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Registration No. 333-34621

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT Under THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

SOTHEBY'S

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 38-2478409

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1334 York Avenue New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10021

(Zip Code)

${\bf SOTHEBY} {\color{blue}\square} {\bf S} \ {\bf HOLDINGS, INC.} \ {\bf PERFORMANCE} \ {\bf SHARE} \ {\bf PURCHASE} \ {\bf PLAN}$

(Full title of the plan)

Donaldson C. Pillsbury

Executive Vice President, Worldwide General Counsel and Secretary
Sotheby's

1334 York Avenue New York, New York 10021 (212) 606-7000 (Name and address of agent for service)

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DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-34621) pursuant to which 2,000,000 shares of the Registrant S Class A Limited Voting Common Stock were registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission for issuance under the Registrant Performance Share Purchase Plan (the Plan). As used in this amendment, the term Registrant refers to each of Sotheby Holdings, Inc, a Michigan corporation. and its successor-by-merger, Sotheby, a Delaware corporation, as the context may require. No further awards will be made under the Plan and no outstanding awards exist with respect to the Plan, which was previously terminated by the Registrant. The Registrant hereby removes from registration a total of 1,910,000 shares of common stock that were neither issued nor sold prior to the Plan stermination.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on the 19th day of January, 2007.

SOTHEBY'S

By: /s/ William F. Ruprecht

William F. Ruprecht
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints William F. Ruprecht and William S. Sheridan, and each of them, as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments), supplements and other documents related to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| /s/ Michael I. Sovern | Chairman of the Board | January 19, 2007 |
| Michael I. Sovern | | |
| /s/ Devonshire | Deputy Chairman of the Board | January 19, 2007 |
| The Duke of Devonshire | | |
| /s/ William F. Ruprecht | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director | January 19, 2007 |
| William F. Ruprecht | Officer and Director | |

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| /s/ William S. Sheridan | Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | January 19, 2007 |
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| William S. Sheridan | Chief Findheld Officer | |
| /s/ Michael Blakenham | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Michael Blakenham | | |
| /s/ Steven B. Dodge | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Steven B. Dodge | | |
| /s/ Allen Questrom | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Allen Questrom | | |
| /s/ Donald M. Stewart | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Donald M. Stewart | | |
| /s/ Robert S. Taubman | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Robert S. Taubman | | |
| /s/ Dennis M. Weibling | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Dennis M. Weibling | | |
| /s/ Robin G. Woodhead | Director | January 19, 2007 |
| Robin G. Woodhead | | |
| /s/ Michael L. Gillis | Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer | January 19, 2007 |
| Michael L. Gillis | | |