

BHUTANI ASHISH
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FORM 4

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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 *
BHUTANI ASHISH

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10020

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/12/2013

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)
Vice Chairman

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 Indirect Beneficial 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 Amount 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) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am or Num of S |
|---|---------------------------|------------|--|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽²⁾ 03/12/2013 | A | 21,200 | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Class A common stock | 21 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BHUTANI ASHISH C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10020 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a P of A 03/13/2013

**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 Performance-based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 12, 2013 for which Lazard Ltd's Compensation Committee has determined satisfaction of, and which are no longer subject to, the applicable performance conditions based on the Company's performance during fiscal year 2012. Does not include Performance-based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 12, 2013 that have performance conditions which have not been satisfied.
- (2) Each Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit (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) The Performance-based Restricted Stock Units granted on March 12, 2013 will vest in two tranches: 33.33% on March 2, 2015 and the other 66.67% on March 1, 2016.
- (4) Amount excludes 201,122 Restricted Stock Units, and 642,736 shares of Class A common stock, beneficially owned by the reporting person.

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