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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): October 17, 2006

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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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 17, 2006, Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Merrill Lynch) announced its results of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2006. A copy of the related press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. A Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary, Reconciliation of "Non-GAAP" Measures and Segment Data for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2006 and supplemental quarterly data for Merrill Lynch are filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

This information furnished under this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall be considered "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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99.2 Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary, Reconciliation of "Non-GAAP" Measures and Segment Data for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 29, 2006 and supplemental quarterly data.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jeffrey N. Edwards

Jeffrey N. Edwards
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Laurence A. Tosi
Senior Vice President and
Finance Director
Principal Accounting Officer

Date: October 17, 2006

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Exhibit 99.1

Merrill Lynch Reports Record Net Earnings and Diluted EPS for Third Quarter and Year-to-Date 2006

Third Quarter Net Earnings of $3.17 Per Diluted Share;

EPS of $2.00 Excluding Net Merger Gain, up 43% from 2005

Authorizes an Additional $5 Billion in Stock Buybacks

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 17, 2006--Merrill Lynch (NYSE:MER) today reported record net earnings and earnings per diluted share for both the third quarter and first nine months of 2006, as net revenues increased over the prior-year periods in all three business segments.

Net earnings for the third quarter of 2006 were $3.0 billion, or $3.17 per diluted share, as total net revenues increased significantly from both the third quarter of 2005 and the second quarter of 2006, to $9.9 billion. The annualized return on common equity for the quarter was 35.3%. Those figures all include significant net benefits from the closing of the merger between Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (MLIM) and BlackRock (NYSE:BLK).

The net impact from closing the BlackRock merger included a one-time pre-tax gain of $2.0 billion and related non-interest expenses of $202 million, for a total after-tax net benefit of $1.1 billion, or $1.17 per diluted share. Excluding the net benefits from

the BlackRock merger, third quarter 2006 net earnings were $1.9 billion, and net earnings per diluted share of $2.00 were higher than any previous quarter for Merrill Lynch and up 43% from the 2005 third quarter and up 23% from the 2006 second quarter. Third quarter net earnings and earnings per share included a tax benefit which reduced the effective tax rate. Adjusted to exclude the net benefits from the merger, pre-tax earnings of $2.4 billion were higher than in any previous quarter, up 22% from the prior-year quarter and up 1% from the second quarter of 2006, as net revenues of $7.9 billion increased 19% from the year-ago period and decreased 3% sequentially. On the same basis, the pre-tax profit margin for the 2006 third quarter was 29.8%, up approximately a point from both the prior-year period and the second quarter, and the annualized return on common equity was 22.5%, up 5.3 and 3.9 percentage points, respectively from the year-ago and second quarters, and the highest Merrill Lynch has generated since the first quarter of 2000. Reconciliations of quarterly results to those adjusted to exclude the net impact of the BlackRock merger appear on Attachment III to this release.

At the end of the third quarter, book value per share was $40.52, up 17% from the end of third quarter of 2005 and 9% from the second quarter of 2006.

"This was a very good quarter," said Stan O'Neal, chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch. "All three of our business segments delivered solid year-over-year revenue and earnings growth in a business environment that was more challenging than the first half of the year. We also realized a major strategic milestone at the end of the quarter in the completion of the merger of MLIM with BlackRock, which will enable us to enhance our participation in asset management through our ownership of just under half of a better-positioned company with stronger growth prospects."

"The BlackRock transaction also resulted in a substantial financial gain for Merrill Lynch and will enable us to more efficiently deploy our capital as we continue to build out our capabilities and pursue growth," Mr. O'Neal said. "We remain focused on making high-quality investments globally in people, infrastructure and capabilities that will enable us to better serve clients and capitalize on the secular growth opportunities we see across our businesses."

Net revenues for the first nine months of 2006 were a record $26.0 billion, up 35% from the first nine months of 2005. Year-to-date net earnings were a record $5.2 billion, up 38% from the 2005 period, while earnings per diluted share were a record $5.19, up 38%. Year-to-date pre-tax earnings of $7.1 billion increased 36% from 2005, and the return on average common equity was 19.7%. Those results all include the impact of both the net benefits from the BlackRock merger and the one-time compensation expenses incurred in the first quarter of 2006.

Adjusted to exclude the impact of both the BlackRock merger and the one-time compensation expenses, year-to-date net earnings were also $5.2 billion, and diluted earnings per share were $5.27, both up 40% from the prior-year period. On the same basis, pre-tax earnings of $7.1 billion increased 36%, as net revenues rose 25% to $24.0 billion; the pre-tax profit margin was 29.4%, up 2.4 percentage points; and the annualized return on average common equity was 20.2%, up 4.5 percentage points. Reconciliations of year-to-date results to those adjusted to exclude the net impact of the BlackRock merger and the one-time compensation expenses appear on Attachment IV to this release.

