As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2008

Registration Statement No. 333-132911

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 4** 

TO

FORM S-3

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** 

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-2740599 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 World Financial Center New York, New York 10080 (212) 449-1000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

RICHARD ALSOP, ESQ. General Counsel **Corporate Law** Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 4 World Financial Center New York, New York 10080 (212) 449-1000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With copies to:

NORMAN D. SLONAKER, ESQ. Sidley Austin LLP 787 Seventh Avenue New York, New York 10019

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this 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 statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\Box$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

**Title of each class** <u>of securities to be registered</u> Common Stock of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Amount to be registered(1) 255,120,865 shares Proposed maximum aggregate <u>offering price(1)(2)</u> \$13,600,493,313

Amount of registration fee(2) \$544,020

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee.

(2) Pursuant to Rules 457(r) and 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, the proposed maximum aggregate offering price and registration fee for up to 255,120,865 shares of common stock of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. to be offered by the selling stockholders from time to time at indeterminate prices are computed on the basis of the average high and low prices of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.'s common stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, on February 25, 2008. In accordance with Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement (File No. 333-132911) is being filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("ML&Co.") for the purpose of registering the resale of shares of common stock, par value \$1.331/3 per share, initially sold in private placements in December, 2007 and January, 2008 and shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of Non-Voting Mandatory Convertible Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock of ML&Co., par value \$1.00 per share and liquidation preference \$100,000 per share (the "Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock"), sold in private placements in January, 2008 and February, 2008, in reliance on exemptions from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. No changes or additions are being made hereby to the existing base prospectus that already forms a part of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, such existing base prospectus is being omitted from this filing. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").



## Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 255,120,865 Shares of Common Stock

The shares of common stock, \$1.331/3 par value per share of ML&Co. (the "Shares") described in this prospectus are being offered for sale from time to time by the selling stockholders named herein who acquired (i) the Shares in private placements in December, 2007 and January, 2008 or (ii) the Shares issuable upon conversion of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock in private placements in January, 2008 and February, 2008, in reliance on exemptions from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. We are registering the offer and sale of the Shares and the Shares underlying the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock to satisfy registration rights we have granted. The selling stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from any sales. ML&Co. will not receive any of the proceeds.

The selling stockholders may sell the Shares at various times and in various types of transactions, including sales in the open market, sales in negotiated transactions and sales by a combination of these methods. Shares may be sold at the market price of the common stock at the time of a sale, at prices relating to the market price over a period of time, or at prices negotiated with the buyers of Shares.

The selling stockholders will pay all brokerage fees and commissions and similar sale-related expenses. ML&Co. is paying expenses relating to the registration of the Shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ML&Co.'s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MER". On February 25, 2008, the last reported sale price for ML&Co.'s common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$54.42 per share.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 25, 2008

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements are based on ML&Co.'s management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to ML&Co.'s management. Forward-looking statements include information concerning ML&Co.'s possible or assumed future results of operations and statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates" or similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. ML&Co. does not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after it distributes this prospectus.

# MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

ML&Co. is one of the world's leading wealth management, capital markets and advisory companies, with offices in 40 countries and total client assets of almost \$2.0 trillion. As an investment bank, it is a leading global trader and underwriter of securities and derivatives across a broad range of asset classes and serves as a strategic advisor to corporations, governments, institutions and individuals worldwide. Merrill Lynch owns approximately half of BlackRock, one of the world's largest publicly traded investment management companies, with more than \$1 trillion in assets under management.

ML&Co.'s principal office is located at 4 World Financial Center, New York, NY 10080, and its telephone number is (212) 449-1000.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in ML&Co.'s common stock involves risk. See the risk factors described in ML&Co.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for ML&Co.'s fiscal year ended December 28, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information ML&Co. includes or incorporates by reference in this prospectus. These risks could materially affect ML&Co.'s business, results of operations or financial condition and cause the value of ML&Co.'s common stock to decline. You could lose all or part of your investment.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

All Shares sold pursuant to this prospectus will be sold by the selling stockholders and ML&Co. will not receive any of the proceeds from such sales.

#### SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The selling stockholders acquired the Shares offered by this prospectus from ML&Co. in connection with private placements by ML&Co. in December, 2007, January, 2008 and February, 2008.

