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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. 56 - dated October 08, 2004
(To prospectus dated August 10, 2004 and
prospectus supplement dated August 10, 2004)

CUSIP Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public(1)	Purchasing Agent's Discount(1)	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1AC7	\$4,249,000	100%	2.00%	98.00%

Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency	Stated Maturity Date	Survivor's Option
5.40%	Semiannual	10/15/2019	YES

Senior Subordinated Medium-Term Notes Series F

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of April and October of each year commencing 04/15/2005.

Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 10/15/2007 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

CUSIP Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public(1)	Purchasing Agent's Discount(1)	Proceeds Before Expenses(1)
0640P1AD5	\$1,400,000	100%	2.50%	97.50%

Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency	Stated Maturity Date	Survivor's Option
5.55%	Semiannual	10/15/2029	YES

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Redemption Information: Redeemable at the option of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. on 10/15/2009 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, at a price equal to 100% on 30 calendar days notice.

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Trade Date: 10/08/2004
Issue Date: 10/14/2004
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
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