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WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 17, 2007

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.
(Exact Name of Registrant
as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-05805
(Commission File Number)

13-2624428
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

270 Park Avenue,
New York, NY
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10017
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 270-6000**

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

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following Exhibits are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (333-130051) of JPMorgan Chase & Co. (the "Registrant") as exhibits thereto and are filed as part of this Current Report.

8.1	Tax Opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell relating to Buffered Return Enhanced Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index due September 24, 2008
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8.9	Tax Opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell relating to 7.55% (equivalent to 15.10% per annum) Reverse Exchangeable Notes due February 29, 2008 Linked to the Least Performing Common Stock of Caterpillar Inc. and Deere & Company

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.

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Neila B. Radin

Name: Neila B. Radin
Title: Senior Vice President

Dated: August 21, 2007

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Exhibit 8.1

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August 21, 2007

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 623 dated August 17, 2007 relatin g to Buffered Return Enhanced Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index due September 24, 2008 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 18-I dated March 16, 2006 relating to Return Enhanced Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

In our opinion, the discussions under the heading "United States Federal Taxation" in the Prospectus Supplement, under the heading "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the Product Supplement and under the heading "Selected Purchase Considerations – Capital Gains Tax Treatment" in the Pricing Supplement , subject to the conditions and limitations described therein, set forth the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable generally to holders of the securities offered pursuant to the Pricing Supplement as a result of the ownership and disposition of such securities.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the references to us under the heading "United States Federal Taxation" in the Prospectus Supplement, under the heading "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the Product Supplement and under the heading "Selected Purchase Considerations – Capital Gains Tax Treatment" in the Pricing Supplement . By such consent we do not concede that we are an "expert" for the purposes of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Davis Polk & Wardwell

Exhibit 8.2

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 624 dated August 17, 2007 relating t o Annual Review Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index due August 30 , 2010 (the " Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 20-I dated March 21, 2006 relating to Review Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the references to us under the heading "United States Federal Taxation" in the Prospectus Supplement, under the heading "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the Product Supplement and under the heading "Selected Purchase Considerations – Capital Gains Tax Treatment" in the Pricing Supplement . By such consent we do not concede that we are an "expert" for the purposes of the Act.

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We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 625 dated August 17, 2007 relating t o Annual Review Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index due August 30 , 2010 (the " Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 20-I dated March 21, 2006 relating to Review Notes Linked to the S&P 500 ® Index (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 626 dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to the Performance of a Weighted Basket of Four Currencies Relative to the U.S. Dollar due February 25, 2009 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 49-II dated March 7, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to the Performance of a Weighted Basket of Currencies or Currency Relative to a Reference Currency (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated October 12, 2006 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

In our opinion, the discussions under the heading "United States Federal Taxation" in the Prospectus Supplement, under the heading "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences" in the Product Supplement and under the heading "Selected Purchase Considerations – Taxed as Contingent Payment Debt Instruments" in the Pricing Supplement , subject to the conditions and limitations described therein, set forth the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable generally to holders of the securities offered pursuant to the Pricing Supplement as a result of the ownership and disposition of such securities.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 627 dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Basket Consisting of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 ® Index and the Nikkei 225 Index due August 22, 2011 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplemen t no. 32-VII dated June 29, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Weighted Basket Consisting of the AMEX Hong Kong 30 Index, the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 ® Index, the FTSE ™ 100 Index, the FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index, the Korea Stock Price Index 200, the MSCI EAFE ® Index, the iShares ® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, the MSCI Taiwan Index, the MSCI Singapore Index, the Nikkei 225 Index, the Russell 2000 ® Index and the S&P 500 ® Index (the "Product Supplem ent") to a prospectus supplement dated October 12, 2006 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of pricing supplement no. 628 dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Basket Consisting of the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 ® Index, the Nikkei 225 Index and the S&P 500 ® Index due August 22, 2011 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplemen t no. 32-VII dated June 29, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Weighted Basket Consisting of the AMEX Hong Kong 30 Index, the Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50 ® Index, the FTSE ™ 100 Index, the FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index, the Korea Stock Price Index 200, the MSCI EAFE ® Index, the iShares ® MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, the MSCI Taiwan Index, the MSCI Singapore Index, the Nikkei 225 Index, the Russell 2000 ® Index and the S&P 500 ® Index (the "Product Supplem ent") to a prospectus supplement dated October 12, 2006 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a pricing supplement no. 629 dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to the Dow Jones — AIG Commodity Index SM due February 22, 2013 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 1-IV dated May 4, 2006 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to the Dow Jones — AIG Commodity Index SM (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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We have acted as special tax counsel to JPMorgan Chase & Co., a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a pricing supplement no. 630 dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Weighted Basket Consisting of the S&P GSCI ™ Agriculture Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Energy Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Industrial Metals Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Livestock Index Excess Return and the S&P GSCI ™ Precious Metals Index Excess Return due August 19, 2010 (the "Pricing Supplement") to product supplement no. 94-I dated August 17, 2007 relating to Principal Protected Notes Linked to a Weighted Basket Consisting of the S&P GSCI ™ Agriculture Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Energy Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Industrial Metals Index Excess Return, the S&P GSCI ™ Livestock Index Excess Return and the S&P GSCI ™ Precious Metals Index Excess Return, or Linked to Any One of the Foregoing (the "Product Supplement") to a prospectus supplement dated October 12, 2006 (the "Prospectus Supplement") for the Company's Global Medium-Term Notes, Series E, Global Warrants, Series E and Global Units, Series E, relating to a prospectus dated December 1, 2005 (the "Prospectus") contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (Registration Statement No. 333-130051) (the "Registration Statement"). This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Section 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

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