

BHUTANI ASHISH
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FORM 4

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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 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/26/2011

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)
Vice Chairman

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 (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 | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 08/26/2011 | | | A | | 2,038 | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Class A common stock | 2,038 |
| Delayed Payment Right ⁽⁴⁾ | <u>(5)</u> | 08/26/2011 | | | A | | 1,008 <u>(6)</u> | | 10/31/2011 | 10/31/2011 | Class A common stock | 1,008 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BHUTANI ASHISH C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a PofA 08/30/2011

**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).
- (1) Additional Restricted Stock Units were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of the underlying Restricted Stock Unit Award.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.
- (3) Of the 2,038 Restricted Stock Units acquired, 266 vest on March 1, 2012; 1,328 vest on March 1, 2013; and 444 vest on March 3, 2014.
Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated August 14, 2008, among Lazard Asset Management LLC ("LAM"), Lazard Ltd, Laz Sub I, LLC, and Lazard Asset Management Limited, on October 31, 2011 the reporting person is entitled to receive 167,900 shares of Lazard Class A common stock ("Common Stock"), plus an additional number of shares of Common Stock in an amount determined by reference to the cash dividends paid on the Common Stock after the closing of the merger on September 25, 2008 and prior to October 31, 2011, if any. Under the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger this payment may be delayed until September 25, 2016 (or in certain circumstances to the sixth and one-half anniversary of the reporting person's employment termination date) if the reporting person is no longer employed by Lazard Ltd and its affiliates on October 31, 2011 (other than as a result of death, disability, termination without "cause" or resignation with "good reason").
- (5) Each Delayed Payment Right represents a right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger described in footnote 4.

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(6) Additional Delayed Payment Rights were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent provisions described in footnote 4.

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