
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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): January 18, 2005

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

<u>4 World Financial Center, New York, New York</u>	<u>10080</u>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

<u>Registrant's telephone number, including area code:</u>	<u>(212) 449-1000</u>
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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NEW YORK, January 18— Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (NYSE: MER) plans to announce fourth quarter and full year 2004 results on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. Ahmass Fakahany, executive vice president and chief financial officer, plans to host a conference call that day at 10:00 a.m. (ET) to review these results with the investment community. The general public is invited to listen to the call by dialing (888) 810-0245 (inside the United States and Canada) or (706) 634-0180 (outside the United States), or via a live audio webcast at www.ir.ml.com. On-demand webcast replay will be available shortly after the call at the same web address.

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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/ Judith A. Witterschein

Judith A. Witterschein
Corporate Secretary

Date: January 18, 2005