

Lazard Ltd
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stern Alexander F.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O LAZARD LTD, 30
ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10112

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Lazard Ltd [LAZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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)	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/23/2017	A	159,463	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>					Class A Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units ⁽⁴⁾	<u>(5)</u>	02/24/2017	A	17,667	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>					Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stern Alexander F. C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112			Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Alexander F. Stern by Scott D. Hoffman under a Power of Attorney 02/27/2017

**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).
- (1) Represents prior grants of Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PRSUs") awarded with respect to compensation for 2013, 2014 and 2015 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.
 - (3) Of these PRSUs, 108,996 will vest on or around March 1, 2017, 19,311 will vest on or around March 1, 2018 and 31,156 will vest on or around March 1, 2019.
 - (4) Additional Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") were acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of underlying PRSU awards.
 - (5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
 - (6) Of these RSUs, 5,819 will vest on or around March 1, 2017, 3,249 will vest on or around March 1, 2018, 5,007 will vest on or around March 1, 2019 and 3,592 will vest on or around March 2, 2020.
 - (7) Amount excludes 114,199 shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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