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 \* JACOBS KENNETH M

(Street)

(State)

02/24/2016

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

(Check all applicable)

C/O LAZARD LTD, 30

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

02/24/2016

below) Chairman and CEO

ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10112

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)

Amount

63.822

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Restricted

(City)

Class A common

stock

M

(D) Price

(1)

Α

192,498 <sup>(2)</sup>

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)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	Underlying (Instr. 3 and
	Security			Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (3)	<u>(4)</u>	02/24/2016		A	63,822	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A commor stock
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units (3)	(1)	02/24/2016		M	63,822	(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Restricte Class A commor stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
JACOBS KENNETH M C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112	X		Chairman and CEO			

#### **Signatures**

**(1)** 

/s/ Kenneth M. Jacobs 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).

As discussed in the Company's 2015 proxy statement, the reporting person would have become eligible for retirement under the Company's RSU Retirement Policy in September 2014. However, the reporting person voluntarily agreed to waive his rights to be treated as retirement eligible in September 2014 for purposes of his Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") and Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs"). Instead, the reporting person will not become retirement eligible until his current retention agreement with the Company expires on March 31, 2016. As a result of the foregoing, certain PRSUs previously granted to the reporting person (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, which remains subject to vesting until the applicable service requirements are satisfied.

- (2) Amount excludes 1,246,139 shares of Class A common stock directly or indirectly 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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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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