

LABRANCHE & CO INC
Form 8-K
October 07, 2005

**UNITED STATES
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 7, 2005**

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-15251
(Commission
File Number)

13-4064735
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Exchange Plaza, New York, New York
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10006
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 425-1144**

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4 (c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Effective October 7, 2005, the Board of Directors of LaBranche & Co Inc. (the Company) increased its size from five members to six members and elected Robert E. Torray as a new Class III director, with a term expiring at the Company s 2008 annual meeting of stockholders. The Board of Directors also appointed Mr. Torray as a member of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee.

There are neither any arrangements between Mr. Torray and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Torray was elected as a director nor any transactions to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party and in which Mr. Torray has a material interest subject to disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 7, 2005, LaBranche & Co Inc. issued a press release announcing the election of Robert E. Torray to its Board of Directors. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated October 7, 2005.

All other Items of this report are inapplicable.

SIGNATURES

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.

LaBRANCHE & CO INC.

Date: October 7, 2005

By: */s/ Jeffrey M. Chertoff*
Name: Jeffrey M. Chertoff
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated October 7, 2005. |