

EXCELSIOR ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND OF FUNDS MASTER FUND LLC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>BANK OF AMERICA<br/>                 CORPORATE CENTER,Â 100<br/>                 N TRYON ST</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28255</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/01/2007</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>EXCELSIOR ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND OF FUNDS MASTER FUND LLC [NONE]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)<br/>                 Ult. Parent of Inv. Adviser</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Limited Liability Company Interest | 0  | I   | See Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>                              |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                  |                 | Title      |                            |                              |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                             |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                       |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/<br>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER<br>100 N TRYON ST<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | ^             | ^         | ^       | Ult. Parent of Inv. Adviser |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Lucille E. Reymann, Senior Vice<br>President | 07/12/2007 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person              | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This filing is made on behalf of Bank of America Corporation, the ultimate parent of U.S. Trust Hedge Fund Management, Inc., the Issuer's investment adviser. The filing of this statement with the inclusion of the foregoing information shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this statement.

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