The registration of these Shares does not necessarily mean that the selling stockholders will sell all or any of the Shares.

The following table provides information regarding the beneficial ownership of ML&Co.'s common stock by the selling stockholders, as of February 21, 2008. The number of Shares set forth in the table below represents all Shares owned by the selling stockholders.

The information provided in the table below with respect to the selling stockholders has been obtained from the selling stockholders and ML&Co. has not sought to verify this information.

| Selling Stockholders   | Number of Shares<br>Beneficially Owned Prior<br>to the Offering | Percentage of Class of<br>Shares Beneficially<br>Owned Prior to the<br>Offering | Number of Shares<br>Being Offered                  |
|--|---|---|--|
|  |   |   |  |
| Clover Investments (Mauritius) Pte Ltd<br>Faber Investments (Mauritius) Pte Ltd (1)<br>Crescent Holding GmbH (2)<br>Davis Selected Advisors LP (3) | 88,749,594<br>5,725,191<br>25,000,000                           | 9.2%<br>*<br>2.6%   | 88,749,594<br>5,725,191<br>25,000,000              |
| Eton Park Fund, L.P. (4)<br>Eton Park Master Fund, Ltd. (5)<br>Korea Investment Corporation (6)<br>Kuwait Investment Authority (7)                 | 3,146,666<br>5,711,667<br>38,167,939<br>38,167,939              | *<br>*<br>4.0%<br>4.0%  | 2,666,666<br>5,666,667<br>38,167,939<br>38,167,939 |
| Collin Limited<br>Li Ka Shing (Canada) Foundation<br>Marble Palace Investments Limited (8)   | 2,520,832   | *   | 2,520,832  |
| Lispenard Street Credit (Master), Ltd.<br>Pond View Credit (Master), Ltd. (9)<br>Mizuho Corporate Bank (10)<br>Phanbari Corporation (11)           | 1,041,666<br>22,900,763<br>2,500,000                            | *<br>2.4%<br>*  | 1,041,666<br>22,900,763<br>2,500,000               |
| Public Sector Pension Investment Board (12)<br>TPG-Axon Partners, LP<br>TPG-Axon Partners (Offshore), Ltd. (13)                                    | 1,021,241<br>9,541,985  | *   | 1,021,241<br>9,541,985                             |
| The New Jersey Division of Investment (14)<br>T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. / T. Rowe Price International, Inc. (15)                              | 5,725,191<br>5,725,191  | *   | 5,725,191<br>5,725,191                             |

\* Less than 1%. All calculations are based on 966,800,458 Shares outstanding as of February 5, 2008.

We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.

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(1) (2) (3) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that Davis Selected Advisors LP has dispositive power over the Shares and that it has voting power over 23,635,700 of such Shares. We have been further advised by the selling stockholder that AIG SunAmerica Series Trust - Venture Value Portfolio, RiverSource Managers Series, Inc. – Fundamental Value Fund, RiverSource Variable Portfolio – Managers Series, Inc. – Fundamental Value Fund, ING Partners Inc. – ING Davis Venture Value Portfolio, MMA Praxis Core Stock Fund and Meritas US Equity Fund have voting power over 686,100,271,100, 219,800, 95,500, 88,500 and 3,300 of such Shares, respectively.

We have been advised by the selling stockholder that Eton Park Capital Management, L.P., the investment manager of the fund, shares voting and dispositive power (4) with Eton Park Fund, L.P. over the Shares held by Eton Park Fund, L.P.

We have been advised by the selling stockholder that Eton Park Capital Management, L.P., the investment manager of the fund, shares voting and dispositive power (5) with Eton Park Master Fund, Ltd. over the Shares held by Eton Park Master Fund, Ltd. over the Shares

