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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Per Sanzone Thomas J.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. [MER]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO WORLD FINANCIAL CENTE	RILL LYNCH & CO., INC., 4 01/01/2009							X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)   EVP & CAO			
(Street) NEW YORK, NY 10080	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code (Instr. 8)				of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/01/2009		D		314,875 (1)	D	\$ 0 (2)	0	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.		5.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transacti	on	Numl	ber	and Expirati	on Date	Amou	unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		of		(Month/Day	/Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Deriv	ative			Secur	rities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative					Secur	ities			(Instr	. 3 and		Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security					Acqu	ired			4)			Following	Direct (D)	
						(A) 0	r						Reported	or Indirect	
						Dispo	osed						Transaction(s)	(I)	
						of (D	)						(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
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						4, and	4, and 5)								
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								Date	Expiration		or				
								Exercisable		Title	Number				
								Exercisable	Date		of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares				

# **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships							
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Sanzone Thomas J. C/O MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NEW YORK, NY 10080			EVP & CAO					

## Signatures

**Explanation of Responses:** 

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This total reflects the acquisition of shares of issuer common stock as a result of contributions, allocations or dividend reinvestments through issuer plans which are exempt from the reporting requirements under the provisions of Rule 16a-3 and/or 16a-11.
- Disposed of pursuant to merger agreement between issuer and of Bank of America ("BAC") in exchange for 0.8595 of a common share of BAC for each share of issuer (2) common stock, as set forth in the merger agreement. The closing price of BAC common stock on December 31, 2008 was \$14.08. These transactions are exempt under Rule 16b-3.

#### **Remarks:**

All reported positions have been rounded down to the nearest whole number.

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