Lazard Ltd Form 4 February 25, 2016

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bucaille Matthieu			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Lazard Ltd [LAZ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
C/O LAZARI ROCKEFELL	· ·		(Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2016	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YORK,	NY 10112			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative Se	ecuriti	es Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed and 5  (A) or	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Restricted			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,		
Class A common stock	02/24/2016		M	21,536	A	<u>(1)</u>	186,864 (2)	D	

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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and	iired d of	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (3)	<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2016		A	21,536		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A commor stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (3)	(1)	02/24/2016		M	21,:	536	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Restricte Class A common stock

### **Reporting Owners**

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

Bucaille Matthieu C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112

Chief Financial Officer

### **Signatures**

/s/ Matthieu Bucaille 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).

The reporting person has become eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy, which is described in the Company's 2015 Proxy Statement. As a result of the foregoing, certain Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs") that were previously granted to the reporting person are no longer subject to the service-based vesting requirements contained in the underlying

- award agreements. Such PRSUs (for which the performance conditions have been satisfied) have now become subject to taxation and have been settled in the form of Restricted Class A common stock. The Restricted Class A common stock, excluding any portion that the reporting person may be permitted to sell solely in order to pay the related taxes (in accordance with the applicable award agreements), will remain subject to all restrictive covenants contained in the underlying award agreements until the original vesting dates set forth in the award agreements.
- (2) Amount excludes 233,427 shares of Class A common stock of Lazard Ltd beneficially owned by the reporting person.
- (3) Represents prior grants of PRSUs awarded with respect to compensation for 2013 and 2014 for which performance conditions have been satisfied. These grants were previously reflected in Lazard Ltd's proxy statements for the relevant years.

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(4) 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.

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