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- (6) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Korea has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (7) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (8) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (9) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that DiMaio Ahmad Capital LLC has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (10) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (11) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (12) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (13) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that TPG-Axon Capital Management, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("TPG-Axon Management"), as investment manager to TPG-Axon Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("TPG-Axon Domestic") and TPG-Axon Partners (Offshore), Ltd., a Cayman exempted company ("TPG-Axon Offshore"), has the power to direct the disposition and voting of the Shares held by TPG-Axon Domestic and TPG-Axon Offshore. TPG-Axon Partners GP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Partners GP") is the general partner of TPG-Axon Domestic. TPG-Axon GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("GP LLC") is the general partner of Partners GP and TPG-Axon Management. Dinakar Singh LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Singh LLC") is the general partner of GP LLC. Dinakar Singh, an individual, is the Managing Member of Singh LLC and in such capacity may be deemed to control Singh LLC, GP LLC and TPG-Axon Management, and therefore may be deemed the beneficial owner of the Shares held by TPG-Axon Domestic and TPG-Axon Domestic and TPG-Axon Management.
- (14) We have been advised by the selling stockholder that it has voting and dispositive power over the Shares.
- (15) T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("TRPA") and T. Rowe Price International, Inc. ("TRPI") serve as investment advisers with power to direct investments and/or sole power to vote the securities owned by the funds and accounts holding the Shares, as well as securities owned by certain other individual and institutional investors. For purposes of reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, TRPA and TRPI may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of all of the Shares; however, TRPA and TRPI expressly disclaim that they are, in fact, the beneficial owners of such securities. TRPA and TRPI are the wholly owned subsidiaries of T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., which is a publicly traded financial services holding company.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

ML&Co. is registering the Shares covered by this prospectus for the selling stockholders. Pursuant to a registration rights agreement by and between ML&Co. and Temasek Capital (Private) Limited, dated as of December, 24, 2007, a subscription agreement by and between ML&Co. and Davis Selected Advisors LP dated as of December 24, 2007 and share subscription agreements by and between ML&Co. and the various parties signatory thereto, dated as of January 15, 2008, ML&Co agreed to register the resale of the common stock owned by the selling stockholders and the common stock underlying the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock owned by the selling stockholders and to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain liabilities related to the selling of the common stock, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. Under the registration rights agreements, ML&Co. also agreed to pay the costs and fees of registering the Shares; however, the selling stockholders will pay any brokerage commissions relating to the sale of the Shares.

The selling stockholders may sell the common stock being offered hereby in one or more of the following ways at various times:

- directly to purchasers in transactions (which may involve crosses or block transactions or borrowings, returns and reborrowings of the Shares pursuant to stock loan agreements to settle short sales of the Shares) on the New York Stock Exchange, in privately negotiated transactions or in the over-the-counter market or delivered in connection with the issuance of securities by issuers other than ML&Co. that are exchangeable for (whether optionally or mandatorily), or payable in, Shares or pursuant to which the Shares may be distributed or in satisfaction of options or short sales of Shares);
- through dealers, brokers or other agents;
- through underwriters; or

#### • through a combination of any of the above.

Such transactions may be effected:

- at a fixed price or prices that may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices relating to such prevailing market prices; or
- · at negotiated prices.

The selling stockholders may offer their Shares in one or more offerings pursuant to one or more prospectus supplements, if required by applicable law, and any such prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the relevant offering to the extent required.

Each selling stockholder will act independently of ML&Co. in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. The selling stockholders may sell the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices.

The selling stockholders (other than Davis Selected Advisors LP) have agreed, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell or transfer any Shares for one year after the date of their respective private placement investment agreements in December, 2007, January, 2008 and February, 2008. Specifically, these selling stockholders have agreed not to directly or indirectly:

- offer, pledge, sell or contract to sell any Shares;
- sell any option or contract to purchase any Shares;
- purchase any option or contract to sell any Shares;
- · lend or otherwise dispose of or transfer any Shares; or

• enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any Shares whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of Shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

This lockup applies to Shares and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Shares.

