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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): September 29, 2006

**Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware   | 1-7182                      | 13-2740599                              |
| (State or Other<br>Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation)               | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>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 8.01 Other Events.

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. issued a press release announcing that on September 29, 2006, it had completed the merger of the firm's investment management business, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, with BlackRock, Inc. creating one of the world's largest independent investment management firms. Merrill Lynch received a total of 65 million common and preferred shares in the combined company and has a 45% voting interest. The new company will operate primarily under the BlackRock name.

A copy of the above-referenced press release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1

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Press release, dated October 2, 2006, issued by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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: October 2, 2006

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Press release, dated October 2, 2006, issued by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.



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**MERRILL LYNCH COMPLETES MERGER OF  
MERRILL LYNCH INVESTMENT MANAGERS WITH BLACKROCK, INC.**

NEW YORK, October 2 – On September 29, 2006, Merrill Lynch and Co., Inc. (**NYSE:MER**) completed the merger of the firm’s investment management business, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, with BlackRock, Inc. creating one of the world’s largest independent investment management firms. Merrill Lynch received a total of 65 million common and preferred shares in the combined company and has a 45% voting interest. The new company will operate primarily under the BlackRock name.

Merrill Lynch is one of the world’s leading wealth management, capital markets and advisory companies with offices in 36 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](http://www.ml.com).

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