FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. MERRILL LYNCH PREFERRED FUND-ING I., L.P. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) certificate of limited partnership) DELAWARE DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) incorporation or organization) 13-2740599 13-3917686 (I.R.S. employer identification number) (I.R.S. employer identification number)

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MERRILL LYNCH PREFERRED CAPITAL TRUST I (Exact name of registrant as specified in its certificate of trust) DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 13-7102991 (I.R.S. employer identification number)

World Financial Center North Tower New York, New York 10281 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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come effective simultaneously with the effectiveness of a concurrent registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to General Instruction A(c)(2) please check the following box./ /

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class Name of Each Exchange on Which to be so Registered Each Class is to be Registered _____ _____ Trust Originated Preferred Securities of New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust I (and the Guarantee with respect thereto) Partnership Preferred Securities of New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Merrill Lynch Preferred Funding I, L.P. (and the Guarantee with respect thereto)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(q) of the Act: None

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

TTEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED.

The class of securities to be registered hereby consist of (i) the 7 3/4% Trust Originated Preferred Securities-SM- (the "TOPrS-SM-" or "Trust

Preferred Securities"), representing undivided beneficial ownership interests in the assets of Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust I, a statutory business trust formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Trust"), together with the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation, in favor of the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities, and (ii) the 7 3/4% Partnership Preferred Securities (the "Partnership Preferred Securities"), representing limited partner interests of Merrill Lynch Preferred Funding I, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), together with the Partnership Preferred Securities Guarantee by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation, in favor of the holders of the Partnership Preferred Securities.

For a description of the Trust Preferred Securities, reference is made to the information set forth under the headings "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities" and "Description of the Trust Guarantee" in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-16603) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on November 21, 1996 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the Commission on December 5, 1996 and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed with the Commission on December 11, 1996 (such Registration Statement, as so amended, being hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"), which description is incorporated herein by reference. For a description of the Partnership Preferred Securities, reference is made to the information set forth under the headings "Description of the Partnership Preferred Securities" and "Description of the Partnership Guarantee" in the Registration Statement, which description is incorporated herein by reference. Definitive copies of the prospectus describing the terms of the Trust Preferred Securities and Partnership Preferred Securities will be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 2. EXHIBITS.

- 2.1 Certificate of Trust dated November 20, 1996 of Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust I (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.2 Form of Amended and Restated Declaration of Trust of Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust I (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement).

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- 2.3 Certificate of Limited Partnership dated as of November 20, 1996 of Merrill Lynch Preferred Funding I, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.4 Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Merrill Lynch Preferred Funding I, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.5 Form of Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement between Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as guarantee trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.6 Form of Partnership Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as guarantee trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.7 Form of Subordinated Debenture Indenture between Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.8 Form of Affiliate Debenture Guarantee Agreement between Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as guarantee trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Registration Statement).
- 2.9 Form of Trust Preferred Security (included in Exhibit 2.2 above).
- 2.10 Form of Partnership Preferred Security (included in Exhibit 2.4 above).
- 2.11 Form of Subordinated Debenture (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to the Registration Statement).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH PREFERRED CAPITAL TRUST I

Dated: December 19, 1996

- MERRILL LYNCH PREFERRED FUNDING I, L.P.
- By: MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., as General Partner
- By: /s/ THERESA LANG Name: Theresa Lang Title: Senior Vice President and Treasurer

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.