The selling stockholders may negotiate and pay broker-dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may allow other broker-dealers to participate in resales. The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers involved in the sale or resale of the common stock may qualify as "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. In addition, the broker-dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions may qualify as underwriters' compensation under the Securities Act. If a selling stockholder qualifies as an "underwriter," it will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Shares offered pursuant to this prospectus will be passed upon by Sidley AustinLLP, New York, New York.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statement incorporated by reference in this Post Effective Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement No.333-13291 and the effectiveness of Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, incorporated by reference in the Post Effective Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement No. 333-13291 (which reports (1) express an unqualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and include an explanatory paragraph regarding the changes in accounting methods in 2007 relating to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "*Fair Value Measurement*,"

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Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities—Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115," and FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB StatementNo. 109," and in 2006 for share-based payments to conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment", and include an explanatory paragraph relating to the restatement discussed in Note 20 to the consolidated financial statements) and (2) express an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting). Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file 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. In addition, the SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information that we electronically file. The address of the SEC's website is *http://www.sec.gov*. You may also inspect our SEC reports and other information at the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

#### INCORPORATION OF INFORMATION WE FILE WITH THE SEC

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means:

- incorporated documents are considered part of the prospectus;
- we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this incorporated information.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below which were filed with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") (other than information in the documents that is deemed not to be filed):

- annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2007;
- current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC dated January 4, 2008, January 16, 2008, January 17, 2008, January 24, 2008, January, 28, 2008, January, 29, 2008, January, 30, 2008, February 1, 2008, February 6, 2008, February 7, 2008, February 8, 2008, February 14, 2008 and February 25, 2008.

We also incorporate by reference each of the following documents that we will file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus until this offering is completed (other than information in the documents that is deemed not to be filed):

- reports filed under Section 13(a) and (c) of the Exchange Act;
- definitive proxy or information statements filed under Section 14 of the Exchange Act in connection with any subsequent stockholders' meeting; and
- any reports filed under Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date of this prospectus only. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since that date.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above (excluding exhibits not specifically incorporated by reference into the filing), at no cost, by contacting us in writing or by telephone at the following address: Judith A. Witterschein, Corporate Secretary, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., 222 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10038.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in a prospectus supplement related to an offering prepared by or on behalf of ML&Co. or used or referred to by us. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different or additional information. You should not rely on any other information or representations. Our affairs may change after this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement are conveyed. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the dates indicated in those documents. You should read all information supplementing this prospectus.



# PART II

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

Estimated expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities are as follows:

| Registration fee                 | *               |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fees and expenses of accountants | \$50,000        |
| Fees and expenses of counsel     | \$100,000       |
| Printing expenses                | \$20,000        |
| Stock exchange listing fees      | \$20,000        |
| Miscellaneous                    | <u>\$10,000</u> |
| Total                            | \$200,000       |

\* The registrant is deferring the payment of all of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 456(b) and 457(r).

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended, provides that under certain circumstances a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at its request in such capacity in another corporation or business association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, has no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

Article XIII, Section 2 of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of ML&Co. provides in effect that, subject to certain limited exceptions, ML&Co. shall indemnify its directors and officers to the extent authorized or permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

# EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>Number |   | Description  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 5.01              | _ | Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP.  |
| 23.01             | _ | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. |
| 23.02             | _ | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting firm fo BlackRock, Inc.           |
| 23.03             | _ | Consent of Sidley Austin LLP. (included in Exhibit 5.01).  |
| 24.01             | _ | Powers of Attorney.  |
|                   |   |  |

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in New York, New York, on the 25th day of February, 2008.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

By: /s/ Nelson Chai

Name: Nelson Chai Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature                     | Title  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| *<br>(John A. Thain)          | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)    |  |
| *<br>(Nelson Chai)            | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) |  |
| *<br>(Christopher B. Hayward) | Vice President and Finance Director (Principal Accounting Officer)                 |  |
| * (Carol T. Christ)           | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Armando M. Codina)      | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Virgis W. Colbert)      | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Alberto Cribiore)       | Director   |  |
| *<br>(John D. Finnegan)       | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Judith Mayhew Jonas)    | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Aulana L. Peters)       | Director   |  |
| *<br>(Joseph W. Prueher)      | Director   |  |

\* (Ann N. Reese)

\* (Charles O. Rossotti)

Dated: February 25, 2008

\*By: /s/ Nelson Chai Name: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Attorney-in-Fact

Director

Director

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## Exhibit 5.01 and Exhibit 23.03

February 25, 2008

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 4 World Financial Center New York, New York 10080

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the filing by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Company") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-132911)(the "Registration Statement") relating to 255,120,865 shares of Common Stock, \$1.331/3 par value per share, of the Company (the "Securities").