Business Segment Review:

The nine-month comparisons in the following discussion of business segment results exclude the impact of the $1.8 billion, pre-tax, one-time compensation expenses incurred in the first quarter of 2006. These one-time compensation expenses were recorded in the first quarter in the business segments as follows: $1.4 billion in Global Markets and Investment Banking, $281 million in Global Private Client and $109 million in Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. The impact of the closing of the BlackRock merger is reflected in the Corporate segment. A reconciliation of segment results with these amounts appears on Attachment V to this release.

Global Markets and Investment Banking (GMI)

GMI generated its highest revenues ever for a fiscal third quarter despite challenging market conditions during much of the period, demonstrating the cumulative benefits of numerous targeted investments for revenue diversification and profitable growth globally.

-- GMI's third quarter 2006 net revenues were $4.4 billion, up 21% from the year-ago quarter. Compared with the third quarter of 2005, net revenues increased in all three major business lines:

-- Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities (formerly Debt Markets) net revenues increased 26%, and were a quarterly record, driven primarily by record results in commodities and an increase from trading credit products, which more than offset declines from principal investing and trading interest rate products.

-- Equity Markets net revenues increased 26%, driven by increases from private equity, cash equity trading, proprietary trading and equity financing and services.

-- Investment Banking net revenues, at $783 million, were just above the strong prior-year quarter, as substantially higher merger and acquisition advisory revenues offset decreases from debt and equity origination.

-- Pre-tax earnings for GMI were $1.5 billion, up 13% from the year-ago quarter, driven by the strong revenue growth. The third quarter 2006 pre-tax profit margin was 33.2%, compared with 35.4% in the prior-year period, due to expenses associated with investments for growth across the business, as well as the absence of a litigation reversal that benefited the prior-year quarter.

-- On September 5th, Merrill Lynch announced that it had agreed to acquire the First Franklin mortgage origination and servicing businesses from National City Corporation for $1.3 billion.

-- GMI's year-to-date net revenues of $13.5 billion increased 30% from the first nine months of 2005 and were driven by record revenues in both Global Markets and Investment Banking. Pre-tax earnings were $4.5 billion, up 29% from the prior year period. GMI's year-to-date pre-tax profit margin was 33.5%, compared with 33.8% in the first nine months of 2005.

Global Private Client (GPC)

In the third quarter of 2006, GPC generated solid year-on-year revenue growth despite a challenging market environment and more pronounced seasonal factors. This business continued to execute on its strategy of revenue and product diversification, annuitization and growth in Financial Advisor (FA) headcount and productivity.

- -- GPC's third quarter 2006 net revenues were $2.8 billion, up 5% from the year-ago quarter, driven primarily by higher fee-based revenues and net interest profit. Those increases were partially offset by lower transaction and origination revenues, reflecting a more typical seasonal slowdown in client activity than the prior-year period. GPC's third quarter pre-tax earnings of $611 million were up 4% from the year-ago quarter, and the pre-tax profit margin was 21.6%, compared with 21.9% in the prior-year period.

- -- Turnover among Financial Advisors (FAs), particularly top-producing FAs, remained near historical lows. FA headcount reached 15,700 at quarter-end, as GPC continued to employ its disciplined strategy of actively recruiting and training FAs.

- -- Client assets in products that generate annuitized revenues ended the quarter at $578 billion, up 17% from the end of the 2005 third quarter, and total client assets in GPC accounts were $1.5 trillion, up 11% from the year-ago quarter. Net inflows of client assets into annuitized-revenue products were $7 billion, and total net new money was $14 billion.

- -- For the first nine months of 2006, GPC's net revenues increased 12% to $8.8 billion, driven by growth in nearly every major revenue category. Pre-tax earnings increased 26% to $2.0 billion, demonstrating the operating leverage in this business. GPC's year-to-date pre-tax profit margin was 22.2%, up 2.4 percentage points from 19.8% in the first nine months of 2005.

Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (MLIM)

MLIM continued its positive momentum during the period with strong revenue and pre-tax earnings growth and solid net flows.

- -- MLIM's third quarter 2006 net revenues were a record $700 million, up 54% from the 2005 third quarter. The year-over-year increase in net revenues was driven principally by higher long-term asset values, robust net inflows and consolidated investments. Pre-tax earnings were $284 million, up 75% from the 2005 period, driven by the significantly higher net revenues and strong operating leverage that was enhanced by lower spending in certain areas ahead of integration of the BlackRock merger. MLIM's pre-tax profit margin for the quarter was 40.6%, up more than five percentage points from the 2005 period.

- -- Firmwide assets under management just prior to the quarter-end closing of the merger totaled $598 billion, up 14% from a year ago. Net inflows for the quarter were $1 billion, as inflows in the EMEA Pacific and Americas retail channels, driven by equity and liquidity products, were partially offset by outflows in the EMEA Pacific institutional channel.

