from one another. These securities may include new or hybrid securities developed in the future that combine features of any of the securities described in this prospectus.

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The prospectus supplement may also contain information about certain United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities covered by the prospectus supplement.

The Company or a BNY Trust may sell securities to underwriters who will sell the securities to the public on terms fixed at the time of sale. In addition, the securities may be sold by the Company or a BNY Trust directly or through dealers or agents designated from time to time, who may be affiliates of the Company and the BNY

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Trusts. If the Company or a BNY Trust, directly or through agents, solicits offers to purchase the securities, the Company or such BNY Trust reserves the sole right to accept and, together with its agents, to reject, in whole or in part, any such offer.

For the securities being sold, the prospectus supplement will also include the names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, their compensation, the terms of offering, and the net proceeds to the Company and each BNY Trust.

Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the offering may be deemed underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act.

Additionally, shares of Common Stock may be offered and sold from time to time by any selling shareholder named in a prospectus supplement who has acquired, or will acquire, Common Stock from the Company in transactions that were not, or will not be, registered under the Securities Act, as described under Plan of Distribution. Specific information with respect to any offer and sale by any selling shareholder will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to that transaction.

Conflicts of Interest

BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC, a broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., which we refer to as FINRA, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, may participate in offerings of securities made by means of this prospectus. As such, BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC has a conflict of interest as defined in NASD Conduct Rule 2720(f)(5)(B), as administered by FINRA, and any offerings made by means of this prospectus will be conducted in compliance with Rule 2720. In general, under Rule 2720, a Qualified Independent Underwriter will not be necessary for these offerings pursuant to Rule 2720(a)(1)(C), as the Company will be offering securities that have been rated investment grade or are in the same series as securities that have been rated investment grade. No underwriter having a Rule 2720 conflict of interest will be permitted under Rule 2720 to confirm sales to any account over which the underwriter exercises discretionary authority without the specific written approval of the accountholder.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any documents filed by us at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our filings with the SEC are also available to the public through the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Company and the BNY Trusts have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of ours, please be aware that the reference is only a summary and that you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's Internet site.

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INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC's rules allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document. Any information referred to in this way is considered part of this prospectus from the date we file that document. Any reports filed by us with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and before the date that the offering of the securities by means of this prospectus is terminated will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede any information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the following documents or information filed by us with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed on February 26, 2010, as amended by our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, filed on May 14, 2010;

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010, filed on May 7, 2010;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on February 3, 2010, February 16, 2010, March 10, 2010, April 16, 2010, May 14, 2010 and June 7, 2010;

Our definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed on March 15, 2010;

The description of our Common Stock contained in our Registration Statement filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

Any documents filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, on or after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of the offering of the securities.

You may request a free copy of any or all of these filings by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation

One Wall Street

New York, New York 10286

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (212) 635-1787

No separate financial statements of any BNY Trust are included in this prospectus. The Company and the BNY Trusts do not consider that such financial statements would be material to holders of the Trust Preferred Securities because each BNY Trust is a special purpose entity, has no operating history or independent operations and is not engaged in and does not propose to engage in any activity other than holding as trust assets the corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities of the Company and issuing the Trust Securities. Furthermore, taken together, the Company's obligations under each series of corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the junior subordinated indenture pursuant to which the corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued, the related Trust Agreement and the related Guarantee provide, in the aggregate, a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of payments of Distributions and other amounts due on the related Trust Preferred Securities of a BNY Trust. In addition, the Company does not expect that the BNY Trusts will be filing reports under the Exchange Act with the

SEC.

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THE COMPANY

On July 1, 2007, The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (The Bank of New York) and Mellon Financial Corporation (Mellon Financial) merged into The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation (BNY Mellon or the Company), with BNY Mellon being the surviving entity. The merger was accounted for as a purchase of Mellon Financial by The Bank of New York for accounting and financial reporting purposes. With its predecessors, BNY Mellon has been in business since 1784. Our Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BK .