We have examined and are familiar with originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such corporate records of the Company, certificates or documents as we have deemed appropriate as a basis for the opinion expressed below. In such examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copies.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Securities are legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

Our opinion is limited to matters governed by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (including the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and the reported judicial decisions interpreting the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and such applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution).

We consent to the use of this opinion in the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm's name in the Prospectus constituting a part of such Registration Statement under the heading "Legal Matters".

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidley Austin LLP Sidley Austin LLP

Sidley Austin LLP is a limited liability partnership practicing in affiliation with other Sidley Austin partnerships

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement No. 333-132911 on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 25, 2008, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and subsidiaries ("Merrill Lynch") (which report expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements, includes an explanatory paragraph regarding the changes in accounting methods in 2007 relating to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "*Fair Value Measurement*," Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, "*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities— Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115*," and FASB Interpretation No. 48, "*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB StatementNo. 109*," and in 2006 for share-based payments to conform to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment," and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the consolidated financial statements), and the effectiveness of Merrill Lynch's internal control over financial reporting appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Merrill Lynch for the year ended December 28, 2007 and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Registration Statement No. 333-132911.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP New York, New York February 25, 2008

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated March 13, 2007, relating to the consolidated financial statements of BlackRock, Inc. appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of BlackRock, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006, which is incorporated by reference in Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement No. 333-132911 on Form S-3 of Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc. and subsidiaries.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP New York, New York February 25, 2008

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints John A. Thain, the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Registrant"), Gregory J. Fleming, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Registrant, Nelson Chai, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant and Rosemary T. Berkery, Vice Chairman and the General Counsel of the Registrant, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, such person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign:

- 1. Any post-effective amendments to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated March 31, 2006 of the Registrant, with file number 333-132911, any subsequent registration statements pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any amendments thereto and to file the same,
- Any registration statement on Form S-3 or, if Form S-3 is unavailable, Form S-1, any and all amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), any subsequent registration statements pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any amendments thereto, relating to the registration of up to 104,166,666 shares of common stock, par value \$1.33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, of the Registrant, issued pursuant to that certain Investment Agreement, dated as of December 24, 2007, between the Registrant and Temasek Capital (Private) Limited;
- any registration statement on Form S-3 or, if Form S-3 is unavailable, Form S-1, any and all amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), any subsequent registration statements pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any amendments thereto, relating to the registration of up to 25,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, of the Registrant, issued pursuant to that certain Subscription Agreement, dated as of December 24, 2007, between the Registrant and Davis Selected Advisors LP;
- 4. any registration statement on Form S-3 or, if Form S-3 is unavailable, Form S-1, any and all amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), any subsequent registration statements pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any amendments thereto, relating to the registration of up to 125,954,199 shares of common stock, par value \$1.33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, of the Registrant, to be issued upon conversion of the Registrant's 9.0% Non-Voting Mandatory Convertible Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock Series 1, effective as of January 15, 2008;

together with, in each case, exhibits and schedules thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or desirable to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Title

| /s/ John A. Thain<br>(John A. Thain)   | Director, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) |
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| /s/ Nelson Chai<br>(Nelson Chai)   | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)        |
| /s/ Christopher Hayward<br>(Christopher Hayward)<br>/s/ Carol T. Christ<br>(Carol T. Christ) | Vice President and Finance Director (Principal Accounting Officer)<br>Director            |
| /s/ Armando M. Codina<br>(Armando M. Codina)   | Director  |
| /s/ Virgis W. Colbert<br>(Virgis W. Colbert)   | Director  |
| /s/ Alberto Cribiore<br>(Alberto Cribiore)   | Director  |
| /s/ John D. Finnegan<br>(John D. Finnegan)   | Director  |
| /s/ Judith Mayhew Jonas<br>(Judith Mayhew Jonas)   | Director  |
| /s/ Aulana L. Peters<br>(Aulana L. Peters)   | Director  |
| /s/ Joseph W. Prueher<br>(Joseph W. Prueher)   | Director  |
| /s/ Ann N. Reese<br>(Ann N. Reese)   | Director  |
| /s/ Charles O. Rossotti<br>(Charles O. Rossotti)   | Director  |

Dated: February 25, 2008