- -- MLIM's net revenues for the first nine months of 2006 increased 49% over the 2005 period, to $1.9 billion, driven by strong net sales and asset appreciation. Pre-tax earnings were up 82% to $746 million, and the year-to-date pre-tax profit margin was 39.3%.

- -- At the end of the third quarter, Merrill Lynch merged MLIM with BlackRock in exchange for a total of 65 million BlackRock common and preferred shares in the combined company representing an economic interest of just under half. Merrill Lynch will account for its investment in BlackRock under the equity method, and in future periods, Merrill Lynch's share of earnings from this investment, net of both expenses and taxes, will be recorded in revenues on the earnings statement.

Compensation Expenses

Excluding the one-time compensation expenses in the first quarter and the net impact of the BlackRock merger, year-to-date compensation and benefits expenses were 49.0% of net revenues, compared to 49.5% for the prior-year period.

Non-compensation Expenses

Non-compensation expenses were $1.8 billion for the third quarter of 2006, up 24% from the third quarter of 2005, and include $58 million in costs associated with the closing of the BlackRock merger. Excluding the net impact of the BlackRock merger, non-compensation expenses as a percentage of net revenues were 22.2% in the 2006 third quarter, in line with the previous comparable periods. Details of the significant changes in non-compensation expenses from the third quarter of 2005 are as follows:

-- Communication and technology costs were $485 million, up 20% due primarily to costs related to technology investments for growth, and higher market information and communication costs.

-- Brokerage, clearing, and exchange fees were $268 million, up 41% due primarily to higher transaction volumes.

-- Occupancy costs and related depreciation were $259 million, up 10% due principally to higher office rental expenses and office space added via acquisitions.

-- Professional fees were $224 million, an increase of 29% due to higher legal, consulting and other professional fees associated with increased business activity levels.

-- Advertising and market development costs were $164 million, up 19% due primarily to higher travel expenses associated with increased business activity levels.

-- Expenses of consolidated investments totaled $142 million, up from $91 million due principally to increased minority interest expenses associated with the related increase in revenues from consolidated investments.

-- Other expenses were $223 million, up from $192 million, due primarily to higher litigation provisions which reflected the absence of a prior-year reversal in GMI.

Income Taxes

Merrill Lynch's effective tax rate was 26.2% for the third quarter, down from 28.9% in the prior-year quarter, due to a reduction in the tax provision arising from carryback claims from the years 2001 and 2002 which were previously disclosed in Merrill Lynch's recent 10-Q filings. This benefit was largely offset by the higher tax rate on the earnings from the closing of the BlackRock merger. The effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2006 was 27.1%, down from 28.4% for the first nine months of 2005.

Share Repurchases

As part of its active management of equity capital, Merrill Lynch repurchased 18.3 million shares of its common stock for $1.3 billion during the third quarter. At quarter end, $1.0 billion of authorized repurchase capacity remained of the $6 billion repurchase program authorized in February 2006. On October 16th, Merrill Lynch's board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional $5 billion of the company's outstanding common shares.

Staffing

Merrill Lynch's full-time employees totaled 55,300 at the end of the third quarter of 2006, a net decrease of 700 during the quarter, driven primarily by the closing of the BlackRock merger, in which 2,400 MLIM employees moved over to BlackRock.

Jeff Edwards, senior vice president and chief financial officer, will host a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. ET to discuss the company's 2006 third quarter results. The conference call can be accessed via a live audio webcast available through the Investor Relations Web site at www.ir.ml.com or by dialing (888) 810-0245 (U.S. callers) or (706) 634-0180 (non-U.S. callers). On-demand replay of the webcast will be available from approximately 1:00 p.m. ET today at the same Web address.

Merrill Lynch is one of the world's leading wealth management, capital markets and advisory companies with offices in 37 countries and territories and total client assets of approximately $1.5 trillion. As an investment bank, it is a leading global trader and underwriter of securities and derivatives across a broad range of asset classes and serves as a strategic advisor to corporations, governments, institutions and individuals worldwide. Merrill Lynch owns just under half of BlackRock, one of the world's largest publicly traded investment management companies with approximately $1 trillion in assets under management. For more information on Merrill Lynch, please visit www.ml.com.

Merrill Lynch may make forward-looking statements, including, for example, statements about management expectations, strategic objectives, growth opportunities, business prospects, investment banking pipelines, anticipated financial results, the impact of off balance sheet arrangements, significant contractual obligations, anticipated results of litigation and regulatory investigations and proceedings, and other similar matters. These forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts and represent only Merrill Lynch's beliefs regarding future performance, which is inherently uncertain. There are a variety of factors, many of which are beyond Merrill Lynch's control, which affect the operations, performance, business strategy and results and could cause its actual results and experience to differ materially from the expectations and objectives expressed in any forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, financial market volatility; actions and initiatives taken by current and potential competitors; general economic conditions; the effect of current, pending and future legislation, regulation, and regulatory actions; and the other additional factors described in the Risk Factors section of Merrill Lynch's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2005 and also disclosed from time to time in its subsequent reports on Form 10-Q and 8-K, which are available on the Merrill Lynch Investor Relations Web site at www.ir.ml.com and at the SEC's Web site, www.sec.gov.

Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. Merrill Lynch does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect the impact of circumstances or events that arise after the date the forward-looking statements are made. The reader should, however, consult any further disclosures Merrill Lynch may make in its future filings of its reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K.

Merrill Lynch may also, from time to time, disclose financial information on a non-GAAP basis where management believes this information will be valuable to investors in gauging the quality of Merrill Lynch's financial performance and identifying trends.

Exhibit 99.2

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Attachment I

Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary

(in millions, except per share amounts)	For the Three Months Ended Sept. 29, 2006	June 30, 2006	Sept. 30, 2005	Percent Inc / (Dec) 3Q06 vs. 2Q06	3Q06 vs. 3Q05
Net Revenues					
Asset management and portfolio service fees	$1,782	$1,773	$1,527	1 %	17 %
Commissions	1,383	1,586	1,342	(13)	3
Investment banking	857	1,162	880	(26)	(3)
Principal transactions	1,681	1,182	917	42	83
Revenues from consolidated investments	210	186	142	13	48
Other	776	1,110	548	(30)	42
Subtotal	6,689	6,999	5,356	(4)	25
Interest and dividend revenues	10,690	9,690	7,039	10	52
Less interest expense	9,452	8,531	5,717	11	65
Net interest profit	1,238	1,159	1,322	7	(6)
Gain on merger	1,969	-	-	N/M	N/M
Total Net Revenues	9,896	8,158	6,678	21	48
Non-Interest Expenses					
Compensation and benefits	3,950	3,980	3,270	(1)	21
Communications and technology	485	429	405	13	20
Brokerage, clearing, and exchange fees	268	253	190	6	41
Occupancy and related depreciation	259	249	235	4	10
Professional fees	224	196	173	14	29
Advertising and market development	164	191	138	(14)	19
Expenses of consolidated investments	142	145	91	(2)	56
Office supplies and postage	53	57	48	(7)	10
Other	223	309	192	(28)	16
Total Non-Interest Expenses	5,768	5,809	4,742	(1)	22
Earnings Before Income Taxes	4,128	2,349	1,936	76	113
Income tax expense	1,083	716	560	51	93
Net Earnings	$3,045	$1,633	$1,376	86	121
Preferred Stock Dividends	$50	$45	$18	11	178
Net Earnings Applicable to Common Stockholders	$2,995	$1,588	$1,358	89	121

Earnings Per Common Share					
Basic	$3.50	$1.79	$1.54	96	127
Diluted	$3.17	$1.63	$1.40	94	126
Average Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Common Share					
Basic	855.8	885.4	881.4	(3)	(3)
Diluted	945.3	973.3	968.5	(3)	(2)
Annualized Return on Average Common Equity	35.3%	18.6%	17.2%		

N/M = Not Meaningful

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. Attachment II

Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary

(in millions, except per share amounts)	For the Nine Months Ended September 29, 2006	September 30, 2005	Percent Inc / (Dec)
Net Revenues			
Asset management and portfolio service fees	$5,234	$4,393	19 %
Commissions	4,571	3,930	16
Investment banking	2,984	2,613	14
Principal transactions	4,856	2,868	69
Revenues from consolidated investments	500	353	42
Other	2,440	1,582	54
Subtotal	20,585	15,739	31
Interest and dividend revenues	29,044	18,544	57
Less interest expense	25,582	15,054	70
Net interest profit	3,462	3,490	(1)
Gain on merger	1,969	-	N/M
Total Net Revenues	26,016	19,229	35
Non-Interest Expenses			
Compensation and benefits	13,680	9,514	44
Communications and technology	1,367	1,196	14
Brokerage, clearing, and exchange fees	769	625	23
Occupancy and related depreciation	749	695	8
Professional fees	620	534	16
Advertising and market development	499	424	18
Expenses of consolidated investments	334	211	58
Office supplies and postage	167	151	11
Other	761	679	12
Total Non-Interest Expenses	18,946	14,029	35
Earnings Before Income Taxes	7,070	5,200	36
Income tax expense	1,917	1,477	30
Net Earnings	$5,153	$3,723	38

Preferred Stock Dividends	$138	$42	229
Net Earnings Applicable to Common Stockholders	$5,015	$3,681	36
Earnings Per Common Share			
Basic	$5.73	$4.11	39
Diluted	$5.19	$3.76	38
Average Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Common Share			
Basic	875.0	895.6	(2)
Diluted	966.6	980.1	(1)
Annualized Return on Average Common Equity	19.7%	15.7%	

N/M = Not Meaningful

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

During the third quarter of 2006, Merrill Lynch completed the merger of its Merrill Lynch Investment Managers business with BlackRock, Inc.
Merrill Lynch recognized a gain associated with this merger along with other non-recurring expenses, collectively "Impact of BlackRock Merger".

