

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BHUTANI ASHISH</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O LAZARD LTD</u> <u>30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10112</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Lazard Ltd [LAZ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO of Lazard Asset Management</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/15/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Restricted Class A Common Stock	05/15/2017		M		3,955	A	(1)	49,280	D	
Restricted Class A Common Stock	05/15/2017		F		2,208 ⁽²⁾	D	\$44.63 ⁽³⁾	47,072 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(1)	05/15/2017		M		3,955		(1)	(1)	Restricted Class A Common Stock	3,955	(1)	0 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting person is eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy, which is described in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement. As a result, certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that were previously granted to the reporting person pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of an underlying Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit ("PRSU") award are no longer subject to the service-based vesting requirements contained in the underlying award agreement. Such RSUs have now become subject to taxation and have been settled in the form of Restricted Class A Common Stock. The Restricted Class A Common Stock, excluding the portion retained by the Company in order to cover taxes required to be withheld, will remain subject to all restrictive covenants and sales restrictions contained in the underlying award agreement until the original vesting date set forth in the award agreement.
- Represents shares of Restricted Class A Common Stock retained by the Company to cover taxes required to be withheld in connection with the settlement of RSUs.
- Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on May 12, 2017, the trading day immediately preceding the settlement date.
- Amount excludes 523,456 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by the reporting person.

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 05/15/2017

** 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 4 (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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