

Lazard Ltd
Form 4
May 23, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
85 BROAD ST,

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/11/2005

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S		1,000	D \$ 23.19	5,214,500	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S		2,000	D \$ 23.2	5,212,500	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S		2,200	D \$ 23.19	5,210,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005		S		700	D \$ 23.2	5,209,600	I	See Footnote (1)

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Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 23.19	5,208,600	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	400	D	\$ 23.2	5,208,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 23.19	5,207,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.2	5,207,000	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	200	D	\$ 23.19	5,206,800	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 23.16	5,205,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	18,000	D	\$ 23.15	5,187,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	6,100	D	\$ 23.05	5,181,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	150,000	D	\$ 22.98	5,031,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	9,800	D	\$ 22.95	5,021,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	200	D	\$ 22.93	5,021,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	2,500	D	\$ 22.9	5,018,700	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 22.92	5,017,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 22.91	5,016,200	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common	05/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 22.98	5,015,200	I	See Footnote

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Stock								(1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	900	D	\$ 22.94	5,014,300	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	2,700	D	\$ 22.95	5,011,600	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 22.93	5,010,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 22.94	5,009,400	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	600	D	\$ 22.93	5,008,800	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 22.95	5,006,900	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	400	D	\$ 22.96	5,006,500	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	2,900	D	\$ 22.95	5,003,600	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	4,000	D	\$ 22.96	4,999,600	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	2,100	D	\$ 22.95	4,997,500	I	See Footnote (1)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 22.93	4,996,100	I	See Footnote (1)

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)

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ 85 BROAD ST NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO 85 BROAD ST C/O GOLDMAN SACHS & CO NEW YORK, NY 10004		X		

Signatures

/s/ Ted Chang,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/23/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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