

LABRANCHE & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2008

**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 16, 2008**

**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.)

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**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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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4 (c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) On October 20, 2008, LaBranche & Co Inc. (the Company ) announced that Robert E. Torray has left the Company s Board of Directors, effective October 16, 2008. Mr. Torray has been a member of the Company s board of directors and of the Company s Audit, Compensation and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committees since October 2005. Mr. Torray has been the Chair of the Compensation Committee since January 2007. Following Mr. Torray s departure, the Company s board set the board size at five directors.

Effective October 16, 2008, the Company s board of directors appointed Stuart M. Robbins to replace Mr. Torray as the Chair of the Company s Compensation Committee. Mr. Robbins is a non-management director of the Company and serves as a member of the Company s Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 20, 2008, LaBranche & Co Inc. issued a press release announcing the departure of Mr. Torray. A copy of this press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated October 20, 2008.

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 20, 2008

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. McCutcheon  
Name: Jeffrey A. McCutcheon  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press release issued by LaBranche & Co Inc. dated October 20, 2008.