
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 1, 2016

Lazard Ltd

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Bermuda
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32492
(Commission
File Number)

98-0437848
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

Clarendon House
2 Church Street
Hamilton, Bermuda
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

HM-11
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 295-1422

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 1, 2016, Lazard Ltd issued a press release announcing the intention of its subsidiary Lazard Group LLC (“Lazard Group”) to offer an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million of Lazard Group’s Senior Notes due 2027 (the “Notes”) in a registered public offering pursuant to Lazard Group’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2014 (Registration No. 333-196350). The November 1, 2016 press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The Notes were priced on November 1, 2016 and will have an interest rate of 3.625% per annum and will be issued at a price equal to 99.569% of their face value. Lazard Group intends to use a portion of the net proceeds of the Notes offering to redeem or otherwise retire all \$98.4 million in principal amount of its outstanding 6.85% Senior Notes due June 15, 2017 (the “Existing 2017 Notes”) in accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the Existing 2017 Notes, and to pay fees and expenses related to the foregoing, and to use the remaining amount for general corporate purposes, including repurchases of shares of Lazard Ltd’s Class A common stock, or distributions to Lazard Ltd or its subsidiaries for the purpose of such repurchases, under the share repurchase program of Lazard Ltd and Lazard Group. On November 1, 2016, Lazard Ltd also announced that its Board of Directors authorized additional share repurchases of \$236 million, expiring December 31, 2018. The authorization brought the total share repurchase authorization of Lazard Ltd and Lazard Group to \$400 million. Lazard Group estimates that it will incur a loss on debt extinguishment in connection with the redemption or retirement of the Existing 2017 Notes of approximately \$4.2 million, net of tax.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated November 1, 2016

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LAZARD LTD

By: /s/ Matthieu Bucaille

Name: Matthieu Bucaille

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 1, 2016

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LAZARD ANNOUNCES COMMENCEMENT OF SENIOR NOTES OFFERING

NEW YORK, November 1, 2016 – Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ) announced today that its subsidiary Lazard Group LLC (“Lazard Group”) is commencing an offering of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2027 (the “Notes”). The Notes would be issued by Lazard Group and would be offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The Notes would be senior unsecured obligations of Lazard Group.

Lazard Group intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes offering to redeem or otherwise retire all \$98.4 million in principal amount of its outstanding 6.85% Senior Notes due June 15, 2017 (the “Existing 2017 Notes”), in accordance with the terms of the indenture governing the Existing 2017 Notes, and to use the remaining amount for repurchases of shares of Lazard Ltd’s Class A common stock and for other general corporate purposes.

The Notes offering is being made solely by means of a prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. A copy of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be obtained by contacting Citigroup Global Markets Inc., by email at prospectus@citi.com, or by phone at (800) 831-9146. An electronic copy of the preliminary prospectus supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus, is also available on the SEC’s website, www.sec.gov.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes, nor shall there be any sale of the Notes in any state or other jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

This press release is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell the Existing 2017 Notes.

About Lazard

Lazard, one of the world’s preeminent financial advisory and asset management firms, operates from 42 cities across 27 countries in North America, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and South America. With origins dating to 1848, the firm provides advice on mergers and acquisitions, strategic matters, restructuring and capital structure, capital raising and corporate finance, as well as asset management services to corporations, partnerships, institutions, governments and individuals.

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 forward-looking statements are not historical facts but instead represent only our expectations regarding future results or events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of our control. Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. 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 disclosed from time to time in our reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K, including the following:

- A decline in general economic conditions or 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 (AUM);
- 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.

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.

Lazard Ltd is committed to providing timely and accurate information to the investing public, consistent with our legal and regulatory obligations.

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