As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO

FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

LAZARD LTD LAZARD GROUP FINANCE LLC

6199

(Primary Standard Industrial

Classification Code Number)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) **6199**

Bermuda

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> Lazard Ltd Clarendon House 2 Church Street Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda (441) 295-1422

98-0437848 20-2281724 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Lazard Group Finance LLC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020 (212) 632-6000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Scott D. Hoffman, Esq. Lazard Ltd Lazard Group Finance LLC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020 (212) 632-6000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: May 10, 2005

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box. If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number

of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier registration statement for the same offering. 🗵 333-123463

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. \Box

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-123463) is being filed solely to include an additional Exhibit 25.1 and to incorporate by reference a revised Exhibit 10.25.

This Post-Effective Amendment shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Lazard Ltd has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, State of New York, on May 6, 2005.

LAZARD LTD

By: /s/ Bruce Wasserstein

Name: Bruce Wasserstein Title: Chief Executive Officer

Power of Attorney

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Bruce Wasserstein	Director and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	May 6, 2005
Bruce Wasserstein		
/s/ Steven J. Golub	Director and President	May 6, 2005
Steven J. Golub		
/s/ Michael J. Castellano	Director and Vice President (principal financial and accounting officer)	May 6, 2005
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LAZARD GROUP FINANCE LLC

By: /s/ Steven J. Golub

Name: Steven J. Golub Title: President

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/s/ Steven J. Golub	Director and President (principal executive officer)	May 6, 2005
Steven J. Golub		
/s/ Michael J. Castellano	Director and Vice President (principal financial and accounting officer)	May 6, 2005
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FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) □

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York (State of incorporation if not a U.S. national bank) 13-5160382 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. (Address of principal executive offices) 10286 (Zip code)

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10020 (Zip code)

Equity Security Units (Title of the indenture securities)

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1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the Trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Name	Address
Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York	One State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004-1417, and Albany, N.Y. 12223
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	33 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y. 10045
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, D.C. 20429
New York Clearing House Association	New York, New York 10005

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation. None.

16. List of Exhibits.

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") and 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

- 1. A copy of the Organization Certificate of The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-6215, Exhibits 1a and 1b to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-21672, Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-29637 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-121195.)
- 4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121195.)



- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-106702.)
- 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 5th day of May, 2005.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /S/ ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO

Name: ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO Title: VICE PRESIDENT

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Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business December 31, 2004, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

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LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	\$ 41,480,131
Noninterest-bearing	16,898,525
Interest-bearing	24,581,606
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	24,028,722
Noninterest-bearing	576,431
Interest-bearing	23,452,291
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	1,040,432
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	491,007
Trading liabilities	2,724,930
Other borrowed money:	
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	4,780,573
Not applicable	
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	54,517
Subordinated notes and debentures	2,390,000
Other liabilities	6,901,014
Total liabilities	\$ 83,891,326
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	140,499
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,135,284
Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	2,087,221
Retained earnings	4,892,420
Accumulated other comprehensive income	-8,323
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	8,106,602
Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital	\$ 92,138,427

I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Thomas A. Renyi Gerald L. Hassell Alan R. Griffith

Directors