Management believes that while the results excluding the impact of the BlackRock merger are considered non-GAAP measures, they depict the operating performance of the company more clearly and enable more appropriate period-to-period comparisons.

Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary	For the Three Months Ended September 29, 2006		
(in millions, except per share amounts)	Excluding Impact of BlackRock Merger	Impact of BlackRock Merger	GAAP Basis
Net Revenues (a)	$7,927	$1,969	$9,896
Non-Interest Expenses			
Compensation and benefits (b)	3,806	144	3,950
Non-compensation expenses (c)	1,760	58	1,818
Total Non-Interest Expenses	5,566	202	5,768
Earnings Before Income Taxes (d)	2,361	1,767	4,128
Income Tax Expense (e)	421	662	1,083
Net Earnings	$1,940	$1,105	$3,045
Preferred Stock Dividends	$50	$-	$50
Net Earnings Applicable to Common Stockholders	$1,890	$1,105	$2,995
Earnings Per Common Share			
Basic	$2.21	$1.29	$3.50
Diluted	$2.00	$1.17	$3.17

Average Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Common Share			
Basic	855.8	-	855.8
Diluted	945.3	-	945.3

Financial Ratios	For the Three Months Ended September 29, 2006	
	Excluding Impact of BlackRock Merger	GAAP Basis
Ratio of compensation and benefits to net revenues (b)/(a)	48.0%	39.9%
Ratio of non-compensation and benefits to net revenues (c)/(a)	22.2%	18.4%
Effective Tax Rate (e)/(d)	17.8%	26.2%
Pre-tax Profit Margin (d)/(a)	29.8%	41.7%
Average Common Equity	$33,929	$33,929
Impact of the BlackRock merger	(276)	-
Average Common Equity	33,653	33,929
Annualized Return on Average Common Equity	22.5%	35.3%

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

Merrill Lynch adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (as revised in 2004) for stock-based employee compensation during the first quarter of 2006. Additionally, as a result of a comprehensive review of the retirement provisions in its stock-based compensation plans, Merrill Lynch also modified the retirement eligibility requirements of existing stock awards in order to facilitate transition to more stringent retirement eligibility requirements for future stock awards. These modifications and the adoption of the new accounting standard required Merrill Lynch to accelerate the recognition of compensation expenses for affected stock awards, resulting in the "one-time compensation expenses." These changes represent timing differences and are not economic in substance.

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Merrill Lynch recognized a gain associated with this merger along with other non-recurring expenses, collectively "Impact of BlackRock Merger".

Management believes that while the results excluding these one-time compensation expenses and the impact of the BlackRock merger are considered non-GAAP measures, they depict the operating performance of the company more clearly and enable more appropriate period-to-period comparisons.

Preliminary Unaudited Earnings Summary	For the Nine Months Ended September 29, 2006 (1)			
(in millions, except per share amounts)	Excluding One-time Compensation Expenses & Impact of BlackRock Merger	Impact of One-time Compensation Expenses	Impact of BlackRock Merger	GAAP Basis

Net Revenues (a)	$24,047	$-	$1,969	$26,016
Non-Interest Expenses				
Compensation and benefits (b)	11,777	1,759	144	13,680
Non-compensation expenses (c)	5,208	-	58	5,266
Total Non-Interest Expenses	16,985	1,759	202	18,946
Earnings Before Income Taxes (d)	7,062	(1,759)	1,767	7,070
Income Tax Expense (e)	1,837	(582)	662	1,917
Net Earnings	$5,225	$(1,177)	$1,105	$5,153
Preferred Stock Dividends	$138	$-	$-	$138
Net Earnings Applicable to Common Stockholders	$5,087	$(1,177)	$1,105	$5,015
Earnings Per Common Share				
Basic	$5.83	$(1.35)	$1.25	$5.73
Diluted	$5.27	$(1.22)	$1.14	$5.19
Average Shares Used in Computing Earnings Per Common Share				
Basic	873.1	1.9	-	875.0
Diluted	964.7	1.9	-	966.6

Financial Ratios	For the Nine Months Ended (1) September 29, 2006	
	Excluding One-time Compensation Expenses & Impact of BlackRock Merger	GAAP Basis
Ratio of compensation and benefits to net revenues (b)/(a)	49.0%	52.6%
Ratio of non-compensation and benefits to net revenues (c)/(a)	21.7%	20.2%
Effective Tax Rate (e)/(d)	26.0%	27.1%
Pre-tax Profit Margin (d)/(a)	29.4%	27.2%
Average Common Equity	$33,914	$33,914
Impact of one-time compensation expenses and the BlackRock merger	(256)	-
Average Common Equity	33,658	33,914
Annualized Return on Average Common Equity	20.2%	19.7%

(1) For purposes of comparison with previously published results, data excluding the impact of the one-time compensation expenses for the first nine months of 2006 assumes the impact of the one-time compensation expenses is limited to the first quarter of 2006.

