

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):  
January 4, 2005

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-02217 (Commission File Number)	58-0628465 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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One Coca-Cola Plaza Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)	30313 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121

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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(b). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On January 4, 2005, Robert L. Nardelli notified The Coca-Cola Company (the "Company") of his decision not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Company at its 2005 Annual Meeting of Share Owners due to the increasing demands on his time at The Home Depot, Inc. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01(c). Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated January 6, 2005, regarding Robert L. Nardelli

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.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY  
(REGISTRANT)

Date: January 6, 2005

By: /s/Sharon R.B. Case

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Sharon R.B. Case  
Vice President and  
Deputy General Counsel

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ROBERT L. NARDELLI CHOOSES NOT TO STAND FOR REELECTION

TO COCA-COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATLANTA, Jan. 6, 2005 -- The Coca-Cola Company said today that Director Robert L. Nardelli, citing increasing demands on his time as Chairman, President and CEO of The Home Depot, has decided not to stand for reelection to The Coca-Cola Company's board of directors. His term will expire on April 19, 2005.

Commenting on his decision, Mr. Nardelli said: "Due to increasing demands on my time at The Home Depot, I have decided not to stand for re-election to The Coca-Cola Company board of directors in 2005. I have enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of serving on the board over the past few years, and value the rich experience of being part of such a distinguished group of directors. I wish Neville Isdell and his team continued success in positioning The Coca-Cola Company for the future."

Neville Isdell, chairman and chief executive officer, said: "We are tremendously grateful to Bob for his service to our Company. Both our board of directors and our Company have benefited greatly from his wise counsel. At the same time, we understand and appreciate the demands a dynamic company like The Home Depot places on its leadership. We are fortunate that as an Atlanta neighbor, we will be able to remain close to a leader who has become a great friend of The Coca-Cola Company."

Mr. Nardelli has served as a director of The Coca-Cola Company since 2002. The Company has no immediate plans to fill the vacated board seat.

The Coca-Cola Company is the world's largest beverage company. Along with Coca-Cola, recognized as the world's best-known brand, The Coca-Cola Company markets four of the world's top five soft drink brands, including diet Coke, Fanta and Sprite, and a wide range of other beverages, including diet and light soft drinks, waters, juices and juice drinks, teas, coffees and sports drinks. Through the world's largest distribution system, consumers in more than 200 countries enjoy the Company's beverages at a rate exceeding 1 billion servings each day. For more information about The Coca-Cola Company, please visit our website at [www.coca-cola.com](http://www.coca-cola.com).

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