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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BHUTANI ASHISH

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30
ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/19/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO of Lazard Asset Management

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A
				(A)	(D)				
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/19/2015	A	163,424		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A common stock	1
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/19/2015	A	10,826		<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A common stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BHUTANI ASHISH C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112	X		CEO of Lazard Asset Management	

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 02/23/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
Represents prior grants of Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs") awarded with respect to compensation for 2012 and
- (1) 2013 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. These grants were previously reflected in Lazard Ltd's proxy statements for the relevant years.
- (2) Each PRSU (the performance conditions of which have been satisfied) and each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.
- (3) Of these PRSUs, 48,083 will vest on March 2, 2015, 96,166 will vest on or around March 1, 2016 and 19,175 will vest on or around March 1, 2017.
- (4) Additional RSUs were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU and RSU awards.
- (5) Of these RSUs, 3,770 will vest on March 2, 2015, 3,247 will vest on or around March 1, 2016, 1,991 will vest on or around March 1, 2017 and 1,818 will vest on or around March 1, 2018.
- (6) Amounts exclude 307,005 shares of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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