Preliminary Segment Data (unaudited)

(dollars in millions)	For the Three Months Ended Sept. 29, 2006	June 30, 2006	Sept. 30, 2005	Percent Inc / (Dec) 3Q06 vs. 2Q06	3Q06 vs. 3Q05
Global Markets & Investment Banking					
Global Markets					
FICC	$2,117	$1,725	$1,680	23 %	26 %
Equity Markets	1,496	1,877	1,192	(20)	26
Total Global Markets net revenues	3,613	3,602	2,872	0	26
Investment Banking (1)					
Origination:					
Debt	330	367	396	(10)	(17)
Equity	193	315	219	(39)	(12)
Strategic Advisory Services	260	296	158	(12)	65
Total Investment Banking net revenues	783	978	773	(20)	1
Total net revenues (a)	4,396	4,580	3,645	(4)	21
Pre-tax earnings	1,459	1,493	1,289	(2)	13
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	-	-	-	N/M	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	1,459	1,493	1,289	(2)	13
Pre-tax profit margin	33.2%	32.6%	35.4%		
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	33.2%	32.6%	35.4%		
Global Private Client					
Fee-based revenues	$1,516	$1,533	$1,351	(1)	12
Transactional and origination revenues	713	902	800	(21)	(11)
Net interest profit and related hedges(2)	519	533	461	(3)	13
Other revenues	77	77	79	0	(3)
Total net revenues (a)	2,825	3,045	2,691	(7)	5
Pre-tax earnings	611	701	590	(13)	4
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	-	-	-	N/M	N/M
Pre-tax earnings					

excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	611	701	590	(13)	4
Pre-tax profit margin	21.6%	23.0%	21.9%		
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	21.6%	23.0%	21.9%		
Merrill Lynch Investment Managers					
Total net revenues (a)	$700	$630	$456	11	54
Pre-tax earnings	284	240	162	18	75
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	-	-	-	N/M	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	284	240	162	18	75
Pre-tax profit margin	40.6%	38.1%	35.5%		
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	40.6%	38.1%	35.5%		
Corporate					
Total net revenues	$1,975	$(97)	$(114)	N/M	N/M
Impact of BlackRock merger	1,969	-	-	N/M	N/M
Total net revenues excluding the BlackRock merger	6	(97)	(114)	106	105
Pre-tax earnings	1,774	(85)	(105)	N/M	N/M
Impact of BlackRock merger	(1,767)	-	-	N/M	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding the BlackRock merger	7	(85)	(105)	108	107
Total					
Total net revenues (a)	$9,896	$8,158	$6,678	21	48
Impact of BlackRock merger	1,969	-	-	N/M	N/M
Total net revenues excluding the BlackRock merger	7,927	8,158	6,678	(3)	19
Pre-tax earnings	4,128	2,349	1,936	76	113
Impact of BlackRock merger	(1,767)	-	-	N/M	N/M
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	-	-	-	N/M	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding BlackRock merger and one-time compensation expenses (b)	2,361	2,349	1,936	1	22
Pre-tax profit margin	41.7%	28.8%	29.0%		
Pre-tax profit margin excluding BlackRock merger and one-time					

compensation expenses (b)/(a)	29.8%	28.8%	29.0%

(dollars in millions)	For the Nine Months Ended Sept. 29, 2006	Sept. 30, 2005	Percent Inc / (Dec)
Global Markets & Investment Banking			
Global Markets			
FICC	$5,933	$4,948	20 %
Equity Markets	4,946	3,185	55
Total Global Markets net revenues	10,879	8,133	34
Investment Banking (1)			
Origination:			
Debt	1,092	1,052	4
Equity	745	684	9
Strategic Advisory Services	813	532	53
Total Investment Banking net revenues	2,650	2,268	17
Total net revenues (a)	13,529	10,401	30
Pre-tax earnings	3,164	3,511	(10)
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	1,369	-	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	4,533	3,511	29
Pre-tax profit margin	23.4%	33.8%	
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	33.5%	33.8%	
Global Private Client			
Fee-based revenues	$4,507	$3,908	15
Transactional and origination revenues	2,514	2,443	3
Net interest profit and related hedges(2)	1,579	1,282	23
Other revenues	209	229	(9)
Total net revenues (a)	8,809	7,862	12
Pre-tax earnings	1,677	1,557	8
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	281	-	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	1,958	1,557	26
Pre-tax profit margin	19.0%	19.8%	
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	22.2%	19.8%	
Merrill Lynch Investment Managers			
Total net revenues (a)	$1,900	$1,274	49
Pre-tax earnings	637	410	55
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	109	-	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)	746	410	82
Pre-tax profit margin	33.5%	32.2%	
Pre-tax profit margin excluding one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	39.3%	32.2%	
Corporate			
Total net revenues	$1,778	$(308)	N/M

