FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Castellano Michael J  2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2005			nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Lazard Ltd [ LAZ, LDZ ]							
(Last) 30 ROCKEFE (Street) NEW YORK (City)	(First)  LLER PLAZA  NY  (State)	(Middle)  10020 (Zip)				tionship of Reporting Pers all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) Vice Preside	10% Owner (speedbelow)	er	6. Inc	hth/Day/Year) dividual or Joint cable Line) Form filed by	Ate of Original Filed  I/Group Filing (Check  BY One Reporting Person  BY More than One  BY More than One
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			Beneficial Ownership		
No securities are beneficially owned.					0	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
		1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)									
1. Title of Deriva	tive Security (Ins	tr. 4)	Expiration D	ate		tle and Amount of Secur erlying Derivative Securi		4. Conve	rcise	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

## Remarks:

I hereby appoint Scott D. Hoffman, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact to execute and file such documents and other information, including amendments and exhibits thereto, as may be required to be filed, or which such attorney-in-fact may deem to be desirable to be filed, pursuant to Section 13 and Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, Form 3s, Form 4s, and Form 5s, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and, if necessary, foreign regulators, granting to such attorneys, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing whatsoever that such attorney may deem necessary, advisable or appropriate as I might or could do personally, hereby ratifying and confirming all acts and things that such attorney or attorneys may do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney. This appointment shall be effective until revoked by writing delivered to the General Counsel of Lazard Ltd.

/s/ Michael J. Castellano 05/04/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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