# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# 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): September 14, 2007

# <u>Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.</u> (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

|  | Delaware  | 1-7182   | 13-2740599  |  |  |  |
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|  | (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation)                    | (Commission<br>File Number)  | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.)             |  |  |  |
| 4 World Fin  | nancial 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.)     |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|  | ppropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is in truction A.2. below): | ntended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the re- | gistrant under any of the following provisions (see |  |  |  |
| □ Writ   | ten communications pursuant to Rule 425 under                           | the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)                                |   |  |  |  |
| □ Solic  | eiting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the                       | e Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)                                 |   |  |  |  |
| □ Pre-c  | commencement communications pursuant to Rul                             | le 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))           |   |  |  |  |
| □ Pre-c  | commencement communications pursuant to Rul                             | le 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))           |   |  |  |  |

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

Exhibits are filed herewith in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-132911) filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering Senior Debt Securities issuable under an indenture dated as of April 1, 1983, as amended through the date hereof, between the Company and The Bank of New York (as so amended, the "Indenture"). The Company has issued as part of its Medium-Term Notes, Series C, \$23,749,000 aggregate principal amount of 100% Principal Protected Callable Notes Linked to the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate due September 14, 2009 under the Indenture. The exhibits consist of the form of Note and an opinion of counsel relating thereto.

## tem 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

#### **EXHIBITS**

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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, thereto duly

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. (Registrant)

/s/ JOHN THURLOW By:\_\_\_

John Thurlow Assistant Treasurer

Date: September 14, 2007

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

EXHIBITS TO CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

**Commission File Number 1-7182** 

## **Exhibit Index**

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THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL NOTE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITORY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (THE "DEPOSITORY") TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITORY OR BY THE DEPOSITORY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITORY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITORY. UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY, TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY NOTE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHER WISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

REGISTERED No. 1 CUSIP No.: 59018YJ77

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT 23,749 Units, \$1,000 principal amount per Unit (\$23,749,000 aggregate principal amount)

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTE, SERIES C
100% Principal Protected Callable Notes Linked to the 10-Year
Constant Maturity Treasury Rate due September 14, 2009
(the "Notes")

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Company," which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO., or registered assigns, the Redemption Amount (as defined below) on September 14, 2009 (the "Stated Maturity Date") in accordance with the terms below, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for public and private debts.

Payment of the Redemption Amount and any interest on any overdue amount thereof with respect to this Global Note shall be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

#### Payment on the Stated Maturity Date

Unless the Notes have been subject to automatic redemption, a Holder shall be entitled to receive a cash amount equal to, with respect to each Unit, \$1,000 (the "Redemption Amount").

## **Automatic Redemption**

The Company shall redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, at the applicable Redemption Price (as defined below) on an Anniversary Date (as defined below) if the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day prior to such Anniversary Date (as defined below) (an "Observation Date") is less than or equal to the Strike Rate.

The "Strike Rate" equals 4.33%.

As used herein, the "Redemption Price" per Unit, if automatically redeemed, shall equal:

- \$1,046.25 for the first Anniversary Date occurring in March 2008; or
- \$1,092.50 for the second Anniversary Date occurring in September 2008; or
- \$1,138.75 for the third Anniversary Date occurring in March 2009; or
- \$1,185.00 for the fourth Anniversary Date occurring in September 2009.

Upon redemption, the Notes will no longer be outstanding and no additional payments will be made on the Notes on any subsequent Anniversary Date or on the Stated Maturity Date. If an Anniversary Date is not a Business Day, payment of the Redemption Price will be made on the immediately succeeding Business Day and no additional interest will accrue as a result of such delayed payment.

As used herein, an "Anniversary Date" will occur on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March and September of each year, from and including March 14, 2008 to and including the Stated Maturity Date.

As used herein, "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

The Company will give notice of any automatic redemption to the Trustee no later than the Business Day immediately succeeding the applicable Observation Date. The notice to the Trustee will specify the Anniversary Date on which the Notes will be automatically redeemed and the applicable Redemption Price. The Trustee will provide notice of the automatic redemption to the registered Holder of the Notes, specifying the Anniversary Date and the Redemption Price. The depositary, as the registered Holder, will receive the notice of the automatic redemption. So long as the depositary is the registered Holder of the Notes, notice of the automatic redemption shall be deemed duly given upon receipt by the depositary.

"Bloomberg" means Bloomberg data services or any successor service or page displaying such rate.

