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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 23, 2005

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Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware	1-7182	13-2740599
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 World Financial Center, New York, New York	10080
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 449-1000

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

The Board of Directors of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") has elected Armando M. Codina, to serve as a member of the Board effective July 1, 2005. As a result of Mr. Codina's election, the Board consists of 11 members. Mr. Codina has also been appointed as a member of both the Nominating & Corporate Governance and Public Policy & Responsibility Committees of the Board.

Mr. Codina is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Codina Group, Inc., ("Codina Group") a Coral Gables, Fla.-based real estate investment, development, construction, brokerage and property management firm.

A press release announcing Mr. Codina's election was issued on June 23, 2005. A copy is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

*Certain Transactions*

A Merrill Lynch subsidiary currently leases office space at 355 Alhambra Plaza in Coral Gables, Fla. This property is owned by a partnership (the "Partnership") in which Mr. Codina and certain of his family members owned interests. These interests were acquired, and Merrill Lynch's lease was entered into, before it was contemplated that Mr. Codina would join the Board. Merrill Lynch has paid gross rent of less than \$1 million to the Partnership in each of 2003, 2004 and 2005. All ownership interests in the Partnership were disposed of by Mr. Codina and his family members on June 1, 2005 prior to Mr. Codina's election to the Board.

A subsidiary of Codina Group acts as property manager for 355 Alhambra Plaza pursuant to an agreement with the Partnership. Although Merrill Lynch's gross rent payments to the Partnership include a proportionate share of management fees and expenses, it does not make any payments directly to the subsidiary. Moreover, Merrill Lynch's share of such fees and expenses is less than \$100,000 annually and represents significantly less than 5% of Codina Group's consolidated gross revenues.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated June 23, 2005, issued by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Judith A. Witterschein  
Judith A. Witterschein  
Corporate Secretary

Date: June 23, 2005

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# News

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## **MERRILL LYNCH ELECTS ARMANDO CODINA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEW YORK, June 23, 2005 – Merrill Lynch & Co. (NYSE: MER) today announced that Armando Codina has been elected to the company's board of directors, effective July 1, 2005. Mr. Codina, 58, is chairman and chief executive officer of Codina Group, Inc., a Coral Gables, Fla.-based real estate investment, development, construction, brokerage and property management firm.

“We are extremely pleased to have an entrepreneur and business leader of the caliber of Armando Codina join the board of directors of Merrill Lynch,” said Stan O’Neal, Merrill Lynch chairman and chief executive officer. “As the founder and head of one of the largest real estate developers in one of the world’s most vibrant real estate markets, he brings enormous financial, operational and strategic expertise to the board.”

The company said that Mr. Codina was named to the nominating and corporate governance and the public policy and social responsibility committees of the board.

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Established in 1979, Codina Group is one of the most respected full-service commercial real estate development corporations in Florida. Prior to establishing Codina Group, Mr. Codina was president of Professional Automated Services, Inc., a firm created in 1970 to provide data processing services to physicians.

Merrill Lynch is one of the world's leading financial management and advisory companies with offices in 36 countries and total client assets of approximately \$1.6 trillion. As an investment bank, it is a leading global underwriter of debt and equity securities and strategic advisor to corporations, governments, institutions, and individuals worldwide. Through Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, the company is one of the world's largest managers of financial assets. Firmwide, assets under management total \$479 billion. For more information on Merrill Lynch, please visit [www.ml.com](http://www.ml.com)

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