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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BHUTANI ASHISH**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

CEO of Lazard Asset Management

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

02/24/2016

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10112

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amo of Underlying Securities

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	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Instr. 3 and	14)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (1)	(2)	02/24/2016		A		37,002		(3)	(3)	Class A common stock	37

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

BHUTANI ASHISH
C/O LAZARD LTD
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10112

CEO of Lazard Asset Management

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 02/25/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Represents prior grants of Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs") awarded with respect to compensation for 2013 and
 (1) 2014 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. These grants were previously reflected in Lazard Ltd's proxy statements for the relevant years.
- (2) Each PRSU (the performance conditions of which have been satisfied) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd.
- (3) Of these PRSUs, 19,176 will vest on or around March 1, 2017 and 17,826 will vest on or around March 1, 2018.
- (4) Amount excludes 380,426 shares of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd and 17,279 restricted stock units ("RSUs") beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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