The "10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate" means:

- (a) the rate, expressed as a percentage, which expresses the yield to maturity on U.S. Treasury securities with a constant maturity of 10 years, as quoted on Bloomberg page H15T2Y as of 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the applicable Observation Date, or
- (b) if the rate referred to in clause (a) does not appear on Bloomberg page H15T2Y (or any successor page on such system) on the applicable Observation Date, the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate will equal the yield to maturity on U.S. Treasury securities with a constant maturity of 10 years quoted on Reuters page FRBCMT on the applicable Observation Date, or
- (c) if the rate referred to in clause (b) does not appear on Reuters, the percentage equal to the yield for United States Treasury securities at "constant maturity" having a 10 year maturity and for the particular Observation Date as published in H.15(519) under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities", or
- (d) if the rate referred to in clause (c) does not appear in H.15(519), the rate on the particular Observation Date for the period of a 10 year maturity as may then be published by either the Federal Reserve System Board of Governors or the United States Department of the Treasury that the Calculation Agent determines to be comparable to the rate which would otherwise have been published in H.15(519), or
- (e) if the rate referred to in clause (d) is not published, the rate on the particular Observation Date calculated by the Calculation Agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices at approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that Observation Date of three leading primary United States government securities dealers in The City of New York, which may include the agent or its affiliates (each, a "Reference Dealer"), selected by the Calculation Agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the Calculation Agent and eliminating the highest quotation, or, in the event of equality, one of the highest, and the lowest quotation or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity equal to 10 years, a remaining term to maturity no more than 1 year shorter than 10 years and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at that time, or
- (f) if fewer than five but more than two of the prices referred to in clause (e) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular Observation Date calculated by the Calculation Agent based on the arithmetic mean of the bid prices obtained and neither the highest nor the lowest of the quotations will be eliminated, or
- (g) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (e) are provided as requested, the rate on the particular Observation Date calculated by the Calculation Agent as a yield to maturity based on the arithmetic mean of the secondary market bid prices as of approximately 3:30 P.M., New York City time, on that Observation Date of three

Reference Dealers selected by the Calculation Agent from five Reference Dealers selected by the Calculation Agent and eliminating the highest quotation or, in the event of equality, one of the highest and the lowest quotation or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest, for United States Treasury securities with an original maturity greater than 10 years, a remaining term to maturity closest to 10 years and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in the securities in that market at that time, or

(h) if fewer than three prices referred to in clause (g) are provided, a rate equal to the immediately preceding 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate or, in the case of the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate in September 2007, 4.51%.

As used herein, the "Calculation Agent" is Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. All determinations made by the Calculation Agent, absent a determination of manifest error, shall be conclusive for all purposes and binding on the Company and the Holders and beneficial owners of this Note.

Payment of the Redemption Amount and interest in respect of this Note due on the Stated Maturity Date will be made in immediately available funds upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the office or agency maintained by the Company for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York. Payment of a Redemption Price due on any Anniversary Date other than the Stated Maturity Date will be made at the aforementioned office or agency maintained by the Company or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register maintained by the Trustee on the Record Date; provided, however, that a Holder of U.S.\$10,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Notes (whether having identical or different terms and provisions) will be entitled to receive interest payments on such Anniversary Date by wire transfer of immediately available funds if such Holder has delivered appropriate wire transfer instructions in writing to the Trustee not less than 15 calendar days prior to such Anniversary Date. Any such wire transfer instructions received by the Trustee shall remain in effect until revoked by such Holder.

If any Anniversary Date or the Stated Maturity Date of this Note falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the required payment of the Redemption Amount or Redemption Price, as the case may be, shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest shall accrue as a result of such delayed payment with respect to the payment for the period from and after such Anniversary Date or the Stated Maturity Date, as the case may be, to the date of such payment on the next succeeding Business Day.

#### General

All percentages resulting from any calculation on the Notes shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards. For example, 9.876545% (or .09876545) would be rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655). All dollar amounts used in or resulting from any calculation shall be rounded to the nearest cent with one-half cent being rounded upward.

Unless the Certificate of Authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of Securities (hereinafter called the "Securities") of the Company designated as its Medium-Term Notes, Series C. The Securities are issued and to be issued under an indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of April 1, 1983, as amended and restated, between the Company and The Bank of New York (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.) (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes any successor Trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes and the terms upon which the Notes are to be authenticated and delivered.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof. As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, the Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes as requested by the Holder surrendering the same. If (x) the Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by the Company within 60 days, (y) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee a Company Order to the effect that this Note shall be exchangeable or (z) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Notes, this Note shall be exchangeable for Notes in definitive form of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in authorized denominations. Such definitive Notes shall be registered in such name or names as the Depository shall instruct the Trustee. If definitive Notes are so delivered, the Company may make such changes to the form of this Note as are necessary or appropriate to allow for the issuance of such definitive Notes.

This Note is not subject to any sinking fund.