BNY Mellon is a global leader in providing a comprehensive array of services that enable institutions and individuals to manage and service their financial assets in more than 100 markets worldwide. We strive to be the global provider of choice for asset and wealth management and institutional services and be recognized for our broad and deep capabilities, superior client service and consistent outperformance versus peers. Our global client base consists of financial institutions, corporations, government agencies, high-net-worth individuals, families, endowments and foundations and related entities. At March 31, 2010, we had \$22.4 trillion in assets under custody and administration and \$1.1 trillion in assets under management, serviced \$11.8 trillion in outstanding debt and, on average, processed \$1.5 trillion of global payments per day.

BNY Mellon is a bank holding company and a financial holding company registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve) under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended. As such, we and our subsidiaries are subject to the supervision, examination and reporting requirements of the Bank Holding Company Act and the regulations of the Federal Reserve.

Our principal executive office is located at One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286, telephone number: (212) 495-1784. Our website is <http://www.bnymellon.com>.

When we refer to we , our or us in this prospectus we mean BNY Mellon and its consolidated subsidiaries.

THE BNY TRUSTS

Each BNY Trust is a statutory trust created under Delaware law pursuant to:

a trust agreement executed by The Bank of New York, as Depositor of the BNY Trust, and the Delaware Trustee of such BNY Trust, and

a certificate of trust filed with the Delaware Secretary of State.

Each trust agreement was assumed by operation of law in the merger by the Company. Each such trust agreement will be amended and restated in its entirety, as applicable (each, as so amended and restated, a Trust Agreement), substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part prior to the issuance of securities by the trust. Each Trust Agreement will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act). The principal executive office of each BNY Trust is One Wall Street, New York, New York 10286, and its telephone number is (212) 495-1784.

Each BNY Trust may offer to the public, from time to time, preferred securities (the Trust Preferred Securities) representing preferred beneficial interests in the applicable BNY Trust. In addition to Trust Preferred Securities offered to the public, each BNY Trust will sell to the Company common securities representing common ownership interests in such BNY Trust (the Trust Common Securities). All of the Trust Common Securities of each BNY Trust will be owned by the Company. The Trust Common Securities and the Trust Preferred Securities together are also referred to as the Trust Securities.

The prospectus supplement relating to any Trust Preferred Securities will describe the terms of such securities and of any securities issued to, or agreements entered into with, the BNY Trust issuing the Trust Preferred Securities.

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Before you invest in any of our securities, in addition to the other information in this prospectus, you should carefully consider the risk factors contained in Item 1A under the caption Risk Factors and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, which is incorporated in this prospectus by reference (and similar terms in any of our annual or quarterly reports for a subsequent fiscal year or fiscal quarter or current reports that we file with the SEC and that are so incorporated). See Where You Can Find More Information above for information about how to obtain a copy of these documents. Additional risks related to our securities may also be described in a prospectus supplement.

**CONSOLIDATED RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND EARNINGS TO
COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

For the periods shown below, the following table sets forth the consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends of BNY Mellon. For purposes of computing the foregoing ratios, earnings represent continuing operations income (loss) before extraordinary items plus applicable income taxes and fixed charges. Fixed charges, excluding interest on deposits, include interest expense (other than on deposits) and the proportion deemed representative of the interest factor of rent expense, net of income from subleases. Fixed charges, including interest on deposits, include all interest expense and the proportion deemed representative of the interest factor of rent expense, net of income from subleases.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2010	2009	2009	2008	2007(a)	2006(b)	2005(b)
Earnings to Fixed Charges Ratios							
Excluding interest on deposits	9.48	4.64	(3.16)	2.91	3.82	3.50	4.60
Including interest on deposits	7.17	3.46	(2.15)	1.70	1.91	1.94	2.42
Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends							
Excluding interest on deposits	9.48*	4.34	(3.69)	2.88	3.82*	3.50*	4.60*
Including interest on deposits	7.17*	7.21	(2.55)	1.69	1.91*	1.94*	2.42*

(a) Results for 2007 include six months of BNY Mellon and six months of legacy The Bank of New York.

(b) Results for 2006 and 2005 include legacy The Bank of New York only.

