



Lazard Announces Closing of Senior Notes Offering

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 19, 2018-- Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ) announced today that its subsidiary Lazard Group LLC ("Lazard Group") has completed its previously announced offering of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2028 (the "Notes"). The Notes were issued by Lazard Group and were offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of Lazard Group.

Lazard Group previously announced its intention to use a portion of the proceeds of the Notes offering to repurchase or redeem up to \$250 million aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 4.250% Senior Notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes"), and to pay fees and expenses related to the foregoing, and to use the remaining amount for general corporate purposes, including potential repurchases of shares of Lazard Ltd's Class A common stock.

In that regard, on September 12, 2018, Lazard Group announced its commencement of a cash tender offer for up to \$250 million aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes.

This press release is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities described herein.

About Lazard

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Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release contains forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "may", "might", "will", "should", "could", "would", "expect", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "predict", "potential", "target", "goal", or "continue", and the negative of these terms and other comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and projections about future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of our control. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

These factors include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K under Item 1A "Risk Factors", and also discussed from time to time in our reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K, including the following:

- A decline in general economic conditions or the global or regional financial markets;
- A decline in our revenues, for example due to a decline in overall mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity, our share of the M&A market or our assets under management;
- Losses caused by financial or other problems experienced by third parties;
- Losses due to unidentified or unanticipated risks;
- A lack of liquidity, i.e., ready access to funds, for use in our businesses; and
- Competitive pressure on our businesses and on our ability to retain and attract employees at current compensation levels.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. Neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We are under no duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this release to conform our prior statements to actual results or revised expectations and we do not intend to do so.

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