In case an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to any Notes shall have occurred and be continuing, the amount payable to a Holder of a Note upon any acceleration permitted by the Notes, with respect to each Unit, will be equal to the amount payable on the Stated Maturity Date, calculated as though the date of default were the Stated Maturity Date.

In case of default in payment of this Global Note, whether on the Stated Maturity Date, on an Anniversary Date or upon acceleration, from and after such date this Global Note shall bear interest, payable upon demand of the Holders thereof, at the then current Federal Funds Rate, reset daily, to the extent that such payment of interest shall be legally enforceable on the unpaid amount due and payable on such date in accordance with the terms of this Global Note to the date payment of such amount has been made or duly provided for.

#### "Federal Funds Rate" means:

- (1) the rate with respect to a particular interest determination date displayed on Reuters or any successor service on page FEDFUNDS1 under the heading "EFFECT" or any other page as may replace page FEDFUNDS1 on that service ("Reuters Page FEDFUNDS1"), or
- (2) if the rate referred to in clause (1) does not appear on Reuters Page FEDFUNDS1 or is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate with respect to a particular interest determination date for United States dollar federal

funds as published in H.15 Daily Update, or other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying the applicable rate, under the caption "Federal Funds (Effective)", or

- (3) if the rate referred to in clause (2) is not published by 3:00 P.M., New York City time, on the related calculation date, the rate with respect to a particular interest determination date calculated by the Calculation Agent as the arithmetic mean of the rates for the last transaction in overnight United States dollar federal funds arranged by three leading brokers of United States dollar federal funds transactions in The City of New York, which may include the agent or its affiliates, selected by the Calculation Agent prior to 9:00 A.M., New York City time, on the Business Day following that interest determination date, or
- (4) if the brokers selected by the Calculation Agent are not quoting as mentioned in clause (3), the Federal Funds Rate for the Business Day preceding the particular interest determination date.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series to be affected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of 66 2/3% in aggregate original public offering price or principal amount, as the case may be, of the Securities at any time Outstanding of each series affected thereby. Holders of specified percentages in aggregate original public offering price or principal amount, as the case may be, of the Securities of each series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of each series, to waive compliance by the Company with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the Redemption Amount and interest on this Note at the time, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and herein, the transfer of this Note may be registered on the Security Register of the Company, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company duly executed by, the Holder hereof or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, shall be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Prior to due presentment of this Note for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

The Company and each Holder or beneficial owner (by acceptance hereof) hereby agree to characterize and treat this Note for all tax purposes as a debt instrument that is subject to U.S. Treasury Regulation section 1.1275-4(b) governing contingent payment debt instruments, and, where required, the Company shall file information returns with the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with this characterization and tax treatment, in the absence of any change or clarification in the law, by regulation or otherwise, requiring a different characterization or tax treatment of the Notes.

The Indenture and the Notes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture but not in this Note shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed, manually or in facsimile, and an imprint or facsimile of its corporate seal to be imprinted hereon. |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dated: September 14, 2007   |  |  |  |  |  |
| CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.   | MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.              |  |  |  |  |
| [FACSI  | IMILE OF SEAL]                         |  |  |  |  |
| The Bank of New York, as Trustee  | By:  John Thurlow  Assistant Treasurer |  |  |  |  |

Authorized Officer

By:

Judith A. Witterschein Secretary

|   | ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER FORM  |
|---|---|
| FOR VALUE RECEIVED the un                 | dersigned registered Holder hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto (insert Taxpayer Identification No.)   |
| (Please print or typewrite name and addr  | ess including postal zip code of assignee)  |
| the within Note and all rights thereunder | hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing attorney to transfer said Note on the books of the Company with full power of substitution in the premises.  |
| Date                                      |   |
|   | NOTICE: The signature of the registered Holder to this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face the within instrument in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever. |



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September 14, 2007

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

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

As your counsel, we have examined a copy of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (the "Company"), certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. We are familiar with the corporate proceedings had in connection with the proposed issuance and sale by the Company to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S"), pursuant to a Distribution Agreement dated March 31, 2006 (the "Distribution Agreement") between the Company and MLPF&S, of the Company's 100% Principal Protected Callable Notes Linked to the 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate due September 14, 2009 (the "Notes") in an amount equal to \$23,749,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes. We have also examined a copy of the Indenture between the Company and The Bank of New York as successor Trustee, dated as of April 1, 1983, as amended (the "Indenture"), and the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-132911) relating to the Notes (the "Registration Statement").

Based upon the foregoing and upon such further investigation as we deemed relevant in the premises, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 2. The Notes have been duly and validly authorized by the Company and, when the Notes have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and delivered against payment therefor as set forth in the Distribution Agreement, the Notes will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, moratorium, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and as an exhibit to the Current Report of the Company on Form 8-K dated September 14, 2007.

Very truly yours,

/S/ SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP