Lazard Ltd Form 8-K April 27, 2012

# 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): April 27, 2012

# **Lazard Ltd**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

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001-32492 98-0437848 (Commission (IRS Employer

File Number) Identification No.)

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

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 441-295-1422

#### 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):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 27, 2012, Lazard Ltd issued a Shareholder Letter, Q&A and related materials (the Q&A ). A copy of the Q&A is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Lazard Ltd under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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

#### **Exhibit**

Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Shareholder Letter, Q&A and related materials issued on April 27, 2012.

#### **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/ Scott D. Hoffman Name: Scott D. Hoffman

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Dated: April 27, 2012

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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