Impact of BlackRock merger	1,969	-	N/M
Total net revenues excluding the BlackRock merger	(191)	(308)	38
Pre-tax earnings	1,592	(278)	N/M
Impact of BlackRock merger	(1,767)	-	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding the BlackRock merger	(175)	(278)	37

Total			
Total net revenues (a)	$26,016	$19,229	35
Impact of BlackRock merger	1,969	-	N/M
Total net revenues excluding the BlackRock merger	24,047	19,229	25
Pre-tax earnings	7,070	5,200	36
Impact of BlackRock merger	(1,767)	-	N/M
Impact of one-time compensation expenses	1,759	-	N/M
Pre-tax earnings excluding BlackRock merger and one-time compensation expenses (b)	7,062	5,200	36
Pre-tax profit margin	27.2%	27.0%	
Pre-tax profit margin excluding BlackRock merger and one-time compensation expenses (b)/(a)	29.4%	27.0%	

N/M = Not Meaningful
Note: Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.
(1) A portion of Origination revenue is recorded in the Global Private Client segment.
(2) Includes interest component of non-qualifying derivatives which are included in Other Revenues in Attachments I & II.

Consolidated Quarterly Earnings (unaudited) (in millions)

	3Q05	4Q05	1Q06	2Q06	3Q06
Net Revenues					
Asset management and portfolio service fees					
Portfolio service fees	$ 689	$ 760	$ 747	$ 797	$ 801
Asset management fees	527	556	619	641	657
Account fees	123	123	111	114	113
Other fees	188	199	202	221	211
Total	1,527	1,638	1,679	1,773	1,782
Commissions					
Listed and over-the-counter securities	823	878	990	1,027	868
Mutual funds	383	401	490	470	426
Other	136	162	122	89	89
Total	1,342	1,441	1,602	1,586	1,383
Investment banking					
Underwriting	720	632	720	865	596
Strategic advisory	160	349	245	297	261
Total	880	981	965	1,162	857
Principal transactions	917	715	1,993	1,182	1,681
Revenues from consolidated investments	142	85	104	186	210
Other	548	613	554	1,110	776
Subtotal	5,356	5,473	6,897	6,999	6,689
Interest and dividend revenues	7,039	8,027	8,664	9,690	10,690
Less interest expense	5,717	6,720	7,599	8,531	9,452
Net interest profit	1,322	1,307	1,065	1,159	1,238

Gain on merger	-	-	-	-	1,969
Total Net Revenues	6,678	6,780	7,962	8,158	9,896
Non-Interest Expenses					
Compensation and benefits	3,270	2,927	5,750	3,980	3,950
Communications and technology	405	412	453	429	485
Brokerage, clearing, and exchange fees	190	217	248	253	268
Occupancy and related depreciation	235	243	241	249	259
Professional fees	173	193	200	196	224
Advertising and market development	138	175	144	191	164
Office supplies and postage	48	59	57	57	53
Expenses of consolidated investments	91	47	47	145	142
Other	192	476	229	309	223
Total Non-Interest Expenses	4,742	4,749	7,369	5,809	5,768
Earnings Before Income Taxes	1,936	2,031	593	2,349	4,128
Income tax expense	560	638	118	716	1,083
Net Earnings	$ 1,376	$ 1,393	$ 475	$ 1,633	$ 3,045

Per Common Share Data

	3Q05	4Q05	1Q06	2Q06	3Q06
Earnings - Basic	$ 1.54	$ 1.56	$ 0.49	$ 1.79	$ 3.50
Earnings - Diluted	1.40	1.41	0.44	1.63	3.17
Dividends paid	0.20	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25
Book value	34.66	35.82	37.19	37.18	40.52 Est.