* For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and for each of the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, there were no outstanding shares of preferred stock of BNY Mellon, The Bank of New York and Mellon Financial, as applicable. Therefore, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is not different from the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for those periods.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as may be set forth in a prospectus supplement, the Company will use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered hereby for general corporate purposes, including refinancing of existing debt, financing acquisitions or business expansion, investments in, or extensions of credit to, our bank subsidiaries and, to a lesser extent, other existing or future subsidiaries. Pending such use, the net proceeds may be temporarily invested in short-term obligations. The precise amounts and timing of the application of proceeds used for general corporate purposes will depend upon funding requirements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the availability of other funds. The Company expects, on a recurring basis, to engage in additional financing of a character and amount to be determined as the need arises.

Except as may be set forth in a prospectus supplement, each BNY Trust will invest all proceeds received from any sale of its Trust Securities in corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities to be issued by the Company in connection with any issuance of Trust Securities. Except as may be set forth in a prospectus supplement, the Company will use the net proceeds from the sale of the corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities to each BNY Trust for the purposes described above.

The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any shares of Common Stock by any selling shareholder.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES AND
SENIOR SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES**

Summary

The following description of the terms of the Senior Debt Securities and the Senior Subordinated Debt Securities to be issued by the Company (sometimes referred to as the Debt Securities in this Description of Senior Debt Securities and Senior Subordinated Debt Securities only) sets forth certain general terms and provisions. The particular terms of any series of Debt Securities will be contained in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe the following terms of the Debt Securities:

the title of the series of Debt Securities;

whether the series of Debt Securities are Senior Debt Securities or Senior Subordinated Debt Securities;

any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the series of Debt Securities;

the price (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount thereof) at which the series of the Debt Securities will be issued;

the Person to whom any interest on a Debt Security of the series will be payable, if other than the Person in whose name that Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest;

the date or dates on which the principal of the series of Debt Securities will be payable;

the rate or rates per annum at which the series of Debt Securities will bear interest, if any (or the formula pursuant to which such rate or rates will be determined);

if Debt Securities are sold bearing no interest or below market interest, known as original issue discount securities, the amount payable upon acceleration and special tax, accounting and other considerations;

the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue and the dates on which such payment of any such interest will be payable and the Regular Record Dates for such interest payment dates;

the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the series of Debt Securities will be payable;

the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Debt Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;

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the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay or purchase Debt Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such Debt Securities will be redeemed, repaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

the denominations in which the series of Debt Securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;

the currency or currencies in which payment of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the series of Debt Securities will be payable, if other than U. S. dollars;

if the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on Debt Securities of the series is to be payable, at the election of the Company or a holder thereof, in a currency or currencies other than that in which such series of Debt Securities are stated to be payable, the currency or currencies in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on such Debt Securities as to which such election is made will be payable, and the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made;

the index, formula or other method, if any, with reference to which the amount of any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the series of Debt Securities will be determined;

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whether, and the terms and conditions relating to when, the Company may satisfy all or a part of its obligations with regard to payment upon maturity or any redemption or required repurchase or in connection with any exchange provisions by delivering to the holders of the Debt Securities, other securities, which may or may not be issued by or be obligations of the Company, or a combination of cash, other securities and/or property (Maturity Consideration);

the portion of the principal amount of the series of Debt Securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, if other than the principal amount thereof;

the terms, if any, upon which the Debt Securities of the series are convertible into Common Stock or other securities of the Company and the terms and conditions upon which any conversion may be effected, including the initial conversion price or rate, the conversion period and any other provisions in addition to or instead of those described in this Prospectus;

any additional Events of Default or, in the case of Senior Subordinated Debt Securities, Defaults, solely with respect to the series of Debt Securities;

whether either or both of the provisions of the Applicable Indenture (as defined below) described under Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance will be applicable to the series of Debt Securities;

if Debt Securities are sold for one or more foreign currencies or foreign currency units, or principal, interest or premium are payable in foreign currencies or foreign currency units, the restrictions, elections, tax consequences and other information regarding the issue and currency or currency units;

