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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 10112

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2017

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)
CEO of Lazard Asset Management

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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | M | | 170,984 | A | \$ 43.06 |
| Class A Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | F | | 95,444 | D | \$ 43.06 |

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(4)</u> | 03/01/2017 | | M | 153,402 | 03/01/2017 | 03/01/2017 | Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2017 | | M | 17,582 | 03/01/2017 | 03/01/2017 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BHUTANI ASHISH C/O LAZARD LTD 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 10112 | X | | CEO of Lazard Asset Management | |

Signatures

/s/ Ashish Bhutani by Scott D. Hoffman under a Power of Attorney dated 03/03/2017

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) Shares of Class A Common Stock were acquired upon the vesting of a prior grant of Performance-based Restricted Stock Units ("PSRUs") awarded with respect to compensation for 2013, including certain Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that had been acquired pursuant to the dividend equivalent reinvestment provisions of the underlying PRSU award. The grant was previously reflected in the Company's proxy statements.
- (2) Represents shares of Class A Common Stock withheld by the Company to cover estimated taxes arising from the vesting of PRSUs and RSUs.
- (3) Represents the New York Stock Exchange closing price of Class A Common Stock on February 28, 2017, the trading day immediately preceding the vesting date.
- (4) Each PRSU (the performance conditions of which have been satisfied) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (5) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.

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