
**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): June 13, 2012

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)

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):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 13, 2012, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Lazard Ltd (the "Company") elected Richard D. Parsons to the Board. A copy of the Company's press release announcing this information is being filed as exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. After it completes its review and analysis, the Board plans to appoint Mr. Parsons to one or more committees of the Board, at which time the Company expects to file an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on June 13, 2012.

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

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Dated: June 19, 2012

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TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEW YORK, June 13, 2012 – Lazard Ltd (NYSE: LAZ) today announced that it has elected Richard D. Parsons to the firm’s Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Parsons is a member of the Council on Jobs and Competitiveness for the U.S. Office of the President and is Senior Advisor to Providence Equity Partners. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Estée Lauder Companies, where he is Chair of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Nominating and Board Affairs Committee. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of The Madison Square Garden Company, where he serves on the Audit Committee.

Mr. Parsons was Chairman of the Board of Citigroup from February 2009 through April 2012, and was a Director of Citigroup since 1996. Prior to that, he was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Time Warner. He was formerly Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dime Savings Bank of New York. He has worked as a practicing attorney in both private and public practice, including service in the White House from 1975 to 1977.

Among his numerous community activities, he is Chairman of the Apollo Theatre Foundation, Chairman of the Jazz Foundation of America, Chairman of the New York Education Reform Commission, and a Board member of the New York City Partnership. He also is a Trustee of the Museum of Modern Art and the American Museum of Natural History.

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