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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 *
 Castellano Michael J

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

NW 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)
 09/11/2009

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 Financial 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Class A common stock	09/11/2009		C		102,288 ₍₁₎	A	\$ 0 102,288 D
Class A common stock	09/11/2009		S		102,288	D	\$ 37 ₍₂₎ 0 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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings LLC	(3)	09/11/2009		C	102,288 (4)	(3) (3)	Class A Common Stock 102,288

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Castellano Michael J C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NW YORK, NY 10020			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Castellano by Scott D. Hoffman under Pof A 09/15/2009
 __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) The shares of Class A common stock were acquired upon the exchange of Class II interests of LAZ-MD Holdings LLC. See footnote 3 below.
- (2) Public offering price.
 The Class II Interests of LAZ-MD Holdings are exchangeable on a one for one basis for Class A comon stock of Lazard Ltd. The reporting person has satisfied certain minimum service requirements and therefore the Class II Interests issued to him on May 10, 2005 became exchangeable as follows: one-third on May 10, 2008; one-third on May 10, 2009; and the final one-third will become exchangeable on May 10, 2010.
- (4) The Class II interests exchanged above became exchangeable on May 10, 2009.

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