

Lazard Ltd
Form 8-K
June 05, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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) June 2, 2009

Lazard Ltd
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32492
(Commission File Number)

98-0437848
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton,
Bermuda
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

HM 11
(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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oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement dated June 2, 2009, to the Prospectus dated November 21, 2006 (together, the “Prospectus”), certain selling shareholders (the “Selling Shareholders”) of Lazard Ltd (the “Company”) identified in the Prospectus offered 4,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the “Common Stock”). The Prospectus was filed as part of the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-138855; effective automatically pursuant to Rule 462(e) of Regulation C of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 21, 2006.

The sale of the Common Stock was underwritten by Goldman, Sachs & Co. (“Goldman Sachs”), pursuant to (i) an Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 29, 2009 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), among the Company, the Selling Shareholders, Lazard Group LLC and Goldman Sachs and (ii) a Pricing Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2009 (the “Pricing Agreement”), among the Company, the Selling Shareholders and Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs agreed to purchase the 4,000,000 shares of Common Stock in the offering from the Selling Shareholders at a price of \$26.00 per share of Common Stock. The offering was approved by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company on May 11, 2009.

In addition, pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, Lazard Group LLC agreed to purchase 1,700,000 shares of Common Stock from the Selling Shareholders through Goldman Sachs, as agent, at a price of \$26.00 per share of Common Stock, conditioned upon the closing of the offering.

The preceding is a summary of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement and the Pricing Agreement, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement attached as Exhibit 1.1 and the Pricing Agreement attached as Exhibit 1.2, which are incorporated herein by reference as though they were fully set forth herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

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1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of May 29, 2009, among Lazard Ltd, the Selling Shareholders listed therein, Lazard Group LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

1.2 Pricing Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2009, among Lazard Ltd, the Selling Shareholders listed therein and Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

LAZARD LTD
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Michael J. Castellano
Name: Michael J. Castellano
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Dated: June 5, 2009

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