

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) May 10, 2005

Lazard Ltd

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Bermuda

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-32492

98-0437848

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, Bermuda

HM 11

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(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):

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

On May 10, 2005, Lazard Ltd (the "Company") consummated the initial public offering of its Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 6.625% equity security units, as well as the separation and recapitalization transactions related thereto, including Lazard Group LLC's private placement of 7.125% Senior Notes due 2015 and the redemption of the historical partner interests as described in the Company's Forms S-1, as amended (File Nos. 333-121407 and 333-123463).

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: May 11, 2005

LAZARD LTD

By: /s/ Scott D. Hoffman

Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: General Counsel