Percentage of Quarterly Net Revenues (unaudited)

	3Q05	4Q05	1Q06	2Q06	3Q06
Net Revenues					
Asset management and portfolio service fees					
Portfolio service fees	10.3%	11.2%	9.4%	9.8%	8.1%
Asset management fees	7.9%	8.2%	7.8%	7.9%	6.6%
Account fees	1.8%	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
Other fees	2.9%	3.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.2%
Total	22.9%	24.2%	21.1%	21.7%	18.0%
Commissions					
Listed and over-the-counter securities	12.3%	12.9%	12.4%	12.6%	8.8%
Mutual funds	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	5.8%	4.3%
Other	2.1%	2.5%	1.5%	1.0%	0.9%
Total	20.1%	21.3%	20.1%	19.4%	14.0%
Investment banking					
Underwriting	10.8%	9.3%	9.0%	10.6%	6.0%
Strategic advisory	2.4%	5.1%	3.1%	3.6%	2.6%
Total	13.2%	14.4%	12.1%	14.2%	8.6%
Principal transactions	13.7%	10.5%	25.0%	14.5%	17.0%
Revenues from consolidated investments	2.1%	1.3%	1.3%	2.3%	2.1%
Other	8.2%	9.0%	7.0%	13.7%	7.9%
Subtotal	80.2%	80.7%	86.6%	85.8%	67.6%

Interest and dividend revenues	105.4%	118.4%	108.8%	118.8%	108.0%
Less interest expense	85.6%	99.1%	95.4%	104.6%	95.5%
Net interest profit	19.8%	19.3%	13.4%	14.2%	12.5%
Gain on merger	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.9%
Total Net Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Non-Interest Expenses					
Compensation and benefits	49.0%	43.2%	72.2%	48.8%	39.9%
Communications and technology	6.1%	6.1%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%
Brokerage, clearing, and exchange fees	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%
Occupancy and related depreciation	3.5%	3.6%	3.0%	3.1%	2.6%
Professional fees	2.6%	2.8%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
Advertising and market development	2.1%	2.6%	1.8%	2.3%	1.7%
Office supplies and postage	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%
Expenses of consolidated investments	1.4%	0.7%	0.6%	1.8%	1.4%
Other	2.8%	6.9%	3.0%	3.7%	2.3%
Total Non-Interest Expenses	71.0%	70.0%	92.6%	71.2%	58.3%
Earnings Before Income Taxes	29.0%	30.0%	7.4%	28.8%	41.7%
Income tax expense	8.4%	9.5%	1.4%	8.8%	10.9%
Net Earnings	20.6%	20.5%	6.0%	20.0%	30.8%

Common shares outstanding (in millions):

	3Q05	4Q05	1Q06	2Q06	3Q06
Weighted-average - basic	881.4	876.2	883.7	885.4	855.8
Weighted-average - diluted	968.5	970.7	981.1	973.3	945.3
Period-end	921.7	919.2	933.4	898.1	883.3

Supplemental Data (unaudited) (dollars in billions)

	3Q05	4Q05	1Q06	2Q06	3Q06
Client Assets					
Private Client					
U.S.	$ 1,271	$ 1,341	$ 1,381	$ 1,370	$ 1,412
Non - U.S.	113	117	121	124	130
Total Private Client Assets	1,384	1,458	1,502	1,494	1,542
Assets in Annuitized-Revenue Products	496	528	560	559	578
Net New Money					
All Private Client Accounts (1)	$ 11	$ 17	$ 18	$ 7	$ 14
Annuitized-Revenue Products (1) (2)	10	10	13	10	7
Balance Sheet Information: (3)					
Commercial Paper and Other Short-term Borrowings	$ 4.1	$ 3.9	$ 9.4	$ 13.3	$ 8.5
Deposits	77.8	80.0	81.1	79.4	77.9
Long-term Borrowings	129.6	132.4	134.7	140.1	160.4
Long-term debt issued					

to TOPrS(SM) Partnerships	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Stockholders' Equity: (3)					
Preferred Stockholders' Equity	1.7	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.1
Common Stockholders' Equity	31.9	32.9	34.7	33.4	35.8
Total Stockholders' Equity	33.6	35.6	37.8	36.5	38.9
Full-Time Employees (4) (5)	53,100	54,600	55,500	56,000	55,300
Private Client Financial Advisors (6)	14,690	15,160	15,350	15,520	15,700

Note: Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

(1) GPC net new money excludes flows associated with the Institutional Advisory Division which serves certain small- and middle-market companies, as well as net outflows in the Amvescap retirement business and the Advest acquisition prior to its system conversion in early March 2006.

(2) Includes both net new client assets into annuitized-revenue products, as well as existing client assets transferred into annuitized-revenue products. Includes net flows from the majority of annuitized-revenue products but excludes flows in the Amvescap retirement business, as well as certain other annuitized-revenue products.

(3) Balance Sheet Information and Stockholders' Equity are estimated for 3Q06.

(4) Excludes 200 full-time employees on salary continuation severance at the end of 3Q05 and 4Q05; 300 at the end of 1Q06 and 2Q06, and 200 at the end of 3Q06.

(5) Excludes 2,400 MLIM employees that moved over to BlackRock at the end of 3Q06.

(6) Includes 140 Financial Advisors associated with the Mitsubishi UFJ joint venture at the end of 2Q06 and 150 at the end of 3Q06.

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