
**UNITED STATES
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): January 28, 2008

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

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

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(b) On January 28, 2008, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (“Merrill Lynch”) announced that Ahmass L. Fakahany, co-president and chief operating officer of Merrill Lynch has informed the company of his decision to retire and will leave his current role, effective February 1, 2008.

Merrill Lynch’s related press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Merrill Lynch has not entered into any material plans, contracts or arrangements or amended any existing plans, contracts or arrangements with Mr. Fakahany.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. dated January 28, 2008

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: January 29, 2008

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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News

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AHMASS L. FAKAHANY TO RETIRE FROM MERRILL LYNCH

NEW YORK, January 28, 2008 — Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (**NYSE: MER**) today announced that Ahmass L. Fakahany, 49, co-president and chief operating officer of Merrill Lynch, has informed the company of his decision to retire and will leave his current role, effective February 1.

Mr. Fakahany joined Merrill Lynch in 1987 and has served in a variety of senior roles.

“Upon my arrival, Ahmass informed me of his intention to transition out of Merrill Lynch in the first quarter and pursue other interests. He has been the consummate professional. He provided leadership during this challenging period and has transitioned the new team,” said John A. Thain, chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch. “With more than 20 years at Merrill Lynch, his contributions have been deep and broad, especially in leading our strategic growth and position outside the United States. On behalf of the management team and the board of directors, I thank him for his years of service.”

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Prior to his role as co-president and chief operating officer of Merrill Lynch, Mr. Fakahany was vice chairman and chief administrative officer from 2005 until he was appointed to his current role in May 2007. From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Fakahany served as executive vice president and chief financial officer. From October 2001 to November 2002, Mr. Fakahany served as chief operating officer of Global Markets and Investment Banking. Prior to this role, Mr. Fakahany held a number of senior positions outside of the United States, including chief administrative officer of Merrill Lynch's Japan operations, chief financial officer for the Pacific Rim region, and finance director for Merrill Lynch's Europe, Middle East and Africa operations.

"I have fulfilled my commitments to John and the board. I leave knowing that the firm's financial condition is significantly enhanced and the new team is in place and moving forward," said Mr. Fakahany. "It has been a privilege and honor to be part of Merrill Lynch. I want to also express my deepest thanks to my colleagues throughout the company for their support and dedication. I wish them and the firm every success in the future."

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