

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 17, 2008

**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 No.)

**Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**HM 11**

(Zip Code)

**441-295-1422**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**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)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On November 17, 2008, Alexander F. Stern was named Chief Operating Officer of Lazard Ltd and Lazard Group LLC. Mr. Stern, age 42, has served as a Managing Director of Lazard since January 2002 and as the Firm's Global Head of Strategy since February 2006. Mr. Stern previously served as a Vice President from January 1998 to December 2000 and as a Director from January 2001 to December 2001. Mr. Stern initially joined Lazard in 1994.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 21, 2008

**LAZARD LTD**

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel