

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): October 31, 2001

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	1-7182	13-2740599
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 World Financial Center, New York, New York	10080
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(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)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Filed herewith is the Preliminary Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 28, 2001 for Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. and subsidiaries ("Merrill Lynch"). Also filed herewith is a statement setting forth the computation of certain financial ratios for the periods presented.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

(12) Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and
Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends.

(99) Additional Exhibits

(i) Preliminary Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheet
of Merrill Lynch as of September 28, 2001.

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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/ Thomas H. Patrick

Thomas H. Patrick
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 31, 2001

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MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
COMPUTATION OF RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND
COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS
(dollars in millions)

ENDED	FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR THE NINE MONTHS	
	Sept. 28, 2001	Sept. 29, 2000	Sept. 28, 2001	-
----- Sept. 29, 2000 ----- <S> <C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	
Pre-tax earnings 4,409	\$ 686	\$ 1,311	\$ 2,889	\$
Add: Fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest and preferred security dividend requirements of subsidiaries) 12,860	3,843	4,759	14,223	
----- Pre-tax earnings before fixed charges 17,269 ----- =====	4,529	6,070	17,112	
Fixed charges: Interest 12,668 Other (a) 350	3,777	4,697	14,028	
----- Total fixed charges 13,018 ----- =====	3,896	4,812	14,381	
Preferred stock dividend requirements 41	14	13	42	
Total combined fixed charges ----- and preferred stock dividends 13,059 ----- =====	\$ 3,910	\$ 4,825	\$ 14,423	\$
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES 1.33	1.16	1.26	1.19	
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS 1.32	1.16	1.26	1.19	

(a) Other fixed charges consist of the interest factor in rentals, amortization of debt issuance costs, preferred security dividend requirements of subsidiaries, and capitalized interest.

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EXHIBIT 99(i)

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(dollars in millions)	Sept. 28, 2001
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ASSETS	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.....	\$ 20,201
CASH AND SECURITIES SEGREGATED FOR REGULATORY PURPOSES OR DEPOSITED WITH CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.....	4,382
RECEIVABLES UNDER RESALE AGREEMENTS AND SECURITIES BORROWED TRANSACTIONS.....	133,705
MARKETABLE INVESTMENT SECURITIES.....	72,856
TRADING ASSETS, AT FAIR VALUE	
Contractual agreements.....	25,527
Corporate debt and preferred stock.....	18,129
Equities and convertible debentures.....	16,030
U.S. Government and agencies.....	11,700
Mortgages, mortgage-backed, and asset-backed.....	9,899
Municipals and money markets.....	8,826
Non-U.S. governments and agencies.....	5,993
	96,104
SECURITIES PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL.....	12,416
SECURITIES RECEIVED AS COLLATERAL.....	2,730
OTHER RECEIVABLES	
Customers (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$81).....	46,621
Brokers and dealers.....	11,568
Interest and other.....	9,491
	67,680
INVESTMENTS OF INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES.....	4,083
LOANS, NOTES, AND MORTGAGES (net of allowance for loan losses of \$285).....	18,391
OTHER INVESTMENTS.....	5,329
EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$5,002).....	3,472
GOODWILL (net of accumulated amortization of \$864).....	4,212
OTHER ASSETS.....	3,045
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 448,606

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EXHIBIT 99(i)

Sept. 28,
2001

(dollars in millions, except per share amount)

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LIABILITIES

PAYABLES UNDER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND
SECURITIES LOANED TRANSACTIONS.....

\$ 106,909

COMMERCIAL PAPER AND OTHER SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS.....

5,096

DEPOSITS.....

83,667

TRADING LIABILITIES, AT FAIR VALUE

Contractual agreements.....

23,050

U.S. Government and agencies.....

19,964

Equities and convertible debentures.....

19,957

Non-U.S. governments and agencies.....

6,299

Corporate debt, municipals and preferred stock.....

6,127

75,397

OBLIGATION TO RETURN SECURITIES RECEIVED AS COLLATERAL.....

2,730

OTHER PAYABLES

Customers.....

35,328

Brokers and dealers.....

13,597

Interest and other.....

18,423

67,348

LIABILITIES OF INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES.....

3,809

LONG-TERM BORROWINGS.....

79,849

TOTAL LIABILITIES.....

424,805

PREFERRED SECURITIES ISSUED BY SUBSIDIARIES.....

2,711

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

PREFERRED STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (42,500 shares issued, liquidation preference
\$10,000 per share).....

425

COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Shares exchangeable into common stock.....

62

Common stock, par value \$1.33 1/3 per share;

authorized: 3,000,000,000 shares;

issued: 962,533,498 shares.....

1,283

Paid-in capital.....

4,256

Accumulated other comprehensive loss (net of tax).....

(506)

Retained earnings.....

17,560

22,655

Less: Treasury stock, at cost: 121,467,652 shares.....

970

Employee stock transactions.....

1,020

TOTAL COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY.....

20,665

TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY.....

21,090

TOTAL LIABILITIES, PREFERRED SECURITIES ISSUED BY SUBSIDIARIES,
AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY.....

\$ 448,606

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