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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Add Orsatelli Ar		Ferson F	. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 15/10/2005	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Lazard Ltd [LAZ, LDZ]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O LAZARD LTD, 30 ROCKEFELLER						Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
PLAZA						Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10020								y One Reporting Person y More than One erson			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)											
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned													
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						ially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)													
1. Title of Deriva	tive Security (Ins	str. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		d 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Securi		ty (Instr. 4) Conve		se Form:	(Instr. 5)			
			Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	n Title	e	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned. Mr. Orsatelli is the Chief Executive Officer of IXIS Corporate and Investment Bank ("IXIS"), which acquired 2,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of Lazard Ltd in connection with Lazard Ltd's initial public offering of its Class A Common Stock. These shares generally may not be transferred for a period of 545 days from the date of purchase. In addition, IXIS acquired 6.625% equity security units of Lazard Ltd at that time. Between 4,999,800 to 6,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of Lazard Ltd underlie these equity security units. Mr. Orsatelli disclaims beneficial ownership of all of these shares. 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 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.

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Anthony Orsatelli 05/18/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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