if the series of Debt Securities are Senior Subordinated Debt Securities, whether the subordination provisions summarized below or other subordination provisions will be applicable to such Senior Subordinated Debt Securities;

any additional restrictive covenants included for the benefit of the series of Debt Securities; and

any additional material terms of the series of Debt Securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the Applicable Indenture. Unless otherwise stated in a prospectus supplement, each series of Debt Securities will be represented by fully registered global certificates issued as global Debt Securities to be deposited with a depository with respect to that series, instead of paper certificates issued to each individual owner. The depository arrangements that will apply, including the manner in which principal of and premium, if any, and interest on any series of Debt Securities and other payments will be payable are discussed in more detail under the heading Book-Entry Issuance.

The Senior Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series under the Senior Indenture, dated as of July 18, 1991, between BNY Mellon (successor to The Bank of New York Company, Inc.) and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (f/k/a Bankers Trust Company), as Trustee, as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 29, 2007, as further supplemented from time to time (the Senior Indenture). The Senior Subordinated Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of October 1, 1993, between BNY Mellon (successor to The Bank of New York Company, Inc.) and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (successor to J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, as successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Trust Company, National Association), as Trustee, as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture dated as of June 29, 2007, as further supplemented from time to time (the Senior Subordinated Indenture).

The Senior Indenture and the Senior Subordinated Indenture are sometimes referred to collectively as the Indentures. The Indentures are qualified under the Trust Indenture Act. Each series of Debt Securities will be established under the applicable Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture, resolution of the Company's Board of Directors or a committee thereof or officers' certificate. The Trustee on the applicable Indenture is referred to as the Trustee.

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The Indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities or of any particular series of Debt Securities that may be issued thereunder and provide that Debt Securities may be issued from time to time in series. In addition, a series of Debt Securities may be reopened in order to issue additional Debt Securities of that series in the future without the consent of the holders of Debt Securities of that series.

The following summaries of certain provisions of the Senior Debt Securities, the Senior Subordinated Debt Securities and the Indentures are not complete. For a complete description of these Debt Securities you should read the Indenture applicable to a particular series of Debt Securities (the Applicable Indenture), including the definitions therein of certain terms. Each Indenture is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Debt Securities Issued by the Company under the Senior Indenture or the Senior Subordinated Indenture

Wherever we refer to particular sections, articles or defined terms of the Applicable Indenture we are incorporating those sections, articles or defined terms into this prospectus by reference. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Applicable Indenture.

General

The Senior Debt Securities issued by the Company will be unsecured obligations of the Company and will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. As of March 31, 2010, indebtedness of the Company that would have ranked equally with the Senior Debt Securities totaled approximately \$9.488 billion. As of March 31, 2010, no obligations of the Company would have ranked senior to the Senior Debt Securities. The Senior Subordinated Debt Securities issued by the Company will be unsecured subordinated obligations of the Company.

Because the Company is a holding company, its rights and the rights of its creditors, including the holders of the Debt Securities, to a share of the assets of any subsidiary upon the liquidation or recapitalization of the subsidiary will be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors (including, in the case of bank subsidiaries, their depositors), except to the extent that the Company may itself be a creditor with recognized claims against the subsidiary. Accordingly, the Debt Securities will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of the Company's subsidiaries, and holders of Debt Securities should look only to the assets of the Company for payments on the Debt Securities.

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement:

principal of (and premium, if any) or Maturity Consideration and interest on the Debt Securities issued by the Company will be payable, and the Debt Securities will be exchangeable and transfers thereof will be registerable, at the office or agency of The Bank of New York Mellon in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, except that, at the option of the Company, interest may be paid by mailing a check to the address of the Person entitled thereto as it appears in the Security Register (Sections 202, 305 and 1002); and

the Debt Securities will be issued only in registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof (Section 302).

No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of the Debt Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. (Section 305).

Debt Securities may be issued as Original Issue Discount Debt Securities to be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Special Federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable thereto will be described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. Debt Securities may be issued with original issue

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discount if they are sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Special Federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable thereto will be described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. (Section 101).

If any index or formula is used to determine the amount of payments of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any series of Debt Securities, special United States