

MONY GROUP INC
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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THE MONY GROUP INC.

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The following is a letter to certain clients of Lebenthal & Co., a subsidiary of The MONY Group. The merger agreement for AXA Financial, Inc.'s acquisition of The MONY Group was filed by The MONY Group under cover of Form 8-K on September 18, 2003 and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

Lebenthal Client Letter

[Date]

Dear (Name of client):

I(we) have some exciting news to share with you.

Our parent company, The MONY Group, recently announced that it has entered into an agreement to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, Inc. The transaction is subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals as well as other customary closing conditions and is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2004.

With approximately \$415 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2002, AXA Financial is one of the world's premier financial services organizations. And you may recognize some of AXA Financial's strong brands: The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S., Alliance Capital Management L.P., and Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

AXA Financial is one of the most respected companies in our industry and shares much in common with Advest and The MONY Group. In terms of philosophy, AXA Financial places a strong belief in the value of customized financial advice and wealth management solutions—the model that forms the basis of all that we do here at Lebenthal.

What does this mean for you as a Lebenthal client?

It means that from an organizational standpoint, we will continue to operate as we currently do. Our offices will remain in their current locations and our brand will likewise remain unchanged.

Most importantly, however, our focus on providing you with the best advice possible will not change. You will now enjoy an enhanced range of product and service offerings through our affiliation with AXA Financial, beginning next year following the closing of this transaction.

I(we) will keep you apprised of further developments as they unfold over the coming months. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I(we) appreciate the trust you have placed in me(us) over the years and look forward to continuing to serve your financial needs for many more to come.

Sincerely,

Financial Advisor

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Important Legal Information

MONY intends to file a proxy statement and AXA Financial and MONY intend to file other documents regarding the proposed acquisition of MONY by AXA Financial with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). **Before making any voting or investment decisions, investors and security holders of MONY are urged to read the proxy statement regarding the acquisition, carefully in its entirety when it becomes available, because it will contain important information about the proposed transaction.** A definitive proxy statement will be sent to the stockholders of MONY seeking their approval of the transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, when it becomes available, and other documents filed with, or furnished to, the SEC by AXA Financial and MONY at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement and other documents may also be obtained for free from MONY and AXA Financial by directing a written request to Shareholder Services, MONY, 1740 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019; Attn. John MacLane (jmaclane@mony.com), or to AXA Financial, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10104, Attn. Robert Walsh (Robert.Walsh@axa-financial.com).

Certain Information Concerning Participants: MONY, its directors, executive officers and certain members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from MONY shareholders in favor of the approval of the transaction. Information regarding such officers and directors is included in MONY's proxy statement for its 2003 Annual Meeting of shareholders filed with the SEC on May 2, 2003.