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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Lazard Ltd [LAZ, LDZ]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 85 BROAD ST		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2005							Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10004		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)													
Table I - N 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	on-Deriva		Securities Acc	quired	l, Dis	4. Securities A		-	Owned 5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
I. The of Security (msu. 5)	Date (Month/Da		Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		Р		194,000	(D)	\$24.9	(Instr. 3 and 4) 3,968,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		500,000	A	\$24.8	4,468,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		S		22,500	D	\$24.5	4,445,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		20,100	A	\$24.4	4,465,600	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		70,400	A	\$24.39	4,536,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		9,500	A	\$24.38	4,545,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		85,700	A	\$24.3	4,631,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		64,300	A	\$24.29	4,695,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		180,000	A	\$24.25	4,875,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		30,000	A	\$24.21	4,905,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		70,000	A	\$24.2	4,975,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		S		80,000	D	\$24.2	4,895,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		25,000	A	\$24.19	4,920,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		25,000	A	\$24.16	4,945,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		800	A	\$24.1	4,946,300	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		S		800	D	\$24.04	4,945,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		1,097,000	A	\$24	6,042,500	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		10,000	A	\$25	6,052,500	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾		
Class A Common Stock	05/05/2	2005		P		22,500	A	\$25	6,075,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date		3. Transaction		4. Securities / Disposed Of (Acquired (D) (Instr. :	A) or 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (8)	Instr.				Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		,
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		P		13,200	A	\$25	6,088,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		33,300	D	\$24.35	6,054,900	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		12,100	D	\$24.3	6,042,800	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		3,600	D	\$24.28	6,039,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		200	D	\$24.26	6,039,000	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		4,800	D	\$24.25	6,034,200	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		500	D	\$24.24	6,033,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		4,500	D	\$24.22	6,029,200	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		1,500	D	\$24.21	6,027,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		46,000	D	\$24.2	5,981,700	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2005		S		1,600	D	\$24.18	5,980,100	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number Derivativ Securitie Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	re es I (A) or d of (D)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		100,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.3	26,550	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		100,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.65	126,550	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		8,500		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.75	135,050	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		5,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.9	140,050	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		50,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$25	190,050	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		s			100,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.35	90,050	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/05/2005		P		55,150		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.15	145,200	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		P		305,575		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$25	450,775	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		P		25,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.3	475,775	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	n Date Execution Date, Transaction Derivative Expiration Date		ate	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		P		25,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.15	500,775	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		P		52,750		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24	553,525	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		S			315,575	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$25	237,950	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/06/2005		S			5,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$24.4	232,950	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/09/2005		P		25,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.6	257,950	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/09/2005		P		1,500		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.35	259,450	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/09/2005		S			50,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.875	209,450	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		S			25,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.843	184,450	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		S			50,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.671	134,450	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		S			5,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.9	129,450	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		S			3,600	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.95	125,850	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		P		250,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.917	375,850	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/10/2005		S			100,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.945	275,850	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/11/2005		P		22,700		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.55	298,550	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/11/2005		S			118,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.572	180,550	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/12/2005		S			550	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.69	180,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/12/2005		S			1,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.5	179,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/12/2005		S			200	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.34	178,800	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/12/2005		P		25,000		(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$23.05	203,800	I	See Footnote ⁽¹
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/13/2005		S			1,800	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$22.8	202,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹

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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
6.625% Equity Security Unit	(3)	05/13/2005		S			2,000	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	(3)	\$22.9	200,000	I	See Footnote ⁽¹⁾

1.	Name	and	Add	ress	of	Reporting	Person
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GOLDMAN SA	of Reporting Person ACHS GROUP IN	<u>NC/</u>						
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)						
85 BROAD ST								
(Street)								
NEW YORK	NY	10004						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GOLDMAN SACHS & CO								
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)						
85 BROAD ST								
C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO								
(Street)								
NEW YORK	NY	10004						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

- 1. The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were beneficially owned directly by Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Without admitting any legal obligation, Goldman Sachs will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Issuer. Goldman Sachs is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
- 2. The securities reported herein as indirectly purchased and sold were purchased and sold and were beneficially owned directly by Goldman Sachs International ("GSI"). Without admitting any legal obligation, GSI or an affiliate will remit appropriate profits, if any, to the Issuer. GSI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
- 3. Each Unit must be converted into Class A Common Stock of the Issuer on May 15, 2008, at a ratio based on the closing price of Class A Common Stock during the twenty trading days starting April 15, 2008. If the closing price is less than or equal to \$25.00. If the closing price is less than or equal to \$25.00. If the closing price is less than or equal to \$25.00 and \$30.00, a fraction of one share between 0.8333 and 1.
- 4. May 15, 2008, subject to earlier exercise upon certain events.

/s/ Ted Chang, Attorney-in-Fact 05/23/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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